
Subject: Re: cursor command

Posted by [gpeterso](#) on Fri, 05 Apr 2013 21:08:00 GMT

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On Wednesday, April 3, 2013 6:48:07 AM UTC-7, rr...@stsci.edu wrote:

> On Tuesday, April 2, 2013 10:11:01 PM UTC-4, gpet...@ucsc.edu wrote:

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>> http://www.idlcoyote.com/ip_tips/image_profile.html

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>> This link i posted describes what I was previously talking about with the image profiling. I just need to be able to accurately find the two endpoints for any line I choose on the contour map.

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> Ok. So now I think I know what's wrong. You want to draw a contour plot, then select a line, then have it plot the profile along that line. Got it. Well, I suppose a line is given by either two points: (x1,y1) and (x2,y2) or by a slope-intercept pair (m,b). Of course it's easy to convert between the two, but since you'e asked about cursor, I suppose we should use the two xy pairs.

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> Here's the pseudocode.

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> 1. plot the contour.

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> 2. click once to get one point.

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> 3. click a second time to get the other point.

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> 4. draw the profile

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> 5. Goto 2 or quit.

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> Here's some IDL code

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> ;step 0 read the image

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> img=dist(200)

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> sz=size(img,/dim) ;the size of the image

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>
> ;step 1. draw the contour
>
> window,1,retain=2,xsize=400,ysize=400
>
> contour,img
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>
> npoints=100           ;number of the line plot
>
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>
> ;start a while loop so we can "goto" step 2
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>
> ;save the current state of the mouse button.  this is generally
> ;a good habit anytime you modify or test the system variables
>
> mousebutton=!mouse.button & !mouse.button=0
>
> print,'right click to quit'
>
> while !mouse.button ne 4 do begin
>
>   ;double chcek that the window is set to the main one.
>
>   wset,1
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>
>   print,'please click on one point.'
>
>   cursor,x1,y1,3,/data
>
>   if x1 lt 0 || y1 lt 0 || x1 gt sz(0) || y1 gt sz(1) then begin
>
>     print,'first point is off the image.'
>
>     goto,skip
>
>   endif
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> print,'please click on a second point.'
>
> cursor,x2,y2,3,/data
>
> if x2 lt 0 || y2 lt 0 || x2 gt sz(0) || y2 gt sz(1) then begin
>
>     print,'second point is off the image.'
>
>     goto,skip
>
> endif
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>
> ;okay at this point, we have the two x,y pairs
>
> ;over plot the line
>
> oplot,[x1,x2],[y1,y2],line=1
>
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>
> ;now extract the contour (via Fanning's webpage)
>
> xloc=x1+(x2-x1)*findgen(npoints)/(npoints-1)
>
> yloc=y1+(y2-y1)*findgen(npoints)/(npoints-1)
>
> line=interpolate(img,xloc,yloc)
>
>
>
> ;now create a second window for the plot
>
> window,3,retain=2,xsize=400,ysize=400
>
> plot,line
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>
> ;set the window back to the first (in case you want to do it again)

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> wset,1  
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>  
> skip:  
>  
> endwhile  
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>  
> ;if here, menas you quit. so lets uset the mousestate  
>  
> !mouse.button=mousebutton
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Thank you russell! works great!
