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Subject: Re: Adding extra white in middle of colour bar  
Posted by [Sir Loin Steak](#) on Wed, 21 Aug 2013 13:33:38 GMT  
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On Wednesday, 21 August 2013 14:03:57 UTC+1, David Fanning wrote:

> ljs15@fsmail.net writes:

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>> I am plotting data that range from negative to positive, so am using a blue-white-red colour bar. However, I would like there to be more white in the middle of the bar.

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>> At the moment I'm using the following clumsy commands to achieve this:

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>> maxv = 10

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>> cgloadct, 13, /brewer, /reverse, ncolors=9, bottom=0, /silent, clip=[0,225]

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>> cgloadct, 16, /brewer, ncolors=9, bottom=12, /silent, clip=[0,225]

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>> clev = scale\_vector(findgen(21), -maxv, maxv)

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>> ccol = bindgen(21)

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>> ;Make middle levels white

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>> ccol[9:11] = cgcolor('white')

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>> and then:

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>> cgColorbar, ncolors=20, range=[-maxv, maxv]

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>> While this gives me the plot shading I want, the colour bar is incorrect. As I have manually altered the middle values to white, they don't show in the colour bar, which only uses the 18 colours defined by cgloadct.

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>> Is there a simple way around this?
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> I think the simplest way around it is this:
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> cgLoadCT, 22, /Brewer, /Reverse, NColors=20
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> cgColorBar, NColors=20, range=[-10,10]
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.idlcoyote.com/
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
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Hi David,

That's the method I originally used, but that means the white colour is only being given to the middle contour range.

What I want (for example) is eight contours -10,-9,...,-2 to be shades of blue, and eight contours 2,3,...,10 to be shades of red, and the contours between -2 and +2 to be white.

Not sure if this is possible without having to manually make a colour table and load it with tvlct.

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