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Subject: Re: Filled area curve

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 14 Sep 2013 04:55:19 GMT

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On Monday, August 26, 2013 8:15:40 AM UTC-4, Rob Dimeo wrote:

> Hi,

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> A quick search on this NG came up fruitless but I'm hoping that someone has done this type of plot before.

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> David has a very nice example of a curve with part of the area under it filled with a solid color:

[http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/filled\\_area\\_plot.png](http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/filled_area_plot.png)

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> I would like to extend this so that the area is actually a sequence of colors, the value of which is tied to the independent variable. I intend to plot the magnitude of a complex function,  $|z(x)|$ , (as a function of some independent variable,  $x$ ) as the "curve" and encode the phase angle (again, as a function of  $x$ ) as a filled (generally multiple-) color area below the curve.

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> So the main difference from the plot shown in the link above would be that the solid color that fills the area under the curve would instead be a gradient of colors that transition from one  $x$ -value to another, depending on the value of  $x$  and the color table used.

I realize that I'm a couple weeks late to the game.

For future reference, consider PLOTCOLORFILL,

<http://www.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/graphics.html#PLOTCOLORFILL>

which appears to do exactly what you want!

Craig

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