
Subject: logarithmic colorbar

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I am trying to make a logarithmic colorbar. I am not entirely sure this is correct.

The variable a that I am plotting as a shade of color is actually a $\log_{10}(a)$. In the colorbar I would like to have a logarithmic axis. I do the following:

```
colors = bytscl(a*log10(a))
```

```
plot, x, y, /nodata
```

```
for i = 0, n_elements(x) plots, x[i], y[i], color=colors[i], psym=4
```

```
vtick = a*log10(2e3*dindgen(5)+1e3)
```

```
colorbar, range = [min(a*log10(a)),max(a*log10(a))], orientation=1, tickvalues=vtick,  
tickname=string(tickvalues,format='(I6)')
```

and the ticks are created as usually equi-spaced and they are actually 7.

And also the option `orientation` does have any effect and I can't get the bar on the side, but instead it is on the top inside my plot, how do I get it to stay on the side? I think the problem is that when plot is called it fills the whole window and no space is left.
