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Subject: Re: cgImage abscissa values in axis feature  
Posted by [Petros Syntelis](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2014 19:57:38 GMT  
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Sorry for the confusion. The trick with the cgcontour solved my problem.

When i told you about  
cgImage, data, /axis, xabscissa=x, yabscissa=y  
meaning that the result would work for both uniform and non uniform x and y, without getting into more trouble, as the  
cgcontour, data, x,y  
does already

Of course  
cgImage, data, /axis, xr=[min(x),max(x)], yr=[min(y),max(y)]  
and  
cgImage, data, /axis, xabscissa=x, yabscissa=y  
would be equivalent only for uniform grid!

Now in terms of the keystrokes, the in uniform grid, i think  
cgImage, data, /axis, xa=x, ya=y  
is better than  
cgImage, data, /axis, xr=[min(x),max(x)], yr=[min(y),max(y)]

And in the non uniform grid  
cgImage, data, /axis, xa=x, ya=y  
is better than  
cgContour, data, /nodata, /noerase, OPosition=opos  
cgImage, image, OPOSITION=opos, /noerase,/over  
cgContour, data, /nodata, /noerase, Position=opos

Both are more simple and more intuitive. At least for me!

From your amazing work concerning usability and simplicity in idl graphics, I assume that a fan of simplicity such as yourself would like to get new ideas on how to improve the usability of his software!

Cheers,  
Petros

On Friday, March 28, 2014 7:28:01 PM UTC, David Fanning wrote:

> Petros Syntelis writes:

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>> Thanks for the quick reply David.
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>> I was thinking more something like this:
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>> Assume we have, x,y and data.
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>> if we use
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>> cgContour, data, x,y
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>> we will get a plot with axis having the values of x,y
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>> In cgImage, i was thinking like
>
>> cgImage, data, /axis, xabscissa=x, yabscissa=y
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>> That would produce a similar result.
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>> If somebody wants to plot many images with values on axis, this would be much faster and
easier than
>
>> cgImage, data, /axis, xr=[min(x),max(x)], yr=[min(y),max(y)]
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> OK, now you have confused me. :-)
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> I thought you were looking for non-linear labeling of the axes. How does
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> this suggestion produce non-linear axis labeling?
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> Are you just looking to save a few keystrokes? In other words, are you
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> asking if I can let cgImage calculate the xrange from an X vector, and
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> so forth? I suppose I could. If you put some cash into the Coyote Store,
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> I suppose I might even want to. ;-)
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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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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