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Subject: Re: Plotting results from z-buffer are diffrenet than xwindow.

Posted by [jlpippitt](#) on Wed, 16 Jul 2014 12:53:29 GMT

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On Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:25:05 AM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:

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> writes:  
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>  
>> Here is the code for the two plotting procedures. The resulting plots are different.  
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>  
>> xwindow plotting procedure:  
>  
>> radar=rsl_anyformat_to_radar('/gvs2/gpmgv_data/gpmgv/KARX/1C  
UF/2014/0708/KARX_2014_0708_193306.uf.gz')  
>  
>> rsl_plotsweep_from_radar,radar,/bgw,window=600,f='CZ',/new,m  
axrange=200,SWEEP_INDEX=0  
>  
>>  
>  
>> zbuff plotting procedure:  
>  
>> radar=rsl_anyformat_to_radar('/gvs2/gpmgv_data/gpmgv/KARX/1C  
UF/2014/0708/KARX_2014_0708_193306.uf.gz')  
>  
>> thisDevice = !D.Name  
>  
>> Set_Plot, 'Z', /COPY  
>  
>> Device,Set_Resolution=[600,600],Set_Pixel_Depth=24,Decompose d=1,Z_Buffer=0  
>  
>> Erase  
>  
>> rsl_plotsweep_from_radar,radar, bgw, window=600,f='DZ',new,max  
range=200,SWEEP_INDEX=0  
>  
>> snapshot = TVRD()  
>  
>> TVLCT, r, g, b, /Get  
>  
>> Device, Z_Buffer=1  
>  
>> Set_Plot, thisDevice  
>  
>> image24 = BytArr(3, 600, 600)
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>
>> image24[0,:,:] = r[snapshot]
>
>> image24[1,:,:] = g[snapshot]
>
>> image24[2,:,:] = b[snapshot]
>
>> write_png('test.png',image24,r,g,b
>
>
>
> Well, I don't see anything obviously wrong with the code, although I
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> would have certainly replaced all of this:
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>
>> snapshot = TVRD()
>
>> TVLCT, r, g, b, /Get
>
>> Device, Z_Buffer=1
>
>> Set_Plot, thisDevice
>
>> image24 = BitArr(3, 600, 600)
>
>> image24[0,:,:] = r[snapshot]
>
>> image24[1,:,:] = g[snapshot]
>
>> image24[2,:,:] = b[snapshot]
>
>> write_png('test.png',image24,r,g,b
>
>
>
> with this:
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>
>> void = cgSnapshot(File='test.png', /NoDialog)
>
>> Set_Plot, thisDevice
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> Or, at the very least, with this:
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>  
> image24 = TVRD(True=1)  
>  
> write\_png,'test.png',image24,r,g,b  
>  
> Set\_Plot, thisDevice  
>  
>  
>  
> Do you find anything different if you leave the Device, Z\_Buffer=1  
>  
> command out of the sequence?  
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>  
> Cheers,  
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> David  
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> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
>  
> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

David,

I tried both your suggestions and the result is a red background with black data points. Not the type of output I am looking for. Leaving Device, Z\_Buffer=1 out of the sequence does not make a difference.

Thank you for your help,  
Jason

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