
Subject: Floating underflow in a plot

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Hi,

I'm trying to plot an implicit function $f(x,y)=a$ by computing the function for many values of x and y and plotting the result.

But when the number of point (x,y) become too large, there is a problem of floating underflow.

Here is my code :

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set_plot, 'ps'  
device, filename="Essai",/color, bits_per_pixel=8  
loadct,13, /silent  
!EXCEPT=2  
close,/all  
plot,[1,1],xrange=[-30,30],yrange=[-30,100],psym=3  
openw,1,"bla.cat"  
  
l=(dindgen(45)+0)/1!*PI/180  
d=dindgen(1000)/10.+0  
l_n=0  
inc_color=0  
Ro=8.5  
To=220  
  
resultat=dblarr(3,n_elements(l)*n_elements(d))  
foreach i,l do begin  
  foreach j,d do begin  
    R=sqrt(j^2+Ro^2-2*Ro*j*cos(i))  
    if (R NE 0.) then begin  
      T=To*(1.00767*(R/Ro)^(0.0394)+0.00712)  
      V=Ro*sin(i)*((T/R)-(To/Ro))  
      resultat(0,l_n)=i  
      resultat(1,l_n)=j  
      resultat(2,l_n)=V  
      printf,1,-sin(!PI-i)*j,-cos(!PI-i)*j;,i*180!/PI,j,V  
      l_n=l_n+1  
    endif  
  endforeach  
endforeach  
  
k=min(resultat(2,*))  
while ( k LE max(resultat(2,*)) ) do begin  
  ind=where(resultat(2,*) GE k AND resultat(2,*) LE k+0.5)  
  if (ind(0) NE -1.) then begin  
    trajectoire=resultat(*,ind)
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oplot,-sin(!PI-trajectoire(0,*))*trajectoire(1,*),-cos(!PI-t  
rajectoire(0,*))*trajectoire(1,*),psym=3,color=fix(inc_color ),NSUM=1  
endif  
k=k+0.5  
inc_color=inc_color+1  
if (inc_color EQ 256) then inc_color=0  
endwhile  
close,1
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The bla.cat file contains all the points and when I plot them, it seems fine (except for the last value of !)

What is the problem here =

Thanks
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