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Subject: Re: Backlogged question: Drawing vector fields with same scaling in New Graphics

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On Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 3:41:43 PM UTC-7, tianhuachengyue wrote:

> Hi Chris,

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> I tried setting `v2.length_scale = const*vmag2/vmag1` and now the plots are working perfectly. Thanks for the solution!

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> BTW, I also tried `vmag = mean(sqrt(vx^2+vy^2))` but this didn't work correctly. Any trick behind using `vmag = max(sqrt(vx^2+vy^2))` instead using `mean(sqrt(vx^2+vy^2))`? It seemed to me the vector plot setting is related to the maximum value of vector magnitude.

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> Cheers,

> Huazeng

Hi Huazeng,

Yes, you are correct - it is using the maximum magnitude. Using the mean would be a bad idea, as your maximum vectors might be huge but still have a reasonable mean. You can actually see a lot of this code yourself, in `idlitvisvector__define.pro`.

Cheers,

Chris

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