
Subject: Re: Overlaying data on a MODIS reprojected image created with the TrueColor package

Posted by [Steve\[7\]](#) on Fri, 04 Dec 2015 15:43:18 GMT

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On Friday, 4 December 2015 13:57:09 UTC, David Fanning wrote:

> Steve writes:

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>> I have created a reprojected MODIS true color image using the
> TrueColor package (<ftp://ftp.ssec.wisc.edu/pub/IMAPP/MODIS/TrueColor/>)

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>> I now want to read this image into IDL and overlay some data on top of the image e.g. an aircraft flight track. I am however having trouble getting the map projection correct.

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>> Note that the gpd file used in the TrueColor packaged to create the original image contains the following

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>> Map Projection: Azimuthal Equal-Area

>> Map Reference Latitude: 62.500

>> Map Reference Longitude: -10.000

>> Grid Map Units per Cell: 0.250

>> Grid Width: 4400.0

>> Grid Map Origin Column: 2199.5

>> Grid Height: 3400.0

>> Grid Map Origin Row: 1699.5

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>> I have tried the following code which attempts to use the method from David Fanning's page http://www.idlcoyote.com/ng_tips/mapnograd.php

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>> ;read in original image

>> img = READ_TIFF('true.tif')

>> img = REVERSE(img,3)

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>> s=SIZE(img,/DIMENSIONS) ;3x4400x3400

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>> projection='Lambert Azimuthal'

>> latcen = 62.50

>> loncen = -10.0

>> res = 0.25

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>> map = Obj_New('cgMap', projection, /OnImage)

>> uv = map -> Forward(Loncen, Latcen)

>> uv_xcenter = uv[0,0]

>> uv_ycenter = uv[1,0]

>> xrange = [uv_xcenter - ((s[1]/2.)*res*1000.), uv_xcenter + ((s[1]/2.)*res*1000.)]

>> yrange = [uv_ycenter - ((s[2]/2.)*res*1000.), uv_ycenter + ((s[2]/2.)*res*1000.)]

>> map -> SetProperty, XRange=xrange, YRange=yrange

>> cgDisplay, s[1]/4., s[2]/4.

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>> cgImage, img, Margin=0.1
>> map -> Draw
>> cgMap_Grid, MAP=map, /BOX_AXES, /cgGRID
>> cgMap_Continents, MAP=map, /continents, /hires
>>
>> The above code displays the original image on a map which looks about right. However the
>> coastlines produced by cgMap_Continents do not overlay the real landmass boundaries in the
>> original image. Clearly the map projection isn't quite correct.
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>> Until I get this sorted I can't overlay data onto the image.
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>> Any ideas on what I am doing wrong?
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> It's hard to know without seeing the result, but I suspect you might
> have to shift your range by half a grid unit to match the grid origins.
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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.")
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So when I said the original image on the map looks about right I was perhaps being generous! The coastlines are offset in places by a few tenths of a degree latitude for example. Note that the grid unit is 250 metres so much smaller than this difference.

Perhaps I am making incorrect assumptions on what the image output by the TrueColor package contains i.e. the info in the gpd file is not sufficient.

Steve
