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Subject: Shade areas in POLAR\_CONTOUR

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Hi,

the snippet of code posted below produces a polar contour of a "target" plot where each point has the value of the radial component in the interval [-45,45].

You will notice that I have attempted to create a mask to retain areas where  $z < -25$  or  $z > 25$  (if you want to see the full plot, just change "masked\_z = z\*mask" with "masked\_z = z"). It sort of works, but the mask gets the values 0 in the forbidden areas and therefore it paints it green. What if -say- I want it filled in gray? I have tried to play with the number of levels, with setting the 0 values to something else like 999 and rebuild the levels, but I never reached the desired result, which also include having the colorbar exactly as it is now. Does anybody have a solution to propose?

Thanks!

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;CREATE "TARGET" PLOT  
theta=5*FINDGEN(72)*!DTOR  
r=FINDGEN(91)  
nr=N_ELEMENTS(r)  
nt=N_ELEMENTS(theta)  
z = MAKE_ARRAY(nt,nr)  
FOR m=0,nt-1 do z[m,*] = r-45  
  
; CREATE LEVELS  
nlevels=9  
step = 2*MAX(z) / nlevels  
levels = MIN(z) + INDGEN(nlevels+1)*step  
  
; CREATE MASKED DATA  
mask = MAKE_ARRAY(nt,nr,value=0)  
index=WHERE(ABS(z) gt 25)  
IF index[0] NE -1 THEN mask[index]=1  
masked_z = z*mask  
  
; PLOT  
cgLoadCT,33, NColors=nlevels, Bottom=0, /Silent  
CGDISPLAY  
Polar_Contour, masked_z, theta, r, /Cell_Fill, C_Color=cgColor(String(Indgen(nlevels))),  
Levels=levels, $  
Position=cgAspect(1.0), XStyle=4, YStyle=4, /NoErase  
  
CGColorBar, Divisions=9, /fit, Range=[MIN(z),MAX(z)], XMinor=0, NColors=nlevels, Bottom=0
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END

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