
Subject: Re: Shade areas in POLAR_CONTOUR

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Thu, 22 Sep 2016 21:05:36 GMT

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On Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 5:34:17 PM UTC-5, Matteo wrote:

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> Hi,
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> 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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> PRO test_th
> COMPILE_OPT idl2
>
> ;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
>
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> CGColorBar, Divisions=9, /fit, Range=[MIN(z),MAX(z)], XMinor=0, NColors=nlevels, Bottom=0  
>  
> END
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I was going to suggest something along the lines of your "set the 0 values to something else like 999". What exactly have you tried along those lines?

-Jeremy.
