
Subject: Using color table to map symbol colors in plot
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Hi,

I can't find a similar question from earlier, but feel free to point me to one instead of answering.

I am making a map and would like to overplot values at given locations. The values are at random positions, so I want to plot them as dots, not using a contour plot. (Maybe if I get desperate I'll try that.) I start with

```
m = map("geographic", limit = [-25, 139.8, -9.9, 155])  
m1 = mapcontinents(/ hires)
```

I have three sets of data, lats, lons, and some values in an array we'll call "values". I want to plot points at the locations of the lat, lon pairs with the colors based on values. So after using a loadct, I scale the values to 0-255 in "ivalues". What I want to do next is something like

```
p = plot(lons, lats, color = ivalues, linestyle = 'none', symbol = 'o', sym_filled = 1, /overplot)
```

but I get "PLOT: Invalid internal color." when I do. I can plot the data using one color value at a time, i.e.,

```
p1 = plot(lons[where(c eq 225)], lats[where(c eq 225)], color = 'yellow', linestyle = 'none', symbol =  
'o', sym_filled = 1, /overplot)
```

but, even in that style, not with a numerical value corresponding to the color table, i.e., color = 255. Is there any way to do what I'm looking for? From what I can tell, all of the color properties used with "plot" (like "symbol_color" or just "color") only take the named palette of colors as shown on

<https://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/formattingsymsandlines.html>

Thanks for any assistance,

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