
Subject: Re: Pain with the contour() function

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 15 Jun 2017 08:57:02 GMT

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On Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 5:45:39 PM UTC+2, Markus Schmassmann wrote:

> On 06/14/2017 05:09 PM, Helder wrote:

>> I was trying to plot an image with the contour function and I banged my head against the monitor for a while. I now have the solution and I'm sharing it. Probably most people know this very well. I didn't.

>> I followed the example given for the colorbar() function (Example: Discrete Contour Levels with Colorbar):

>> <http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/Colorbars.html>

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>> So I generated my data with the code below and it appeared strangely shifted to the side.

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>> dis = dist(688)

>> n_levels = 6

>> levels = findgen(n_levels)

>> ct_number = 4

>> ct_indices = bytscl(levels)

>> loadct, ct_number, rgb_table=ct, /silent

>> step_ct = congrid(ct[ct_indices, *], 256, 3)

>> dis = (n_levels-1)*dis/max(dis)

>> ii = contour(dis, c_value = levels, rgb_table = step_ct, rgb_indices = ct_indices, /fill, axis_style=0)

>>

>> I then started playing around with the position and margin keywords, but had no luck. Finally it all comes down to using xRange and yRange (or xStyle=1, yStyle=1):

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>> ii = contour(dis, c_value = levels, rgb_table = step_ct, rgb_indices = ct_indices, /fill, axis_style=0, xStyle=1, yStyle=1)

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>> The reason is that contour() plots images as if they were plots, so it defines some axis around it and you have to make sure you're not having uncovered regions.

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>> Well, back to work.

>

> another pain with contour, or any combination of raster graphics and

> vector graphics elements is, that they are natively offset by half a

> pixel (or whatever you want to call the data unit here):

>

> c=contour(dist(10),overplot=image(35*dist(10),dimension=[250 ,250], \$
> position=[25,25,225,225],/dev))

>

> the solution to that is

>

> contour, dist(10), path_xy=line, path_info=info, /path_data_coord, \$

> closed=0,levels=[0:6]

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> i1=image(35*dist(10),dimension=[250,250], $
>   position=[25,25,225,225],/dev)
> foreach in,info do p=plot(line[*],in.offset+[lindgen(in.n),in.type ? 0 :$
>   !null])+.5, color=255b-[40b,40b,0b]*byte(in.value),overplot=i1)
>
> -- Markus
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Hi,

I see your problem. This seems to have been discussed here:

https://groups.google.com/d/msg/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/8mTxEIM_evzE/RlplXmvm9N4J

Your solution works, but at the cost of losing the contour function managing all the contour lines at once.

Helder
