
Subject: Re: Z-range

Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Xiaoming XU wrote:

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> Hi,  
>  
> how can I set the Z range in the scale of x, y when use surface?  
> In other words, how the x,y,z be plotted in the same scale?  
>  
> Thanks!  
>  
> Xu
```

Hello,

I have used the routine AxisScaling (below) with object graphics. I think you might be able to use it to set up the position coordinates that you can specify as a keyword to surface.

Try something like the following:

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; set [XYZ]range values to the min/max of data range you would like to  
see
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```
XRange = [0,100]  
Yrange = [50, 100]  
Zrange = [20, 50]
```

```
; set [XYZ]position you would like the axes to occupy (of the graphics  
space) if
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```
; they were all the same data range... these maybe changed by the  
scaling process
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```
Xposition = [0.1, 0.9]  
Yposition = [0.1,0.9]  
Zposition = [0.1, 0.9]
```

```
;assuming that the xrange or yrange is the largest of all three...  
scale the position of the smaller
```

```
XYScaling = AxisScaling(Xrange,Yrange, PositionA = Xposition, PositionB  
= Yposition)
```

```
Print, 'XYScaling:', XYScaling  
print, 'Xposition:', Xposition  
print,'Yposition:', Yposition
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;Using larger of above scales as a baseline, scale the z axis
Case XYScaling[0] of

1.0 : Zscaling = AxisScaling(Xrange, Zrange, PositionA = Xposition,
PositionB = Zposition)

Else: Zscaling = AxisScaling(Yrange,Zrange, PositionA = Yposition,
PositionB = Zposition)

EndCase

Print,'Zscaling:',Zscaling
Print, 'Zposition:',Zposition
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;now set up the postion keyword for 3d graphics
Position = [Xposition[0], Yposition[0], Zposition[0], Xposition[1],
Yposition[1], Zposition[1]]
```

Please let me know if it works for you.

Ben
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; NAME:
; AxisScaling
;
; PURPOSE:
; This function returns a two element scaling vector given two data
ranges. It is useful
; for determining relative axis lengths.
;
; CATEGORY:
;   Miscellaneous.
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;
; result =AxisScaling( RangeA,RangeB)
;
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; INPUTS:  
; RangeA and RangeB are two element vectors of min/max values for each  
data range.  
;  
; OPTIONAL INPUTS:  
; None.  
;  
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:  
; PositionA, PositionB Two element vectors specifying the location of  
each axis (default is [0,1])  
; on output, one of the Position Vectors is adjusted to reflect the  
scale of ranges.  
;  
; OUTPUTS:  
; A two element floating point array is returned. Each element is the  
relative  
; scaling factor for Ranges A and B respectively.  
;  
; OPTIONAL OUTPUTS:  
; None.  
;  
; COMMON BLOCKS:  
; None.  
;  
; SIDE EFFECTS:  
; None known.  
;  
; RESTRICTIONS:  
; None known.  
;  
; EXAMPLE:  
; Here's the steps to use to scale the axes used for displaying along  
600x480 image  
; into a dataspace of -.5 to .5 in each direction.  
;IDL> RangeA = [0,639]  
;IDL> RangeB = [0,479]  
;IDL> PositionA = [-0.5,0.5]  
;IDL> PositionB = [-0.5,0.5]  
;IDL>  
Print,AxesScaling(RangeA,RangeB,PositionA=PositionA,Position B=PositionB)  
  
;      1.00000   0.749609 ; Note that RangeA is larger so it is scaled  
at 1.0  
;IDL> print,PositionA  
; -0.500000   0.500000 ; Note that PositionA is unchanged since  
RangeA is larger  
;IDL> Print,PositionB  
; -0.500000   0.249609 ;Note The PositionB is changed...
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; ;its length is 74.9% of axisA's length.  
;  
; Then go on to normalize the coordinates using David Fanning's  
procedure  
;  
;ScaleA = Normalize(RangeA, Position = PositionA)  
;ScaleB = Normalize(RangeB,Position = PositionB)  
;  
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;  
; 29 SEP 99 Added Aposition,Bposition keywords so new postion coords  
can be calculated.  
; Oct 1999 Changed its name to AxisScalig from RelativeScaling to  
maintain  
; consistency with AxisText, AxisLocate, etc. Cleaned up the  
documentation.  
;  
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```

FUNCTION AxisScaling, RangeA, RangeB, PositionA=PositionA, PositionB =
PositionB

```
If n_elements(PositionA) EQ 0 Then PositionA = [0,1.]  
If n_elements(PositionB) EQ 0 Then PositionB = [0,1.]
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DiffA = RangeA[1] - RangeA[0]

DiffB = RangeB[1] - RangeB[0]

Ratio = DiffA/float(DiffB)

Case 1 of

Ratio GE 1: BEGIN

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Scaling = [1.0,1./Ratio]  
;Psition A is unchanged  
PositionB = [PositionB[0],
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((PositionB[1]-PositionB[0])*Scaling[1])+PositionB[0] ]  
END
```

Ratio LT 1: BEGIN

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Scaling = [Ratio,1.0]  
PositionA = [PositionA[0], ((PositionA[1]-PositionA[0])*Scaling[0]  
)+PositionA[0] ]  
;PositionB is unchanged  
END  
Endcase
```

Return, Scaling

End
