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Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Wed, 16 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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You are correct: IMAGEMAP will not solve the problem you pose. It is possible that you could get MAP_SET to produce a map projection which corresponds to a geostationary satellite image (e.g. GOES, Meteosat, GMS). However MAP_SET won't work for DMSP or other polar orbiters, since as far as MAP_SET is concerned the map projection in this case changes at every point along the satellite ground track.

There is nothing built-in to IDL to solve this problem. Unless someone

responds with custom code, you'll have to invent your own. I'd sure like to see code to solve this problem.

Cheers,
Liam.
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I did something like this to check if an AVHRR pixel was over land or not.

I'll post the code here in case you are interested. I had to create an image which consisted of 0s and 1s corresponding to sea and land. I did this from IDL using map_set and map_continents (filling it as color=1), then tvrd() and saving into a format handy format (in this case, idl save format) You could try doing it without filling, just keeping the continent outline in a file. I then have to restore this file each time I need to check for land. This is fairly resolution dependent, but works OK for me (AVHRR data around Antarctica).

It's a rather quick and dirty method - but *it works for me*(TM)

Ben

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function landmaskcheck, lats, longs

; land_mask.idl is an image which has a 0 over the sea and a 1 over
; land. This was produced from a 2048x2048 window and using the
; map_set and map_continents procedures to define areas of land and sea.
; Then, using the convert_coord function we convert latitudes and
; longitudes to land mask subscripts to determine if that pixel is over
; land.

sizeimg = size(lats)

; this file contains 0s and 1s corresponding to sea/land.
; restoring this file creates an IDL variable called MASK

restore,file='~/cloudcl/data/land_mask.idl'

; open up a new window

oldwin  = !D.window
window,xs = 2048,ys=2048,/pix,/free
newwin  = !d.window

; setup the map reprojection used to create the land mask file initially

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map_set,-90,0,0,/ster,/noborder,xmarg=0,ymarg=0,limit=[-30,- 90,-45,0,-80,90,-55,-135],/iso

; convert the input image longitudes and latitudes to device coordinates
in
; the new reprojection

sub = convert_coord(longs,lats,/data,/to_device)

; squish them to the right size

xsub = reform(sub[0,*],sizeimg[1],sizeimg[2])
ysub = reform(sub[1,*],sizeimg[1],sizeimg[2])

; this bit produces an image (same size as the input) which contains a 1
over
; land and a 0 over the ocean

flag = mask[xsub,ysub]

wdelete,newwin
wset,oldwin

return,flag

end
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In article <01Cm5.7423\$pu4.591038@typhoon.ne.mediaone.net>, "Daniel Peduzzi" <peduzzi@mediaone.net> wrote:

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Sounds like a job for an external coastline database and either POLYFILL or the /CONTINUE option of PLOTS? ... after all, you have the lat/lon pairs for each pixel... (sorry, I don't have my manual handy...)

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I think the DMSP *native* projection is not so simple as a standard projection (e.g. polar stereographic) due to its conical scan geometrie.

But you could solve your problem by
I. gridding the data ;-)

or

II. take a coastline data set as (lat1,lon1) pairs and search in the DMSP data set the (lat1,lon1) pairs with the smallest distance $d=(lat1-lat2)^2+(lon1-lon2)^2$. Then you have found the pixels, which belong to the coastline.

Regards,
Lars

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