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Subject: Re: overlying data on an image

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 19 Jul 2001 21:57:38 GMT

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Jairo Santana <santana@icesat2.gsfc.nasa.gov> writes:

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Short answer (for a hypothetical image from long 30 to 40, lat 15 to 25)  
plotimage, img, imgxrange=[30,40], imgyrange=[15,25]  
oplot, lon, lat, psym=1

This will overlay the (LON,LAT) symbols on a flat cartesian image map.  
You will probably also want to use the RANGE keyword to scale your  
image into a 0-255 range.

I think this is what you want. If you need to plot as a 3d relief  
surface, then you should investigate the SURFACE command. Liam Gumley  
also makes a procedure called IMDISP, but I'm not sure if he can  
overlay a coordinate system.

Craig

Download PLOTIMAGE from:

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html> (under graphics)

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Subject: Re: overlying data on an image

Posted by [deja\\_jlin](#) on Thu, 19 Jul 2001 22:01:14 GMT

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hi Jairo,

Jairo Santana <santana@icesat2.gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote in message:

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> Thanks,  
> Jairo.

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do you mean you have a grid of heights and an image of the same  
location, and you want to superimpose contours of the heights onto  
the image? if so...

David Fanning answers just that question in his excellent book  
\_IDL Programming Techniques\_, which i highly recommend. i've the  
feb. 1999 edition, and it's on p. 102 in that version (in a section  
entitled "combining simple graphical displays"). the url to his  
website:

<http://www.dfanning.com/>

anyhow, the summary of the method is use TVIMAGE to write the image,  
and set the Keep\_Aspect\_Ratio keyword to 1 to output the position  
of the image via the Position keyword. then pass that value into  
your call to CONTOUR via its Position keyword, w/ Noerase set.

re gridding, as long as your data is in a grid (even if it's not a  
regular grid), then CONTOUR will work fine. if not, then you'll  
have to grid it using TRIANGULATE or SPH\_SCAT (for spherical triangles).

best,  
-Johnny

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Subject: Re: overlying data on an image  
Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2001 21:44:19 GMT  
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"Jairo Santana" <[santana@icesat2.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:santana@icesat2.gsfc.nasa.gov)> wrote in message  
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See the header for my IMDISP procedure for a couple of examples:  
<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~gumley/imdisp.html>

Cheers,  
Liam.

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