Subject: Re: 2-D Density Plots
Posted by Mark Hadfield on Tue, 14 Jan 2003 00:46:41 GMT
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"Justin Sieglaff" <justins@ssec.wisc.edu> wrote in message
news:9bc4f51c.0301131508.73b9098d@posting.google.com...
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What do you mean by "2D density plot". Do you mean a plot that displays 2D numeric data as a 2D array of cells, with the colour of each cell representing the corresponding numeric value via a number->color mapping?

Plots like these tend to be loosely called "image plots" in the IDL community. Matlab refers to them as pseudo-color plots. In the Mathematica documentation they're referred to as density plots. And this is the term that I have tended to use.

There is a lot of IDL software out there to plot density plots (in this sense)

Have a look at David Fanning's XIMAGE at

http://www.dfanning.com/

Craig Markwardt's PLOTIMAGE at

http://astrog.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html

Liam Gumley's IMDISP at

http://www.gumley.com/PIP/Free_Software.html

I have tried several ways of implementing density plots in object graphics in my Motley IDL library:

ftp://ftp.niwa.co.nz/incoming/m.hadfield/idl/README.html

See the MGH_Density class & the MGH_EXAMPLE_DENSITY example program.

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I wrote this really cool, fast routine to do this (by mapping byte values
from two imagesinto the upper and lower half of a short integer) then
discovered HIST_2D which does the same:-(

Cheers,

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