
Subject: Ternary diagrams

Posted by [hunter](#) on Thu, 17 Jun 2004 14:43:04 GMT

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Hi there,

Hope you're all having a good day. I'm trying to generate a ternary diagram (Triangular coordinates) in IDL and can't seem to find much on the subject in the IDL help. I assume its something I'll have to built from scratch. However, I'd rather not reinvent the wheel. Has anybody had some experince in this area? or can someone please provide me with a good reference on the subject?

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks,
Eli

Subject: Re: Ternary diagram

Posted by [Wox](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 13:13:54 GMT

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On Sat, 01 Sep 2007 18:23:07 -0000, robinson.inj@gmail.com wrote:

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```

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```

```
sqrt3=sqrt(3)  
n=n_elements(Anorm)
```

```
PAX=CP[0]-0.5*Anorm
```

```
PAy=CP[1]+(sqrt3*0.5)*Anorm
;rC = 0
```

```
PBx=AP[0]-0.5*Bnorm
PBy=AP[1]-(sqrt3*0.5)*Bnorm
;rA = -sqrt3
```

```
PCx=BP[0]+Cnorm
PCy=BP[1]*replicate(1,n)
;rB = sqrt3
```

```
; find point where these three lines cross
; (bad code, just checked two lines)
Px=(-PAy+sqrt3*PBx+PBy)/sqrt3
Py=(PBx-Px)*sqrt3+PBy
```

```
return,{x:Px,y:Py}
end;function NormToTriangle
```

```
;%%%%%%%%%%%
%%%%%%%%%% %%%%%%%%%%%
```

```
pro TriangleConstr,AP,BP,CP,pfree,R=R,GAP=GAP,ArrowCoord=ArrowCo ord
```

```
; AP,BP,CP: corner coordinates
; pfree: procent of window size to leave free on one side of the
triangle
; R: vertex length
; GAP: scale the trangle and leave gaps
; ArrowCoord: ArrowCoord
```

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```

```
XS=!d.x_size
YS=!d.y_size

X0=XS/2.
Y0=YS/2.
XY0=X0<Y0
R0=(1-pfree)*XY0
R=R0*sqrt(3)
```

```
Y0=Y0-0.25*R0
```

```
dX=R*0.5
```

```
dY=R0*0.5
```

```
AP=[X0,Y0+R0]
```

```
BP=[X0-dX,Y0-dY]
```

```
CP=[X0+dX,Y0-dY]
```

```
if keyword_set(GAP) then begin
```

```
  ct=sqrt(3)*0.5
```

```
  DR=(1-GAP)*XY0-R0
```

```
  dX=dR*ct
```

```
  dY=dR*0.5
```

```
  dZ=dY*[ct,0.5]
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```
  dU=dY*[-ct,0.5]
```

```
  dV=[0,-dY]
```

```
  ArrowCoord=[[BP+dV],[CP+dV],[CP+dZ],$
```

```
  [AP+dZ],[AP+dU],[BP+dU]]
```

```
endif
```

```
end;pro TriangleConstr
```

```
;%%%%%%%%%%  
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pro
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```
  TernaryDiagram,Ain,Bin,Cin,ATitle=ATitle,BTitle=BTitle,CTitle=CTitle
```

```
; ----Check primary parameters----
```

```
if not keyword_set(ATitle) then ATitle='A'
```

```
if not keyword_set(BTitle) then BTitle='B'
```

```
if not keyword_set(CTitle) then CTitle='C'
```

```
nA=n_elements(Ain)
```

```
nB=n_elements(Bin)
```

```
nC=n_elements(Cin)
```

```
if (nA eq 0) or (nB eq 0) or (nC eq 0) or (nA ne nB) or (nA ne nC)
```

```
then $
```

```
  message,'A,B,C dimensions are wrong.'
```

```
; ----Construct diagram----
```

```
pfree=0.02
```

```
gap=-0.1
```

```
gap2=-0.2
```

```
TriangleConstr,AP,BP,CP,pfree,R=R,GAP=gap,ArrowCoord=AC
```

```
TriangleConstr,API,BPI,CPI,gap,GAP=gap2,ArrowCoord=AC2
```

```
plots,[BP[0],CP[0]],[BP[1],CP[1]],/device,thick=2
plots,[CP[0],AP[0]],[CP[1],AP[1]],/device,thick=2
plots,[AP[0],BP[0]],[AP[1],BP[1]],/device,thick=2
xyouts,BPI[0],BPI[1],BTitle,/device
xyouts,CPI[0],CPI[1],CTitle,/device
xyouts,API[0],API[1],ATitle,/device
arrow,AC[0,0],AC[1,0],AC[0,1],AC[1,1]
arrow,AC[0,2],AC[1,2],AC[0,3],AC[1,3]
arrow,AC[0,4],AC[1,4],AC[0,5],AC[1,5]
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```
xyouts,(AC2[0,4]+AC2[0,5])/2,(AC2[1,4]+AC2[1,5])/2,BTitle+'
%',/device,ORIENTATION=60
xyouts,(AC2[0,0]+AC2[0,1])/2,(AC2[1,0]+AC2[1,1])/2,CTitle+'
%',/device,ORIENTATION=0
xyouts,(AC2[0,2]+AC2[0,3])/2,(AC2[1,2]+AC2[1,3])/2,ATitle+'
%',/device,ORIENTATION=-60
```

```
; ----Derive coordinates----
```

```
; sum must be 1, then scale between 0-R
sum=float(Ain+Bin+Cin)
Anorm=Ain/sum*R
Bnorm=Bin/sum*R
Cnorm=Cin/sum*R
```

```
data=NormToTriangle(Anorm,Bnorm,Cnorm,AP,BP,CP)
plots,data.x,data.y,psym=2,/device
```

```
; ----Grid----
n=10
m=n-1
ind=(indgen(1,m)+1.)/n
rind=reverse(ind,2)
zero=replicate(0.,1,m)
```

```
;CA
Anorm=[zero,ind]*R
Bnorm=[ind,zero]*R
Cnorm=[rind,rind]*R
data=NormToTriangle(Anorm,Bnorm,Cnorm,AP,BP,CP)
for i=0,m-1 do $
  plots,data.x[* ,i],data.y[* ,i],linestyle=1,/device
```

```
;AB
Anorm=[ind,ind]*R
Bnorm=[zero,rind]*R
```

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Cnorm=[rind,zero]*R
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```

```
end;pro TernaryDiagram
```

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;%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
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pro example
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```

window
A=[20,50,25,20]
B=[30,0,25,70]
C=[50,50,50,10]

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```
TernaryDiagram,A,B,C
```

```
end;pro example
```

Subject: Re: Ternary diagram

Posted by [robinson.inj](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 15:51:19 GMT

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On Sep 3, 6:13 am, Wox <nom...@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Wox, I knew that wouldnt be easy. As you showed :-O Thank you very much.
Robinson

Subject: Re: Ternary diagrams
 Posted by [nicholasehamilton](#) on Thu, 19 Dec 2013 14:49:01 GMT
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Dear Eli,

I wanted to mention that I have just published on CRAN, a package for R, for the plotting of ternary diagrams.

It is based off ggplot2, which is highly regarded, and, my website can be viewed at www.ggtern.com, including many examples, specifically including a case study at the following address:

<http://ggtern.com/case-study-zirconia-alumina-silica/>

Hope you find it of value.

Best Regards,

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www.ggtern.com

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