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Subject: Re: Lambert Projection to Lat Lon  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 01 Jul 2004 22:00:47 GMT  
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Will McCarty wrote:

- > Does anyone have any code that will generate a latitude and longitude
- > grid given typical lambert projection and grid settings? I'm trying
- > to get GRIB data (from the ETA 212 grid) into a format easily compared
- > with some satellite and point data I'm using. Without a Lat and Lon
- > grid, however, it is generally useless to me. I've got the projection
- > info extracted from the file:
- >
- > Lambert Conf: Lat1 12.190000 Lon1 -133.459000 Lov -95.000000
- > Latin1 25.000000 Latin2 25.000000 LatSP 0.000000 LonSP 0.000000
- > North Pole (185 x 129) Dx 40.635000 Dy 40.635000 scan 64 mode 8
- >
- > I'm just looking for a nice piece of code that can dump out a lat an
- > lon grid for a known grid size and spacing.

I should think you could write something suitable using the  
MAP\_PROJ\_INVERSE function (introduced in IDL 5.6).

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Posted by [willmccarty](#) on Fri, 02 Jul 2004 18:58:27 GMT  
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Mark Hadfield <m.hadfield@niwa.co.nz> wrote in message

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> MAP\_PROJ\_INVERSE function (introduced in IDL 5.6).

If only it were that easy, unless I'm missing something. Along with the Lambert projection settings mentioned, I'm working on a fixed grid scale of 185x129. I don't see anything for fixed grid sizes in map\_proj\_init. It also looks for center lat/lon, which I don't believe is given in its entirety.

Will

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Subject: Re: Lambert Projection to Lat Lon  
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Will McCarty wrote:

> Mark Hadfield <m.hadfield@niwa.co.nz> wrote in message  
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> the Lambert projection settings mentioned, I'm working on a fixed grid  
> scale of 185x129. I don't see anything for fixed grid sizes in  
> map\_proj\_init.

I think you just have to construct the fixed-size grid yourself and supply it to the map\_projection function.

> It also looks for center lat/lon, which I don't  
> believe is given in its entirety.

There are various Lambert projections mentioned in the documentation. I'm no expert, but the one that sounds closest to what you want is #104, Lambert Conformal Conic. It takes CENTER\_LONGITUDE and CENTER\_LATITUDE keywords. The following example constructs a 185x129 grid with 10 km spacing and seems to produce reasonable answers.

```
map = map_proj_init('Lambert Conformal Conic', $  
    CENTER_LONGITUDE=90, $  
    CENTER_LATITUDE=30, $  
    STANDARD_PAR1=20, $  
    STANDARD_PAR2=30)
```

```
x0 = 0.
nx = 185
dx = 10.E3

y0 = 0.
ny = 129
dy = 10.e3

x = x0+dx*findgen(nx)
y = y0+dy*findgen(ny)

x2d = rebin(x, nx, ny)
y2d = rebin(reform(y, 1, ny), nx, ny)

lonlat = map_proj_inverse(x2d, y2d, MAP_STRUCTURE=map)

lon = reform(lonlat[0,*], nx, ny)
lat = reform(lonlat[1,*], nx, ny)

print, min(lon), max(lon), min(lat), max(lat)
```

It prints:

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90.000000    110.97169    28.835737    41.354015
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