
Subject: Re: TVimage and PlotS

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:15:12 GMT

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James writes:

> Perhaps you can help me. The problem is - I want to display
> an 2D-image and then overplot the data using PlotS. It looks
> like that:
>
>
> TVIMAGE, image, POSITION=pos, /KEEP_ASPECT_RATIO
> PLOTS, X,Y, COLOR=100
>
>
> I tried to apply DATA or DEVICE keywords but without success.
> How to make the data perfectly fitted with the image ?

PLOTS is used to draw a line in a graphics window.

If you want to draw a line on your image, you have to know where your image *is* in the window. Since you used TVIMAGE to display your image, you *do* know where it is. It is positioned in the window, in normalized coordinates, according to the "pos" variable.

So I would try to draw lines on it in the same normalized coordinates. For example, to draw a line from the lower-left corner of the image to the upper-right corner:

```
PLOTS, [pos[0], pos[1]], [pos[1], pos[3]], /Normal
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: TVimage and PlotS

Posted by [James\[1\]](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2004 14:03:36 GMT

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Thanks David !

But I still didn't clearly understand... I want to plot not lines,

but dots (or circles). And I have an array of data with coordinates (X,Y).
How it will work in this case ?

I tried to apply your advise but I didn't get a line across the window...

Subject: Re: TVimage and PlotS

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2004 14:32:37 GMT

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James writes:

> But I still didn't clearly understand... I want to plot not lines,
> but dots (or circles). And I have an array of data with coordinates (X,Y).
> How it will work in this case ?

Well, neither of the commands you are using will establish a data coordinate system for you, so I presume the data is in device coordinates, is that right? Suppose they are (I can't imagine anything else.) Let's call them "image" coordinates, since they probably correspond to points on the image. (The lack of information from you allows the imagination to run wild here!)

You can convert them to NORMALIZED coordinates like this:

```
c = Convert_Coord(x, y, /Device, /To_Normal)
xx = c[0,*]
yy = c[1,*]
```

Now, you have to scale them into the position of the image in the window.

```
xxx = Scale_Vector(xx, pos[0], pos[2])
yyy = Scale_Vector(yy, pos[1], pos[3])
```

Now, you could draw them on your image:

```
PLOTS, xxx, yyy, /Normal
```

You will have to grab SCALE_VECTOR:

```
http://www.dfanning.com/programs/scale\_vector.pro
```

Of course, all this is bogus if your X and Y vectors don't correspond to my imagination. (Well, uh, good chance there.) You could tell us more about them. :-)

> I tried to apply your advise but I didn't get a line across the window...

Well, uh, somebody wrote this:

```
PLOTS, [pos[0], pos[1]], [pos[1], pos[3]], /Normal
```

And, of course, they meant this:

```
PLOTS, [pos[0], pos[2]], [pos[1], pos[3]], /Normal
```

Sorry. :-(

Cheers,

David

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