
Subject: Re: grid plots

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 14:46:00 GMT

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In article <1102591840.222724.104440@f14g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>, "Martin" <m.doyle@uea.ac.uk> wrote:

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The other way is to create an image, but not interpolate the data:

```
MAP_SET, /HAMMER, LIMIT=limit, /ISOTROPIC, /NOBORDER
```

```
data = DIST(15)  
bilinear = 0  
proj = MAP_IMAGE(data, i0, j0, ni, nj, $  
  COMPRESS=1, BILINEAR=bilinear, $  
  LATMIN=-90.0, LONMIN=0.0, LATMAX=90.0, LONMAX=360.0)
```

```
image = BYTSCL(proj)  
IF (!D.NAME EQ 'PS') THEN $  
  TV, image, i0, j0, XSIZE=ni, YSIZE=nj $  
ELSE $  
  TV, image, i0, j0
```

```
MAP_CONTINENTS  
MAP_GRID, GLINESTYLE=0
```

Change bilinear to 1 to see the effects of interpolating. You can do something more complicated than a simple BYTSCL to define the colors for your data.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: grid plots
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 15:28:03 GMT
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Kenneth Bowman wrote:

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> Ken Bowman

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Or, if the data sits on a nice rectangular grid, you could just tv a rebinned version of the array over a plot which establishes your coordinates system, like this:

```

;input data
im=dist(10,10)
xrange=[-2.,2]
yrange=[-5.,5]

;establish coordinates
plot,[0,0],[0,0],/nodata,/xstyle,/ystyle,xrange=xrange,yrange=yrange

;rebin the data array to the right size
res=convert_coord(xrange,yrange,/data,/to_device)
xsize=round(res[0,1]-res[0,0])
ysize=round(res[1,1]-res[1,0])
im2=congrid(im,xsize,ysize,/center)

;plot the image
tv,bytscl(im2),-2,-5,/data,xsize=xsize,ysize=ysize

;overplot of the axis (since the tickmarks were covered by the image)
plot,[0,0],[0,0],/nodata,/xstyle,/ystyle,xrange=xrange,yrange=yrange,/noerase

```

This is fast, but works just for device with pixels...

Cheers,
Paolo

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Subject: Re: grid plots
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 15:33:31 GMT
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Martin writes:

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Here is something I just knocked out, called ColorGrid.
It grids an irregular grid, each grid rectangle set
equal to the value of the grid at that location.

Cheers,

David

```
*****  
,  
PRO ColorGrid
```

```
  ; Create example data.  
  x = RandomU(-3L, 20) * 20  
  x = x[Sort(x)]  
  y = Indgen(20)  
  data = BytScl(Dist(20))  
  
  ; Load colors  
  LoadCT, 5  
  
  ; Decomposed color.  
  IF (!D.Flags AND 256) NE 0 THEN $  
    Device, Decomposed=0, Get_Decomposed=theState  
  
  ; Set up the coordinate system.  
  Plot, x, y, /NoData, XStyle=5, YStyle=5
```

```

; Draw polygons.
FOR j=0,N_Elements(x)-2 DO BEGIN
  FOR k=0,N_Elements(y)-2 DO BEGIN
    Polyfill, [x[j], x[j], x[j+1], x[j+1], x[j]], $
      [y[k], y[k+1], y[k+1], y[k], y[k]], $
      Color=data[j,k], /Data
  ENDFOR
ENDFOR

; Redraw plot.
Plot, x, y, /NoData, /NoErase, XStyle=1, YStyle=1

; Draw grid.
FOR j=1,N_Elements(x)-1 DO $
  PLOTS, [x[j], x[j]], [!Y.CRange[0], !Y.CRange[1]]
FOR j=1,N_Elements(y)-1 DO $
  PLOTS, [!X.CRange[0], !X.CRange[1]], [y[j], y[j]]

; Clean-up.
IF (!D.Flags AND 256) NE 0 THEN $
  Device, Decomposed=theState

```

END

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Subject: Re: grid plots
Posted by [Andrew Lough](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 20:06:45 GMT
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Martin,

What is so irregular about your data on the gaussian grid that you cannot use contour with /cell_fill? From my understanding of a gaussian grid, the longitudes are quite regular, and the latitudes can be easily computed, thus providing x and y vectors for the contour routine.

-Andy

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