
Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 01:12:09 GMT

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I don't know. It works for me. You will need these two programs from my web page to run the code below:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/loaddata.pro>
http://www.dfanning.com/programs/scale_vector.pro

Cheers,

David

PRO Example

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y = findgen(41)
r = loaddata(2)
r = scale_vector(r, 0.4, 1.4)

TVLCT, 0, 255, 0, 1
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window, 1
device, decomposed=0
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Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 01:54:24 GMT

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Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 01:58:46 GMT

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Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 02:00:20 GMT

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So, David, what does it feel like to be retired?

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Mark Hadfield "Ka puwaha te tai nei, Hoesa tatou"
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National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA)

Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?
Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 02:55:15 GMT
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Dear David

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 03:14:32 GMT
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I don't know what you mean by the "intersection", but are you aware that if you run the program I wrote you and overlay the second plot on the first that the lines overlap *exactly*. I would say that makes them the same line.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?

Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 03:30:28 GMT

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Dear David

You are right,when you plot it,it is the same.but the problem is when I output the xy data to the file.and plot it again,it give the wrong data just like I send to you.

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contour,R,x,y,level=[0.892521],path_xy=xy,$
```

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```

```
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```

```
    S=[INDGEN(info(l).N),0]
```

```
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```

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```

```
endfor
```

thank you for your help

Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 12:45:37 GMT

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It's still raining here, so I can't get out in the garden...

It is not clear to me what you think is "wrong" about it. A contour line is a series of XY points in space. That's what this line is. It describes a particular contour in your data space. It is absolutely correct.

Perhaps you want the XY points in data coordinates, rather than the normalized coordinates that you have. If so, just set up your data coordinate space and convert these coordinates to it. They are in normalized coordinates space to make the transformation to any coordinate system you like easy for you. Use `Convert_Coord` to do the transformation *after* you have established your data coordinate system (i.e., after you have issued the `CONTOUR` command).

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 12:49:08 GMT
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"lixiaoyao" <lixiaoyao5880@yahoo.com> writes:

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Li Xi--

I believe the problem is that you are working in "normal" coordinates. These coordinates depend on how the coordinate system of the plot is set up. For example, the presence of axis labels (or not) will change the normal coordinates of the same data point, since the view window shifts to accomodate the labels.

The problem is that in your two different calls, you are using different font and title options.

Compare:

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to:

```
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```

Note the missing *TITLE options.

You can either be sure the second call is a duplicate of the first, or use "data" coordinates instead of "normal" coordinates (see PATH_DATA).

Good luck,
CM

Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?
Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 14:23:00 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 14:32:34 GMT
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No, it is one of the seven Programming Mysteries the IDL programmer must discover on his own. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say in your case there might be more than seven, but that will get you started anyway. :-)

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Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?
Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 14:38:56 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 14:43:28 GMT
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Now, *there's* a good idea! I'd be sure to read it, too. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: why do not the results agree?
Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 14:46:28 GMT
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lixiaoyao wrote:

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Normalized coordinates go from 0 to 1 in each direction, i.e. the lower
right corner of the window has the normalized coordinates (1., 0.).

Device coordinates are pixels. In a window 256 by 256 pixels large, the lower right corner has the device coordinates (255, 0) (count from zero). On the postscript device, you don't want to use device coordinates because they depend on resolution.

Data coordinates refer to a plot coordinate system. If you have a line plot and the axis ranges are (0, 100) and (0, 50) in X and Y, the center position of the plot frame (not the window!) has data coordinates (50, 25). The conversion to / from data coordinates of course depends on the position of the plot frame in the window, which is stored in some system variables (!x, !y, !z, I believe).

Many plot routines take keywords /NORM, /DEVICE or /DATA to specify which coordinates you want to work with.

Have a look at the help entry for CONVERT_COORD and other entries under "coordinate(s)" in the help index.

Benjamin
