
Subject: Re: Plotting 3D spheres

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 18 Nov 2005 08:43:54 GMT

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In twenty-five words, or less, please. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Fri, 18 Nov 2005 16:33:09 GMT

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pro plot_sphere

```
nOrbs = 20
s = systime(/seconds)
c = randomu(s, 3, nOrbs) * 2.
r = randomu(s, nOrbs)

orbArray = objarr(nOrbs)
for n=0, nOrbs-1 do $
    orbArray[n] = OBJ_NEW('orb', POS=c[*], RADIUS=r[n], $
        COLOR=randomu(s,3)*255, STYLE=2)

oModel = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrModel')
oModel -> Add, orbArray
```

xobjview, oModel, /BLOCK

obj_destroy, oModel

end

You'll find the source for orb__define.pro in \$IDL_DIR/examples/visual.

The docs are in the header. You may want to play around with the DENSITY keyword depending on the # of spheres you need to plot and your hardware.

-Rick

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> Thank you~(^_^)
>
>
> (I love IDL! ^____^)
>

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Posted by sfinder@naver.com on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 01:18:55 GMT

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Wow~ Wonderful~~ ^^

Thanks a THOUSAND MILLION BILLION~~~""Rick Towler"" ~~ ^_____^

OBJ? Wow~ I didn't know that there is beautiful method~

Um.. I have to get down to study that subject .

OK~

Thanks a lot again~ Rick

I love this group. It gives me very~~ big helps.

Park
