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Subject: Re: Aspect ratio(s) in iTools

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 21:55:08 GMT

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Kenneth Bowman writes:

> I am trying to figure out how to control 3-D aspect ratio(s) in an iTool.  
>  
> If I plot a 10 x 20 array  
>  
> IDL> isurface, randomu(seed, 10, 20), findgen(10), findgen(20)  
>  
> by default the resulting plot is square, even though the x-dimension  
> is half as long as the y-dimension.  
>  
> If I set the data space scaling to Anisotropic, I can stretch or shrink the  
> z-dimension with the "Anisotropic 3D scale" parameter, but I cannot  
> adjust the x-y aspect ratio. That only works for 2-D plots (iPlot, ...).  
>  
> With a 3-D plot, how do I control the three dimensions independently?

You could have a look at FSC\_SURFACE to see how this is done.

It maintains the aspect ratio of the X and Y data. It is straightforward to apply this to the Z direction, I think.

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IDL> FSC_Surface, dist(30, 10)
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Aspect ratio(s) in iTools

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Ken Bowman writes:

> I am trying to figure out how to control 3-D aspect ratio(s) in an iTool.

Oh, never mind. You said, "In iTools." I've got to go take a nap.

I didn't finish that story until 3:30 AM last night, then

I was too wound up to go to bed. I'm not even reading the

posts right now. Sorry.

Cheers,

David

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