
Subject: Re: map_proj_init

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 08 Apr 2007 01:36:00 GMT

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marit writes:

- > Has anyone run into the problem that subsequent calls to map_proj_init
- > using a GCTP projection interfere with previously defined maps?

I get the same result on my Windows machine. Have you reported the problem to ITTVIS? What have they said about this?

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: map_proj_init

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 08 Apr 2007 18:43:43 GMT

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marit writes:

- > Has anyone run into the problem that subsequent calls to map_proj_init
- > using a GCTP projection interfere with previously defined maps? Here
- > is an example:

>

```
> south_proj=MAP_PROJ_INIT('Polar Stereographic' ,/GCTP ,$
>   semimajor_axis=6378273.0,semiminor_axis=6356889.4,$
>   center_lon=0,center_lat=-70.0,false_easting=0,false_northing=0)
```

>

```
> print,map_proj_forward([0,0],[-90.0,-89.0],map_structure=south_proj)
>   0.0000000    0.0000000
>   0.0000000    108332.24
```

>

```
> north_proj=MAP_PROJ_INIT('Polar Stereographic' ,/GCTP ,$
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>   center_lon=0,center_lat=70.0,false_easting=0,false_northing=0)
```

>

```
> print,map_proj_forward([0,0],[-90.0,-89.0],map_structure=south_proj)
>   0.0000000 -2.0002841e+23
```

> 0.0000000 -1.4035070e+09
>
> I haven't yet seen this occur if the second projection is an IDL
> projection; however the IDL projections are not usually useful since
> they can't be set up like a normal projections with false easting and
> false northing and they are mostly spherical not ellipsoidal.

Interestingly, in research preparatory to writing an article about this for my web page, I discovered that if you use the map projection *index*, instead of the map projection name and GCTP keyword, then all is well:

```
IDL> south_proj=MAP_PROJ_INIT(106, semimajor_axis=6378273.0,$
IDL> semiminor_axis=6356889.4, center_lon=0,center_lat=-70.0,$
IDL> false_easting=0,false_northing=0)
IDL> print,map_proj_forward([0,0],[-90.0,-89.0],$
IDL> map_structure=south_proj)
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I wonder if this indicates that the bug lies in NOT selecting the GCTP library routines, and hence, setting something in !MAP.

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Subject: Re: map_proj_init

Posted by [marit](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 13:56:06 GMT

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```

You have a typo in the north projection that sets lat of true scale (which map_proj_init confusingly calls center_lat) to -70, so in this case both south_proj and north_proj are the same.

At any rate, I looked into map_proj_init.pro and found these two internal routines: MAP_PROJ_GCTP_FORINIT and MAP_PROJ_GCTP_REVINIT. If you call them with the proper parameters for each projection before any call to map_proj_forward or map_proj_inverse the calculations are correct. I guess there's an internal structure somewhere that can only hold parameters for 1 GCTP projection at once?

Anyway, thanks for your thoughts on the problem. I did submit a support incident Saturday, but since the weekend is barely over haven't heard anything back yet.

Subject: Re: map_proj_init
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 15:59:43 GMT
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Ah, so I did. Thanks.

Cheers,

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