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Subject: 3d displaying with x=longitude, y=latitude, z=altitude, but not yet working (T\_T)

Posted by [kim20026](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 12:57:02 GMT

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Good day, everyone. I would like to ask a question on 3d displaying.

I have this data file.

dat1.txt:

Sokcho	38.2500	128.5667	17.8
Cheorwon	38.1500	127.3000	154.2
Dongducheon	37.9000	127.0667	112.5
Daeguallyeong	37.6833	128.7667	842.5
Chuncheon	37.9000	127.7333	76.8

I read this file as follows.

```
readcol, 'dat1.txt', city, lat, lon, alt, format = 'A, 3F'
```

And then I am going to display these data into 3d.

x = lon,

y = lat,

z = alt

Based on the a procedure on [www.dfanning.com](http://www.dfanning.com), I tried this way below but the results was not what I wanted to. Is there anyone to help me?

Harry

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PRO SCATTER3D\_altitude

```
; Read the data file.
```

```
readcol, 'dat1.txt', city, lat, lon, alt, format='A, 3F7.2'  
n=n_elements(lat)
```

```
vsym, 24, /fill
```

```
; Load a color table and create colors for the scatterplot.
```

```
LOADCT, 38, NCOLORS=!D.N_COLORS-1  
TVLCT, 70, 70, 70, !D.N_COLORS-1  
zcolors = BYTSCL(alt, TOP=!D.N_COLORS-2)
```

```
; Set the 3D coordinate space with axes.
```

```
SURFACE, DIST(5), /NODATA, /SAVE, XRANGE=[125,132], $  
  YRANGE=[33,39], ZRANGE=[0, 900], CHARSIZE=1.5, COLOR=!D.N_COLORS-2,  
BACKGROUND=!D.N_COLORS-1, $
```

; Plot the random points in 3D space with a diamond shape.

```
PLOTS, lon, lat, alt, PSYM=4, COLOR=zcolors, /T3D
```

; Connect the data points to the XY plane of the plot.

```
FOR j=0, n-1 DO PLOTS, [lon(j), lon(j)], [lat(j), lat(j)], [0,  
alt(j)], COLOR=zcolors(j), /T3D
```

```
END
```

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Subject: Re: 3d displaying with x=longitude, y=latitude, z=altitude, but not yet working (T\_T)

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 22:17:55 GMT

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DirtyHarry writes:

```
> David, What I want to do is to display altitude in 3d:  
>  
> x = lon  
> y = lat  
> z = alt  
>  
> and if it is possible, I want to present this on the Korean map...  
>  
> I found the scatter3D routine in your website, and tried to do this  
> with it, but still not working. Please give me some suggestions.
```

Well, the code is "working" in the sense that it more or less does what code like that is suppose to do: illustrate a technique. You don't see the largest line, since it is being drawn in the same color as the background color. :-(

What I would do is set up a 3D transformation, using something like SCALE3D. Then use MAP\_SET with the /T3D keyword set to draw your map in the XY plane. Then just use the PLOTS portion of this code (with better colors) to draw your height lines.

Should work great. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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