
Subject: Overlaying where data

Posted by [jtmcahill](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2008 20:39:17 GMT

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Hello,

So, I've got a tvscl image that I've done some analysis on. With the where function I've found some places I want to highlight in that image by overlaying those areas with some color. I've managed to do something close with the tv function but it changes the color of the original tvscl image and the highlighted area is a barely distinguishable (washed out red color). Does anyone have any ideas on how to do this. I'm not contouring or anything special, just found significant area in an image and want to highlighted so I can point and say "there is where there is a significant amount of X".

Thanks

Subject: Re: Overlaying where data

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 18:52:02 GMT

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Cheers,

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Subject: Re: Overlaying where data
Posted by [jtmcahill](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:53:38 GMT
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On Jan 25, 8:52 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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Mahalo,

Josh

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 20:05:24 GMT

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Hi,

In this case, I'd argue for a different approach. Assuming that the OP has two images im1 (with color scale 1) and im2 (with color scale 2) and a ROI, such that the goal is to have a plot of im1 (with colors 1) outside the ROI and im2 (with colors 2) inside the ROI, then he could proceed in the following way:

- 1) convert im1 + color scale 1 to a true color image (call it im1true)
- 2) convert im2 + color scale 2 to a true color image (im2true)
- 3) substitute pixels of im1true inside roi with corresponding values from im2true
- 4) device,/decomposed
- 4) tv,im1true,/true

That should not be too hard to implement... here's an example (not polished nor optimized, just a hint)

;example

```
;create 2 images
im1=dist(256,256)
im2=rebin(findgen(256),256,256)
```

```
;define ROI
ind=array_indices(im1,where(im1 GT 100))
```

```
;black-white is col scale for im1
loadct,0
tv!ct,r,g,b,/get
im1truecol=im2truecol(im1,r,g,b);convert to true color
```

```
;red temp scale for im 2
loadct,3
tv!ct,r,g,b,/get
im2truecol=im2truecol(im2,r,g,b);convert to true color
```

```
;assign roi pixel from 2 to 1
FOR i=0L,n_elements(ind)/2-1 DO BEGIN
    im1truecol[ind[0,i],ind[1,i],*]=im2truecol[ind[0,i],ind[1,i],*]
ENDFOR
```

```
device,decomposed=1
tv,im1truecol,true=3
```

using the function (again, this is a bit rough and is not polished)

```
FUNCTION im2truecol,im,r,g,b
s=size(im)
sx=s[1]
sy=s[2]
n=n_elements(r)
maxim=max(im)
minim=min(im)
im=(im-min(im))/(max(im)-min(im))*n
im3col=[[[reform(r[reform(im,sx*sy)],sx,sy)], $
          [[reform(g[reform(im,sx*sy)],sx,sy)], $
          [[reform(b[reform(im,sx*sy)],sx,sy)]]]]

return,im3col

end
```

Ciao,
Paolo

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Posted by [izimine](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 03:46:09 GMT
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if you want to do it in direct graphics with color tables...

```
; load background and overlay colors (change ncolors as needed)
```

```
loadct, 0, ncolors=128
loadct, ???, bottom=128, ncolors=128 ; or use tvlct
; bytscale accordingly
back = bytscl(orig, top=127)
over = bytscl(minerals, top=127)+128
; make a binary mask of what you want to show
mask = (minerals gt val1 * minerals lt val2) + (minerals gt val3)
; display
tv, back*(1-mask) + over*mask
```

if you need transparency better look at object graphics

cheers

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sorry, you will probably want to do

mask = (minerals gt val1) * (minerals lt val2) + (minerals gt val3)
