
Subject: Re: Overlaying a contour on a small image
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 18:41:14 GMT
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Wayne Landsman writes:

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Isn't this what you want:

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im = dist(9)
thisposition = [0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9]
TVIMAGE, bytscl(im), POSITION=thisPosition, /KEEP_ASPECT_RATIO, $
    /NOINTERP, /ERASE
contour,im, Position=thisPosition,/xsty,/ysty,/noerase,$
    scale_vector(findgen(9), 0, 9), scale_vector(findgen(9), 0, 9)
```

You can find SCALE_VECTOR here:

http://www.dfanning.com/programs/scale_vector.pro

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Overlaying a contour on a small image
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 19:06:51 GMT
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I don't know. What do you think of this:

```
im = dist(9)
im[2,2] = 15
im[4:5, 4:5] = 10
thisposition = [0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9]
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contour,im, Position=thisPosition,/xsty,/ysty,/noerase,$
scale_vector(findgen(9), 0, 9), scale_vector(findgen(9), 0,9), $
level = 6

isocontour, im, v, c, c_value = 6
Plots, v[0,0:6]+0.5, v[1,0:6]+0.5, color=fsc_color('dodger blue')
Plots, v[0,7:*]+0.5, v[1,7:*]+0.5, color=fsc_color('dodger blue')
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Note how I have to add a half pixel to the ISOCONTOUR to get it anywhere near where I want it. Weird.

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Subject: Re: Overlaying a contour on a small image
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 19:15:38 GMT
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Just trying it out, using pg_plotimage

http://hea-www.harvard.edu/~pgrigis/idl_stuff/pg_plotimage.p ro

```
;linear test array, easier to deal with than dist
a=[[0.,1,2,1,0],[1,2,3,2,1],[2,3,4,3,2],[1,2,3,2,1],[0,1,2,1,0]]
```

```
loadct,5
pg_plotimage,a,findgen(5),findgen(5)
contour,a,/over,levels=[0.5,1.5,2.5,3.5],color=0
```

(The contours should have a vertex exactly at the pixel boundaries by construction of the image)

The half pixel at the boundary is missing however.

Paolo

David Fanning wrote:

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Subject: Re: Overlaying a contour on a small image
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 20:31:11 GMT
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On Feb 29, 1:41 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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I don't think any type of scaling is going to work. (The above example does not match the contour overlay with the single high pixel.) The point is that there really is no contour information at the half-pixel edges, since contours depend on the change between pixels. (You can display an image of 1 pixel, but you can't contour 1 pixel.) The program sent by Paolo (thanks!) works by not displaying the outer half pixel where there is no contour information. I actually like this approach.

The ISOCONTOUR routine looks like it could be used to extrapolate contours to the outer half pixel, perhaps in an easier way than the PATH_XY keyword to CONTOUR.

Cheers, --Wayne
