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Subject: 3-D Plotting

Posted by [fisher](#) on Mon, 20 Mar 1995 17:52:44 GMT

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I am interested in generating a 3-dimensional plot of 3 independent variables. I want two of the axes to be logarithmically scaled, the other linear. Unfortunately, the surface plot routine does not provide the flexibility I need for this task. I believe that the Z-buffer might provide an alternative to the surface plot routine, but having not used Z-buffer much, I am still not certain this approach will work for me. I would be very grateful if someone could provide me with some insight on how to approach this problem.

Thanks,

Brad Fisher

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Subject: Re: 3-D plotting

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2001 20:50:24 GMT

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See PLOT3D at

<http://airs2.ssec.wisc.edu/~paulv/#idl>

Cheers,

Liam.

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<http://www.gumley.com/>

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Posted by [david\[2\]](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2001 20:54:45 GMT

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Are you talking about something like a 3D scatterplot?

<http://www.dfanning.com/tip/scatter3d.html>

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: 3-D plotting

Posted by [mperrin+news](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2001 22:25:42 GMT

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Look at the commands SHADE\_SURF, SURFACE, and SHOW3.

- Marshall

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Subject: Re: 3-D plotting

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Sun, 15 Jul 2001 15:39:32 GMT

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I think there is also an IDL version - from which I \*think\* I lifted most of this stuff.

paulv

p.s. The reason I did it way back whenever was because a colleague effortlessly produced a 3-d line plot in Matlab and I couldn't figure out to do it that easily in IDL. Can't have Matlab users showing up the IDL crowd! Sheesh! :o)

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Paul van Delst            A little learning is a dangerous thing;  
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Ph: (301)763-8000 x7274   There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,  
Fax:(301)763-8545        And drinking largely sobers us again.  
                         Alexander Pope.

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