
Subject: Re: Spherical Surface Plot w/ fsc_surface from David Fanning (:
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 17 Jul 2008 15:52:07 GMT

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Cheers,

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Posted by [humanumbrella](#) on Thu, 17 Jul 2008 15:57:03 GMT

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Hello David,

Thanks for the quick response.

I am expecting to see something bumpy. What I'm doing here is having a set radius (r), and then adding to it what is in the dataset at [lat,long] -- meaning some will be high and some will be low.

Cheers,
--Justin

Subject: Re: Spherical Surface Plot w/ fsc_surface from David Fanning (:
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 17 Jul 2008 15:59:33 GMT
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Well,

Maybe everyone is just as stumped as I am on this one. plotting
spherical data in cartesian space is no fun.

Maybe if someone could show an example of how to say, plot a spherical
surface in IDLGRSURFACE [forgetting what I've said above] ???

Subject: Re: Spherical Surface Plot w/ fsc_surface from David Fanning (:
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 14:06:31 GMT
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Hi guys,

Here's an adaption of some code that I think originally came from
someone inside RSI long ago - I forget just who it was.

Cheers,

Andrew

PRO DEM_Globe_1

```
device,decomp=0
```

```
dem_file = 'C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL64\examples\data\worldelv.dat'  
dem_extract = bytarr(360,360)  
openr,lun,dem_file,/get  
readu,lun,dem_extract  
free_lun,lun
```

```
worldelvsize = [4320,2160]
```

```
; worldelvImage = TEMPORARY(BYTSCL(CONGRID(world,worldelvsize(0)/  
10.0,worldelvsize(1)/10.0)))
```

```
loadct,3
```

```
oPalette = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrPalette')  
oPalette -> LoadCT, file=colour_table,3
```

```
; Scale image values to the earth radius. Multiple  
; scaling by 50 to exaggerate elevation.
```

```
; worldelvImage = 50.*1.77*(worldelvImage/255.)  
worldelvImage = 50.*1.77*(dem_extract/255.)
```

```
; Add the earth's radius to the image. The image only  
; contains elevation information from the deepest parts  
; of the oceans. The earth's radius is added to obtain  
; a sphere with small changes in elevation on its  
; surface.
```

```
radii = worldelvImage + REPLICATE(1275.6,  
worldelvsize(0),worldelvsize(1))
```

```
; Derive a mesh from the exaggerated image data and the  
; radius of the earth.
```

```
MESH_OBJ, 4, vertices, connectivity, radii, /CLOSED
```

```

; Initialize a model to display.

oModel = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrModel')

; Determine the radius of each vertex to provide color
; at each vertex.

sphericalCoordinates = CV_COORD(FROM_RECT = vertices, $
                               /TO_SPHERE)
elevation = REFORM(sphericalCoordinates[2, *], $
                  N_ELEMENTS(sphericalCoordinates[2, *]))

; Initialize polygon to contain mesh.

oPolygon = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrPolygon', vertices, $
                  POLYGONS = connectivity, SHADING = 1, $
                  VERT_COLORS = BYTSCL(elevation), $
                  PALETTE = oPalette)

; Add polygon to model.
oModel -> Add, oPolygon
; Rotate model to place view at 0 degrees latitude.
oModel -> Rotate, [1., 0., 0.], -90.

; Display model.
XOBJVIEW, oModel, /BLOCK, SCALE = 1, $
          TITLE = 'Exaggerated Earth Elevation'

; gotta comment this out or image doesn't appear - must be a change in
keyword effects since this code was written?
;;OBJ_DESTROY, [oModel, oPalette]
END

```
