
Subject: iplot colorbar label

Posted by [Thibault](#) . on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 14:42:35 GMT

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Hi,

Using iplot as a scatter plot, I assign colors to the data points according to an array (using vert_colors) and I want to create the corresponding colorbar with /insert_colorbar:

```
x=randomu(41,10)
y=randomu(50,10)

my_col=[150,255,12,160,187,245,36,58,210,170]

iplot,x,y,/insert_colorbar,rgb_table=39,sym_index=4,/
scatter,vert_colors=my_col
```

Doing that, the plot works and the colorbar is displayed BUT the colorbar label goes from 0 to 1. I noticed that it goes from min to max values of the y variable... whereas I want the label to span what it really represents, namely the my_col array !!!

How to make the colorbar label ranging from 0 to 255 (= the my_col array min and max values) ?

Thank you.

Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label

Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 10 Sep 2009 11:16:20 GMT

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On Sep 10, 7:11 am, "Thibault ." <garthalg...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

> Thanks for the routine!

>

> Indeed, I dont want the label to be the color index.

> I set my color table to a third variable z (x and y are the positions).

> my_col = fix(z * 255/(max(z)-min(z))) where z spans the range 50 to 800.

> I think that writing this makes the plot that i want, attributing to each point defined by x and y in position, the appropriate color according to the z value.

> Then, using your pp_colorbar_range.pro routine by setting:

>

> iplot,x,y,/insert_colorbar,rgb_table=39,sym_index=3,
> scatter,vert_colors=my_col
> pp_colorbar_range,[min(z),max(z)],font_size=12
>
> it gives something which seems to make sense... I hope it does :)
>
> In which way the keyword colors=colors is useful??
>
> Furthermore, do you have any idea how to save the iplots as postscript
> files?

There is no colors keyword for iplot, that I am aware of. There is color, which is used to set the color of the plot line by its rgb values (a constant color, while vert_colors sets the color at each vertex.

In IDL 7.1, you can save the current itool to isv, ps, eps, and a bunch of other formats with

```
isave,'file.ps'
```

It guesses the format by the extension in the file name.

Before 7.1, you can, in the iplot window, go to the menu file->export-> to data file, if I remember right (in 7.1 it is in file->save).

Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label
Posted by [Thibault](#) . on Thu, 10 Sep 2009 13:03:18 GMT
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But is there any way to implement it in a routine?
I have to save many iplots in .ps automatically in a for loop...

Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 10 Sep 2009 14:34:58 GMT

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I did a lot of that, too, which before 7.1 I did with

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Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label

Posted by [Thibault .](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2009 10:21:43 GMT

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Hi, I tried your pp_itool_save.pro routine but it does not work...
When I do the example provided in the routine description, it saves
an .isv file but not the.eps and it displays: "Invalid export data
source provided. Unable to continue."

Have you ever seen this?

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label

Posted by [penteado](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2009 18:16:57 GMT

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On Sep 14, 7:21 am, "Thibault ." <garthalg...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

> Hi, I tried your pp_itool_save.pro routine but it does not work...
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> an .isv file but not the.eps and it displays: "Invalid export data
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I do not remember that happening. What is exactly the IDL version you are using (what is the result of print,!version)?

Does that error message show on the console or in a pop up window?
Does it happen when you let the itool is allowed to make its window, as in

```
iplot,findgen(10)  
pp_itool_save,'pp_iplotexample'
```

?

Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label
Posted by [Thibault](#) . on Wed, 16 Sep 2009 13:35:15 GMT
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Here is the result of print,!version: { x86_64 linux unix linux 7.0
Oct 25 2007 64 64}

The error message is in a pop up window : "Invalid export data source provided. Unable to continue."

The test
> iplot,findgen(10)
> pp_itool_save,'pp_iplotexample'

does the same thing...

Subject: Re: iplot colorbar label
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 17 Sep 2009 03:54:21 GMT
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On Sep 16, 10:35 am, "Thibault ." <garthalg...@yahoo.fr> wrote:
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```

Thanks. I forgot that the export source selection had changed in IDL 7.1, so I did not notice that I broke the program for older versions. I updated the file on my website, it should work now. Please let me know if it still does not work.
