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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 04:08:58 GMT

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kisCA writes:

> Here I come back with contours...

>

> I have an array with NaNs. When I tried to plot it with FSC\_contour or

> contour while loading the blue-red colorbar, my whole plot is fill

> with some blue. No red for maximum values ... Is that normal?

Are you asking for a guess, or what? I'd guess,  
yes, it's probably normal, the way you called  
the function. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 17:36:45 GMT

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On Jan 18, 8:08 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> yes, it's probably normal, the way you called

> the function. :-)

:-) Is there a way to make the NaNs appear in white?

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 17:55:32 GMT

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kisCA writes:

>> yes, it's probably normal, the way you called

>> the function. :-)

>  
> :-) Is there a way to make the NaNs appear in white?

You need my new book. :-)

In a contour plot, this is difficult. (Where exactly do you draw the contour if there are no "numbers" to contour?) I think what I would do is lay down an image (where you can make the NaN indices whatever color you like), and add the contour lines over the top of the image.

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 18:08:00 GMT  
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On Jan 19, 9:55 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> You need my new book. :-)

Sure !

>  
> In a contour plot, this is difficult. (Where exactly  
> do you draw the contour if there are no "numbers"  
> to contour?)

Agree...

> I think what I would do is lay down  
> an image (where you can make the NaN indices whatever  
> color you like), and add the contour lines over  
> the top of the image.

I will try that one but don't really know how to make the NaN the color I want.

What if I use a missing value instead of NaNs (like -999.99) ?

Cheers

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 18:26:36 GMT

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kisCA writes:

- > I will try that one but don't really know how to make the NaN the
- > color I want.
- > What if I use a missing value instead of NaNs (like -999.99) ?

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missing = Where(data EQ -999.99, count)
IF count GT 0 THEN data[missing] = !Values.F_NAN
scaledData = BytScl(data, Top=253, /NAN)
LoadCT, 33, NColors=254
TVLCT, FSC_Color('white', /Triple), 254
IF count GT 0 THEN scaledData[missing] = 254
TVImage, data
```

Cheers,

David

P.S. I'll put you down for a copy from the first printing  
run. :-)

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 19:03:05 GMT

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On Jan 19, 10:26 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

- > missing = Where(data EQ -999.99, count)
- > IF count GT 0 THEN data[missing] = !Values.F\_NAN
- > scaledData = BytScl(data, Top=253, /NAN)
- > LoadCT, 33, NColors=254
- > TVLCT, FSC\_Color('white', /Triple), 254
- > IF count GT 0 THEN scaledData[missing] = 254

> TVImage, data

I got a blue window that pop up with that, is it normal?

> P.S. I'll put you down for a copy from the first printing

> run. :-)

Yes please, and if it may be autographed...

PS: Is there a way to change font\_size in FSC\_Contour because it doesn't respect the 'font\_size' command i put in device?

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 19:11:30 GMT

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kisCA writes:

> I got a blue window that pop up with that, is it normal?

I have suspected from the beginning of this conversation that you are making some assumption about your data that is incorrect. I suspect it even more now. Try doing a Histogram on the data. Does that provide any insight?

>> P.S. I'll put you down for a copy from the first printing

>> run. :-)

>

> Yes please, and if it may be autographed...

I will go bankrupt sending personal autographed copies to everyone who is helping me with the editing. But, I will sneak one in for you. :-)

> PS: Is there a way to change font\_size in FSC\_Contour because it

> doesn't respect the 'font\_size' command i put in device?

I am not sure what you are doing. The character size in FSC\_Contour can be set either with the CHARSIZE keyword, or by setting the !P.Charsize system variable.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 19:57:58 GMT  
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On Jan 19, 11:11 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> I have suspected from the beginning of this conversation  
> that you are making some assumption about your data that  
> is incorrect. I suspect it even more now. Try doing a  
> Histogram on the data. Does that provide any insight?

I had already watch my data by printing it '.txt'.  
I got values from 0 to 1e-5 and the density is between 500 and 1000

What did you suggested with that ?

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 20:11:21 GMT  
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kisCA writes:

> I had already watch my data by printing it '.txt'.  
> I got values from 0 to 1e-5 and the density is between 500 and 1000  
>  
> What did you suggested with that ?

I suspect that most of your data is a single, low,  
value, which is why you are getting a solid color  
contour and image. That's why I suggested Histogram.  
It might be useful to you to see the distribution  
of values in your data. It might suggest better ways  
to handle it.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 21:01:22 GMT  
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On Jan 19, 12:11 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> I suspect that most of your data is a single, low,  
> value, which is why you are getting a solid color  
> contour and image. That's why I suggested Histoplot.  
> It might be useful to you to see the distribution  
> of values in your data. It might suggest better ways  
> to handle it.

If I follow you well, the problem here is that I missed to much real values in my dataset to draw some contours ? And the ones I got are too low ?

Cheers

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 21:08:09 GMT  
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I have tried with matlab to draw it, it worked well...so I hope there will be a way to make it with IDL...will try to figure it out!

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 21:19:34 GMT  
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kisCA writes:

> If I follow you well, the problem here is that I missed to much real  
> values in my dataset to draw some contours ? And the ones I got are  
> too low ?

The problem is that I don't have the faintest idea what your problem is. I don't have any code to look at, I don't have any data. I'm just making more or less intelligent guesses

from experience.

Have you looked at a histogram distribution of your data?  
Did anything suggest itself to you? Would you like to  
share that insight with us?

If MatLab does a good job of it, then I suppose whatever  
the problem is can be corrected. But, not by me, and not  
out of thin air. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 22:51:06 GMT  
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Thanks to be concerned about my problem. I like to search also by  
myself and not to be dependent on your knowledge, even if it's really  
amazing :-)

By the way I tried the code you send above again but with 'TVImage,  
scaledData' and not 'TVImage, data' and I can see the picture I  
want...And it's really nicer than with matlab :-)

I think I am messing again with the contours I am trying to draw... I  
will try again, with the tips you sent me before and also with  
[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/contour\\_hole.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/contour_hole.html)

Also, I can sent you a copy of the data.

Will let you know

Cheers

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 23:09:27 GMT

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kisCA writes:

- > Thanks to be concerned about my problem. I like to search also by
- > myself and not to be dependent on your knowledge, even if it's really
- > amazing :-)
- >
- > By the way I tried the code you send above again but with 'TVImage,
- > scaledData' and not 'TVImage, data' and I can see the picture I
- > want...And it's really nicer than with matlab :-)

Well, you see, I was trying to test if you were really reading what I was writing. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. "Nicer than Matlab." Imagine that!

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 23:31:29 GMT

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kisCA writes:

- > By the way I tried the code you send above again but with 'TVImage,
- > scaledData' and not 'TVImage, data' and I can see the picture I
- > want.

I have spent day after dreary day the past couple of weeks fixing typos in my book. (The members of this newsgroup are INCREDIBLE proofreaders, by the way!) I think of books as being maps, directions. And I don't get to this stage without recalling my favorite story in my favorite book of all time. It's called Directions in Barry Lopez's book Desert Notes. It starts out this way.

I would like to tell you how to get there so that you may see all this for yourself. But first a warning: you

may already have come across a set of detailed instructions, a map with every bush and stone clearly marked, the meandering courses of dry rivers and other geographical features noted, with dotted line put down to represent the very faintest of trails. [...] Your confidence in these finely etched maps is understandable, for at first glance, they seem excellent, the best a man is capable of; but your confidence is misplaced. Throw them out. They are the wrong sort of map. They are too thin. They are not the sort of map that can be followed by a man who knows what he is doing. The coyote, even the crow, would regard them with suspicion.

I know, now, why that is. The brain and the fingers are apparently run by two completely different centers in the body. Either that, or Coyote has gotten into my head in an even bigger way than I imagined. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 00:07:30 GMT  
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On Jan 19, 3:31 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> It's called Directions in Barry Lopez's book Desert Notes.

I think I will read this one as soon I finished mine :-)

For my contours, I tried different ways with by increasing 'nb' in :  
levels= nb  
step = (Max(data,/nan) - Min(data,/nan)) / levels  
userLevels = IndGen(levels) \* step + Min(data,/nan)  
pos = [0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.75]  
LoadCT, 33, NColors=levels, Bottom=1  
FSC\_Contour, data,time2,Zint/1000, Levels=userLevels, /  
Fill,C\_Colors=Indgen(levels)+1, Position=pos

But I can't have the color gradient I obtain with 'TVImage,scaledData' at least a difference of blue and a bit of red.

I also tried to manage my data by multiply it to have values above 0 --  
> only high value appear in red, others are blue,

also calculate a deviation value which is in percent (between -100 and 100), I have more blank than expected...

The worst is when I simply do a 'Contour, data' I can see the contour but in white. The problem is with the fill...

Any idea ?

Thanks

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 00:39:49 GMT  
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kisCA writes:

> Any idea ?

Well, I'm almost embarrassed to suggest it once again, but you might want to look at your data with Histoplot, to get an idea of the data distribution. Then, you might select your contour levels based on what you find there. You can partition your data into the appropriate irregularly sized bins using the method outlined in this article:

[http://www.idlcoyote.com/code\\_tips/partition.html](http://www.idlcoyote.com/code_tips/partition.html)

That might give you better color separation in your contour plot. But I would still encourage you to use an image under the contour plot lines. I think contouring with a bunch of NaNs is a lost cause.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 01:40:42 GMT  
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Ok thanks for your help

Cheers

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Subject: Re: FSC\_contour & NaN  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 22:48:23 GMT  
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On Jan 19, 4:39 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

I would still encourage you to use an image under  
> the contour plot lines. I think contouring with a bunch of  
> NaNs is a lost cause.  
>

I don't really understand why you were trying to say here, could you  
please develop a bit more?

I watched my data properly and there is only 8% of my dataset which  
are NaN, I didn't expected it could too much...

Also, does BytScl work as well when you got negative data ?

Thanks

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