
Subject: Re: !p.multi and /t3d weirdness

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 05 May 2011 17:38:23 GMT

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You are clipping your vectors at the very edge of your viewplane. Set the NOCLIP keyword and you will see what you expect.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: !p.multi and /t3d weirdness

Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Thu, 05 May 2011 18:05:09 GMT

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Thanks David, that helps.

Then am I correct that the clipping window is set up in device coordinates and is not transformed by t3d? So it does not coincide with the plot data window (the region enclosed by the X,Y axes) when t3d is used?

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What can I do when t3d is set?

regards,
Lajos

Subject: Re: !p.multi and /t3d weirdness
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 05 May 2011 18:18:58 GMT
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It's either device coordinates or there is a round-off problem.

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Well, as you say, it is weird. Now that I think about it, maybe because it *is* done in device coordinates. I never thought of that before. It is "mostly" normal for line and contour plots. It's mostly crazy for surfaces. But, then again, it would be if it was doing the rotations in device coordinates. 2.5D surfaces, rotated in 3D device coordinate space...yes, that would be weird. :-)

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I've never had much of a problem with plots, except for this near-the-edge clipping thing going on.

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