
Subject: Interactive plotting

Posted by [philp](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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Hi All,

Does anybody knows a widget based package for IDL 3.6.1 that allows to interactively draw a 2D (3D?) plot and then allows to modify its axis range, X and Y labels, change colors, annotate with text and eventually print it (or save as postscript)? I know that Sterner's package has some of the tools to annotate for example but I was wandering if someone has a complete interactive plotting package.

Furthermore, I'm also looking for a program to draw a contour plot (color filled + levels) together with its associated color bar and legend. The tool in Sterner lib (bar) works fine interactively on screen but fails once you want to output the postscript file because it works in device coordinates.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Interactive plotting

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 20 May 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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John Harlander writes:

> Can someone point me to a method for interactively extracting and plotting a
> row or a column from two-dimensional data? I recall watching someone do this
> in IDL. The image was put on the screen and the cursor was used to
select the
> row or column.

I will be very disappointed, John, if you don't hear from about 500-600 people who have written this program in one of my IDL programming classes. :-)

Here is an non-widgetized example program called ROWCOL.
There is an IDL library program called PROFILES that does
about the same thing.

Cheers!

David

```
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PRO ROWCOL, image
```

```
ON_ERROR, 1
```

```
IF N_ELEMENTS(image) EQ 0 THEN MESSAGE, 'You must pass an IMAGE parameter.'
```

```
    ; Get image size.
```

```
s = SIZE(image)
```

```
xsize = s(1)
```

```
ysize = s(2)
```

```
    ; Open an image window the right size. Display image.
```

```
WINDOW, XSIZE=xsize, YSIZE=ysize, /FREE, TITLE='Image Window'
```

```
imageWindow = !D.WINDOW
```

```
TVSCL, image
```

```
    ; Create a window for the profile plots.
```

```
WINDOW, XSIZE=500, YSIZE=300, /FREE, TITLE='Profile Window'
```

```
profileWindow = !D.WINDOW
```

```
col = xsize / 2
```

```
row = ysize / 2
```

```
    ; Make the display window the current window.
```

```
WSET, imageWindow
```

```
    ; Initialize the !MOUSE.BUTTON system variable.
```

```
!MOUSE.BUTTON = 0
```

```
    ; Set window up for two plots.
```

```
!P.MULTI = [0, 2, 1, 0, 1]
```

```
    ; Go into your loop.
```

```
WHILE !MOUSE.BUTTON NE 4 DO BEGIN
```

```
    ; Draw the profiles in the profile window.
```

```
WSET, profileWindow
PLOT, image(col, *), TITLE='Column Profile', $
  YRANGE=[MIN(image), MAX(image)], $
  XRANGE=[0,xsize], XSTYLE=1, $
  XTITLE='Column ' + STRTRIM(col, 2), YTITLE='Pixel Value'
PLOT, image(*, row), TITLE='Row Profile', $
  YRANGE=[MIN(image), MAX(image)], $
  XRANGE=[0,ysize], XSTYLE=1, $
  XTITLE='Row ' + STRTRIM(row,2), YTITLE='Pixel Value'
```

; Make the image window the current window.

```
WSET, imageWindow
```

; Get the cursor location.

```
CURSOR, col, row, /DEVICE
```

```
ENDWHILE
```

; Turn off !P.MULTI system variable.

```
!P.MULTI = 0
```

```
END
```

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