
Subject: Re: Texture Map problems when using IDLgrPolygon

Posted by [Karl\[1\]](#) on Mon, 04 Jun 2012 14:18:59 GMT

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On Sunday, June 3, 2012 9:08:46 PM UTC-6, mikrin wrote:

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>
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Karl

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Posted by [mikrin](#) on Mon, 04 Jun 2012 21:00:07 GMT

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Thanks for the pointer Karl, I've added the makePolyVerts procedure to elaborate on what I'm doing,

I tried to make the texture coordinates without success, but maybe you can see what I'm doing wrong by looking at my short makePolyVerts routine. Recall that the original image is 1354x2030 (as are the lats and lons arrays that correspond to the image). The pwr2Sz[2] array sizes corresponding to the larger array are both 2048,2048.

----- makePolyverts -----

pro makePolyVerts, lats, lons, MAP=map, vertexes, pwr2Sz, texCrds

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    sz = size(lats,/dimensions)    ; size of original image
    vertexes = dblarr(2,sz[0],sz[1])
    texCrds = dblarr(2,sz[0],sz[1])
    ; Find the x,y values from the lat lons
    for i=0,sz[0]-1 do begin
        tmp = map_proj_forward(lons[i,*], lats[i,*] ,
map_structure=map)
        vertexes[0,i,*] = tmp[0,*]
        vertexes[1,i,*] = tmp[1,*]
    endfor

; Make Texture coordinates
; Make x max out at 1354/2048
; Make y max out at 2030/2048
txmax = float(sz[0])/pwr2Sz[0]
tymax = float(sz[1])/pwr2Sz[1]
tDelx = txmax/sz[0]
tDely = tymax/sz[1]
; Now make the texture coords so that they are 0->txmax and 0->tymax
for i=0,sz[0]-1 do begin
    for j=0,sz[1]-1 do begin
        texCrds[0,i,j] = i*tDelx
        texCrds[1,i,j] = j*tDely
    endfor
endfor

end
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This still results in an image that seems cutoff and does not include all the data in the original image.

Thanks, Mike

Subject: Re: Texture Map problems when using IDLgrPolygon
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Jun 2012 21:45:20 GMT
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Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.
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Subject: Re: Texture Map problems when using IDLgrPolygon
Posted by [Karl\[1\]](#) on Tue, 05 Jun 2012 00:55:24 GMT
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makePolyVerts looks reasonable.

David's referenced article talks about mapping a texture onto a subset of a surface, which is sort of the opposite of what you are trying to do. Still good reading.

I think that the number one problem here is that I don't see a POLYGONS keyword specified in your creation of the IDLgrPolygon object. You are just supplying a 2D array of 2D points, but IDLgrPolygon just interprets it as a list of 2D points and does not infer any connectivity information from the shape of the array (unless I'm missing something).

As it stands, I'm sort of surprised that anything resembling the intended output came out.

I think that you'll have to generate a polygon list. In this case, it is pretty easy because you have a regular 2D array of the points. The first polygon would be described as:

4 0 1 1355 1354

I can't think of any utilities or anything else sitting around that would make it easier. But you'll have to generate a sequence like this for every quad in your grid, by following the above pattern.

If that does not help, make sure that you are using the textureImg image for your texture. Look at it with xobjview or something to make sure that it looks right - it should be a square image with your data in the lower left, filling only part of the image.

If still fail, try converting the image from a palette image to a rgb (3-channel) image and use that as the texture. Sometimes palette textures can be problematic.

Karl

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Another thing: you have a lot of points here. Unless you zoom in super far, the quads are going to be sub-pixel in size. I would resample your vertex data after map projection and keep something like 1 out of 10 of them. Leave the image data alone and you should be ok.
