
Subject: Make the plots invisible
Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Sun, 11 Nov 2012 09:53:11 GMT
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Folks,
Hi,
I want to make some plots and make the plots invisible, that means just i want to save the plots like this:

```
p = plot(x(*,i),color='blue',thick=2)
```

```
p.save, 'plot1.jpg'
```

but without a window pops up,
Cheers,
Dave

Subject: Re: Make the plots invisible
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2012 17:30:26 GMT
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David Fanning writes:

> Seriously? No help whatsoever!?

By the way, the article only seeks to record the time it takes to render the graphics result, not the time it takes to write the code! This is a learning experience, after all. :-)

http://www.idlcoyote.com/cg_tips/compcont.php

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Make the plots invisible
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 12:36:06 GMT
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Le mercredi 14 novembre 2012 18:30:25 UTC+1, David Fanning a écrit :

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rgb = reverse(rgb,1)
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nlevels = 12
levels = round((max(data, MIN=mindata) - floor(mindata))*findgen(nlevels)/nlevels) +
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win = Window(Dimension=[640, 512])
win.Refresh, /DISABLE
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/CURRENT)
mp['Longitudes'].LABEL_ANGLE = 90
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m = MapContinents(COLOR=!Color.red)
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win.Refresh
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print,'elaps:', systime(1) - t
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end
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looking to solve most of the issues you pointed out.
I do not understand the '0°E' appearing twice along X-axis. A NG bug ? Who knows ?

alain.

Subject: Re: Make the plots invisible
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 13:44:54 GMT
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Alain writes:

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Ah. I would have thought the word "duplicate" came from the French, but apparently not. ;-)

OK, I have completely given up on getting an exact duplication of the plot I want, but it has to be considerably closer than this example!

Robert Vincent and I spent another couple of hours working on this together last night. Although Robert had decided to give up on function graphics by the end of the night, I'm dumb enough to keep plodding onward.

Anyway, together we came up with something that was showing some promise. Here is a comparison between the plot we are trying to duplicate on the left, and the plot we have come up with on the right:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/fg_map_side_by_side.png

It took nearly forever to figure out the color bar, but we finally got it.

There are obvious problems. The FG contour plot is still VERY small in the window. We haven't been able to figure out how to make it bigger. It seems to ignore the POSITION keyword we are passing to it. The box axes are a total joke. You can only label them on two sides, and even then, you can't label them as normal box axes.

But, still, it was looking pretty good. At least it was until I took a close look at the lines that we overplot onto the filled contours. You have to blow up the plot to see this really well, so here is a blow up of the FG contour plot:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/fg_map_blowup.png

You will notice that the overplotted lines don't line up AT ALL with the filled contours!!!!

This, despite the fact that the two contour commands we use to create the filled and outline contours are IDENTICAL as far as we can tell!

Here is the code we are currently using:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/fg_map_contour.pro

We welcome any and all to tell us what we are doing wrong.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Make the plots invisible

Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 14:22:44 GMT

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win = Window(Dimension=[640, 512])
win.Refresh, /DISABLE

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  GRID_LATITUDE = 30, GRID_LONGITUDE = 45, $
  /CURRENT, ASPECT_RATIO=0)
mp['Longitudes'].LABEL_ANGLE = 90

cn = contour(data, lon, lat, /OVERPLOT, $
  GRID_UNITS=2, MAP_PROJECTION='Equirectangular', $
  RGB_TABLE=rgb, /CURRENT, $
  C_VALUE=levels, /FILL)

cn1 = contour(data, lon, lat, /OVERPLOT, $
  GRID_UNITS=2, MAP_PROJECTION='Equirectangular', $
  RGB_TABLE=rgb, /CURRENT, $
  C_VALUE=levels, C_COLOR=!Color.White)

cb = COLORBAR(POSITION=[0.1, 0.91, 0.95, 0.95], $
  BORDER=1, TARGET=cn, TICKVALUES=levels, TITLE='Temperature °K')

m = MapContinents(COLOR=!Color.red)

win.Refresh

print,'elaps:', systime(1) - t
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end

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There is no particular difficulty nor surprise, except the '0°E' extra label.

alain.

Subject: Re: Make the plots invisible

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 14:43:21 GMT

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Alain writes:

- > You should have read more carefully and executed the code
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OK, close. I think this is nearly what we want, except for those extraneous labels. Here is a picture of the final output:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/fg_map_final.png

- > The trick is to draw the map first, then to overplot the
- > filled and line contours.

Yes, I would have probably discovered this trick for myself, had I spent another 8-10 hours on the problem! I certainly wouldn't have discovered it in the documentation.

Thanks for your help!

David

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PRO FG_Map_Contour
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restore, 'air.nc.data.sav'
nlevels = 12
xrange = [Min(lon), Max(lon)]
yrange = [Min(lat), Max(lat)]
center_lon = (xrange[1]-xrange[0])/2.0 + xrange[0]
nlevels = 12
levels = cgConLevels(Float(data), NLevels=nlevels+1, $
    MinValue=Floor(Min(data)), STEP=step, Factor=1)
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mylat = 40.6 ; Latitude of Fort Collins, Colorado.
mylon = 254.9 ; Longitude of Fort Collins, Colorado.

cgLoadCT, 2, /Reverse, /Brewer, NColors=nlevels, RGB_Table=rgb
rgb[11,*] = [255, 255, 255]

win = WINDOW(WINDOW_TITLE = 'Function Graphics', \$
dimensions = [700, 600])

win.Refresh, /Disable

mp = map('Equirectangular', CENTER_LONGITUDE=180, \$
POSITION=[0.1,0.1,0.90,0.80], \$
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GRID_LATITUDE = 30, GRID_LONGITUDE = 45, \$
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mp['Longitudes'].LABEL_ANGLE = 90

cn = contour(data, lon, lat, /OVERPLOT, \$
GRID_UNITS=2, MAP_PROJECTION='Equirectangular', \$
RGB_TABLE=rgb, /CURRENT, RGB_INDICES=Indgen(nlevels), \$
C_VALUE=levels, /FILL)

cn1 = contour(data, lon, lat, /OVERPLOT, \$
GRID_UNITS=2, MAP_PROJECTION='Equirectangular', \$
RGB_TABLE=rgb, /CURRENT, \$
C_VALUE=levels, C_COLOR=!Color.White)

c = MapContinents(Color=cgColor('tomato', /Triple, /Row))

cb = Colorbar(Tickname=levels, RGB_TABLE=rgb, Range=[Min(levels), \$
Max(levels)], \$
Major=11, /Border_On, Title='Temperature \$deg\$K', \$
Position=[0.1, 0.88, 0.9, 0.93], Minor=0, TAPER=3)

s = Symbol(mylon, mylat, /Data, /Current, 'Star', \$
/Sym_Filled, Sym_Color='red')

win.Refresh

END

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 16:11:41 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> OK, close. I think this is nearly what we want, except
> for those extraneous labels.

Alright. After all is said and done, the function graphics output, if not the programming time, **is** getting faster.

I've updated the original article:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/cg_tips/compcont.php

Cheers,

David

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