
Subject: Re: mapcontinents with /hires option failing
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 14:41:53 GMT
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Paul Mallas writes:

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I'm guessing it probably has more to do with the Map or MapContinents functions not working properly, because there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with the HIRES data. These commands work correctly:

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mapCoord = cgMap('Equirectangular', LIMIT=[35, -6 , 37 , -4], $  
    Position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9])  
cgDisplay  
mapCoord ->draw  
cgColorFill, Position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9], color='sky blue'  
cgMap_Continents, color='tan', MAP=mapCoord, /Fill, /HiRes  
cgMap_Grid, /Box_Axes, /Label, Map=mapCoord
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: mapcontinents with /hires option failing
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 15:22:54 GMT
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> cgMap_Grid, /Box_Axes, /Label, Map=mapCoord

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It occurs to me that the MapContinents function might be using GSHHS shoreline data, and that might be the problem. So, I tried the same thing with high resolution GSHHS data:

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  Position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9])
cgDisplay
mapCoord ->draw
cgColorFill, Position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9], color='sky blue'
cgMap_GSHHS, 'C:\IDL\data\gshhs\gshhs_2.2\gshhs\gshhs_h.b', $
  Map=mapCoord, Color='tan', /Fill,
cgMap_Grid, /Box_Axes, /Label, Map=mapCoord

```

This works perfectly, too. So, I don't think there is anything wrong with the HIRES data. I think the problem must be in MapContinents.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: mapcontinents with /hires option failing
 Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 17:37:38 GMT
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Hi Paul & David,

It looks like there are a couple of things going on. By default, the MAP() function is assigning the center_longitude of the projection to the center of the map, instead of 0 degrees. I'm not sure if this is correct or not, but regardless, the map_proj_forward is then having trouble clipping the polygon.

I'll look into both issues, but in the meantime, if you specify CENTER_LONGITUDE=0 in your

map() call, it should give you a nice looking map.

Cheers,
Chris
ExelisVIS

Subject: Re: mapcontinents with /hires option failing
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 17:51:15 GMT
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Chris Torrence writes:

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Yes, I think the problem is that Map_Proj_Init returns incorrect UV coordinates if the center longitude is anything other than zero. I've had to correct this myself in my cgMap object because I haven't been able to get anyone at ExelisVis to understand what the hell I was going on about. :-)

Here is the article that describes the problem:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/map_tips/uvrange.php

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: mapcontinents with /hires option failing
Posted by [PMan](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 18:00:08 GMT
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On Friday, February 22, 2013 9:28:21 AM UTC-5, Paul Mallas wrote:

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> pro mapTest

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> compile_opt idl2

> map1 = MAP('Geographic', \$

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> LIMIT=[35, -6 , 37 , -4], \$

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>

> FILL_COLOR='light_blue', \$

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>
>

> WINDOW_TITLE='Straits of Gibraltar')

>
>
>

> grid1 = map1.MAPGRID

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>

> grid1.LINESTYLE = 'dotted'

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>

> grid1.LABEL_SHOW = 0

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>
>

> m1 = MAPCONTINENTS(FILL_COLOR='beige')

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>

> wait, 3

> m1 = MAPCONTINENTS(FILL_COLOR='green', / hires)

>

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>  
> end
```

David, thanks for the taking a look. Chris, thanks for the tip.

Regards,
Paul
