
Subject: Re: Grid lines misaligned when using CONTOUR and MAP_SET

Posted by [DavidF\[1\]](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 22:46:35 GMT

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On Thursday, March 7, 2013 3:23:19 PM UTC-7, Bogdanovist wrote:

> I want to do something pretty simple, which is to create a map with continents and overlay contours. The bare bones of the key part of the code looks like this:

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>
> position = [pos_xmin,pos_ymin,pos_xmax,pos_ymax]
>
> Contour,data,lons,lats, /Fill, Levels=contourLevels, c_colors=contourColours,position=position
>
> Map_set,0,180,/continents,/cyl,/grid,/NoErase,position=position
>
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>
```

> It looks like map_set (or actually map_grid) is making grid lines within the region specified by position, but is leaving room for some non-existent annotation and therefore becomes misaligned with respect to the co-ordinates established by CONTOUR.

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>
> How can this be done correctly?
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Sigh... You could use cgContour. Or, you could probably just set XStyle=1 and YStyle=1 keywords on the brain dead Contour command. :-)

Cheers,

David

Subject: Re: Grid lines misaligned when using CONTOUR and MAP_SET

Posted by [Matt Francis](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 23:36:00 GMT

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Actually I am using cgContour, but I get the same behaviour using the vanilla versions or their CG equivalents. I posted the question using the vanilla ones for simplicity (since the results for this issue were the same).

Here is my actual code (it's a little messier but I'm sure you'll get the gist):

```
cgContour, self->get_data(),self->get_lon_map(),self->get_lat_map(), /Fill, Levels=contourLevels,
C_Colors=colors, $
    /Outline, Position=position,title=self->title(datetime),charsize=1.,xtitle=self-
>xtitle(),ytitle=self->ytitle(),/noerase
```

```
cgMap_set,0,180,/continents,/cyl,/grid,e_grid={lon:10.,lat:10.},/noerase,limit=[self.lat_min,self.lon_min,self.lat_max,self.lon_max],$  
position=position,m_linethick=5.
```

Subject: Re: Grid lines misaligned when using CONTOUR and MAP_SET

Posted by [DavidF\[1\]](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 23:47:22 GMT

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Bogdanovist wrote:

> Actually I am using cgContour, but I get the same behaviour using the vanilla versions or their CG equivalents. I posted the question using the vanilla ones for simplicity (since the results for this issue were the same).

Humm. It is hard to me to visualize the problem, I guess. Do these two lines of code show the problem?

```
cgcontour, cgdemodata(7), position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9], /FILL  
cgmap_set, 0, 180, /continents, /cylindrical, position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9], /noerase
```

David

Subject: Re: Grid lines misaligned when using CONTOUR and MAP_SET

Posted by [Matt Francis](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 23:59:37 GMT

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On Friday, 8 March 2013 10:47:22 UTC+11, Coyote wrote:

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```

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```

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> David

It's a little bit difficult to tell, but I think so. Here is an example on an image produced using an ancestor of my current code that shows the same issue, presumably for the same reasons. Note that the LON=110 and LON=180 grid lines are offset a little, the same for the latitude grid lines in a way suggesting the MAP_GRID is leaving room for some annotation or border.

<http://www.ips.gov.au/Images/Satellite/Total%20Electron%20Content/TEC%20Regional%20Map/TECRegionalMap.png>

Subject: Re: Grid lines misaligned when using CONTOUR and MAP_SET

Posted by [DavidF\[1\]](#) on Fri, 08 Mar 2013 00:03:55 GMT

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OK, yes, MAP_SET "cheats" a little bit and leaves a bit of a border. You can see it more dramatically like this:

```
cgmap_set, 0, 180, /continents, /cylindrical, position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9]
cgcontour, cgdemodata(7), indgen(360), indgen(360)/2.0-90, /overplot, $
    position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9], /FILL
cgmap_continents
```

Another reason, I guess, to prefer Map_Proj_Init although that has its own problems with these global data sets. But, for a place like Australia it should work fine.

David

Subject: Re: Grid lines misaligned when using CONTOUR and MAP_SET

Posted by [Matt Francis](#) on Fri, 08 Mar 2013 00:41:32 GMT

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On Friday, 8 March 2013 11:03:55 UTC+11, Coyote wrote:

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>

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> David

Great thanks. Using the cgMap object with 'Equiarectangular' seems to do the job nicely.
