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Subject: Re: Filled area curve

Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Mon, 26 Aug 2013 12:42:36 GMT

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z = mag*exp(complex(0,1)*phase)
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col=bytscl(atan(z, /phase))
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```
device, get_decomposed=decomp_flag
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device, decomposed=1
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plot, x, mag, /nodata
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loadct, 33
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device, decomposed=0
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for ii=0, n_elements(x)-2 do polyfill, x[[ii, ii+1, ii+1, ii]], [0,0,mag[ii+1], mag[ii]], color=col[ii]
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Yngvar

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Posted by [Rob.Dimeo](#) on Mon, 26 Aug 2013 12:54:46 GMT

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Many thanks. That's nice, simple, and does the trick.

-Rob

On Monday, August 26, 2013 8:42:36 AM UTC-4, Yngvar Larsen wrote:

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 14 Sep 2013 04:55:19 GMT  
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I realize that I'm a couple weeks late to the game.

For future reference, consider PLOTCOLORFILL,  
<http://www.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/graphics.html#PLOTCOLORFILL>  
which appears to do exactly what you want!

Craig

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