
Subject: cgContour and NaN values

Posted by [limiq](#) on Tue, 08 Oct 2013 17:58:09 GMT

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Thanks

Lim.

Subject: Re: cgContour and NaN values

Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Tue, 08 Oct 2013 18:55:47 GMT

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Andy

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Subject: Re: cgContour and NaN values
Posted by [limiq](#) on Wed, 09 Oct 2013 08:44:21 GMT
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Thanks Andy.

The code works (i think) changing the NaN to -999. and by explicitly defining the color table. It does not work using NaN. It does not work following the color table as in the example I mentioned (<http://www....>)

```
mindata=Min(datax)
maxdata=Max(datax)
data=cgScaleVector(datax, mindata, maxdata)
;print, mindata
;print, maxdata

;cgwindow
ncolors = 8
;cgLoadCT,0
TVLCT, cgColor(['blu8', 'blu6', 'blu4', 'blu2', 'red2', 'red4','red6', 'red8', 'white'], /Triple), 1
clevels=[-1,-0.75, -0.5, -0.25, 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1]
colors = Bindgen(ncolors+1) + 1B
cgContour, data, lons, lats, Levels=clevels, C_Colors=colors, /Fill, $
    Position=[0.125, 0.125, 0.925, 0.8];, /AddCmd
cgColorbar, NColors=ncolors, Range=[-1,1], Divisions=ncolors, $
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On Tuesday, October 8, 2013 2:55:47 PM UTC-4, AMS wrote:

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Subject: Re: cgContour and NaN values
Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Wed, 09 Oct 2013 23:05:53 GMT
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NaNs are handled a particular way by Contour:
http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/CONTOUR_Procedure.html

In particular, the line:
"Note that the IEEE floating-point value NaN is also treated as missing data."
might explain some of the problems you're having.

May I gently a different way of defining the "color table" using the palette keyword, since you're using Coyote graphics:

(My apologies for not adopting this example to fit yours - this is an example from some notes I've developed : https://www.dropbox.com/s/c8so8daw70tpe5v/contour_notes.pdf)

```
nLev = 5
l_levels = DINDGEN(5)*50 + 100
l_ticks = [STRING(l_levels, FORMAT='(F5.1)'), ' ']
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```
colors = ['blue', 'red', 'green', 'yellow', 'orange']
rgb = cgCOLOR(colors, /TRIPLE)
```

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cgContour, data, lons, lats, LEVELS = l_levels, PALETTE=rgb, /FILL, POSITION=[0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.9]
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cgCOLORBAR, /VERTICAL, /RIGHT, NCOLORS = nLev, PALETTE = rgb, DIVISIONS = nLev, POSITION = [0.85, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9], TICKNAMES = l_ticks
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Subject: Re: cgContour and NaN values

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Oct 2013 14:16:46 GMT

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It is almost **never** a good idea to try filled contours with missing data. The results are always unsatisfactory. But, if you have to, you have to. I would try something like this.

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END
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Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: cgContour and NaN values

Posted by [limiqt](#) on Wed, 16 Oct 2013 02:54:49 GMT

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Hi David and Philip.

Thank you very much for your precise assistance.

Lim

On Thursday, October 10, 2013 10:16:46 AM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:

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