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Subject: Map Projected Contour plot - function graphics - how to change the contoured data....

Posted by [Geo](#) on Tue, 01 Dec 2015 22:03:52 GMT

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Hi there,

OK so I have set up a map-projected contour plot by doing this:

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  /box_antialias, $  
  GRID_LATITUDE = 30, GRID_LONGITUDE = 45, $  
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etc., etc.

and then the contour plot....

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Now I want to change the contour plot to show the next dataset in the sequence (lets call it data2 - it has the same dimensions as data1)

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Any idea how I can get around this? In general I am wanting to do lots of contour plotting with different map projections - but I need to be able to change the data (like when you go from time T to time T+1).

Thanks for any help,

Geo

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Subject: Re: Map Projected Contour plot - function graphics - how to change the contoured data....

Posted by [chris\\_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Wed, 02 Dec 2015 19:24:49 GMT

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On Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 3:03:56 PM UTC-7, Geo wrote:

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Chris

p.s. here's a simple reproduce:

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Subject: Re: Map Projected Contour plot - function graphics - how to change the contoured data....

Posted by [Geo](#) on Wed, 02 Dec 2015 19:34:35 GMT

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Chris,

Thanks for replying. Yes, I was wondering why the object reference for cn was that is was a 'map projection' rather than a contour plot.

When you say "fixed a bug in the graphics code" - are you talking about a bug in my code snippet - or in IDL ?

Cheers

George.

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 12:24:55 PM UTC-7, Chris Torrence wrote:

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Posted by [Geo](#) on Wed, 02 Dec 2015 19:41:13 GMT

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Subject: Re: Map Projected Contour plot - function graphics - how to change the contoured data....

Posted by [chris\\_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Fri, 11 Dec 2015 16:47:30 GMT

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Posted by [Geo](#) on Thu, 17 Dec 2015 17:36:54 GMT

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Thanks Chris

I have it working now (by not using the 'name' feature)

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George.

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