
Subject: update vert_colors of new graphics

Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2017 15:36:28 GMT

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rgb_table=cwheel[*,c[0,*,i]])
```

```
for i=0,1500 do begin
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  p2.rgb_table=cwheel[*,c[0,0:255,i]]
endfor
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; values to plot

does anybody know how to properly update VERT_COLORS ?

Any help would be appreciated, thanks, Markus

Subject: Re: update vert_colors of new graphics
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2017 14:33:05 GMT

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On Wednesday, 30 August 2017 08:36:32 UTC-7, Markus Schmassmann wrote:

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Hi Markus,

Using this version, I don't have any trouble adjusting VERT_COLORS or RGB_TABLE:

IDL Version 8.5.1, Microsoft Windows (Win32 x86_64 m64).

See if this works for you (put into a file, compile and run):

```

; Set up variables
h = 100      ; height of test image
vc = bindgen(256) ; indices of vert_colors
cwheel=byte( colortable( reform( [ !color.red,!color.orange, $
    !color.yellow,!color.green,!color.blue,!color.purple,!color. red ], $ 
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; Make background image
img = image(bytscl(LIndgen(256,h)),dimensions=[256,h]*3,position=[ 0,0,1,1])

; Make coloured squiggle across image
p = plot(overplot=img,thick=3,randomu(seed,256)*h,vert_colors=vc , $
    rgb_table=cwheel)

; Cycle colours around by shifting vert_colors
img.window_title='Cycle colours around by shifting vert_colors...'
wait, 2
for i=0b, 255b do p.vert_colors=shift(vc, i)

; Dim and brighten colours by scaling rgb_table
img.window_title='Dim and brighten colours by scaling rgb_table...'
wait, 2
for i=-1.0,1.0,0.01 do p.rgb_table=byte(cwheel*abs(i))

```

end

Does that work for you?

(For anyone wondering about my spelling: I speak English with a Canadian accent, and I speak IDL with an American accent :-)

Cheers,
-Dick

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