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David Kennedy <D.Kennedy@qub.ac.uk> writes:

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I have several articles on this topic on my web page, but
try this and see if it doesn't help.

Set_Plot, 'PS', /Interpolate

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that at the top of the colour bar (though the annotation etc is).
I have not had to work with colour postscript before and am baffled
as to why this isn't working! And the manual, oddly for IDL to be honest,
is useless. I've been tinkering with this for 2.5 hours now. *sigh*
Anyone see where I'm going wrong here?
(I did set 'loadct, 3, ncolors=100' and use the 'ncolors=100' parameter
in the call to 'colorbar' but all I got then was a partially B&W ps
output...*sigh*)

The relevant code fragments are:

```
[Postscript setup]
set_plot, 'ps'
!p.font = 0
```

```
ps_filename = "  
read, ps_filename, prompt = 'PS filename: '  
device, /palatino, filename=ps_filename, $  
font_size = 10, /landscape, /inches, xsize = 10,$  
ysize = 7, xoffset = 0.6, yoffset = 10.8, /color, bits=8
```

[Colour setup and plot]

```
loadct, 3  
    max_colour = !d.n_colors  
    min_colour = 0  
    ; Build an array with a colour for every data point.  
    colours = bytscl(n, top = max_colour) + min_colour  
; Plot the data  
FOR counter=0, (n_elements(l)-1) DO BEGIN  
POLYFILL, CIRCLE(l(counter), b(counter), beam_radius),$  
    /FILL, color=colours(counter)  
ENDFOR
```

[Call 'colorbar']

```
colorbar, /vertical, position=[0.92, 0.10, 0.95, 0.90],$  
divisions=8, bottom = min_colour, $  
max = n_max, min = n_min, format='(E10.1)', $  
title = 'Column Density', color=0, /pscolor
```

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