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Subject: Map\_set limits

Posted by [Erard](#) on Tue, 25 Nov 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Hello.

I was trying to superimpose satellite images to a map in IDL 4, and had a problem:

I have to set the map's dimensions to the image's to get a good match, using the keyword "position" in map\_set.

After several tries I found out that the map limits are enlarged by 2% in both directions (long/lat), while the dimensions are unchanged. The result is that I get a map of a larger area in the dimensions of my image.

So far, I have solved this problem by either increasing the map's dimensions or by reducing the limits in long/lat by 2% before calling Map\_set, depending on the type of image I'm processing and the output.

I'm now in the process of writing of different version of Map\_set adapted to planetary mapping, and I want to get rid of this kind of problems. Does anybody know why the position parameters are modified in map\_set, and whether I can safely spare this modification?

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Subject: Re: Map\_set limits

Posted by [davidf](#) on Mon, 01 Dec 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Hi Folks,

I have to admit that I am confused about recent postings

having to fiddle with the Position parameters to get a Map\_Set command to fit the proper Limits around an image.

an image and part of his code, which he graciously did. I've been fooling around with it a little in my "spare" time. (Please don't tell my wife I am doing this. I am in hot water already.) In truth, I can't reproduce the problem. But, on the other hand, I am not absolutely certain that I can recognize the problem either.

If I position an image in the window in such a way that it takes up, say, 80% of the window space and then try to position a map projection on it like this:

Map\_Set, /Sin, Limits=theLimits, Position=[0.1,0.1,0.9,0.9]

then in IDL 5 it seems to do this \*exactly\*. That is to say, the Map\_Set axes are coincident with the edges of the image. If I now lay a grid on the image, then the grid \*appears\* to go exactly where I want it.

What I am unsure about is if the grid is going \*exactly\* where it is suppose to go. How would I know? You folks presumably have some kind of ground point or something that you know the exact latitude and longitude coordinate of. If I do the same thing with a data set I am more familiar with (say, the worldelv.dat data set in IDL), then it still appears to do the right thing.

In any case, I am all ears. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. With respect to Martin's problems with images and PostScript, I find I always use TVImage (available on my web page) for positioning images in windows. You can use the Position keyword with it like you do for a contour or line plot. The advantage of this is that the routine is Device independent. It works the same way in PostScript as it does on the display.

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Subject: Re: Map\_set limits  
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>>
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>>> problem:
>>>
>>> I have to set the map's dimensions to the image's to get a good match,
>>> using the keyword "position" in map_set.
>>> After several tries I found out that the map limits are enlarged by 2% in
>>> both directions (long/lat), while the dimensions are unchanged. The result
>>> is that I get a map of a larger area in the dimensions of my image.
>>
>> Unfortunately, IDL's map projection routines are not designed
>> to put a map projection on an image. (I am, however, sympathetic
>> to the argument that they should be.) Rather, they are
>> designed to put an image on a map projection.
>>
>>
> I've tried this one first, yes. But it looks more like a drawing function
> than anything else to me. The problem is that, when you work with remote
> sensing or space images for instance, you simply need to superpose a
> geographic grid to perform automatic measurements. You don't want to
> degrade the image quality at all because the information you need is in
> there, and it was expensive to get it. In short you need to do something
> like Image_contour does for plots and images, and find out that map_set
> has these weird peculiarities.

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Yes, that's what I found as well. You may want to take a look at my image\_map routine which I derived from image\_contour (attached below). It is not completely flexible because I set it up rather quickly to do some analysis of data from geostationary satellites over the Pacific, but it should give you a general idea what you can do. I marked my fudge parameters; this is where you will have to spend some work if you want to generalize the routine (in fact I would be VERY interested in the result). I guess, the only key to success here is to use the satellite projection and play around with its parameters (better of course, if you know them). The major trouble I had, was to produce a postscript file which would look similar to my screen image. THIS may really be a typical David Fanning thing to answer.

Here is a sample call:

```

; -----
read_jpeg,'~/download/gte/249_2100ful1.jpg',satim
satim = satim(93:1041,23:927) ; cut off border

image_map,satim,/conti
; -----

```

Regards,  
Martin

>  
> Yet, if somebody felt the need to change the maps limits in map\_set there  
> was probably a good reason. So the question is: why? And are there  
> situations in which you really have to perform this strange  
> transformation. I find it very surprising that apparently nobody ran into  
> this problem before.  
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;+
; NAME:
; IMAGE_map
;
; PURPOSE:
; Overlay an image and a map (satellite projection)
;
; CATEGORY:
; General graphics.
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; IMAGE_map, A
;
; INPUTS:
; A: The two-dimensional array to display.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
; WINDOW_SCALE: Set this keyword to scale the window size to the image size.
```

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; Otherwise, the image size is scaled to the window size.
; This keyword is ignored when outputting to devices with
; scalable pixels (e.g., PostScript).
;     [original as in image_contour]
;
; ASPECT: Set this keyword to retain the image's aspect ratio.
; Square pixels are assumed. If WINDOW_SCALE is set, the
; aspect ratio is automatically retained.
;     [original as in image_contour]
;
; INTERP: If this keyword is set, bilinear interpolation is used if
; the image is resized.
;     [original as in image_contour]
;
; CENTERX: longitudinal position of geostationary satellite
;         (default -135 = GEOS-9)
;
; DIST: distance of satellite from Earth surface (in earth radii)
;       (default = 7)
;
; CONTINENTS: superimpose map continents on the image
;
; OUTPUTS:
; No explicit outputs.
;
; COMMON BLOCKS:
; None.
;
; SIDE EFFECTS:
; The currently selected display is affected.
;
; RESTRICTIONS:
; None.
;
; NOTES:
;   Derived from IDL routine image_contour.
;   Not very flexible - quick hack to analyze PEM-T data
;
; PROCEDURE:
; If the device has scalable pixels, then the image is written over
; the plot window.
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; mgs, Oct 1997 : based on IMAGE_CONT by DMS, May, 1988.
;-

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pro image_map, a, WINDOW_SCALE = window_scale, ASPECT = aspect, $
INTERP = interp, DIST=dist, CENTERX=centerx, continents=continents

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on_error,2 ;Return to caller if an error occurs
sz = size(a) ;Size of image
if sz(0) lt 2 then message, 'Parameter not 2D'

six = float(sz(1)) ;Image sizes
siy = float(sz(2))
aspi = six / siy ;Image aspect ratio

dvx = !d.x_vsize
dvy = !d.y_vsize
aspd = float(dvx) / float(dvy)

; *** HERE ARE SOME FUDGE PARAMETERS AND DEBUG OUTPUT ***
!p.position=[(1.-aspi/aspd)/2.,0.05,(1.+aspi/aspd)/2.,0.95]
print,(1.-aspi/aspd)/2.,(1.+aspi/aspd)/2.,aspd,aspi

; *** Position of the satellite ***
if (not keyword_set(dist)) then dist=7.
if (not keyword_set(centerx)) then centerx=-135.

; *** set-up the map in satellite projection ***
map_set,0,centerx,/satellite,sat_p=[dist,0.,0.]

; *** DEBUG output ***
print,!d.x_vsize,!d.y_vsize : ',!d.x_vsize,!d.y_vsize
print,!x.window,!y.window : ',!x.window,!y.window
;set window used by contour

; *** old contour command #1 deactivated ***
; contour,[[0,0],[1,1]],/nodata, xstyle=4, ystyle = 4

px = !x.window * !d.x_vsize ;Get size of window in device units
py = !y.window * !d.y_vsize
swx = px(1)-px(0) ;Size in x in device units
swy = py(1)-py(0) ;Size in Y
aspw = swx / swy ;Window aspect ratio
f = aspi / aspw ;Ratio of aspect ratios

; *** DEBUG output ***
print,'aspw,aspi,f : ',aspw,aspi,f

if (!d.flags and 1) ne 0 then begin ;Scalable pixels?
  if keyword_set(aspect) then begin ;Retain aspect ratio?
    ;Adjust window size
    if f ge 1.0 then swy = swy / f else swx = swx * f
  endif

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; *** Here are my attempts to match the image and map for postscript output
; (scalable pixels)
; tvscl,a,px(0)*1.04,py(0)*1.04,xsize = 0.98*swx, ysize = 0.98*swy, /device
; tvscl,a,px(0)*1.08,py(0)*1.20,xsize = 0.98*swx, ysize = 0.98*swy, /device
print,'px(0),px(1) : ',px(0),px(1)
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endif else begin ;Not scalable pixels
  if keyword_set(window_scale) then begin ;Scale window to image?
    tvscl,a,px(0),py(0) ;Output image
    swx = six ;Set window size from image
    swy = siy
  endif else begin ;Scale window
    if keyword_set(aspect) then begin
      if f ge 1.0 then swy = swy / f else swx = swx * f
    endif ;aspect
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; *** and here for the screen (not scalable) ***
tv,poly_2d(bytscl(a),$ ;Have to resample image
[[0,0],[1.02*six/swx,0]], [[0,1.02*siy/swy],[0,0]],,$
keyword_set(interp),swx,swy), $
px(0)+5,py(0)+5
endelse ;window_scale
endelse ;scalable pixels
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mx = !d.n_colors-1 ;Brightest color
colors = [mx,mx,mx,0,0,0] ;color vectors
if !d.name eq 'PS' then colors = mx - colors ;invert line colors for pstscrp
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; *** old contour command #2 deactivated ***
; contour,a,/noerase,/xst,/yst,$ ;Do the contour
; pos = [px(0),py(0), px(0)+swx,py(0)+swy],/dev,$
; c_color = colors
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; *** here is the map ! ***
map_grid,color=2,glinestyle=0,londel=15,latdel=15
if(keyword_set(continents)) then map_continents,color=7
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return
end
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Subject: Re: Map\_set limits  
Posted by [Stephane Erard](#) on Tue, 02 Dec 1997 08:00:00 GMT

David Fanning wrote:

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> from Stéphane Erard and Martin Schultz, who complain about  
> having to fiddle with the Position parameters to get a  
> Map\_Set command to fit the proper Limits around an image.

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> it still appears to do the right thing.

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Ok, I'll try to make this problem a little clearer. I answer in the Newsgroup since this issue probably interests other people.

Included is a small piece of source code that plots a map. The map is a subset of the USGS shaded relief map of Mars, available for instance at <http://www-pdsimage.jpl.nasa.gov/PDS/>. The subset is saved as ptcarte.idl (it can be found at <ftp://ftp.ias.fr/ias/erard>), but any image of this size will do to figure out the problem. You can see a gif version of the (almost) final figure at <http://www.ias.fr/cdp/ISM/speccomp.html>

If you run the following code in two versions, you'll see a difference:

- as is, makes a correction to the map dimension, and the output is just fine: the final product has the same number of pixel that the original map file and the image fills the coordinates grid.

- If now you comment out the 6 lines beginning with del=3D... (ie use map\_set to plot the map without precautions) the output is different (at least in versions 4 and 3.6). The frame now has the dimension of the image (720 pixels in this case), so the image fits in the frame rather than in the lat/long grid, which is 2% smaller.

The (spurious) transform is made in Map\_uv\_bound, a function in the



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common colors,r_o,B_O,G_O,R,G,B
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x=3Dfltarr(4)
y=3Dfltarr(4)
tab=3Dbytarr(1440,723)
lat=3Dfltarr(4)
lon=3Dfltarr(4)
!P.font=3D0
if keyword_set(ps) then begin
  set_plot,'ps'
  !P.font=3D0
  coefPS=3Dmin(!D.X_vsize/850.,!D.Y_vsize/420.) ;image on the whole shee=
t
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```
  device,filename=3D'Mapirs5.ps',/color,bits=3D8,/landscape,/B old,scale_fac=
tor=3D1.
endif else begin
  window, /free, xsize=3D850, ysize=3D420
  coefPS=3D1.
endelse
```

```
loadct, 0
l=3Dreplicate(0.7,16) ; define the rest of the color map for other data
s=3Dreplicate(1.,16)
h=3Dfindgen(16)*290./16.
h=3Dreverse(h)
h(0)=3D0.
L(0)=3D0.5
S(0)=3D1.
tvlct, H,L,S, 212,/HLS
tvlct, ro, gr,bl, /get
```

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  ; following lines select the area of interest from the complete
map.
;e=3Da(440:799,280:439) ; lat: -20 to 20, long: -70 to 20 on the equator=
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;a=3D1 ; (terrestrial convention for longitude). =
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;d=3Drebin(e,720,320)
;save, filename=3D'ptcarte.idl', d,/XDR
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  ; Reads the PDS map, enlarged, of the selected area
  ; (complete map is 1440 x 720). Sinusoidal projection
restore, 'ptcarte.idl' =
```

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nbc0l=3D211. ; first 201 values for the map
d=3Dbytscl(d,top=3Dnbc0l)
```

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sz=3Dsize(d)
px0 =3D20. ;shift a little
py0 =3D20.
print, sz, coefPS, !D.x_vsize,!D.y_vsize
qx=3D[px0,px0+sz(1)+0.5]/!D.x_vsize*coefPS ; Back to normal coord for
Map_set
qy=3D[py0,py0+sz(2)+0.5]/!D.y_vsize*coefPS
print, qx, qy
```

```
    ; these lines must be commented out to see what map_set does by
itself
```

```
del=3D(qx(1)-qx(0))*0.01 ;Compensate limits transform in
qx(0)=3Dqx(0)-del      ; MAP_SET by a similar enlargement
qx(1)=3Dqx(1)+del     ; of the plot.
del=3D(qy(1)-qy(0))*0.01
qy(0)=3Dqy(0)-del
qy(1)=3Dqy(1)+del
print, qx, qy, del
```

```
la=3D[-20,20]
lo=3D[-70, 20] ;At the equator
lax=3D(la(0)+la(1))/2.
lo1=3Dlo/cos(lax*!dtr) ;limits in long on top (latmax)
print, lo1, la
c0=3D[lax,lo1(0)] ; coord on the border centre =
```

```
c1=3D[la(1),(lo(0)+lo(1))/2.]
c2=3D[lax,lo1(1)]
c3=3D[la(0),(lo(0)+lo(1))/2.]
;print, lo1
tv, d, px0*coefPS,py0*coefPS,xsize=3Dsz(1)*coefPS, ysize=3Dsz(2)*coefPS
map_set, /sinu,/grid, limit=3D[c0,c1,c2,c3],/noerase, /label,title=3D$
'IRS-ISM overlapping observations of Mars!C',latlab=3D-72,lonlab=3D-22,$
  londel=3D10.,latdel=3D10.,position=3D[qx(0),qy(0),qx(1),qy(1)],$
  glinethick=3D2.,glinestyle=3D0
```

```
maxi=3D0.5
mini=3D0.
```

```
;superpose another data set, no matter.
```

```
xyouts, 0,0, '!4'  
colors=3Dreverse(findgen(15)+213) ; Couleurs albedo  
citems=3Dstrarr(15)  
citems(0)=3Dstring(format=3D'(F5.2)',maxi/32537./2.)  
citems(7)=3Dstring(format=3D'(F5.2)',(maxi+mini)/32537./4.)  
citems(14)=3Dstring(format=3D'(F5.2)',mini/32537./2.)  
; use a routine from ASTRON  
legend, citems,/fill,psym=3D8+intarr(15),colors=3Dcolors,char=3D1.,$  
pos=3D[qx(1)+0.01,qy(1)],/normal  
xyouts, qx(1)-0.015,qy(1)+0.02,/normal, 'ISM reflectance',charsize=3D0.8
```

```
!P.font=3D-1  
if keyword_set(ps) then begin  
device,/close  
set_plot, 'x'  
endif =
```

end

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Subject: Re: Map\_set limits  
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In article <3483EC71.7861@ias.fr>, =?iso-8859-1?Q?St=E9phane?= Erard  
<Erard@ias.fr> writes:

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|>  
|> My original question was about the reason why somebody took the pain  
to  
|> make this change (modification made in march 1993, that should be  
version  
|> 3.6). Perhaps David is right in suggesting I'm optimistic in  
supposing  
|> there is a reason, but still... I'm planning to adapt map_set to  
|> planetary mapping, so I need to correct also problems like this one.  
If
```

|> it was a bug correction, I wouldn't like to resurrect an old ghost.  
|> Anybody has an idea?  
|>  
|>  
i had a discussion about this with idl support a couple of years ago.  
i often plot a rectangular array of global data, and overlay the  
continents.  
when version 3.5.1 came out, i began to see that the overlay didn't  
quite  
reach the edges of the window, so that the outline no longer matched  
the  
lat/lon of the data. supposedly setting xmargin/ymargin to zero was  
supposed  
help with this (at least as i read the documentation) but didn't.

after some convincing, i received the following e-mail from rsi tech  
support,  
with some explanation of why the change was made to map\_set.

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> The following is a suggested workaround from development here at RSI  
> regarding the problem you were having with map\_set.pro. I hope this  
> helps.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
> Mark  
> RSI  
>  
> ---  
> suggest that for now you tell the customer to copy map\_set.pro  
> and make the following change.  
>  
> About line 300, is the curious line,  
>  
> fudge=0.01  
>  
> Which the user should replace with something like,  
>  
> if not(border) and total(xmargin) eq 0 and total(ymargin) eq 0 then \$  
> fudge=0.0 else fudge=0.01  
>  
> The 'fudge' is a protector against near zero values of the  
transformation  
> coordinates (U,V). On some projections, this is necessary, while on  
others  
> it may not be. I agree that there should be some way to turn this off,  
so  
> I propose this solution.

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