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Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 13 Aug 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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How, exactly, can this happen?

Cheers,

David

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You might find my GRAYSCALE.PRO routine useful; it creates a widget that allows you to adjust the grayscale interactively. This is part of a larger set of routines available at:

ftp://bial8.ucsd.edu/pub/software/idl/share/idl_share.tar.gz

There is a README file describing each routine available. Each routine has a .doc documentation file, and you can view all of these

(once files have been extracted) using my LHELP.PRO program.

Dave

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Maybe you don't want a greyscale colortable after all !! If you want to print color images in black and white, you may get a more "natural" image using the colortable that comes with the image (assuming you read the image with read_tiff, read_gif or the likes). Then you simply have to produce a *color* postscript file and send it to a b/w printer ;-)

Other than that, you can follow the approach I outlined in my earlier message and define the colortable yourself. You can create virtually anything, then convert it to a 0..255 byte array with bytscl and load it into the color table with tvlct. If you don't like linear grey scale you can use logarithmic, or you can play around with some arctan function, etc...

Martin.

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Are you sure you are using 8 bits per pixel?

try doing

device,BIT=8

and see if that helps the quality of the PostScript output.

Dick French

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Saeid.Zoonematkermani@sunysb.edu (Saeid Zoonematkermani) wrote:

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should be colortable 0 (at least this is the number for Unix).
If loadct,0 does not work, try the following

```
cvec = bytscl(indgen(!D.N_COLORS),top=255) ; create grey scale  
tvlct,cvec,cvec,cvec ; store the color table
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If you apply REVERSE() to bytscl, you will get colors from white to black.

Hope this helps,

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I recently had what may be the same problem - (though its not an IDL colour table, I'm pretty sure, because I was printing in BW): colour indexes 0-255 are not all distinguishable on our laser printer. 252-254 are the same; 250-251 ditto, etc etc mostly in groups of 2. At the lower end, 0-15 and 16-31 are indistinguishable. They are also dithered, which is OK for the large boxes of my test-colours print, but if you tried to print a high-res image the dithering would probably get in the way. It looks to me like our laser printers fault - perhaps you have the same problem?

- William, just guessing again.

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