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**ViSualization**

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## **SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization**

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## Preface

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SIMPLEPLOT is a library of subroutines for plotting graphs. A wide variety of graphs can be drawn as well as more general pictures and diagrams. Facilities are biased towards the graphical representation of data; in particular, scientific data.

SIMPLEPLOT was originally designed for programmers who wanted to draw pictures of their data with minimum programming effort. Although it still achieves this goal, SIMPLEPLOT has developed into a much more powerful tool which can also be used for professional software applications.

Six separate sections constitute the complete SIMPLEPLOT Mark 2:

1. The basic package for conventional graph plotting –  $x$ - $y$  plots and polar plots.
2. Additional subroutines for 3-dimensional plotting – contour maps and surface pictures of 3-D data
4. Additional subroutines for presentation graphics – bar charts, histograms and pie charts.
5. Additional subroutines for plotting functions of three variables – perspective pictures of 4-dimensional data.
6. The SIMPLEPLOT mapping module – for representing data based on geographical coordinate systems.
7. The SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization module – for full colour modelling of functions of 2, 3 and 4 variables.

SIMPLEPLOT-PLUS refers to a SIMPLEPLOT library which is made up from Sections 1, 2, and 4 and contains many additional facilities.

This manual refers to subroutines available from Section 7, for full colour surface plotting. The *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual* (8<sup>th</sup> edition) contains full specifications of other general purpose routines.

## Graphics device interface

The SIMPLEPLOT library is independent of any single graphics system and is device sensitive with a device independent interface for the user. This means that the user is protected from having to know about the features of the target output device, but SIMPLEPLOT makes as much use of underlying features as possible.

SIMPLEPLOT has already been interfaced to a large number of graphics devices, and the range of validated device drivers is continually being extended. It can address graphics devices directly, or through separate low-level graphics systems (*eg.* GKS, X Window System) or graphics languages (*eg.* PostScript, CGM).

In conjunction with the Motif device driver, an interactive Motif library, SVT can be combined with *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* to facilitate the development of interactive Motif applications. SVT provides an interactive Motif environment into which *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* software may be integrated to display data. For further information, consult *SVT: SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization Tool*.

## Types of pictures

This manual describes SIMPLEPLOT's advanced graphics facilities:

- ViSualizing functions of 2, 3 and 4 variables
- Surface representation of data
- Comparing two dependent functions
- Stacked contour plots
- Drawing objects
- Applying 3-dimensional transformations

The full SIMPLEPLOT library provides a much wider range of facilities but only a subset is described in this manual.



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# 1. Introduction

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## 1.1 Overview

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The *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* manual is a tutorial manual for the SIMPLEPLOT library of graph drawing subroutines. It can be used as a manual in its own right, but for detailed explanations of other SIMPLEPLOT subroutines please refer to the *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual* (8<sup>th</sup> edition).

## 1.2 Software version

The software described in this manual is based on SIMPLEPLOT Mark 2, version 2-15.

## 1.3 Target audience

Target audience]

The *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* manual has been written with the following readers in mind:

- New users of SIMPLEPLOT should be able to use this manual to produce high-quality pictures of data even without previous experience of using the SIMPLEPLOT graphing library. The *SIMPLEPLOT Primer* may also be referenced to provide a fuller explanation of basic concepts.
- Experienced users probably do not need to read it all, but may choose to skip to the examples and formal specifications.

## 1.4 Related documents

Related documents]

Related documents include:

- The *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual* (8<sup>th</sup> edition) in which *Host Specific Information* is available.
- The *SIMPLEPLOT Primer* which provides an introduction to SIMPLEPLOT, especially those facilities available for plotting 2-D data.
- *SVT: SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization Tool*, which describes the Motif application for the interactive display of 3-D data.

## 1.5 How to report problems

How to report problems]

Any problems with SIMPLEPLOT software or its associated products and services should be reported to BUSS Ltd on a Software Performance Report (SPR) form. One of these is sent out with every software kit – please photocopy it or contact BUSS Ltd if you would like extra copies.

## 1.6 How to use this manual

How to use this manual]

If you are a newcomer to SIMPLEPLOT you may find it easier to get started if you use this manual in the following way:

1. Look through the chapter introductions.

Then either:

- Convert an existing program into a plotting program by adding calls of subroutines from one of these chapters alone, or
  - Find an example program which is the closest to what you want to produce and adapt it for your data.
2. Execute your program according to your host computer's requirements for a SIMPLEPLOT program.
  3. When the program works and produces basic graphs, it can be enhanced by using the comprehensive general-purpose layout and annotation routines as specified in the *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual* and *SIMPLEPLOT Primer*.

Having gained confidence in using the subroutines, a new user should be able to go on and use any combination of subroutines for different applications.

## 1.7 Conventions

Conventions]

The following conventions are used in this manual for example programs:

- The example programs have been designed to be as brief as possible.
- In example programs in which data sets are read from files, these are included as part of the software distribution kit.
- Each example program is accompanied by an explanation of those subroutines which have not occurred in any previous example or which are being used in a new context.

## 1.8 Illustrations

Figures and output from example programs are produced using SIMPLEPLOT version 2-15 with the Colour PostScript device driver.

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## 2. Getting Started

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This chapter covers the following topics:

### 2.1 The raster image

### 2.2 *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* programming

- Before VSNEW
- Auxiliary subroutines
- Drawing attributes
- Palette setting subroutines
- Simple drawing
- Surface drawing
- IsoSurface drawing
- Transformation subroutines
- 3-D barcharts
- Annotations

### 2.3 Data

- Gridded  $z$  data
- Gridded  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data
- Data on a 3-D grid
- Data in equal-node elements
- Data in non-equal-node elements

### 2.4 Missing data

## 2.1 The raster image

*SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* plots representations of 3-dimensional data with hidden line and surface removal on any type of graphics device. The hidden line and surface removal is achieved using Z buffer algorithms to draw into an internal buffer which holds a representation of a raster image. As the image is built up in the buffer, parts of the image can be overdrawn repeatedly; only the final drawing is output to the device when the user triggers it. The use of this method has several consequences:

- there is nothing to see until the buffer is purged.
- it is possible that something drawn may appear to be absent because it has been overdrawn
- the amount of device plotting per image is not dependent on the complexity of the image
- output on pen plotters is possible, but not ideal

## 2.2 *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* programming

Every *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture is started by **VSNEW** which sets up a raster buffer, and is finished by **VSOUT** which transfers the picture from the raster buffer to the graphics device.

### 2.2.1 Before VSNEW

Some subroutines may be called before **VSNEW** to specify requirements which are brought together and used by **VSNEW**:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Default</i>
<b>VS3DLM</b>	$x$ - $y$ - $z$ scales	-1 to 1 for $x$ , $y$ and $z$
<b>VSFITP</b>	scale length proportions	proportional to data
<b>VSFULL</b>	scaling mode	Maximize image
<b>VSINIT(2)</b>	restore default scales	
<b>VSLBOX</b>	draw Limiting Box	Do not draw
<b>VSVRTP</b>	$(R, \theta, \phi)$ viewing position	<b>VSVRTP(0.0,30.0,15.0)</b>
<b>VSVXYZ</b>	$(x, y, z)$ viewing position	<b>VSVRTP(0.0,30.0,15.0)</b>

### 2.2.2 Auxiliary subroutines

Some subroutines do not contribute directly to drawing, but provide useful auxiliary facilities:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
<b>KVXYD</b>	convert 3-D $(x, y, z)$ to 2-D $(x, y)$ and depth
<b>QV3DLM</b>	inquire $x$ - $y$ - $z$ scales
<b>QVBRFL</b>	inquire $z$ scale for 3-D barcharts
<b>QVDPLM</b>	inquire depth range
<b>QVSCAL</b>	inquire scale
<b>VSINIT</b>	initialize

### 2.2.3 Drawing attributes

Drawing attributes can be specified by calling appropriate subroutines before performing the drawing; when no values have been specified for attributes, defaults are used.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Default</i>
<b>VSEDGC</b>	specify edge colour index	1
<b>VSEDGI</b>	specify offset and increment of drawn edges	0, 0, 1
<b>VSEDGV</b>	specify edge visibility	0
<b>VSFILC</b>	specify fill colour index	1
<b>VSLINC</b>	specify line colour index	1
<b>VSPMMG</b>	specify marker magnification	1.0
<b>VSPMC</b>	specify marker colour index	1

### 2.2.4 Palette setting subroutines

Colour attributes are specified by colour indices; the colours assigned to particular indices can be the default colours, or can be changed using the following:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSCDEF	specify colour value from list of defaults
VSCGS	specify a grey scale palette for a range of colour indices
VSCHLS	specify colour value by HLS
VSCIM	specify method of interpolating colour sequences
VSCRGB	specify colour value by RGB
VSCRNG	specify graded range of colour values

### 2.2.5 Simple Drawing

A few subroutines are offered for performing simple plotting tasks from  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSBLFL	draw a single 3-D block
VSBLTN	tint a single 3-D block
VSPGFE	fill an edge-flagged polygon
VSPGFL	fill polygon
VSPGTE	tint an edge-flagged polygon
VSPGTN	tint polygon
VSPLDR	draw polyline
VSPLTN	tint polyline
VSPMDR	draw polymarker

### 2.2.6 Surface plotting

Complete surfaces with coloured contours can be drawn from several data configurations:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSEQX	specify $x$ grid values
VSEQY	specify $y$ grid values
VSRG	draw surface from 2-D $z$ array with regular $x$ and $y$
VSRGU	tint surface from 2-D $z$ and $u$ arrays with regular $x$ and $y$
VSUTOC	specify how the data range maps to colour indices
VSXYZ	draw surface from 2-D $x$ , $y$ and $z$ arrays
VSXYZU	tint surface from 2-D $x$ , $y$ , $z$ and $u$ arrays
VSZ	draw surface from $x$ , $y$ and $z$ arrays with element structure
VSZU	tint surface from $x$ , $y$ , $z$ and $u$ arrays with element structure

### 2.2.7 IsoSurface plotting

Complete IsoSurfaces with or without contours of a second variable can be drawn:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSEQZ	specify $z$ grid values
VSIS	draw IsoSurface from 3-D $v$ data array with regular $x$ , $y$ , and $z$
VSISND	specify whether IsoSurfaces should exclude the six end planes of the data
VSISU	draw IsoSurface from 3-D $v$ data array and overlay contours from $u$ data array with regular $x$ , $y$ , and $z$
VLSLD	specify the direction of a light source
VLSM	specify the shading method for light-sourcing

### 2.2.8 Transformation subroutines

The  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates supplied as data can be plotted on the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  scales of the picture; it is also possible to specify transformations to be performed on the coordinates before plotting:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSMAG	magnify
VSROT	rotate
VSTRAN	translate

### 2.2.9 3-D barcharts

3-D barcharts can be drawn from arrays of data:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
QVBRFL	inquire $z$ scale for VSBRL
VSBRLBZ	specify base level for 3-D barcharts
VSBRLFC	specify colour mode for VSBRL
VSBRL	fill 3-D barchart
VSBRLSZ	specify bar widths for 3-D barcharts
VSBRLTN	tint 3-D barchart
VSBRLUP	specify stacking direction for stacked 3-D barcharts

### 2.2.10 Annotations

Ordinary SIMPLEPLOT subroutines such as TITLE7 may be used to annotate *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* pictures; some additional *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* specific annotations are also available:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSAXDR	draw 3-D axes
VSAXFC	specify axis plane fill colour indices
VSAXGC	specify axis plane grid colour indices
VSK7H	draw horizontal key
VSK7V	draw vertical key

VSAXDR draws axes annotating the 3-D scales of the current picture. It must be called after VSNEW in order to pick up the scaling details, and is best called after VSOUT. VSAXDR does not draw into the raster image, and the axes may be overdrawn by the image if it is called before VSOUT.

The axes are drawn by the same processes which draw 2-D axes from SIMPLEPLOT, and can be modified by the same AX\* subroutines, specifying axis types as 'X3', 'Y3' and 'Z3'.

The user data scale drawn with a key is drawn as a 'U3' axis, and may be modified by appropriate AX\* subroutines.

This table shows the effect of axis subroutines on axis types 'X3', 'Y3', 'Z3' and 'U3'. A fuller version of this table can be found in Appendix T of the *SIMPLEPLOT Supplement*.

Subroutine	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
AXCLR	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXCRSS	×	×	×	×
AXGRID	×	×	×	×
AXIS7	✓	✓	✓	×
AXLAB7	✓	✓	✓	×
AXLBAN	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	×
AXLBGP	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXLBJ5	×	×	×	×
AXLBLV	×	×	×	×
AXLBSL	×	×	×	×
AXLBSP	✓	✓	✓	×
AXLBTM	✓	✓	✓	×
AXLBTP	✓	✓	✓	×
AXLOCN	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXMAJ	✓	✓	✓	×
AXMIN	✓	✓	✓	×
AXRNGE	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXSBDV	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXSBMN	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXSBTK	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>
AXSUBS	✓	✓	✓	✓
AXTXT7	✓	✓	✓	×

U: Preceding, Following and Inside unavailable

**VSAXFC** specifies colour indices for subsequent calls of **VSNEW** to fill the planes at the rear of the picture, where  $-1$  (default) means leave the planes unfilled. The first index is for the rear plane(s) with  $x$  constant, the second index is for rear plane(s) with  $y$  constant, and the third index is for rear plane(s) with  $z$  constant.

**VSAXGC** specifies colour indices for subsequent calls of **VSNEW** to draw axis grids on the planes at the rear of the picture, where  $-1$  (default) means no grid. The first index is for the rear plane(s) with  $x$  constant, the second index is for rear plane(s) with  $y$  constant, and the third index is for rear plane(s) with  $z$  constant.

Any **AX\*** subroutines which affect the position of grid lines must be called before **VSNEW** to ensure that the grids on the back planes mask the tick marks on axes drawn by **VSAXDR** or **AXIS7**.

**VSK7H** and **VSK7V** draw keys to the current mapping between user data values and colours, which can be controlled by **VSUTOC**. In the present release, the key is drawn using the same raster buffer as used for pictures, therefore these subroutines must not be called between **VSNEW** and **VSOUT**.

The following subroutines must be called before **VSNEW**:

Name	Action
AXCLR	specify level of axis annotation
AXRNGE	specify the subrange over which an axis is to be drawn
AXSBDV	specify the interval of axis subdivisions and annotation
AXSBMN	specify minor axis subdivisions independently
AXSUBS	specify the number of major and minor axis subdivisions
VSAXFC	specify axis plane fill colour indices
VSAXGC	specify axis plane grid colour indices

The following subroutines must be called after **VSNEW**, and are best called after **VSOUT**:



**Table 2.1** Relative positions of titles, keys and captions

	'W'est	'P'receding 'L'eft	'C'entre	'F'ollowing 'R'ight	'E'ast
'N'orth	<i>page</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>page</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>page</i>
'H'igher	<i>page</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>page</i>
'O'ver	<i>page</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>page</i>
'T'op	<i>page</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>page</i>
'C'entre	<i>page</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>page</i>
'B'ottom	<i>page</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>page</i>
'U'nder	<i>page</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>picture</i>	<i>page</i>
'L'ower	<i>page</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>page</i>
'S'outh	<i>page</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>page</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>page</i>

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
AXIS7	draw an axis
AXLAB7	add an axis label and tick mark
AXMAJ	draw a single major axis subdivision
AXMIN	draw a single minor axis subdivision
AXTXT7	draw a set of axis labels and tick marks
VSAXDR	draw 3-D axes

The following subroutines do not affect the axis grids, and may therefore be called any time before VSAXDR/AXIS7:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
AXLBAN	specify the style of axis annotation labels
AXLBGP	specify the level of axis annotation near an intersection
AXLBSP	specify the separators between <i>time-date</i> based axis labels
AXLBTM	specify the components of <i>time-date</i> based axis labels
AXLBTP	specify numeric or <i>time-date</i> annotation
AXLOCN	specify location of an axis
AXSBTK	specify the style of axis tick marks

The following subroutines must be called after VSOUT

<i>Name</i>	<i>Action</i>
VSK7H	draw horizontal key
VSK7V	draw vertical key

Keys are positioned relative to a page, picture or group, according to the values of VCHAR and HCHAR, the first two arguments. Table 2.1 shows the effect of VCHAR and HCHAR on positions.

Keys which are positioned relative to a picture must be drawn after VSOUT has been called. Those positioned relative to a page or group of pictures may also be drawn before CALL VSNEW.

## 2.3 Data

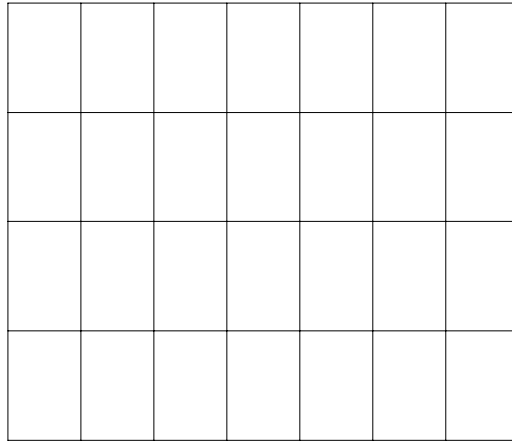
Data]

*SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* can directly interpret five forms of data.

### 2.3.1 Gridded z data

Gridded z data]

**REAL** array **Z2ARR(NX,NY)** contains a regular grid of function values (*eg.* surface heights) at every combination of **NX** equally spaced  $x$  values and **NY** equally spaced  $y$  values. **Z2ARR** is a single valued function of  $x$  and  $y$  – for every  $x$ - $y$  pair there is only a single corresponding **Z2ARR** value (see Figure 2.1). Corresponding data structures are covered by the **RG\*** subroutines in the main **SIMPLEPLOT** library. This data configuration can be plotted using **VSRG** and **VSRGU**.



**Figure 2.1** Gridded z data

Most examples in chapter 9 draw the surface corresponding to a 2-dimensional array  $z$ . By default the data range is mapped onto colour indices 1 to 15.

### 2.3.2 Gridded $x$ - $y$ - $z$ data

Gridded  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data]

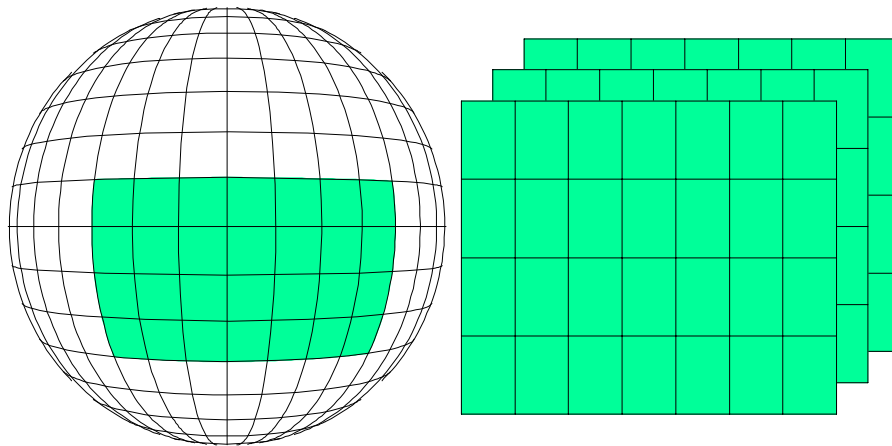
**REAL** arrays **X2ARR(NX,NY)**, **Y2ARR(NX,NY)** and **Z2ARR(NX,NY)** contain the  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates of a grid of points. The grid is constructed by joining adjacent points in the arrays, to define a set of planar quadrilateral surfaces.

The coordinates

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(X2ARR(I, J), Y2ARR(I, J), Z2ARR(I, J))
(X2ARR(I+1, J), Y2ARR(I+1, J), Z2ARR(I+1, J))
(X2ARR(I+1, J+1), Y2ARR(I+1, J+1), Z2ARR(I+1, J+1))
(X2ARR(I, J+1), Y2ARR(I, J+1), Z2ARR(I, J+1))
```

define the four corners of a planar surface (see Figure 2.2).

A simple example of this sort of data is  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates of points on latitudinal and longitudinal grids on the surface of the earth. This data configuration can be plotted using **VSXYZ** and **VSXYZU**.

Figure 2.2 Gridded  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data

### 2.3.3 Data in equal-node elements

REAL arrays `XARR(NPTS)`, `YARR(NPTS)` and `ZARR(NPTS)` contain the  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates of `NPTS` nodes, and INTEGER array `I2ARR(NNODES,NELS)` contains indices of `XARR`, `YARR` and `ZARR` which define a structure of `NELS` elements, each containing `NNODES` nodes (see Figure 2.3). This data configuration can be plotted using `VSZ` and `VSZU`.

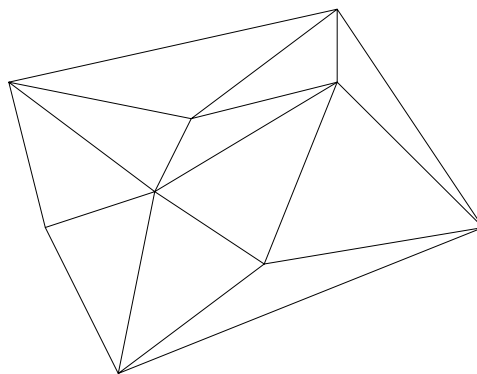


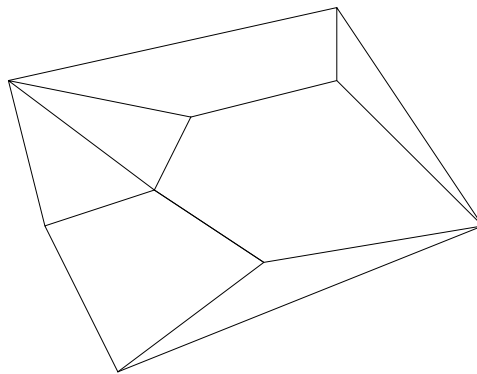
Figure 2.3 Data structured into equal-node elements

### 2.3.4 Data in non-equal-node elements

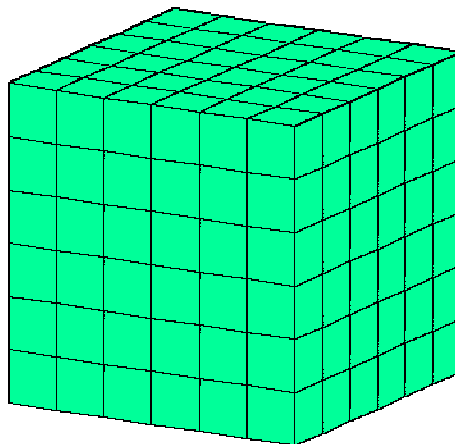
$(x, y, z)$  coordinates can be structured into planar elements containing different numbers of nodes. *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* does not recognise any general data structure to represent such data, but pictures can be constructed using polygon fill subroutines, `VSPGFL` and `VSPGTN` for each separate element of the structure (see Figure 2.4).

### 2.3.5 Data on a 3-D grid

REAL array `V3ARR(NX,NY,NZ)` contains a regular grid of values (*eg.* density) at every combination of `NX` equally spaced  $x$  values, `NY` equally spaced  $y$  values, and `NZ` equally spaced  $z$  values. `V3ARR` is a function of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  – for every  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  triple there is a corresponding `V3ARR` value (see Figure 2.5). Corresponding data structures are covered by the `PV*` subroutines in the *SIMPLEPLOT Volumes* section. An IsoSurface through this data configuration can be plotted using `VSIS` and `VSISU`.



**Figure 2.4** Data structured into unequal-node elements



**Figure 2.5** Data on a 3-D grid

## 2.4 Missing data

Missing data]

Sometimes data are not available at all points in the plotting area; for example, a population graph of an island would produce meaningless figures for areas of sea, or there are areas which are so desolate that reliable statistics concerning their physical properties are not available. When these gaps in data arise, it is preferable to show them as gaps in any graphical representation.

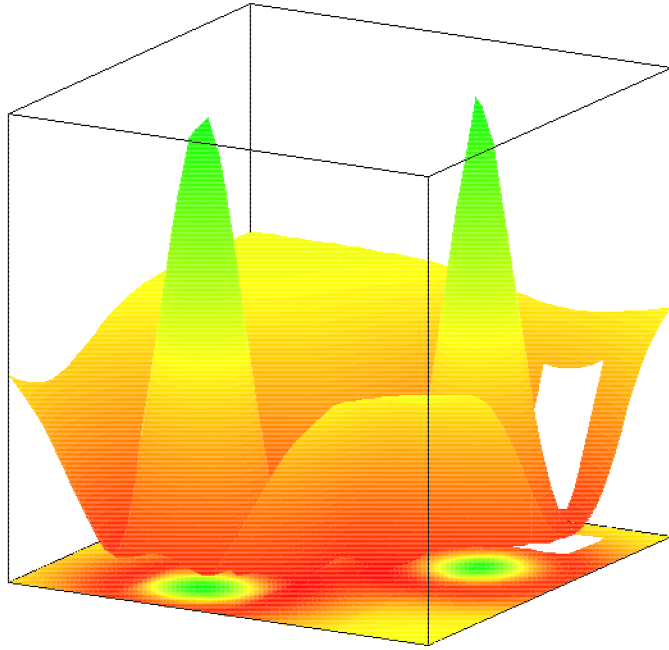
A special value can be used in a data set to indicate to SIMPLEPLOT that there are no valid data at that point; this is then represented in the picture as a hole (or gap) in the surface. In Figure 2.6 the rectangular hole represents missing data.

Before any holes can be defined, the program must establish what value to use as a ‘no-data’ value – a value can be specified using `NODATA`, or `QNODAT` can be called to inquire the current ‘no-data’ value:

`NODATA(RVAL)` specifies the value, `RVAL`, which SIMPLEPLOT is to interpret as a ‘no-data’ value. By default,  $1.0 \times 10^{-20}$  is interpreted as this value.

`QNODAT(RVAL)` inquires the value which has been set internally as a ‘no-data’ value (either by default or a prior call to `NODATA`). The argument of `QNODAT` must be the name of a `REAL` variable which receives the ‘no-data’ value.

‘No data’ values affect all plotting and related activities – all plotting routines ignore coordinates which correspond to the ‘no-data’ value. If `NODATA` is called to specify your own choice of the ‘no-data’ value,



**Figure 2.6** Missing data values on a surface  
care should be taken to choose a value outside the range of normal coordinates.



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## 3. Scales

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This chapter covers the following topics:

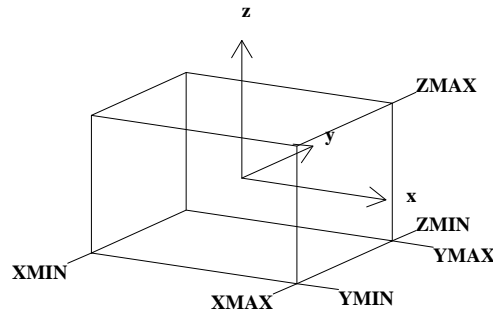
**3.1** Data scales

**3.2** Plotting scales

**3.3** Fit type

### 3.1 Data scales

All points are assumed to lie within a 3-dimensional Limiting Box — **XMIN** to **XMAX** on the  $x$ -axis, **YMIN** to **YMAX** on the  $y$ -axis, **ZMIN** to **ZMAX** on the  $z$ -axis (Figure 3.1). The scales are set so that all points within these limits can be plotted.



**Figure 3.1** 3-D limits for 3-D data

The Limiting Box is set relative to 3-D limits defined by the user. 3-D limits can be specified by subroutine **VS3DLM** and inquired by **QV3DLM**. If no limits have been specified, the data scales are defined as being  $-1.0$  to  $+1.0$  on each axis.

All points within the Limiting Box can be plotted. However, if *Translation*, *Magnification* or *Rotation* is applied to a point, its  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates change. (For more information on *Affine Transformation*, see Appendix T).

Thus, although a point lies within the specified 3-D limits, once **VSTRAN**, **VSMAG** or **VSR0T** has been called, it may no longer be plottable.

### 3.2 Plotting scales

Plotting scales]

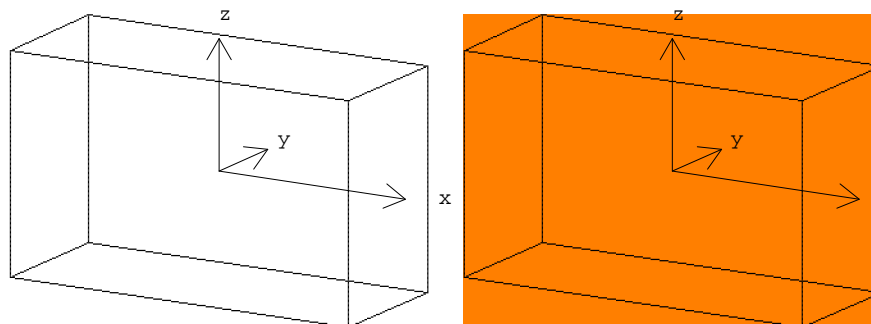
The 2-D plotting scales are set so that the Limiting Box touches each edge of the picture. Figure 3.2 shows the plotting area which contains a Limiting Box.

All 3-D points which can be represented within the 2-D plotting scales can be plotted, even those which lie outside the Limiting Box.

Two-dimensional scales are defined in *Normalized coordinates*, relative to the *Bounding Sphere*. The Bounding Sphere is the area which contains all possible rotations of the Limiting Box. It has a radius of  $\sqrt{3}$ . In other words, all points within the Limiting Box have  $x$  and  $y$  values between  $-\sqrt{3}$  and  $+\sqrt{3}$ . These limits apply in all cases except following a call to **VSFULL(2)** (see chapter 5).

The current 2-D scales can be inquired by a call to **QVSCAL**. By default, the limits always lie between  $\pm\sqrt{3}$ , although the range is usually far less than this.



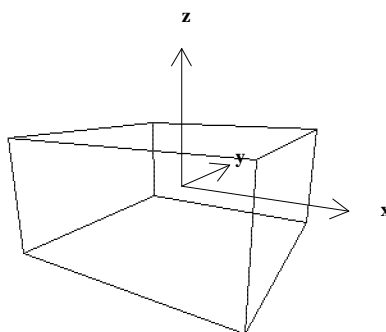


**Figure 3.2** 2-D limits for 3-D data

### 3.3 Fit type

Fit type]

By default, the length of each axis is in proportion to the user scales. A box with limits 0 to 4 in  $x$  and  $y$  and 0 to 2 in  $z$  has a  $z$ -axis which is half the length of the other axes. Figure 3.3 shows such a box.



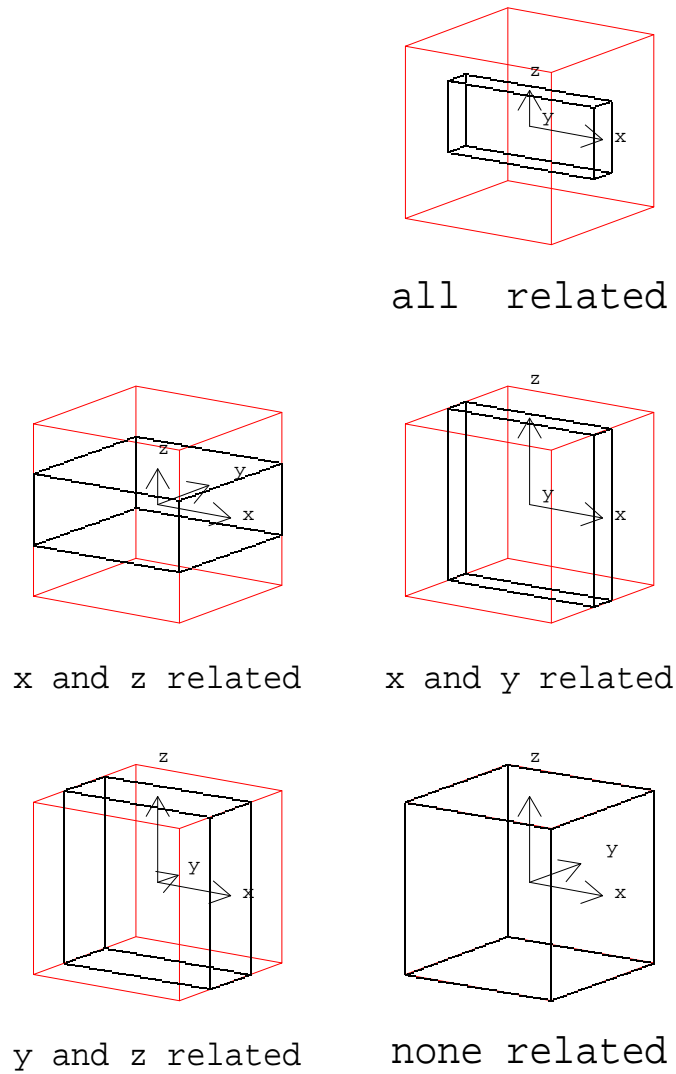
**Figure 3.3**  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  scales all comparable (default)

This is acceptable as long as the ranges have similar orders of magnitude. However, it is not suitable for a graph which represents 0 to 100 decibels against  $0^\circ$  to  $0.001^\circ$  against 100,000 to 200,000 km. Similarly, a surface which showed  $x$  and  $y$  ranges of 0 to 10 miles and spot heights of 10,000 to 20,000 metres would not be meaningful if all scales were directly comparable.

Either `VSFITP` or `VSFIT` may be called to specify the relative lengths of the axes.

- Subroutine `VSFITP` specifies that the physical lengths of axes are in proportion to each other. For example, following a call to `VSFITP(2.0, 2.0, 1.0)`, the Limiting Box would be like that in Figure 3.3, regardless of the data limits.
- Subroutine `VSFIT` allows the user to define which scales use comparable units. If different units are used for each scale, the Limiting Box is defined as a cube. If two scales are comparable, the length of the third is equal to the larger of the other two.

Figure 3.4 shows the effect of specifying different fit types on a cuboid. The dotted box is a cube which



**Figure 3.4** Changing the relationship between scales with `VSFIT`

usually has the coordinates  $-1.0$  to  $+1.0$  along each axis (the exception to this is following a call to `VSFULL(2)`, see chapter 5).

The Limiting Box fits within the dotted cube, so that at least one axis has the scale  $-1.0$  to  $+1.0$ . The other axes are in the range  $-R$  to  $R$ , where  $0.0 < R \leq 1.0$ .

The first picture (all scales related) is the default. On subsequent pictures, the scale which is not in proportion has the same length as the longer of the other two. This means that the Limiting Box is a cuboid. In the final picture, with no scales related, the Limiting Box is a cube.

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## 4. Viewing

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This chapter covers the following topics:

### 4.1 Viewing direction

- Horizontal Viewing Angle
- Vertical Viewing Angle

### 4.2 Depth

### 4.3 Perspective

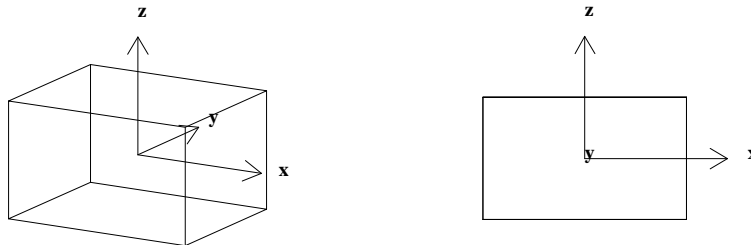
### 4.4 Viewing from an $(x, y, z)$ point

### 4.5 Limiting Viewing Position

## 4.1 Viewing direction

The angle from which an object is viewed is called the *Viewing Angle*. It has 2 components: the Horizontal Viewing Angle  $\theta$  (theta), and the Vertical Viewing Angle  $\phi$  (phi).

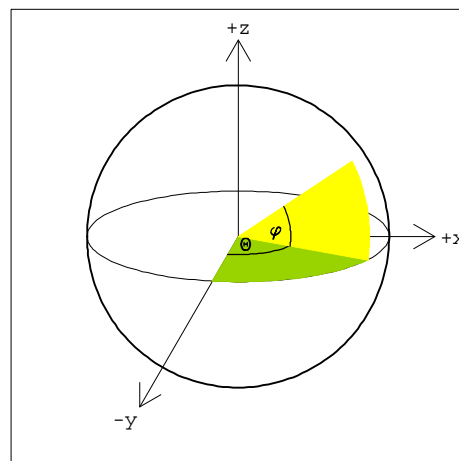
Figure 4.1 shows a typical Limiting Box. The first picture is the default view, with  $\theta = 30^\circ$  and  $\phi = 15^\circ$ . Although the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes are, as always, perpendicular to each other, they appear at an angle to the viewer.



**Figure 4.1** Changing the Viewing Angle

The second picture has a Viewing Angle of ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 0^\circ$ ), representing the box viewed along the  $y$ -axis. The  $x$  and  $z$  axes appear as a horizontal and a vertical line. The  $y$ -axis goes into the page.

Figure 4.2 shows the position of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  relative to the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  axes. At  $\theta = 0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$ ,  $x = 0.0$ ; at  $\theta = 90^\circ$  or  $270^\circ$ ,  $y = 0.0$ ; at  $\phi = 0^\circ$ ,  $z = 0.0$ .

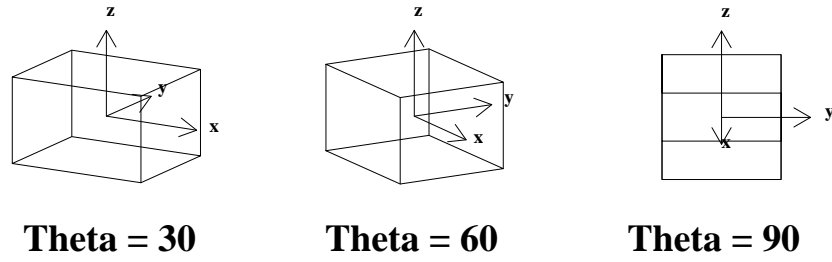


**Figure 4.2** Viewing Angle ( $\theta$  and  $\phi$ )

### 4.1.1 Horizontal Viewing Angle

Figure 4.3 shows the effect of changing the *Horizontal Viewing Angle* ( $\theta$ ), which is analogous to passing over the Earth along the Equator. The  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes remain perpendicular to each other.

In these figures, a constant value of  $\phi$  has been chosen which shows the box slightly tilted.

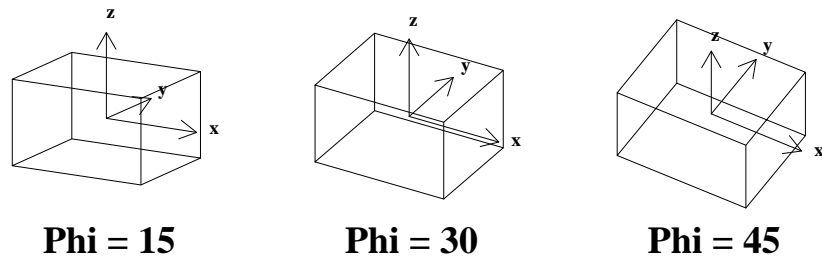


**Figure 4.3** Changing the Horizontal Viewing Angle ( $\theta$ )

#### 4.1.2 Vertical Viewing Angle

Figure 4.4 shows the effect of changing the *Vertical Viewing Angle* ( $\phi$ ), which is analogous to passing over the Earth along a line of longitude.

In these figures, a constant value of  $\theta$  has been chosen which shows the box slightly turned.



**Figure 4.4** Changing the Vertical Viewing Angle ( $\phi$ )

## 4.2 Depth

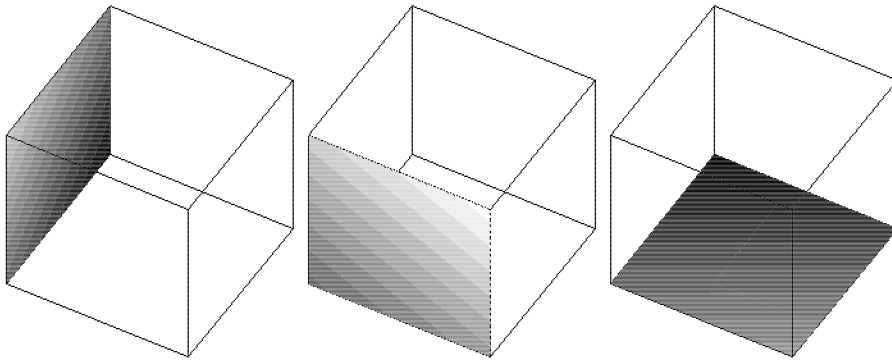
### Depth]

The Viewing Plane is the plane onto which a 2-D image is projected. It is perpendicular to the Viewing Angle, which it meets at the Origin (*ie.* the centre of the Limiting Box). The depth of a point is its distance from the Viewing Plane, positive beyond the Viewing Plane, and negative towards the viewer.  $(x, y, z)$  data coordinates of a point can be converted to 2-D plotting coordinates and depth by subroutine KVKYD.

In order to separate the concept of depth from other parameters, consider the case when both the Horizontal Viewing Angle and the Vertical Viewing Angle are zero as in the second picture in Figure 4.1. In this case, the 2-D plotting coordinates are equal to the equivalent 3-D data coordinates  $x$  and  $z$ , and the Viewing Plane is the same as the  $x - z$  plane.

Depth, like the 2-D scale, is measured in *Normalized Coordinates*, relative to the *Bounding Sphere*. All points within the Limiting Box have a depth between  $-\sqrt{3}$  and  $+\sqrt{3}$ .

Figure 4.5 shows a Limiting Box which has been tilted at  $45^\circ$  angles in  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . Each picture shows one plane of the box shaded according to depth values, *ie.* shading gets darker as depth increases. A side plane is shaded in the first picture, a front plane in the second, and the base plane in the third.



**Figure 4.5** Shading the side, front and base according to depth

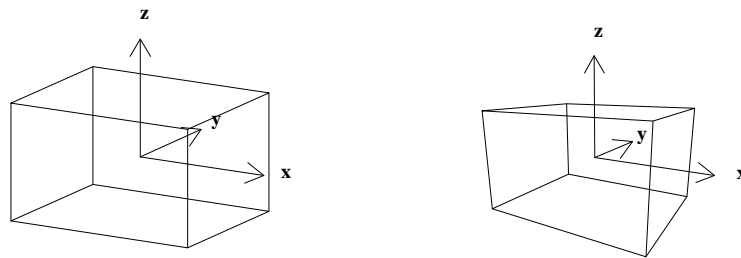
## 4.3 Perspective

Perspective]

When objects are viewed in *perspective*, close objects appear larger than similar sized objects which are further away. Perspective may be defined by setting a *Radius* measured in *Normalized coordinates* in the Viewing Direction. The combination of Radius with Viewing Angle is called the *Viewing Position*. The Viewing Position is specified by subroutine **VSVRTP**.

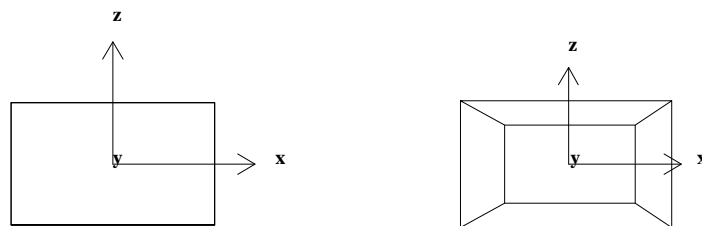
By default, all objects are viewed without perspective. This means that the Radius is infinite, and the size of an object is the same regardless of its depth.

For example, Figures 4.6 and 4.7 show the Limiting Boxes from Figure 4.1 drawn without and with perspective. In the first picture of Figure 4.6, the front face of a cuboid occupies the same area as the back face. In the second picture, the application of perspective means that the sides of the Limiting Box are no longer parallel. These lines, and all lines which are parallel to one of the axes meet at a point in the distance. This is called *3-point perspective*.



**Figure 4.6** Limiting box, with and without perspective

In the first picture of Figure 4.7, the front and back faces line up. In the second picture, the application of perspective means that the nearer face appears considerably larger than the back face. This difference in size increases as the Radius gets smaller.



**Figure 4.7** Viewing down the *y*-axis, with and without perspective

The size of a projected area depends on its depth. As the radius increases, the difference in size between areas with different depths decreases. At infinity, there is no difference at all.

## 4.4 Viewing from an $(x, y, z)$ point

When viewing from a point with fixed coordinates, Viewing Angle and Radius are not appropriate parameters for specifying Viewing Position. It is also possible to specify the Viewing Position of an object from a specified  $(x, y, z)$  point (subroutine `VSVXYZ`).

## 4.5 Limiting Viewing Position

It is only possible to set scales which cover all points in the Limiting Box when the Viewing Position is further from the Origin (*ie.* the centre of the Limiting Box) than the furthest plottable point. When the Viewing Position is closer, some points within the Limiting Box are behind the viewer, and others are projected to infinity. To avoid unsatisfactory Viewing Positions, the Radius specified by subroutine `VSVRTP` should be greater than  $\sqrt{3}$ , or the  $(x, y, z)$  point specified by subroutine `VSVXYZ` should be chosen so that its distance from the origin exceeds

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{XMAX}-\text{XMIN}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\text{YMAX}-\text{YMIN}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\text{ZMAX}-\text{ZMIN}}{2}\right)^2}$$

where the range of data is XMIN to XMAX, YMIN to YMAX and ZMIN to ZMAX.



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## 5. Relationship between the Limiting Box and the SIMPLEPLOT picture

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This chapter covers the following topics:

- 5.1** Default Fill Type
- 5.2** Scaling independent of Viewing Angle
- 5.3** Transforming the Limiting Box

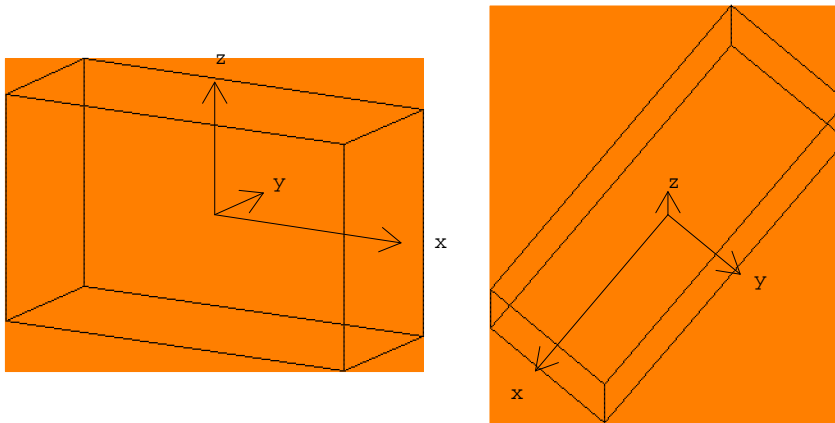
There are various strategies for setting scales to accommodate the Limiting Box within the current picture size:

- The scale is sufficient to accommodate the untransformed Limiting Box with the current Viewing Angle
- The scale is sufficient to contain the equivalent untransformed Limiting Box from all possible Viewing Angles
- The scale is sufficient to accommodate the Transformed Limiting Box with the current Viewing Angle

Subroutine **VSFULL** may be called to specify the required strategy.

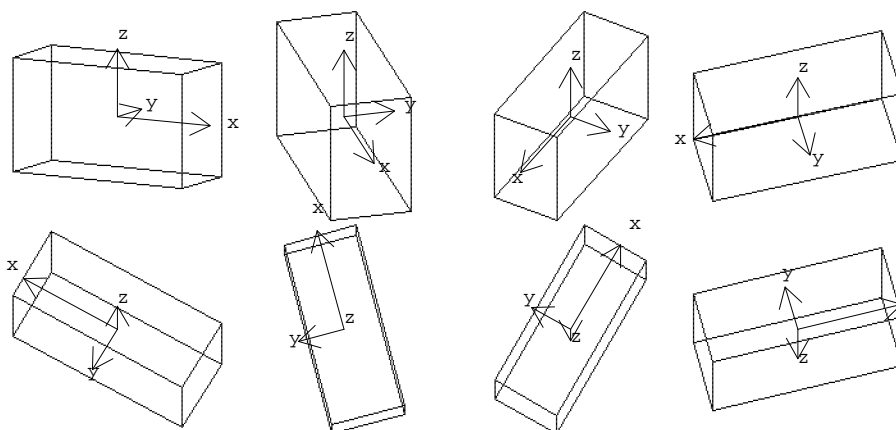
## 5.1 Default Fill Type

Figure 5.1 shows the Limiting Box viewed from two different Viewing Angles. The shaded area shows the plotting limits. By default, or after **VSFULL(0)**, scales are set to maximize the size of the Limiting Box within the available picture size.



**Figure 5.1** Plotting limits from a different angle

When each plot fills the available space, the scales change when the Viewing Angles changes. Figure 5.2 shows the effect of changing the Viewing Angle using the default fill type.

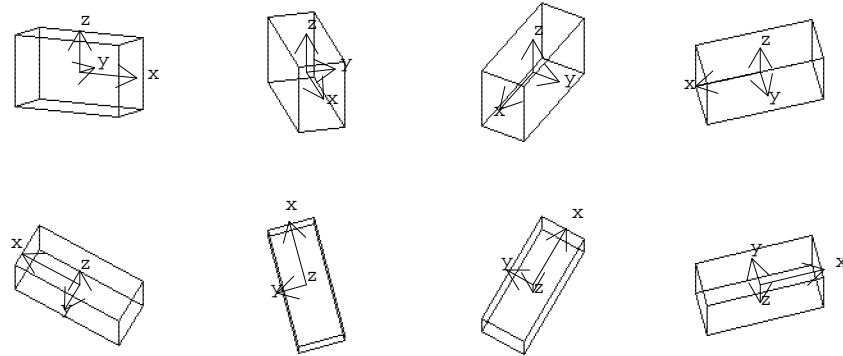


**Figure 5.2** Different Viewing Angles with default filling

## 5.2 Scaling independent of Viewing Angle

`VSFULL(1)` requests that similar scales are maintained for all Viewing Angles given the current Radius. This is advisable when an animated sequence is required, as it ensures that the plotting scales are similar, and all objects within the Limiting Box will fit on the picture for all Viewing Angles.

Figure 5.3 shows the same sequence following a call to `VSFULL(1)`. The images are smaller than with the default fill type, but the scales used are the same for successive plots. When perspective is applied, a constant scale is still retained, but as the Viewing Angle changes, different parts of the plot appear to change size as their distance from the viewer changes.



**Figure 5.3** Different Viewing Angles with `VSFULL`

## 5.3 Transforming the Limiting Box

By default, points and objects are contained within the Limiting Box, but when Transformations are applied, points can go out of the Box.

This means that when scales relate to the Limiting Box, applying Transformations can make points within the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  limits *before transformation* unplottable.

`VSFULL(2)` sets scales relative to the Transformed values of the limits set by `VS3DLM`. It is most useful for drawing objects like surfaces, when data lie within fixed limits, but Translation, Magnification and Rotation may be applied.

Like the default filling method, `VSFULL(2)` fills the SIMPLEPLOT picture as much as possible. This means that the scales of pictures with different Viewing Angles or Transformations will not be easily comparable.



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## 6. Colour and lighting

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This chapter covers the following topics:

**6.1** Colour representation

**6.2** Colour ranges

**6.3** IsoSurface lighting

## 6.1 Colour representation

By default the full range of surface, contour or IsoSurface data are mapped on to colour indices 1 to 15 from the default palette. The range of data or number of colour indices can be changed by calling `VSUTOC`.

The target palette may be set by `VSCHLS` and `VSCRGB`. The palette is set as requested when `VSOUT` is called, if the device can support the number of colours requested. If a device has only a limited set of colours available, and cannot satisfy the requested palette, *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* renders the colours by using error diffusion algorithms.

## 6.2 Colour ranges

The *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* palette can contain at most 95 entries. These can be set individually or in blocks. A range of colour palette entries can be interpolated between start and end colours using `VSCRNG`. A range of grey palette entries can be interpolated between start and end intensities using `VSCGS`. The type of interpolation used can be controlled using `VSCIM`.

## 6.3 IsoSurface lighting

The values displayed on IsoSurface pictures are determined in one of two ways.

For `VSIS` pictures, the values are light intensity from 0.0 (no light) to 1.0 (maximum light) calculated from the gradient of the surface relative to the direction of the light source. By default this intensity is mapped on to colour indices 1 to 15. A light-sourced picture can be achieved by setting these indices to a grey scale using `VSCGS`. The number of indices used can be controlled by specifying a different mapping using `VSUTOC`. The light source is located at the viewing position by default. It can be moved to a different position by calling `VSLSLD`.

For `VSISU`, pictures the values are interpolated from another data array `U`. By default the range of data in this array is mapped on to colour indices 1 to 15. A smoothly graded effect can be achieved by setting these indices to a colour scale using `VSCRNG`. The number of indices used can be controlled by specifying a different mapping using `VSUTOC`.

For both `VSIS` and `VSISU` the colours used are not interpolated across the surface by default. In order to achieve this effect `VSLSSM` should be called.

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## 7. Polygon edges and surface grids

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This chapter covers the following topics:

**7.1** Edged polygons

**7.2** Regular gridded surfaces

### 7.1 Edged polygons

By default polygons drawn with `VSPGFL` and `VSPGTN` have no distinct edge. `VSEDGV` and `VSEDGC` can be called to specify that edges should be drawn and to specify their colour index respectively. A colour index of -1 specifies that subsequent edges should be omitted.

In order to have different coloured edges within one polygon two additional routines are available; `VSPGFE` and `VSPGTE`. These routines allow specification of the edge colour index for each edge, and are independent of `VSEDGV` and `VSEDGC`.

### 7.2 Regular gridded surfaces

Surface and IsoSurface pictures are, by default, drawn without superimposed grids. Calling `VSEDGV` and `VSEDGC` allows grids to be drawn and their colour index chosen. By default the grids are drawn at the edges of the cells making up the data arrays. For large arrays the edge lines between data elements can obscure the data being drawn, to prevent this `VSEDGI` can be called to specify the starting point for the grids and the offset between them. These offsets and increments can be specified in  $x$  and  $y$  (and  $z$  for IsoSurfaces) independently.





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## 8. Initialization

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Initialization involves three categories of attributes.

- *Transformation attributes* are the current Rotation, Translation and Magnification matrix (see Appendix [T](#)).
- *Scaling attributes* are those which affect the underlying 2-D scales. These are:
  - 3-D limits
  - Fit type
  - Filling method
  - Viewing position

For more notes about each of these, consult the relevant documentation.

- *Drawing attributes* affect pen colour, edge visibility *etc.*

Subroutine `VSINIT` can be called with any number between 1 and 7 to reinitialize the above:

1. Transformation attributes
2. Scaling attributes
3. Transformation & Scaling attributes
4. Drawing attributes
5. Transformation & Drawing attributes
6. Transformation & Scaling attributes
7. Transformation, Scaling & Drawing attributes



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## 9. Example Programs

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This chapter is made up from a sequence of examples which use *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* subroutines with some of the more common SIMPLEPLOT facilities

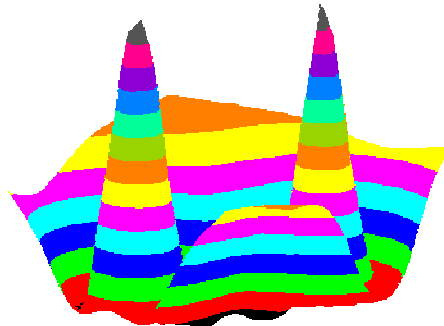
- 9.1 Surface from a 2-D array
- 9.2 Viewing a surface from different positions
- 9.3 Contours of one data set on the surface of another
- 9.4 Setting an appropriate fit type
- 9.5 A contour map on a plane above a surface
- 9.6 Stacked contour plots from a 3-D matrix
- 9.7 Composite images
- 9.8 Drawing from  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  data - a hedgehog
- 9.9 A surface and a mesh from  $(x, y, z, u)$  coordinates
- 9.10 Adding axes and keys
- 9.11 Polymarkers
- 9.12 Axis grids and polylines
- 9.13 Ungridded data
- 9.14 3-D bar chart
- 9.15 Tinted bar chart
- 9.16 Stacked bar chart
- 9.17 Drawing an individual bar
- 9.18 Inquiring the size of stacked bars
- 9.19 SIMPLEPLOT 2-D coordinates
- 9.20 Annotation
- 9.21 IsoSurface from a 3-D array
- 9.22 Light-sourcing IsoSurfaces
- 9.23 Contours of one data set on the IsoSurface of another
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## 9.1 Surface from a 2-D array

This example illustrates how to:

- start a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture,
- draw a surface of data held in a 2-D array,
- output a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.



```

PROGRAM VIS01
  INTEGER NX, NY
  PARAMETER(NX=36, NY=40)
  REAL Z(NX,NY)                                ! 2-d user matrix
  OPEN(10, FILE='vis01.dat', STATUS='OLD')
  READ(10,*) Z                                  ! Read data
  CLOSE(10)

C
  CALL VSNEW                                    ! ViSualization NEW picture
    CALL VSRG(Z, NX, NY)                        ! Draw surface Z
  CALL VSOUT                                    ! ViSualization OUTput

C
  CALL ENDPLT                                  ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 1.** A surface from a 2-D array

### Explanation of subroutines

**VSNEW** starts a new *SIMPLEPLOT* picture, and applies all scaling requests.

When the first *SIMPLEPLOT* subroutine is called, the first diagnostic message is produced; for example:

```
(SIMPLEPLOT Mark 2-15(001)F)
```

**VSRG(Z,NX,NY)** draws a surface picture of the data in the  $NX \times NY$  array **Z** into the raster image. By default the full range of **Z** values is mapped on to colour indices 1 to 15. The image is not displayed yet.

**VSOUT** must be called to output the image.

**ENDPLT** must be called when plotting is complete. It empties any plotting buffers which are in use, closes the plotting device, triggers the output of diagnostic messages still outstanding for the last picture,

```
(END OF PICTURE)
```

and then outputs the following messages:

### *Example Programs*

(DEVICE CLOSED)

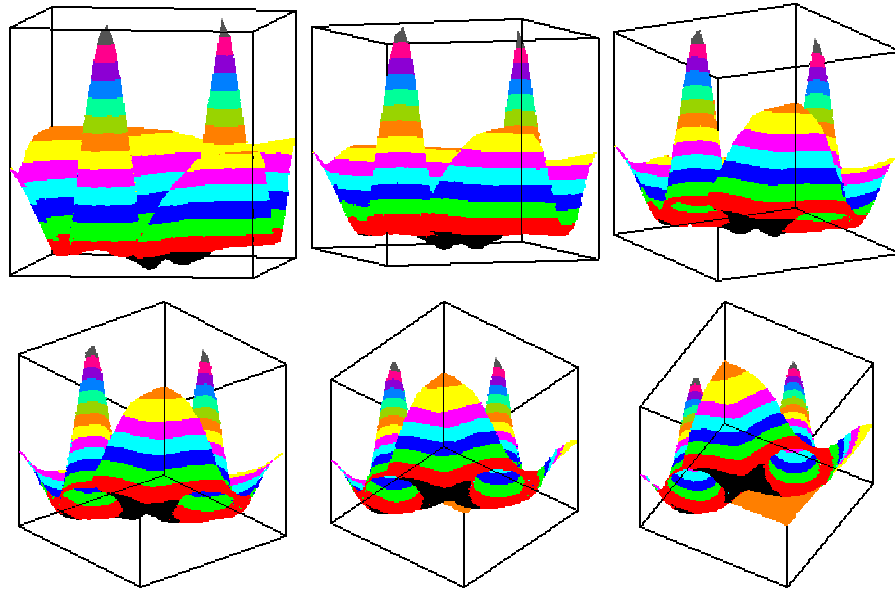
(SIMPLEPLOT CLOSED)

The subroutines for producing *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* pictures can be used in conjunction with any of the standard SIMPLEPLOT facilities described in the *SIMPLEPLOT Primer* or the *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual*.

## 9.2 Viewing a surface from different positions

This example illustrates how to:

- vary the Viewing Position of a surface,
- draw the Limiting Box round each image.



```

PROGRAM VIS02
INTEGER I, NX, NY
PARAMETER(NX=36, NY=40)
REAL Z(NX,NY)                ! 2-D user matrix
REAL THETA, PHI
OPEN(10, FILE='vis01.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) Z
CLOSE(10)

C
CALL GROUP(3,2)                ! 6 pictures on PAGE (3x2)
CALL MARGIN(0.2)              ! smaller margin
CALL VSLBOX(1)                 ! request Limiting Box

C
DO 10 I=1,6
  THETA = I*10.0                ! 10, 20, 30, ...
  PHI = 15.0-I*10.0            ! 5, -5, -15, ...
  CALL VSVRTP(0.0, THETA, PHI) ! Viewing Position no perspective
  CALL VSNEW                    ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSRG(Z, NX, NY)         ! ViSualization plot from ReGular grid
  CALL VSOUT                    ! ViSualization OUTput image
10 CONTINUE
C
CALL ENDPLT
END

```

**Example 2.** Varying the Viewing Position

### Explanation of subroutines

GROUP(NHORIZ,NVERT) specifies how subsequent pictures are to be grouped.

MARGIN(CMS) specifies the size in centimetres of margins between pictures. The default 2 cm margin is reduced in this example to allow larger images on the page.

### *Example Programs*

**VSLBOX(LEVEL)** specifies whether the Limiting Box is to be drawn round every subsequent image when **VSNEW** is called.

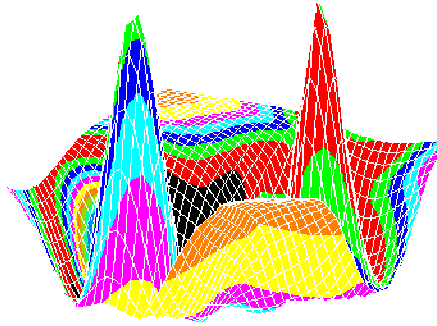
**VSVRTP(RADIUS,THETA,PHI)** specifies the viewing position from the Origin (0.0,0.0,0.0). When **RADIUS=0.0**, the application of perspective is inhibited. **THETA** is the Horizontal Viewing Angle in degrees, and **PHI** is the Vertical Viewing Angle in degrees. The change in Viewing Position takes effect with the next call of **VSNEW**.



### 9.3 Contours of one data set on the surface of another

This example illustrates how to:

- draw the contours of one data set on the surface of another,
- draw the element configuration.



```

PROGRAM VIS03
INTEGER NX, NY
PARAMETER(NX=36, NY=40)
REAL U(NX,NY), Z(NX,NY)                ! 2-d user matrices
OPEN(10, FILE='vis01.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) Z, U                        ! Read 2 sets of data
CLOSE(10)

C
CALL VSEDGV(1)                         ! Set EDGe Visibility on
CALL VSEDGC(0)                         ! Set EDGe Colour to index 0
CALL VSNEW                             ! ViSualization NEW picture
    CALL VSRGU(Z, U, NX, NY)           ! Draw U on surface of Z
CALL VSOUT                             ! ViSualization OUTput

C
CALL ENDPLT                           ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 3.** Two data sets

#### Explanation of subroutines

VSEDGV(IVIS) sets the *visibility* of the edge of polygons making up a surface. By setting the edge visibility on, the underlying data structure can be seen. This gives a useful visual clue to the shape of the underlying surface when the contour levels represent a different variable.

VSEDGC(ICIX) sets the colour index of edges. Colour index 0 draws the edge of elements in background.

VSRGU(Z2ARR,U2ARR,NX,NY) draws contours of a variable tabulated in array U2ARR on the surface representing array Z2ARR.

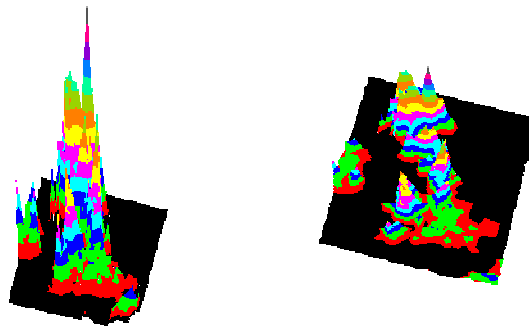
## 9.4 Setting an appropriate fit type

This example illustrates how to:

- change the relationship between  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  scales.
- set the 3-D scales of the Limiting Box,

This example shows heights above sea level in Britain. The units of height are different from the units expressing their locations. The first picture shows the default fitting – the comparatively large  $z$  range reduces the intelligibility of the diagram.

VSFIT is called before the second picture to specify that only the  $x$  and  $y$  axes are in proportion to the scales. The  $z$ -axis is set equal in length to the longer of the  $x$  and  $y$  axes.



```

PROGRAM VIS04
INTEGER NX, NY
PARAMETER(NX=30, NY=30)
REAL U(NX,NY), UMIN, UMAX
C
OPEN(10, file='vis04.dat', status='OLD')
READ(10,*) U
CLOSE(10)
C
CALL GROUP(2, 1)
CALL LIMEXC(U, NX*NY, UMIN, UMAX)
CALL VS3DLM(1.0, REAL(NX), 1.0, REAL(NY), UMIN, UMAX)
CALL VSVRTP(10.0, 15.0, 75.0)
C
CALL VSNEW
CALL VSRG(U, NX, NY)      ! default map of Britain
CALL VSOUT
C
CALL VSFIT('XY')          ! only x and y scales proportional
CALL VSNEW
CALL VSRG(U, NX, NY)      ! map with new fit type
CALL VSOUT
C
CALL ENDPLT
END

```

**Example 4.** Setting an appropriate fit type

### **Explanation of subroutines**

**LIMEXC(RARR,NARR,VARMIN,VARMAX)** (LIMits EXClusive) scans the values in any array (ignoring ‘no-data’ values) to find the minimum and maximum values.

**VS3DLM(XMIN,XMAX,YMIN,YMAX,ZMIN,ZMAX)** defines the 3-D coordinate scales for subsequent drawing.

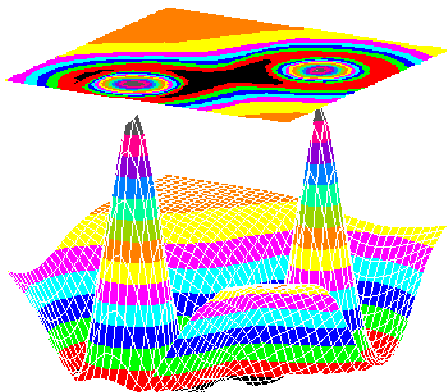
**VSFIT(CHAXES)** specifies which of the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  scales relate to each other. By default the ranges specified by **VS3DLM** are allocated similar scales. One unit in  $x$  is the same as 1 unit in  $y$  and in  $z$ . **VSFIT** specifies which of the coordinates are in similar units, to set the relative axis length.

## 9.5 A contour map on a plane above a surface

This example illustrates how to:

- draw a surface and contour map of the same data in a single image,
- specify scales when the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  scales are not related.

A contour map is drawn onto a plane by setting up a planar  $z$  matrix, and by drawing the contours of the data onto the surface of the plane.



### Explanation of subroutines

`VSFIT(' ')` specifies that none of the scales match, so each axis is the same length.

```

PROGRAM VIS05
INTEGER NX, NY
PARAMETER(NX=36, NY=40)
REAL Z1(NX,NY), Z2(NX,NY)          ! 2-d user matrices
REAL ZMIN, ZMAX, ZTOP
OPEN(10, FILE='vis01.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) Z1
CLOSE(10)

C
CALL LIMEXC(Z1, NX*NY, ZMIN, ZMAX) ! Find range of Z1
ZTOP = ZMAX+(ZMAX-ZMIN)*0.1        ! + 10% range at top
CALL VS3DLM(1.0, REAL(NX), 1.0, REAL(NY), ZMIN, ZTOP) ! 3D LiMits
CALL VSFIT(' ')                  ! Don't match axes to scales
CALL DEFSLC(ZTOP, NX, NY, Z2)    ! Set all Z2 to ZTOP
CALL VSEDGC(0)                   ! Set EDGe Colour to index 0
CALL VSNEW                       ! ViSualization NEW picture
    CALL VSEDGV(1)               ! Set EDGe Visibility on
    CALL VSRG(Z1, NX, NY)       ! Draw Z1
    CALL VSEDGV(0)               ! Set EDGe Visibility off
    CALL VSRGU(Z2, Z1, NX, NY)  ! Draw Z1 on Z2 plane
CALL VSOUT                       ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL ENDPLT                      ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

C
SUBROUTINE DEFSLC(ZVAL, NX, NY, ZOUT)
C Define plane onto which to project contours
REAL ZVAL                        ! IN: Constant z value
INTEGER NX, NY                  ! Dimensions
REAL ZOUT(NX, NY)              ! OUT: Plane
INTEGER I, J
DO 10 J=1, NY
    DO 20 I=1, NX
        ZOUT(I,J) = ZVAL
20    CONTINUE
10    CONTINUE
END

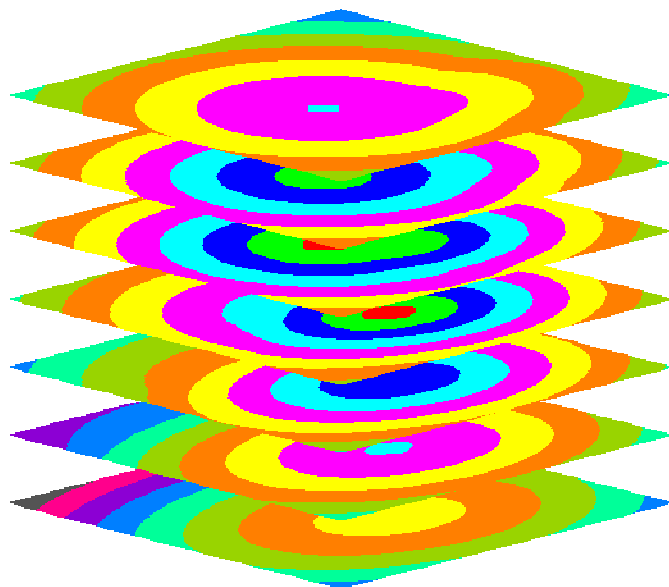
```

**Example 5.** Surface with contour

## 9.6 Stacked contour plots from a 3-D matrix

This example illustrates how to:

- define the mapping from data level to colour,
- draw a family of contour plots stacked on top of each other.



### Explanation of subroutines

`VSUTOC(UMIN,UMAX,MINCIX,MAXCIX)` specifies how data levels relate to colour indices. In this example, the range of user data values for the 3-D matrix is found by `LIMEXC`, and is mapped on to colour indices 2 to 15. Each separate contour picture then uses the same colour scale.

```

PROGRAM VIS06
INTEGER NX, NY, NZ
PARAMETER(NX=21, NY=21, NZ=21)
REAL Z(NX,NY), U(NX,NY,NZ), UMIN, UMAX
INTEGER K
OPEN(10, FILE='vis06.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) U
CLOSE(10)

C
CALL VSVRTP(0.0, -45.0, 15.0)      ! Viewing position
CALL VS3DLM(1.0, REAL(NX), 1.0, REAL(NY), 1.0, REAL(NZ)) ! 3D Limits
CALL LIMEXC(U, NX*NY*NZ, UMIN, UMAX)
CALL VSUTOC(UMIN, UMAX, 2, 15)    ! Relate User data TO Colours
CALL VSNEW                          ! Visualization NEW picture
DO 10 K= 1, NZ, 3
    CALL DEFSLC(REAL(K), NX, NY, Z) ! Set all Z to REAL(K)
    CALL VSRGU(Z, U(1,1,K), NX, NY) ! Draw surface on plane
10  CONTINUE
CALL VSOUT                          ! Visualization OUTput
CALL ENDPLT                        ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

C
SUBROUTINE DEFSLC( ZVAL, NX, NY, ZOUT )
C Define plane onto which to project contours
REAL ZVAL                          ! IN: Constant z value
INTEGER NX, NY                     ! Dimensions
REAL ZOUT(NX, NY)                  ! OUT: Plane
INTEGER I, J
DO 10 J=1, NY
    DO 20 I=1, NX
        ZOUT(I,J) = ZVAL
20  CONTINUE
10  CONTINUE
END

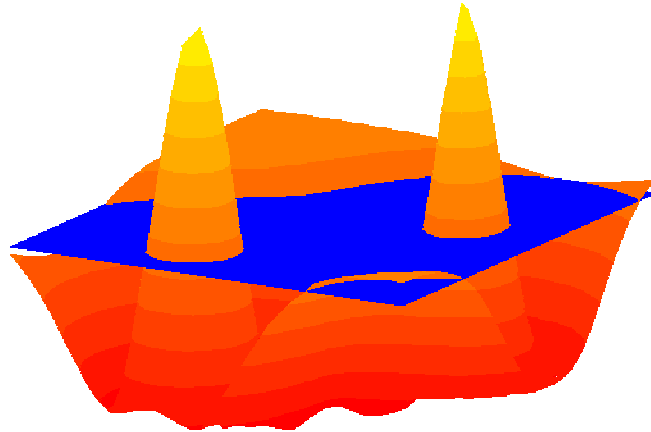
```

Example 6. Stacked contours

## 9.7 Composite images

This example illustrates how to:

- define a colour map,
- set the fill colour index,
- fill a polygon,
- draw a composite image made from a surface and a plane.



```

PROGRAM VIS07
INTEGER NX, NY, NCORN, IRED, IYELLO, IBLUE
PARAMETER(NX=36, NY=40, NCORN=4, IRED=16, IYELLO=28, IBLUE=29)
REAL Z(NX,NY), ZMIN, ZMAX
REAL XSLICE(NCORN), YSLICE(NCORN), ZSLICE(NCORN)
DATA XSLICE/1.0, NX, NX, 1.0/
DATA YSLICE/1.0, 1.0, NY, NY/
DATA ZSLICE/-2.0, -2.0, -2.0, -2.0/
OPEN(10, FILE='vis01.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) Z          ! Read data
CLOSE(10)
CALL LIMEXC(Z, NX*NY, ZMIN, ZMAX)      ! Find data limits
CALL VS3DLM(1.0, REAL(NX), 1.0, REAL(NY), ZMIN, ZMAX) ! 3D LiMits

C
CALL VSCRGB(IRED, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0)      ! IRED = red
CALL VSCRGB(IYELLO, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0)   ! IYELLO = yellow
CALL VSCRNG(IRED, IYELLO)             ! palette = red to yellow
CALL VSNEW                             ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSUTOC(ZMIN, ZMAX, IRED, IYELLO) ! Relate User data TO Colour
  CALL VSRG(Z, NX, NY)                 ! Draw surface Z
  CALL VSCRGB(IBLUE, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0)    ! Set colour IBLUE to blue
  CALL VSFILC(IBLUE)                   ! FILL with Colour IBLUE
  CALL VSPGFL(XSLICE, YSLICE, ZSLICE, NCORN) ! Plane at z = -2.0
CALL VSOUT                             ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL ENDPLT                           ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 7.** A slice through a surface



### Explanation of subroutines

**VSCRGB(ICIX,RED,GREEN,BLUE)** defines the target colour for the colour index given, in terms of red, green and blue components. When the device has limited colour capability, an attempt is made to render different colours using the available resources.

**VSCRNG(ICIX1,ICIX2)** specifies a graded range of target colours in the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* palette. Colours are interpolated between index **ICIX1** and **ICIX2**, in this example from red to yellow.

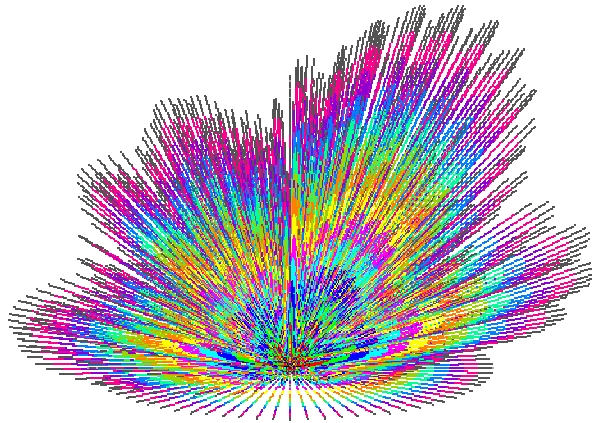
**VSFILC(ICIX)** fills subsequent polygons and blocks with colour index **ICIX**.

**VSPGFL(XARRAY,YARRAY,ZARRAY,NPTS)** draws a polygon held in arrays **XARRAY**, **YARRAY** and **ZARRAY**, dimensioned **NPTS**. In this example, the plane at  $z = -2.0$  is filled in blue.

## 9.8 Data from $(r, \theta, \phi)$ coordinates - a hedgehog

This example illustrates how to:

- convert from  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates to  $(x, y, z)$ ,
- tint a simple polyline.



### Explanation of subroutines

`VSPLTN(XARRAY,YARRAY,ZARRAY,UARRAY,NPTS)` joins `NPTS` points by straight lines. The positions of the points are specified by `(XARRAY(i), YARRAY(i), ZARRAY(i))`, and the data values which are represented by colours, are specified by `UARRAY(i)`. Colours are changed along the lines to show the behaviour of `UARRAY(i)`.

In the example, `VSPLTN` is called repeatedly to join individual points to  $(0,0,0)$ . The  $u$  value is equivalent to the distance of the point from the centre. At  $(0,0,0)$ ,  $u = 0.0$ . This example also shows how to convert data from  $(R, \theta, \phi)$  to equivalent  $(x, y, z)$  values  $(R \cos \theta \cos \phi, R \sin \theta \cos \phi, R \sin \phi)$ .

```

PROGRAM VIS08
INTEGER I, J, NLONG, NLAT, NPT
REAL RADIAN, UMIN, UMAX, RLONG, RLAT, R
PARAMETER(RADIAN=3.14/180.0, R=32.0, NLONG=73, NLAT=18, NPT=2)
REAL U(NLONG,NLAT), X(NPT), Y(NPT), Z(NPT), RADIUS(NPT)
OPEN(10, FILE='vis08.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) U
CLOSE(10)
CALL LIMEXC(U, NLONG*NLAT, UMIN, UMAX) ! Find data limits
CALL VS3DLM(-R, R, -R, R, 0.0, R) ! Set 3D LiMits
CALL VSNEW ! ViSualization NEW picture
  X(1) = 0.0 ! Define centre ...
  Y(1) = 0.0 ! ... point ...
  Z(1) = 0.0 ! ... of data
  RADIUS(1) = 0.0 ! Central radius
DO 20 I=1,NLONG
  RLONG = RADIAN * (I-37) * 5.0 ! Longitude in degrees
  DO 10 J=1,NLAT
    RLAT = RADIAN * (J-1) * 5.0 ! Latitude in degrees
    RADIUS(2) = U(I,J) - UMIN ! Length-> power gain
    X(2) = RADIUS(2)*COS(RLONG)*COS(RLAT)
    Y(2) = RADIUS(2)*SIN(RLONG)*COS(RLAT)
    Z(2) = RADIUS(2)*SIN(RLAT)
    CALL VSPLTN(X, Y, Z, RADIUS, NPT) ! TiNt PolyLine
  10 CONTINUE
20 CONTINUE
CALL VSOUT ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL ENDPLT ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

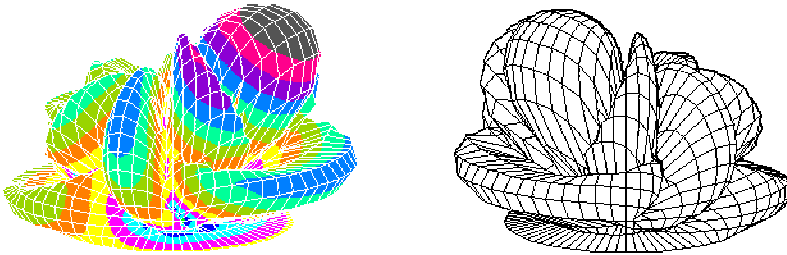
### Example 8. A hedgehog

## 9.9 A surface and a mesh from $(x, y, z, u)$ coordinates

This example illustrates how to:

- draw a surface from arrays of grids of data,
- rotate a *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* image,
- draw the mesh only of a surface, applying hidden line removal.

The data set used in this example is a modified version of that used in the previous example. In this case, data are in the form  $(x, y, z, u)$ , rather than  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .



```

PROGRAM VIS09
REAL RMIN, RMAX, RVAL
INTEGER NLONG, NLAT
PARAMETER(RVAL=32.0, NLONG=73, NLAT=18)
REAL X(NLONG,NLAT), Y(NLONG,NLAT), Z(NLONG,NLAT), R(NLONG,NLAT)
OPEN(10, FILE='vis09.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) X, Y, Z, R
CLOSE(10)
CALL GROUP(2,1)
CALL VS3DLM(-RVAL, RVAL, -RVAL, RVAL, 0.0, RVAL)    ! 3D LiMits
CALL VSEDGV(1)                                       ! Set EDGe Visibility on
CALL VSEDGC(0)                                       ! Set EDGe Colour to index 0
CALL VSNEW                                           ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSXYZU(X, Y, Z, R, NLONG, NLAT)              ! Draw R on surface X,Y,Z
CALL VSOUT                                           ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL VSROT('Z3', -100.0)                           ! Rotate z by -100 degrees
CALL VSEDGC(1)                                       ! Restore EDGe Colour
CALL LIMEXC(R, NLONG*NLAT, RMIN, RMAX)              ! Find data limits
CALL VSUTOC(0.0, RMAX, 0, 0)                        ! Relate User data TO Colour 0
CALL VSNEW                                           ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSXYZ(X, Y, Z, NLONG, NLAT)                  ! Draw surface X,Y,Z
CALL VSOUT                                           ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL ENDPLT                                          ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 9.** A 3-D surface

### Explanation of subroutines

VSXYZU(X2ARR,Y2ARR,Z2ARR,U2ARR,NX,NY) draws the surface joining the points  $(X2ARR(i,j), Y2ARR(i,j), Z2ARR(i,j))$  over the grid defined by lines of constant  $i$  against lines of constant  $j$ , with the colour representing  $U2ARR(i,j)$ .

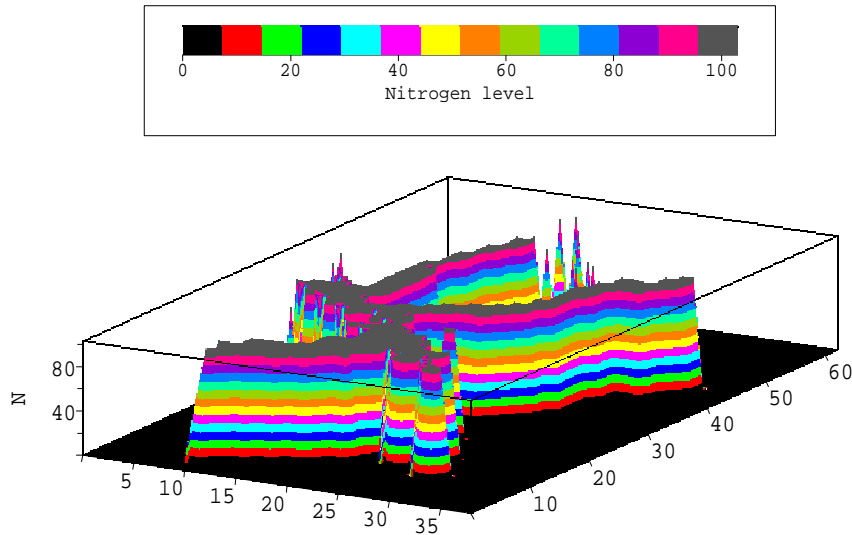
`VSROT(CHAXIS,ROTATE)` rotates the *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* image by `ROTATE` degrees around axis `CHAXIS`. In this example, the image is rotated by  $-100^\circ$  around the  $z$ -axis.

`VSXYZ(X2ARR,Y2ARR,Z2ARR,NX,NY)` draws the same surface. All data values are represented by a single colour, in this case, background, which is specified by `VSUTOC(..., 0, 0)`. The mesh is drawn by calling `VSEDGV(1)` to set the edge visibility on.

## 9.10 Adding axes and keys

This example illustrates how to:

- add simple axes,
- add a key to user data levels,
- control the relative lengths of the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes.



```

PROGRAM VIS10
INTEGER NX, NY, I, J
PARAMETER(NX=38, NY=62)
REAL Z(NX,NY), ZMIN, ZMAX
OPEN(UNIT=10, FILE='vis10.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10, *) ((Z(I, J), I = 1, NX), J = NY, 1, -1)
CLOSE(10)
CALL VSLBOX(1)                ! Request Limiting BOX
CALL LIMEXC(Z, NX*NY, ZMIN, ZMAX) ! Find data LIMits
CALL VSFITP(REAL(NX), REAL(NY), 10.0) ! FIT Proportional scales
CALL VS3DLM(0.0, REAL(NX), 0.0, REAL(NY), ZMIN, ZMAX)
CALL VSNEW                    ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSRG(Z, NX, NY)        ! Surface from ReGular grid
CALL VSOUT                    ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL VSAXDR(' ', ' ', 'N')   ! AXis DRaw
CALL VSK7H('T', 'C', ZMIN, ZMAX, 'Nitrogen level') ! Key Horizontal
CALL ENDPLT                   ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 10.** A surface from a 2-D array

### Explanation of subroutines

**VSFITP**(XPROPN,YPROPN,ZPROPN) specifies the relative physical lengths of the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes. This example keeps the lengths of the  $x$  and  $y$  axes in proportion to the data, and sets a smaller  $z$ -axis length.

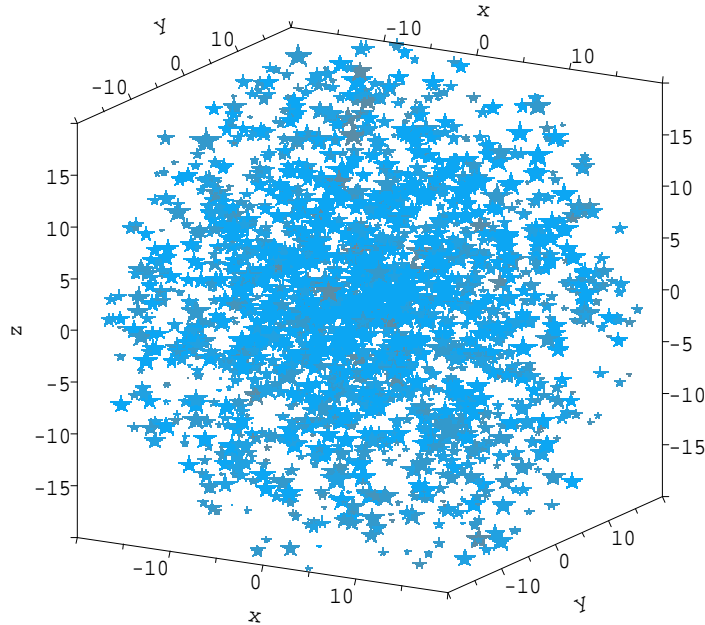
**VSAXDR**(CAPX,CAPY,CAPZ) draws 3-dimensional axes on the current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image. CAPX, CAPY and CAPZ are added as axis labels. Individual axis properties may be controlled using the appropriate **AX\*** subroutines.

VSK7H(VCHAR,HCHAR,ULEFT,URIGHT,CAP) draws a complete horizontal key to user data, labelled CAP. Samples of the contour colours corresponding to the range ULEFT to URIGHT are annotated with the data levels. In this example, the key is positioned 'T'op 'C'entre.

## 9.11 Polymarkers

This example illustrates how to:

- draw all six 3-D axes,
- draw polymarkers into a *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* image,
- set marker colour and size.



### Explanation of subroutines

`AXLOCN(CHAXIS, 'B')` specifies that 'B'oth axes are drawn for the specified scales. `CHAXIS '*3'` means that all 3-D axes are specified.

`VSCHLS(ICIX,HUE,BRIGHT,SAT)` defines the target colour for the colour index given. When the device has limited colour capability, an attempt is made to render different colours using the available resources.

`VSPMC(ICIX)` specifies the marker colour index.

`VSPMMG(FACTOR)` multiplies the marker size by `FACTOR`. The size of each marker in this example is scaled to relate to the magnitude of the corresponding star.

`VSPMDR(XARRAY,YARRAY,ZARRAY,NPTS,MKTYPE)` draws `NPTS` polymarkers centred at the  $(x, y, z)$  value in arrays `XARRAY`, `YARRAY` and `ZARRAY`. Marker type `MKTYPE` is used. This example uses marker 104, a solid star.



```

PROGRAM VIS11
INTEGER NSTARS(6), NPTS, I, J, K
PARAMETER(NPTS=2151)
REAL R, THETA, PHI
REAL X(NPTS), Y(NPTS), Z(NPTS), RMAG(NPTS)
DATA NSTARS/5, 87, 218, 602, 537, 702/
OPEN(UNIT=10, FILE='vis11.dat', STATUS='OLD')
DO 10, I = 1,NPTS                ! Read position & magnitude
  READ(10,*) R, THETA, PHI, RMAG(I)
  X(I) = R * COS(PHI) * SIN(THETA) ! Convert from ...
  Y(I) = R * COS(PHI) * COS(THETA) ! ... (r,theta,phi) ...
  Z(I) = R * SIN(PHI)              ! ... to (x,y,z)
10 CONTINUE
CLOSE(10)
CALL VS3DLM(-20.0, 20.0, -20.0, 20.0, -20.0, 20.0) ! Set scales
CALL AXLOCN('*3', 'B')                          ! Both sets of axes for x-y-z
CALL VSNEW                                       ! Start picture
  K = 0                                         ! Index to marker
  DO 30, J = 1, 6                               ! Draw each group in turn
    CALL VSCHLS(J+9, 320.0, 0.5, 0.15*J) ! Set colour indices 10..15
    CALL VSPMC(J+9)                          ! Set marker colour
    DO 20, I = 1, NSTARS(J)                   ! Draw each marker in group
      K = K+1                                ! Next marker in array
      CALL VSPMG(0.1 * RMAG(K))              ! Set marker size
      CALL VSPMDR(X(K), Y(K), Z(K), 1, 104) ! Draw single marker
20    CONTINUE
30    CONTINUE
CALL VSOUT                                       ! Output image
CALL VSAXDR('x', 'y', 'z')                   ! Add axes
CALL ENDPLT
END

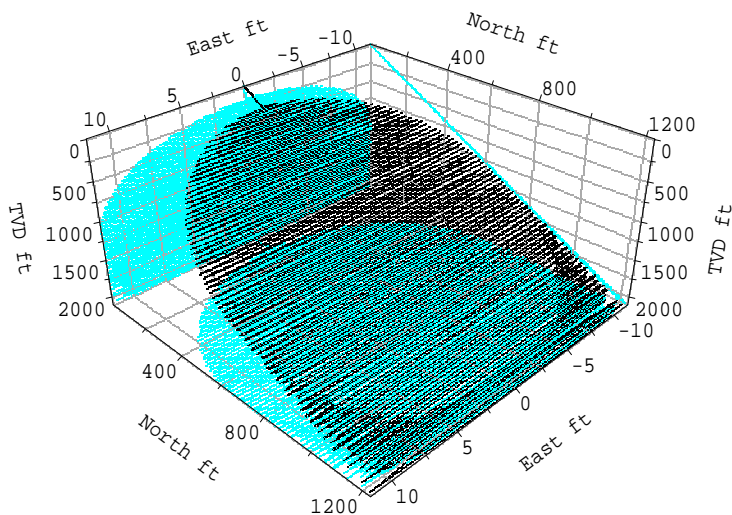
```

Example 11. Polymarkers showing star data

## 9.12 Axis grids and polylines

This example illustrates how to:

- add grids to axis backdrops,
- project a polyline onto a plane,
- select a polyline colour.



### Explanation of subroutines

VSAXGC(IXCIX,IYCIX,IZCIX) specifies the colour index for grid lines on each back plane.

VSPLDR(XARRAY,YARRAY,ZARRAY,NPTS) draws a polyline held in arrays XARRAY, YARRAY and ZARRAY, dimensioned NPTS.

VSLINC(ICIX) specifies the colour index for polylines.

```

PROGRAM VIS12
INTEGER MAXPTS, NPTS, I
PARAMETER(MAXPTS = 1024)
REAL XDRILL(MAXPTS), YDRILL(MAXPTS), ZDRILL(MAXPTS)
REAL XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX, ZMIN, ZMAX
REAL XCONST(MAXPTS), YCONST(MAXPTS), ZCONST(MAXPTS)
C
OPEN(UNIT=10, FILE='vis12.dat', STATUS='OLD')
  READ(10, *) XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX, ZMIN, ZMAX
  READ(10, *) NPTS
  READ(10, *) (ZDRILL(I), XDRILL(I), YDRILL(I), I = 1, NPTS)
CLOSE(10)
DO 10, I=1, NPTS                ! Set constant data for ...
  XCONST(I) = XMIN              ! ... x ...
  YCONST(I) = YMIN              ! ... y ...
  ZCONST(I) = ZMAX              ! ... & z planes
10 CONTINUE
C
CALL VS3DLM(XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX, ZMAX, ZMIN) ! Set 3D scales
CALL VSFITP(1.0, 1.0, 0.5)          ! FIT Proportions of axis lengths
CALL AXLOCN('*3','B')                ! Both axes for each scale ...
CALL VSAXGC(15, 15, 15)              ! ...with grids in Colour 15
CALL VSVRTP(5.0, 135.0, 30.0)        ! Specify viewpoint
CALL VSNEW                           ! Start new picture
  CALL VSPLDR(XDRILL, YDRILL, ZDRILL, NPTS) ! DDraw PolyLine
  CALL VSLINC(5)                      ! Set LINE Colour
  CALL VSPLDR(XCONST, YDRILL, ZDRILL, NPTS) ! Project onto x-
  CALL VSPLDR(XDRILL, YCONST, ZDRILL, NPTS) ! ... y- ...
  CALL VSPLDR(XDRILL, YDRILL, ZCONST, NPTS) ! ... & z-plane
CALL VSOUT                           ! Flush buffers
CALL VSAXDR('East ft', 'North ft', 'TVD ft') ! DDraw AXes
CALL ENDPLT
END

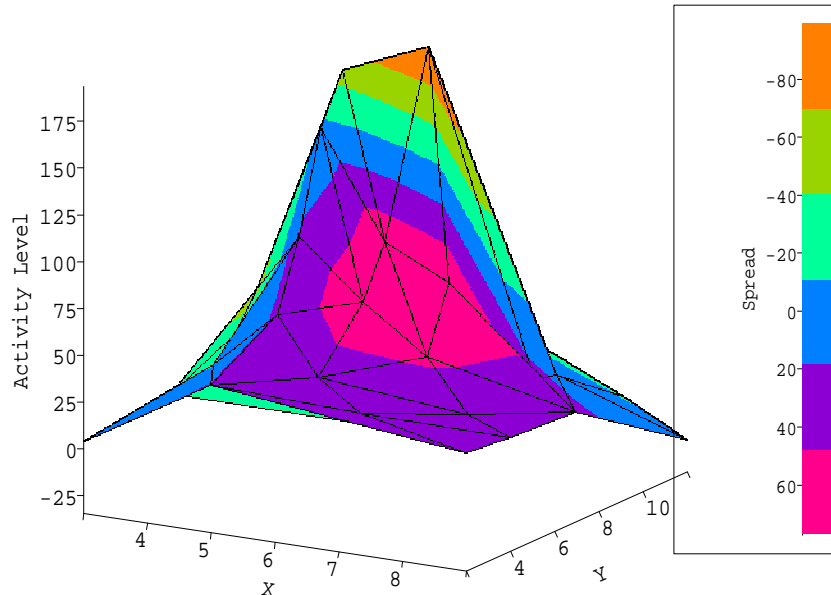
```

**Example 12.** Axis grids and polylines

## 9.13 Ungridded data

This example illustrates how to:

- draw a *SIMPLEPLOT* *ViSualization* picture from ungridded data,
- add a vertical key.



```

PROGRAM VIS13
INTEGER NPTS, MELEM
PARAMETER(NPTS=29, MELEM = 3*NPTS)
INTEGER I, NELEM
INTEGER IELEM(3,MELEM), NEIGH(3,MELEM)
REAL X(NPTS), Y(NPTS), Z1(NPTS), Z2(NPTS)
REAL XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX, ZMIN, ZMAX, UMIN, UMAX
OPEN(10, FILE='vis13.dat', STATUS='OLD')
  READ(10,*) (X(i), Y(i), Z1(i), Z2(i), i=1,NPTS)
CLOSE(10)
CALL ZZORDR(X, Y, NPTS, IELEM, NEIGH, NELEM, MELEM) ! Structure data
CALL VSFITP(1.0, 1.0, 1.0) ! Equal length axes
CALL VSEDGV(1) ! Draw element boundaries
CALL LIMEXC(X, NPTS, XMIN, XMAX) ! Find range of x...
CALL LIMEXC(Y, NPTS, YMIN, YMAX) ! ... and Y ...
CALL LIMEXC(Z2, NPTS, ZMIN, ZMAX) ! ...
CALL LIMEXC(Z1, NPTS, UMIN, UMAX) ! Draw contours over range ...
CALL VS3DLM(XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX, ZMIN, ZMAX)
CALL PAGMRG(2.0, 2.0, 1.0, 0.0) ! PiCture MaRGin
CALL VSNEW
  CALL VSUTOC(UMIN, UMAX, 8, 14) ! ... of Z1
  CALL VSZU(X, Y, Z2, Z1, NPTS, IELEM, 3, NELEM) ! Draw Z1 on Z2
CALL VSOUT
CALL VSAXDR('X', 'Y', 'Activity Level') ! Draw axes
CALL VSK7V('C', 'F', UMIN, UMAX, 'Spread') ! Vertical Key Centre Right
CALL ENDPLT
END

```

**Example 13.** Ungridded data

**Explanation of subroutines**

**ZZORDR**(**XARR**,**YARR**,**NPTS**,**I2ARR**,**N2ARR**,**NELEMS**,**ISIZE**) organizes ungridded data into triangular elements and neighbours.

**PAGMRG**(**CMS**,**RCMS**,**BCMS**,**TCMS**) sets the margin for the left, right, bottom and top of the page. Each argument is measured in centimetres: in this example, **CMS** **RCMS** are each set to 2cm, and **BCMS** is set to 1cm to allow space for the axis labels.

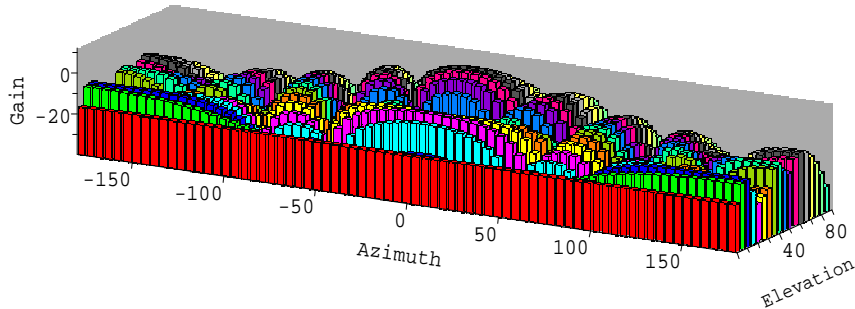
**VSZU**(**XARR**,**YARR**,**ZARR**,**UARR**,**NPTS**,**I2ARR**,**NNODES**,**NELS**) draws contours from 3-D data structured into elements.

**VSK7V**(**VCHAR**,**HCHAR**,**UTOP**,**UBOTTM**,**CAP**) draws a complete vertical key, labelled **CAP**. Samples of the contour colours corresponding to the range **UTOP** to **UBOTTM** are given and annotated with the data levels. In this example, the key is positioned vertically 'C'entre, 'F'ollowing the picture.

## 9.14 3-D bar chart

This example illustrates how to:

- draw a 3-D bar chart from an array of numeric data,
- set a base level for bars,
- fill an axis back plane.



```

PROGRAM VIS14
INTEGER NLONG, NLAT
PARAMETER(NLONG=73, NLAT=18)
REAL U(NLONG, NLAT), UMIN, UMAX
INTEGER ISHAD(NLAT), ICOL
OPEN(10, FILE='vis08.dat', STATUS='OLD')
  READ(10,*) U
CLOSE(10)
DO 10 ICOL=1,NLAT
  ISHAD(ICOL) = ICOL+1
10 CONTINUE
CALL SQSHAD(ISHAD, NLAT)
CALL LIMEXC(U, NLONG*NLAT, UMIN, UMAX)
CALL VS3DLM(-180.0, 180.0, 0.0, 90.0, UMIN, UMAX)
CALL VSEDGV(1)
CALL VSAXFC(15, 15, 15)
CALL VSNEW
  CALL VSBRFC(2)
  CALL VSBREZ(UMIN)
  CALL VSBFL(U, NLONG, NLAT, 1)
CALL VSOUT
CALL VSAXDR('Azimuth', 'Elevation', 'Gain')
CALL ENDPLT
END

```

**Example 14.** 3-D bar chart

### Explanation of subroutines

SQSHAD(IARR,NARR) specifies a sequence of NARR shading patterns. In this example, the patterns in IARR are set to start from pattern 2, thus avoiding pattern 1 (black on this device).

VSEDGV(1) specifies that outlines are drawn around filled areas including 3-D bars.

VSAXFC(IXFCIX,IYFCIX,IZFCIX) specifies the colour index for each of the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  planes.

VSBRFC(ICODE) specifies how bars are to be coloured. VSBRFC(2) shades each column in a different colour. The colours used are those specified by SQSHAD.

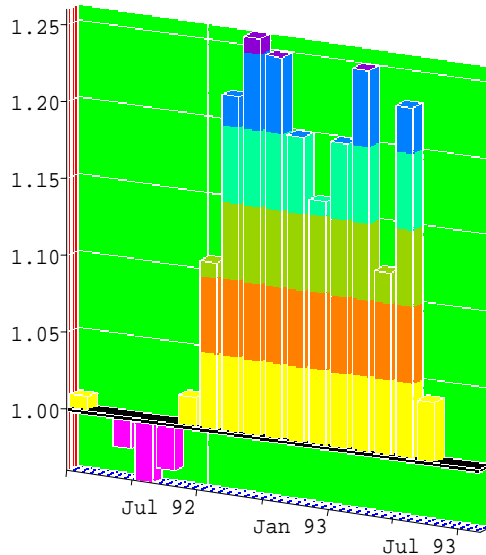
`VSBZ(ZVAL)` sets the base level for a bar chart. By default, bars are drawn to  $z = 0.0$ .

`VSBFL(Z,NX,NY,NSETS)` draws a 3-D bar chart. The bar chart is drawn from data held in `Z`, dimensioned  $NX \times NY \times NSETS$ . If  $NSETS > 1$ , more than one data set is stacked.

## 9.15 Tinted bar chart

This example illustrates how to:

- convert (year,month,day) to internal time format,
- draw a time-based axis,
- draw a tinted 3-D bar chart.



```

PROGRAM VIS15
INTEGER NBARS
PARAMETER(NBARS=19)
REAL RATIO(NBARS), DAY1, DAYN, RMIN, RMAX, BARWD
DATA RATIO /1.01, 1.0, 0.98, 0.96, 0.97, 1.02, 1.11, 1.22, 1.26,
+      1.25, 1.2, 1.16, 1.2, 1.25, 1.12, 1.23, 1.04, 1.0, 1.0/
CALL KTREAL('M', 1992, 1, 1.0, DAY1) ! Convert from (y,m,d) to ...
CALL KTREAL('M', 1993, 8, 1.0, DAYN) ! ... date in internal format
CALL LIMEXC(RATIO, NBARS, RMIN, RMAX) ! Find data LiMits
BARWD = (DAYN-DAY1)/NBARS           ! Width of bars
CALL VS3DLM(DAY1, DAYN, 0.0, BARWD, RMIN, RMAX) ! 3D LiMits
CALL VSFIT('XY')                    ! x:y scales in proportion
CALL VSAXFC(2, 3, 4)                 ! AXis plane Fill Colour
CALL AXLBTP('X3', 'D')               ! TiMe scale on X 3d axis
CALL AXSBDV('X3', DAY1, DAYN-DAY1) ! No AXis SuBDiVisions
CALL VSAXGC(0, 0, -1)                ! AXis Grid Colour
CALL VSNEW                           ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSEDGV(1)                      ! EDGe Visibility ON
  CALL VSEDGC(0)                      ! EDGe Colour index 0
  CALL VSBLFL(DAY1, DAYN, 0.0, BARWD, 0.999, 1.001) ! Draw shelf
  CALL VSB RBZ(1.0)                   ! Set BaR Base at Z=1.0
  CALL VSUTOC(0.9, 1.3, 5, 13)       ! Relate User data TO Colours
  CALL VSBRTN(RATIO, NBARS, 1)       ! Draw BaR chart (TiNted)
CALL VSOUT                           ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL AXSBDV('X3', 0.0, 0.0)          ! Restore default subdivisions
CALL AXCLR('Y3', 1)                  ! AXis CLear
CALL VSAXDR(' ', ' ', ' ')          ! AXis DDraw
CALL ENDPLT                          ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 15.** Tinted 3-D bar chart



### **Explanation of subroutines**

**KTREAL(UNITS,IVAL1,IVAL2,RVAL,VALUE)** converts from a (year,month,day) triple to data in internal SIMPLEPLOT time format.

**AXSBDV(CHAXIS,OFFSET,DELTA)** specifies that tickmarks on axis **CHAXIS** are drawn at interval **DELTA** from **OFFSET**.

**AXSBDV** is called twice in this example – before **VSNEW**, to specify that no grids are drawn from the  $x$ -axis, projected onto the  $z$  plane, and before **VSAXDR** to restore the default when the axis is drawn.

**VSBLFL(X1,X2,Y1,Y2,Z1,Z2)** draws a single bar from **X1** to **X2** in  $x$ , **Y1** to **Y2** in  $y$ , and **Z1** to **Z2** in  $z$ .

**VSBLFL** is used in this example to draw a shelf at  $z = 1.0$ .

**AXLBTP('X3','D')** specifies that the 3-D  $x$ -axis is annotated with 'D'ates.

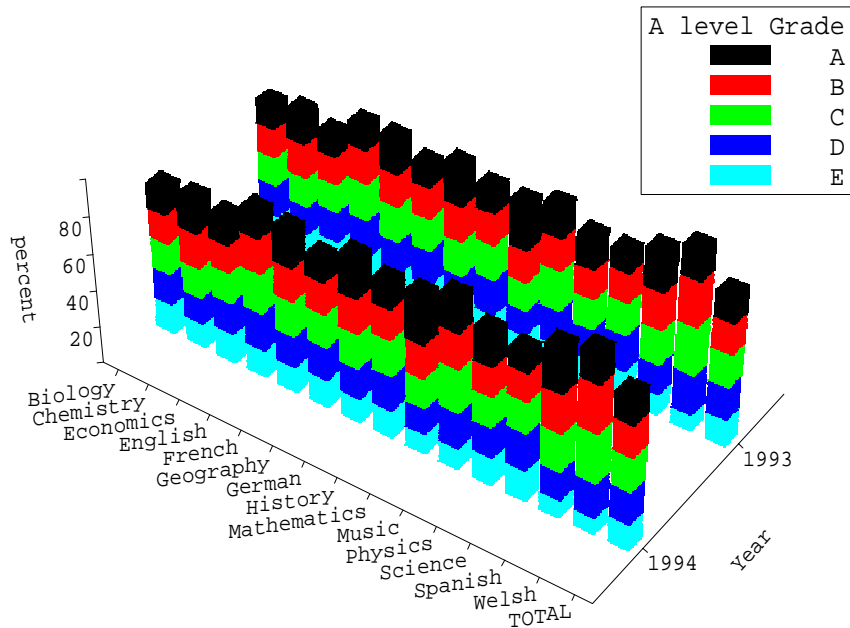
**VSBRN(Z,NX,NY)** draws a tinted bar chart, relating the data level to colour.

**AXCLR(CHAXIS,1)** specifies that axis labels and annotation are omitted from axis **CHAXIS**.

## 9.16 Stacked bar chart

This example illustrates how to:

- draw a stacked 3-d bar chart,
- control the bar size.



### Explanation of subroutines

VSBRFC(3) shades different data sets with different colours.

VSBRSZ(X1,X2,Y1,Y2) sets the bar size. The size in this example is calculated to give bars which are roughly square.

VSBFL(Z,NX,NY,NSETS) draws a stacked 3-D bar chart if NSETS > 1.

AXLBSL(CHAXIS,'H') specifies 'H'orizontal labels on axis CHAXIS.

AXTXT7(CHAXIS,W1,STEP,LABARR,NARR) adds the labels in LABARR to axis CHAXIS.

VSKEYS('T','R',LABARR,NARR,CAP) writes a key for NARR distinct data levels, and positions it 'T'op 'R'ight. Unlike VSK7H and VSK7V, which draw a tinted grid on a *u*-axis, VSKEYS uses separate shading patterns, and is unaffected by the AX\* subroutines.

```

PROGRAM VIS16
REAL XPROP, YPROP, ZPROP, XWIDTH, YWIDTH
PARAMETER(XPROP=50.0, YPROP=30.0, ZPROP=20.0)
INTEGER NGRADE, NSUBJ, NYEAR, I, J, K
PARAMETER(NSUBJ=15, NGRADE=5, NYEAR=2)
REAL GRADES(NSUBJ, NYEAR, NGRADE)
CHARACTER*18 SUBJCT(NSUBJ)
CHARACTER*1 GRADE(NGRADE)
DATA GRADE/'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E'/
OPEN(UNIT=10, FILE='vis16.dat', STATUS='OLD')
DO 10 I=1, NSUBJ                                ! Read data by subject
  READ(10, '(A)') SUBJCT(I)
  READ(10, *) ((GRADES(I, J, K), K=1, NGRADE), J=1, NYEAR)
10 CONTINUE
CLOSE(10)
CALL VSVRTP(10.0, 35.0, 40.0)                    ! Set View by R Theta Phi
CALL VS3DLM(0.0, REAL(NSUBJ), 1994.5, 1992.5, 0.0, 100.0)
CALL VSFITP(XPROP, YPROP, ZPROP)                ! FiT Proportional axes
CALL VSNEW                                       ! ViSualization NEW picture
CALL VSBRFC(3)                                  ! Set BaR Fill Colour
XWIDTH = REAL(NSUBJ)/XPROP
YWIDTH = REAL(NYEAR)/YPROP
CALL VSBRSZ(0.5-XWIDTH, 0.5+XWIDTH, 0.5-YWIDTH, 0.5+YWIDTH)
CALL VSBRFL(GRADES, NSUBJ, NYEAR, NGRADE)       ! FiLl BaRs
CALL VSOUT                                       ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL AXSDV('Y3', 1.0, 1.0)                     ! Set y AXis SuBDivisions
CALL AXCLR('X3', 1)                            ! CLear 3d X AXis
CALL VSAXDR(' ', 'Year', 'percent')            ! AXis DRaw
CALL AXTXT7('X3', 0.5, 1.0, SUBJCT, NSUBJ)     ! Draw AXis TeXT
CALL VSKEYS('T', 'R', GRADE, NGRADE, 'A level Grade') ! SHaded KEYS
CALL ENDPLT                                     ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

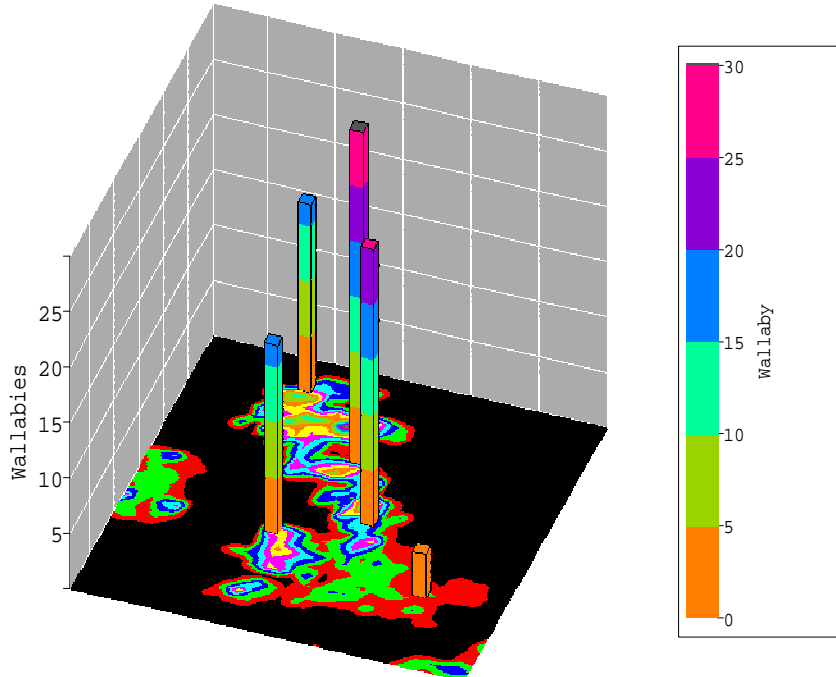
```

Example 16. Stacked 3-D bar chart

## 9.17 Drawing an individual bar

This example illustrates how to:

- draw a single bar on a plane,
- add a single axis,
- alter the *u*-axis, used on *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* keys.



### Explanation of subroutines

**VSBLTN**(X1,X2,Y1,Y2,Z1,Z2,U1,U2) draws a single bar from X1 to X2 in *x*, Y1 to Y2 in *y*, and Z1 to Z2 in *z*. The bar is tinted from the colour derived from U1 at *z* = Z1 to the colour derived from U2 at *z* = Z2.

**AXIS7**(CHAXIS, CAP) draws a single axis, labelled CAP. If CHAXIS is X3, Y3 or Z3, the 3-D *x*, *y* or *z*-axis is drawn.

**AXLOCN**('U3','F') specifies that the *u*-axis follows the key. Axis labels are drawn to the right of the key drawn by **VSK7V**.

```

PROGRAM VIS17
INTEGER NX, NY, NALL, I
PARAMETER(NX=30, NY=30, NALL=NX*NY)
REAL GB(NX,NY), BASE(NX,NY)      ! Heights for GB; base for map
REAL X(5), Y(5), Z(5)
DATA X/24.0, 12.0, 18.0, 15.0, 9.0/  ! Positions for bars in ...
DATA Y/9.0, 12.0, 15.0, 21.0, 27.0/  ! ... matrix coordinates
DATA Z/4.0, 17.0, 25.0, 30.0, 17.0/  ! Bar heights
DATA BASE/NALL*0.0/                ! Base z value for map
OPEN(10, FILE='vis04.dat', STATUS='OLD') ! Read ...
  READ(10, *) GB                    ! ... heights above sea level
CLOSE(10)
CALL VS3DLM(1.0, REAL(NX), 1.0, REAL(NY), 0.0, 30.0) ! 3d scales
CALL VSVRTP(0.0, 20.0, 40.0)      ! Set viewing position
CALL VSAXFC(15, 15, -1)           ! Specify colour of backdrop
CALL VSAXGC(0, 0, -1)             ! Specify grid colour
CALL VSNEW                        ! Start raster image
  CALL VSRGU(BASE, GB, NX, NY)     ! Draw background map
  CALL VSUTOC(0.0, 30.0, 8, 14)    ! Map bar range to 8..14
  CALL VSEDGV(1)                   ! EDGe Visibility ON
  DO 10, I = 1, 5                  ! Fill each bar in turn
    CALL VSBLTN(X(I)-0.5, X(I)+0.5, Y(I)-0.5, Y(I)+0.5, ! BLock TiNt
1      0.0, Z(I), 0.0, Z(I)) ! ... (1x1) base from Z = 0.0
10  CONTINUE
CALL VSOUT                        ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL AXIS7('Z3', 'Wallabies')    ! Draw z axis
CALL AXLOCN('U3', 'F')           ! u-axis Following the key
CALL VSK7V('C', 'F', 30.0, 0.0, 'Wallaby') ! Key Vertical
CALL ENDPLT                       ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

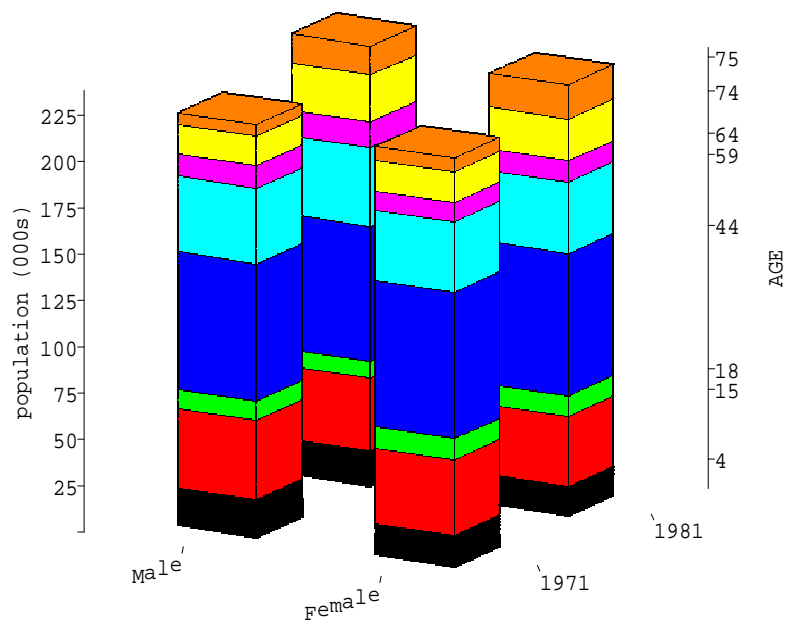
```

Example 17. Single bar

## 9.18 Inquiring the size of stacked bars

This example illustrates how to:

- inquire the range of a stacked bar chart,
- invert the colour order for bars.



### Explanation of subroutines

QVBRFL(Z,NY,NY,NSETS,ZMIN,ZMAX) inquires the  $z$  scale required by a *SIMPLEPLOT* Visualization stacked barchart. ZMIN gives the base, and ZMAX gives the height of the highest stack.

VSBRUP(IUP) specifies the stacking direction of bars. VSBRUP(1) specifies that bars are stacked from the bottom upwards.

AXLAB7(CHAXIS,W,CAP) writes label CAP at data level W on the CHAXIS axis.

```

PROGRAM VIS18
INTEGER NSEX, NYEAR, NAGE, i
PARAMETER(NSEX=2, NYEAR=2, NAGE=8)
REAL POP(NSEX, NYEAR, NAGE), ZMIN, ZMAX, ZLEV
CHARACTER AGE(NAGE)*2, SEX(NSEX)*6, YEAR(NYEAR)*4
OPEN(UNIT=10, FILE='vis18.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10, '(A,4F8.3)')(AGE(I),
+  ((POP(K,J,I), K=1,NSEX), J=1,NYEAR), I=1,NAGE)
READ(10, '(2(A,1X))')(SEX(I), I=1,NSEX)
READ(10, '(2(A,3X))')(YEAR(I), I=1,NYEAR)
CLOSE(10)
CALL QVBRFL(POP, NSEX, NYEAR, NAGE, ZMIN, ZMAX) ! Inquire bar size
CALL VS3DLM(0.0, 2.0, 0.0, 2.0, ZMIN, ZMAX)      ! Set 3-d limits
CALL VSFITP(1.0, 1.0, 1.0)                      ! x-y-z axes same length
CALL VSNEW
  CALL VSBRFC(3)                                ! Colour according to set
  CALL VSEDGV(1)                                ! EDGe Visibility on
  CALL VSBRSZ(0.3, 0.7, 0.3, 0.7)              ! BaR SiZe smaller
  CALL VSBRUP(1)                                ! Reverse drection of bar
  CALL VSBRFL(POP, NSEX, NYEAR, NAGE)          ! BaR FiLl
CALL VSOUT
CALL AXTXT7('X3', 0.5, 1.0, SEX, NSEX)         ! Annotate x-axis
CALL AXTXT7('Y3', 0.5, 1.0, YEAR, NYEAR)       ! Annotate y-axis
CALL AXIS7('Z3', 'population (000s)')          ! Draw z-axis
CALL AXCLR('*3', 1)                             ! Clear z and u axes
CALL AXLOCN('Z3', 'F')                         ! Following the picture ...
CALL AXIS7('Z3', 'AGE')                        ! ... Draw second z-axis
ZLEV = 0.0
DO 100 I=1,NAGE                                ! ... For each stack ...
  ZLEV = ZLEV + POP(NSEX, NYEAR, I)             ! ... find top of bar ..
  CALL AXLAB7('Z3', ZLEV, AGE(I))              ! ... and label
100 CONTINUE
CALL ENDPLT
END

```

Example 18. Annotated key

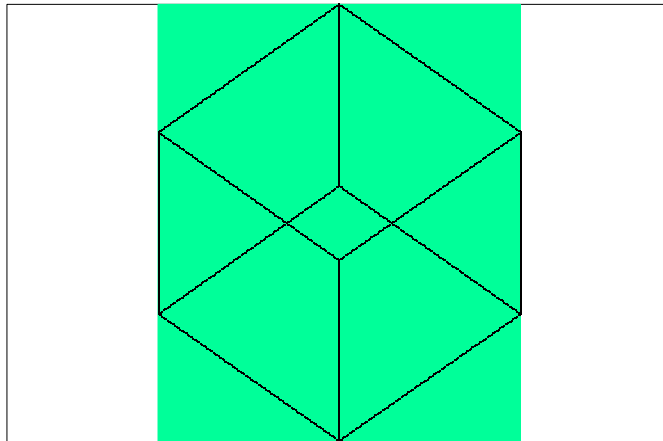
## 9.19 SIMPLEPLOT 2-D coordinates

VSNEW starts a new picture, and defines 2-D Cartesian scales to contain the whole projected image. QVSCAL inquires the underlying 2-D user scales used. The scale units have a 1:1 aspect ratio, and fill at least one of the picture dimensions.

This example illustrates how to identify the picture limits and the Limiting Box, and how to mix general SIMPLEPLOT software with the ViSualization module.

This example illustrates how to:

- display the picture limits,
- find the underlying SIMPLEPLOT 2-D user scales,
- use these scales to fill a rectangle containing the Limiting Box.



```

PROGRAM VIS19
REAL XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX          ! 2-d user scales
CALL BOXPIC(.TRUE.)                  ! Request BOX round PICTURE
CALL VSLBOX(1)                       ! Request Limiting BOX
C
CALL VSVRTP(0.0, 45.0, 45.0)         ! Set Viewing position
CALL VSNEW                           ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL QVSCAL(XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX) ! Inquire scales
  CALL SHDEBX(XMIN, YMIN, XMAX, YMAX, 10) ! SHaDE BoX
CALL VSOUT                           ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL ENDPLT                          ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 19.** Using 2-D coordinates

### Explanation of subroutines

BOXPIC(.TRUE.) requests that a boundary is drawn when a new picture is started.

QVSCAL(XMIN,XMAX,YMIN,YMAX) inquires underlying SIMPLEPLOT 2-D coordinates.

SHDEBX(X1,Y1,X2,Y2,IPATTN) fills a rectangular area defined by two opposite corners with the fill pattern specified.



## 9.20 Annotation

Annotation]

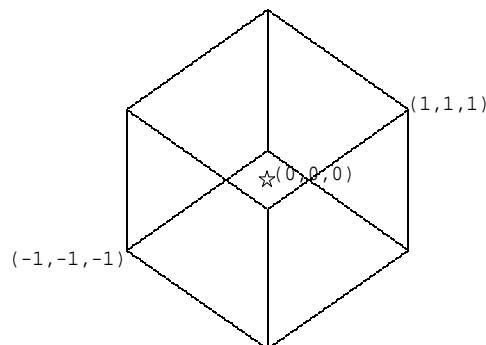
All the text facilities of the SIMPLEPLOT library are available with the ViSualization module.

Text can be positioned descriptively by reference to positions on the picture, group or page, or explicitly using the underlying 2-D coordinate system.

This example illustrates how to:

- annotate using descriptive text positions,
- find the 2-D coordinates of a 3-D point,
- annotate using 2-D coordinates.

### Simple captions



### Different Types of Annotation

```

PROGRAM VIS20
REAL X, Y, D                                ! 2-d (x,y) and depth
CALL VSVRTP(0.0, 45.0, 45.0)                ! Set Viewing position
CALL VSLBOX(1)                               ! Request Limiting BOX
CALL VSNEW                                   ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL KVXYD(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, X, Y, D)         ! Convert to (X,Y,D)
  CALL CP7LB(X, Y, '(1,1,1)')                ! Draw caption at (X,Y)
  CALL KVXYD(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, X, Y, D)         ! Convert to (X,Y,D)
  CALL CP7PT(X, Y, 31, '(0,0,0)')            ! Add caption/marker at (X,Y)
  CALL KVXYD(-1.0, -1.0, -1.0, X, Y, D)     ! Convert to (X,Y,D)
  CALL LABJST('T', 'R')                     ! Justify Top/Right
  CALL CP7LB(X, Y, '(-1,-1,-1)')            ! Add caption at (X,Y)
CALL VSOUT                                   ! ViSualization OUTput
CALL TITLE7('O', 'L', 'Simple captions')
CALL TITLE7('L', 'C', 'Different Types of Annotation')
C
CALL ENDPLT                                 ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

### Example 20. Annotation

#### Explanation of subroutines

KVXYD(X3D,Y3D,Z3D,X2D,Y2D,DEPTH) converts a 3-dimensional point to its 2-dimensional equivalent, and gives the depth as the distance of the transformed point from the Viewing Plane.

CP7LB(X,Y,CAP) draws a caption, by default with the Bottom Left of the caption at the  $(x,y)$  coordinates specified.

CP7PT(X,Y,MKTYPE,CAP) draws the symbol MKTYPE centred at the point  $(x,y)$  and draws the caption to the right of the symbol. Symbols can be also drawn straight into the Raster image using subroutine VSPMDR.

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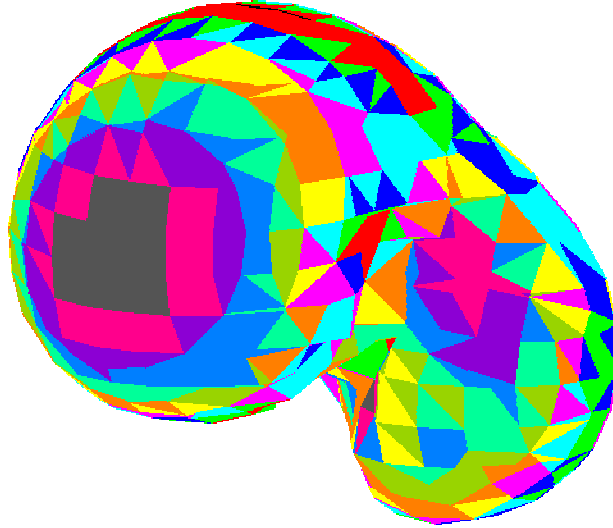
`LABJST(VCHAR,HCHAR)` specifies the justification for subsequent caption labels. In this example, the  $(x,y)$  coordinates are specified to be at the Top Right of the caption.

`TITLE7(VCHAR, HCHAR, CAP)` writes title `CAP` at the position defined by characters `VCHAR` and `HCHAR`.

## 9.21 IsoSurface from a 3-D array

This example illustrates how to:

- draw an IsoSurface of data held in a 3-D array,



```

PROGRAM VIS21
  INTEGER NX, NY, NZ
  PARAMETER(NX=21, NY=21, NZ=21)
  REAL V(NX,NY,NZ)                ! 3-d user matrix
  OPEN(10, FILE='vis21.dat', STATUS='OLD')
  READ(10,*) V                    ! Read data
  CLOSE(10)

C
  CALL VSNEW                      ! ViSualization NEW picture
    CALL VSIS(V, NX, NY, NZ, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface of V = -0.3
  CALL VSOUT                      ! ViSualization OUTput
C
  CALL ENDPLT                    ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 21.** An IsoSurface from a 3-D array

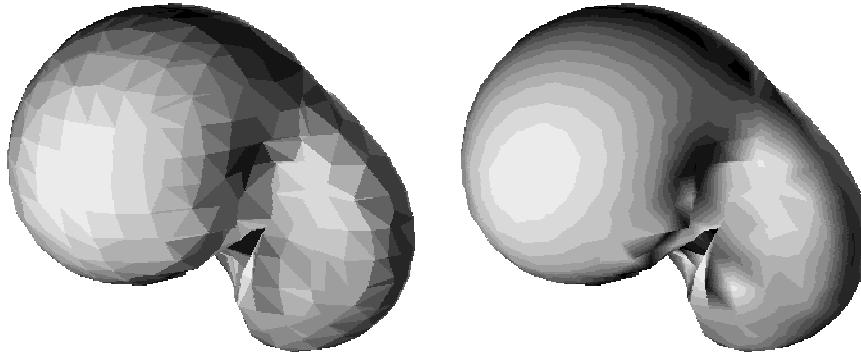
### Explanation of subroutines

**VSIS(V,NX,NY,NZ,RVAL)** draws an IsoSurface picture of data level **RVAL** in the  $NX \times NY \times NZ$  array **V** into the raster image. By default the light-sourced intensity values on the surface are mapped on to colour indices 1 to 15.

## 9.22 Light-sourcing IsoSurfaces

This example illustrates how to:

- set light-sourcing attributes,
- set up a grey scale palette.



```

PROGRAM VIS22
INTEGER NX, NY, NZ
PARAMETER(NX=21, NY=21, NZ=21)
REAL V(NX,NY,NZ)                ! 3-d user matrix
OPEN(10, FILE='vis21.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) V                    ! Read data
CLOSE(10)
CALL GROUP(2, 1)

C
CALL VSCGS(0.0, 1.0, 2, 15)     ! Set grey scale palette
CALL VSUTOC(0.0, 1.0, 2, 15)    ! Map intensities to palette
C
CALL VSLSSM(1)                  ! Default shading method
CALL VSNEW                      ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSIS(V, NX, NY, NZ, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface of V = -0.3
CALL VSOUT                      ! ViSualization OUTput
C
CALL VSLSSM(2)                  ! Smooth shading method
CALL VSNEW                      ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSIS(V, NX, NY, NZ, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface of V = -0.3
CALL VSOUT                      ! ViSualization OUTput
C
CALL ENDPLT                     ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 22.** Light-sourcing IsoSurfaces

### Explanation of subroutines

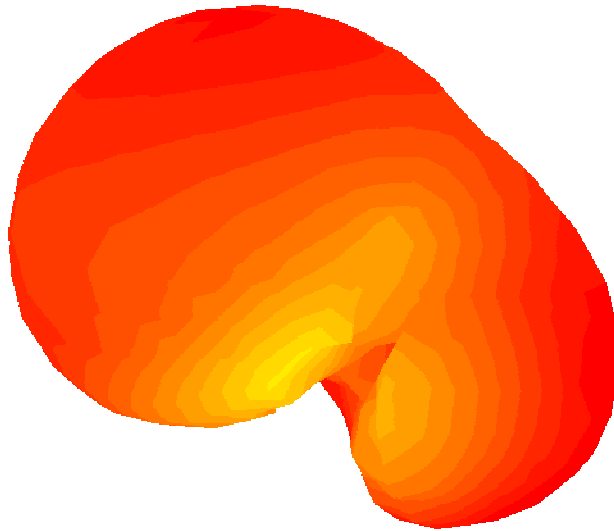
**VSLSSM(METHOD)** specify the shading method for light-sourcing. Shading method 0 (the default) shades each facet of the IsoSurface individually with a single colour. Shading method 1 interpolates colour across each facet.

**VSCGS(RFROM,RT0,ICIX1, ICIX2)** specify a graded grey scale palette suitable for light-sourcing. The intensities for colour indices ICIX1 and ICIX2 are given by RFROM and RT0 respectively. Intensities are interpolated for intermediate colour indices.

## 9.23 Contours of one data set on the IsoSurface of another

This example illustrates how to:

- draw an IsoSurface shaded using the contours of another variable,
- set up a graded colour palette.



```

PROGRAM VIS23
  INTEGER NX, NY, NZ, CIXMIN, CIXMAX
  PARAMETER(NX=21, NY=21, NZ=21, CIXMIN=2, CIXMAX=15)
  REAL V(NX,NY,NZ)           ! 3-d user matrix
  REAL U(NX,NY,NZ)           ! 3-d contour matrix
  OPEN(10, FILE='vis21.dat', STATUS='OLD')
  READ(10,*) V, U             ! Read data
  CLOSE(10)

C
  CALL VSCRGB(CIXMIN, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0) ! Palette from yellow
  CALL VSCRGB(CIXMAX, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0) ! ...to Red
  CALL VSCRNG(CIXMIN, CIXMAX)        ! Fill in rest of palette
  CALL VSUTOC(0.0, 7.0, CIXMIN, CIXMAX) ! Map intensities to palette

C
  CALL VSLSSM(2)                   ! Smooth shading method
  CALL VSNEW                        ! ViSualization NEW picture
  CALL VSISU(V, U, NX, NY, NZ, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface of V = -0.3
  CALL VSOUT                        ! ViSualization OUTput

C
  CALL ENDPLT                       ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 23.** 2 data sets

### Explanation of subroutines

VSISU(V,U,NX,NY,NZ,RVAL) draws an IsoSurface picture of data level RVAL in the  $NX \times NY \times NZ$  array V into the raster image. The IsoSurface is shaded with the contours of the parallel array U, which are mapped to colour indices 1 to 15 by default.

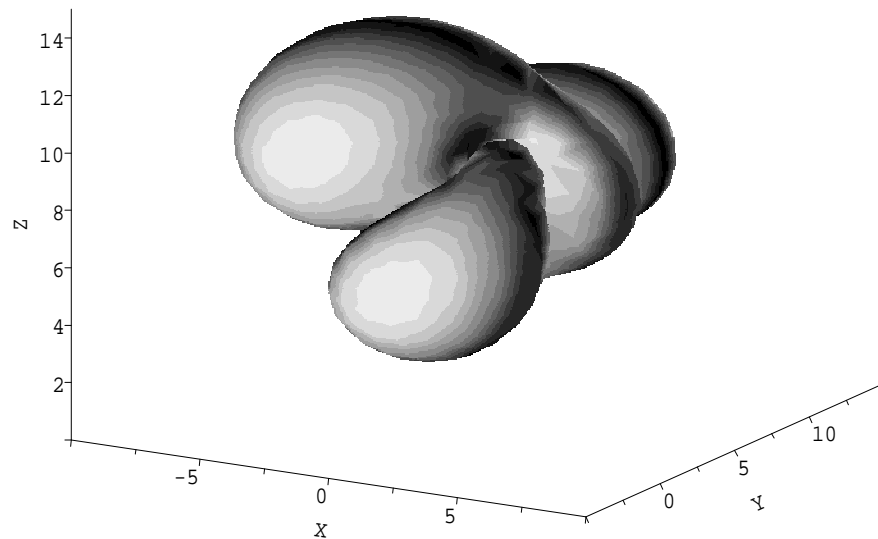
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`VSCRNG(ICIX1,ICIX2)` specify a graded sequence of colours. A sequence of colour values are interpolated from colour index `ICIX1` to `ICIX2`. The start and end colours of the interpolation are given by the by the colours assigned to `ICIX1` and `ICIX2`.

## 9.24 Specifying the $x$ - $y$ - $z$ values associated with a regular grid

This example illustrates how to:

- specify  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  values associated with the regular grid,
- superimpose multiple data levels.



### Explanation of subroutines

**VSEQX(XSTART,XSTEP)** Specifies the base (**XSTART**) and interval (**XSTEP**) for gridded data in the **X** dimension.

**VSEQY(YSTART,YSTEP)** Specifies the base (**YSTART**) and interval (**YSTEP**) for gridded data in the **Y** dimension.

**VSEQZ(ZSTART,ZSTEP)** Specifies the base (**ZSTART**) and interval (**ZSTEP**) for gridded data in the **Z** dimension. This routine only applies to IsoSurface pictures.

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```
PROGRAM VIS24
INTEGER NX, NY, NZ
PARAMETER(NX=21, NY=21, NZ=21)
REAL XMIN, YMIN, ZMIN, XMAX, YMAX, ZMAX
PARAMETER(XMIN=-10.0, YMIN=-5.0, ZMIN=0.0)
PARAMETER(XMAX=10.0, YMAX=15.0, ZMAX=15.0)
REAL XDIV, YDIV, ZDIV
PARAMETER(XDIV=1.0, YDIV=1.0, ZDIV=0.75)
REAL V(NX, NY, NZ)           ! 3-d user matrix
OPEN(10, FILE='vis21.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) V                  ! Read data
CLOSE(10)

C
CALL VSCGS(0.0, 1.0, 2, 15)   ! Set grey scale palette
CALL VSUTOC(0.0, 1.0, 2, 15) ! Map intensities to palette

C
CALL VS3DLM(XMIN, XMAX, YMIN, YMAX, ZMIN, ZMAX) ! Set true data scales
CALL VSEQX(XMIN, XDIV)           ! Map data into scales in X
CALL VSEQY(YMIN, YDIV)           ! and Y
CALL VSEQZ(ZMIN, ZDIV)           ! and Z
CALL VSLSSM(2)                   ! Smooth shading method
CALL VSNEW                       ! Visualization NEW picture
  CALL VSIS(V, NX, NY, NZ, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface of V = -0.3
  CALL VSIS(V, NX, NY, NZ, 0.3)  ! Also draw IsoSurface of V = 0.3
CALL VSOUT                       ! Visualization OUTput
CALL VSAXDR('X', 'Y', 'Z')

C
CALL ENDPLT                      ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END
```

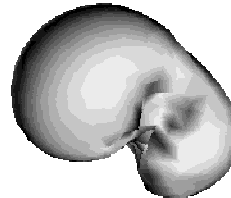
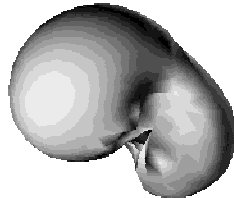
**Example 24.** Specifying  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  values associated with a regular grid



## 9.25 Drawing an IsoSurface in slices

This example illustrates how to:

- move the IsoSurface light source,
- draw an IsoSurface a slice at a time,
- specify the omission of the 6 end planes of the data set.



```

PROGRAM VIS25
INTEGER NX, NY, NZ, I
PARAMETER(NX=21, NY=21, NZ=21)
REAL V(NX,NY,NZ)                ! 3-d user matrix
OPEN(10, FILE='vis21.dat', STATUS='OLD')
READ(10,*) V                    ! Read data
CLOSE(10)
CALL GROUP(2, 1)
C
CALL VSCGS(0.0, 1.0, 2, 15)      ! Set grey scale palette
CALL VSUTOC(0.0, 1.0, 2, 15)     ! Map intensities to palette
C
CALL VSLSSM(2)                   ! Smooth shading method
CALL VSNEW                       ! Visualization NEW picture
  CALL VSIS(V, NX, NY, NZ, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface of V = -0.3
CALL VSOUT                       ! Visualization OUTput
C
CALL VLSLD(45.0, 5.0)           ! Move light source
CALL VS3DLM( 0.0, 20.0, 0.0, 20.0, 0.0, 20.0) ! Define scales
CALL VSISND(1)                  ! Don't draw end planes
CALL VSNEW                       ! Visualization NEW picture
  DO 100 I=1,NZ-3                ! Draw NZ-3 single slices
    CALL VSEQZ(I - 1.0, 1.0)     ! Set position of slice
    CALL VSIS(V(1, 1, I), NX, NY, 4, -0.3) ! Draw IsoSurface slice
100  CONTINUE
CALL VSOUT                       ! Visualization OUTput
C
CALL ENDPLT                      ! Close SIMPLEPLOT
END

```

**Example 25.** Drawing an IsoSurface in slices

### Explanation of subroutines

VSISND(ICODE) Controls the drawing of the 6 end planes of the data passed to VSIS or VSISU. By default (ICODE = 0) the data in the end planes are drawn. Calling VSISND with ICODE = 1

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causes these end planes to be omitted when drawing. The surface direction is computed by an approximation near the edge of the data array, which is not continuous from one slice to the next. To avoid discontinuities in the picture drawn in slices, edge planes should be omitted. To achieve this at least 4 slices of data must be passed. If the end planes are omitted then only two slices are left to form a single plane of the image.

**VLSLD(THETA,PHI)** Specifies the direction of the IsoSurface light source as a pair of angles **THETA** and **PHI**.

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## A. Subroutine specifications

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This appendix gives formal specifications for all the *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* subroutines. Full specifications of other subroutines are given in the *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual* (8<sup>th</sup> edition). All specifications are given in a similar format whether they are classified as graphics, specification or auxiliary subroutines. For example:

### SUBROUTINE NAME (ARG1, ARG2)

#### Name

NAME – brief summary line

**Availability** Section 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 or +, released version 2-*n*.

**Arguments** Throughout the specifications, arguments of type **INTEGER** have been given names starting with I–N, and arguments of type **REAL** have been given names starting with the letters A–H and O–Z.

IN only arguments are identified as *expression*; a variable name, a constant value or an expression may be used for such arguments.

INOUT or OUT only arguments are identified as *variable*.

RVAL	REAL expression	Expression with floating point value
IVAL	INTEGER expression	Expression with integer value
TORF	LOGICAL expression	Expression with logical value (.TRUE. or .FALSE.)
CHAR	CHARACTER*1	Expression with single character value
CHTYPE	CHARACTER*2	Expression with two character value
CAP	STRING expression	Expression with any length character value
VARX	REAL variable	Variable of type REAL
STR	STRING variable	Variable of type CHARACTER* <i>n</i>
LABARR	STRING array	Array of string values
IARR	INTEGER array	1-dimensional array of INTEGER values
I2ARR	INTEGER 2-D array	2-dimensional array of INTEGER values
DARR	REAL array	1-dimensional array of REAL values
D2ARR	REAL 2-D array	2-dimensional array of REAL values
D3ARR	REAL 3-D array	3-dimensional array of REAL values

KVXYD <sup>7</sup>	convert a 3-D point $(x, y, z)$ to $(x, y)$ and depth
QV3DLM <sup>7</sup>	inquire the 3-D limits for plottable data
QVBRFL <sup>7</sup>	inquire the $z$ scale required by a 3-D barchart
QVDPLM <sup>7</sup>	inquire the range of depths for the current picture
QVSCAL <sup>7</sup>	inquire the scale limits in SIMPLEPLOT user coordinates
VS3DLM <sup>7</sup>	set the 3-D Limiting Box for plottable data
VSAXDR <sup>7</sup>	draw 3-D axes on a <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> picture
VSAXFC <sup>7</sup>	specify colours for filled rear planes
VSAXGC <sup>7</sup>	specify the colour indices for grid lines on the rear planes
VSBLFL <sup>7</sup>	fill a 3-D block on a <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> picture
VSBLTN <sup>7</sup>	tint a 3-D block on a <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> picture
VSBRBZ <sup>7</sup>	specify the base $z$ value for 3-D barcharts
VSBRFC <sup>7</sup>	specify colour sequences on subsequent 3-D barcharts
VSBRFL <sup>7</sup>	fill a <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> 3-D barchart
VSBRSZ <sup>7</sup>	specify the widths of bars
VSBRTN <sup>7</sup>	tint a <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> 3-D barchart
VSBRUP <sup>7</sup>	specify the stacking direction for 3-D barcharts
VSCGS <sup>7</sup>	set the palette for a range of colour indices to a grey scale
VSCHLS <sup>7</sup>	set hue, lightness and saturation for the palette
VSCIM <sup>7</sup>	switch the method of interpolating colour sequences
VSCRGB <sup>7</sup>	specify red, green and blue levels for the palette
VSCRNG <sup>7</sup>	specify a graded range of target colours in the palette
VSEDCG <sup>7</sup>	specify the colour index for the edge of filled areas
VSEDCI <sup>7</sup>	specify the offset and increment for edging of gridded data
VSEDCV <sup>7</sup>	specify whether the edge of polygons are to be drawn
VSEQX <sup>7</sup>	specify the equally-spaced $x$ values for gridded 3-D data
VSEQY <sup>7</sup>	specify the equally-spaced $y$ values for gridded 3-D data
VSEQZ <sup>7</sup>	specify the equally-spaced $z$ values for gridded 3-D data
VSFILC <sup>7</sup>	specify the colour index for area fill subroutines
VSFIT <sup>7</sup>	specify which axis scales are measured in similar units
VSFITP <sup>7</sup>	specify the ratio between axis scale lengths
VSFULL <sup>7</sup>	specify how a projected 3-D object is to fill the picture
VSINIT <sup>7</sup>	reset <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> defaults
VSIS <sup>7</sup>	draw the light-sourced IsoSurface of a specified data level
VSISND <sup>7</sup>	specify whether IsoSurfaces should exclude six end planes
VSISU <sup>7</sup>	draw contours of one 3-D array on the IsoSurface of another
VSK7H <sup>7</sup>	draw a complete horizontal key to a tinted plot
VSK7V <sup>7</sup>	draw a complete vertical key to a tinted plot
VSKEYS <sup>7</sup>	draw a complete key with distinct shading patterns
VSLBOX <sup>7</sup>	specify whether Limiting Boxes are to be drawn
VSLINC <sup>7</sup>	specify the colour index to be used by line drawing subroutines
VSLSLD <sup>7</sup>	specify the direction of a light source
VSLSSM <sup>7</sup>	specify the shading method for light-sourcing
VSMAG <sup>7</sup>	magnify coordinates along any or all of the $x$ - $y$ - $z$ axes
VSNEW <sup>7</sup>	start a new <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> picture
VSOUT <sup>7</sup>	flush the raster image
VSPGFE <sup>7</sup>	fill an edge-flagged planar polygon
VSPGFL <sup>7</sup>	fill a planar polygon with the current fill index
VSPGTE <sup>7</sup>	tint an edge-flagged planar polygon
VSPGTN <sup>7</sup>	interpolate colour from user data within a planar polygon
VSPLDR <sup>7</sup>	draw a polyline through a succession of $(x, y, z)$ data points
VSPLTN <sup>7</sup>	interpolate colour from user data on a polyline
VSPMC <sup>7</sup>	specify the colour index for subsequent markers
VSPMDR <sup>7</sup>	draw a set of markers in a <i>SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization</i> image
VSPMMG <sup>7</sup>	specify the scaling factor for subsequent markers
VSPOP <sup>7</sup>	recall a transformation matrix saved by VSPUSH

VSPUSH <sup>7</sup>	save current <i>SIMPLEPLOT</i> <i>ViSualization</i> transformation matrix
VSRG <sup>7</sup>	draw a surface picture from a 2-D array
VSRGU <sup>7</sup>	draw contours on a surface picture from 2 functions of 2 variables
VSROT <sup>7</sup>	rotate coordinates around one of the $x$ - $y$ - $z$ axes
VSTRAN <sup>7</sup>	translate coordinates along any or all of the $x$ - $y$ - $z$ axes
VSUTOC <sup>7</sup>	define mapping from user data values to colour indices
VSVRTP <sup>7</sup>	set the Viewing Position in terms of a radius and 2 angles
VSVXYZ <sup>7</sup>	set the Viewing Position in terms of $(x, y, z)$
VSXYZ <sup>7</sup>	draw a surface picture from three 2-D arrays
VSXYZU <sup>7</sup>	draw contours on a surface picture from three 2-D arrays
VSZ <sup>7</sup>	draw a surface from data structured into elements
VSZU <sup>7</sup>	draw contours on a surface from data structured into elements

**SUBROUTINE KVXYD (X3D, Y3D, Z3D, VARX2D, VARY2D, VARDEP)****Name**

KVXYD – to convert a three-dimensional point  $(x, y, z)$  to its two-dimensional equivalent plus depth.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

X3D, Y3D, Z3D	REAL expressions	Coordinates of a point, specified in 3-D units before transformation
VARX2D, VARY2D	REAL variables	To receive the coordinates of the projected point
VARDEP	REAL variable	To receive the distance of the projected point from the Viewing Plane

**Description**

KVXYD converts a three-dimensional point (X3D,Y3D,Z3D) to (VARX2D,VARY2D), the equivalent 2-D coordinates once transformation and projection have been applied. VARX2D and VARY2D are measured in terms of the underlying SIMPLEPLOT scales.

KVXYD also calculates the value of the depth, VARDEP. By default, if a point is within the limits specified by VS3DLM, its depth lies in the range  $-\sqrt{3} \leq \text{VARDEP} \leq \sqrt{3}$ . Points between the Origin and the Viewing Position have negative depths – the greater the depth, the further away a point is from the Viewing Position.

The permissible range of depths is altered following a call to VSFULL.

**See also**

QVDPML, QVSCAL, VS3DLM, VSFULL, VSVRTP and VSVXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE QV3DLM (VARX1, VARX2, VARY1, VARY2, VARZ1, VARZ2)****Name**

QV3DLM – to inquire the three-dimensional limits for plottable data.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

VARX1	REAL variable	To receive value at start of $x$ scale
VARX2	REAL variable	To receive value at end of $x$ scale
VARY1	REAL variable	To receive value at start of $y$ scale
VARY2	REAL variable	To receive value at end of $y$ scale
VARZ1	REAL variable	To receive value at start of $z$ scale
VARZ2	REAL variable	To receive value at end of $z$ scale

**Description**

*SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* scales are set to accommodate all data within a three-dimensional box. By default, the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  limits of this box are all  $-1.0$  to  $+1.0$ , although VS3DLM can change these limits.

QV3DLM inquires the data limits used for the current picture.

All points which lie inside the limits after transformations have been applied can be plotted. Other points may lie outside the 2-D SIMPLEPLOT scales.

QV3DLM may also be used to calculate the Origin, which is at the centre of the Limiting Box. This is at

$$\left( \frac{\text{VARX1}+\text{VARX2}}{2}, \frac{\text{VARY1}+\text{VARY2}}{2}, \frac{\text{VARZ1}+\text{VARZ2}}{2} \right)$$

QV3DLM gives the limits for the current picture. It must be called after the scales have been set by VSNEW. If VSNEW has not been called, all the variables are set to the current ‘no data’ value.

**Diagnostics**

[QV3DLM: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM.

**SUBROUTINE QVBRFL (Z, NX, NY, NSETS, ZMIN, ZMAX)****Name**

QVBRFL – to inquire the  $z$  scale required by a *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* 3-D barchart.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

Z	REAL 3-D array	$NX \times NY \times NSETS$ array of user ( $z$ ) values
NX, NY, NSETS	INTEGER expressions	Dimensions of 3-D data array
ZMIN	REAL variable	To receive minimum $z$
ZMAX	REAL variable	To receive maximum $z$

**Description**

QVBRFL returns the minimum and maximum values required on the  $z$  scale for VSBFRFL to plot the data in array Z with the current base  $z$  value. This may be used to establish the  $z$  scale to set 3-D scales before drawing a stacked barchart.

**Diagnostics**

[QVBRFL: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSBFBZ and VSBFRFL.



**SUBROUTINE QVDPLM (VARMIN, VARMAX)****Name**

QVDPLM – to inquire the range of depths for the current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

VARMIN	REAL variable	To receive minimum depth
VARMAX	REAL variable	To receive maximum depth

**Description**

QVDPLM gives the range of depths of points inside the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* Limiting Box. The limits for the box are set by VS3DLM, given the current scaling mode set by VSFULL.

Depth increases away from the Viewing Position – only points which are the other side of the Viewing Plane have positive depths.

The range of depths is affected by VSFULL as follows:

- VSFULL(0) (default),  $\text{VARMIN} \geq -\sqrt{3}$  and  $\text{VARMAX} \leq +\sqrt{3}$ .
- VSFULL(1),  $\text{VARMIN} = -\sqrt{3}$  and  $\text{VARMAX} = +\sqrt{3}$ .
- VSFULL(2), the range of depths depends on the transformations specified by VSMAG, VSR0T, and VSTRAN.

QVDPLM gives the limits for the current picture. It must be called after the scales have been set by VSNEW. If VSNEW has not been called, all the variables are set to the current ‘no data’ value.

**Diagnostics**

[QVDPLM: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSFULL, VSVRTP and VSVXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE QVSCAL (VARXMN, VARXMX, VARYMN, VARYMX)****Name**

QVSCAL – to inquire the scale limits in SIMPLEPLOT user coordinates corresponding to the current projected plotting area.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

VARXMN	REAL variable	To receive minimum value of $x$ scale
VARXMX	REAL variable	To receive maximum value of $x$ scale
VARYMN	REAL variable	To receive minimum value of $y$ scale
VARYMX	REAL variable	To receive maximum value of $y$ scale

**Description**

QVSCAL returns the maximum possible plotting area for the current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture. The plotting limits may be altered by calls to VS3DLM, VSFIT, VSFITP, VSFULL, VSVRTP or VSVXYZ.

If a point is within the limits specified by VS3DLM, the range of possible  $x$ - $y$  values is determined by the Scaling Mode selected by VSFULL:

- VSFULL(0) (default),  
 $\text{VARXMN}/\text{VARYMN} \geq -\sqrt{3}$  and  $\text{VARXMX}/\text{VARYMX} \leq +\sqrt{3}$ .
- VSFULL(1),  $\text{VARXMN}/\text{VARYMN} = -\sqrt{3}$ , and  $\text{VARXMX}/\text{VARYMX} = +\sqrt{3}$ .
- VSFULL(2), the 2-D limits depends on the transformations specified by VSMAG, VSR0T and VSTRAN.

QVSCAL gives the limits for the current picture. It must be called after the scales have been set by VSNEW. If VSNEW has not been called, all the variables are set to the current ‘no data’ value.

**Diagnostics**

[QVSCAL: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSFIT, VSFITP, VSFULL, VSVRTP and VSVXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE VS3DLM (XSTART, XSTOP, YSTART, YSTOP, ZSTART, ZSTOP)****Name**

VS3DLM – to set the three-dimensional Limiting Box for plottable data.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XSTART	REAL expression	Value at start of $x$ scale
XSTOP	REAL expression	Value at end of $x$ scale
YSTART	REAL expression	Value at start of $y$ scale
YSTOP	REAL expression	Value at end of $y$ scale
ZSTART	REAL expression	Value at start of $z$ scale
ZSTOP	REAL expression	Value at end of $z$ scale

**Description**

*SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* scales are set to accommodate all data within a three-dimensional box. By default, the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  limits of this box are all  $-1.0$  to  $+1.0$ . VS3DLM changes these limits.

All points which lie inside the Limiting Box after transformation can be plotted. Note that, although a point may have  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates within the limits set by VS3DLM, it may still lie outside the Limiting Box if any transformations have been applied.

For more information about the effect of transformations on scales, see documentation on the transformation subroutines VSMAG, VSROT and VSTRAN, and the scaling subroutines VSFIT, VSFITP and VSFULL.

VS3DLM is also used to set the Origin, which is at the centre of the Limiting Box. By default, this is at  $(0.0, 0.0, 0.0)$ , although after

CALL VS3DLM(XSTART, XSTOP, YSTART, YSTOP, ZSTART, ZSTOP)

it is at

$$\left( \frac{XSTART+XSTOP}{2}, \frac{YSTART+YSTOP}{2}, \frac{ZSTART+ZSTOP}{2} \right)$$

VS3DLM does not take effect until the next call of VSNEW.

**Default**

Calling VS3DLM with XSTART=XSTOP, YSTART=YSTOP or ZSTART=ZSTOP restores the default for all scales.

**See also**

QV3DLM, VSFIT, VSFITP, VSFULL and VSINIT.

**SUBROUTINE VSAXDR (CAPX, CAPY, CAPZ)****Name**

VSAXDR – to draw 3-D axes on a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

CAPX	STRING expression	<i>x</i> -axis caption
CAPY	STRING expression	<i>y</i> -axis caption
CAPZ	STRING expression	<i>z</i> -axis caption

**Description**

VSAXDR can be called to draw *x-y-z* axes for the current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture. VSAXDR must be called after 3-D scales have been applied by VSNEW. The axes are drawn directly on the picture, not into the raster image. It is preferable to draw axes after the image has been transmitted by VSOUT, to avoid the axis being overdrawn.

**Diagnostics**

[VSAXDR: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

AX\*, VSAXFC, VSNEW and VSOUT.

**SUBROUTINE VSAXFC (IXFIX, IYFIX, IZFIX)****Name**

VSAXFC – to specify the colours for filled rear planes of *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* pictures.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

IXFIX	INTEGER expression	Fill index for rear $x$ plane
IYFIX	INTEGER expression	Fill index for rear $y$ plane
IZFIX	INTEGER expression	Fill index for rear $z$ plane

**Description**

VSAXFC specifies colour indices for filling the rear planes of the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* Limiting Box. If a non-negative value is specified for any plane, it is filled whenever a new image is started. VSAXFC must therefore be called before VSNEW.

IXFIX specifies the colour index for the rear plane(s) with  $x$  constant, IYFIX specifies the colour index for the rear plane(s) with  $y$  constant, and IZFIX specifies the colour index for the rear plane(s) with  $z$  constant.

If colour index  $-1$  is specified (default), the associated plane is not filled. Zero, one or two planes may be filled for each variable, depending on the Viewing Position set by VSVRTP/VSVXYZ.

In this release of the software, data may be mapped onto colour indices 0 to 95 inclusive.

**Default**

CALL VSAXFC( $-1, -1, -1$ ) restores the default.

**Diagnostics**

[VSAXFC: Colour index  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSAXGC, VSOUT, VSVRTP and VSVXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE VSAXGC (IXCIX, IYCIX, IZCIX)****Name**

VSAXGC – to specify the colour indices for grid lines on the rear planes of *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* pictures.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

IXCIX	INTEGER expression	Colour index for $x$
IYCIX	INTEGER expression	Colour index for $y$
IZCIX	INTEGER expression	Colour index for $z$

**Description**

VSAXGC specifies colour indices for grid lines on the rear planes of the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* Limiting Box. When grids have been requested, they are drawn in the raster image whenever a new image is started. VSAXGC must therefore be called before VSNEW.

IXCIX specifies the colour index for grid lines on the rear plane(s) with  $x$  constant, IYCIX specifies the colour index for grid lines on the rear plane(s) with  $y$  constant, and IZCIX specifies the colour index for grid lines on the rear plane(s) with  $z$  constant.

If index  $-1$  is specified, grids on the associated planes are not drawn, and if rear planes are filled, grid lines are formed by gaps in the filling. If index  $-2$  is specified, the associated grids are omitted. This is the default.

**Default**

CALL VSAXGC( $-2, -2, -2$ ) restores the default.

**Diagnostics**

[VSAXGC: Colour index  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSAXFC.

**SUBROUTINE VSBLFL (X1, X2, Y1, Y2, Z1, Z2)****Name**

VSBLFL – to fill a 3-D block on a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

X1, X2	REAL expressions	Range of $x$ values
Y1, Y2	REAL expressions	Range of $y$ values
Z1, Z2	REAL expressions	Range of $z$ values

**Description**

VSBLFL draws a single block on the current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture. This block is filled with the current fill index set by VSFILC, and subject to edge visibility and colour.

If the range of any dimension is zero (X1=X2, Y1=Y2 or Z1=Z2) nothing is drawn.

**Diagnostics**

[VSBLFL: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSBLTN, VSBFL, VSEDGC, VSEDGV and VSFILC.

**SUBROUTINE VSBLTN (X1, X2, Y1, Y2, Z1, Z2, U1, U2)****Name**

VSBLTN – to tint a 3-D block on a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

X1, X2	REAL expressions	Range of $x$ values
Y1, Y2	REAL expressions	Range of $y$ values
Z1, Z2	REAL expressions	Range of $z$ values
U1, U2	REAL expressions	Range of $u$ values

**Description**

VSBLTN draws a single block on the current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture. The block is tinted with colours ranging from the colour derived from U1 at  $z = Z1$  to the colour derived from U2 at  $z = Z2$ . The block is subject to edge visibility and colour.

**Diagnostics**

[VSBLTN: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSBLFL, VSBRTN, VSEDGC and VSEDGV.



**SUBROUTINE VSB RBZ (ZVAL)****Name**

VSB RBZ – to specify the base  $z$  value for bars in *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barcharts.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Argument**

ZVAL	REAL expression	Required base $z$ value
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**Description**

By default, *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barcharts show each bar extending from  $z = 0.0$ , to a  $z$  value from an array. VSB RBZ can be called before VSB RFL or VSB RTN to set an alternative base  $z$  value.

**Default**

CALL VSB RBZ(0.0) restores the default.

**See also**

VSB RFL and VSB RTN.

## SUBROUTINE VSBRFC (ICODE)

## Name

VSBRFC – to specify how colour sequences should be used on subsequent *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* 3-D barcharts.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

## Arguments

ICODE      INTEGER expression   Specify use of colour (see below)

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ICODE *Different colours*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 0 | Faces of bars distinguished by pen pointers (default) |
| 1 | Data Rows distinguished by colour sequence            |
| 2 | Data Columns distinguished by colour sequence         |
| 3 | Data Sets distinguished by colour sequence            |
| 4 | Data magnitudes distinguished by colour sequence      |
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## Description

VSBRFC fills a *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* 3-D barchart. VSBRFC can be called before VSBFL, to specify how colours are used for the bars.

When ICODE = 0, three colour indices distinguish the three planes of each bar: the  $x$  plane uses the first colour index, the  $y$  plane uses the second, and the  $z$  plane uses the third.

When ICODE > 0, all planes of a bar are shaded with the same colour index. SQSHAD may be called to specify the sequence of colour indices. When SQSHAD has not been called, the colour indices are used in the natural sequence 1, 2, 3, ...

## Diagnostics

[VSBRFC: Integer  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

## Default

CALL VSBRFC(0) restores the default.

## See also

SQSHAD and VSBFL.

**SUBROUTINE VSBFL (Z, NX, NY, NSETS)****Name**

VSBFL – to fill a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barchart.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

Z	REAL 3-D array	$NX \times NY \times NSETS$ array of user ( $z$ ) values
NX, NY, NSETS	INTEGER expressions	Dimensions of 3-D data array

**Description**

A *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barchart is drawn representing NSETS sets of values in array Z, stacked on top of each other. The sets may be stacked downward with the first set at the top, or upward with the first set at the bottom, as specified by VSBUP.

Different colours may be used to distinguish between data columns, data rows, or data sets, or data magnitudes, as specified by VSBFC.

**Diagnostics**

[VSBFL: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSBFL: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

QVBRFL, VSBZ, VSBFC, VSBRSZ, VSBRTN and VSBUP.

## SUBROUTINE VSBRSZ (X1, X2, Y1, Y2)

### Name

VSBRSZ – to specify the widths of bars in *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barcharts.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

### Arguments

X1, X2	REAL expressions	Limits of bars in $x$ direction
Y1, Y2	REAL expressions	Limits of bars in $y$ direction

### Description

By default, each bar in *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barcharts extends from 0.1 to 0.9 of the space available in both  $x$  and  $y$ . VSBRSZ can be called to specify alternative limits.

When X2 is not greater than X1, or either lies outside the range 0.0 to 1.0, the default in  $x$  is restored; when Y2 is not greater than Y1, or either lies outside the range 0.0 to 1.0, the default in  $y$  is restored.

### Default

CALL VSBRSZ(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0) restores the default.

### See also

VSBRFL and VSBRTN.

## SUBROUTINE VSBR TN (Z, NX, NY)

### Name

VSBR TN – to tint a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barchart.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

### Arguments

Z	REAL 2-D array	NX×NY user ( $z$ ) values
NX, NY	INTEGER expressions	Dimensions of 2-D data array

### Description

VSBR TN draws a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D barchart representing the values in array Z. The colours representing different  $z$  values are controlled by VSUTOC, and by default map onto colour indices 1 to 15.

### Diagnostics

[VSBR TN: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSBR TN: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

### See also

VSBRBZ, VSBFL, VSBRSZ and VSUTOC.

**SUBROUTINE VSBRUP (IUP)****Name**

VSBRUP – to specify the stacking direction for *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* 3-D barcharts.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

IUP            INTEGER expression   Whether bars stack upwards

IUP	Direction
0	Downward (default)
1	Upward

**Description**

VSBRUP is called before VSBFL to specify whether multiple data sets should be stacked downward with the first set at the top, or upward with the first set at the bottom:

**Diagnostics**

[VSBRUP: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSBRUP(0) restores the default.

**See also**

VSBRFL and VSBRTN.

**SUBROUTINE VSCGS (RFROM, RTO, ICIX1, ICIX2)****Name**

VSCGS – to set the palette for a range of colour indices to a grey scale suitable for light-sourcing.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

RFROM, RTO	REAL expressions	Range of grey levels [0.0-1.0]
ICIX1, ICIX2	INTEGER expressions	Range of colour indices

**Description**

VSCGS changes the *SIMPLEPLOT* *ViSualization* palette, setting a grey scale from grey level RFROM at index ICIX1 to grey level RTO at index ICIX2, where 0.0 represents Black and 1.0 represents White.

**Diagnostics**

[VSCGS: Colour index *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

[VSCGS: Colour specification *R* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSCIM and VSIS.

**SUBROUTINE VSCHLS (ICIX, HUE, BRIGHT, SATN)****Name**

VSCHLS – to set hue, lightness and saturation levels for the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* palette.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

ICIX	INTEGER expression	Colour index to be changed
HUE	REAL expression	Hue (degrees)
BRIGHT	REAL expression	Lightness (0.0–1.0)
SATN	REAL expression	Saturation (0.0–1.0)

**Description**

*SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* maintains its own target palette for output. Palette requests on devices with limited colour capabilities are rendered using Error Diffusion techniques.

BRIGHT and SATN must be between 0.0 and 1.0. If they are not, a diagnostic is issued and the palette is unchanged.

VSCHLS sets the device palette if palette control is available.

**Diagnostics**

[VSCHLS: Colour index *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

[VSCHLS: Colour specification *R* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSCRGB and VSCRNG.



**SUBROUTINE VSCIM (METHOD)****Name**

VSCIM – to switch the method of interpolating colour sequences.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

METHOD    INTEGER expression    Method ID (see below)

METHOD	<i>Interpolation method</i>
0	Linear interpolation
1	Non-linear gamma corrected interpolation

**Description**

VSCIM controls which method of interpolation is used by VSCGS and VSCRNG. Linear interpolation gives colour values with equally spaced intensities as passed to the display hardware. Non-linear gamma corrected interpolation provides a range of colours with equally spaced intensities as perceived by the human eye. By default linear interpolation is used.

**Diagnostics**

[VSCIM: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSCIM(0) restores the default.

**See also**

VSCGS, and VSCRNG.

**SUBROUTINE VSCRGB (ICIX, RED, GREEN, BLUE)****Name**

VSCRGB – to specify red, green and blue levels for the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* palette.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

ICIX	INTEGER expression	Colour index to be specified
RED	REAL expression	Proportion of Red (0.0–1.0)
GREEN	REAL expression	Proportion of Green (0.0–1.0)
BLUE	REAL expression	Proportion of Blue (0.0–1.0)

**Description**

*SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* maintains its own target palette for output. Palette requests on devices with limited colour capabilities are rendered using Error Diffusion techniques.

RED, GREEN and BLUE must be between 0.0 and 1.0. If they are not, a diagnostic is issued and the palette is unchanged.

VSCRGB sets the device palette if palette control is available.

**Diagnostics**

[VSCRGB: Colour index *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

[VSCRGB: Colour specification *R* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSCHLS and VSCRNG.

**SUBROUTINE VSCRNG (ICIX1, ICIX2)****Name**

VSCRNG – to set a graded range of colours in the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* palette.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

ICIX1	INTEGER expression	first pen index of graded range
ICIX2	INTEGER expression	last pen index of graded range

**Description**

VSCRNG sets the colours for all indices between ICIX1 and ICIX2. The existing values of colours ICIX1 and ICIX2 are left unchanged and a graded range of colours is interpolated for all indices between them.

**See also**

VSCHLS and VSCRGB.

**SUBROUTINE VSEDGC (ICIX)****Name**

VSEDGC – to specify the colour index for the edge of filled areas.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Argument**

ICIX        INTEGER expression   Colour index for edge of filled areas

**Description**

VSEDGC sets the colour index for the edge of *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* filled areas. This value is then applied if the edge visibility is set to ON by VSEDGV(1). In this release of software, data may be mapped on to colour indices 0 to 95 inclusive.

If colour index  $-1$  is specified, subsequent edges are omitted. This differs from selecting colour index 0, which draws the edge in background, and from VSEDGV(0) which fills the interior up to and including the edge.

**Diagnostics**

[VSEDGC: Colour index  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSEDGC(1) restores the default.

**See also**

VSBLFL, VSBLTN, VSBFL, VSBRTN, VSEDGV, VSPGFL, VSRG, VSRGU, VSPGTN, VSXYZ, VSXYZU, VSZ and VSZU.

**SUBROUTINE VSEDGI (IDIM, IOFF, INCR)****Name**

VSEDGI – to specify an offset and increment for edging of gridded data elements to form a grid over surfaces.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

IDIM	INTEGER expression	Dimension number (see below)
IOFF	INTEGER expression	Offset for first edge
INCR	INTEGER expression	Increment between edges

IDIM	<i>dimension(s) affected</i>
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0	All
1	x
2	y
3	z (Not relevant for 2-D arrays)

**Description**

VSEDGI controls the offset and increment of drawn edges for one of the dimensions of gridded data. IDIM indicates which dimension is being specified, 1, 2, or 3, or IDIM=0 may be used to specify all dimensions. VSEDGI calls with IDIM=1 and IDIM=2 affect all ViSualization plots drawn from gridded data; IDIM=3 applies to plotting from 3-dimensional arrays, but not to plotting from 2-dimensional arrays. By default, when edge visibility is ON (see VSEDGV) all edges of all elements are drawn. By selecting a less frequent density of edges, a coarser grid can be shown on the surface. The grid lines are offset by IOFF from the first data point. All edges in one dimension can be suppressed by calling VSEDGI with INCR=0.

**Diagnostics**

[VSEDGI: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSEDGI(0, 0, 1) restores the defaults.

**See also**

VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSIS, VSISU, VSRG, VSRGU, VSXYZ, and VSXYZU.

SUBROUTINE VSEDGV (LEVEL)

Name

VSEDGV – to specify whether the edge of polygons is to be drawn.

Availability Section 7, released version 2-13.

Argument

LEVEL            INTEGER expression    Whether to draw the edge in edge  
   colour index

LEVEL	<i>Drawn</i>
0	OFF – no edge drawn
1	ON – edge drawn

Description

By default, the edge visibility is OFF, and the edge of filled areas is drawn in the same colour as the interior. By setting the edge visibility ON, the edge of each polygon is drawn in the edge colour index (see VSEDGC). By drawing the edge of polygons separately from the interior, the underlying data structure can be displayed.

Diagnostics

[VSEDGV: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

Default

CALL VSEDGV(0) restores the default.

See also

VSBLFL, VSBLTN, VSBFL, VSBRTN, VSEDGC, VSEDGI, VSIS, VSISU, VSPGFL, VSPGTN, VSRG, VSRGU, VSXYZ, VSXYZU, VSZ and VSZU.

**SUBROUTINE VSEQX (XSTART, XSTEP)****Name**

VSEQX – to specify the equally-spaced  $x$  values to be associated with *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* gridded 3-D data.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XSTART	REAL expression	$x$ value of first data column
XSTEP	REAL expression	Interval between data columns

**Description**

By default, data on a regular grid drawn by VSRG, VSRGU, VSIS or VSISU are scaled to fit within the current Limiting Box specified by VS3DLM.

VSEQX specifies the  $x$  values corresponding to the data grid, and may be used in conjunction with VS3DLM to position the  $y-z$  plane in 3-D space. XSTART specifies the  $x$  coordinate to be associated with the first column of the data array, and XSTEP specifies the interval between columns.

VSEQX has no effect if VS3DLM has not been called to set the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D scales explicitly.

**Default**

Calling VSEQX with XSTEP=0.0 restores the default.

**See also**

VSEQY, VSEQZ, VSRG, VSRGU, VSIS, and VSISU.

**SUBROUTINE VSEQY (YSTART, YSTEP)****Name**

VSEQY – to specify the equally-spaced  $y$  values to be associated with *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* gridded 3-D data.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

YSTART	REAL expression	$y$ value of first data row
YSTEP	REAL expression	Interval between data rows

**Description**

By default, data on a regular grid drawn by VSRG, VSRGU, VSIS or VSISU are scaled to fit within the current Limiting Box specified by VS3DLM.

VSEQY specifies the  $y$  values corresponding to the data grid, and may be used in conjunction with VS3DLM to position the  $x-z$  plane in 3-D space. YSTART specifies the  $y$  coordinate to be associated with the first row of the data array, and YSTEP specifies the interval between rows.

VSEQY has no effect if VS3DLM has not been called to set the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D scales explicitly.

**Default**

Calling VSEQY with YSTEP=0.0 restores the default.

**See also**

VSEQX, VSEQZ, VSRG, VSRGU, VSIS and VSISU.



**SUBROUTINE VSEQZ (ZSTART, ZSTEP)****Name**

VSEQZ – to specify the equally-spaced  $z$  values to be associated with *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* gridded 3-D data.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

ZSTART	REAL expression	$z$ value of first data plane
ZSTEP	REAL expression	Interval between data planes

**Description**

By default, data on a regular grid drawn by VSIS or VSISU are scaled to fit within the current Limiting Box specified by VS3DLM.

VSEQZ specifies the  $z$  values corresponding to the data grid, and may be used in conjunction with VS3DLM to position the data in the 3-D space. ZSTART specifies the first  $z$  value of the grid, and ZSTEP specifies the  $z$  interval of the grid.

VSEQZ has no effect unless VS3DLM has been called to set the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* 3-D scales explicitly.

**Default**

Calling VSEQZ with ZSTEP=0.0 restores the default.

**See also**

VSEQX, VSEQY, VSIS and VSISU.

**SUBROUTINE VSFILC (ICIX)****Name**

VSFILC – to specify the colour index to be used by *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* area fill sub-routines.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Argument**

ICIX        INTEGER expression   Colour index for filling

**Description**

VSFILC sets the colour index for subsequent filling by VSPGFL or VSBLFL. In this release of software, data may be mapped on to colour indices 0 to 95 inclusive. If colour index  $-1$  is specified, subsequent areas are not filled.

**Diagnostics**

[VSFILC: Colour index  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSFILC(1) restores the default.

**See also**

VSBLFL, VSCHLS, VSCRGB and VSPGFL.

## SUBROUTINE VSFIT (CHAXES)

**Name**

VSFIT – to specify which axis scales are measured in similar units.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Argument**

CHAXES     STRING expression   axes which are related

CHAXES *similar axes*

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'XYZ' all scales in same units (default)

'XY'    $x$  and  $y$  scales are similar

'XZ'    $x$  and  $z$  scales are similar

'YZ'    $y$  and  $z$  scales are similar

' '     all scales are unrelated

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**Description**

2-D SIMPLEPLOT scales are set to accommodate all data within the three-dimensional box specified by VS3DLM. By default, each of these scales is measured in the same units. If the ranges of these scales are of different magnitudes, the resulting picture is distorted.

VSFIT specifies which scales are comparable. If scales are unrelated, each axis defines the edge of a cube which contains the data. If only 2 scales are similar, the length of the third axis is equal to the longer of the other two.

CHAXES may be in upper or lower case, but if it does not correspond to one of the strings above, an error message is written and nothing is altered.

If non-default scales are used, the relationship between axes is affected by the transformation routines, VSMAG, VSR0T and VSTRAN.

**Diagnostics**

[VSFIT: Invalid string *XX*]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSFIT('XYZ') restores the default.

**See also**

VS3DLM and VSFITP.

**SUBROUTINE VSFITP (XLEN, YLEN, ZLEN)****Name**

VSFITP – to specify the relative lengths of the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Argument**

XLEN	REAL expression	Length of $x$ -axis
YLEN	REAL expression	Length of $y$ -axis
ZLEN	REAL expression	Length of $z$ -axis

**Description**

By default, the lengths of the *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* scales are proportional to the data range they cover. This means that if the ranges are not comparable, the picture is unduly distorted.

VSFITP specifies that the axis lengths are in proportion to each other. After `CALL VSFITP(1.0,1.0,1.0)`, for example, all axes are of the same length. After `CALL VSFITP(1.0,2.0,4.0)`, the  $x$ -axis is half the length of the  $y$ -axis, which is half the length of the  $z$ -axis.

If any argument is non-zero, the default is restored – scales are proportional to data range.

**Default**

`CALL VSFITP(0.0,0.0,0.0)` restores the default.

**See also**

VS3DLM and VSFIT.

**SUBROUTINE VSFULL (MODE)****Name**

VSFULL – to specify how the Limiting Box is to fill the SIMPLEPLOT picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Argument**

MODE            INTEGER expression   Scaling Mode used

**Description**

By default, the 2-D SIMPLEPLOT scales are set to accommodate the extent of the Limiting Box. The underlying SIMPLEPLOT scales are Linear Cartesian with 1 unit in  $x$  the same as 1 unit in  $y$ .

If a point or object is *Transformed* (Rotated, Translated or Magnified), its  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates change. This means that it may no longer fit on the picture, even though before transformation it lies within the limits specified by VS3DLM. After **CALL VSFULL(1)**, VSNEW sets scales to allow all possible rotations. The relative size of the image is comparable for successive pictures.

After **CALL VSFULL(2)**, VSNEW sets all points within the 3-D limits to be plottable after the current requested Transformations. The resulting images are larger than those produced by Scaling Mode 1, but the scales of successive pictures are not directly comparable.

VSFULL does not take effect until the next call of VSNEW.

**Diagnostics**

[VSFULL: Integer  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

**CALL VSFULL(0)** restores the default.

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSINIT, VSMAG, VSROT and VSTRAN.

**SUBROUTINE VSINIT (LEVEL)****Name**

VSINIT – to reset *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* defaults.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Argument**

LEVEL      INTEGER expression   Level of initialization

**LEVEL** *Initializes*

- 
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | Rotation, Translation and Magnification |
| 2 | Scales                                  |
| 4 | Drawing attributes                      |
- 

**Description**

VSINIT may be called to restore some or all defaults of attributes set in *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization*:

The following subroutines are affected by VSINIT:

**LEVEL** *Subroutines affected*

- 
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | VSMAG, VSROT, VSTRAN  |
| 2 | VS3DLM, VSEQX, VSEQY, VSEQZ, VSFIT,<br>VSFITP, VSFULL, VSVRTP, VSVXYZ   |
| 4 | VSAXFC, VSAXGC, VSB RBZ, VSB RFC, VSB RSZ, VSB RUP,<br>VSCRGB, VSEDGC, VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSFILC, V SCHLS,<br>VSLBOX,<br>VSLINC, VSPMC, VSPMMG, VSUTOC |
- 

VSINIT(2) takes effect at the next call to VSNEW. VSINIT(1) and VSINIT(4) take effect immediately.

Multiple categories of attributes may be set by adding the appropriate values of LEVEL, *eg.* CALL VSINIT(3) is equivalent to calling VSINIT(1) and VSINIT(2). CALL VSINIT(7) restores all defaults.

**Diagnostics**

[VSINIT: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSNEW.

**SUBROUTINE VSIS (V, NX, NY, NZ, RVAL)****Name**

VSIS – Draw the light-sourced IsoSurface of a specified data level from **REAL** data in a 3-D array in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

V	REAL 3-D array	Input data
NX, NY, NZ	INTEGER expressions	Dimensions of 3-D array
RVAL	REAL expression	Data level of surface

**Description**

VSIS draws a surface representing the data level **RVAL** in the array **V**. The lightness at each point on the surface is a value from 0.0 (no light) to 1.0 (maximum light) calculated from the gradient of the surface relative to the direction of the light source. By default, the range of lightnesses is mapped on to colour indices 1 to 15, which by default are a sequence of contrasting colours; **VSUTOC** may be called to specify a different range of indices, and **VSCGS** is available to set the palette for a chosen range of indices to a grey scale.

**Diagnostics**

[VSIS: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSIS: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSCGS, VSEDGV, VSEQX, VSEQY, VSEQZ, VSISU, VSISND, VLSLD and VLSM.

**SUBROUTINE VSISND (ICODE)****Name**

VSISND – specify whether IsoSurfaces should exclude six end planes of the data (see below).

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

ICODE      INTEGER expression   Code number (see below)

ICODE	End plane treatment
0	End planes drawn without true gradients
1	End planes missed out

**Description**

Light-sourcing of IsoSurfaces depends on surface gradients at data points, which are derived from differences between data values on both sides. On each of the 6 boundary planes of the data, the differences cannot be calculated from points on both sides for one of the components of the gradient. When drawn surfaces extend to the end planes, a modified formula is used to calculate end plane gradients. Very large data sets can be rendered in stages by calling VSIS repeatedly to plot parts separately. When surfaces are built up in stages, discontinuities may be visible at the junctions between parts. The discontinuities can be eliminated by calling VSISND(1) to omit end planes, and providing overlapping data to the separate stages. Although VSISND is provided specifically for use with light-sourcing, for consistency, it affects VSIS and VSISU similarly, even though VSISU does not create the gradients which cause the problem.

**Diagnostics**

[VSISND: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSISND(0) restores the default.

**See also**

VSIS, and VSISU.



**SUBROUTINE VSISU (V, U, NX, NY, NZ, RVAL)****Name**

VSISU – draw contours of **REAL** data from one 3-D array on the IsoSurface of a specified data level from **REAL** data in another 3-D array in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

V, U	<b>REAL</b> 3-D arrays	Input data
NX, NY, NZ	<b>INTEGER</b> expressions	Dimensions of 3-D arrays
RVAL	<b>REAL</b> expression	Data level of surface

**Description**

VSISU draws contours of **REAL** data from the 3-D array **U** on the IsoSurface of data level **RVAL** from **REAL** data in the 3-D array **V** in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image. The colours representing different contour levels are controlled by VSUTOC.

**Diagnostics**

[VSIS: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSIS: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSEDGV, VSEQX, VSEQY, VSEQZ, VSIS, and VSUTOC.

**SUBROUTINE VSK7H (VCHAR, HCHAR, ULEFT, URIGHT, CAP)****Name**

VSK7H – to draw a horizontal key.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

VCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Vertical position of key
HCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Horizontal position of key
ULEFT	REAL expression	<i>u</i> value at left of key
URIGHT	REAL expression	<i>u</i> value at right of key
CAP	STRING expression	Single caption for key

**Description**

VSK7H draws a key to the current patterns representing user data values on tinted *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* plots. A horizontal rectangle gives a sample of colours, and a *u*-axis, labelled with the caption CAP, gives the data values.

The rectangle is drawn as a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image, and VSK7H should not be called between VSNEW and VSOUT. A box is drawn round the key unless cancelled by CALL BOXKY(.FALSE.).

VCHAR and HCHAR are the single character initial letters of vertical and horizontal positions of the key. The possible interpretations of VCHAR and HCHAR are listed in Appendix T of the *SIMPLEPLOT Supplement*.

**Diagnostics**

[VSK7H: Key omitted – active ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

BOXKY, VSBLTN, VSBRTN, VSK7V, VSPGTN, VSPLTN, VSRG, VSRGU, VSUTOC, VSXYZ, VSXYZU, VSZ and VSZU.

**SUBROUTINE VSK7V (VCHAR, HCHAR, UTOP, UBOTTM, CAP)****Name**

VSK7V – to draw a vertical key.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

VCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Vertical position of key
HCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Horizontal position of key
UTOP	REAL expression	<i>u</i> value at top of key
UBOTTM	REAL expression	<i>u</i> value at bottom of key
CAP	STRING expression	Single caption for key

**Description**

VSK7V draws a key to the current patterns representing user data values on tinted *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* plots. A vertical rectangle gives a sample of colours, and a *u*-axis, labelled with the caption CAP, gives the data values.

The rectangle is drawn as a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image, and VSK7V should not be called between VSNEW and VSOUT. A box is drawn round the key unless cancelled by CALL BOXKY(.FALSE.).

VCHAR and HCHAR are the single character initial letters of vertical and horizontal positions of the key. The possible interpretations of VCHAR and HCHAR are listed in Appendix T of the *SIMPLEPLOT Supplement*.

**Diagnostics**

[VSK7V: Key omitted – active ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

BOXKY, VSBLTN, VSBRTN, VSK7H, VSPGTN, VSPLTN, VSRG, VSRGU, VSUTOC, VSXYZ, VSXYZU, VSZ and VSZU.

**SUBROUTINE VSKEYS (VCHAR, HCHAR, LABARR, NARR, CAP)****Name**

VSKEYS – to draw a complete key to a sequence of distinct shading patterns.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

VCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Vertical position of area
HCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Horizontal position of area
LABARR	STRING array	Set of captions
NARR	INTEGER expression	Number of labels in LABARR
CAP	STRING expression	Header caption for key

**Description**

VSKEYS constructs a complete key to the first NARR shading patterns of the currently defined sequence (see SQSHAD and SHPATT).

The key is positioned on the SIMPLEPLOT page in the same way as other keys; VCHAR and HCHAR are single characters representing the initial letters of vertical and horizontal positions. The possible interpretations of VCHAR and HCHAR are listed in Appendix T of the *SIMPLEPLOT Supplement*.

CAP provides a heading which, by default, is centred at the top of the key. The key is associated only with the current picture but area is masked to prevent overdrawing.

VSKEYS should not be called between VSNEW and VSOUT. A box is drawn round the key unless cancelled by CALL BOXKY(.FALSE.).

**See also**

ADDJST, BOXKY, DEFKEY, DEFKYW, DEFPOS, SHPATT, SHSET SQSHAD, VSK7H, VSK7V.

**SUBROUTINE VSLBOX (LEVEL)****Name**

VSLBOX – to specify whether Limiting Boxes are to be drawn around *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* images.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Argument**

LEVEL      INTEGER expression    Whether images are to be boxed

LEVEL	Action taken
0	No box drawn
1	Box is drawn

**Description**

By default, images are not boxed. VSLBOX specifies whether or not a 3-D box is to be drawn around every subsequent image.

After CALL VSLBOX(1), a 3-D box is drawn around the area defined by the Limiting Box whenever VSNEW is called to start a new image. The box is drawn in the current Line Colour Index set by VSLINC. If an image has already been started, no box is drawn until the next image.

**Default**

CALL VSLBOX(0) restores the default.

**Diagnostics**

[VSLBOX: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSFULL, VSLINC and VSNEW.

## SUBROUTINE VSLINC (ICIX)

### Name

VSLINC – to specify the colour index to be used by line drawing subroutines.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

### Argument

ICIX        INTEGER expression   Colour index for line drawing

### Description

VSLINC sets the colour index for subsequent line drawing by VSLBOX or VSPLDR. In this release of software, data may be drawn in colour indices 0 to 95 inclusive. If colour index  $-1$  is specified, subsequent lines are omitted.

### Diagnostics

[VSLINC: Colour index  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

### Default

CALL VSLINC(1) restores the default.

### See also

VSCHLS, VSLBOX, VSPLDR and VSCRGB.

**SUBROUTINE VLSLD (THETA, PHI)****Name**

VLSLD – to specify the direction of a light source for a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

THETA	REAL expression	Horizontal angle
PHI	REAL expression	Vertical angle

**Description**

VLSLD sets a direction for the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* IsoSurface light in terms of 2 angles.

THETA is the horizontal angle in degrees between the Light Direction and the Origin on the  $x$ - $y$  plane; PHI is the vertical angle in degrees between this plane and the Light Direction. By default, THETA=0.0, and PHI=0.0.

THETA = 0.0 along the  $x$ -axis (*ie.* at  $y = 0.0$ ). PHI = 0.0 on the  $x$ - $y$  plane (*ie.* at  $z = 0.0$ ).

**Default**

CALL VLSLD(0.0, 0.0) restores the default.

**See also**

VSLSSM and VSIS.

**SUBROUTINE VSLSSM (METHOD)****Name**

VSLSSM – to specify the shading method for light-sourcing to be used in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

METHOD    INTEGER expression    Shading method for light-sourcing  
(see below)

METHOD	Shading method
1	Uniform colour for each facet
2	Tinting of each facet

**Description**

VSLSSM controls which method of shading is used by VSIS when drawing the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Diagnostics**

[VSLSSM: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSLSSM(1) restores the default.

**See also**

VSLSLD and VSIS.



**SUBROUTINE VSMAG (XFACT, YFACT, ZFACT)****Name**

VSMAG – to magnify *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* coordinates along any or all of the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  axes.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XFACT	REAL expression	Magnification factor along the $x$ -axis
YFACT	REAL expression	Magnification factor along the $y$ -axis
ZFACT	REAL expression	Magnification factor along the $z$ -axis

**Description**

By default, *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* interprets  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates literally. However, following a call to VSMAG, a magnification factor is applied to subsequent coordinates.

For example, following a call to VSMAG(XFACT, 1.0, 1.0), the point  $(x, y, z)$  is interpreted as  $(x \times \text{XFACT}, y, z)$ , and all subsequent objects are magnified by XFACT along the  $x$ -axis.

Similar magnification can be applied to the  $y$  and  $z$ -axes by setting YFACT and ZFACT to values other than 1.0.

After a point has been magnified, its  $(x, y, z)$  position changes. This means that it may not fit on the current picture, even if it lies within the limits specified by VS3DLM. VSFULL(2) may be called before VSNEW to ensure that  $(x, y, z)$  points within the Limiting Box before transformation stay on the picture.

Transformation is cumulative, so two successive calls to VSMAG(2.0, 2.0, 2.0) quadruple the size along each axis.

The transformed coordinate is a combination of the affects of VSMAG, VSR0T and VSTRAN, which means that default magnification cannot be restored on its own. All transformation variables are restored by CALL VSINIT(1).

**See also**

VSFULL, VSINIT, VSR0T and VSTRAN.

**SUBROUTINE VSNEW****Name**

VSNEW – to start a new *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

None.

**Description**

VSNEW starts a new *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture and updates the variables which affect scaling. These are attributes set by VS3DLM, VSEQX, VSEQY, VSEQZ, VSFIT, VSFITP, VSFULL, VSVRTP and VSVXYZ.

VSNEW sets the underlying SIMPLEPLOT scales which are used by the internal *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* subroutines when constructing and transmitting an image. If another type of graph is drawn after a call to VSNEW, the SIMPLEPLOT scales should be set explicitly by SCALES or EQSCAL.

Backdrops and grids specified by VSAXFC and VSAXGC are drawn into the raster image when VSNEW is called.

**Diagnostics**

[VSNEW: Radius too short - no perspective applied]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSAXFC, VSAXGC, VSFIT, VSFITP, VSFULL, VSVRTP and VSVXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE VSOUT****Name**

VSOUT – to flush the raster image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

None.

**Description**

VSOUT sends the raster image to the display device. With this release of *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* the internal raster image is not retained for subsequent re-processing, and VSNEW must be called before starting a new image.

**Diagnostics**

[VSOUT: *n* incomplete tasks]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSNEW.

**SUBROUTINE VSPGFE (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, IEDGAR, NPTS)****Name**

VSPGFE – to fill an edge-flagged planar polygon with the current fill index in a *SIMPLEPLOT* *ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS <i>x</i> values
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS <i>y</i> values
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS <i>z</i> values
IEDGAR	INTEGER array	NPTS edge flags
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polygon

**Description**

The current transformations are applied to the *x-y-z* data. The interior area is filled with the current fill colour index, and the edge is drawn according to the values in IEDGAR. Successive edge points are joined by straight lines.

The *i*th element of IEDGAR specifies the colour index for the edge joining the *i*th point of the polygon to the next point. The final element of IEDGAR relates to the edge from the last point to the first point. An edge colour index of -1 specifies that a gap is left in place of an edge; a colour index of -2 specifies that the fill colour continues to that boundary of the polygon.

The presence and colours of edges drawn by VSPGFE are independent of the current edge visibility and colour set by VSEDGV and VSEDGC.

Polygons must be planar, convex, and between 3 and 200 points. If NPTS < 3, a diagnostic is issued and nothing is drawn.

Hidden line and surface removal are applied to all drawing.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPGFE: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSPGFE: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSPGFL, VSPGTE, and VSPGTN.

**SUBROUTINE VSPGFL (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, NPTS)****Name**

VSPGFL – to fill a planar polygon with the current fill index in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $x$ values
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $y$ values
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $z$ values
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polygon

**Description**

The current transformations are applied to the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data. Successive points are joined by a straight line, and the interior area is filled with the current fill colour index. If the Edge Visibility is ON, following a call to **VSEDGV(1)**, the edge is drawn in the current Edge Colour Index.

Polygons must be planar, convex and between 3 and 200 points. If  $NPTS < 3$ , a diagnostic is issued and nothing is drawn.

Hidden line and surface removal are applied to all drawing.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPGFL: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSPGFL: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSFILC and VSPGTN.

**SUBROUTINE VSPGTE (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, UARRAY, IEDGAR, NPTS)****Name**

VSPGTE – to tint an edge-flagged planar polygon from user data values in a *SIMPLEPLOT* *ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-15.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $x$ values
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $y$ values
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $z$ values
UARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $u$ values
IEDGAR	INTEGER array	NPTS edge flags
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polygon

**Description**

The current transformations are applied to the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data. The interior area is tinted with values interpolated from UARRAY, and the edge is drawn according to the values in IEDGAR. Successive edge points are joined by straight lines.

The  $i$ th element of IEDGAR specifies the colour index for the edge joining the  $i$ th point of the polygon to the next point. The final element of IEDGAR relates to the edge from the last point to the first point. An edge colour index of -1 specifies that a gap is left in place of an edge; a colour index of -2 specifies that the interpolated fill colour continues to that boundary of the polygon.

The presence and colours of edges drawn by VSPGTE are independent of the current edge visibility and colour set by VSEDGV and VSEDGC.

Polygons must be planar, convex, and between 3 and 200 points. If  $NPTS < 3$ , a diagnostic is issued and nothing is drawn.

Hidden line and surface removal are applied to all drawing.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPGTE: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

[VSPGTE: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSPGFE, VSPGFL, and VSPGTN.

**SUBROUTINE VSPGTN (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, UARRAY, NPTS)****Name**

VSPGTN – to tint a planar polygon from user data values in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $x$ values
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $y$ values
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $z$ values
UARRAY	REAL array	NPTS user data values
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polygon

**Description**

The current transformations are applied to the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data. Successive points are joined by a straight line, and the interior area is filled by changing colours interpolated from the corresponding user data values. If the Edge Visibility is ON, following a call to **VSEEDGV(1)**, the edge is drawn in the current Edge Colour Index.

Polygons must be planar, convex and between 3 and 200 points. If  $NPTS < 3$ , a diagnostic is issued and nothing is drawn.

Hidden line removal is applied to all drawing.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPGTN: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

[VSPGTN: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSEEDGC, VSEEDGV, VSPGFL and VSUTOC.

**SUBROUTINE VSPLDR (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, NPTS)****Name**

VSPLDR – to draw a polyline through a succession of  $(x, y, z)$  data points in a *SIMPLEPLOT* *ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $x$ values
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $y$ values
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $z$ values
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polyline

**Description**

The current transformations are applied to the input data and successive points are joined by a straight line, using the current line colour index. Hidden line removal is applied to all drawing.

If  $NPTS < 2$ , a diagnostic is issued and nothing is drawn.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPLDR: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSPLDR: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSLINC and VSPLTN.



**SUBROUTINE VSPLTN (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, UARRAY, NPTS)****Name**

VSPLTN – to tint a polyline based on user data values in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $x$ values
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $y$ values
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS $z$ values
UARRAY	REAL array	NPTS user data values
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polyline

**Description**

The current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* transformations are applied to the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  data. Successive points are joined by a straight line, using changing colours interpolated from the corresponding user data values.

If  $VSPLTN < 2$ , a diagnostic is issued and nothing is drawn.

Hidden line removal is applied to all drawing.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPLTN: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

[VSPLTN: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSPLDR and VSUTOC.

**SUBROUTINE VSPMC (ICIX)****Name**

VSPMC – to specify the colour index for subsequent markers.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Argument**

ICIX        INTEGER expression   Colour index for markers

**Description**

VSPMC sets the colour index for subsequent marker symbols. In this release of software, data may be drawn in colour indices 0 to 95 inclusive. If colour index  $-1$  is specified, subsequent markers are omitted.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPMC: Colour index  $I$  out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSPMC(1) restores the default.

**See also**

VSCHLS, VSPMDR and VSCRGB.

**SUBROUTINE VSPMDR (XARRAY, YARRAY, ZARRAY, NPTS, MKTYPE)****Name**

VSPMDR – to draw a set of markers of type MKTYPE in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Arguments**

XARRAY	REAL array	NPTS <i>x</i> coordinates
YARRAY	REAL array	NPTS <i>y</i> coordinates
ZARRAY	REAL array	NPTS <i>z</i> coordinates
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of points in polymarker
MKTYPE	INTEGER expression	Marker type

**Description**

VSPMDR draws a polymarker – a set of marker symbols – of type MKTYPE, centred on each of the points held in the *x-y-z* arrays. The current transformations are applied to the *x-y-z* data.

Markers are drawn in the current marker colour with the current marker magnification factor applied by VSPMMG. Markers are drawn face on to the viewer, orthogonal to the line of sight.

By default, markers are scaled to occupy 2% of the smaller of the width or height of the picture size, with a minimum size of 0.14cm. When perspective is applied to the *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image, the target marker size applies at a point half way between the front and back of the image. The size of markers decreases away from the viewer.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPMDR: No Current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSPMDR: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSPMDR: Integer *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSPMC and VSPMMG.

**SUBROUTINE VSPMMG (FACTOR)****Name**

VSPMMG – to specify the scaling factor for subsequent markers.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-14.

**Argument**

FACTOR	REAL expression	Factor by which marker size to be scaled
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**Description**

By default, markers are scaled to occupy 2% of the smaller of the width or height of the picture size, with a minimum marker size of 0.14cm. When perspective is applied to the *SIMPLEPLOT* *ViSualization* image, the target marker size applies at a point half way between the front and back of the image. The size of markers decreases away from the viewer.

After `CALL VSPMMG(FACTOR)`, the size of markers is increased by a factor of `FACTOR`. `FACTOR` must be greater than 0.0. If it is not, the default is used.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPMMG: Value *R* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

`CALL VSPMMG(0.0)` restores the default.

**See also**

VSPMDR.

**SUBROUTINE VSPOP****Name**

VSPOP – to recall a transformation matrix saved by VSPUSH.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

None.

**Description**

VSPUSH saves the current matrix of transformations, set by VSMAG, VSROT and VSTRAN. At the next call of VSPOP, subsequent calls to these subroutines are ignored. The modelling transformations active at the call of VSPUSH are applied.

VSPOP may be called as many times as there have been calls to VSPUSH. The first call to VSPOP recalls the matrix saved most recently, with subsequent calls remembering previous matrices. If VSPUSH has been called  $n$  times, the first matrix saved is recalled by the  $n$ th call to VSPOP.

If there is an attempt to recall more matrices than have been saved, a diagnostic is issued and the current matrix is unchanged.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPOP: No more modelling transformations]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSMAG, VSPUSH, VSROT and VSTRAN.

**SUBROUTINE VSPUSH****Name**

VSPUSH – to save current *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* transformation matrix.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

None.

**Description**

VSPUSH saves the current matrix of transformations, set by VSMAG, VSROT and VSTRAN. At the next call of VSPOP, subsequent calls to these subroutines are ignored. The modelling transformations active at the call of VSPUSH are applied.

VSPUSH may be called more than once. If a series of calls to VSPUSH are made, the first call to VSPOP recalls the matrix most recently pushed. Subsequent calls to VSPOP each recall the matrix most previously pushed but not yet popped.

Up to 20 matrices may be pushed at any one time. If an attempt is made to push more, a diagnostic is issued and the matrix is not remembered.

**Diagnostics**

[VSPUSH: Too many modelling transformations]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSMAG, VSPOP, VSROT and VSTRAN.

**SUBROUTINE VSRG (Z2ARR, NX, NY)****Name**

VSRG – to draw a perspective surface picture from a 2-D array in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

Z2ARR	REAL 2-D array	NX×NY array of user ( $z$ ) values
NX, NY	INTEGER expression	Dimensions of 2-D data array

**Description**

The data values held in the array **Z2ARR** are drawn as a filled surface. The colours representing different heights are controlled by **VSUTOC**.

By default, the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  ranges of the data are mapped onto the Limiting Box. If **VS3DLM** has been called to set the scales explicitly, the  $z$  values map onto the specified limits, and the  $x$  and  $y$  scales can be controlled by **VSEQX** and **VSEYQ**.

**Diagnostics**

[VSRG: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSRG: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSEQX, VSEYQ, VSRGU and VSUTOC.

**SUBROUTINE VSRGU (Z2ARR, U2ARR, NX, NY)****Name**

VSRGU – to draw contours of data from one 2-D array on a surface picture from another 2-D array in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

Z2ARR	REAL 2-D array	NX×NY array of ( <i>z</i> ) values
U2ARR	REAL 2-D array	NX×NY array of data values
NX, NY	INTEGER expressions	Dimensions of 2-D arrays

**Description**

Contours representing U2ARR are drawn on the surface defined by Z2ARR. The colours representing different contour levels are controlled by VSUTOC.

By default, the *x*, *y* and *z* ranges of the data are mapped onto the Limiting Box. If VS3DLM has been called to set the scales explicitly, the *z* values map onto the specified limits, and the *x* and *y* scales can be controlled by VSEQX and VSEQY.

**Diagnostics**

[VSRGU: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSRGU: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSEQX, VSEQY, VSRG and VSUTOC.



**SUBROUTINE VSROT (CHAXIS, ROTATE)****Name**

VSROT – to rotate *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* coordinates around one of the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  axes.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS    CHARACTER\*2    Axis type  
 ROTATE    REAL expression    Rotation (in degrees)

CHAXIS    *Type of axis*

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'X3'    3-D perspective  $x$ -axis

'Y3'    3-D perspective  $y$ -axis

'Z3'    3-D perspective  $z$ -axis

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**Description**

By default, *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* interprets  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates literally. However, following a call to VSROT, subsequent coordinates are rotated around one of the axes.

CHAXIS signifies axis type. If you are looking down the axis in a positive direction, rotation is clockwise.

Following a call to VSROT('X3',45.0), the point  $(x, y, z)$  is rotated by  $45^\circ$  around the  $x$ -axis. Transformation is cumulative, so two successive calls to VSROT('Y3',30.0) rotate points  $60^\circ$  around the  $y$ -axis.

After a point has been rotated, its  $(x, y, z)$  position changes. This means that it may not fit on the current picture, even if it lies within the limits specified by VS3DLM. VSFULL(1) or VSFULL(2) may be called before VSNEW to ensure that  $(x, y, z)$  points within the Limiting Box before transformation stay on the picture.

The transformed coordinate is a combination of the effects of VSMAG, VSROT and VSTRAN, which means that default rotation cannot be restored on its own. All transformation variables are restored by CALL VSINIT(1).

**Diagnostics**

[VSROT: Invalid string *XX*]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSFULL, VSINIT, VSMAG and VSTRAN.

## SUBROUTINE VSTRAN (XTRANS, YTRANS, ZTRANS)

## Name

VSTRAN – to translate *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* coordinates along any or all of the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  axes.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

## Arguments

XTRANS	REAL expression	Translation along the $x$ -axis
YTRANS	REAL expression	Translation along the $y$ -axis
ZTRANS	REAL expression	Translation along the $z$ -axis

## Description

By default, *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* interprets  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates literally. However, following a call to VSTRAN, a translation value is applied to subsequent coordinates.

For example, following a call to VSTRAN(XTRANS,0.0,0.0), the point  $(x, y, z)$  is interpreted as  $(x + \text{XTRANS}, y, z)$ , and all subsequent objects are translated by XTRANS along the  $x$ -axis.

Similar translation can be applied to the  $y$  and  $z$ -axes by setting YTRANS and ZTRANS to non-zero values.

After a point has been translated, its  $(x, y, z)$  position changes. This means that it may not fit on the current picture, even if it lies within the limits specified by VS3DLM. VSFULL(2) may be called before VSNEW to ensure that  $(x, y, z)$  points within the Limiting Box before transformation stay on the picture.

Transformation is cumulative, so two successive calls to VSTRAN(2.0,2.0,2.0) move points 4.0 units along each axis.

The transformed coordinate is a combination of the effects of VSMAG, VSR0T and VSTRAN, which means that default translation cannot be restored on its own. All transformation variables are restored by CALL VSINIT(1).

## See also

VSFULL, VSINIT, VSMAG and VSR0T.

**SUBROUTINE VSUTOC (UMIN, UMAX, ICIX1, ICIX2)****Name**

VSUTOC – to define mapping from user data values to colour indices.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

UMIN, UMAX	REAL expressions	Range of user data values to be mapped
ICIX1, ICIX2	INTEGER expressions	Corresponding range of colour indices

**Description**

By default, *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* maps the full range of user data given in output sub-routines on to colour indices 1 to 15. VSUTOC selects different ranges of colour associated with a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* picture.

VSUTOC maps data within a given range onto a specified set of pen indices. After CALL VSUTOC(UMIN,UMAX,ICIX1,ICIX2), each index from ICIX1 to (ICIX2 – 1) is associated with an equal range of data between UMIN and UMAX. Each range measures  $\frac{UMAX-UMIN}{ICIX2-ICIX1}$  units.

Index ICIX2 represents all data values greater than or equal to UMAX. Index ICIX1 is also used for data less than UMIN.

The default action may be restored by setting UMIN greater than UMAX.

In this release of software, data may be mapped on to colour indices 0 to 95 inclusive.

**Diagnostics**

[VSUTOC: Colour index *I* out of range]<sup>1</sup>

**Default**

CALL VSUTOC(0.0, -1.0, 0, 0) restores the default.

**See also**

VSCRGB and VSCHLS.

## SUBROUTINE VSVRTP (RADIUS, THETA, PHI)

## Name

VSVRTP – to set the Viewing Position in terms of a radius and 2 angles for a projected picture.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

## Arguments

RADIUS	REAL expression	Distance of the Viewing Position from the Origin
THETA	REAL expression	Horizontal angle
PHI	REAL expression	Vertical angle

## Description

VSVRTP sets a Viewing Position for *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* in terms of a radius and 2 angles.

RADIUS is the distance between the Viewing Position and the Origin, where the maximum possible distance from the Origin to any point in the Limiting Box is  $\sqrt{3}$ . The Origin and Limiting Box are set by VS3DLM.

RADIUS is interpreted as being positive. A radius of  $-R$  is equivalent to a radius of  $+R$ .

If the Viewing Position is too close to the Origin, points could be projected to infinity, or be otherwise unplottable. To prevent this happening, if the absolute value of  $\text{RADIUS} \leq \sqrt{3}$ , a diagnostic is issued at the next call to VSNEW, and no perspective is applied.

THETA is the horizontal angle in degrees between the Viewing Position and the Origin on the  $x$ - $y$  plane; PHI is the vertical angle in degrees between this plane and the Line of Sight. By default, THETA=30.0, and PHI=15.0.

THETA = 0.0 along the  $x$ -axis (*ie.* at  $y = 0.0$ ). PHI = 0.0 on the  $x$ - $y$  plane (*ie.* at  $z = 0.0$ ).

The change in Viewing Position does not take effect until the next call of VSNEW. VSVRTP overrides any previous call to VSVXYZ.

## Default

CALL VSVRTP(0.0, 30.0, 15.0) restores the default.

## See also

VS3DLM, VSINIT, VSNEW and VSVXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE VSVXYZ (XVIEW, YVIEW, ZVIEW)****Name**

VSVXYZ – to set the Viewing Position for a projected picture in terms of  $(x, y, z)$ .

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XVIEW	REAL expression	$x$ component of Viewing Position
YVIEW	REAL expression	$y$ component of Viewing Position
ZVIEW	REAL expression	$z$ component of Viewing Position

**Description**

VSVXYZ sets a Viewing Position for *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* in terms of  $(x, y, z)$ .

XVIEW, YVIEW and ZVIEW are in the underlying three-dimensional coordinates before transformation.

If the Viewing Position is too close to the Origin, points could be projected to infinity, or be otherwise unplotable. To prevent this from happening, the distance from (XVIEW, YVIEW, ZVIEW) to the Origin should be greater than the radius of the Bounding Sphere specified by VS3DLM.

If

$$XVIEW^2 + YVIEW^2 + ZVIEW^2 < \left(\frac{XSTOP-XSTART}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{YSTOP-YSTART}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{ZSTOP-ZSTART}{2}\right)^2$$

a diagnostic is issued at the next call to VSNEW, and no perspective is applied.

The change in Viewing Position does not take effect until the next call of VSNEW. VSVXYZ overrides any previous call to VSVRTP.

**Default**

See VSVRTP.

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSINIT, VSNEW and VSVRTP.

**SUBROUTINE VSXYZ (X2ARR, Y2ARR, Z2ARR, NX, NY)****Name**

VSXYZ – to draw a surface picture from three 2-D arrays in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

X2ARR,	REAL 2-D arrays	NX×NY arrays of user $(x, y, z)$ values
Y2ARR,		
Z2ARR		
NX, NY	INTEGER expression	Dimensions of 2-D arrays

**Description**

The quadrilateral data structure held in the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  arrays is represented by a surface. Elements are constructed from each of the 4 adjacent elements in the 2-D arrays. The colours representing different  $z$ -values are controlled by VSUTOC.

**Diagnostics**

[VSXYZ: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSXYZ: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSUTOC and VSXYZU.

**SUBROUTINE VSXYZU (X2ARR, Y2ARR, Z2ARR, U2ARR, NX, NY)****Name**

VSXYZU – to draw contours of data in one 2-D array on a surface picture from three 2-D arrays in a *SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization* image.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

X2ARR, Y2ARR, Z2ARR	REAL 2-D arrays	NX×NY arrays of user $(x, y, z)$ values
U2ARR	REAL 2-D array	NX×NY User data values
NX, NY	INTEGER expression	Dimensions of 2-D arrays

**Description**

The quadrilateral data structure held in the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  arrays is represented by a surface. Contours from the corresponding U2ARR array are drawn on this surface. Elements are constructed from each of the four adjacent elements in the  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  arrays. The colours representing different  $u$  values are controlled by VSUTOC.

**Diagnostics**

[VSXYZU: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>  
 [VSXYZU: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VS3DLM, VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSUTOC and VSXYZ.

**SUBROUTINE VSZ (XARR, YARR, ZARR, NPTS, I2ARR, NNODES, NELS)****Name**

VSZ – to draw a surface from 3-D data structured into elements.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

XARR,	REAL arrays	$(x, y, z)$ coordinates of data values
YARR, ZARR		in parallel arrays
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of data points
I2ARR	INTEGER 2-D array	Data element structure
NNODES	INTEGER expression	Number of nodes per element
NELS	INTEGER expression	Number of elements

**Description**

VSZ draws a surface representing data structured into elements and held in parallel arrays, XARR(NPTS), YARR(NPTS) and ZARR(NPTS).

Before using VSZ, the element array I2ARR(NNODES,NELS), must be set up. The SIMPLEPLOT-PLUS subroutines ZZORDR or ZZORDN can only be used for this purpose if the surface is such that there is a single function value  $z$  for any  $(x, y)$ , otherwise the user must construct an index array identifying the indices in the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  arrays to each node in each element.

The colours representing different contour levels are controlled by VSUTOC.

**Diagnostics**

[VSZ: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

[VSZ: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSUTOC, and VSZU.



**SUBROUTINE VSZU (XARR, YARR, ZARR, UARR, NPTS, I2ARR, NNODES, NELS)****Name**

VSZU – to draw contours of data in an array on a surface from 3-D data structured into elements.

**Availability** Section 7, released version 2-13.

**Arguments**

X2ARR, Y2ARR, Z2ARR	REAL arrays	$(x, y, z)$ coordinates of data values in parallel arrays
U2ARR	REAL array	NPTS user data values
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of data points
I2ARR	INTEGER 2-D array	Data element structure
NNODES	INTEGER expression	Number of nodes per element
NELS	INTEGER expression	Number of elements

**Description**

VSZU draws a contour map of the data values in UARR(NPTS), on the surface representing data structured into planar elements and held in parallel arrays XARR(NPTS), YARR(NPTS) and ZARR(NPTS).

Before using VSZU, the element array I2ARR(NNODES,NELS) must have been set up. The SIMPLEPLOT-PLUS subroutines ZZORDR or ZZORDN can be used for this purpose if the surface is such that there is a single function value  $z$  for any  $(x, y)$ . Otherwise, the user must construct an index array identifying the indices in the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  arrays to each node in each element.

The colours representing different contour levels are controlled by VSUTOC.

**Diagnostics**

[VSZU: No current ViSualization picture]<sup>1</sup>

[VSZU: Invalid array dimension]<sup>1</sup>

**See also**

VSEDGC, VSEDGV, VSUTOC and VSZ.



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## B. Brief specifications of other subroutines

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This appendix gives brief formal specifications for the SIMPLEPLOT subroutines used in this manual. It also includes the AXis subroutines listed in Table 2.2.10 Full specifications are given in the *SIMPLEPLOT Reference manual*.

### SUBROUTINE AXCLR (CHAXIS, ILEVEL)

#### Name

AXCLR – to specify the level of annotation drawn with the axis.

**Availability** Section 1, released version 2-11.

#### Arguments

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
ILEVEL INTEGER expression Level of axis annotation

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

#### ILEVEL Effect

0	Tick marks and annotation labels are drawn
1	Only axis line drawn

### SUBROUTINE AXIS7 (CHAXIS, CAP) SUBROUTINE AXIS (CHAXIS, CAP, NCAP)

#### Name

AXIS7 – to draw an axis on the current picture.

**Availability** Section 1, released version 2-11.

#### Arguments

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
CAP STRING expression Axis caption  
NCAP INTEGER expression Number of characters in CAP

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×

### SUBROUTINE AXLAB7 (CHAXIS, W, CAP) SUBROUTINE AXLAB (CHAXIS, W, CAP, NCAP)

#### Name

AXLAB7 – to draw a single axis annotation label and tick mark.

**Availability** Section 1, released version 2-11.

## AXLBAN

### Arguments

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
W	REAL expression	Position along axis in units of the plotting scales
CAP	STRING expression	Annotation label
NCAP	INTEGER expression	Number of characters in CAP

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×

### SUBROUTINE AXLBAN (CHAXIS, ACHAR)

#### Name

AXLBAN – to specify the style of annotation labels on an axis.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

### Arguments

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
ACHAR	CHARACTER*1	Position of annotation

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	×

U: 'P' receding, 'F' ollowing and 'I' nside unavailable

#### ACHAR Style

'D'	Default – towards the outside
'F'	Following axis (in direction of other axis)
'I'	Towards the inside of the picture
'N'	None – annotation labels omitted
'O'	Towards the outside of the picture
'P'	Preceding axis (in direction of other axis)

### SUBROUTINE AXLBGP (CHAXIS, ILEVEL)

#### Name

AXLBGP – to specify the level of axis annotation near an intersection.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

### Arguments

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
ILEVEL	INTEGER expression	Level of annotation at intersection

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

#### ILEVEL Effect

0	All annotation drawn
1	Annotation omitted near intersection

**SUBROUTINE AXLBSL (CHAXIS, SCHAR)****Name**

AXLBSL – to specify the slope of used-defined axis annotation.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
 SCHAR CHARACTER\*1 Direction of slope of labels

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	√	√	√	×	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×

SCHAR *Direction of label*

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'H' Horizontal  
 'V' Vertical  
 'S' Sloping  
 'D' Default (different for labels of different lengths)

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**SUBROUTINE AXLBSP (CHAXIS, CHAR1, CHAR2)****Name**

AXLBSP – to specify separators between label components of *time-date* axis annotation.

**Availability** Section plus, released version 2-12.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
 CHAR1 CHARACTER\*1 Separator between first pair  
 CHAR2 CHARACTER\*1 Separator between second pair

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	√	√	√	√	√	×

**SUBROUTINE AXLBTM (CHAXIS, COMP1, COMP2, COMP3)****Name**

AXLBTM – to specify components for *time-date* axis annotation.

**Availability** Section plus, released version 2-12.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
 COMP1 CHARACTER\*2 Component for first label position  
 COMP2 CHARACTER\*2 Component for second label position  
 COMP3 CHARACTER\*2 Component for third label position

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	√	√	√	√	√	×

**SUBROUTINE AXLBTP (CHAXIS, CHTYPE)****Name**

AXLBTP – to specify *numeric* or *time-date* axis annotation.

**Availability** Section plus, released version 2-12.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
 CHTYPE CHARACTER\*1 Annotation type – 'N'umeric,  
 'D'ate or 'T'ime

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×

CHTYPE *Annotation type*

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'N' Numeric (default)  
 'D' Date  
 'T' Time

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**SUBROUTINE AXLOCN (CHAXIS, LCHAR)****Name**

AXLOCN – to specify the location of an axis relative to the picture.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
 LCHAR CHARACTER\*1 Location of axis

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

LCHAR *Location of axis*

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'P' Preceding the other axis  
 'F' Following the other axis  
 'D' Default

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**SUBROUTINE AXMAJ (CHAXIS, W)****Name**

AXMAJ – to draw a single major axis subdivision.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
 W REAL expression Position along axis in units of the  
 plotting scales

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×

**SUBROUTINE AXMIN (CHAXIS, W)****Name**

AXMIN – to draw a single minor axis subdivision.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
W REAL expression Position along axis in units of the plotting scales

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×

**SUBROUTINE AXRNGE (CHAXIS, START, STOP)****Name**

AXRNGE – to specify the subrange over which an axis is to be drawn.

**Availability** Section 1, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
START REAL expression Start of axis in units of scale  
STOP REAL expression End of axis in units of scale

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**SUBROUTINE AXSBDV (CHAXIS, OFFSET, DELTA)****Name**

AXSBDV – to specify the interval at which a linear axis is to be subdivided and annotated.

**Availability** Section 1, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS CHARACTER\*2 Axis type  
OFFSET REAL expression Offset value for subdivisions  
DELTA REAL expression Interval between subdivisions of axis in units of the scale

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓ <sup>L</sup>	✓ <sup>L</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*L*: Linear scales only

**SUBROUTINE AXSBMN (CHAXIS, OFFSET, DELTA)****Name**

AXSBMN – to specify the minor subdivisions on a linear axes independently of major subdivisions.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-12.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
OFFSET	REAL expression	Offset value for minor subdivisions in units of the plotting scale
DELTA	REAL expression	Interval between minor subdivisions in units of the plotting scale

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓ <sup>L</sup>	✓ <sup>L</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

L: Linear scales only

**SUBROUTINE AXSBTK (CHAXIS, TCHAR)****Name**

AXSBTK – to specify the style of tick marks on an axis.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
TCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Direction of tick marks

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>	✓ <sup>U</sup>

U: 'P' receding, 'F' following and 'I' inside unavailable

**TCHAR Meaning**


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'A'	Straddling across the axis
'D'	Default – towards the outside
'F'	Following axis
'I'	Towards the inside of the picture
'N'	None – tick marks omitted
'O'	Towards the outside of the picture
'P'	Preceding axis

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**SUBROUTINE AXSUBS (CHAXIS, NMAJOR, NMINOR)****Name**

AXSUBS – to specify the numbers of major and minor subdivisions on linear axes.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
NMAJOR	INTEGER expression	Number of major subdivisions
NMINOR	INTEGER expression	Number of minor subdivisions



<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓ <sup>L</sup>	✓ <sup>L</sup>	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*L*: Linear scales only

**SUBROUTINE AXTXT7 (CHAXIS, W1, STEP, LABARR, NARR)**  
**SUBROUTINE AXTXT (CHAXIS, W1, STEP, LABARR, NARR, NCAP)**

### Name

AXTXT7 – to draw a set of axis annotation labels and tick marks.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

### Arguments

CHAXIS	CHARACTER*2	Axis type
W1	REAL expression	Position for first label
STEP	REAL expression	Interval between labels
LABARR	STRING array	Set of labels
NARR	INTEGER expression	Number of labels in LABARR
NCAP	INTEGER expression	Maximum number of characters in any label

<i>axis type</i>	Cartesian		Polar		Isometric			Bars		Water		ViSualization			
CHAXIS	XC	YC	RP	AP	XI	YI	ZI	NB	LB	NW	LW	X3	Y3	Z3	U3
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×

### SUBROUTINE BOXPIC (TORF)

### Name

BOXPIC – to specify whether boxes are to be drawn around individual pictures.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-7.

### Argument

TORF	LOGICAL expression	Whether pictures are to be boxed
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**SUBROUTINE CP7LB (X, Y, CAP)**  
**SUBROUTINE CAPLB (X, Y, CAP, NCAP)**

### Name

CP7LB – to draw a caption at  $(x, y)$ .

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-6.

### Arguments

X, Y	REAL expressions	Coordinates of a point, specified in units of the plotting scales
CAP	STRING expression	Caption
NCAP	INTEGER expression	Number of characters in CAP

**SUBROUTINE CP7PT (X, Y, MKTYPE, CAP)**  
**SUBROUTINE CAPPT (X, Y, MKTYPE, CAP, NCAP)**

**Name**

CP7PT – to draw a marker symbol at  $(x, y)$  with a caption.

**Availability** Section 1, released before version 2-5.

**Arguments**

X, Y	REAL expressions	Coordinates of a point specified in units of the plotting scales
MKTYPE	INTEGER expression	Type of marker symbol
CAP	STRING expression	Caption
NCAP	INTEGER expression	Number of characters in CAP

**SUBROUTINE ENDPLT**

**Name**

ENDPLT – to close the plotting device and SIMPLEPLOT at the end of plotting.

**Availability** Section 1, released before version 2-5.

**Arguments**

None.

**SUBROUTINE GROUP (NHORIZ, NVERT)**

**Name**

GROUP – to specify how pictures are to be grouped on the SIMPLEPLOT page.

**Availability** Section 1, released before version 2-5.

**Arguments**

NHORIZ	INTEGER expression	Number of pictures to be placed horizontally
NVERT	INTEGER expression	Number of pictures to be placed vertically

**SUBROUTINE KREAL (UNITS, IVAL1, IVAL2, RVAL, VALUE)**

**Name**

KREAL – to convert *time-date* value from external *time-date* triple to internal REAL form.

**Availability** Section plus, released version 2-12.

**Arguments**

UNITS	CHARACTER*1	'T'ime, 'M'onths or 'W'eeks
IVAL1	INTEGER expression	Hours or years
IVAL2	INTEGER expression	Minutes, months or week number
RVAL	REAL expression	Seconds, date or day of week
VALUE	REAL variable	To receive encoded <i>time-date</i> value

UNITS	IVAL1	IVAL2	RVAL
'T'ime	Hours	Minutes	Seconds
'M'onths	Year	Month	Date
'W'eeks	Year	Week no.	Day of week

**SUBROUTINE LABJST (VJUST, HJUST)****Name**

LABJST – to specify the justification of labels drawn by CP7LB, CP7LBM, CP7XC or CP7YC.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-6.

**Arguments**

VJUST	CHARACTER*1	Vertical justification of label
HJUST	CHARACTER*1	Horizontal justification of label

*VJUST Vertical justification*


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'D'	Default
'T'	Top of letters
'C'	Halfway between 'T' and 'B'
'B'	Bottom of letters (not including descenders)

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*HJUST Horizontal justification*


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'D'	Default
'L'	At the left (beginning) of the label
'C'	Halfway between 'L' and 'R'
'R'	At the right (end) of the label
'P'	Preceding the label
'F'	Following the label

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**SUBROUTINE LIMEXC (DARR, NARR, VARMIN, VARMAX)****Name**

LIMEXC – to find the minimum and maximum values in a REAL array.

**Availability** Section 1, released before version 2-5.

**Arguments**

DARR	REAL array	Data values
NARR	INTEGER expression	Number of elements of DARR to be examined
VARMIN	REAL variable	To receive minimum value
VARMAX	REAL variable	To receive maximum value

**SUBROUTINE MARGIN (CMS)****Name**

MARGIN – to specify the overall size of the margin around individual pictures.

**Availability** Section 1, released before version 2-5.

**Argument**

CMS	REAL expression	Width of margin (in cms)
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**SUBROUTINE PAGMRG (CMS, RCMS, BCMS, TCMS)****Name**

PAGMRG – to specify the size and distribution of peripheral margins.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-11.

**Arguments**

CMS	REAL expression	Width of left margin (in cms)
RCMS	REAL expression	Width of right margin (in cms)
BCMS	REAL expression	Width of bottom margin (in cms)
TCMS	REAL expression	Width of top margin (in cms)

**SUBROUTINE SHDEBX (X1, Y1, X2, Y2, ISHADE)****Name**

SHDEBX – to draw a shaded box.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-8.

**Arguments**

X1, Y1, X2, Y2	REAL expressions	Coordinates of opposite corners of the box, specified in units of the plotting scales
ISHADE	INTEGER expression	Shading pattern number

**SUBROUTINE SQSHAD (IARR, NARR)****Name**

SQSHAD – to specify a sequence of shading patterns.

**Availability** Section 4, released version 2-12.

**Arguments**

IARR	INTEGER array	Pattern numbers for each shaded area
NARR	INTEGER expression	Number of elements in IARR (1–32)

IARR(*i*)    *Shading pattern*

–1	an empty area
0	solid fill with background colour
1, 2, 3 . . .	hardware/software patterns

**SUBROUTINE TITLE7 (VCHAR, HCHAR, CAP)**  
**SUBROUTINE TITLE (VCHAR, HCHAR, CAP, NCAP)**

**Name**

TITLE7 – to draw a text string as a title to the picture, group or page.

**Availability** Section 1, released before version 2-5.

**Arguments**

VCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Vertical position of title
HCHAR	CHARACTER*1	Horizontal position of title
CAP	STRING expression	Caption
NCAP	INTEGER expression	Number of characters in CAP

**SUBROUTINE ZZORDR (XARR, YARR, NPTS, I2ARR, N2ARR, NVAR, ISIZE)****Name**

ZZORDR – to reconfigure  $(x, y)$  coordinates into triangular elements and an array of neighbours.

**Availability** Section 2, released version 2-5.

**Arguments**

XARR, YARR	REAL arrays	$(x, y)$ coordinates of data values
NPTS	INTEGER expression	Number of data points
I2ARR	INTEGER 2-D array	To receive data element structure, I2ARR(3, ISIZE)
N2ARR	INTEGER 2-D array	To receive neighbour array, N2ARR(3, ISIZE)
NVAR	INTEGER variable	To receive number of elements
ISIZE	INTEGER expression	second dimension of I2ARR and N2ARR



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## C. Changes to SIMPLEPLOT

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This manual is based on *SIMPLEPLOT Visualization* Version 2-15. The following changes have been made since the previous edition of the manual.

### C.1 New subroutines

The following subroutines were introduced at 2-15:

VSCIM <sup>7</sup>	switch the method of interpolating colour sequences
VSCGS <sup>7</sup>	set the palette for a range of colour indices to a grey scale
VSEDGI <sup>7</sup>	specify the offset and increment for edging of gridded data
VSEQZ <sup>7</sup>	specify the equally-spaced $z$ values for gridded 3-D data
VSIS <sup>7</sup>	draw the light-sourced IsoSurface of a specified data level
VSISND <sup>7</sup>	specify whether IsoSurfaces should exclude six end planes
VSISU <sup>7</sup>	draw contours of one 3-D array on the IsoSurface of another
VSLSLD <sup>7</sup>	specify the direction of a light source
VSLSSM <sup>7</sup>	specify the shading method for light-sourcing
VSPGFE <sup>7</sup>	fill an edge-flagged planar polygon
VSPGTE <sup>7</sup>	tint an edge-flagged planar polygon





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## D. Graphic Details

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This appendix illustrates the graphical details of SIMPLEPLOT.

**D.1** Marker symbols

**D.2** Fonts

D.1 Marker symbols

Most SIMPLEPLOT subroutines use symbols from those listed in Figure D.2.























































































































 0	 8	 100
 1	 9	 101
 2	 10	 102
 3	 11	 103
 4	 12	 104
 5	 13	 105
 6	 14	
 7	 15	

Figure D.1 SIMPLEPLOT ViSualization Polymarker symbols

The VSPM\* subroutines for drawing polymarkers use the symbols listed in Figure D.1.

	0		17		34		51		68		85
	1		18		35		52		69		86
	2		19		36		53		70		87
	3		20		37		54		71		88
	4		21		38		55		72		89
	5		22		39		56		73		90
	6		23		40		57		74		91
	7		24		41		58		75		92
	8		25		42		59		76		93
	9		26		43		60		77		94
	10		27		44		61		78		95
	11		28		45		62		79		96
	12		29		46		63		80		
	13		30		47		64		81		
	14		31		48		65		82		
	15		32		49		66		83		
	16		33		50		67		84		

**Figure D.2** SIMPLEPLOT marker symbols

## D.2 Fonts

By default, SIMPLEPLOT uses the most appropriate hardware characters available on a graphics device to write text. In addition to hardware text, a set of simple software characters, proportionally spaced fonts (Hershey characters) and an adjustable fixed width font are available. Please note:

- *Hardware* fonts differ between graphics devices, therefore lettering which fits comfortably on one device may be smaller or larger on another.
- The *simple software* font is designed always to be clearly readable and may appear relatively larger on some low resolution graphics devices.
- Other software fonts are drawn independently of the resolution of the graphics device and may be illegible on some devices.

Figure D.3 illustrates the character sets available. CHSELECT is a utility program distributed with SIMPLEPLOT version 2-13 which can be used to generate font tables for any of the character sets.

CHSET(0)	Hardware
CHSET(1)	Software
CHSET(2)	CARTOGRAPHIC
CHSET(3)	Simplex Roman
CHSET(4)	Duplex Roman
CHSET(5)	Complex Roman
CHSET(6)	Small Complex Roman
CHSET(7)	Triplex Roman
CHSET(8)	<i>Complex Italic</i>
CHSET(9)	<i>Small Complex Italic</i>
CHSET(10)	<i>Triplex Italic</i>
CHSET(11)	<i>Simplex Script</i>
CHSET(12)	<i>Complex Script</i>
CHSET(13)	ΤΥΠΜΕΩ Ελληνικα
CHSET(14)	ΓΟΥΠΜΕΩ Ελληνικα
CHSET(15)	ΤΥΑΜΜ ΓΟΥΠΜΕΩ Ελληνικα
CHSET(16)	Вомплдч ВшсйллиВ
CHSET(17)	<b>English Gothic</b>
CHSET(18)	<b>German Gothic</b>
CHSET(19)	<b>Italian Gothic</b>
CHSET(20)	<b>Solid</b>
CHSET(21)	Outline
CHSET(22)	COMPLEX MATHS
CHSET(23)	Big Complex Maths
CHSET(24)	<b>Solid Roman</b>
CHSET(25)	Outline Roman
CHSET(51)	Adjustable ANSI (#)
CHSET(52)	Adjustable UK (£)
CHSET(-9)	Alternative Hardware Font

**Figure D.3** SIMPLEPLOT character sets

**Affine transformation:** Changing the position of a point or object by *Magnification*, *Rotation* or *Translation*.

**Bounding Sphere:** The Sphere containing all points within the *Limiting Box* at all possible rotations. Its radius is the distance between the *Origin* and any corner of the *Limiting Box*.

**Depth:** The distance from an  $(x, y, z)$  point to the *Viewing Plane*. By default, all points within the *Limiting Box* have a depth between  $-\sqrt{3}$  and  $\sqrt{3}$ .

Points between the *Viewing Position* and the *Viewing Plane* have negative depths. Points the other side of the *Viewing Plane* have positive depths.

**Gamma correction:** A function applied to colours to correct for the nonlinear response of the eye to linear changes colour intensity values.

**Horizontal angle:** The angle from which an object is viewed in the horizontal plane. Default is 30.0. Also known as  $\theta$  (Theta).

**IsoSurface:** A 3-dimensional surface connecting points of equal value.

**Limiting Box:** The 3-dimensional box containing all the points which are plottable from the current *Viewing Position*. Specified by its corners (XMIN, YMIN, ZMIN) and (XMAX, YMAX, ZMAX).

**Line of Sight:** Line passing through the *Viewing Position* and the *Origin*. When *Perspective* is not applied, objects are viewed from infinity down the *Line of Sight*, at an angle  $(\theta, \phi)$ .

**Magnification:** Magnifying a point or object by a given factor along an axis. Sometimes known as Scaling.

**Origin:** Point at the centre of the *Limiting Box*. The Origin is the point on the *Viewing Plane* which is closest to the *Viewing Position*.

**Perspective:** Method of viewing an object so that areas which are nearer to the *Viewing Position* appear larger than equivalent areas which are further away.

**Phi ( $\phi$ ):** see *Vertical Angle*.

**Radius:** Distance from the *Viewing Position* to the *Viewing Plane* in terms of the underlying scales.

**Rotation:** Moving a point or object around an axis or point so that its distance from that axis is preserved throughout.

**Scaling:** See *Magnification*.

**Scaling Mode:** Method of determining the relationship between the *Limiting Box* and the underlying 2-D scales.

**Theta ( $\theta$ ):** see *Horizontal Angle*.

**Translation:** Moving a point or object a given distance along an axis.

**Vertical angle:** The angle from which an object is viewed in the vertical plane. Default is 15.0. Also known as  $\phi$  (Phi).

**Viewing Plane:** The plane to which *perspective* is applied. It is perpendicular to the *Line of Sight* and contains the *Origin*.

**Viewing Position:** The point from which the object is viewed. Expressed in terms of 2 angles,  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . If *perspective* is applied, it is in terms of  $(Radius, \theta, \phi)$ .

The Viewing Position can also be expressed as  $(x, y, z)$  in terms of the underlying 3-dimensional coordinates.



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## T. Affine Transformation

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*Affine transformation* entails changing the position, shape and size of an object, with all straight lines remaining straight. All such changes can be expressed as a combination of *Translation*, *Magnification* and *Rotation*.

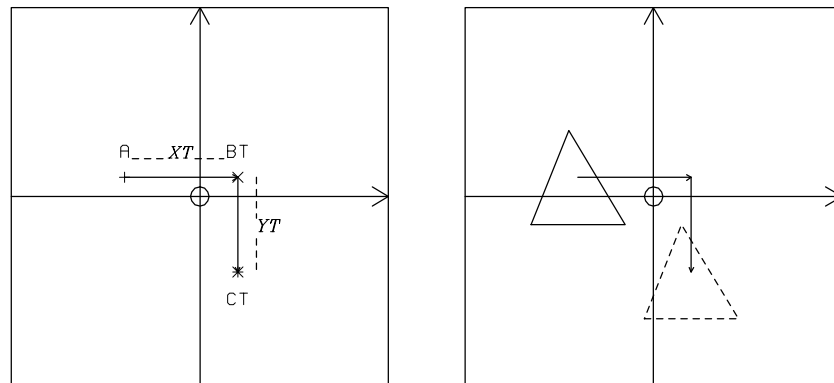
The basic effects of these transformations can be explained with reference to the simpler 2-dimensional case before extending the same principles to 3-dimensions.

### T.1 Translation

Translation]

*Translation* (subroutine **VSTRAN**) involves moving a point along an axis. Take the point  $A (XA, YA)$  on Figure T.1. Translation in  $x$  means moving it a fixed distance along the  $x$ -axis.

Translating the point a distance of  $XT$  in  $x$  moves it to  $BT (XA + XT, YA)$ . A similar translation of  $YT$  along the  $y$ -axis moves it to point  $CT (XA + XT, YA + YT)$ .



**Figure T.1** Translation along  $x$  and  $y$  in 2 dimensions

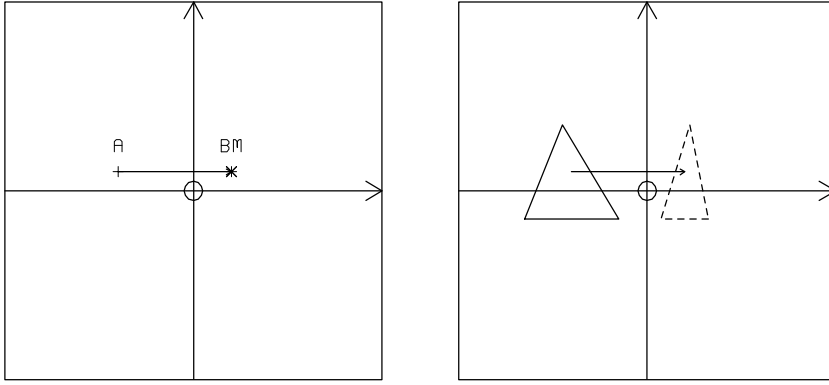
To apply these translations to objects, every point on the object is translated by a given distance along each axis. The dotted triangle in Figure T.1 shows the effect of translating an object by  $(XT, YT)$ .

Translation can take place along a number of axes, or just one. When translation is performed over more than one axis, the result is independent of the order in which axes are selected.

### T.2 Magnification

Magnification]

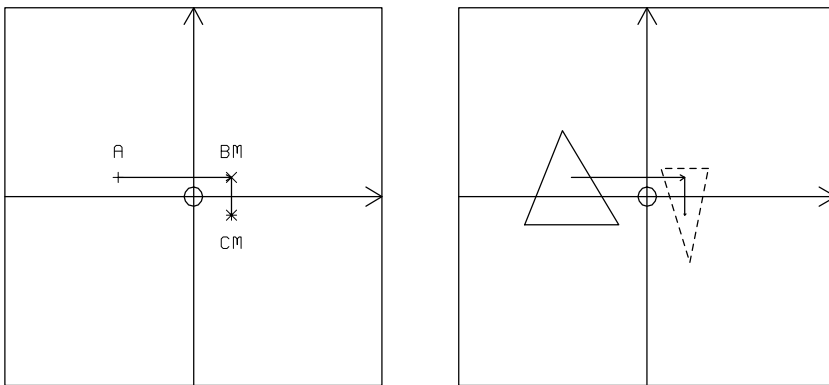
*Magnification* (subroutine **VSMAG**) is a similar process to Translation, except a multiplying factor is applied to the coordinate, rather than simple addition.



**Figure T.2** Magnification along  $x$

In Figure T.2, point  $A$  is magnified by a factor of  $XM$  along the  $x$ -axis, moving to  $BM$  ( $XA \times XM, YA$ ).

In this example, the magnification factor is negative, so the shape is reflected across the appropriate axis. The absolute value of the magnification factor is less than 1.0, so the shape is contracted. Unequal magnification factors on different axes change the aspect ratio of the shape.



**Figure T.3** Magnification along  $x$  and  $y$

Magnification can take place along a number of axes, or just one. When magnification is performed over more than one axis, the result is independent of the order in which axes are selected.

In Figure T.3, an additional magnification factor of  $-1.0$  is applied along the  $y$ -axis. This means that the triangle is inverted.

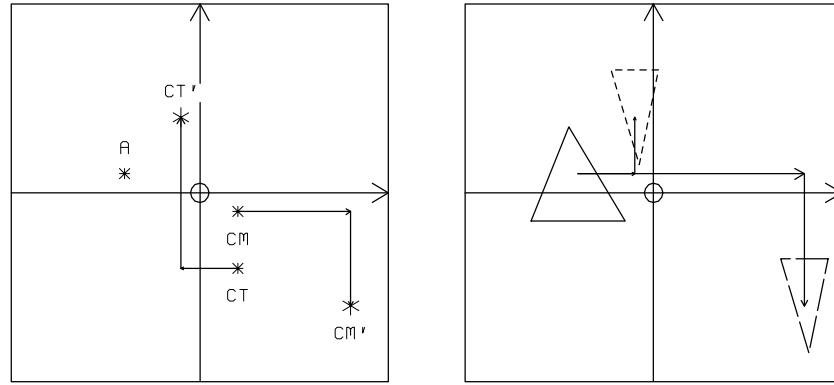
### T.3 Translation and Magnification together

Although the order of combined Translations or combined Magnifications does not affect the result, when Translation is combined with Magnification, the order is significant.

For example, when the point  $(XA, YA)$  is translated by  $(XT, YT)$ , then magnified by  $(XM, YM)$ , it is moved to  $(XM \times (XA + XT), YM \times (YA + YT))$ , point  $CT'$  in Figure T.4. But when the same point is magnified by  $(XM, YM)$  before it is translated by  $(XT, YT)$ , it is moved to  $((XA \times XM) + XT, (YA \times YM) + YT)$ , point  $CM'$  in Figure T.4.

The second picture in Figure T.4 shows the equivalent effect on objects.





**Figure T.4** Translation and magnification along  $x$  and  $y$

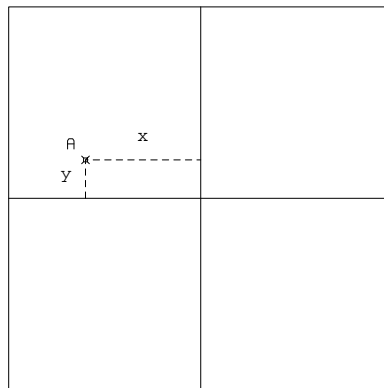
This simple example illustrates the need to be sure about the order in which points are moved. This becomes particularly important when complex transformations, such as rotation, are applied to the object.

## T.4 Rotation

Rotation]

Translation and Magnification are performed *along* an axis. 3-Dimensional Rotation is performed *around* an axis. In the simpler 2-dimensional case, rotation takes place around a point, the Origin (0,0).

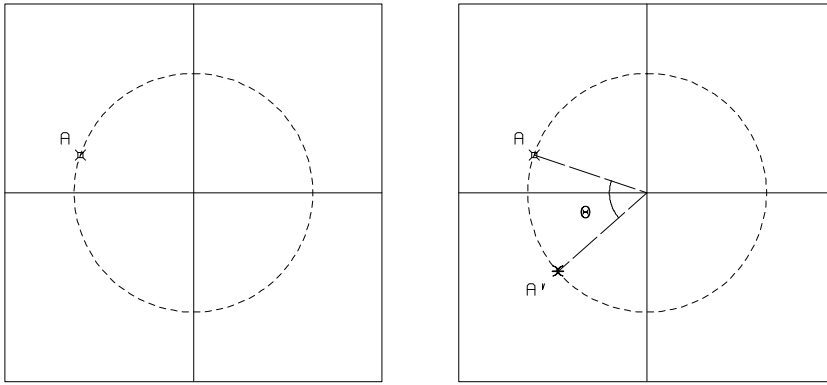
Figure T.5 shows a simple 2-dimensional plane.  $A$  is an arbitrary point with coordinates  $(x, y)$ . If the axes cross at (0,0), the distance from  $A$  to the Origin is  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .



**Figure T.5** Point  $A$  in a 2-dimensional plane

When a point is rotated, distance from the Origin is maintained. This means that the rotation path of  $A$  defines a circle of radius  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  (Figure T.6).

If  $A$  is rotated by an anti-clockwise angle  $\theta$ , the position of the new point  $A'$  can be easily calculated. If this rotation is accompanied by Translation and Magnification, the order in which these Transformations are applied is significant (see above).

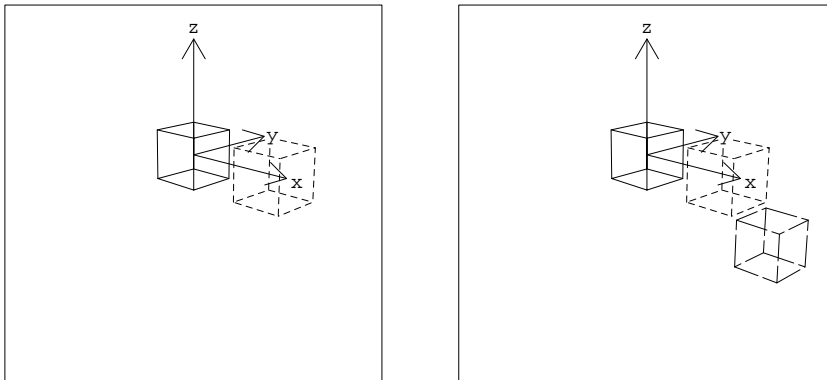


**Figure T.6** Rotation path for point A around the  $z$ -axis

## T.5 Three-dimensional Translation and Magnification

Translation and Magnification in 3 dimensions use the same principles as in 2 dimensions. A point  $(x, y, z)$  can be Translated to  $(x + XT, y + YT, z + ZT)$ , or magnified to  $(x \times XM, y \times YM, z \times ZM)$ . Translation can take place along 1 or more axes, and the order in which these operations are performed is not significant.

The first picture in Figure T.7 shows a cube which has been Translated along the  $x$ -axis. The second picture shows the Transformed cube Translated in  $y$  and  $z$ . Translation does not change the shape of the cube.



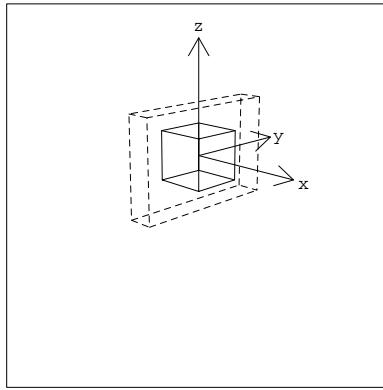
**Figure T.7** Cube translated in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$

Figure T.8 shows the same cube Magnified by different amounts along each axis. Note that, just as a magnified rectangle changed its aspect ratio, the new cuboid has quite different proportions.

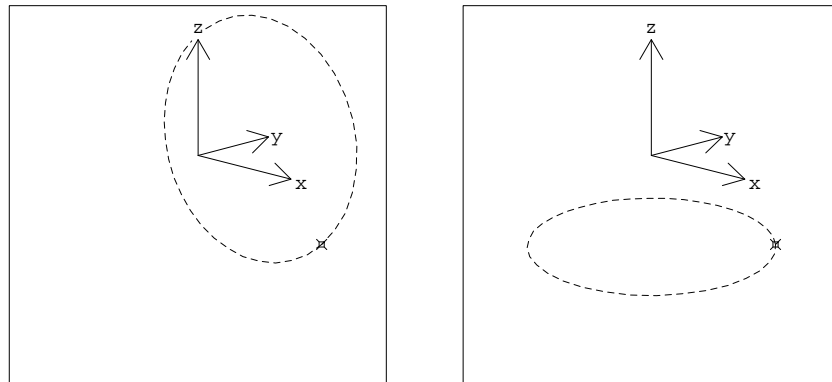
## T.6 Three-dimensional Rotation

All 2-dimensional rotation takes place around a point, usually the origin. 3-d rotation is around an axis, and differs according to which axis is used.

The first picture in Figure T.9 shows the path of a point which is rotated around the  $y$ -axis. The distance from the point to the axis remains the same. The second picture shows the same point rotated around  $z$ .



**Figure T.8** Cube magnified in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$



**Figure T.9** Point rotated around  $y$  and  $z$

The same principle can be extended to objects. Figure T.10 shows cuboids which have been rotated around the  $y$  and  $z$  axis. Figure T.11 shows the same cuboid rotated around  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

The order in which Rotation takes place about different axes is significant. Rotating an Object  $10^\circ$  in  $x$  then  $20^\circ$  in  $y$  is not the same as rotating  $20^\circ$  in  $y$  then  $10^\circ$  in  $x$ . This is why SIMPLEPLOT Visualization software only allows rotation to take place around any one axis at a time.

Any cube can be Translated, Magnified and Rotated so that it occupies any space at any angle. However,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes remain perpendicular. This means that, although the shape may change, it will always be some sort of cuboid.

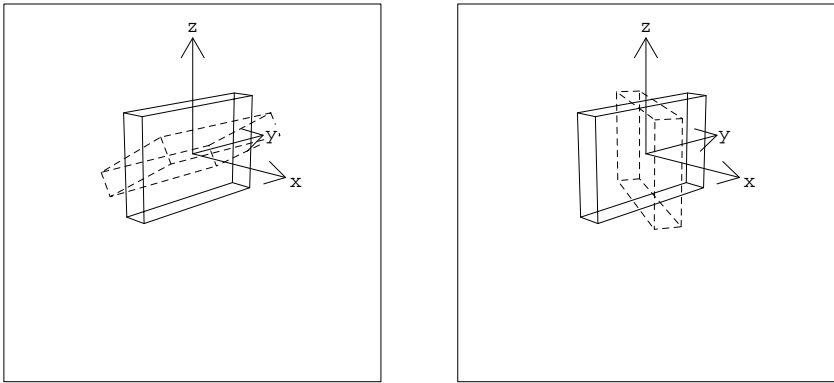


Figure T.10 Cuboid rotated around  $y$

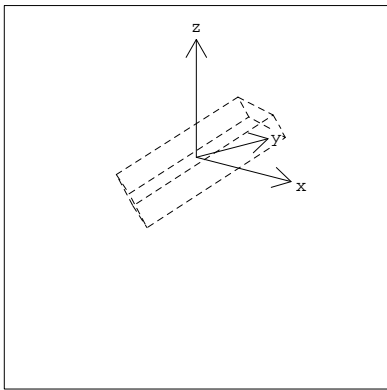


Figure T.11 Cuboid rotated around  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$

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