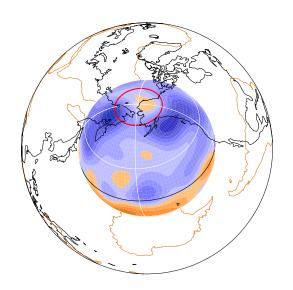
# **LEOPACK**



# $cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4$

Conducting inner core constant z, equatorial, or meridian plot with arrows

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## 1 cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4

Source code is in

LEOPACK\_DIR/GPROGRAMS/cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4.f

although subprograms from LEOPACK\_DIR/GSUBS, LEOPACK\_DIR/SUBS and LEOPACK\_DIR/LINALG are also required.

This program is essentially the equivalent to arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 (Section 1) for solutions where the magnetic field extends into a conducting inner core. Solutions computed with programs such as cicubcdts2 may be displayed using this program.

It requires a solution in standard format describing the velocity and temperature (i.e. a .intsv, .vecsv and .xarrv file) and a solution in standard format describing the magnetic field (i.e. a .intsm, .vecsm and .xarrm file). It can plot a section through the spherical shell at either constant  $\phi$  (does NOT contour the section  $\phi+\pi$  simultaneously), constant  $\theta$  (most usefully at the equator) or constant z. Arrows indicating the direction of flow in this section may also be plotted.

A typical input file is

```
* Input file for cic_arrows_z_eq_merid4
example_eOUTPUT
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsv
                                : vel integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsv
                              : vel vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrv
                               : vel radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsm
                                : mag integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsm
                                : mag vectorfile
                             : mag radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrm
 40 160
                                : NRAD NTHE NNDS
 0.02 0.98 0.02 0.48 7.0 1.0 : xleft xright ybot ytop rwidth rratio
0.0000 1.0000 3 0.25 : tfirst tlast iview coord
14 6 3 7 0 : nlev idev icont icomp is
 14 6 3 7
                                : nlev idev icont icomp ias
 120.0 0.0 1.0 0.75 4
                                : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal, iw
 120.0 0.0 0.75 5 1
                              : rphue rpsat rplight ipw ips
  0.0 0.0 0.75 5 4
                                : rnhue rnsat rnlight inw ins
 4 0.14 1.4
                                : npba rlong rhead
          0.0
                    0.0
                                : icontour valmin
                                                   valmax
```

Any line in the input file beginning with an asterisk, \*, is ignored by the program and can thus be used to enter comments and notes.

The inputs in the above file are as follows

- Filename stem. First characters in output files to be generated by current run. Running cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 with the above input file will create either the file example\_eOUTPUT.ps or example\_eOUTPUT.gif: depending upon the value of the integer flag idev.
- vel integers: name of already existing indices file describing velocity.

- vel vectorfile: name of already existing vector file describing velocity.
   Must contain the same number of radial functions as indicated in the .intsv file.
- vel radialfile: name of already existing radial spacings file describing velocity. Must contain the same number of radial grid nodes as indicated in the .vecsv file.
- mag integers: name of already existing indices file describing magnetic field.
- mag vectorfile: name of already existing vector file describing magnetic field. Must contain the same number of radial functions as indicated in the .intsm file.
- mag radialfile: name of already existing radial spacings file describing magnetic field. Must contain the same number of radial grid nodes as indicated in the .vecsm file.
- NRAD: Number of evenly spaced radial grid nodes to be used for polar contour plot. Note that this can be set irrespective of how many (arbitrarily spaced) grid nodes there were in the original solution vector. The solution is interpolated onto the specified regular mesh on reading in the solution.
- NTHE: Number of evenly spaced angular grid nodes to be used for polar contour plot. This can be set irrespective of the spectral resolution of the original solution vector.
  - If iview = 1, then we are doing a meridian section and NTHE refers to points in latitude.
  - If iview = 2, then we are doing a constant  $\theta$  section and NTHE refers to points in longitude.
  - If iview = 3, then we are doing a constant  $\phi$  section and NTHE refers to points in the cylindrical polar angle.
- NNDS. Number of nodes for interpolating radial functions. 3 is a suggested value since no great accuracy is required here.
- xleft. Position within the output device of the left border of figure. (i.e. defines size of the left hand side margin.) Must be in the range [0, 1].
- xright. Position within the output device of the right border of figure. (i.e. defines size of the right hand side margin.) Must be in the range [0, 1].
- ybot. Position within the output device of the lower border of figure. (i.e. defines size of the bottom margin.) Must be in the range [0, 1].

- ytop. Position within the output device of the upper border of figure. (i.e. defines size of the top margin.) Must be in the range [0, 1].
- rwidth. Width in inches of output device (i.e. horizontal dimension of postscript of gif file.)
- rratio. Ratio of height to width for the output device.
- tfirst: The lowest value of the angle to be contoured. This variable is always multiplied by  $\pi$  when plotting is performed to give a value in radians.
- tlast: The highest value of the angle to be contoured. This variable is always multiplied by  $\pi$  when plotting is performed to give a value in radians. For example, if iview is set to 2 or 3 and we wish to display a full "round the sphere" section, then tfirst and tlast are respectively set to 0.0 and 2.0, giving a range  $0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$ . If we wish to plot an equatorial section between longitudes 45° and 135° only, then we set tfirst = 0.25 and tlast = 0.75. If iview is set to 1, we are performing a meridian section and tfirst and tlast must be in the range (-0.49999, 0.49999) (always smaller than 0.5 to avoid singular behaviour at the poles). arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 cannot extend a meridian section beyond a half-plane.
- iview. The section to be studied. Options are:
  - 1. Meridian section at fixed value  $\phi$  which is specified by setting coord to  $\phi/\pi$ . If we want to contour from latitude  $\lambda_1$  to latitude  $\lambda_2$  then set tfirst to  $\lambda_1/\pi$  and set tlast to  $\lambda_2/\pi$ .
  - 2. Constant theta section where  $\theta$  is specified by setting coord to  $\theta/\pi$ . This is almost always an equatorial sectionm with coord set to 0.5. If we want to contour from longitude  $\phi_1$  to longitude  $\phi_2$  then set tfirst to  $\phi_1/\pi$  and set tlast to  $\phi_2/\pi$ .
  - 3. Constant z section where z, the height above the equator is the value of coord. tfirst and tlast as for iview = 2.
- coord. Fixed value set. Takes on a different meaning depending upon the flag iview. (See above.)
- nlev. The number of contour levels required. There is a special value nlev = -1 which applies a 16 contour level Red/Green/Blue coefficient set provided by Andy Jackson.
- idev. Device number. Can take the following values:idev = 1 → landscape gif file.
  - idev =  $2 \rightarrow \text{portrait gif file.}$

idev =  $5 \rightarrow \text{landscape colour postscript file.}$ 

idev =  $6 \rightarrow \text{portrait colour postscript file.}$ 

• icont. Specification of what to display.

icont =  $1 \rightarrow$  coloured contours (shading) without contour lines or arrows.

icont =  $2 \rightarrow \text{arrows of flow without contours}$ .

icont =  $3 \rightarrow$  arrows of flow superimposed upon coloured contours (shading).

icont =  $4 \rightarrow \text{arrows of flow superimposed upon contour lines.}$ 

• icomp. Field component to be displayed in the contour plot. The value specified by icomp varies depending upon which section (value of iview) is specified. The following values are common to all values of iview:

icomp = 1  $\rightarrow$  radial velocity,  $v_r$ .

icomp = 2  $\rightarrow$  theta velocity,  $v_{\theta}$ .

icomp = 3  $\rightarrow$  phi velocity,  $v_{\phi}$ .

icomp = 4  $\rightarrow$  radial magnetic field,  $B_r$ .

icomp = 5  $\rightarrow$  theta magnetic field,  $B_{\theta}$ .

icomp = 6  $\rightarrow$  phi magnetic field,  $B_{\phi}$ .

 $icomp = 7 \rightarrow temperature, T.$ 

If iview = 1, then the following are options:

icomp = 8  $\rightarrow$  heat-flux: -(dT/dr).

icomp = 9  $\rightarrow$  upwelling:  $-(v_r/dr)$ .

icomp = 10  $\rightarrow$  magnetic  $\phi$  stream function:

$$F_{\phi} = r \sin \theta \frac{\partial^{P} B}{\partial \theta}$$

(See [ZB87]).

icomp = 11  $\rightarrow$  velocity  $\phi$  stream function:

$$F_{\phi} = r \sin \theta \frac{\partial^{P} v}{\partial \theta}$$

(See [ZB87]).

If iview = 2, then the following are options:

icomp = 11  $\rightarrow$  magnetic  $\theta$  stream function:

$$F_{\theta} = \frac{r}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial^{P} B}{\partial \phi}$$

(See [ZB87]).

icomp = 12  $\rightarrow$  velocity  $\theta$  stream function:

$$F_{\theta} = \frac{r}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial^{P} v}{\partial \phi}$$

(See [ZB87]).

If iview = 3, then the following are options:

icomp = 8  $\rightarrow$  heat-flux: -(dT/dr).

icomp = 9  $\rightarrow$  upwelling:  $-(v_r/dr)$ .

• ias. Axisymmetric only flag.

ias =  $0 \rightarrow \text{full 3D solution is used.}$ 

ias =  $1 \rightarrow$  only the axisymmetric part is used.

- huepos. Hue value for numbers greater than zero for functions which are to be contoured using fill (i.e for options icont = 1 and icont = 3, but otherwise not referred to). Number between 0 and 360. See Appendix (2) and Figure (6) for details.
- hueneg. Hue value for numbers less than zero for functions which are to be contoured using fill (i.e for options icont = 1 and icont = 3, but otherwise not referred to). Number between 0 and 360. See Appendix (2) and Figure (6) for details.
- csat. Saturation value for shaded contours (i.e for options icont = 1 and icont = 3, but otherwise not referred to). Number between 0.0 and 1.0 csat = 1.0 implies full colour. csat = 0.0 means monochrome and, in this case, the values huepos and hueneg become irrelevant and a grey-shade plot results with the most negative value as white and the most positive value as black. See Appendix (2) for details.
- scal. A very crude means of lightening a dark plot. Normal value is scal = 1, but reducing this (e.g. scal = 0.7) may give a better picture.
- iw. Width of lines used to draw arrows. Integer, with 1 being the thinnest available.
- rphue. Hue value for numbers greater than zero for functions which are to be contoured using lines (i.e for option icont = 4 but otherwise not referred to). Number between 0 and 360. See Appendix (2) and Figure (6) for details.

- rpsat. Saturation value for contour lines with positive values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. Number between 0.0 and 1.0 rpsat = 1.0 implies full colour. rpsat = 0.0 means monochrome and, in this case, the value rphue becomes irrelevant.
- rplight. Lightness value for contour lines with positive values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. Number between 0.0 and 1.0 with black at lightness 0.0 and white at lightness 1.0.
- ipw. Width value for contour lines with positive values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. Integer, with 1 being the thinnest available.
- ips. Style value for contour lines with positive values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. The following options are available:

```
ips = 1 \rightarrow \text{full line}.
```

ips =  $2 \rightarrow long dashes$ .

ips =  $3 \rightarrow dash-dot-dash-dot$ .

ips =  $4 \rightarrow dotted$ .

ips =  $5 \rightarrow dash-dot-dot$ .

- rnhue. Hue value for numbers less than zero for functions which are to be contoured using lines (i.e for option icont = 4 but otherwise not referred to). Number between 0 and 360. See Appendix (2) and Figure (6) for details.
- rnsat. Saturation value for contour lines with negative values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. Number between 0.0 and 1.0 rnsat = 1.0 implies full colour. rnsat = 0.0 means monochrome and, in this case, the value rphue becomes irrelevant.
- rnlight. Lightness value for contour lines with negative values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. Number between 0.0 and 1.0 with black at lightness 0.0 and white at lightness 1.0.
- inw. Width value for contour lines with negative values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. Integer, with 1 being the thinnest available.
- ins. Style value for contour lines with negative values. Only referred to for option icont = 4. The following options are available:

ins =  $1 \rightarrow \text{full line}$ .

ins =  $2 \rightarrow long dashes$ .

ins =  $3 \rightarrow \text{dash-dot-dash-dot}$ .

ins =  $4 \rightarrow dotted$ .

ins =  $5 \rightarrow dash-dot-dot$ .

- npba. Number of points between arrows. The starting point of an arrow is drawn every npba points in both radius and angle. The lower the value for npba, the more arrows there will be. If arrows are too concentrated in both directions, increase npba. If arrows are too concentrated in radius only, then decrease NRAD with the same npba value, or increase npba and increase NTHE proportionately. If arrows are too concentrated in angle only, then decrease NTHE with the same npba value, or increase npba and increase NRAD proportionately. A certain amount of trial and error is required in selecting verb+npba+, NRAD and NTHE such that a good spread of arrows is achieved.
- rlong. Length of longest arrow (which automatically corresponds to the greatest flow). All other arrows are scaled relative to this.
- rhead. Size of the biggest arrowhead.
- icontour. Chooses automatic or manual scaling of contours.
   icontour = 1 → contours are scaled automatically and the values valmin and valmax become irrelevant.
   icontour = 2 → contours are scaled between the following values, valmin and valmax.
- valmin. User-imposed minimum value for contour function. Only referred to if icontour = 2.
- valmax. User-imposed maximum value for contour function. Only referred to if icontour = 2.

#### 1.1 Run-time limitations

Several parameters are set at the outset which limit the physical size of the problem.

```
INTEGER NRMAX, NTMAX, NLEVM, LHMAX, NHVMAX, NHMMAX,

1 IVVMAX, IVMMAX, NNDM, NPMAX

PARAMETER ( NRMAX = 250, NTMAX = 250, NLEVM = 20,

1 LHMAX = 148, NHVMAX = 3800, NHMMAX = 3800,

2 IVVMAX = NRMAX*NHVMAX, IVMMAX = NRMAX*NHMMAX,

2 NNDM = 6, NPMAX = (LHMAX+1)*(LHMAX+2)/2)
```

If the values are insufficient, then change them and recompile.

- NRMAX is the maximum permitted number of radial grid nodes.
- NTMAX is the maximum permitted number of grid nodes in angle.

- NLEVM is the maximum permitted number of contour levels.
- LHMAX is the highest permitted spherical harmonic degree, l.
- NHVMAX is the highest permitted number of velocity/temperature spherical harmonic radial functions.
- NHMMAX is the highest permitted number of magnetic field spherical harmonic radial functions.
- NNDM is the highest permitted value of nnds.

### 1.2 Sample runs of cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4

The directory

```
$LEOPACK_DIR/SAMPLERUNS/CIC_ARROWS_Z_EQ_MERID4
```

contains example input files only. Do not under any circumstances edit these files. They refer to other (solution vector) files which are elsewhere in the distribution and provide a relative path to avoid unnecessary duplication of files. The outputs from the different files are displayed here rather than left in the directory.

#### 1.2.1 Example a

```
* Input file for cic_arrows_z_eq_merid4
example_aOUTPUT
                                    : Filename stem
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsv
                                    : vel integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsv
                                    : vel vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrv
                                    : vel radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsm
                                    : mag integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsm
                                    : mag vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrm
                                    : mag radialfile
60 160
                                    : NRAD NTHE NNDS
         3
0.02 0.98 0.02 0.98 7.0 1.0 : xleft xright ybot ytop rwidth rratio
0.0000 2.0000 2 0.5
                                    : tfirst tlast iview coord
14 6 3 5 0
                                    : nlev idev icont icomp
 160.0 330.0 1.0 1.00 3
                                    : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal, iw
120.0 0.0 0.75 5 1
                                    : rphue rpsat rplight ipw ips
  0.0 0.0 0.75 5 4
                                    : rnhue rnsat rnlight inw ins
 4 0.16 1.4
                                    : npba rlong rhead
          0.0
                   0.0
                                     : icontour valmin
```

The first example shows coloured contours of  $B_{\theta}$  in the equatorial plane for a conducting inner-core solution with fixed heat-flux at the outer boundary. (The solution is very similar to, and based on, the Case 1 benchmark solution ([CAC+01]) - only with altered thermal boundary conditions and treatment for the inner core.

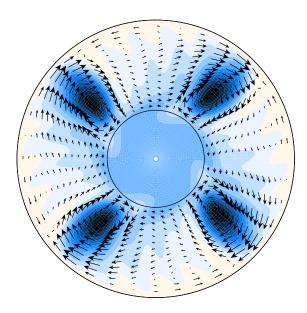


Figure 1: Output from cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 with example\_a.input (Section 1.2.1).

#### 1.2.2 Example b

```
* Input file for cic_arrows_z_eq_merid4
example_bOUTPUT
                                      : Filename stem
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsv
                                      : vel integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsv
                                     : vel vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrv
                                     : vel radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsm
                                     : mag integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsm
                                     : mag vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrm
                                      : mag radialfile
60 80
                                      : NRAD NTHE NNDS
0.05 0.45 0.10
                   0.90
                        7.0 1.0 : xleft xright ybot ytop rwidth rratio
0.4999 -0.4999
                   1 0.0
                                     : tfirst tlast iview coord
12 6
        1
                                      : nlev idev icont icomp
 120.0 0.0 1.0 1.00
                                      : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal, iw
120.0
       0.0 0.75 5
                                     : rphue rpsat rplight ipw ips
  0.0 0.0 0.75 5
                                     : rnhue rnsat rnlight inw ins
    0.20
                                      : npba rlong rhead
          1.2
                    0.0
                                      : icontour valmin
```

This is a meridian section at longitude  $\phi = 0$ : contours of  $B_{\phi}$  only. In this section, the azimuthal magnetic field appears to have very little penetration into the inner core.

#### 1.2.3 Example c

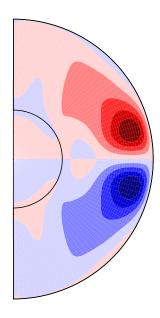


Figure 2: Output from cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 with example\_b.input (Section 1.2.2).

```
* Input file for cic_arrows_z_eq_merid4
example_cOUTPUT
                                     : Filename stem
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsv
                                     : vel integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsv
                                     : vel vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrv
                                     : vel radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsm
                                     : mag integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsm
                                    : mag vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrm
                                     : mag radialfile
60 100
                                     : NRAD NTHE NNDS
                  0.90 7.0 1.0 : xleft xright ybot ytop rwidth rratio
0.05 0.45 0.10
0.4999 -0.4999
                  1 0.25
                                     : tfirst tlast iview coord
12 6
        4 6
                  0
                                     : nlev idev icont icomp
                                    : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal, iw
 120.0 0.0 1.0 1.00 3
120.0 0.0 0.75 5
                                     : rphue rpsat rplight ipw ips
  0.0 0.0 0.75 5
                                    : rnhue rnsat rnlight inw ins
 4 0.15 1.4
                                     : npba rlong rhead
  1
          0.0
                    0.0
                                     : icontour valmin valmax
```

At a different longitude  $\phi = 45^{\circ} \rightarrow \text{coord} = 0.25$ , there is marginally more evidence of penetration of the  $\phi$  magnetic field into the inner core, although the greatest concentations are closer to the outer boundary. Flow change at the tangent cylinger in evidence.

#### 1.2.4 Example d

```
* Input file for cic_arrows_z_eq_merid4

* example_dOUTPUT : Filename stem ../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsv : vel integers
```

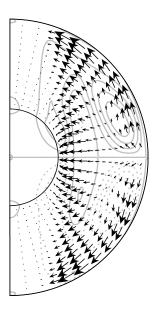


Figure 3: Output from cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 with example\_c.input (Section 1.2.3).

```
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsv
                                      : vel vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrv
                                     : vel radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsm
                                     : mag integers
                                     : mag vectorfile
{\tt ../CICUBCDTS2/example\_b.vecsm}
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrm
                                     : mag radialfile
                                      : NRAD NTHE NNDS
40 160
         3
0.02 0.98 0.02
                   0.48 7.0 1.0 : xleft xright ybot ytop rwidth rratio
0.0000 1.0000
                   3 0.25
                                     : tfirst tlast iview coord
14 6 3 6
                  0
                                     : nlev idev icont icomp ias
                                     : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal, iw
: rphue rpsat rplight ipw ips
  65.0 300.0 1.0 1.00 4
 120.0 0.0 0.75 5 1
  0.0 0.0 0.75 5
                                     : rnhue rnsat rnlight inw ins
    0.18 1.2
                                     : npba rlong rhead
  1
           0.0
                    0.0
                                      : icontour valmin valmax
```

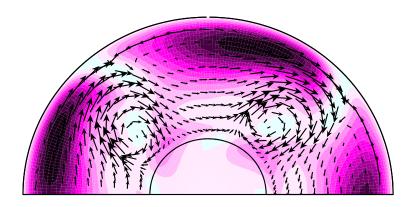


Figure 4: Output from cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 with example\_d.input (Section 1.2.4).

Constant z section at height 0.25 above the equatorial plane. Arrows of flow are superimposed onto contour colours  $B_{\phi}$ . We see more clearly the extent of field penetration into the inner core (an equatorial section would not show anything due to the imposed symmetry).

#### 1.2.5 Example e

```
* Input file for cic_arrows_z_eq_merid4
example_eOUTPUT
                                     : Filename stem
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsv
                                     : vel integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsv
                                     : vel vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrv
                                     : vel radialfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.intsm
                                     : mag integers
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.vecsm
                                     : mag vectorfile
../CICUBCDTS2/example_b.xarrm
                                     : mag radialfile
40 160
                                     : NRAD NTHE NNDS
0.02 0.98 0.02
                 0.48 7.0 1.0 : xleft xright ybot ytop rwidth rratio
0.0000 1.0000
                 3 0.25
                                     : tfirst tlast iview coord
14 6
        3 7
                 0
                                     : nlev idev icont icomp
 120.0
        0.0 1.0 0.75 4
                                     : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal, iw
120.0 0.0 0.75 5 1
                                     : rphue rpsat rplight ipw ips
  0.0 0.0 0.75 5
                                     : rnhue rnsat rnlight inw ins
 4 0.14 1.4
                                     : npba rlong rhead
          0.0
                    0.0
                                     : icontour valmin
                                                       valmax
```

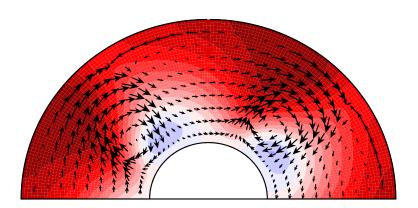


Figure 5: Output from cic\_arrows\_z\_eq\_merid4 with example\_e.input (Section 1.2.5).

Same as in the previous section (1.2.4) except that we are now contouring temperature and flow. Notice that there is nothing in the inner core, as the temperature is only a function defined in the outer core. Notice the pattern of temperature at the surface due to the fixed flux boundary condition.

### 2 The HLS colour scheme

When plotting using the PGPLOT software, a colour is specified by either one of the two calls

```
CALL PGSHLS( IND, CH, CL, CS )
   or
CALL PGSCR( IND, CR, CG, CB )
```

The integer IND is the index of the colour being applied. CR, CG and CB are respectively the red, green and blue values in the ranges [0, 1].

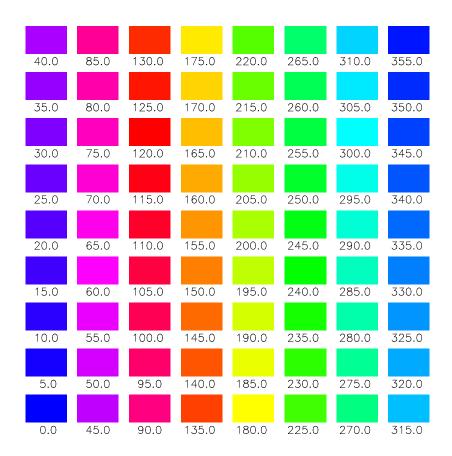


Figure 6: Colours as described by the integer HUE in the HLS (Hue, Light and Saturation) colour scheme.

The alternative HLS (Hue, Light and Saturation) system takes three real values

- CH. Hue. This is an angle between zero and 360 degrees which specifies the colour. Red is 120, Green is 240 and Blue is 0 (or 360). The full spectrum, in intervals of 5 degrees, is displayed in Figure (6).
- CL. Light. Ranges from 0.0 to 1.0 with black at lightness 0.0 and white at lightness 1.0.
- CS. Saturation. Ranges from 0.0 (grey) to 1.0 (pure colour). Hue is irrelevant when saturation is 0.0

I opted for the HLS system for the general graphics system - not because I thought the results were better - but because it is simply much easier to apply. I generally set one hue value for positive values and one for negative values and then vary the lightness as a function of the numbers being plotted.

Other users may find this colour scheme unappealing and so are welcome to devise a better way of assigning colours to contour levels! I did a job for Andy Jackson last year, for which he gave me a set of 16 red, green and blue (RGB) coefficients. This scheme is very nice and so I have implemented it in the majority of the codes as a special value of NLEV (the number of contour levels). Setting NLEV = -1 should implement this colour scheme, resulting in 16 contour levels. I never got round to implementing any more general RGB scheme.

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