

**NAME**

GMT – The Generic Mapping Tools data processing and display software package

**INTRODUCTION**

**GMT** is a collection of public-domain Unix tools that allows you to manipulate x,y and x,y,z data sets (filtering, trend fitting, gridding, projecting, etc.) and produce *PostScript* illustrations ranging from simple x-y plots, via contour maps, to artificially illuminated surfaces and 3-D perspective views in black/white or full color. Linear, log10, and power scaling is supported in addition to 25 common map projections. The processing and display routines within **GMT** are completely general and will handle any (x,y) or (x,y,z) data as input.

**SYNOPSIS**

**GMT** is also a wrapper script that can start any of the programs:

**GMT** module module-options

where module is the name of a **GMT** program and the options are those that pertain to that particular program.

**GMT OVERVIEW**

The following is a summary of all the programs supplied with **GMT** and a very short description of their purpose. Detailed information about each program can be found in the separate manual pages.

<b>blockmean</b>	L2 (x,y,z) data filter/decimator
<b>blockmedian</b>	L1 (x,y,z) data filter/decimator
<b>blockmode</b>	Mode (x,y,z) data filter/decimator
<b>filter1d</b>	Filter 1-D data sets (time series)
<b>fitcircle</b>	Finds the best-fitting great circle to a set of points
<b>gmt2rgb</b>	Convert Sun rasterfile or grid to r, g, b grids
<b>gmtconvert</b>	Convert between ASCII and binary 1-D tables
<b>gmtdefaults</b>	List the current default settings
<b>gmtmath</b>	Mathematical operations on data tables
<b>gmtset</b>	Set individual default parameters
<b>gmtselect</b>	Extract data subsets based on spatial criteria
<b>grdfilter</b>	Filter 2-D data sets in the space domain
<b>grd2cpt</b>	Make a color palette table from grid files
<b>grd2xyz</b>	Conversion from 2-D grid file to table data
<b>grdblend</b>	Blend several partially over-lapping grid files onto one grid
<b>grdclip</b>	Limit the z-range in gridded data
<b>grdcontour</b>	Contouring of 2-D gridded data
<b>grdcut</b>	Cut a sub-region from a grid file
<b>grdedit</b>	Modify header information in a 2-D grid file
<b>grdffft</b>	Operate on grid files in the wavenumber (or frequency) domain
<b>grdgradient</b>	Compute directional gradient from grid files
<b>grdhisteq</b>	Histogram equalization for grid files
<b>grdimage</b>	Produce images from 2-D gridded data
<b>grdinfo</b>	Get information about grid files
<b>grdlandmask</b>	Create mask grid file from shoreline data base
<b>grdmask</b>	Reset nodes outside a clip path to a constant
<b>grdmath</b>	Mathematical operations on grid files
<b>grdpaste</b>	Paste together grid files along a common edge
<b>grdproject</b>	Project gridded data onto a new coordinate system
<b>grdreformat</b>	Converting between different grid file formats
<b>grdsample</b>	Resample a 2-D gridded data set onto a new grid
<b>grdtrend</b>	Fits polynomial trends to grid files
<b>grdtrack</b>	Sampling of 2-D data set along 1-D track

<b>grdvector</b>	Plot vector fields from grid files
<b>grdview</b>	3-D perspective imaging of 2-D gridded data
<b>grdvolume</b>	Volume calculations from 2-D gridded data
<b>greenspline</b>	Interpolation using Green's functions for splines in 1-3 dimensions
<b>makecpt</b>	Make color palette tables
<b>mapproject</b>	Forward or inverse map projections of table data
<b>minmax</b>	Find extreme values in data tables
<b>nearneighbor</b>	Nearest-neighbor gridding scheme
<b>project</b>	Project data onto lines/great circles
<b>ps2raster</b>	Crop and convert <i>PostScript</i> files to raster images, EPS, and PDF
<b>psbasemap</b>	Create a basemap plot
<b>psclip</b>	Use polygon files to define clipping paths
<b>pscoast</b>	Plot coastlines and filled continents on maps
<b>pscontour</b>	Contour xyz-data by triangulation
<b>pshistogram</b>	Plot a histogram
<b>psimage</b>	Plot images (EPS or Sun raster files) on maps
<b>pslegend</b>	Plot legend on maps
<b>psmask</b>	Create overlay to mask out regions on maps
<b>psrose</b>	Plot sector or rose diagrams
<b>psscale</b>	Plot gray scale or color scale on maps
<b>pstext</b>	Plot text strings on maps
<b>pswiggle</b>	Draw time-series along track on maps
<b>psxy</b>	Plot symbols, polygons, and lines on maps
<b>psxyz</b>	Plot symbols, polygons, and lines in 3-D
<b>sample1d</b>	Resampling of 1-D table data sets
<b>spectrum1d</b>	Compute various spectral estimates from time-series
<b>splitxyz</b>	Split xyz-files into several segments
<b>surface</b>	A continuous curvature gridding algorithm
<b>trend1d</b>	Fits polynomial or Fourier trends to $y = f(x)$ data
<b>trend2d</b>	Fits polynomial trends to $z = f(x,y)$ data
<b>triangulate</b>	Perform optimal Delaunay triangulation and gridding
<b>xyz2grd</b>	Convert equidistant xyz data to a 2-D grid file

**SEE ALSO**

Look up the individual man pages for more details and full syntax. Run **GMT** without options to list all GMT programs and to show all installation directories. Information is also available on the **GMT** home page [gmt.soest.hawaii.edu](http://gmt.soest.hawaii.edu)

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**NAME**

blockmean – filter to block average (x,y,z) data by L2 norm

**SYNOPSIS**

**blockmean** [ *xyz[w]file(s)* ] **-I***inc*[*unit*][*=*][*/yinc*[*unit*][*=*][*+*]] **-R***xmin/xmax/ymin/ymax*[**r**] [ **-C** ] [ **-E** ] [ **-F** ] [ **-H**[**i**][*nrec*] ] [ **-S**[**w**|**z**] ] [ **-V** ] [ **-W**[**io**] ] [ **-:**[**i**|**o**] ] [ **-b**[**i**|**o**][**s**|**S**|**d**|**D**][*ncol*][**c**[*var1/...*]] ] [ **-f**[**i**|**o**]*col-info* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**blockmean** reads arbitrarily located (x,y,z) triples [or optionally weighted quadruples (x,y,z,w)] from standard input [or *xyz[w]file(s)*] and writes to standard output a mean position and value for every non-empty block in a grid region defined by the **-R** and **-I** arguments. Either **blockmean**, **blockmedian**, or **blockmode** should be used as a pre-processor before running **surface** to avoid aliasing short wavelengths. These routines are also generally useful for decimating or averaging (x,y,z) data. You can modify the precision of the output format by editing the **D\_FORMAT** parameter in your `.gmtdefaults4` file, or you may choose binary input and/or output using single or double precision storage.

*xyz[w]file(s)*

3 [or 4] column ASCII file(s) [or binary, see **-b**] holding (x,y,z[,w]) data values. [w] is an optional weight for the data. If no file is specified, **blockmean** will read from standard input.

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If **=** is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending **+** to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in `[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]` format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form `[date]T[clock]` (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form `[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]` (Gregorian calendar) or `yyyy[-Www[-d]]` (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form `hh:mm:ss[.xxx]`. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

**-C** Use the center of the block as the output location [Default uses the mean location].

**-E** Provide Extended report which includes **s** (the standard deviation of the mean), **l**, the lowest value, and **h**, the high value for each block. Output order becomes *x,y,z,s,l,h[,w]*. [Default outputs *x,y,z[,w]*. See **-W** for *w* output.

**-F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.) Each block is the locus of points nearest the grid value location. For example, with **-R 10/15/10/15** and **-I 1**: with the **-F** option `10 <=`

$(x,y) < 11$  is one of 25 blocks; without it  $9.5 \leq (x,y) < 10.5$  is one of 36 blocks.

- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- S** Use **-Sz** to report the sum of all *z*-values inside a block, or **-Sw** to report the sum of weights [Default reports mean value]. If **-Sw** is selected and no weights are supplied (i.e., no **-W** given), then the weight sum will equal the number of points inside each block.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Weighted modifier[s]. Unweighted input and output has 3 columns *x,y,z*; Weighted i/o has 4 columns *x,y,z,w*. Weights can be used in input to construct weighted mean values in blocks. Weight sums can be reported in output for later combining several runs, etc. Use **-W** for weighted i/o, **-Wi** for weighted input only, **-Wo** for weighted output only. [Default uses unweighted i/o].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 (or 4 if **-Wi** is set)].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 3 (or 4 if **-Wo** is set)]. **-E** adds 3 additional columns.
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To find 5 by 5 minute block mean values from the ASCII data in `hawaii.xyg`, run

```
blockmean hawaii.xyg -R 198/208/18/25 -I 5m > hawaii_5x5.xyg
```

## SEE ALSO

*blockmedian(1)*, *blockmode(1)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *GMT(1)*, *nearneighbor(1)*, *surface(1)*, *triangulate(1)*

**NAME**

blockmedian – filter to block average (x,y,z) data by L1 norm.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
blockmedian [ xyz[w]file(s) ] -I $x_{inc}$ [unit][=+][/ $y_{inc}$ [unit][=+]] -R $x_{min}/x_{max}/y_{min}/y_{max}$ [r] [ -C ] [
-E[b] ] [ -F ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Q ] [ -T $quantile$  ] [ -V ] [ -W[io] ] [ -:[i]o ] [
-b[i]o][s]S[d]D[ncol]c[ $var1/...$ ] ] [ -f[i]o]colinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**blockmedian** reads arbitrarily located (x,y,z) triples [or optionally weighted quadruples (x,y,z,w)] from standard input [or xyz[w]file(s)] and writes to standard output a median position and value for every non-empty block in a grid region defined by the **-R** and **-I** arguments. Either **blockmean**, **blockmedian**, or **blockmode** should be used as a pre-processor before running **surface** to avoid aliasing short wavelengths. These routines are also generally useful for decimating or averaging (x,y,z) data. You can modify the precision of the output format by editing the **D\_FORMAT** parameter in your .gmtdefaults4 file, or you may choose binary input and/or output using single or double precision storage.

xyz[w]file(s)

3 [or 4] column ASCII file(s) [or binary, see **-b**] holding (x,y,z[,w]) data values. [w] is an optional weight for the data. If no file is specified, **blockmedian** will read from standard input.

**-I**  $x_{inc}$  [and optionally  $y_{inc}$ ] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If  $y_{inc}$  is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to  $x_{inc}$ ; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max  $x$  (east) or  $y$  (north) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-R**  $x_{min}$ ,  $x_{max}$ ,  $y_{min}$ , and  $y_{max}$  specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]T[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

**-C** Use the center of the block as the output location [Default uses the median x and median y as location (but see **-Q**)].

**-E** Provide Extended report which includes **s** (the L1 scale of the median), **l**, the lowest value, and **h**, the high value for each block. Output order becomes x,y,z,s,l,h[,w]. [Default outputs x,y,z[,w]. For box-and-whisker calculation, use **-Eb** which will output x,y,z,l,q25,q75,h[,w], where q25 and q75 are the 25% and 75% quantiles, respectively. See **-W** for w output.

- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.) Each block is the locus of points nearest the grid value location. For example, with **-R 10/15/10/15** and **-I 1**: with the **-F** option  $10 \leq (x,y) < 11$  is one of 25 blocks; without it  $9.5 \leq (x,y) < 10.5$  is one of 36 blocks.
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- Q** (Quicker) Finds median  $z$  and  $(x, y)$  at that the median  $z$  [Default finds median  $x$ , median  $y$  independent of  $z$ ]. Also see **-C**.
- T** Sets the *quantile* of the distribution to be returned [Default is 0.5 which returns the median  $z$ ]. Here,  $0 < \text{quantile} < 1$ .
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## EXAMPLES

To find 5 by 5 minute block medians from the double precision binary data in `hawaii_b.xy` and output an ASCII table, run

```
blockmedian hawaii_b.xy -R 198/208/18/25 -I 5m -bi 3 > hawaii_5x5.xy
```

To compute the shape of a data distribution per bin via a box-and-whisker diagram we need the 0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% quantiles. To do so on a global 5 by 5 degree basis from the ASCII table `depths.xyz` and send output to an ASCII table, run

```
blockmedian depths.xyz -Rg -I 5 -F -Eb > depths_5x5.txt
```

**SEE ALSO**

*blockmean(1), blockmode(1), GMT(1), gmtdefaults(1), nearneighbor(1), surface(1), triangulate(1)*

**NAME**

blockmode – filter to block average (x,y,z) data by mode estimation.

**SYNOPSIS**

**blockmode** [ xyz[w]file(s) ] **-I**inc[unit][=+][yinc[unit][=+]] **-R**xmin/xmax/ymin/ymax[r] [ **-C** ] [ **-E** ] [ **-F** ] [ **-H**[i][nrec] ] [ **-Q** ] [ **-V** ] [ **-W**[io] ] [ **-:**[i]o ] [ **-b**[i]o[s|S|d|D[ncol]|c[var|l...]] ] [ **-f**[i]o[colinfo] ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**blockmode** reads arbitrarily located (x,y,z) triples [or optionally weighted quadruples (x,y,z,w)] from standard input [or xyz[w]file(s)] and writes to standard output mode estimates of position and value for every non-empty block in a grid region defined by the **-R** and **-I** arguments. Either **blockmean**, **blockmedian**, or **blockmode** should be used as a pre-processor before running **surface** to avoid aliasing short wavelengths. These routines are also generally useful for decimating or averaging (x,y,z) data. You can modify the precision of the output format by editing the **D\_FORMAT** parameter in your .gmtdefaults4 file, or you may choose binary input and/or output using single or double precision storage.

xyz[w]file(s)

3 [or 4] column ASCII file(s) [or binary, see **-b**] holding (x,y,z[,w]) data values. [w] is an optional weight for the data. If no file is specified, **blockmode** will read from standard input.

- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (east) or *y* (north) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]T[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

- C** Use the center of the block as the output location [Default uses the modal xy location (but see **-Q**)]. **-C** overrides **-Q**.
- E** Provide Extended report which includes **s** (the L1 scale of the mode), **l**, the lowest value, and **h**, the high value for each block. Output order becomes x,y,z,s,l,h[,w]. [Default outputs x,y,z[,w]. See **-W** for w output.
- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.) Each block is the locus of points nearest the grid value location. For example, with **-R 10/15/10/15** and **-I 1**: with the **-F** option 10 <=

$(x,y) < 11$  is one of 25 blocks; without it  $9.5 \leq (x,y) < 10.5$  is one of 36 blocks.

- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- Q** (Quicker) Finds mode *z* and mean (*x*, *y*) [Default finds mode *x*, mode *y*, mode *z*].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Weighted modifier[s]. Unweighted input and output has 3 columns *x,y,z*; Weighted i/o has 4 columns *x,y,z,w*. Weights can be used in input to construct weighted mean values in blocks. Weight sums can be reported in output for later combining several runs, etc. Use **-W** for weighted i/o, **-Wi** for weighted inputonly, **-Wo** for weighted output only. [Default uses unweighted i/o].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 (or 4 if **-Wi** is set)].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 3 (or 4 if **-Wo** is set)]. **-E** adds 3 additional columns.
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To find 5 by 5 minute block mode estimates from the double precision binary data in `hawaii_b.xyg` and output an ASCII table, run:

```
blockmode hawaii_b.xyg -R 198/208/18/25 -I 5m -bi 3 > hawaii_5x5.xyg
```

## SEE ALSO

*blockmean(1)*, *blockmedian(1)*, *GMT(1)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *nearneighbor(1)*, *surface(1)*, *triangulate(1)*

**NAME**

`filter1d` – Time domain filtering of 1-D time series

**SYNOPSIS**

```
filter1d [ infile ] -F<type><width>[mode] [ -Dincrement ] [ -E ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Iignore_val ] [
-Llack_width ] [ -Nn_cols/t_col ] [ -Qq_factor ] [ -Ssymmetry_factor ] [ -Tstart/stop/int ] [ -V ] [
-b[io][s]S[d]D[ncol][c][var1!...] ] [ -f[io]colinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**filter1d** is a general time domain filter for multiple column time series data. The user specifies the number of columns of input and which column is the time. (See **-N** option below). The fastest operation occurs when the input time series are equally spaced and have no gaps or outliers and the special options are not needed. **filter1d** has options **-L**, **-Q**, and **-S** for unevenly sampled data with gaps.

*infile* Multi-column ASCII (or binary, see **-b**) file holding data values to be filtered.

**-F** Sets the filter type. Choose among convolution and non-convolution filters. Append the filter code followed by the full filter *width* in same units as time column. Available convolution filters are:

(b) Boxcar: All weights are equal.

(c) Cosine Arch: Weights follow a cosine arch curve.

(g) Gaussian: Weights are given by the Gaussian function.

(f) Custom: Instead of *width* give name of a one-column file with your own weight coefficients.

Non-convolution filters are:

(m) Median: Returns median value.

(p) Maximum likelihood probability (a mode estimator): Return modal value. If more than one mode is found we return their average value. Append - or + to the filter width if you rather want to return the smallest or largest of the modal values.

(l) Lower: Return the minimum of all values.

(L) Lower: Return minimum of all positive values only.

(u) Upper: Return maximum of all values.

(U) Upper: Return maximum or all negative values only.

Upper case type **B**, **C**, **G**, **M**, **P**, **F** will use robust filter versions: i.e., replace outliers (2.5 L1 scale off median) with median during filtering.

In the case of **L|U** it is possible that no data passes the initial sign test; in that case the filter will return 0.0.

**OPTIONS**

**-D** *increment* is used when series is NOT equidistantly sampled. Then *increment* will be the abscissae resolution, i.e., all abscissae will be rounded off to a multiple of *increment*. Alternatively, resample data with **sample1d**.

**-E** Include Ends of time series in output. Default loses half the filter-width of data at each end.

**-H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.

**-I** To ignore values; If an input value equals *ignore\_val* it will be set to NaN.

**-L** Checks for Lack of data condition. If input data has a gap exceeding *width* then no output will be given at that point [Default does not check Lack].

**-N** Sets number of columns in input and which column contains the independent variable (time). The left-most column is # 0, the right-most is # (*n\_cols* - 1). [Default is *n\_cols* = 2, *t\_col* = 0; i.e., file has t, f(t) pairs].

**-Q** assess Quality of output value by checking mean weight in convolution. Enter *q\_factor* between 0 and 1. If mean weight < *q\_factor*, output is suppressed at this point [Default does not check Quality].

- S** Checks symmetry of data about window center. Enter a factor between 0 and 1. If  $(\text{abs}(n_{\text{left}} - n_{\text{right}}) / (n_{\text{left}} + n_{\text{right}})) > \text{factor}$ , then no output will be given at this point [Default does not check Symmetry].
- T** Make evenly spaced timesteps from *start* to *stop* by *int* [Default uses input times].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read.
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

### ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

### EXAMPLES

To filter the data set in the file `cruise.gmtd` containing evenly spaced gravity, magnetics, topography, and distance (in m) with a 10 km Gaussian filter, removing outliers, and output a filtered value every 2 km between 0 and 100 km:

```
filter1d cruise.gmtd -T 0/1.0e5/2000 -FG 10000 -N 4/3 -V > filtered_cruise.gmtd
```

Data along track often have uneven sampling and gaps which we do not want to interpolate using **sample1d**. To find the median depth in a 50 km window every 25 km along the track of cruise v3312, stored in `v3312.dt`, checking for gaps of 10km and asymmetry of 0.3:

```
filter1d v3312.dt -FM 50 -T 0/100000/25 -L 10 -S 0.3 > v3312_filt.dt
```

### SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *sample1d(1)*

**NAME**

fitcircle – find mean position and pole of best-fit great [or small] circle to points on a sphere.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
fitcircle [ xyfile ] -Lnorm [ -Hi[nrec] ] [ -S[lat] ] [ -V ] [ -:io ] [ -bi[s]Sd[ncol]c[var1!...] ] [ -fiocolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**fitcircle** reads lon,lat [or lat,lon] values from the first two columns on standard input [or *xyfile*]. These are converted to Cartesian three-vectors on the unit sphere. Then two locations are found: the mean of the input positions, and the pole to the great circle which best fits the input positions. The user may choose one or both of two possible solutions to this problem. The first is called **-L1** and the second is called **-L2**. When the data are closely grouped along a great circle both solutions are similar. If the data have large dispersion, the pole to the great circle will be less well determined than the mean. Compare both solutions as a qualitative check.

The **-L1** solution is so called because it approximates the minimization of the sum of absolute values of cosines of angular distances. This solution finds the mean position as the Fisher average of the data, and the pole position as the Fisher average of the cross-products between the mean and the data. Averaging cross-products gives weight to points in proportion to their distance from the mean, analogous to the "leverage" of distant points in linear regression in the plane.

The **-L2** solution is so called because it approximates the minimization of the sum of squares of cosines of angular distances. It creates a 3 by 3 matrix of sums of squares of components of the data vectors. The eigenvectors of this matrix give the mean and pole locations. This method may be more subject to roundoff errors when there are thousands of data. The pole is given by the eigenvector corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue; it is the least-well represented factor in the data and is not easily estimated by either method.

**-L** Specify the desired *norm* as 1 or 2, or use **-L** or **-L3** to see both solutions.

**OPTIONS**

*xyfile* ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] file containing lon,lat [lat,lon] values in the first 2 columns. If no file is specified, **fitcircle** will read from standard input.

**-H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.

**-S** Attempt to fit a small circle instead of a great circle. The pole will be constrained to lie on the great circle connecting the pole of the best-fit great circle and the mean location of the data. Optionally append the desired fixed latitude of the small circle [Default will determine the latitude].

**-V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

**-:** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].

**-bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].

**-f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i]o****g** means **-f[i]o****0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

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## EXAMPLES

Suppose you have lon,lat,grav data along a twisty ship track in the file `ship.xyg`. You want to project this data onto a great circle and resample it in distance, in order to filter it or check its spectrum. Do the following:

```
fitcircle ship.xyg -L 2
```

```
project ship.xyg -Cox/oy -Tpx/py -S -F pz | sample1d -S-100 -I 1 > output.pg
```

Here, *ox/oy* is the lon/lat of the mean from **fitcircle**, and *px/py* is the lon/lat of the pole. The file `output.pg` has distance, gravity data sampled every 1 km along the great circle which best fits `ship.xyg`

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *project(1)*, *sample1d(1)*

**NAME**

gmt2rgb – Converting a grid file, a raw, or a Sun raster file to r/g/b grids

**SYNOPSIS**

```
gmt2rgb infile -Gtemplate [ -Ccptfile ] [ -F ] [ -Ixc[m|c][/yinc[m|c]] ] [ -Llayer ] [
-Rxmin/xmax/ymin/ymax[r] ] [ -V ] [ -Wwidth/height[n_bytes] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**gmt2rgb** reads one of three types of input files: (1) A Sun 8-, 24-, or 32-bit raster file; we then write out the red, green, and blue components (0-255 range) to separate grid files. Since the raster file header is limited you may use the **-R**, **-F**, **-I** options to set a complete header record [Default is simply based on the number of rows and columns]. (2) A binary 2-D grid file; we then convert the z-values to red, green, blue via the provided cpt file. Optionally, only write out one of the r, g, b, layers. (3) A RGB or RGBA raw raster file. Since raw rasterfiles have no header, you have to give the image dimensions via the **-W** option.

*infile* The (1) Sun raster file, (2) 2-D binary grid file, or (3) raw raster file to be converted.

**-G** Provide an output name template for the three output grids. The template should be a regular grid file name except it must contain the string %c which on output will be replaced by r, g, or b.

**OPTIONS**

**-C** name of the color palette table (for 2-D binary input grid only).

**-F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.)

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-L** Output only the specified layer (r, g, or b). [Default outputs all 3 layers].

**-R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+/-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]T[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**-V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

**-W** Sets the size of the raw raster file. By default an RGB file (which has 3 bytes/pixel) is assumed. For RGBA files use *n\_bytes* = 4. Use **-W** for guessing the image size of a RGB raw file, and **-W=/=4** if the raw image is of the RGBA type. Notice that this might be a bit slow because the

guessing algorithm makes uses of FFTs.

**EXAMPLES**

To use the color palette `topo.cpt` to create r, g, b component grids from `hawaii_grv.grd` file, use

```
gmt2rgb hawaii_grv.grd -C topo.cpt -G hawaii_grv_%c.grd
```

To output the red component from the Sun raster radiation.ras file, use

```
gmt2rgb radiation.ras -L r -G comp_%c.grd
```

**SEE ALSO**

*gmtdefaults(1)*, *GMT(1)*, *grdedit(1)*, *grdimage(1)*, *grdmath(1)*, *grdview(1)*

**NAME**

gmt\_shell\_functions.sh – Practical functions to be used in GMT bourne shell scripts

**SYNOPSIS**

**gmt\_init\_tmpdir**  
**gmt\_remove\_tmpdir**  
**gmt\_clean\_up** [*prefix*]  
**gmt\_message** *message*  
**gmt\_abort** *message*  
**gmt\_nrecords** *file(s)*  
**gmt\_nfields** *string*  
**gmt\_get\_field** *string*  
**gmt\_get\_region** *file(s)* [*options*]  
**gmt\_get\_gridregion** *file* [*options*]  
**gmt\_get\_map\_width** **-R -J**  
**gmt\_get\_map\_height** **-R -J**  
**gmt\_set\_psfile** *file*  
**gmt\_set\_framename** *prefix framenummer*  
**gmt\_set\_framenext** *framenummer*

**DESCRIPTION**

**gmt\_shell\_functions.sh** provides a set of functions to Bourne (again) shell scripts in support of **GMT**. The calling shell script should include the following line, before the functions can be used:

```
. gmt_shell_functions.sh
```

Once included in a shell script, **gmt\_shell\_functions.sh** allows **GMT** users to do some scripting more easily than otherwise. The functions made available are:

**gmt\_init\_tmpdir**

Creates a temporary directory in **/tmp** or (when defined) in the directory specified by the environment variable **TMPDIR**. The name of the temporary directory is returned as environment variable **GMT\_TMPDIR**. This function also causes **GMT** to run in ‘isolation mode’, i.e., all temporary files will be created in **GMT\_TMPDIR** and the **.gmtdefaults** file will not be adjusted.

**gmt\_remove\_tmpdir**

Removes the temporary directory and unsets the **GMT\_TMPDIR** environment variable.

**gmt\_cleanup**

Remove all files and directories in which the current process number is part of the file name. If the optional *prefix* is given then we also delete all files and directories that begins with the given prefix.

**gmt\_message**

Send a message to standard error.

**gmt\_abort**

Send a message to standard error and exit the shell.

**gmt\_nrecords**

Returns the total number of lines in *file(s)*

**gmt\_nfields**

Returns the number of fields or words in *string*

**gmt\_get\_field**

Returns the given *field* in a *string*. Must pass *string* between double quotes to preserve it as one item.

**gmt\_get\_region**

Returns the region in the form *w/e/s/n* based on the data in table *file(s)*. Optionally add *-Idx/dy* to round off the answer.

**gmt\_get\_gridregion**

Returns the region in the form *w/e/s/n* based on the header of a grid *file*. Optionally add *-Idx/dy* to round off the answer.

**gmt\_map\_width**

Expects the user to give the desired **-R -J** settings and returns the map width in the current measurement unit.

**gmt\_map\_height**

Expects the user to give the desired **-R -J** settings and returns the map height in the current measurement unit.

**gmt\_set\_psfile**

Create the output *PostScript* file name based on the base name of a given file (usually the script name **\$0**).

**gmt\_set\_framename**

Returns a lexically ordered filename stem (i.e., no extension) given the file prefix and the current frame number, using a width of 6 for the integer including leading zeros. Useful when creating animations and lexically sorted filenames are required.

**gmt\_set\_framenext**

Accepts the current frame integer counter and returns the next integer counter.

**NOTES**

1. These functions only work in the bourne shell (**sh**) and their derivatives (like **ash**, **bash**, **ksh** and **zsh**). These functions do not work in the C shell (**csh**) or their derivatives (like **tcsh**), and cannot be used in DOS batch scripts either.
2. **gmt\_shell\_functions.sh** were first introduced in **GMT** version 4.2.2 and have since been regularly expanded with other practical scripting short-cuts. If you want to suggest other functions, please do so by mailing to the GMT mailing list: [gmt-help@lists.hawaii.edu](mailto:gmt-help@lists.hawaii.edu).

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *sh(1)*, *bash(1)*, *minmax(1)*, *grdinfo(1)*

**NAME**

gmtcolors – Explanation of color codes in **GMT**

**DESCRIPTION**

Colors can be specified in **GMT** as arguments to commands, generally as part of the **-G** or **-W** options to select polygon fill or outline pen. Colors are also used in color palette tables (cpt files) that help convert numerical values to colors.

**GMT** allows several ways to represent a color:

**Colorname**

Specify one of the named colors below. All names are case-insensitive.

**R/G/B** Specify **R**ed, **G**reen, and **B**lue levels. Each value is separated by a slash and is in the range from 0 (dark) to 255 (light). This representation is used to color monitors.

**#RRGGBB**

Specify **R**ed, **G**reen, and **B**lue levels in the way that it is done in HTML. Use two characters for each color channel, ranging from 00 (dark) to FF (light). Upper and lower case are allowed.

**Graylevel**

For shades of gray,  $R = G = B$ , and only one number needs to be used. This representation is popular with black and white printers.

**H-S-V** Specify **H**ue in the range 0 to 360 (degrees), **S**aturation between 0 (not saturated) and 1 (fully saturated), and value **V** between 0 (dark) and 1 (light). Numbers are separated by hyphens. This representation can be helpful when hue varies a lot.

**C/M/Y/K**

Specify **C**yan, **M**agenta, **Y**ellow, and **blacK**. Each number is in the range from 0 (no paint) to 1 (maximum paint). This representation is used by most color printers.

**LIST OF COLORS**

The following list contains the named colors that can be used in **GMT** and their equivalent color codes.

<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Name</b>
255	250	250	snow
248	248	255	ghostwhite
255	250	240	floralwhite
255	245	238	seashell
253	245	230	oldlace
250	240	230	linen
250	235	215	antiquewhite
255	239	213	papayawhip
255	235	205	blanchedalmond
255	228	196	bisque
255	218	185	peachpuff
255	222	173	navajowhite
255	228	181	moccasin
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255	248	220	cornsilk
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70	130	180	steelblue
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238	221	130	lightgoldenrod
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250	250	210	lightgoldenrodyellow
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188	143	143	rosybrown
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139	69	19	saddlebrown
160	82	45	sienna
205	133	63	peru
222	184	135	burlywood
245	245	220	beige
245	222	179	wheat
244	164	96	sandybrown
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178	34	34	firebrick
235	190	85	lightbrown
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139	131	120	antiquewhite4
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139	125	107	bisque4
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205	200	177	cornsilk3
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139	139	131	ivory4
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69	139	116	aquamarine4
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105	139	105	darkseagreen4
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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information on the use of color, read Appendix I of the **GMT TECHNICAL REFERENCE AND COOKBOOK**.

**SEE ALSO**

*gmtdefaults(1)*, *gmtlogo(1)*, *grdcontour(1)*, *grdvectord(1)*, *grdview(1)*, *psbasemap(1)*, *pscoast(1)*, *pscontour(1)*, *pshistogram(1)*, *psimage(1)*, *pslegend(1)*, *psmask(1)*, *psrose(1)*, *pstext(1)*, *pswiggle(1)*, *psxyz(1)*

**NAME**

gmtconvert – Converts, Pastes, and/or Extracts columns from ASCII and binary 1-D tables

**SYNOPSIS**

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gmtconvert [ inputfiles ] [ -A ] [ -D[template] ] [ -E[fl] ] [ -Fcols ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -L ] [ -I ] [ -N ] [
-S["search string"] ] [ -V ] [ -:[io] ] [ -b[io][sSdD[ncol]]c[var1/...]] ] [ -f[io]colinfo ] [
-g[a]x/y/d/X/Y/D[[col]z[+/-]gap][u] ] [ -m[io][flag] ]
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**DESCRIPTION**

**gmtconvert** reads its standard input [or *inputfiles*] and writes out the desired information to standard output. It can do a combination of three things: (1) convert between binary and ASCII data tables, (2) paste corresponding records from multiple files into a single file, (3) extract a subset of the columns, (4) only extract segments whose header matches a text pattern search, (5) just list all multisegment headers and no data records, and (6) extract first and last data record for each segment. Input (and hence output) may have multiple subheaders if **-m** is selected, and ASCII tables may have regular headers as well.

*datafile(s)*

ASCII (or binary, see **-bi**) file(s) holding a number of data columns.

**OPTIONS**

- A** The records from the input files should be pasted horizontally, not appended vertically. [Default processes one file at the time]. Note for binary input, all the files you want to paste must have the same number of columns (as set with **-bi**).
- D** For multiple segment data, dump each segment to a separate output file [Default writes a multiple segment file to stdout]. Append a format template for the individual file names; this template **must** contain a C format specifier that can format an integer argument (the segment number); this is usually %d but could be %8.8d which gives leading zeros, etc. [Default is gmtconvert\_segment\_%d.d].
- E** Only extract the first and last record for each segment of interest [Default extracts all records]. Optionally, append **f** or **l** to only extract the first or last record of each segment, respectively.
- F** Give a comma-separated list of desired columns or ranges (0 is first column) [Default outputs all columns].
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Invert the order of rows, i.e., output the final records in reverse order, starting with the last and ending up with the first input row [Default goes forward].
- L** Only output a listing of all multisegment header records and no data records (requires **-m** and ASCII data).
- N** Do not write records that only contain NaNs in every field [Default writes all records].
- S** Only output those segments whose header record contains the specified text string. To reverse the search, i.e., to output segments whose headers do *not* contain the specified pattern, use **-S~**. Should your pattern happen to start with ~ you need to escape this character with a backslash [Default output all segments].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read.

- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- g** Examine the spacing between consecutive data points in order to impose breaks in the line. Append **x|X** or **y|Y** to define a gap when there is a large enough change in the x or y coordinates, respectively, or **d|D** for distance gaps; use upper case to calculate gaps from projected coordinates. For gap-testing on other columns use *[col]z*; if *col* is not prepended the it defaults to 2 (i.e., 3rd column). Append *[+|-]gap* and optionally a unit **u**. Regarding optional signs: -ve means previous minus current column value must exceed *gap* to be a gap, +ve means current minus previous column value must exceed *gap*, and no sign means the absolute value of the difference must exceed *gap*. For geographic data (**x|y|d**), the unit **u** may be meter [Default], kilometer, **miles**, or **nautical miles**. For projected data (**X|Y|D**), choose from **inch**, **centimeter**, **meter**, or **points** [Default unit set by **MEASURE\_UNIT**]. Note: For **x|y|z** with time data the unit is instead controlled by **TIME\_UNIT**. Repeat the option to specify multiple criteria, of which any can be met to produce a line break. Issue an additional **-ga** to indicate that all criteria must be met instead.
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To convert the binary file `test.b` (single precision) with 4 columns to ASCII:

```
gmtconvert test.b -bis 4 > test.dat
```

To convert the multiple segment ASCII table `test.d` to a double precision binary file:

```
gmtconvert test.d -m -bo > test.b
```

You have an ASCII table with 6 columns and you want to plot column 5 versus column 0. Try

```
gmtconvert table.d -F 5,0 | psxy ...
```

If the file instead is the binary file `results.b` which has 9 single-precision values per record, we extract the last column and columns 4-6 and write ASCII with the command

```
gmtconvert results.b -F 8,4-6 -bi9s | psxy ...
```

You want to plot the 2nd column of a 2-column file `left.d` versus the first column of a file `right.d`:

```
gmtconvert left.d right.d -A -F 1,2 | psxy ...
```

To extract all segments in the file `big_file.d` whose headers contain the string "RIDGE AXIS", try

```
gmtconvert big_file.d -m -S"RIDGE AXIS" > subset.d
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *minmax(1)*

**NAME**

`gmtdefaults` – To list current **GMT** defaults

**SYNOPSIS**

`gmtdefaults -D[u|s] | -L`

**DESCRIPTION**

`gmtdefaults` lists the **GMT** parameter defaults if the option `-D` is used. There are three ways to change some of the settings: (1) Use the command `gmtset`, (2) use any texteditor to edit the file `.gmtdefaults4` in your home, `~/gmt` or current directory (if you do not have this file, run `gmtdefaults -D > ~/gmtdefaults4` to get one with the system default settings), or (3) override any parameter by specifying one or more `--PARAMETER=value` statements on the commandline of any **GMT** command (**PARAMETER** and **VALUE** are any combination listed below). The first two options are permanent changes until explicitly changed back, while the last option is ephemeral and only applies to the single **GMT** command that received the override. **GMT** can provide default values in US or SI units. This choice is determined by the contents of the `gmt_setup.conf` file in **GMT**'s share directory.

- `-D` Print the system **GMT** defaults to standard output. Append `u` for US defaults or `s` for SI defaults. [`-D` alone gives current choice in `gmt_setup.conf`].
- `-L` Print the user's currently active defaults to standard output.

Your currently active defaults come from the `.gmtdefaults4` file in the current working directory, if present; else from the `.gmtdefaults4` file in your home directory, if present; else from the file `~/gmt/.gmtdefaults4`, if present; else from the system defaults set at the time **GMT** was compiled.

**GMT PARAMETERS**

The following is a list of the parameters that are user-definable in **GMT**. The parameter names are always given in UPPER CASE. The parameter values are case-insensitive unless otherwise noted. The system defaults are given in brackets [ for SI (and US) ]. Those marked \* can be set on the command line as well (the corresponding option is given in parentheses). Note that default distances and lengths below are given in both cm or inch; the chosen default depends on your choice of default unit (see **MEASURE\_UNIT**). You can explicitly specify the unit used for distances and lengths by appending `c` (cm), `i` (inch), `m` (meter), or `p` (points). When no unit is indicated the value will be assumed to be in the unit set by **MEASURE\_UNIT**. Note that the printer resolution **DOTS\_PR\_INCH** is always the number of dots or pixels per inch. Several parameters take only TRUE or FALSE.

**ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**

Font used for upper annotations, etc. [Helvetica]. Specify either the font number or the font name (case sensitive!). The 35 available fonts are:

0	Helvetica
1	Helvetica-Bold
2	Helvetica-Oblique
3	Helvetica-BoldOblique
4	Times-Roman
5	Times-Bold
6	Times-Italic
7	Times-BoldItalic
8	Courier
9	Courier-Bold
10	Courier-Oblique
11	Courier-BoldOblique
12	Symbol
13	AvantGarde-Book
14	AvantGarde-BookOblique
15	AvantGarde-Demi
16	AvantGarde-DemiOblique

17	Bookman-Demi
18	Bookman-DemiItalic
19	Bookman-Light
20	Bookman-LightItalic
21	Helvetica-Narrow
22	Helvetica-Narrow-Bold
23	Helvetica-Narrow-Oblique
24	Helvetica-Narrow-BoldOblique
25	NewCenturySchlbk-Roman
26	NewCenturySchlbk-Italic
27	NewCenturySchlbk-Bold
28	NewCenturySchlbk-BoldItalic
29	Palatino-Roman
30	Palatino-Italic
31	Palatino-Bold
32	Palatino-BoldItalic
33	ZapfChancery-MediumItalic
34	ZapfDingbats

**ANNOT\_FONT\_SIZE\_PRIMARY**

Font size (> 0) for map annotations [14p].

**ANNOT\_FONT\_SECONDARY**

Font to use for time axis secondary annotations. See **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY** for available fonts [Helvetica].

**ANNOT\_FONT\_SIZE\_SECONDARY**

Font size (> 0) for time axis secondary annotations [16p].

**ANNOT\_MIN\_ANGLE**

If the angle between the map boundary and the annotation baseline is less than this minimum value (in degrees), the annotation is not plotted (this may occur for certain oblique projections.) Give a value in the range 0–90. [20]

**ANNOT\_MIN\_SPACING**

If an annotation would be plotted less than this minimum distance from its closest neighbor, the annotation is not plotted (this may occur for certain oblique projections.) [0]

**ANNOT\_OFFSET\_PRIMARY**

Distance from end of tickmark to start of annotation [0.2c (or 0.075i)]. A negative offset will place the annotation inside the map border.

**ANNOT\_OFFSET\_SECONDARY**

Distance from base of primary annotation to the top of the secondary annotation [0.2c (or 0.075i)] (Only applies to time axes with both primary and secondary annotations).

**BASEMAP\_AXES**

Sets which axes to draw and annotate. Case sensitive: Upper case means both draw and annotate, lower case means draw axis only. [WESN].

**BASEMAP\_FRAME\_RGB**

Color used to draw map boundaries and annotations. Give a red/green/blue triplet, with each element in the 0–255 range. Prepend '+' to replicate this color to the tick-, grid-, and frame-pens. [0/0/0] (black).

**BASEMAP\_TYPE**

Choose between inside, graph, plain and fancy (thick boundary, alternating black/white frame; append + for rounded corners) [fancy]. For some map projections (e.g., Oblique Mercator), plain is the only option even if fancy is set as default. In general, fancy only applies to situations where the projected x and y directions parallel the lon and lat directions (e.g., rectangular projections,

polar projections). For situations where all boundary ticks and annotations must be inside the maps (e.g., for preparing geotiffs), chose inside. Finally, graph is used for linear projections only and will extend the axis by 7.5% and add arrow heads.

### **CHAR\_ENCODING**

Names the eight bit character set being used for text in files and in command line parameters. This allows **GMT** to ensure that the *PostScript* output generates the correct characters on the plot.. Choose from Standard, Standard+, ISOLatin1, ISOLatin1+, and ISO-8859-x (where x is in the ranges 1-10 or 13-15). See Appendix F for details [ISOLatin1+ (or Standard+)].

### **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**

Color used for the background of images (i.e., when  $z < \text{lowest colortable entry}$ ). Give a red/green/blue triplet, with each element in the 0–255 range. [0/0/0] (black)

### **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**

Color used for the foreground of images (i.e., when  $z > \text{highest colortable entry}$ ). Give a red/green/blue triplet, with each element in the 0–255 range. [255/255/255] (white)

### **COLOR\_IMAGE**

Selects which operator to use when rendering bit-mapped color images. Due to the lack of the colorimage operator in some *PostScript* implementations, as well as some *PostScript* editors inability to handle color gradations, **GMT** offers two different options:

adobe (Adobe's colorimage definition) [Default].  
tiles (Plot image as many individual rectangles).

### **COLOR\_MODEL**

Selects if color palette files contain RGB values (r,g,b in 0-255 range), HSV values (h in 0-360, s,v in 0-1 range), or CMYK values (c,m,y,k in 0-1 range). A **COLOR\_MODEL** setting in the color palette file will override this setting. Internally, color interpolation takes place directly on the RGB values which can give unexpected hues, whereas interpolation directly on the HSV values better preserves the hues. Prepend the prefix "+" to force interpolation in the selected color system (does not apply to the CMYK system). For this additional option, the defaults take precedence over the color palette file [rgb].

### **COLOR\_NAN**

Color used for the non-defined areas of images (i.e., where  $z == \text{NaN}$ ). Give a red/green/blue triplet, with each element in the 0–255 range. [128/128/128] (gray)

### **D\_FORMAT**

Output format (C language printf syntax) to be used when printing double precision floating point numbers. For geographic coordinates, see **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**. [% .12g].

### **DEGREE\_SYMBOL**

Determines what symbol is used to plot the degree symbol on geographic map annotations. Choose between ring, degree, colon, or none [ring].

### **DOTS\_PR\_INCH**

Resolution of the plotting device (dpi). Note that in order to be as compact as possible, **GMT** *PostScript* output uses integer formats only so the resolution should be set depending on what output device you are using. E.g, using 300 and sending the output to a Linotype 300 phototypesetter (2470 dpi) will not take advantage of the extra resolution (i.e., positioning on the page and line thicknesses are still only done in steps of 1/300 inch; of course, text will look smoother) [300].

### **ELLIPSOID**

The (case sensitive) name of the ellipsoid used for the map projections [WGS-84]. Choose among:

WGS-84 : World Geodetic System [Default] (1984)  
OSU91A : Ohio State University (1991)

OSU86F : Ohio State University (1986)  
Engelis : Goddard Earth Models (1985)  
SGS-85 : Soviet Geodetic System (1985)  
TOPEX : Used commonly for altimetry (1990)  
MERIT-83 : United States Naval Observatory (1983)  
GRS-80 : International Geodetic Reference System (1980)  
Hughes-1980 : Hughes Aircraft Company for DMSP SSM/I grid products (1980)  
Lerch : For geoid modelling (1979)  
ATS77 : Average Terrestrial System, Canada Maritime provinces (1977)  
IAG-75 : International Association of Geodesy (1975)  
Indonesian : Applies to Indonesia (1974)  
WGS-72 : World Geodetic System (1972)  
NWL-10D : Naval Weapons Lab (Same as WGS-72) (1972)  
South-American : Applies to South America (1969)  
Fischer-1968 : Used by NASA for Mercury program (1968)  
Modified-Mercury-1968 : Same as Fischer-1968 (1968)  
GRS-67 : International Geodetic Reference System (1967)  
International-1967 : Worldwide use (1967)  
WGS-66 : World Geodetic System (1966)  
NWL-9D : Naval Weapons Lab (Same as WGS-66) (1966)  
Australian : Applies to Australia (1965)  
APL4.9 : Appl. Physics (1965)  
Kaula : From satellite tracking (1961)  
Hough : Applies to the Marshall Islands (1960)  
WGS-60 : World Geodetic System (1960)  
Fischer-1960 : Used by NASA for Mercury program (1960)  
Mercury-1960 : Same as Fischer-1960 (1960)  
Modified-Fischer-1960 : Applies to Singapore (1960)  
Fischer-1960-SouthAsia : Same as Modified-Fischer-1960 (1960)  
Krassovsky : Used in the (now former) Soviet Union (1940)  
War-Office : Developed by G. T. McCaw (1926)  
International-1924 : Worldwide use (1924)  
Hayford-1909 : Same as the International 1924 (1909)  
Helmert-1906 : Applies to Egypt (1906)  
Clarke-1880 : Applies to most of Africa, France (1880)  
Clarke-1880-Arc1950 : Modified Clarke-1880 for Arc 1950 (1880)  
Clarke-1880-IGN : Modified Clarke-1880 for IGN (1880)  
Clarke-1880-Jamaica : Modified Clarke-1880 for Jamaica (1880)  
Clarke-1880-Merchich : Modified Clarke-1880 for Merchich (1880)  
Clarke-1880-Palestine : Modified Clarke-1880 for Palestine (1880)  
Andrae : Applies to Denmark and Iceland (1876)  
Clarke-1866 : Applies to North America, the Philippines (1866)  
Clarke-1866-Michigan : Modified Clarke-1866 for Michigan (1866)  
Struve : Friedrich Georg Wilhelm Struve (1860)  
Clarke-1858 : Clarke's early ellipsoid (1858)  
Airy : Applies to Great Britain (1830)  
Airy-Ireland : Applies to Ireland in 1965 (1830)  
Modified-Airy : Same as Airy-Ireland (1830)  
Bessel : Applies to Central Europe, Chile, Indonesia (1841)  
Bessel-Schwazbeck : Applies to Namibia (1841)  
Bessel-Namibia : Same as Bessel-Schwazbeck (1841)  
Bessel-NGO1948 : Modified Bessel for NGO 1948 (1841)  
Everest-1830 : India, Burma, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Thailand (1830)  
Everest-1830-Kalianpur : Modified Everest for Kalianpur (1956) (1830)

Everest-1830-Kertau : Modified Everest for Kertau, Malaysia & Singapore (1830)  
 Everest-1830-Timbalai : Modified Everest for Timbalai, Sabah Sarawak (1830)  
 Everest-1830-Pakistan : Modified Everest for Pakistan (1830)  
 Walbeck : First least squares solution by Finnish astronomer (1819)  
 Plessis : Old ellipsoid used in France (1817)  
 Delambre : Applies to Belgium (1810)  
 CPM : Comm. des Poids et Mesures, France (1799)  
 Maupertius : Really old ellipsoid used in France (1738)  
 Sphere : The mean radius in WGS-84 (for spherical/plate tectonics applications) (1984)  
 Moon : Moon (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Mercury : Mercury (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Venus : Venus (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Mars : Mars (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Jupiter : Jupiter (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Saturn : Saturn (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Uranus : Uranus (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Neptune : Neptune (IAU2000) (2000)  
 Pluto : Pluto (IAU2000) (2000)

Note that for some global projections, **GMT** may use a spherical approximation of the ellipsoid chosen, setting the flattening to zero, and using a mean radius. A warning will be given when this happens. If a different ellipsoid name than those mentioned here is given, **GMT** will attempt to parse the name to extract the semi-major axis ( $a$  in m) and the flattening. Formats allowed are:

$a$  implies a zero flattening  
 $a,inv\_f$  where  $inv\_f$  is the inverse flattening  
 $a,b=b$  where  $b$  is the semi-minor axis (in m)  
 $a,f=f$  where  $f$  is the flattening

This way a custom ellipsoid (e.g., those used for other planets) may be used. Further note that coordinate transformations in **mapproject** can also specify specific datums; see the **mapproject** man page for further details and how to view ellipsoid and datum parameters.

#### **FIELD\_DELIMITER**

This setting determines what character will separate ASCII output data columns written by **GMT**. Choose from tab, space, comma, and none [tab].

#### **FRAME\_PEN**

Pen attributes used to draw plain map frame in dpi units or points (append p) [1.25p].

#### **FRAME\_WIDTH**

Width (> 0) of map borders for fancy map frame [0.2c (or 0.075i)].

#### **GLOBAL\_X\_SCALE**

Global x-scale (> 0) to apply to plot-coordinates before plotting. Normally used to shrink the entire output down to fit a specific height/width [1.0].

#### **GLOBAL\_Y\_SCALE**

Same, but for y-coordinates [1.0].

#### **GRID\_CROSS\_SIZE\_PRIMARY**

Size ( $\geq 0$ ) of grid cross at lon-lat intersections. 0 means draw continuous gridlines instead [0].

#### **GRID\_CROSS\_SIZE\_SECONDARY**

Size ( $\geq 0$ ) of grid cross at secondary lon-lat intersections. 0 means draw continuous gridlines instead [0].

**GRID\_PEN\_PRIMARY**

Pen attributes used to draw grid lines in dpi units or points (append p) [0.25p].

**GRID\_PEN\_SECONDARY**

Pen attributes used to draw grid lines in dpi units or points (append p) [0.5p].

**GRIDFILE\_FORMAT**

Default file format for grids, with optional scale, offset and invalid value, written as *ff/scale/offset/invalid*. The 2-letter format indicator can be one of [**b****c****n****s****r**][**b****s****i****f****d**]. The first letter indicates native **GMT** binary, old format netCDF, COARDS-compliant netCDF, Surfer format or Sun Raster format. The second letter stands for byte, short, int, float and double, respectively. When */invalid* is omitted the appropriate value for the given format is used (NaN or largest negative). When */scale/offset* is omitted, */1.0/0.0* is used. [nf].

**GRIDFILE\_SHORTHAND**

If TRUE, all grid file names are examined to see if they use the file extension shorthand discussed in Section 4.17 of the **GMT** Technical Reference and Cookbook. If FALSE, no filename expansion is done [FALSE].

**HEADER\_FONT**

Font to use when plotting headers. See **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY** for available fonts [Helvetica].

**HEADER\_FONT\_SIZE**

Font size (> 0) for header [36p].

**HEADER\_OFFSET**

Distance from top of axis annotations (or axis label, if present) to base of plot header [0.5c (or 0.1875i)].

**HISTORY**

If TRUE, passes the history of past common command options via the hidden .gmtcommands4 file [TRUE].

**HSV\_MAX\_SATURATION**

Maximum saturation (0–1) assigned for most positive intensity value [0.1].

**HSV\_MIN\_SATURATION**

Minimum saturation (0–1) assigned for most negative intensity value [1.0].

**HSV\_MAX\_VALUE**

Maximum value (0–1) assigned for most positive intensity value [1.0].

**HSV\_MIN\_VALUE**

Minimum value (0–1) assigned for most negative intensity value [0.3].

**INPUT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an input clock string is formatted. This template is then used to guide the reading of clock strings in data fields. To properly decode 12-hour clocks, append am or pm (or upper case) to match your data records. As examples, try hh:mm, hh:mm:ssAM, etc. [hh:mm:ss].

**INPUT\_DATE\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an input date string is formatted. This template is then used to guide the reading of date strings in data fields. You may specify either Gregorian calendar format or ISO week calendar format. Gregorian calendar: Use any combination of yyyy (or yy for 2-digit years; if so see **Y2K\_OFFSET\_YEAR**), mm (or o for abbreviated month name in the current time language), and dd, with or without delimiters. For day-of-year data, use jjj instead of mm and/or dd. Examples can be ddmmyyyy, yy-mm-dd, dd-o-yyyy, yyyy/dd/mm, yyyy-jjj, etc. ISO Calendar: Expected template is yyyy[-]W[-]ww[-]d, where ww is ISO week and d is ISO week day. Either template must be consistent, e.g., you cannot specify months if you don't specify years. Examples are yyyyWwwd, yyyy-Www, etc. [yyyy-mm-dd].

**INTERPOLANT**

Determines if linear (linear), Akima's spline (akima), natural cubic spline (cubic) or no interpolation (none) should be used for 1-D interpolations in various programs [akima].

**IO\_HEADER**

(\* -H) Specifies whether input/output ASCII files have header record(s) or not [FALSE].

**LABEL\_FONT**

Font to use when plotting labels below axes. See **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY** for available fonts [Helvetica].

**LABEL\_FONT\_SIZE**

Font size (> 0) for labels [24p].

**LABEL\_OFFSET**

Distance from base of axis annotations to the top of the axis label [0.3c (or 0.1125i)].

**LINE\_STEP**

Determines the maximum length (> 0) of individual straight line-segments when drawing arcuate lines [0.025c (or 0.01i)]

**MAP\_SCALE\_FACTOR**

Changes the default map scale factor used for the Polar Stereographic [0.9996], UTM [0.9996], and Transverse Mercator [1] projections in order to minimize areal distortion. Provide a new scale-factor or leave as default.

**MAP\_SCALE\_HEIGHT**

Sets the height (> 0) on the map of the map scale bars drawn by various programs [0.2c (or 0.075i)].

**MEASURE\_UNIT**

Sets the unit length. Choose between cm, inch, m, and point. [cm]. Note that, in **GMT**, one point is defined as 1/72 inch (the *PostScript* definition), while it is often defined as 1/72.27 inch in the typesetting industry. There is no universal definition.

**N\_COPIES**

(\* -c) Number of plot copies to make [1].

**N\_HEADER\_RECS**

Specifies how many header records to expect if -H is turned on [1].

**NAN\_RECORDS**

Determines what happens when input records containing NaNs for  $x$  or  $y$  (and in some cases  $z$ ) are read. Choose between *skip*, which will simply report how many bad records were skipped, and *pass* [Default], which will pass these records on to the calling programs. For most programs this will result in output records with NaNs as well, but some will interpret these NaN records to indicate gaps in a series; programs may then use that information to detect segmentation (if applicable).

**OBLIQUE\_ANNOTATION**

This integer is a sum of 6 bit flags (most of which only are relevant for oblique projections): If bit 1 is set (1), annotations will occur wherever a gridline crosses the map boundaries, else longitudes will be annotated on the lower and upper boundaries only, and latitudes will be annotated on the left and right boundaries only. If bit 2 is set (2), then longitude annotations will be plotted horizontally. If bit 3 is set (4), then latitude annotations will be plotted horizontally. If bit 4 is set (8), then oblique tickmarks are extended to give a projection equal to the specified tick\_length. If bit 5 is set (16), tickmarks will be drawn normal to the border regardless of gridline angle. If bit 6 is set (32), then latitude annotations will be plotted parallel to the border. To set a combination of these, add up the values in parentheses. [1].

**OUTPUT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an output clock string is to be formatted. This template is then used to guide the writing of clock strings in data fields. To use a floating point format for the smallest unit (e.g., seconds), append .xxx, where the number of x indicates the desired precision. If no floating point is indicated then the smallest specified unit will be rounded off to nearest integer. For 12-hour clocks, append am, AM, a.m., or A.M. (**GMT** will replace a|A with p|P for pm). If your template starts with a leading hyphen (-) then each integer item (y,m,d) will be printed without leading zeros (default uses fixed width formats). As examples, try hh:mm, hh.mm.ss, hh:mm:ss.xxxx, hha.m., etc. [hh:mm:ss].

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**OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an output geographical coordinate is to be formatted. This template is then used to guide the writing of geographical coordinates in data fields. The template is in general of the form [+|-]D or [+|-]ddd[:mm[:ss]][.xxx][F]. By default, longitudes will be reported in the -180/+180 range. The various terms have the following purpose:

+	Output longitude in the 0 to 360 range [-180/+180]
-	Output longitude in the -360 to 0 range [-180/+180]
D	Use <b>D_FORMAT</b> for floating point degrees.
ddd	Fixed format integer degrees
:	delimiter used
mm	Fixed format integer arc minutes
ss	Fixed format integer arc seconds
F	Encode sign using WESN suffix

The default is +D.

**PAGE\_COLOR**

Sets the color of the imaging background, i.e., the paper. Give a red/green/blue triplet, with each element in the 0–255 range. [255/255/255] (white).

**PAPER\_MEDIA**

Sets the physical format of the current plot paper [A4 (or Letter)]. The following formats (and their widths and heights in points) are recognized (Additional site-specific formats may be specified in the gmt\_custom\_media.conf file in **\$GMT\_SHAREDIR/conf** or ~/gmt; see that file for details):

Media	width	height
A0	2380	3368
A1	1684	2380
A2	1190	1684
A3	842	1190
A4	595	842
A5	421	595

A6	297	421	
A7	210	297	
A8	148	210	
A9	105	148	
A10	74	105	
B0	2836	4008	
B1	2004	2836	
B2	1418	2004	
B3	1002	1418	
B4	709	1002	
B5	501	709	
archA	648	864	
archB	864	1296	
archC	1296	1728	
archD	1728	2592	
archE	2592	3456	
flsa	612	936	
halfletter	396	612	
statement	396	612	612
note	540	720	
letter	612	792	
legal	612	1008	
11x17	792	1224	
tabloid	792	1224	
ledger	1224	792	

For a completely custom format (e.g., for large format plotters) you may also specify Custom\_WxH, where W and H are in points unless you append a unit to each dimension (**c**, **i**, **m** or **p** [Default]). To force the printer to request a manual paper feed, append '-' to the media name, e.g., A3- will require the user to insert a A3 paper into the printer's manual feed slot. To indicate you are making an EPS file, append '+' to the media name. Then, **GMT** will attempt to issue a tight bounding box [Default Bounding Box is the paper dimension].

#### **PAGE\_ORIENTATION**

(\* -**P**) Sets the orientation of the page. Choose portrait or landscape [landscape].

#### **PLOT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an output clock string is to be plotted. This template is then used to guide the formatting of clock strings in plot annotations. See **OUTPUT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT** for details. [hh:mm:ss].

#### **PLOT\_DATE\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an output date string is to be plotted. This template is then used to guide the plotting of date strings in data fields. See **OUTPUT\_DATE\_FORMAT** for details. In addition, you may use a single o instead of mm (to plot month name) and u instead of W[-]ww to plot "Week ##". Both of these text strings will be affected by the **TIME\_LANGUAGE**, **TIME\_FORMAT\_PRIMARY** and **TIME\_FORMAT\_SECONDARY** setting. [yyyy-mm-dd].

#### **PLOT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**

Formatting template that indicates how an output geographical coordinate is to be plotted. This template is then used to guide the plotting of geographical coordinates in data fields. See **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT** for details. In addition, you can append A which plots the absolute value of the coordinate. The default is ddd:mm:ss. Not all items may be plotted as this depends on the annotation interval.

**POLAR\_CAP**

Controls the appearance of gridlines near the poles for all azimuthal projections and a few others in which the geographic poles are plotted as points (Lambert Conic, Hammer, Mollweide, Sinusoidal, and van der Grinten). Specify either none (in which case there is no special handling) or *pc\_lat/pc\_dlon*. In that case, normal gridlines are only drawn between the latitudes *-pc\_lat/+pc\_lat*, and above those latitudes the gridlines are spaced at the (presumably coarser) *pc\_dlon* interval; the two domains are separated by a small circle drawn at the *pc\_lat* latitude [85/90]. Note for r-theta (polar) projection where  $r = 0$  is at the center of the plot the meaning of the cap is reversed, i.e., the default 85/90 will draw a  $r = 5$  radius circle at the center of the map with less frequent radial lines there.

**PS\_COLOR**

Determines whether *PostScript* output should use RGB, HSV, CMYK, or GRAY when specifying color [rgb]. Note if HSV is selected it does not apply to images which in that case uses RGB. When selecting GRAY, all colors will be converted to gray scale using YIQ (television) conversion.

**PS\_IMAGE\_COMPRESS**

Determines if *PostScript* images are compressed using the Run-Length Encoding scheme (rle), Lempel-Ziv-Welch compression (lzw), or not at all (none) [lzw].

**PS\_IMAGE\_FORMAT**

Determines whether images created in *PostScript* should use ASCII or binary format. The latter takes up less space and executes faster but may choke some printers, especially those off serial ports. Select ascii or bin [ascii].

**PS\_LINE\_CAP**

Determines how the ends of a line segment will be drawn. Choose among a *butt* cap (default) where there is no projection beyond the end of the path, a *round* cap where a semicircular arc with diameter equal to the linewidth is drawn around the end points, and *square* cap where a half square of size equal to the linewidth extends beyond the end of the path [butt].

**PS\_LINE\_JOIN**

Determines what happens at kinks in line segments. Choose among a *miter* join where the outer edges of the strokes for the two segments are extended until they meet at an angle (as in a picture frame; if the angle is too acute, a bevel join is used instead, with threshold set by **PS\_MITER\_LIMIT**), *round* join where a circular arc is used to fill in the cracks at the kinks, and *bevel* join which is a miter join that is cut off so kinks are triangular in shape [miter].

**PS\_MITER\_LIMIT**

Sets the threshold angle in degrees (integer in 0-180 range) used for mitered joins only. When the angle between joining line segments is smaller than the threshold the corner will be beveled instead of mitered. The default threshold is 35 degrees. Setting the threshold angle to 0 implies the *PostScript* default of about 11 degrees. Setting the threshold angle to 180 causes all joins to be beveled.

**PS\_VERBOSE**

If TRUE we will issue comments in the *PostScript* file that explain the logic of operations. These are useful if you need to edit the file and make changes; otherwise you can set it to FALSE which yields a somewhat slimmer *PostScript* file [FALSE].

**TICK\_LENGTH**

The length of a tickmark. Normally, tickmarks are drawn on the outside of the map boundaries. To select interior tickmarks, use a negative tick\_length [0.2c (or 0.075i)].

**TICK\_PEN**

Pen attributes to be used for tickmarks in dpi units or points (append p) [0.5p].

**TIME\_EPOCH**

Specifies the value of the calendar and clock at the origin (zero point) of relative time units (see **TIME\_UNIT**). It is a string of the form yyyy-mm-ddT[hh:mm:ss] (Gregorian) or yyyy-Www-ddT[hh:mm:ss] (ISO) Default is 2000-01-01T12:00:00, the epoch of the J2000 system.

**TIME\_FORMAT\_PRIMARY**

Controls how primary month-, week-, and weekday-names are formatted. Choose among full, abbreviated, and character. If the leading f, a, or c are replaced with F, A, and C the entire annotation will be in upper case.

**TIME\_FORMAT\_SECONDARY**

Controls how secondary month-, week-, and weekday-names are formatted. Choose among full, abbreviated, and character. If the leading f, a, or c are replaced with F, A, and C the entire annotation will be in upper case.

**TIME\_INTERVAL\_FRACTION**

Determines if partial intervals at the start and end of an axis should be annotated. If the range of the partial interval exceeds the specified fraction of the normal interval stride we will place the annotation centered on the partial interval [0.5].

**TIME\_IS\_INTERVAL**

Used when input calendar data should be truncated and adjusted to the middle of the relevant interval. In the following discussion, the unit **u** can be one of these time units: (**y** year, **o** month, **u** ISO week, **d** day, **h** hour, **m** minute, and **c** second). **TIME\_IS\_INTERVAL** can have any of the following three values: (1) OFF [Default]. No adjustment, time is decoded as given. (2) **+nu**. Activate interval adjustment for input by truncate to previous whole number of *n* units and then center time on the following interval. (3) **-nu**. Same, but center time on the previous interval. For example, with **TIME\_IS\_INTERVAL** = **+1o**, an input data string like 1999-12 will be interpreted to mean 1999-12-15T12:00:00.0 (exactly middle of December), while if **TIME\_IS\_INTERVAL** = OFF then that date is interpreted to mean 1999-12-01T00:00:00.0 (start of December) [OFF].

**TIME\_LANGUAGE**

Language to use when plotting calendar items such as months and days. Select from:

BR	Brazilian Portuguese
CN1	Simplified Chinese
CN2	Traditional Chinese
DE	German
DK	Danish
EH	Basque
ES	Spanish
FI	Finnish
FR	French
GR	Greek
HI	Hawaiian
HU	Hungarian
IE	Irish
IL	Hebrew
IS	Icelandic
IT	Italian
JP	Japanese
NL	Dutch
NO	Norwegian
PL	Polish
PT	Portuguese
RU	Russian
SE	Swedish
SG	Scottish Gaelic

TO Tongan  
 TR Turkish  
 UK British English  
 US US English

If your language is not supported, please examine the `$GMT_SHAREDIR/time/us.d` file and make a similar file. Please submit it to the GMT Developers for official inclusion. Custom language files can be placed in directories `$GMT_SHAREDIR/time` or `~/gmt`.

### TIME\_SYSTEM

Shorthand for a combination of `TIME_EPOCH` and `TIME_UNIT`, specifying which time epoch the relative time refers to and what the units are. Choose from one of the preset systems below (epoch and units are indicated):

JD	-4713-11-25T12:00:00	d	(Julian Date)
MJD	1858-11-17T00:00:00	d	(Modified Julian Date)
J2000	2000-01-01T12:00:00	d	(Astronomical time)
S1985	1985-01-01T00:00:00	c	(Altimetric time)
UNIX	1970-01-01T00:00:00	c	(UNIX time)
RD0001	0001-01-01T00:00:00	c	
RATA	0000-12-31T00:00:00	d	

This parameter is not stored in the `.gmtdefaults4` file but is translated to the respective values of `TIME_EPOCH` and `TIME_UNIT`.

### TIME\_UNIT

Specifies the units of relative time data since epoch (see `TIME_EPOCH`). Choose y (year - assumes all years are 365.2425 days), o (month - assumes all months are of equal length y/12), d (day), h (hour), m (minute), or c (second) [d].

### TIME\_WEEK\_START

When weeks are indicated on time axes, this parameter determines the first day of the week for Gregorian calendars. (The ISO weekly calendar always begins weeks with Monday.) [Monday (or Sunday)].

### TRANSPARENCY

Makes printed material transparent. Specify transparency in percent: 0 is opaque (normal overlay plotting), 100 is fully transparent (i.e., nothing will show). Use either as a pair (*stroke/fill*) to set the transparency of stroked material (lines) or filled material (polygons) separately, or use a single number to set both to the same value [0].

**Warning:** Most printers and *PostScript* viewers can not print or will not show transparency. They will simply ignore your attempt to create transparency and will plot any material as opaque. *Ghostsript* and all its derivatives like **ps2raster**, Apple's *Preview* and the *CUPS* printing system are among those programs incapable of dealing with transparency. If you want to view transparent material you need to use *Acrobat Distiller* to create a PDF file. Note that the settings of *Acrobat Distiller* need to be changed to make transparency effective: change `/AllowTransparency` to true in the `.joboptions` file.

### UNIX\_TIME

(\* -U) Specifies if a UNIX system time stamp should be plotted at the lower left corner of the plot [FALSE].

### UNIX\_TIME\_POS

(\* -U) Sets the justification and the position of the UNIX time stamp box relative to the current plots lower left corner of the plot [BL/-2c/-2c (or BL/-0.75i/-0.75i)].

### UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT

Defines the format of the time information in the UNIX time stamp. This format is parsed by the C function `strftime`, so that virtually any text can be used (even not containing any time information) [%Y %b %d %H:%M:%S].

**VECTOR\_SHAPE**

Determines the shape of the head of a vector. Normally (i.e., for `vector_shape = 0`), the head will be triangular, but can be changed to an arrow (1) or an open V (2). Intermediate settings give something in between. Negative values (up to -2) are allowed as well [0].

**VERBOSE**

(\* -V) Determines if **GMT** programs should display run-time information or run silently [FALSE].

**X\_AXIS\_LENGTH**

Sets the default length (> 0) of the x-axis [25c (or 9i)].

**X\_ORIGIN**

(\* -X) Sets the x-coordinate of the origin on the paper for a new plot [2.5c (or 1i)]. For an overlay, the default offset is 0.

**XY\_TOGGLE**

(\* -:) Set if the first two columns of input and output files contain (latitude,longitude) or (y,x) rather than the expected (longitude,latitude) or (x,y). FALSE means we have (x,y) both on input and output. TRUE means both input and output should be (y,x). IN means only input has (y,x), while OUT means only output should be (y,x). [FALSE].

**Y\_AXIS\_LENGTH**

Sets the default length (> 0) of the y-axis [15c (or 6i)].

**Y\_ORIGIN**

(\* -Y) Sets the y-coordinate of the origin on the paper for a new plot [2.5c (or 1i)]. For an overlay, the default offset is 0.

**Y\_AXIS\_TYPE**

Determines if the annotations for a y-axis (for linear projections) should be plotted horizontally (`hor_text`) or vertically (`ver_text`) [`hor_text`].

**Y2K\_OFFSET\_YEAR**

When 2-digit years are used to represent 4-digit years (see various **DATE\_FORMATS**), **Y2K\_OFFSET\_YEAR** gives the first year in a 100-year sequence. For example, if **Y2K\_OFFSET\_YEAR** is 1729, then numbers 29 through 99 correspond to 1729 through 1799, while numbers 00 through 28 correspond to 1800 through 1828. [1950].

**SPECIFYING PENS**

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

**SPECIFYING FILL**

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

**SPECIFYING COLOR**

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

**EXAMPLES**

To get a copy of the **GMT** parameter defaults in your home directory, run

```
gmtdefaults -D > ~/.gmtdefaults4
```

You may now change the settings by editing this file using a text editor of your choice, or use **gmtset** to change specified parameters on the command line.

**BUGS**

If you have typographical errors in your `.gmtdefaults4` file(s), a warning message will be issued, and the **GMT** defaults for the affected parameters will be used.

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *gmtget*(1), *gmtset*(1)

**NAME**

`gmtget` – To list a single **GMT** parameter

**SYNOPSIS**

`gmtget` *PARAMETER*

**DESCRIPTION**

`gmtget` will list the value of a single **GMT** default parameter.

**EXAMPLE**

To list the value of the parameter `PS_VERBOSE`:

```
gmtget PS_VERBOSE
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *gmtset(1)*

**NAME**

`gmtlogo` – Adding a GMT graphics logo overlay to an illustration

**SYNOPSIS**

`gmtlogo dx dy scale [ -Gfill ] [ -W[pen] ] >> plot.ps`

**DESCRIPTION**

This scrips appends the **GMT** logo to an "open" PostScript file. The logo is 2 times *scale* wide and *scale* high and will be positioned with the lower left corner at the position (*dx,dy*) relative to the current plot origin.

**OPTIONS**

- G** Select color or pattern for filling the underlying box [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- W** Set pen attributes for the outline of the box [Default is no outline]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).

**SPECIFYING PENS**

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

**SPECIFYING FILL**

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

**SPECIFYING COLOR**

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

**SEE ALSO**

`GMT(1)`, `gmtcolors(5)`, `psimage(1)`

**NAME**

gmtmath – Reverse Polish Notation calculator for data tables

**SYNOPSIS**

```
gmtmath [ -At_f(t).d ] [ -Ccols ] [ -Fcols ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -I ] [ -Nn_col/t_col ] [ -Q ] [ -S[f|l] ] [
-Tt_min/t_max/t_inc[+]|tfile ] [ -V ] [ -b[i|o][s|S|d|D[ncol]|e[var|l...]] ] [ -f[i|o]colinfo ] [ -m[i|o][flag] ]
operand [ operand ] OPERATOR [ operand ] OPERATOR ... = [ outfile ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**gmtmath** will perform operations like add, subtract, multiply, and divide on one or more table data files or constants using Reverse Polish Notation (RPN) syntax (e.g., Hewlett-Packard calculator-style). Arbitrarily complicated expressions may therefore be evaluated; the final result is written to an output file [or standard output]. When two data tables are on the stack, each element in file A is modified by the corresponding element in file B. However, some operators only require one operand (see below). If no data tables are used in the expression then options **-T**, **-N** can be set (and optionally **-b** to indicate the data domain). If STDIN is given, <stdin> will be read and placed on the stack as if a file with that content had been given on the command line. By default, all columns except the "time" column are operated on, but this can be changed (see **-C**).

*operand*

If *operand* can be opened as a file it will be read as an ASCII (or binary, see **-bi**) table data file. If not a file, it is interpreted as a numerical constant or a special symbol (see below). The special argument STDIN means that *stdin* will be read and placed on the stack; STDIN can appear more than once if necessary.

*outfile* The name of a table data file that will hold the final result. If not given then the output is sent to stdout.

**OPERATORS**

Choose among the following 131 operators. "args" are the number of input and output arguments.

Operator	args	Returns
<b>ABS</b>	1 1	abs (A).
<b>ACOS</b>	1 1	acos (A).
<b>ACOSH</b>	1 1	acosh (A).
<b>ACOT</b>	1 1	acot (A).
<b>ACSC</b>	1 1	acsc (A).
<b>ADD</b>	2 1	A + B.
<b>AND</b>	2 1	NaN if A and B == NaN, B if A == NaN, else A.
<b>ASEC</b>	1 1	asec (A).
<b>ASIN</b>	1 1	asin (A).
<b>ASINH</b>	1 1	asinh (A).
<b>ATAN</b>	1 1	atan (A).
<b>ATAN2</b>	2 1	atan2 (A, B).
<b>ATANH</b>	1 1	atanh (A).
<b>BEI</b>	1 1	bei (A).
<b>BER</b>	1 1	ber (A).
<b>CEIL</b>	1 1	ceil (A) (smallest integer >= A).
<b>CHICRIT</b>	2 1	Critical value for chi-squared-distribution, with alpha = A and n = B.
<b>CHIDIST</b>	2 1	chi-squared-distribution P(chi2,n), with chi2 = A and n = B.
<b>COL</b>	1 1	Places column A on the stack.
<b>CORRCOEFF</b>	2 1	Correlation coefficient r(A, B).
<b>COS</b>	1 1	cos (A) (A in radians).
<b>COSD</b>	1 1	cos (A) (A in degrees).
<b>COSH</b>	1 1	cosh (A).
<b>COT</b>	1 1	cot (A) (A in radians).

<b>COTD</b>	1 1	cot (A) (A in degrees).
<b>CPOISS</b>	2 1	Cumulative Poisson distribution $F(x, \lambda)$ , with $x = A$ and $\lambda = B$ .
<b>CSC</b>	1 1	csc (A) (A in radians).
<b>CSCD</b>	1 1	csc (A) (A in degrees).
<b>D2DT2</b>	1 1	$d^2(A)/dt^2$ 2nd derivative.
<b>D2R</b>	1 1	Converts Degrees to Radians.
<b>DDT</b>	1 1	$d(A)/dt$ Central 1st derivative.
<b>DILOG</b>	1 1	dilog (A).
<b>DIV</b>	2 1	$A / B$ .
<b>DUP</b>	1 2	Places duplicate of A on the stack.
<b>EQ</b>	2 1	1 if $A == B$ , else 0.
<b>ERF</b>	1 1	Error function erf (A).
<b>ERFC</b>	1 1	Complementary Error function erfc (A).
<b>ERFINV</b>	1 1	Inverse error function of A.
<b>EXCH</b>	2 2	Exchanges A and B on the stack.
<b>EXP</b>	1 1	exp (A).
<b>FACT</b>	1 1	$A!$ (A factorial).
<b>FCRIT</b>	3 1	Critical value for F-distribution, with $\alpha = A$ , $n1 = B$ , and $n2 = C$ .
<b>FDIST</b>	3 1	F-distribution $Q(F, n1, n2)$ , with $F = A$ , $n1 = B$ , and $n2 = C$ .
<b>FLIPUD</b>	1 1	Reverse order of each column.
<b>FLOOR</b>	1 1	floor (A) (greatest integer $\leq A$ ).
<b>FMOD</b>	2 1	$A \% B$ (remainder after truncated division).
<b>GE</b>	2 1	1 if $A \geq B$ , else 0.
<b>GT</b>	2 1	1 if $A > B$ , else 0.
<b>HYPOT</b>	2 1	hypot (A, B) = $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$ .
<b>I0</b>	1 1	Modified Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 0).
<b>I1</b>	1 1	Modified Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 1).
<b>IN</b>	2 1	Modified Bessel function of A (1st kind, order B).
<b>INRANGE</b>	3 1	1 if $B \leq A \leq C$ , else 0.
<b>INT</b>	1 1	Numerically integrate A.
<b>INV</b>	1 1	$1 / A$ .
<b>ISNAN</b>	1 1	1 if $A == \text{NaN}$ , else 0.
<b>J0</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 0).
<b>J1</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 1).
<b>JN</b>	2 1	Bessel function of A (1st kind, order B).
<b>K0</b>	1 1	Modified Kelvin function of A (2nd kind, order 0).
<b>K1</b>	1 1	Modified Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order 1).
<b>KEI</b>	1 1	kei (A).
<b>KER</b>	1 1	ker (A).
<b>KN</b>	2 1	Modified Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order B).
<b>KURT</b>	1 1	Kurtosis of A.
<b>LE</b>	2 1	1 if $A \leq B$ , else 0.
<b>LMSSCL</b>	1 1	LMS scale estimate (LMS STD) of A.
<b>LOG</b>	1 1	log (A) (natural log).
<b>LOG10</b>	1 1	log <sub>10</sub> (A) (base 10).
<b>LOG1P</b>	1 1	log (1+A) (accurate for small A).
<b>LOG2</b>	1 1	log <sub>2</sub> (A) (base 2).
<b>LOWER</b>	1 1	The lowest (minimum) value of A.
<b>LRAND</b>	2 1	Laplace random noise with mean A and std. deviation B.
<b>LSQFIT</b>	1 0	Let current table be $[A   b]$ ; return least squares solution $x = A \setminus b$ .
<b>LT</b>	2 1	1 if $A < B$ , else 0.
<b>MAD</b>	1 1	Median Absolute Deviation (L1 STD) of A.
<b>MAX</b>	2 1	Maximum of A and B.

<b>MEAN</b>	1 1	Mean value of A.
<b>MED</b>	1 1	Median value of A.
<b>MIN</b>	2 1	Minimum of A and B.
<b>MOD</b>	2 1	A mod B (remainder after floored division).
<b>MODE</b>	1 1	Mode value (Least Median of Squares) of A.
<b>MUL</b>	2 1	A * B.
<b>NAN</b>	2 1	NaN if A == B, else A.
<b>NEG</b>	1 1	-A.
<b>NEQ</b>	2 1	1 if A != B, else 0.
<b>NOT</b>	1 1	NaN if A == NaN, 1 if A == 0, else 0.
<b>NRAND</b>	2 1	Normal, random values with mean A and std. deviation B.
<b>OR</b>	2 1	NaN if A or B == NaN, else A.
<b>PLM</b>	3 1	Associated Legendre polynomial P(A) degree B order C.
<b>PLMg</b>	3 1	Normalized associated Legendre polynomial P(A) degree B order C (geophysical convention).
<b>POP</b>	1 0	Delete top element from the stack.
<b>POW</b>	2 1	A ^ B.
<b>PQUANT</b>	2 1	The B'th Quantile (0-100%) of A.
<b>PSI</b>	1 1	Psi (or Digamma) of A.
<b>PV</b>	3 1	Legendre function Pv(A) of degree v = real(B) + imag(C).
<b>QV</b>	3 1	Legendre function Qv(A) of degree v = real(B) + imag(C).
<b>R2</b>	2 1	R2 = A^2 + B^2.
<b>R2D</b>	1 1	Convert Radians to Degrees.
<b>RAND</b>	2 1	Uniform random values between A and B.
<b>RINT</b>	1 1	rint (A) (nearest integer).
<b>ROOTS</b>	2 1	Treats col A as f(t) = 0 and returns its roots.
<b>ROTT</b>	2 1	Rotate A by the (constant) shift B in the t-direction.
<b>SEC</b>	1 1	sec (A) (A in radians).
<b>SECD</b>	1 1	sec (A) (A in degrees).
<b>SIGN</b>	1 1	sign (+1 or -1) of A.
<b>SIN</b>	1 1	sin (A) (A in radians).
<b>SINC</b>	1 1	sinc (A) (sin (pi*A)/(pi*A)).
<b>SIND</b>	1 1	sin (A) (A in degrees).
<b>SINH</b>	1 1	sinh (A).
<b>SKEW</b>	1 1	Skewness of A.
<b>SQR</b>	1 1	A^2.
<b>SQRT</b>	1 1	sqrt (A).
<b>STD</b>	1 1	Standard deviation of A.
<b>STEP</b>	1 1	Heaviside step function H(A).
<b>STEPT</b>	1 1	Heaviside step function H(t-A).
<b>SUB</b>	2 1	A - B.
<b>SUM</b>	1 1	Cumulative sum of A.
<b>TAN</b>	1 1	tan (A) (A in radians).
<b>TAND</b>	1 1	tan (A) (A in degrees).
<b>TANH</b>	1 1	tanh (A).
<b>TCRIT</b>	2 1	Critical value for Student's t-distribution, with alpha = A and n = B.
<b>TDIST</b>	2 1	Student's t-distribution A(t,n), with t = A, and n = B.
<b>TN</b>	2 1	Chebyshev polynomial Tn(-1<A<+1) of degree B.
<b>UPPER</b>	1 1	The highest (maximum) value of A.
<b>XOR</b>	2 1	B if A == NaN, else A.
<b>Y0</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order 0).
<b>Y1</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order 1).
<b>YN</b>	2 1	Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order B).
<b>ZCRIT</b>	1 1	Critical value for the normal-distribution, with alpha = A.

**ZDIST** 1 1 Cumulative normal-distribution  $C(x)$ , with  $x = A$ .

## SYMBOLS

The following symbols have special meaning:

**PI** 3.1415926...  
**E** 2.7182818...  
**EULER** 0.5772156...  
**TMIN** Minimum t value  
**TMAX** Maximum t value  
**TINC** t increment  
**N** The number of records  
**T** Table with t-coordinates

## OPTIONS

- A** Requires **-N** and will partially initialize a table with values from the given file containing  $t$  and  $f(t)$  only. The  $t$  is placed in column  $t\_col$  while  $f(t)$  goes into column  $n\_col - 1$  (see **-N**).
- C** Select the columns that will be operated on until next occurrence of **-C**. List columns separated by commas; ranges like 1,3-5,7 are allowed. **-C** (no arguments) resets the default action of using all columns except time column (see **-N**). **-Ca** selects all columns, including time column, while **-Cr** reverses (toggles) the current choices.
- F** Give a comma-separated list of desired columns or ranges that should be part of the output (0 is first column) [Default outputs all columns].
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Reverses the output row sequence from ascending time to descending [ascending].
- N** Select the number of columns and the column number that contains the "time" variable. Columns are numbered starting at 0 [2/0].
- Q** Quick mode for scalar calculation. Shorthand for **-Ca -N 1/0 -T 0/0/1**.
- S** Only report the first or last row of the results [Default is all rows]. This is useful if you have computed a statistic (say the **MODE**) and only want to report a single number instead of numerous records with identical values. Append **l** to get the last row and **f** to get the first row only [Default].
- T** Required when no input files are given. Sets the t-coordinates of the first and last point and the equidistant sampling interval for the "time" column (see **-N**). Append **+** if you are specifying the number of equidistant points instead. If there is no time column (only data columns), give **-T** with no arguments; this also implies **-Ca**. Alternatively, give the name of a file whose first column contains the desired t-coordinates which may be irregular.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append  $n_{col}$ , the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append  $var1/var2/...$  to specify the variables to be read.
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append  $n_{col}$ , the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input, but see **-F**]
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (`-bo` if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## NOTES ON OPERATORS

- (1) The operators **PLM** and **PLMg** calculate the associated Legendre polynomial of degree L and order M in x which must satisfy  $-1 \leq x \leq +1$  and  $0 \leq M \leq L$ . x, L, and M are the three arguments preceding the operator. **PLM** is not normalized and includes the Condon-Shortley phase  $(-1)^M$ . **PLMg** is normalized in the way that is most commonly used in geophysics. The C-S phase can be added by using `-M` as argument. **PLM** will overflow at higher degrees, whereas **PLMg** is stable until ultra high degrees (at least 3000).
- (2) Files that have the same names as some operators, e.g., **ADD**, **SIGN**, `=`, etc. should be identified by prepending the current directory (i.e., `./LOG`).
- (3) The stack depth limit is hard-wired to 100.
- (4) All functions expecting a positive radius (e.g., **LOG**, **KEI**, etc.) are passed the absolute value of their argument.
- (5) The **DDT** and **D2DT2** functions only work on regularly spaced data.
- (6) All derivatives are based on central finite differences, with natural boundary conditions.
- (7) **ROOTS** must be the last operator on the stack, only followed by `=`.

## EXAMPLES

To take the square root of the content of the second data column being piped through **gmtmath** by process1 and pipe it through a 3rd process, use

```
process1 | gmtmath STDIN SQRT = | process3
```

To take log10 of the average of 2 data files, use

```
gmtmath file1.d file2.d ADD 0.5 MUL LOG10 = file3.d
```

Given the file `samples.d`, which holds seafloor ages in m.y. and seafloor depth in m, use the relation  $\text{depth(in m)} = 2500 + 350 * \text{sqrt}(\text{age})$  to print the depth anomalies:

```
gmtmath samples.d T SQRT 350 MUL 2500 ADD SUB = | lpr
```

To take the average of columns 1 and 4-6 in the three data sets `sizes.1`, `sizes.2`, and `sizes.3`, use

```
gmtmath -C 1,4-6 sizes.1 sizes.2 ADD sizes.3 ADD 3 DIV = ave.d
```

To take the 1-column data set `ages.d` and calculate the modal value and assign it to a variable, try

```
set mode_age = 'gmtmath -S -T ages.d MODE ='
```

To evaluate the `dilog(x)` function for coordinates given in the file `t.d`:

```
gmtmath -T t.d T DILOG = dilog.d
```

To use `gmtmath` as a RPN Hewlett-Packard calculator on scalars (i.e., no input files) and calculate arbitrary expressions, use the `-Q` option. As an example, we will calculate the value of Kei  $((1 + 1.75)/2.2) + \cos(60)$  and store the result in the shell variable `z`:

```
set z = `gmtmath -Q 1 1.75 ADD 2.2 DIV 60 COSD ADD KEI =`
```

To use `gmtmath` as a general least squares equation solver, imagine that the current table is the augmented matrix  $[ A | b ]$  and you want the least squares solution  $x$  to the matrix equation  $A * x = b$ . The operator `LSQFIT` does this; it is your job to populate the matrix correctly first. The `-A` option will facilitate this. Suppose you have a 2-column file `ty.d` with  $t$  and  $b(t)$  and you would like to fit a the model  $y(t) = a + b*t + c*H(t-t_0)$ , where  $H$  is the Heaviside step function for a given  $t_0 = 1.55$ . Then, you need a 4-column augmented table loaded with  $t$  in column 1 and your observed  $y(t)$  in column 3. The calculation becomes

```
gmtmath -N 4/1 -A ty.d -C0 1 ADD -C2 1.55 STEPT ADD -Ca LSQFIT = solution.d
```

Note we use the `-C` option to select which columns we are working on, then make active all the columns we need (here all of them, with `-Ca`) before calling `LSQFIT`. The second and fourth columns (col numbers 1 and 3) are preloaded with  $t$  and  $y(t)$ , respectively, the other columns are zero. If you already have a precalculated table with the augmented matrix  $[ A | b ]$  in a file (say `lsqsys.d`), the least squares solution is simply

```
gmtmath -T lsqsys.d LSQFIT = solution.d
```

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## SEE ALSO

`GMT(1)`, `grdmath(1)`

**NAME**

gmtselect – Select data subsets based on multiple spatial criteria

**SYNOPSIS**

```
gmtselect [ infile ] [ -Amin_area[/min_level/max_level][+r]I[ppercent] ] [ -Cfdist/ptfile ] [ -Dresolution[+] ] [ -Fpolygonfile ] [ -Hi[nrec] ] [ -Icflrsz] ] [ -Jparameters ] [ -Lpdist/linefile ] [ -Nmaskvalues[o] ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -V ] [ -Zmin/max] ] [ -:io] ] [ -bio][s]S[d]D[ncol]c[var1/...]] ] [ -fio]colinfo] ] [ -mio][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**gmtselect** is a filter that reads (longitude, latitude) positions from the first 2 columns of *infile* [or standard input] and uses a combination of 1-6 criteria to pass or reject the records. Records can be selected based on whether or not they are 1) inside a rectangular region (**-R** [and **-J**]), 2) within *dist* km of any point in *ptfile*, 3) within *dist* km of any line in *linefile*, 4) inside one of the polygons in the *polygonfile*, 5) inside geographical features (based on coastlines), or 6) has z-values within a given range. The sense of the tests can be reversed for each of these 6 criteria by using the **-I** option. See option **-:** on how to read (latitude, longitude) files.

*infile* ASCII (or binary, see **-b**) data file(s) to be operated on. If not given, standard input is read.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Features with an area smaller than *min\_area* in km<sup>2</sup> or of hierarchical level that is lower than *min\_level* or higher than *max\_level* will not be plotted [Default is 0/0/4 (all features)]. Level 2 (lakes) contains regular lakes and wide river bodies which we normally include as lakes; append **+r** to just get river-lakes or **+l** to just get regular lakes (requires GSHHS 2.0.1 or higher). Finally, append **+ppercent** to exclude polygons whose percentage area of the corresponding full-resolution feature is less than *percent* (requires GSHHS 2.0 or higher). See GSHHS INFORMATION below for more details. Ignored unless **-N** is set.
- C** Pass all records whose location is within *dist* of any of the points in the ASCII file *ptfile*. If *dist* is zero then the 3rd column of *ptfile* must have each point's individual radius of influence. Distances are Cartesian and in user units; specify **-fg** to indicate spherical distances in km. Use **-Cf** to indicate you want flat Earth distances (quicker but approximate) rather than geodesic distances (slower but exact). If **ELLIPSOID** is spherical then geodesics become great circles (faster to compute than geodesic). Alternatively, if **-R** and **-J** are used then geographic coordinates are projected to map coordinates (in cm, inch, m, or points, as determined by **MEASURE\_UNIT**) before Cartesian distances are compared to *dist*.
- D** Ignored unless **-N** is set. Selects the resolution of the coastline data set to use ((**f**)ull, (**h**)igh, (**i**)ntermediate, (**l**)ow, or (**c**)rude). The resolution drops off by ~80% between data sets. [Default is **I**]. Append **+** to automatically select a lower resolution should the one requested not be available [abort if not found]. Note that because the coastlines differ in details it is not guaranteed that a point will remain inside [or outside] when a different resolution is selected.
- F** Pass all records whose location is within one of the closed polygons in the multiple-segment file *polygonfile*. For spherical polygons (lon, lat), make sure no consecutive points are separated by 180 degrees or more in longitude. Note that *polygonfile* must be in ASCII regardless of whether **-b** is used.
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Reverses the sense of the test for each of the criteria specified:
  - c** select records NOT inside any point's circle of influence.
  - f** select records NOT inside any of the polygons.
  - l** select records NOT within the specified distance of any line.

- r** select records NOT inside the specified rectangular region.
  - s** select records NOT considered inside as specified by **-N** (and **-A**, **-D**).
  - z** select records NOT within the range specified by **-Z**.
- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in `.gmtdefaults4`, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.  
More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

#### CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jc***lon0/lat0/scale* (Cassini)
- Jcyl***stere/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- Jj***[lon0/]scale* (Miller)
- Jm***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Mercator)
- Jml***lon0/lat0/scale* (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
- Jo***[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
- Jo***[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* (Oblique Mercator - two points)
- Joc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
- Jq***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Equidistant)
- Jt***lon0/[lat0/]scale* (TM - Transverse Mercator)
- Ju***zone/scale* (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
- Jy***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

#### CONIC PROJECTIONS:

- Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Albers)
- Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)
- Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jpoly***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* ((American) Polyconic)

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

- Ja***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Je***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jgl***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Js***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0/]scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0/]scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0/]scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk***[s][lon0/]scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0/]scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0/]scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0/]scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0/]scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp[a]scale[/origin][r|z]** (Polar coordinates (theta,r))  
**-Jxx-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]** (Linear, log, and power scaling)
- L** Pass all records whose location is within *dist* of any of the line segments in the ASCII multiple-segment file *linefile*. If *dist* is zero then the 2nd column of each sub-header in the *ptfile* must have each line's individual distance value. Distances are Cartesian and in user units; specify **-fg** to indicate spherical distances in km. If **ELLIPSOID** is spherical then geodesics become great circles (faster to compute than geodesic). Alternatively, if **-R** and **-J** are used then geographic coordinates are projected to map coordinates (in cm, inch, m, or points, as determined by **MEASURE\_UNIT**) before Cartesian distances are compared to *dist*. Use **-Lp** to ensure only points whose orthogonal projections onto the nearest line-segment fall within the segments endpoints [Default considers points "beyond" the line's endpoints].
- N** Pass all records whose location is inside specified geographical features. Specify if records should be skipped (s) or kept (k) using 1 of 2 formats:  
**-Nwet/dry.**  
**-Noccean/land/lake/island/pond.**  
 Append **o** to let points exactly on feature boundaries be considered outside the feature [Default is inside]. [Default is s/k/s/k/s (i.e., s/k), which passes all points on dry land].
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JXx**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JXx**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). If no map projection is supplied we implicitly set **-Jx** 1. Note: only supply **-J** when your **-R** is indicating a rectangular region in the projected coordinates (i.e., an oblique projection).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- Z** Pass all records whose 3rd column (z) lies within the given range. Input file must have at least three columns. To indicate no limit on min or max, specify a hyphen (-). If your 3rd column is absolute time then remember to supply **-f** 2T.
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output. The **-m** option make sure that segment headers in the input files are copied to output, but it has no effect on the data selection. Selection is always done point by point, not by segment.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

This note applies to ASCII output only in combination with binary or netCDF input or the **-:** option. See also the note below.

## NOTE ON PROCESSING ASCII INPUT RECORDS

Unless you are using the **-:** option, selected ASCII input records are copied verbatim to output. That means that options like **-foT** and settings like **D\_FORMAT** and **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT** will not have any effect on the output. On the other hand, it allows selecting records with diverse content, including character strings, quoted or not, comments, and other non-numerical content.

## NOTE ON DISTANCES

If options **-C** or **-L** are selected then distances are Cartesian and in user units; use **-fg** to imply spherical distances in km and geographical (lon, lat) coordinates. Alternatively, specify **-R** and **-J** to measure projected Cartesian distances in map units (cm, inch, m, or points, as determined by **MEASURE\_UNIT**).

This program has evolved over the years. Originally, the **-R** and **-J** were mandatory in order to handle geographic data, but now there is full support for spherical calculations. Thus, **-J** should only be used if you want the tests to be applied on projected data and not the original coordinates. If **-J** is used the distances given via **-C** and **-L** are projected distances.

## EXAMPLES

To extract the subset of data set that is within 300 km of any of the points in `pts.d` but more than 100 km away from the lines in `lines.d`, run

```
gmtselect lonlatfile -fg -C 300/pts.d -L 100/lines.d -II > subset
```

Here, you must specify **-fg** so the program knows you are processing geographical data (otherwise 300 would be interpreted as Cartesian distance in x-y units instead of km).

To keep all points in `data.d` within the specified region, except the points on land (as determined by the high-resolution coastlines), use

```
gmtselect data.d -R 120/121/22/24 -Dh -Nk/s > subset
```

To return all points in `quakes.d` that are inside the spherical polygon `lonlatpath.d`, try

```
gmtselect quakes.d -F lonlatpath.d -fg > subset1
```

To return all points in `stations.d` that are within 5 cm of the point in `origin.d` for a certain projection, try

```
gmtselect stations.d -F origin.d -R 20/50/-10/20 -JM 20c > subset2
```

## GSHHS INFORMATION

The coastline database is GSHHS which is compiled from two sources: World Vector Shorelines (WVS) and CIA World Data Bank II (WDBII). In particular, all level-1 polygons (ocean-land boundary) are

derived from the more accurate WVS while all higher level polygons (level 2-4, representing land/lake, lake/island-in-lake, and island-in-lake/lake-in-island-in-lake boundaries) are taken from WDBII. Much processing has taken place to convert WVS and WDBII data into usable form for **GMT**: assembling closed polygons from line segments, checking for duplicates, and correcting for crossings between polygons. The area of each polygon has been determined so that the user may choose not to draw features smaller than a minimum area (see **-A**); one may also limit the highest hierarchical level of polygons to be included (4 is the maximum). The 4 lower-resolution databases were derived from the full resolution database using the Douglas-Peucker line-simplification algorithm. The classification of rivers and borders follow that of the WDBII. See the **GMT Cookbook** and Technical Reference Appendix K for further details.

**SEE ALSO**

*gmtdefaults(1), GMT(1), grdlandmask(1), pscoast(1)*

**NAME**

**gmtset** – To change individual **GMT** default parameters

**SYNOPSIS**

**gmtset** [ *-Gdefaultsfile* ] PARAMETER1 [=] *value1* PARAMETER2 [=] *value2* PARAMETER3 [=] *value3* ...

**DESCRIPTION**

**gmtset** will adjust individual **GMT** defaults settings in the current directory's `.gmtdefaults4` file. If no such file exists one will be created. The main purpose of **gmtset** is temporarily to change certain parameters inside a shell script, e.g., set the dots-per-inch to 600, run the script, and reset to 300 dpi. Optionally, you can specify one or more temporary changes directly on any **GMT** command line with the syntax **--PARAMETER=value**; such changes are only in effect for that command and do not permanently change the default settings on disk.

PARAMETER *value*

Provide one or several pairs of parameter/value combinations that you want to modify. For a complete listing of available parameters and their meaning, see the **gmtdefaults** man page.

**OPTIONS**

**-G** Name of specific `.gmtdefaults4` file to modify [Default looks first in current directory, then in your home directory, then in `~/gmt` and finally in the system defaults].

**EXAMPLES**

To change the dpi to 600, set annotation font to Helvetica, and select grid-crosses of size 0.1 inch, and set annotation offset to 0.2 cm:

```
gmtset DOTS_PR_INCH 600 ANNOT_FONT_PRIMARY Helvetica GRID_CROSS_SIZE_PRIMARY 0.1i ANNOT_OFFSET_PRIMARY 0.2c
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT*(1), *gmtdefaults*(1), *gmtget*(1)

**NAME**

grd2cpt – Make a color palette table from grid files

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grd2cpt grdfiles [ -Ccptmaster ] [ -D ] [ -Enlevels ] [ -I ] [ -Lminlimit/maxlimit ] [ -M ] [ -N ] [ -Q[i]o ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -Szstart/zstop/zinc ] [ -T|+|_|= ] [ -V ] [ -Z ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grd2cpt** reads one or more grid files and writes a color palette (cpt) file to standard output. The cpt file is based on an existing master cpt file of your choice, and the mapping from data value to colors is through the data's cumulative distribution function (CDF), so that the colors are histogram equalized. Thus if the grid(s) and the resulting cpt file are used in **grdimage** with a linear projection, the colors will be uniformly distributed in area on the plot. Let  $z$  be the data values in the grid. Define  $CDF(Z) = (\# \text{ of } z < Z) / (\# \text{ of } z \text{ in grid})$ . (NaNs are ignored). These  $z$ -values are then normalized to the master cpt file and colors are sampled at the desired intervals.

The color palette includes three additional colors beyond the range of  $z$ -values. These are the background color (B) assigned to values lower than the lowest  $z$ -value, the foreground color (F) assigned to values higher than the highest  $z$ -value, and the NaN color (N) painted wherever values are undefined.

If the master cpt file includes B, F, and N entries, these will be copied into the new master file. If not, the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**, **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**, and **COLOR\_NAN** from the `.gmtdefaults4` file or the command line will be used. This default behavior can be overruled using the options **-D**, **-M** or **-N**.

The color model (RGB, HSV or CMYK) of the palette created by **makecpt** will be the same as specified in the header of the master cpt file. When there is no **COLOR\_MODEL** entry in the master cpt file, the **COLOR\_MODEL** specified in the `.gmtdefaults4` file or on the command line will be used.

*grdfiles* Names of one or more 2-D binary grid files used to derive the color palette table. All grids need to have the same size and dimensions. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPTIONS**

- C** Selects the master color table to use in the interpolation. Choose among the built-in tables (type **grd2cpt** to see the list) or give the name of an existing cpt file [Default gives a rainbow cpt file].
- D** Select the colors for lowest and highest  $z$ -values in the output cpt file as the back- and foreground colors that will be written to the cpt file [Default uses the colors specified in the master file, or those defined by the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**, **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**, and **COLOR\_NAN**].
- E** Create a linear color table by dividing the grid  $z$ -range into *nlevels* equidistant slices.
- I** Reverses the sense of color progression in the master cpt file. Also exchanges the foreground and background colors, including those specified by the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND** and **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**.
- L** Limit range of cpt file to *minlimit/maxlimit*, and don't count data outside range when estimating CDF(Z). [Default uses min and max of data.]
- M** Override background, foreground, and NaN colors specified in the master cpt file with the values of the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**, **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**, and **COLOR\_NAN** specified in the `.gmtdefaults4` file or on the command line. When combined with **-D**, only **COLOR\_NAN** is considered.
- N** Do not write out the background, foreground, and NaN-color fields [Default will write them].
- Q** Selects a logarithmic interpolation scheme [Default is linear]. **-Qi** expects input  $z$ -values to be  $\log_{10}(z)$ , assigns colors, and writes out  $z$  [Default]. **-Qo** takes  $\log_{10}(z)$  first, assigns colors, and writes out  $z$ .
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in `[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]` format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and

-180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form **[date]T[clock]** (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form **[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]** (Gregorian calendar) or **yyyy[-Www[-d]]** (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form **hh:mm:ss[.xxx]**. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

- S** Set steps in cpt file. Calculate entries in cpt file from *zstart* to *zstop* in steps of (*zinc*). [Default chooses arbitrary values by a crazy scheme.]
- T** Force the color table to be symmetric about zero (from -R to +R). Append flag to set the range R: - for R = |zmin|, + for R = |zmax|, \_ for R = min(|zmin|, |zmax|), or = for R = max(|zmin|, |zmax|).
- V** Verbose operation. This will write CDF(Z) estimates to stderr. [Default is silent.]
- Z** Will create a continuous color palette. [Default is discontinuous, i.e., constant color intervals]

## GRID FILE FORMATS

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix **=id[*scale*/*offset*[*nan*]]**, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append **?varname** to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of **?** in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## EXAMPLES

Sometimes you don't want to make a cpt file (yet) but would find it helpful to know that 90% of your data lie between *z1* and *z2*, something you cannot learn from **grdinfo**. So you can do this to see some points on the CDF(Z) curve (use **-V** option to see more):

```
grd2cpt mydata.grd -V > /dev/null
```

To make a cpt file with entries from 0 to 200 in steps of 20, and ignore data below zero in computing CDF(Z), and use the built-in master cpt file relief, run

```
grd2cpt mydata.grd -Crelief -L0/10000 -S0/200/20 > mydata.cpt
```

## SEE ALSO

**gmtdefaults(1)**, **GMT(1)**, **grdhisteq(1)**, **grdinfo(1)**, **makecpt(1)**

**NAME**

grd2xyz – Converting grid file(s) to ASCII or binary data

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grd2xyz grdfiles [ -E[f][nodata] ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Nnodata ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -S[r] ] [ -V ] [ -W[weight] ] [ -Z[flags] ] [ -bo[s]S[d]D[ncol]|c[var1!...] ] [ -fcolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grd2xyz** reads one or more binary 2-D grid files and writes out xyz-triplets in ASCII [or binary] format to standard output. Modify the precision of the ASCII output format by editing the **D\_FORMAT** parameter in your `.gmtdefaults4` file or use `--D_FORMAT=value` on the command line, or choose binary output using single or double precision storage. As an option you may output z-values without the (x,y) in a number of formats, see **-E** or **-Z** below.

*grdfiles* Names of 2-D binary grid files to be converted. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below.)

**OPTIONS**

- E** Output an ESRI ArcInfo ASCII interchange grid format file. Append **f** for float output [Default is integer]. Append *nodata* which will be used wherever the grid value equals NaN [-9999].
- H** Output 1 header record based on information in the first grid file header. Ignored if binary output is selected. [Default is no header].
- N** Output this z-value where the latter equals NaN [Default writes NaN].
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+ -]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). Using the **-R** option will select a subsection of the grid. If this subsection exceeds the boundaries of the grid, only the common region will be output.
- S** Suppress output for nodes whose z-value equals NaN [Default outputs all nodes]. Append **r** to reverse the suppression, i.e., only output the nodes whose z-value equals NaN.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Write out x,y,z,w, where w is the supplied *weight* (or 1 if not supplied) [Default writes x,y,z only].
- Z** Write a 1-column ASCII [or binary] table. Output will be organized according to the specified ordering convention contained in *flags*. If data should be written by rows, make *flags* start with **T**(op) if first row is y = *ymax* or **B**(ottom) if first row is y = *ymin*. Then, append **L** or **R** to indicate that first element should start at left or right end of row. Likewise for column formats: start with **L** or **R** to position first column, and then append **T** or **B** to position first element in a row. For grid-line registered grids: If grid is periodic in x but the outcoming data should not contain the (redundant) column at x = *xmax*, append **x**. For grid periodic in y, skip writing the redundant row at y = *ymax* by appending **y**. If the byte-order needs to be swapped, append **w**. Select one of several data types (all binary except **a**):

- a** ASCII representation
- c** signed 1-byte character
- u** unsigned 1-byte character

**h** short 2-byte integer  
**i** 4-byte integer  
**l** long (4- or 8-byte) integer [architecture-dependent!]  
**f** 4-byte floating point single precision  
**d** 8-byte floating point double precision

Default format is scanline orientation of ASCII numbers: **-ZTLa**. Note that **-Z** only applies to 1-column output.

- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 3]. This option only applies to xyz output; see **-Z** for z table output.
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates). See also **TIME COORDINATES** below.

### ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

### GRID FILE FORMATS

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When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See `grdreformat(1)` and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

### TIME COORDINATES

Time coordinates in netCDF grids, be it the x, y, or z coordinate, will be recognized as such. The variable's **unit** attribute is parsed to determine the unit and epoch of the time coordinate in the grid. Values are then converted to the internal time system specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. The default output is relative time in that time system, or absolute time when using the option **-f0T**, **-f1T**, or **-f2T** for x, y, or z coordinate, respectively.

### EXAMPLES

To edit individual values in the 5' by 5' hawaii\_grv.grd file, dump the .grd to ASCII:

```
grd2xyz hawaii_grv.grd > hawaii_grv.xyz
```

To write a single precision binary file without the x,y positions from the file raw\_data.grd file, using scanline orientation, run

**grd2xyz** raw\_data.grd **-ZTLf** > hawaii\_grv.b

**SEE ALSO**

*gmtdefaults(1), GMT(1), grdedit(1), xyz2grd(1)*

**NAME**

`grdblend` – Blend several partially over-lapping grids into one large grid

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdblend blendfile -Ggrdfile -Ixinc[unit][=[+]][/yinc[unit][=[+]] -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [-Nnodata] [-Q] [-Zscale] [-V] [-W] [-fcolinfo]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdblend** reads a listing of grid files and blend parameters and creates a binary grid file by blending the other grids using cosine-taper weights. **grdblend** will report if some of the nodes are not filled in with data. Such unconstrained nodes are set to a value specified by the user [Default is NaN]. Nodes with more than one value will be set to the weighted average value. Note: Due to the row-by-row i/o nature of operations in `grdblend` we only support the netCDF and native binary grid formats for both input and output.

*blendfile*

ASCII file with one record per grid file to include in the blend. Each record must contain three items, separated by spaces or tabs: the gridfile name, the **-R**-setting for the interior region, and the relative weight *wr*. In the combined weighting scheme, this grid will be given zero weight outside its domain, weight = *wr* inside the interior region, and a 2-D cosine-tapered weight between those end-members in the boundary strip. However, if a negative *wr* is given then the sense of tapering is inverted (i.e., zero weight inside its domain). If the inner region should instead exactly match the grid region then specify a - instead of the **-R**-setting. If the ASCII file is not given **grdblend** will read standard input.

- G** *grdfile* is the name of the binary output grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below). Only netCDF and native binary grid formats are supported.
- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+*-*]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

- N** No data. Set nodes with no input grid to this value [Default is NaN].

- Q** Create a header-less grid file suitable for use with **grdraster**. Requires that the output grid file is a native format (i.e., not netCDF).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Do not blend, just output the weights used for each node. This option is valid when only one input grid is provided [Default makes the blend].
- Z** Scale output values by *scale* before writing to file. [1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID FILE FORMATS

By default **GMT** writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, **GMT** is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **grdreformat**(1) and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When writing a netCDF file, the grid is stored by default with the variable name "z". To specify another variable name *varname*, append `?varname` to the file name. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes.

## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the **-f** or **-R** options. For example, both **-f0x** **-f1t** and **-R 90w/90e/0t/3t** will result in a longitude/time grid. When the x, y, or z coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

To create a grid file from the four grid files `piece_?.nc`, make the blendfile like this

```
piece_1.nc    -R<subregion_1> 1
piece_2.nc    -R<subregion_2> 1
piece_3.nc    -R<subregion_3> 1
piece_4.nc    -R<subregion_4> 1
```

Then run

```
grdblend blend.job -G blend.nc -R<full_region> -I<dx/dy> -V
```

## RESTRICTIONS

Currently, all grids processed must have the exact same node registration and grid spacing as the final output grid.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *grd2xyz*(1), *grdedit*(1) *grdraster*(1)

**NAME**

`grdclip` – Clipping of range in grid files.

**SYNOPSIS**

`grdclip input_file.grd -G output_file.grd [ -Sa high/above ] [ -Sb low/below ] [ -V ]`

**DESCRIPTION**

`grdclip` will set values *< low to below* and/or values *> high to above*. Useful when you want all of a continent or an ocean to fall into one color or grayshade in image processing, or clipping of the range of data values is required. *above/below* can be any number or NaN (Not a Number). You must choose at least one of `-Sa` or `-Sb`.

*input\_file.grd*

The input 2-D binary grid file.

`-G` *output\_file.grd* is the modified output grid file.

**OPTIONS**

`-Sa` Set all data[i] *> high to above*.

`-Sb` Set all data[i] *< low to below*.

`-V` Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

**GRID FILE FORMATS**

By default **GMT** writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, **GMT** is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. When reading grids, the format is generally automatically recognized. If not, the same suffix can be added to input grid file names. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The `?varname` suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

**EXAMPLES**

To set all values *> 70* to NaN and all values *< 0* to 0 in file `data.grd`:

```
grdclip data.grd -G new_data.grd -Sa 70/NaN -Sb 0/0 -V
```

**SEE ALSO**

`GMT(1)`, `grdlandmask(1)`, `grdmask(1)`, `grdmath(1)`, `grd2xyz(1)`, `xyz2grd(1)`

**NAME**

`grdcontour` – Contouring of 2-D gridded data sets

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdcontour grdfile -Ccont_int -Jparameters [ -A[-|annot_int][labelinfo] ] [ -B[p|s]parameters ] [
-Ddumpfile ] [ -Eazimuth/elevation ] [ -F[l|r] ] [ -G[d|f|n|l|x|X]params ] [ -K ] [ -Llow/high ] [ -O ] [
-P ] [ -Qcut ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -Ssmoothfactor ] [ -T[+|-][gap/length][:LH] ] [
-U[just/dx/dy][:c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -W[+][:type]pen ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift][u] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift][u] ] [
-Z[factor][:shift]][p] ] [ -ccopies ] [ -bo[s|S|d|D][ncol][c|var1|...] ] [ -m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

`grdcontour` reads a 2-D grid file and produces a contour map by tracing each contour through the grid. As an option, the x/y/z positions of the contour lines may be dumped to a single multisegment file or many separate files. *PostScript* code is generated and sent to standard output. Various options that affect the plotting are available.

*grdfile* 2-D gridded data set to be contoured. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

- C** The contours to be drawn may be specified in one of three possible ways:
- (1) If *cont\_int* has the suffix ".cpt" and can be opened as a file, it is assumed to be a color palette table. The color boundaries are then used as contour levels. If the cpt-file has annotation flags in the last column then those contours will be annotated. By default all contours are labeled; use **-A-** to disable all annotations.
  - (2) If *cont\_int* is a file but not a cpt-file, it is expected to contain contour levels in column 1 and a C(ontour) OR A(nnotate) in col 2. The levels marked C (or c) are contoured, the levels marked A (or a) are contoured and annotated. Optionally, a third column may be present and contain the fixed annotation angle for this contour level.
  - (3) If no file is found, then *cont\_int* is interpreted as a constant contour interval. If **-A** is set and **-C** is not, then the contour interval is set equal to the specified annotation interval.
- If a file is given and **-T** is set, then only contours marked with upper case C or A will have tick-marks. In all cases the contour values have the same units as the grid.
- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in `.gmtdefaults4`, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.
- More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jc***lon0/lat0/scale* (Cassini)
- Jcyl***stere*[:*lon0*[:*lat0*]]*scale* (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- Jj**[:*lon0*]/*scale* (Miller)
- Jm**[:*lon0*[:*lat0*]]*scale* (Mercator)
- Jml***lon0/lat0/scale* (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
- Jo**[*a*]:*lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
- Jo**[*b*]:*lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* (Oblique Mercator - two points)
- Joc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
- Jq**[:*lon0*[:*lat0*]]*scale* (Cylindrical Equidistant)
- Jt***lon0/lat0/scale* (TM - Transverse Mercator)
- Ju***zone/scale* (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
- Jy**[:*lon0*[:*lat0*]]*scale* (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

- Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Albers)
- Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)
- Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jpoly***[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale* ((American) Polyconic)

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

- Ja***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Je***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[/lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[/lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[/lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[/lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[/lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[/lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[/lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[/lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp[a]***scale[/origin][r|z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale***[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)

### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** *annot\_int* is annotation interval in data units; it is ignored if contour levels are given in a file. [Default is no annotations]. Append - to disable all annotations implied by -C. The optional *labelinfo* controls the specifics of the label formatting and consists of a concatenated string made up of any of the following control arguments:
  - +**angle** For annotations at a fixed angle, +**an** for line-normal, or +**ap** for line-parallel [Default]. By appending the **u** or **d** we get annotations whose top face the next upper or lower annotation, respectively.
  - +**cdx***[/dy]* Sets the clearance between label and optional text box. Append **c|i|m|p** to specify the unit or % to indicate a percentage of the label font size [15%].
  - +**d** Turns on debug which will draw helper points and lines to illustrate the workings of the quoted line setup.
  - +**font** Sets the desired font [Default **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**].
  - +**g***[color]* Selects opaque text boxes [Default is transparent]; optionally specify the color [Default is **PAGE\_COLOR**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
  - +**jjust** Sets label justification [Default is MC]. Ignored when -SqN|n+|-1 is used.

- +kcolor** Sets color of text labels [Default is **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
- +ndx[/dy]** Nudges the placement of labels by the specified amount (append **c|i|m|p** to specify the units). Increments are considered in the coordinate system defined by the orientation of the line; use **+N** to force increments in the plot x/y coordinates system [no nudging].
- +o** Selects rounded rectangular text box [Default is rectangular]. Not applicable for curved text (**+v**) and only makes sense for opaque text boxes.
- +p[pen]** Draws the outline of text boxsets [Default is no outline]; optionally specify pen for outline [Default is width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- +rmin\_rad** Will not place labels where the line's radius of curvature is less than *min\_rad* [Default is 0].
- +ssize** Sets the desired font size in points [Default is 9].
- +uunit** Appends *unit* to all line labels. If *unit* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the unit. If *z* is appended we use the unit specified in the grid file. [Default is no unit].
- +v** Specifies curved labels following the path [Default is straight labels].
- +w** Specifies how many (x, y) points will be used to estimate label angles [Default is 10].
- +prefix** Prepends *prefix* to all line labels. If *prefix* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the prefix. [Default is no prefix].
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- D** Dump the (x,y,z) coordinates of each contour to separate files, one for each contour segment. The files will be named *dumpfile\_cont\_segment[\_i].xyz* (or *.b* is **-b** is selected), where *cont* is the contour value and *segment* is a running segment number for each contour interval (for closed contours we append *\_i*.) If the prefix is given as '-' the file names are instead *C#\_i* (interior) or *C#\_e* (external) plus extension, and # is just a running number. This allows us to make short file names that will work with GNU utilities under DOS. However, when **-m** is used in conjunction with **-D** a single multisegment file is created instead.
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append + to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with **+wlon0/lat[/z]**) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with **+vx0/y0**).
- F** Force dumped contours to be oriented so that higher z-values are to the left (**-Fl** [Default]) or right (**-Fr**) as we move along the contour [Default is arbitrary orientation]. Requires **-D**.
- G** Controls the placement of labels along the contours. Choose among five controlling algorithms:  
**-Gddist[c|i|m|p]** or **-GDdist[d|e|k|m|n]**  
 For lower case **d**, give distances between labels on the plot in your preferred measurement unit **c** (cm), **i** (inch), **m** (meter), or **p** (points), while for upper case **D**, specify distances in map units and append the unit; choose among **e** (m), **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), or **d** (spherical degree). [Default is 10**c** or 4**i**].

**-Gf***ffile.d*

Reads the ascii file *ffile.d* and places labels at locations in the file that matches locations along the contours. Inexact matches and points outside the region are skipped.

**-GL***Lline1[,line2,...]*

Give *start* and *stop* coordinates for one or more comma-separated straight line segments. Labels will be placed where these lines intersect the contours. The format of each *line* specification is *start/stop*, where *start* and *stop* are either a specified point *lon/lat* or a 2-character **XY** key that uses the justification format employed in **pstext** to indicate a point on the map, given as [LCR][BMT]. In addition, you may use Z+ and Z- which correspond to the locations of the global max and min locations in the grid, respectively. **-GL** will interpret the point pairs as defining great circles [Default is straight line].

**-Gnn***label*

Specifies the number of equidistant labels for contours line [1]. Upper case **-GN** starts labeling exactly at the start of the line [Default centers them along the line]. **-GN-1** places one justified label at start, while **-GN+1** places one justified label at the end of contours. Optionally, append */min\_dist[c|i|m|p]* to enforce that a minimum distance separation between successive labels is enforced.

**-Gx***Xxfile.d*

Reads the multi-segment file *xfile.d* and places labels at the intersections between the contours and the lines in *xfile.d*. **-GX** will resample the lines first along great-circle arcs.

In addition, you may optionally append *+rradius[c|i|m|p]* to set a minimum label separation in the x-y plane [no limitation].

- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Limit range: Do not draw contours for data values below *low* or above *high*.
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Do not draw contours with less than *cut* number of points [Draw all contours].
- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]**T**[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). [Default is region defined in the grid file].
- S** Used to resample the contour lines at roughly every (gridbox\_size/*smoothfactor*) interval.
- T** Will draw tickmarks pointing in the downward direction every *gap* along the innermost closed contours. Append *gap* and tickmark length or use defaults [0.5c/0.1c or 0.2i/0.04i]. User may choose to tick only local highs or local lows by specifying **-T+** or **-T-**, respectively. Appending **:LH** will plot the characters L and H at the center of closed innermost contours (local lows and highs). L and H can be any single character (e.g., LH, +, etc.) If a file is given by **-C** and **-T** is set, then only contours marked with upper case C or A will have tickmarks [and annotation].

- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** *type*, if present, can be **a** for annotated contours or **c** for regular contours [Default]. *pen* sets the attributes for the particular line. Default values for annotated contours: width = 0.75p, color = black, texture = solid. Regular contours have default width = 0.25p. (See SPECIFYING PENS below). If the + flag is specified then the color of the contour lines are taken from the cpt file (see **-C**).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** Use to subtract *shift* from the data and multiply the results by *factor* before contouring starts [1/0]. (Numbers in **-A**, **-C**, **-L** refer to values after scaling and translation have occurred.) Append **p** to indicate that this grid file contains z-values that are periodic in 360 degrees (e.g., phase data, angular distributions) and that special precautions must be taken when determining 0-contours.
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file.
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** When used in conjunction with **-D** a single multisegment file is created, and each contour section is preceded by a header record whose first column is *flag* followed by the contour level.

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your **.gmtdefaults4** file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough

precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## FILE FORMATS

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## EXAMPLES

To contour the file `hawaii_grav.grd` every 25 mGal on a Mercator map at 0.5 inch/degree, annotate every 50 mGal (using `fontsize = 10`), using 1 degree tickmarks, and draw 30 minute gridlines:

```
grdcontour hawaii_grav.grd -Jm 0.5i -C 25 -A 50+s10 -B 1g30m > hawaii_grav.ps
```

To contour the file `image.grd` using the levels in the file `cont.d` on a linear projection at 0.1 cm/x-unit and 50 cm/y-unit, using 20 (x) and 0.1 (y) tickmarks, smooth the contours a bit, use "RMS Misfit" as plot-title, use a thick red pen for annotated contours, and a thin, dashed, blue pen for the rest, and send the output to the default printer:

```
grdcontour image.grd -Jx 0.1c/50.0c -C cont.d -S 4 -B 20/0.1:"RMS Misfit": -Wa thick,red -Wc thinnest,blue,- | lp
```

The labeling of local highs and lows may plot outside the innermost contour since only the mean value of the contour coordinates is used to position the label.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *gmtcolors(5)*, *psbasemap(1)*, *grdimage(1)*, *grdview(1)*, *pscontour(1)*

**NAME**

grdcut – Extract a subregion out of a grid file

**SYNOPSIS**

**grdcut** *input\_file.grd* **-G***output\_file.grd* **-R***west/east/south/north***[r]** [ **-V** ] [ **-Z****[n]***min/max* ] [ **-f****[i]****[o]***col-info* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdcut** will produce a new *output\_file.grd* file which is a subregion of *input\_file.grd*. The subregion is specified with **-R** as in other programs; the specified range must not exceed the range of *input\_file.grd*. If in doubt, run **grdinfo** to check range. Alternatively, define the subregion indirectly via a range check on the node values. Complementary to **grdcut** there is **grdpaste**, which will join together two grid files along a common edge.

*input\_file.grd*

this is the input *.grd* format file.

**-G***output\_file.grd*

this is the output *.grd* format file.

**-R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in **[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]** format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form **[date]T[clock]** (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form **[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]** (Gregorian calendar) or **yyyy[-Www[-d]]** (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form **hh:mm:ss[.xxx]**. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). This defines the subregion to be cut out.

**OPTIONS**

**-V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

**-Z** Determine the new rectangular region so that all nodes outside this region are also outside the given *z*-range **[-inf/+inf]**. To indicate no limit on min or max, specify a hyphen (-). Normally, any NaNs encountered are simply skipped. Use **-Zn** to consider a NaN to be outside the *z*-range.

**-f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i]o**g means **-f[i]o**x,1y (geographic coordinates).

**GRID FILE FORMATS**

By default **GMT** writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, **GMT** is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix **=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]**, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. When reading grids, the format is generally automatically recognized. If not, the same suffix can be added to input grid file names. See **grdrefor-mat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file,

append *?varname* to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of *?* in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The *?varname* suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the **-f** or **-R** options. For example, both **-f0x -f1t** and **-R 90w/90e/0t/3t** will result in a longitude/time grid. When the x, y, or z coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

Suppose you have used **surface** to grid ship gravity in the region between 148E - 162E and 8N - 32N, and you do not trust the gridding near the edges, so you want to keep only the area between 150E - 160E and 10N - 30N, then:

```
grdcut grav_148_162_8_32.nc -G grav_150_160_10_30.nc -R 150/160/10/30 -V To return the subregion of a grid such that any boundary strips where all values are entirely above 0, try
```

```
grdcut bathy.nc -G trimmed_bathy.nc -Z-/0 -V
```

## SEE ALSO

*grdpaste(1)*, *grdinfo(1)*, *GMT(1)*

**NAME**

`grdedit` – Modifying the header or content of a 2-D grid file

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdedit grdfile [ -A ] [ -Dxname/yname/zname/scale/offset/title/remark ] [ -E ] [ -Nxyzfile ] [
-Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -S ] [ -T ] [ -V ] [ -:[i]o ] [ -bi[s|d|D[ncol]|c[var1|...]] ] [ -f[i]ocolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdedit** reads the header information in a binary 2-D grid file and replaces the information with values provided on the command line [if any]. As an option, global, geographical grids (with 360 degrees longitude range) can be rotated in the east-west direction, and individual nodal values can be replaced from a table of *x, y, z* values. **grdedit** only operates on files containing a `grdheader`.

*grdfile* Name of the 2-D grid file to modify. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** If necessary, adjust the file's *x\_inc*, *y\_inc* to be compatible with its domain (or a new domain set with **-R**). Older grid files (i.e., created prior to **GMT** 3.1) often had excessive slop in *x\_inc*, *y\_inc* and an adjustment is necessary. Newer files are created correctly.
- D** Give new values for *xname*, *yname*, *zname*, *scale*, *offset*, *title*, and *remark*. To leave some of the values untouched, specify = as the new value. Alternatively, to allow "/" to be part of one of the values, use any non-alphanumeric character (and not the equal sign) as separator by both starting and ending with it. For example: **-D**:*xname:yname:zname:scale:offset:title:remark*:
- E** Transpose the grid and exchange the *x* and *y* information. Incompatible with the other options.
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- N** Read the ASCII (or binary; see **-bi**) file *xyzfile* and replace the corresponding nodal values in the grid with these *z* values.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). The new w/e/s/n values will replace those in the grid, and the *x\_inc*, *y\_inc* values are adjusted, if necessary.
- S** For global, geographical grids only. Grid values will be shifted longitudinally according to the new borders given in **-R**.
- T** Make necessary changes in the header to convert a gridline-registered grid to a pixel-registered grid, or vice-versa. Basically, gridline-registered grids will have their domain extended by half the *x*- and *y*-increments whereas pixel-registered grids will have their domain shrunk by the same amount.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 input columns].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID FILE FORMATS

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When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The `?varname` suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **gdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the **-f** or **-R** options. For example, both **-f0x** **-f1t** and **-R 90w/90e/0t/3t** will result in a longitude/time grid. When the x, y, or z coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

Let us assume the file `data.grd` covers the area 300/310/10/30. We want to change the boundaries from geodetic longitudes to geographic and put a new title in the header. We accomplish this by

```
grdedit data.grd -R-60/-50/10/30 -D=/>=/>=/>="Gravity Anomalies"/>=
```

The grid `world.grd` has the limits 0/360/-72/72. To shift the data so that the limits would be -180/180/-72/72, use

```
grdedit world.grd -R-180/180/-72/72 -S
```

The file `junk.grd` was created prior to **GMT** 3.1 with incompatible **-R** and **-I** arguments. To reset the x- and y-increments we run

```
grdedit junk.grd -A
```

The file `junk.grd` was created prior to **GMT** 4.1.3 and does not contain the required information to indicate that the grid is geographic. To add this information, run

**grdedit** junk.grd -fg

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1), grd2xyz(1), xyz2grd(1)*

**NAME**

**grdffft** – Perform mathematical operations on grid files in the wavenumber (or frequency) domain

**SYNOPSIS**

**grdffft** *in\_grdfile* **-G***out\_grdfile* [ **-A***azimuth* ] [ **-C***zlevel* ] [ **-D**[*scale*]**g** ] [ **-E****x**/**y**[**w**] ] [ **-F****x**/**y***params* ] [ **-I**[*scale*]**g** ] [ **-L** ] [ **-M** ] [ **-N***stuff* ] [ **-S***scale* ] [ **-T***e/rl/rm/rw/ri* ] [ **-V** ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdffft** will take the 2-D forward Fast Fourier Transform and perform one or more mathematical operations in the frequency domain before transforming back to the space domain. An option is provided to scale the data before writing the new values to an output file. The horizontal dimensions of the grid are assumed to be in meters. Geographical grids may be used by specifying the **-M** option that scales degrees to meters. If you have grids with dimensions in km, you could change this to meters using **grdeddit** or scale the output with **grdmath**.

*in\_grdfile*

2-D binary grid file to be operated on. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**-G** Specify the name of the output grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Take the directional derivative in the *azimuth* direction measured in degrees CW from north.
- C** Upward (for *zlevel* > 0) or downward (for *zlevel* < 0) continue the field *zlevel* meters.
- D** Differentiate the field, i.e., take d(field)/dz. This is equivalent to multiplying by *kr* in the frequency domain (*kr* is radial wave number). Append a scale to multiply by (*kr* \* *scale*) instead. Alternatively, append **g** to indicate that your data are geoid heights in meters and output should be gravity anomalies in mGal. [Default is no scale].
- E** Estimate power spectrum in the radial direction. Place **x** or **y** immediately after **-E** to compute the spectrum in the x or y direction instead. No grid file is created; *f* (i.e., frequency or wave number), power[*f*], and 1 standard deviation in power[*f*] are written to stdout. Append **w** to write wavelength instead of frequency.
- F** Filter the data. Place **x** or **y** immediately after **-F** to filter *x* or *y* direction only; default is isotropic. Choose between a cosine-tapered band-pass, a Gaussian band-pass filter, or a Butterworth band-pass filter. Cosine-taper: Specify four wavelengths *lc/lp/hp/hc* in correct units (see **-M**) to design a bandpass filter: wavelengths greater than *lc* or less than *hc* will be cut, wavelengths greater than *lp* and less than *hp* will be passed, and wavelengths in between will be cosine-tapered. E.g., **-F** 1000000/250000/50000/10000 **-M** will bandpass, cutting wavelengths > 1000 km and < 10 km, passing wavelengths between 250 km and 50 km. To make a highpass or lowpass filter, give hyphens (-) for *hp/hc* or *lc/lp*. E.g., **-Fx** -/50/10 will lowpass *x*, passing wavelengths > 50 and rejecting wavelengths < 10. **-Fy** 1000/250/-/- will highpass *y*, passing wavelengths < 250 and rejecting wavelengths > 1000. Gaussian band-pass: Append *lo/hi*, the two wavelengths in correct units (see **-M**) to design a bandpass filter. At the given wavelengths the Gaussian filter weights will be 0.5. To make a highpass or lowpass filter, give a hyphen (-) for the *hi* or *lo* wavelength, respectively. E.g., **-F** /30 will lowpass the data using a Gaussian filter with half-weight at 30, while **-F** 400/- will highpass the data. Butterworth band-pass: Append *lo/hi/order*, the two wavelengths in correct units (see **-M**) and the filter order (an integer) to design a bandpass filter. At the given wavelengths the Butterworth filter weights will be 0.5. To make a highpass or lowpass filter, give a hyphen (-) for the *hi* or *lo* wavelength, respectively. E.g., **-F** /30/2 will lowpass the data using a 2nd-order Butterworth filter, with half-weight at 30, while **-F** 400/-/2 will highpass the data.
- I** Integrate the field, i.e., compute *integral\_over\_z* (field \* dz). This is equivalent to divide by *kr* in the frequency domain (*kr* is radial wave number). Append a scale to divide by (*kr* \* *scale*) instead. Alternatively, append **g** to indicate that your data set is gravity anomalies in mGal and output should be geoid heights in meters. [Default is no scale].

- L** Leave trend alone. By default, a linear trend will be removed prior to the transform.
- M** Map units. Choose this option if your grid file is a geographical grid and you want to convert degrees into meters. If the data are close to either pole, you should consider projecting the grid file onto a rectangular coordinate system using **gdproject**.
- N** Choose or inquire about suitable grid dimensions for FFT. **-Nf** will force the FFT to use the dimensions of the data. **-Nq** will inquire about more suitable dimensions. **-Nnx/ny** will do FFT on array size *nx/ny* (Must be  $\geq$  grid file size). Default chooses dimensions  $\geq$  data which optimize speed, accuracy of FFT. If FFT dimensions  $>$  grid file dimensions, data are extended and tapered to zero.
- S** Multiply each element by *scale* in the space domain (after the frequency domain operations). [Default is 1.0].
- T** Compute the isostatic compensation from the topography load (input grid file) on an elastic plate of thickness *te*. Also append densities for load, mantle, water, and infill in SI units. If *te* == 0 then the Airy response is returned. **-T** implicitly sets **-L**.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

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## EXAMPLES

To upward continue the sea-level magnetic anomalies in the file `mag_0.grd` to a level 800 m above sealevel:

```
gdfft mag_0.grd -C 800 -V -G mag_800.grd
```

To transform geoid heights in m (`geoid.grd`) on a geographical grid to free-air gravity anomalies in mGal:

```
gdfft geoid.grd -Dg -V -G grav.grd
```

To transform gravity anomalies in mGal (`faa.grd`) to deflections of the vertical (in micro-radians) in the 038 direction, we must first integrate gravity to get geoid, then take the directional derivative, and finally scale radians to micro-radians:

```
gdfft faa.grd -Ig 38 -S 1e6 -V -G defl_38.grd
```

Second vertical derivatives of gravity anomalies are related to the curvature of the field. We can compute these as mGal/m<sup>2</sup> by differentiating twice:

```
gdfft gravity.grd -D -D -V -G grav_2nd_derivative.grd
```

The first order gravity anomaly (in mGal) due to the compensating surface caused by the topography load `topo.grd` (in m) on a 20 km thick elastic plate, assumed to be 4 km beneath the observation level can be computed as

```
grdfft topo.grd -T 20000/2800/3330/1030/2300 -S 0.022 -C 4000 -G comp_faa.grd
```

where 0.022 is the scale needed for the first term in Parker's expansion for computing gravity from topography ( $= 2 * \text{PI} * G * (\text{rhom} - \text{rhol})$ ).

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *grdedit(1)*, *grdmath(1)*, *grdproject(1)*

**NAME**

grdfilter – Filter a 2-D grid file in the space (or time) domain

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdfilter input_file -Ddistance_flag -F<filtertype><width>[mode] -Goutput_file [
-Iinc[unit][=|+][/yinc[unit][=|+]] ] [ -Ni|p|r ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -T ] [ -V ] [ -f|i|o ] colinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdfilter** will filter a *.grd* file in the time domain using one of the selected convolution or non-convolution isotropic filters and compute distances using Cartesian or Spherical geometries. The output *.grd* file can optionally be generated as a subOPT(R)egion of the input and/or with a new **-I** ncrement. In this way, one may have "extra space" in the input data so that the edges will not be used and the output can be within one-half- width of the input edges. If the filter is low-pass, then the output may be less frequently sampled than the input.

*input\_file*

The grid file of points to be filtered. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**-D** *Distance flag* tells how grid (x,y) relates to filter *width* as follows:

*flag* = 0: grid (x,y) same units as *width*, Cartesian distances.

*flag* = 1: grid (x,y) in degrees, *width* in kilometers, Cartesian distances.

*flag* = 2: grid (x,y) in degrees, *width* in km, dx scaled by cos(middle y), Cartesian distances.

The above options are fastest because they allow weight matrix to be computed only once. The next three options are slower because they recompute weights for each latitude.

*flag* = 3: grid (x,y) in degrees, *width* in km, dx scaled by cosine(y), Cartesian distance calculation.

*flag* = 4: grid (x,y) in degrees, *width* in km, Spherical distance calculation.

*flag* = 5: grid (x,y) in Mercator -Jm1 img units, *width* in km, Spherical distance calculation.

**-F** Sets the filter type. Choose among convolution and non-convolution filters. Append the filter code followed by the full diameter *width*. Available convolution filters are:

(b) Boxcar: All weights are equal.

(c) Cosine Arch: Weights follow a cosine arch curve.

(g) Gaussian: Weights are given by the Gaussian function, where *width* is 6 times the conventional Gaussian sigma.

Non-convolution filters are:

(m) Median: Returns median value.

(p) Maximum likelihood probability (a mode estimator): Return modal value. If more than one mode is found we return their average value. Append - or + to the filter width if you rather want to return the smallest or largest of the modal values.

(l) Lower: Return the minimum of all values.

(L) Lower: Return minimum of all positive values only.

(u) Upper: Return maximum of all values.

(U) Upper: Return maximum or all negative values only.

In the case of L|U it is possible that no data passes the initial sign test; in that case the filter will return 0.0.

**-G** *output\_file* is the output grid file of the filter. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPTIONS**

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the output Increment. Append **m** to indicate minutes, or **c** to indicate seconds. If the new *x\_inc*, *y\_inc* are NOT integer multiples of the old ones (in the input data), filtering will be considerably slower. [Default: Same as input.]

**-N** Determine how NaN-values in the input grid affects the filtered outout: Append **i** to ignore all NaNs in the calculation of filtered value [Default], **r** is same as **i** except if the input node was NaN then the output node will be set to NaN (only applies if both grids are coregistered), and **p** which

will force the filtered value to be NaN if any grid-nodes with NaN-values are found inside the filter circle.

- R** *west, east, south, and north* defines the Region of the output points. [Default: Same as input.]
- T** Toggle the node registration for the output grid so as to become the opposite of the input grid [Default gives the same registration as the input grid].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID FILE FORMATS

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## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the **-f** or **-R** options. For example, both **-f0x -f1t** and **-R 90w/90e/0t/3t** will result in a longitude/time grid. When the x, y, or z coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

Suppose that `north_pacific_dbdb5.grd` is a file of 5 minute bathymetry from 140E to 260E and 0N to 50N, and you want to find the medians of values within a 300km radius (600km full width) of the output points, which you choose to be from 150E to 250E and 10N to 40N, and you want the output values every 0.5 degree. Using spherical distance calculations, you need:

```
grdfilter north_pacific_dbdb5.grd -G filtered_pacific.grd -Fm 600 -D 4 -R 150/250/10/40 -I 0.5 -V
```

## LIMITATIONS

When working with geographic (lat, lon) grids, all three convolution filters (boxcar, cosine arch, and gaussian) will properly normalize the filter weights for the variation in gridbox size with latitude, and correctly determine which nodes are needed for the convolution when the filter "circle" crosses a periodic (0-360) boundary or contains a geographic pole. However, the spatial filters, such as median and mode filters, do not use weights and thus should only be used on Cartesian grids (or at very low latitudes) only. If you want to apply such spatial filters you should project your data to an equal-area projection and run **grdfilter** on the resulting Cartesian grid.

To use the **-D 5** option the input Mercator grid must be created by `img2mercgrd` using the **-C** option so the

origin of the y-values is the Equator (i.e.,  $x = y = 0$  correspond to  $\text{lon} = \text{lat} = 0$ ).

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1), grdfft(1) img2mercgrd(1)*

**NAME**

grdgradient – Compute directional derivative or gradient from 2-D grid file representing z(x,y)

**SYNOPSIS**

**grdgradient** *in\_grdfile* **-G***out\_grdfile* [ **-A***azim*[/*azim2*] ] [ **-D**[**c**][**o**][**n**] ] [ **-E**[**s****p**]*azim/elev*[/*ambient/diffuse/specular/shine*] ] [ **-L***flag* ] [ **-M** ] [ **-N**[**e**][**t**][*amp*][/*sigma*][*offset*] ] [ **-S***slopefile* ] [ **-V** ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdgradient** may be used to compute the directional derivative in a given direction (**-A**), or the direction (**-S**) [and the magnitude (**-D**)] of the vector gradient of the data.

Estimated values in the first/last row/column of output depend on boundary conditions (see **-L**).

*in\_grdfile*

2-D grid file from which to compute directional derivative. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**-G** Name of the output grid file for the directional derivative. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Azimuthal direction for a directional derivative; *azim* is the angle in the x,y plane measured in degrees positive clockwise from north (the +y direction) toward east (the +x direction). The negative of the directional derivative,  $-[dz/dx*\sin(azim) + dz/dy*\cos(azim)]$ , is found; negation yields positive values when the slope of z(x,y) is downhill in the *azim* direction, the correct sense for shading the illumination of an image (see **grdimage** and **grdview**) by a light source above the x,y plane shining from the *azim* direction. Optionally, supply two azimuths, **-A***azim/azim2*, in which case the gradients in each of these directions are calculated and the one larger in magnitude is retained; this is useful for illuminating data with two directions of lineated structures, e.g., **-A**0/270 illuminates from the north (top) and west (left).
- D** Find the up-slope direction of the gradient of the data. By default, the directions are measured clockwise from north, as *azim* in **-A** above. Append **c** to use conventional Cartesian angles measured counterclockwise from the positive x (east) direction. Append **o** to report orientations (0-180) rather than directions (0-360). Append **n** to add 90 degrees to all angles (e.g., to give orientation of lineated features).
- E** Compute Lambertian radiance appropriate to use with **grdimage** and **grdview**. The Lambertian Reflection assumes an ideal surface that reflects all the light that strikes it and the surface appears equally bright from all viewing directions. *azim* and *elev* are the azimuth and elevation of light vector. Optionally, supply *ambient diffuse specular shine* which are parameters that control the reflectance properties of the surface. Default values are: 0.55/ 0.6/0.4/10 To leave some of the values untouched, specify = as the new value. For example **-E**60/30/=0.5 sets the *azim elev* and *diffuse* to 60, 30 and 0.5 and leaves the other reflectance parameters untouched. Append **s** to use a simpler Lambertian algorithm. Note that with this form you only have to provide the azimuth and elevation parameters. Append **p** to use the Peucker piecewise linear approximation (simpler but faster algorithm; in this case the *azim* and *elev* are hardwired to 315 and 45 degrees. This means that even if you provide other values they will be ignored.)
- L** Boundary condition *flag* may be *x* or *y* or *xy* indicating data is periodic in range of *x* or *y* or both, or *flag* may be *g* indicating geographical conditions (*x* and *y* are lon and lat). [Default uses "natural" conditions (second partial derivative normal to edge is zero).]
- M** By default the units of **grdgradient** are in units\_of\_z/ units\_of\_dx\_and\_dy. However, the user may choose this option to convert dx,dy in degrees of longitude,latitude into meters, so that the units of **grdgradient** are in z\_units/meter.
- N** Normalization. [Default: no normalization.] The actual gradients *g* are offset and scaled to produce normalized gradients *gn* with a maximum output magnitude of *amp*. If *amp* is not given, default *amp* = 1. If *offset* is not given, it is set to the average of *g*. **-N** yields  $gn = amp * (g - offset)/\max(\text{abs}(g - offset))$ . **-Ne** normalizes using a cumulative Laplace distribution yielding  $gn = amp * (1.0 -$

$\exp(\sqrt{2} * (g - \text{offset}) / \text{sigma}))$  where  $\text{sigma}$  is estimated using the L1 norm of  $(g - \text{offset})$  if it is not given. **-Nt** normalizes using a cumulative Cauchy distribution yielding  $gn = (2 * \text{amp} / \text{PI}) * \text{atan}((g - \text{offset}) / \text{sigma})$  where  $\text{sigma}$  is estimated using the L2 norm of  $(g - \text{offset})$  if it is not given.

- S** Name of output grid file with scalar magnitudes of gradient vectors. Requires **-D** but makes **-G** optional.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

## HINTS

If you don't know what OPT(N) options to use to make an intensity file for **grdimage** or **grdview**, a good first try is **-Ne 0.6**.

If you want to make several illuminated maps of subregions of a large data set, and you need the illumination effects to be consistent across all the maps, use the **-N** option and supply the same value of  $\text{sigma}$  and  $\text{offset}$  to **grdgradient** for each map. A good guess is  $\text{offset} = 0$  and  $\text{sigma}$  found by **grdinfo -L2** or **-L1** applied to an unnormalized gradient grid.

If you simply need the  $x$ - or  $y$ -derivatives of the grid, use **grdmath**.

## GRID FILE FORMATS

By default **GMT** writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, **GMT** is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. When reading grids, the format is generally automatically recognized. If not, the same suffix can be added to input grid file names. See **grdreform(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The `?varname` suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **grdreform(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## EXAMPLES

To make a file for illuminating the data in `geoid.grd` using `exp`-normalized gradients imitating light sources in the north and west directions:

```
grdgradient geoid.grd -A 0/270 -G gradients.grd -Ne0.6 -V
```

To find the azimuth orientations of seafloor fabric in the file `topo.grd`:

```
grdgradient topo.grd -Dno -G azimuths.grd -V
```

## REFERENCES

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## SEE ALSO

**GMT(1)**, **gmtdefaults(1)**, **grdhisteq(1)**, **grdimage(1)**, **grdview(1)**, **grdvector(1)**

**NAME**

`grdhisteq` – Histogram equalization for grid files

**SYNOPSIS**

`grdhisteq in_grdfile [ -Gout_grdfile ] [ -Cn_cells ] [ -D ] [ -N[norm] ] [ -Q ] [ -V ]`

**DESCRIPTION**

`grdhisteq` allows the user to find the data values which divide a given grid file into patches of equal area. One common use of `grdhisteq` is in a kind of histogram equalization of an image. In this application, the user might have a grid of flat topography with a mountain in the middle. Ordinary gray shading of this file (using `grdimage/grdview`) with a linear mapping from topography to graytone will result in most of the image being very dark gray, with the mountain being almost white. One could use `grdhisteq` to write to stdout an ASCII list of those data values which divide the range of the data into *n\_cells* segments, each of which has an equal area in the image. Using `awk` or `makecpt` one can take this output and build a `cpt` file; using the `cptfile` with `grdimage` will result in an image with all levels of gray occurring equally. Alternatively, see `grd2cpt`.

The second common use of `grdhisteq` is in writing a grid with statistics based on some kind of cumulative distribution function. In this application, the output has relative highs and lows in the same (x,y) locations as the input file, but the values are changed to reflect their place in some cumulative distribution. One example would be to find the lowest 10% of the data: Take a grid, run `grdhisteq` and make a grid using *n\_cells* = 10, and then contour the result to trace the 1 contour. This will enclose the lowest 10% of the data, regardless of their original values. Another example is in equalizing the output of `grdgradient`. For shading purposes it is desired that the data have a smooth distribution, such as a gaussian. If you run `grdhisteq` on output from `grdgradient` and make a grid file output with the Gaussian option, you will have a grid whose values are distributed according to a gaussian distribution with zero mean and unit variance. The locations of these values will correspond to the locations of the input; that is, the most negative output value will be in the (x,y) location of the most negative input value, and so on.

*in\_grdfile*

2-D binary grid file to be equalized. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- C Sets how many cells (or divisions) of data range to make.
- D Dump level information to standard output.
- G Name of output 2-D grid file. Used with -N only. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).
- N Gaussian output. Use with -G to make an output grid with standard normal scores. Append *norm* to force the scores to fall in the <-1,+1> range [Default is standard normal scores].
- Q Use quadratic intensity scaling. [Default is linear].
- V Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

**GRID FILE FORMATS**

By default `GMT` writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, `GMT` is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. When reading grids, the format is generally automatically recognized. If not, the same suffix can be added to input grid file names. See `grdreform(1)` and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, `GMT` will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax `GMT` into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the

filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The *?varname* suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **grdreformat**(1) and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## EXAMPLES

To find the height intervals that divide the file heights.grd into 16 divisions of equal area:

```
grdhisteq heights.grd -C 16 -D > levels.d
```

To make the poorly distributed intensities in the file raw\_intens.grd suitable for use with **grdimage** or **grdview**, run

```
grdhisteq raw_intens.grd -G smooth_intens.grd -N -V
```

## RESTRICTIONS

If you use **grdhisteq** to make a gaussian output for gradient shading in **grdimage** or **grdview**, you should be aware of the following: the output will be in the range  $[-x, x]$ , where  $x$  is based on the number of data in the input grid ( $n_x * n_y$ ) and the cumulative gaussian distribution function  $F(x)$ . That is, let  $N = n_x * n_y$ . Then  $x$  will be adjusted so that  $F(x) = (N - 1 + 0.5)/N$ . Since about 68% of the values from a standard normal distribution fall within  $\pm 1$ , this will be true of the output grid. But if  $N$  is very large, it is possible for  $x$  to be greater than 4. Therefore, with the **grdimage** program clipping gradients to the range  $[-1, 1]$ , you will get correct shading of 68% of your data, while 16% of them will be clipped to -1 and 16% of them clipped to +1. If this makes too much of the image too light or too dark, you should take the output of **grdhisteq** and rescale it using **grdmath** and multiplying by something less than 1.0, to shrink the range of the values, thus bringing more than 68% of the image into the range  $[-1, 1]$ . Alternatively, supply a normalization factor with  $-N$ .

## SEE ALSO

*gmtdefaults*(1), *GMT*(1), *grd2cpt*(1), *grdgradient*(1), *grdimage*(1), *grdmath*(1), *grdview*(1), *makecpt*(1)

**NAME**

grdimage – Create grayshaded or colored image from a 2-D netCDF grid file

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdimage grd_z | grd_r grd_g grd_b -Ccptfile [ -D[r] ] -Jparameters [ -B[p|s]parameters ] [ -Ei|dpi ] [ -G[f|b]color ] [ -Iintensfile ] [ -K ] [ -M ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Q ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -S[-]b|c|n[/threshold] ] [ -T ] [ -U[just/dx/dy/][c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -ccopies ] [ -f[i|o]colinfo ] [ -r ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdimage** reads one 2-D grid file and produces a gray-shaded (or colored) map by plotting rectangles centered on each grid node and assigning them a gray-shade (or color) based on the z-value. Alternatively, **grdimage** reads three 2-D grid files with the red, green, and blue components directly (all must be in the 0-255 range). Optionally, illumination may be added by providing a file with intensities in the (-1,+1) range. Values outside this range will be clipped. Such intensity files can be created from the grid using **grdgradient** and, optionally, modified by **grdmath** or **grdhisteq**.

When using map projections, the grid is first resampled on a new rectangular grid with the same dimensions. Higher resolution images can be obtained by using the **-E** option. To obtain the resampled value (and hence shade or color) of each map pixel, its location is inversely projected back onto the input grid after which a value is interpolated between the surrounding input grid values. By default bi-cubic interpolation is used. Aliasing is avoided by also forward projecting the input grid nodes. If two or more nodes are projected onto the same pixel, their average will dominate in the calculation of the pixel value. Interpolation and aliasing is controlled with the **-S** option.

The **-R** option can be used to select a map region larger or smaller than that implied by the extent of the grid.

A (color) *PostScript* file is output.

*grd\_z* | *grd\_r* *grd\_g* *grd\_b*

2-D gridded data set (or red, green, blue grids) to be imaged (See GRID FILE FORMATS below.)

**-C** name of the color palette table (for *grd\_z* only).

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in *.gmtdefaults4*, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.

More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

**-Jclon0/lat0/scale** (Cassini)

**-Jcyl\_stere**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)

**-Jj**[lon0/]scale (Miller)

**-Jm**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Mercator)

**-Jmlon0/lat0/scale** (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)

**-Jo[a]**lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)

**-Jo[b]**lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)

**-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale** (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)

**-Jq**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)

**-Jtlon0/[lat0/]]scale** (TM - Transverse Mercator)

**-Juzone/scale** (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)

**-Jy**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

- Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Albers)
- Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)
- Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jpoly***[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale* ((American) Polyconic)

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

- Ja***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Je***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp[a]***scale[/origin][r][z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale***[d][l][p]pow[t][T][y-scale[d][l][p]pow[t][T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)

### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- D** Specifies that the grid supplied is an image file to be read via GDAL. Obviously this option will work only with **GMT** versions built with GDAL support. The image can be indexed or true color (RGB) and can be an URL of a remotely located file. That is **-D** <http://www.somewhere.com/image.jpg> is a valid file syntax. Note, however, that to use it this way you must not be blocked by a proxy. If you are, chances are good that it can work by setting the environmental variable `http_proxy` with the value `'your_proxy:port'` Append **r** to use the region specified by **-R** to apply to the image. For example, if you have used **-Rd** then the image will be assigned the limits of a global domain. The interest of this mode is that you can project a raw image (an image without referencing coordinates).
- E** Sets the resolution of the projected grid that will be created if a map projection other than Linear or Mercator was selected. By default, the projected grid will be of the same size (rows and columns) as the input file. Specify **i** to use the *PostScript* image operator to interpolate the image at the device resolution.
- G** This option only applies when the resulting image otherwise would consist of only two colors: black (0) and white (255). If so, this option will instead use the image as a transparent mask and paint the mask (or its inverse, with **-Gb**) with the given color combination. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
- I** Gives the name of a grid file with intensities in the (-1,+1) range. [Default is no illumination].

- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- M** Force conversion to monochrome image using the (television) YIQ transformation. Cannot be used with **-Q**.
- N** Do not clip the image at the map boundary (only relevant for non-rectangular maps).
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Make grid nodes with  $z = \text{NaN}$  transparent, using the colormasking feature in *PostScript* Level 3 (the PS device must support PS Level 3).
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in  $[\pm]\text{dd}:\text{mm}[:\text{ss}.\text{xxx}][\text{W}|\text{E}|\text{S}|\text{N}]$  format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form  $[\text{date}]\mathbf{T}[\text{clock}]$  (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form  $[-]\text{yyyy}[-\text{mm}[-\text{dd}]]$  (Gregorian calendar) or  $\text{yyyy}[-\text{Www}[-\text{d}]]$  (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form  $\text{hh}:\text{mm}:\text{ss}[:\text{xxx}]$ . The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). You may ask for a larger *w/e/s/n* region to have more room between the image and the axes. A smaller region than specified in the grid file will result in a subset of the grid [Default is the region given by the grid file].
- S** Select the interpolation mode by adding **b** for B-spline smoothing, **c** for bicubic interpolation, **l** for bilinear interpolation, or **n** for nearest-neighbor value (for example to plot categorical data). Optionally, prepend **-** to switch off antialiasing. Add *lthreshold* to control how close to nodes with NaNs the interpolation will go. A *threshold* of 1.0 requires all (4 or 16) nodes involved in interpolation to be non-NaN. 0.5 will interpolate about half way from a non-NaN value; 0.1 will go about 90% of the way, etc. [Default is bicubic interpolation with antialiasing and a threshold of 0.5].
- T** This option has become OBSOLETE. Use **grdview -T** instead. Use **-Sn** to plot near-neighbor values only (use **-E** to increase the resolution). Use **-Sn -Q** to obtain something similar to the old option **-Ts**. The option **-To** is no longer supported.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by  $(x\text{-shift}, y\text{-shift})$  and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default  $(x\text{-shift}, y\text{-shift})$  is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or

column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID FILE FORMATS

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix **=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]**, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append **?varname** to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of **?** in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## IMAGING GRIDS WITH NANS

Be aware that if your input grid contains patches of NaNs, these patches can become larger as a consequence of the resampling that must take place with most map projections. Because **grdimage** uses the *PostScript* colorimage operator, for most non-linear projections we must resample your grid onto an equidistant rectangular lattice. If you find that the NaN areas are not treated adequately, consider (a) use a linear projection, or (b) use **grdview -Ts** instead.

## EXAMPLES

To gray-shade the file `hawaii_grav.grd` with shades given in `shades.cpt` on a Lambert map at 1.5 cm/degree along the standard parallels 18 and 24, and using 1 degree tickmarks:

```
grdimage hawaii_grav.grd -Jl 18/24/1.5c -C shades.cpt -B 1 > hawaii_grav_image.ps
```

To create an illuminated color *PostScript* plot of the gridded data set `image.grd`, using the intensities provided by the file `intens.grd`, and color levels in the file `colors.cpt`, with linear scaling at 10 inch/x-unit, tickmarks every 5 units:

```
grdimage image.grd -Jx 10i -C colors.cpt -I intens.grd -B 5 > image.ps
```

To create an false color *PostScript* plot from the three grid files `red.grd`, `green.grd`, and `blue.grd`, with linear scaling at 10 inch/x-unit, tickmarks every 5 units:

```
grdimage red.grd green.grd blue.grd -Jx 10i -B 5 > rgbimage.ps
```

When GDAL support is built in: To create a sinusoidal projection of a remotely located Jessica Rabbit

```
grdimage -Jl15c -Rd -Dr http://larryfire.files.wordpress.com/2009/07/untooned\_jessicarabbit.jpg -P > jess.ps
```

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gmt2rgb(1)*, *grdcontour(1)*, *grdview(1)*, *grdgradient(1)*, *grdhisteq(1)*

**NAME**

`grdinfo` – Get information about the contents of a 2-D grid file

**SYNOPSIS**

`grdinfo` *grdfiles* [ **-C** ] [ **-F** ] [ **-I**[*dx/dy*] ] [ **-L**[**0**|**1**|**2**] ] [ **-M** ] [ **-T***dz* ] [ **-V** ] [ **-f**[**i**|**o**]*colinfo* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

`grdinfo` reads a 2-D binary grid file and reports various statistics for the (*x,y,z*) data in the grid file(s). The output information contains the minimum/maximum values for *x*, *y*, and *z*, where the min/max of *z* occur, the *x*- and *y*-increments, and the number of *x* and *y* nodes, and [optionally] the mean, standard deviation, and/or the median, L1 scale of *z*, and number of nodes set to NaN.

*grdfile* The name of one or several 2-D grid files. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below.)

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- C** Formats the report using tab-separated fields on a single line. The output is *w e s n z0 z1 dx dy nx ny [ x0 y0 x1 y1 ] [ med scale ] [ mean std rms ] [n\_nan]*. The data in brackets are output only if the corresponding options **-M**, **-L1**, **-L2**, and **-M** are used, respectively. If the **-I** option is used, the output format is instead *NF w e s n z0 z1*, where *NF* is the total number of grids read and *w e s n* are rounded off (see **-I**).
- F** Report grid domain and x/y-increments in world mapping format [Default is generic]. Does not apply to the **-C** option.
- I** Report the min/max of the region to the nearest multiple of *dx* and *dy*, and output this in the form **-R***w/e/s/n* (unless **-C** is set). To report the actual grid region, select **-I-**. If no argument is given then we report the grid increment in the form **-I***xinc/yinc*.
- L0** Report range of *z* after actually scanning the data, not just reporting what the header says.
- L1** Report median and L1 scale of *z* (L1 scale = 1.4826 \* Median Absolute Deviation (MAD)).
- L2** Report mean, standard deviation, and rms of *z*.
- M** Find and report the location of min/max *z*-values, and count and report the number of nodes set to NaN, if any.
- T** Determine min and max *z*-value, round off to multiples of *dz*, and report as the text string **-T***zmin/zmax/dz* for use by **makecpt**.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f**[**i**|**o**]**g** means **-f**[**i**|**o**]**0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

**GRID FILE FORMATS**

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix *=id*[*scale*/*offset*][*nan*], where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See `grdreformat(1)` and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append *?varname* to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of **?** in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See `grdreformat(1)` and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or

5-dimensional grids.

**EXAMPLES**

To obtain all the information about the data set in file hawaii\_topo.grd:

```
grdinfo -L1 -L2 -M hawaii_topo.grd
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1), grd2cpt(1), grd2xyz(1), grdedit(1)*

**NAME**

grdlandmask – Create "wet-dry" mask grid file from shoreline data base.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdlandmask -Gmask_grd_file -Iinc[unit][=+][yinc[unit][=+]] -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [
-Amin_area[/min_level/max_level][+r][l][ppercent] ] [ -Dresolution[+] ] [ -F ] [ -Nmaskvalues[o] ] [ -V ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdlandmask** reads the selected shoreline database and uses that information to decide which nodes in the specified grid are over land or over water. The nodes defined by the selected region and lattice spacing will be set according to one of two criteria: (1) land vs water, or (2) the more detailed (hierarchical) ocean vs land vs lake vs island vs pond. The resulting mask may be used in subsequent operations involving **grdmath** to mask out data from land [or water] areas.

- G** Name of resulting output mask grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).
- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.
- R** *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* specify the Region of interest, and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]*dd:mm[:ss.xxx]*[**W**|**E**|**S**|**N**] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid.

**OPTIONS**

- A** Features with an area smaller than *min\_area* in km<sup>2</sup> or of hierarchical level that is lower than *min\_level* or higher than *max\_level* will not be plotted [Default is 0/0/4 (all features)]. Level 2 (lakes) contains regular lakes and wide river bodies which we normally include as lakes; append **+r** to just get river-lakes or **+l** to just get regular lakes (requires GSHHS 2.0.1 or higher). Finally, append **+ppercent** to exclude polygons whose percentage area of the corresponding full-resolution feature is less than *percent* (requires GSHHS 2.0 or higher). See GSHHS INFORMATION below for more details.
- D** Selects the resolution of the data set to use ((**f**ull), (**h**igh), (**i**ntermediate), (**l**ow, or (**c**rude)). The resolution drops off by ~80% between data sets. [Default is **l**]. Append + to automatically select a lower resolution should the one requested not be available [abort if not found]. Note that because the coastlines differ in details a node in a mask file using one resolution is not guaranteed to remain inside [or outside] when a different resolution is selected.
- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.)
- N** Sets the values that will be assigned to nodes. Values can be any number, including the textstring NaN. Append **o** to let nodes exactly on feature boundaries be considered outside [Default is inside]. Specify this information using 1 of 2 formats:
  - N***wet/dry*.
  - N***ocean/land/lake/island/pond*.

[Default is 0/1/0/1/0 (i.e., 0/1)].

**-V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

## GRID FILE FORMATS

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When writing a netCDF file, the grid is stored by default with the variable name "z". To specify another variable name *varname*, append `?varname` to the file name. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes.

## EXAMPLES

To set all nodes on land to NaN, and nodes over water to 1, using the high resolution data set, do

```
grdlandmask -R-60/-40/-40/-30 -Dh -i 5m -N 1/NaN -G land_mask.grd -V
```

To make a 1x1 degree global grid with the hierarchical levels of the nodes based on the low resolution data:

```
grdlandmask -R 0/360/-90/90 -DI -I 1 -N 0/1/2/3/4 -G levels.grd -V
```

## GSHHS INFORMATION

The coastline database is GSHHS which is compiled from two sources: World Vector Shorelines (WVS) and CIA World Data Bank II (WDBII). In particular, all level-1 polygons (ocean-land boundary) are derived from the more accurate WVS while all higher level polygons (level 2-4, representing land/lake, lake/island-in-lake, and island-in-lake/lake-in-island-in-lake boundaries) are taken from WDBII. Much processing has taken place to convert WVS and WDBII data into usable form for **GMT**: assembling closed polygons from line segments, checking for duplicates, and correcting for crossings between polygons. The area of each polygon has been determined so that the user may choose not to draw features smaller than a minimum area (see `-A`); one may also limit the highest hierarchical level of polygons to be included (4 is the maximum). The 4 lower-resolution databases were derived from the full resolution database using the Douglas-Peucker line-simplification algorithm. The classification of rivers and borders follow that of the WDBII. See the **GMT** Cookbook and Technical Reference Appendix K for further details.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *grdmath(1)*, *grdclip(1)*, *psmask(1)*, *psclip(1)*, *pscoast(1)*

**NAME**

`grdmask` – Create mask grid files from xy paths.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdmask pathfiles -Gmask_grd_file -Iinc[unit][=+][/yinc[unit][=+]] -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [
-A[m|p] ] [ -F ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Nout/edge/in ] [ -Ssearch_radius[m|c|k|K] ] [ -V ] [ -:[i|o] ] [
-bi[s|S|d|D[ncol]|c[var1/...]] ] [ -fcolinfo ] [ -m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdmask** can operate in two different modes. 1. It reads one or more xy-files that each define a closed polygon. The nodes defined by the specified region and lattice spacing will be set equal to one of three possible values depending on whether the node is outside, on the polygon perimeter, or inside the polygon. The resulting mask may be used in subsequent operations involving **grdmath** to mask out data from polygonal areas. 2. The xy-files simply represent data point locations and the mask is set to the inside or outside value depending on whether a node is within a maximum distance from the nearest data point. If the distance specified is zero then only the nodes nearest each data point are considered "inside".

*pathfiles*

The name of 1 or more ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] files holding the polygon(s) or data points.

- G** Name of resulting output mask grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).
- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If **=** is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending **+** to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in **[+/-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]** format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form **[date]T[clock]** (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form **[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]** (Gregorian calendar) or **yyyy[-Www[-d]]** (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form **hh:mm:ss[.xxx]**. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

- A** If the input data are geographic (as indicated by **-fi**) then the sides in the polygons will be approximated by great circle arcs. When using the **-A** sides will be regarded as straight lines. Alternatively, append **m** to have sides first follow meridians, then parallels. Or append **p** to **first follow parallels, then meridians**.
- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.)

- H Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is `N_HEADER_RECS`. Use `-Hi` if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- N Sets the values that will be assigned to nodes that are *outside* the polygons, on the *edge*, or *inside*. Values can be any number, including the textstring NaN [Default is 0/0/1].
- S Set nodes depending on their distance from the nearest data point. Nodes within *radius* [0] from a data point are considered inside. Append `m` to indicate minutes or `c` to indicate seconds. Append `k` to indicate km (implies `-R` and `-I` are in degrees, and we will use a fast flat Earth approximation to calculate distance). For more accuracy, use uppercase `K` if distances should be calculated along geodesics. However, if the current **ELLIPSOID** is spherical then great circle calculations are used. If `-S` is not set then we consider the input data to define closed polygon(s) instead.
- V Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- bi Selects binary input. Append `s` for single precision [Default is `d` (double)]. Uppercase `S` or `D` will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append `ncol`, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append `c` if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append `var1/var2/...` to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- f Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify `i` or `o` to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append `T` (absolute calendar time), `t` (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), `x` (longitude), `y` (latitude), or `f` (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand `-f[i | o]x,1y` means `-f[i | o]0x,1y` (geographic coordinates).
- m Multiple segment file. Segments are separated by a record whose first character is *flag*. [Default is '>'].

## GRID FILE FORMATS

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When writing a netCDF file, the grid is stored by default with the variable name "z". To specify another variable name *varname*, append `?varname` to the file name. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes.

## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the `-f` or `-R` options. For example, both `-f0x -f1t` and `-R 90w/90e/0t/3t` will result in a longitude/time grid. When the *x*, *y*, or *z* coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

To set all nodes inside and on the polygons coastline\_\*.xy to 0, and outside points to 1, do

```
grdmask coastline_*.xy -R-60/-40/-40/-30 -I 5m -N 1/0/0 -G land_mask.grd -V
```

To set nodes within 50 km of data points to 1 and other nodes to NaN, do

```
grdmask data.xyz -R-60/-40/-40/-30 -I 5m -N NaN/1/1 -S 50k -G data_mask.grd -V
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *grdlandmask(1)*, *grdmath(1)*, *grdclip(1)*, *psmask(1)*, *psclip(1)*

**NAME**

grdmath – Reverse Polish Notation calculator for grid files

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdmath [ -F ] [ -Ixinc[unit][=+][/yinc[unit][=+]] ] [ -M ] [ -N ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -V ] [
-bi[s|S|d|D[ncol][c[var1!...]] ] [ -fcolinfo ] operand [ operand ] OPERATOR [ operand ] OPERATOR ...
= outgrdfile
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdmath** will perform operations like add, subtract, multiply, and divide on one or more grid files or constants using Reverse Polish Notation (RPN) syntax (e.g., Hewlett-Packard calculator-style). Arbitrarily complicated expressions may therefore be evaluated; the final result is written to an output grid file. When two grids are on the stack, each element in file A is modified by the corresponding element in file B. However, some operators only require one operand (see below). If no grid files are used in the expression then options **-R**, **-I** must be set (and optionally **-F**). The expression = *outgrdfile* can occur as many times as the depth of the stack allows.

*operand*

If *operand* can be opened as a file it will be read as a grid file. If not a file, it is interpreted as a numerical constant or a special symbol (see below).

*outgrdfile*

The name of a 2-D grid file that will hold the final result. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below).

**OPERATORS**

Choose among the following 147 operators. "args" are the number of input and output arguments.

Operator	args	Returns
<b>ABS</b>	1 1	abs (A).
<b>ACOS</b>	1 1	acos (A).
<b>ACOSH</b>	1 1	acosh (A).
<b>ACOT</b>	1 1	acot (A).
<b>ACSC</b>	1 1	acsc (A).
<b>ADD</b>	2 1	A + B.
<b>AND</b>	2 1	NaN if A and B == NaN, B if A == NaN, else A.
<b>ASEC</b>	1 1	asec (A).
<b>ASIN</b>	1 1	asin (A).
<b>ASINH</b>	1 1	asinh (A).
<b>ATAN</b>	1 1	atan (A).
<b>ATAN2</b>	2 1	atan2 (A, B).
<b>ATANH</b>	1 1	atanh (A).
<b>BEI</b>	1 1	bei (A).
<b>BER</b>	1 1	ber (A).
<b>CAZ</b>	2 1	Cartesian azimuth from grid nodes to stack x,y.
<b>CBAZ</b>	2 1	Cartesian backazimuth from grid nodes to stack x,y.
<b>CDIST</b>	2 1	Cartesian distance between grid nodes and stack x,y.
<b>CEIL</b>	1 1	ceil (A) (smallest integer >= A).
<b>CHICRIT</b>	2 1	Critical value for chi-squared-distribution, with alpha = A and n = B.
<b>CHIDIST</b>	2 1	chi-squared-distribution P(chi2,n), with chi2 = A and n = B.
<b>CORRCOEFF</b>	2 1	Correlation coefficient r(A, B).
<b>COS</b>	1 1	cos (A) (A in radians).
<b>COSD</b>	1 1	cos (A) (A in degrees).
<b>COSH</b>	1 1	cosh (A).
<b>COT</b>	1 1	cot (A) (A in radians).
<b>COTD</b>	1 1	cot (A) (A in degrees).
<b>CPOISS</b>	2 1	Cumulative Poisson distribution F(x,lambda), with x = A and lambda =

B.		
<b>CSC</b>	1 1	csc (A) (A in radians).
<b>CSCD</b>	1 1	csc (A) (A in degrees).
<b>CURV</b>	1 1	Curvature of A (Laplacian).
<b>D2DX2</b>	1 1	$d^2(A)/dx^2$ 2nd derivative.
<b>D2DXY</b>	1 1	$d^2(A)/dxdy$ 2nd derivative.
<b>D2DY2</b>	1 1	$d^2(A)/dy^2$ 2nd derivative.
<b>D2R</b>	1 1	Converts Degrees to Radians.
<b>DDX</b>	1 1	$d(A)/dx$ Central 1st derivative.
<b>DDY</b>	1 1	$d(A)/dy$ Central 1st derivative.
<b>DEG2KM</b>	1 1	Converts Spherical Degrees to Kilometers.
<b>DILOG</b>	1 1	dilog (A).
<b>DIV</b>	2 1	A / B.
<b>DUP</b>	1 2	Places duplicate of A on the stack.
<b>EQ</b>	2 1	1 if A == B, else 0.
<b>ERF</b>	1 1	Error function erf (A).
<b>ERFC</b>	1 1	Complementary Error function erfc (A).
<b>ERFINV</b>	1 1	Inverse error function of A.
<b>EXCH</b>	2 2	Exchanges A and B on the stack.
<b>EXP</b>	1 1	exp (A).
<b>EXTREMA</b>	1 1	Local Extrema: +2/-2 is max/min, +1/-1 is saddle with max/min in x, 0 elsewhere.
<b>FACT</b>	1 1	A! (A factorial).
<b>FCRIT</b>	3 1	Critical value for F-distribution, with alpha = A, n1 = B, and n2 = C.
<b>FDIST</b>	3 1	F-distribution Q(F,n1,n2), with F = A, n1 = B, and n2 = C.
<b>FLIPLR</b>	1 1	Reverse order of values in each row.
<b>FLIPUD</b>	1 1	Reverse order of values in each column.
<b>FLOOR</b>	1 1	floor (A) (greatest integer $\leq$ A).
<b>FMOD</b>	2 1	A % B (remainder after truncated division).
<b>GE</b>	2 1	1 if A $\geq$ B, else 0.
<b>GT</b>	2 1	1 if A > B, else 0.
<b>HYPOT</b>	2 1	hypot (A, B) = $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$ .
<b>I0</b>	1 1	Modified Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 0).
<b>I1</b>	1 1	Modified Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 1).
<b>IN</b>	2 1	Modified Bessel function of A (1st kind, order B).
<b>INRANGE</b>	3 1	1 if B $\leq$ A $\leq$ C, else 0.
<b>INSIDE</b>	1 1	1 when inside or on polygon(s) in A, else 0.
<b>INV</b>	1 1	1 / A.
<b>ISNAN</b>	1 1	1 if A == NaN, else 0.
<b>J0</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 0).
<b>J1</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (1st kind, order 1).
<b>JN</b>	2 1	Bessel function of A (1st kind, order B).
<b>K0</b>	1 1	Modified Kelvin function of A (2nd kind, order 0).
<b>K1</b>	1 1	Modified Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order 1).
<b>KEI</b>	1 1	kei (A).
<b>KER</b>	1 1	ker (A).
<b>KM2DEG</b>	1 1	Converts Kilometers to Spherical Degrees.
<b>KN</b>	2 1	Modified Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order B).
<b>KURT</b>	1 1	Kurtosis of A.
<b>LDIST</b>	1 1	Compute distance from lines in multi-segment ASCII file A.
<b>LE</b>	2 1	1 if A $\leq$ B, else 0.
<b>LMSSCL</b>	1 1	LMS scale estimate (LMS STD) of A.
<b>LOG</b>	1 1	log (A) (natural log).
<b>LOG10</b>	1 1	log10 (A) (base 10).

<b>LOG1P</b>	1 1	log (1+A) (accurate for small A).
<b>LOG2</b>	1 1	log <sub>2</sub> (A) (base 2).
<b>LOWER</b>	1 1	The lowest (minimum) value of A.
<b>LRAND</b>	2 1	Laplace random noise with mean A and std. deviation B.
<b>LT</b>	2 1	1 if A < B, else 0.
<b>MAD</b>	1 1	Median Absolute Deviation (L1 STD) of A.
<b>MAX</b>	2 1	Maximum of A and B.
<b>MEAN</b>	1 1	Mean value of A.
<b>MED</b>	1 1	Median value of A.
<b>MIN</b>	2 1	Minimum of A and B.
<b>MOD</b>	2 1	A mod B (remainder after floored division).
<b>MODE</b>	1 1	Mode value (Least Median of Squares) of A.
<b>MUL</b>	2 1	A * B.
<b>NAN</b>	2 1	NaN if A == B, else A.
<b>NEG</b>	1 1	-A.
<b>NEQ</b>	2 1	1 if A != B, else 0.
<b>NOT</b>	1 1	NaN if A == NaN, 1 if A == 0, else 0.
<b>NRAND</b>	2 1	Normal, random values with mean A and std. deviation B.
<b>OR</b>	2 1	NaN if A or B == NaN, else A.
<b>PDIST</b>	1 1	Compute distance from points in ASCII file A.
<b>PLM</b>	3 1	Associated Legendre polynomial P(A) degree B order C.
<b>PLMg</b>	3 1	Normalized associated Legendre polynomial P(A) degree B order C (geophysical convention).
<b>POP</b>	1 0	Delete top element from the stack.
<b>POW</b>	2 1	A ^ B.
<b>PQUANT</b>	2 1	The B'th Quantile (0-100%) of A.
<b>PSI</b>	1 1	Psi (or Digamma) of A.
<b>PV</b>	3 1	Legendre function P <sub>v</sub> (A) of degree v = real(B) + imag(C).
<b>QV</b>	3 1	Legendre function Q <sub>v</sub> (A) of degree v = real(B) + imag(C).
<b>R2</b>	2 1	R2 = A <sup>2</sup> + B <sup>2</sup> .
<b>R2D</b>	1 1	Convert Radians to Degrees.
<b>RAND</b>	2 1	Uniform random values between A and B.
<b>RINT</b>	1 1	rint (A) (nearest integer).
<b>ROTX</b>	2 1	Rotate A by the (constant) shift B in x-direction.
<b>ROTY</b>	2 1	Rotate A by the (constant) shift B in y-direction.
<b>SAZ</b>	2 1	Spherical azimuth from grid nodes to stack x,y.
<b>SBAZ</b>	2 1	Spherical backazimuth from grid nodes to stack x,y.
<b>SDIST</b>	2 1	Spherical (Great circle geodesic) distance (in km) between grid nodes and stack lon,lat (A, B).
<b>SEC</b>	1 1	sec (A) (A in radians).
<b>SECD</b>	1 1	sec (A) (A in degrees).
<b>SIGN</b>	1 1	sign (+1 or -1) of A.
<b>SIN</b>	1 1	sin (A) (A in radians).
<b>SINC</b>	1 1	sinc (A) (sin (pi*A)/(pi*A)).
<b>SIND</b>	1 1	sin (A) (A in degrees).
<b>SINH</b>	1 1	sinh (A).
<b>SKEW</b>	1 1	Skewness of A.
<b>SQR</b>	1 1	A <sup>2</sup> .
<b>SQRT</b>	1 1	sqrt (A).
<b>STD</b>	1 1	Standard deviation of A.
<b>STEP</b>	1 1	Heaviside step function: H(A).
<b>STEPX</b>	1 1	Heaviside step function in x: H(x-A).
<b>STEPY</b>	1 1	Heaviside step function in y: H(y-A).
<b>SUB</b>	2 1	A - B.

<b>TAN</b>	1 1	tan (A) (A in radians).
<b>TAND</b>	1 1	tan (A) (A in degrees).
<b>TANH</b>	1 1	tanh (A).
<b>TCRIT</b>	2 1	Critical value for Student's t-distribution, with alpha = A and n = B.
<b>TDIST</b>	2 1	Student's t-distribution A(t,n), with t = A, and n = B.
<b>TN</b>	2 1	Chebyshev polynomial Tn(-1<t<+1,n), with t = A, and n = B.
<b>UPPER</b>	1 1	The highest (maximum) value of A.
<b>XOR</b>	2 1	0 if A == NaN and B == NaN, NaN if B == NaN, else A.
<b>Y0</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order 0).
<b>Y1</b>	1 1	Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order 1).
<b>YLM</b>	2 2	Re and Im orthonormalized spherical harmonics degree A order B.
<b>YLMg</b>	2 2	Cos and Sin normalized spherical harmonics degree A order B (geophysical convention).
<b>YN</b>	2 1	Bessel function of A (2nd kind, order B).
<b>ZCRIT</b>	1 1	Critical value for the normal-distribution, with alpha = A.
<b>ZDIST</b>	1 1	Cumulative normal-distribution C(x), with x = A.

## SYMBOLS

The following symbols have special meaning:

<b>PI</b>	3.1415926...
<b>E</b>	2.7182818...
<b>EULER</b>	0.5772156...
<b>XMIN</b>	Minimum x value
<b>XMAX</b>	Maximum x value
<b>XINC</b>	x increment
<b>NX</b>	The number of x nodes
<b>YMIN</b>	Minimum y value
<b>YMAX</b>	Maximum y value
<b>YINC</b>	y increment
<b>NY</b>	The number of y nodes
<b>X</b>	Grid with x-coordinates
<b>Y</b>	Grid with y-coordinates
<b>Xn</b>	Grid with normalized [-1 to +1] x-coordinates
<b>Yn</b>	Grid with normalized [-1 to +1] y-coordinates

## OPTIONS

- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.) Only used with **-R -I**.
- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.
- M** By default any derivatives calculated are in *z\_units/ x(or y)\_units*. However, the user may choose this option to convert dx,dy in degrees of longitude,latitude into meters using a flat Earth approximation, so that gradients are in *z\_units/meter*.

- N** Turn off strict domain match checking when multiple grids are manipulated [Default will insist that each grid domain is within  $1e-4$  \* grid\_spacing of the domain of the first grid listed].
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+ -]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. The binary input option only applies to the data files needed by operators **LDIST**, **PDIST**, and **INSIDE**.
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## NOTES ON OPERATORS

(1) The operator **SDIST** calculates spherical distances in km between the (lon, lat) point on the stack and all node positions in the grid. The grid domain and the (lon, lat) point are expected to be in degrees. Similarly, the **SAZ** and **SBAZ** operators calculate spherical azimuth and back-azimuths in degrees, respectively. A few operators (**PDIST**, **LDIST**, and **INSIDE**) expects their argument to be a single file with points, lines, or polygons, respectively. These distances will be in km (for geographical data, i.e., **-fg** and Cartesian otherwise. Be aware that **LDIST** in particular can be slow for large grids and numerous line segments. Note: If the current **ELLIPSOID** is not spherical then geodesics are used in the calculations.

(2) The operator **PLM** calculates the associated Legendre polynomial of degree L and order M ( $0 \leq M \leq L$ ), and its argument is the sine of the latitude. **PLM** is not normalized and includes the Condon-Shortley phase  $(-1)^M$ . **PLMg** is normalized in the way that is most commonly used in geophysics. The C-S phase can be added by using **-M** as argument. **PLM** will overflow at higher degrees, whereas **PLMg** is stable until ultra high degrees (at least 3000).

(3) The operators **YLM** and **YLMg** calculate normalized spherical harmonics for degree L and order M ( $0 \leq M \leq L$ ) for all positions in the grid, which is assumed to be in degrees. **YLM** and **YLMg** return two grids, the real (cosine) and imaginary (sine) component of the complex spherical harmonic. Use the **POP** operator (and **EXCH**) to get rid of one of them, or save both by giving two consecutive = file.grd calls. The orthonormalized complex harmonics **YLM** are most commonly used in physics and seismology. The square of **YLM** integrates to 1 over a sphere. In geophysics, **YLMg** is normalized to produce unit power when averaging the cosine and sine terms (separately!) over a sphere (i.e., their squares each integrate to  $4\pi$ ). The Condon-Shortley phase  $(-1)^M$  is not included in **YLM** or **YLMg**, but it can be added by using **-M** as argument.

(4) All the derivatives are based on central finite differences, with natural boundary conditions.

- (5) Files that have the same names as some operators, e.g., **ADD**, **SIGN**, **=**, etc. should be identified by prepending the current directory (i.e., **./LOG**).
- (6) Piping of files is not allowed.
- (7) The stack depth limit is hard-wired to 100.
- (8) All functions expecting a positive radius (e.g., **LOG**, **KEI**, etc.) are passed the absolute value of their argument.

## GRID VALUES PRECISION

Regardless of the precision of the input data, GMT programs that create grid files will internally hold the grids in 4-byte floating point arrays. This is done to conserve memory and furthermore most if not all real data can be stored using 4-byte floating point values. Data with higher precision (i.e., double precision values) will lose that precision once GMT operates on the grid or writes out new grids. To limit loss of precision when processing data you should always consider normalizing the data prior to processing.

## GRID FILE FORMATS

By default **GMT** writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, **GMT** is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. When reading grids, the format is generally automatically recognized. If not, the same suffix can be added to input grid file names. See **gridreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The `?varname` suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **gridreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the `-f` or `-R` options. For example, both `-f0x -flt` and `-R 90w/90e/0t/3t` will result in a longitude/time grid. When the x, y, or z coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the `.gmtdefaults` file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

To take log<sub>10</sub> of the average of 2 files, use

```
grdmath file1.grd file2.grd ADD 0.5 MUL LOG10 = file3.grd
```

Given the file `ages.grd`, which holds seafloor ages in m.y., use the relation  $\text{depth(in m)} = 2500 + 350 * \text{sqrt}(\text{age})$  to estimate normal seafloor depths:

```
grdmath ages.grd SQRT 350 MUL 2500 ADD = depths.grd
```

To find the angle *a* (in degrees) of the largest principal stress from the stress tensor given by the three files `s_xx.grd` `s_yy.grd`, and `s_xy.grd` from the relation  $\tan(2*a) = 2 * s_{xy} / (s_{xx} - s_{yy})$ , use

**grdmath** 2 s\_xy.grd **MUL** s\_xx.grd s\_yy.grd **SUB DIV ATAN 2 DIV** = direction.grd

To calculate the fully normalized spherical harmonic of degree 8 and order 4 on a 1 by 1 degree world map, using the real amplitude 0.4 and the imaginary amplitude 1.1:

**grdmath** -R 0/360/-90/90 -I 1 8 4 **YML** 1.1 **MUL EXCH** 0.4 **MUL ADD** = harm.grd

To extract the locations of local maxima that exceed 100 mGal in the file faa.grd:

**grdmath** faa.grd **DUP EXTREMA 2 EQ MUL DUP** 100 **GT MUL** 0 **NAN** = z.grd  
**grd2xyz** z.grd -S > max.xyz

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## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtmath*(1), *grd2xyz*(1), *grdedit*(1), *grdinfo*(1), *xyz2grd*(1)

**NAME**

`grdpaste` – Paste together two `.grd` files along a common edge.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdpaste file_a.grd file_b.grd -Goutfile.grd [ -V ] [ -f[i|o]colinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdpaste** will combine *file\_a.grd* and *file\_b.grd* into *outfile.grd* by pasting them together along their common edge. Files *file\_a.grd* and *file\_b.grd* must have the same dx, dy and have one edge in common. If in doubt, check with **grdinfo** and use **grdcut** and/or **grdsample** if necessary to prepare the edge joint. For geographical grids, use **-f** to handle periodic longitudes.

*file\_a.grd*

One of two files to be pasted together.

*file\_b.grd*

The other of two files to be pasted together.

**-G***outfile.grd*

The name for the combined output.

**OPTIONS**

- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

**GRID FILE FORMATS**

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When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The `?varname` suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

**EXAMPLES**

Suppose *file\_a.grd* is 150E - 180E and 0 - 30N, and *file\_b.grd* is 150E - 180E, -30S - 0, then you can make *outfile.grd* which will be 150 - 180 and -30S - 30N by:

```
grdpaste file_a.grd file_b.grd -G outfile.grd -V -fg
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *grdcut(1)*, *grdinfo(1)*, *grdsample(1)*

**NAME**

grdproject – Forward and Inverse map transformation of 2-D grid files

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdproject in_grdfile -Gout_grdfile -Jparameters [ -A[k|m|n|i|c|p] ] [ -C[dx/dy] ] [
-Dxinc[unit][=+][yinc[unit][=+]] ] [ -Edpi ] [ -F ] [ -I ] [ -Mc|i|m|p ] [ -Nnx/ny ] [
-Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -S[-]b|c|l|n[/threshold] ] [ -V ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdproject** will do one of two things depending whether **-I** has been set. If set, it will transform a gridded data set from a rectangular coordinate system onto a geographical system by resampling the surface at the new nodes. If not set, it will project a geographical gridded data set onto a rectangular grid. To obtain the value at each new node, its location is inversely projected back onto the input grid after which a value is interpolated between the surrounding input grid values. By default bi-cubic interpolation is used. Aliasing is avoided by also forward projecting the input grid nodes. If two or more nodes are projected onto the same new node, their average will dominate in the calculation of the new node value. Interpolation and aliasing is controlled with the **-S** option. The new node spacing may be determined in one of several ways by specifying the grid spacing, number of nodes, or resolution. Nodes not constrained by input data are set to NaN.

The **-R** option can be used to select a map region larger or smaller than that implied by the extent of the grid file.

*in\_grdfile*

2-D binary grid file to be transformed. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below.)

- G** Specify the name of the output grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below.)
- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in .gmtdefaults4, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively. More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jclon0/lat0/scale** (Cassini)
- Jcyl\_stere**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- Jj**[lon0/]scale (Miller)
- Jm**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Mercator)
- Jmlon0/lat0/scale** (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
- Jo[a]**lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
- Jo[b]**lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)
- Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale** (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
- Jq**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)
- Jtlon0/[lat0/]]scale** (TM - Transverse Mercator)
- Juzone/scale** (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
- Jy**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

- Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale** (Albers)
- Jd**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)
- Jl**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jpoly**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale ((American) Polyconic)

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Je***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (General Stereographic)

**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:**

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

**NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jp[a]***scale[/origin][r|z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]] (Linear, log, and power scaling)**

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Force 1:1 scaling, i.e., output (or input, see –**I**) data are in actual projected meters. To specify other units, append **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), **i** (inch), **c** (cm), or **p** (points). Without –**A**, the output (or input, see –**I**) are in the units specified by **MEASURE\_UNIT** (but see –**M**).
- C** Let projected coordinates be relative to projection center [Default is relative to lower left corner]. Optionally, add offsets in the projected units to be added (or subtracted when –**I** is set) to (from) the projected coordinates, such as false eastings and northings for particular projection zones [0/0].
- D** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If **=** is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending **+** to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if –**R***gridfile* is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use –**D** to override the values.
- E** Set the resolution for the new grid in dots per inch.
- F** Toggle between pixel and gridline node registration [Default is same as input].
- I** Do the Inverse transformation, from rectangular to geographical.
- M** Append **c**, **i**, or **m** to indicate that cm, inch, or meter should be the projected measure unit [Default is set by **MEASURE\_UNIT** in .gmtdefaults4]. Cannot be used with –**A**.

- N** Set the number of grid nodes in the new grid.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+ -]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). You may ask to project only a subset of the grid by specifying a smaller input w/e/s/n region [Default is the region given by the grid file]. Special case for the UTM projection: If **-C** and **-I** are used and **-R** is not given then the region is set to coincide with the given UTM zone so as to preserve the full ellipsoidal solution (See **RESTRICTIONS** for more information).
- S** Select the interpolation mode by adding **b** for B-spline smoothing, **c** for bicubic interpolation, **I** for bilinear interpolation, or **n** for nearest-neighbor value (for example to plot categorical data). Optionally, prepend - to switch off antialiasing. Add *threshold* to control how close to nodes with NaNs the interpolation will go. A *threshold* of 1.0 requires all (4 or 16) nodes involved in interpolation to be non-NaN. 0.5 will interpolate about half way from a non-NaN value; 0.1 will go about 90% of the way, etc. [Default is bicubic interpolation with antialiasing and a threshold of 0.5].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

## GRID FILE FORMATS

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When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append *?varname* to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of **?** in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The *?varname* suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **gridreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## EXAMPLES

To transform the geographical grid *dbdb5.grd* onto a pixel Mercator grid at 300 dpi, run

```
gridproject dbdb5.grd -R 20/50/12/25 -Jm 0.25i -E 300 -F -G dbdb5_merc.grd
```

To inversely transform the file *topo\_tm.grd* back onto a geographical grid, use

```
gridproject topo_tm.grd -R-80/-70/20/40 -Jt-75/1:500000 -I -D 5m -V -G topo.grd
```

This assumes, of course, that the coordinates in *topo\_tm.grd* were created with the same projection

parameters.

To inversely transform the file `topo_utm.grd` (which is in UTM meters) back to a geographical grid we specify a one-to-one mapping with meter as the measure unit:

```
grdproject topo_utm.grd -R 203/205/60/65 -Ju 5/1:1 -I -Mm -G topo.grd -V
```

## RESTRICTIONS

The boundaries of a projected (rectangular) data set will not necessarily give rectangular geographical boundaries (Mercator is one exception). In those cases some nodes may be unconstrained (set to NaN). To get a full grid back, your input grid may have to cover a larger area than you are interested in.

For some projections, a spherical solution may be used despite the user having selected an ellipsoid. This occurs when the users **-R** setting implies a region that exceeds the domain in which the ellipsoidal series expansions are valid. These are the conditions: (1) Lambert Conformal Conic (**-JL**) and Albers Equal-Area (**-JB**) will use the spherical solution when the map scale exceeds 1.0E7. (2) Transverse Mercator (**-JT**) and UTM (**-JU**) will use the spherical solution when either the west or east boundary given in **-R** is more than 10 degrees from the central meridian, and (3) same for Cassini (**-JC**) but with a limit of only 4 degrees.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *mapproject(1)*

**NAME**

grdreformat – Converting between different grid file formats.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdreformat ingrdfile[=id/scale/offset/NaNvalue]]] outgrdfile[=id/scale/offset/NaNvalue]]] [ -N ] [
-Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -f[i/o]colinfo] ] [ -V ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdreformat** reads a grid file in one format and writes it out using another format. As an option the user may select a subset of the data to be written and to specify scaling, translation, and NaN-value.

*ingrdfile*

The grid file to be read. Append format *=id* code if not a standard COARDS-compliant netCDF grid file. If *=id* is set (see below), you may optionally append *scale* and *offset*. These options will scale the data and then offset them with the specified amounts after reading.

If *scale* and *offset* are supplied you may also append a value that represents 'Not-a-Number' (for floating-point grids this is unnecessary since the IEEE NaN is used; however integers need a value which means no data available.)

*outgrdfile*

The grid file to be written. Append format *=id* code if not a standard COARDS-compliant netCDF grid file. If *=id* is set (see below), you may optionally append *scale* and *offset*. These options are particularly practical when storing the data as integers, first removing an offset and then scaling down the values. Since the scale and offset are applied in reverse order when reading, this does not affect the data values (except for round-offs).

If *scale* and *offset* are supplied you may also append a value that represents 'Not-a-Number' (for floating-point grids this is unnecessary since the IEEE NaN is used; however integers need a value which means no data available.)

**OPTIONS**

- N** Suppress the writing of the **GMT** header structure. This is useful when you want to write a native grid to be used by **grdraster**. It only applies to native grids and is ignored for netCDF output.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]*dd*:*mm*[:*ss*.*xxx*][**W**|**E**|**S**|**N**] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX**|**x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX**|**x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]*yyyy*[-*mm*[-*dd*]] (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy*[-*Www*[-*d*]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh*:*mm*:*ss*[.*xxx*]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f**[**i**/**o**]**g** means **-f**[**i**/**o**]**0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

**FORMAT IDENTIFIER**

By default, grids will be written as floating point data stored in binary files using the netCDF format and meta-data structure. This format is conform the COARDS conventions. **GMT** versions prior to 4.1 produced netCDF files that did not conform to these conventions. Although these files are still supported, their use is deprecated. To write other than floating point COARDS-compliant netCDF files, append the *=id*

suffix to the filename *outgrdfile*.

When reading files, **grdreformat** and other **GMT** programs will automatically recognize any type of netCDF grid file. These can be in either COARDS-compliant or pre-4.1 format, and contain floating-point or integer data. To read other types of grid files, append the *=id* suffix to the filename *ingrdfile*.

<i>id</i>	<i>GMT 3 netCDF legacy formats</i>
<b>cb</b>	GMT netCDF format (byte) (deprecated)
<b>cs</b>	GMT netCDF format (short) (deprecated)
<b>ci</b>	GMT netCDF format (int) (deprecated)
<b>cf</b>	GMT netCDF format (float) (deprecated)
<b>cd</b>	GMT netCDF format (double) (deprecated)
<i>id</i>	<i>GMT native binary formats</i>
<b>bm</b>	GMT native, C-binary format (bit-mask)
<b>bb</b>	GMT native, C-binary format (byte)
<b>bs</b>	GMT native, C-binary format (short)
<b>bi</b>	GMT native, C-binary format (int)
<b>bf</b>	GMT native, C-binary format (float)
<b>bd</b>	GMT native, C-binary format (double)
<i>id</i>	<i>GMT 4 netCDF standard</i>
<b>nb</b>	GMT netCDF format (byte) (COARDS-compliant)
<b>ns</b>	GMT netCDF format (short) (COARDS-compliant)
<b>ni</b>	GMT netCDF format (int) (COARDS-compliant)
<b>nf</b>	GMT netCDF format (float) (COARDS-compliant) [DEFAULT]
<b>nd</b>	GMT netCDF format (double) (COARDS-compliant)
<i>id</i>	<i>Misc formats</i>
<b>rb</b>	SUN rasterfile format (8-bit standard)
<b>rf</b>	GEODAS grid format GRD98 (NGDC)
<b>sf</b>	Golden Software Surfer format 6 (float)
<b>sd</b>	Golden Software Surfer format 7 (double, read-only)
<b>af</b>	Atlantic Geoscience Center format AGC (float)
<b>gd</b>	Import through GDAL (convert to float) -- NON-STANDARD

## GMT STANDARD NETCDF FILES

The standard format used for grdfiles is based on netCDF and conforms to the COARDS conventions. Files written in this format can be read by numerous third-party programs and are platform-independent. Some disk-space can be saved by storing the data as bytes or shorts in stead of integers. Use the *scale* and *offset* parameters to make this work without loss of data range or significance. For more details, see Appendix B.

### Multi-variable grid files

By default, **GMT** programs will read the first 2-dimensional grid contained in a COARDS-compliant netCDF file. Alternatively, use *ingrdfile?varname* (ahead of any optional suffix *=id*) to specify the requested variable *varname*. Since *?* has special meaning as a wildcard, escape this meaning by placing the full filename and suffix between quotes.

### Multi-dimensional grids

To extract one *layer* or *level* from a 3-dimensional grid stored in a COARDS-compliant netCDF file, append both the name of the variable and the index associated with the layer (starting at zero) in the form: *ingrdfile?varname[layer]*. Alternatively, specify the value associated with that layer using parentheses in stead of brackets: *ingrdfile?varname(level)*.

In a similar way layers can be extracted from 4- or even 5-dimensional grids. For example, if a grid has the dimensions (parameter, time, depth, latitude, longitude), a map can be selected by using: *ingrdfile?varname(parameter,time,depth)*.

Since question marks, brackets and parentheses have special meanings on the command line, escape these

meanings by placing the full filename and suffix between quotes.

### NATIVE BINARY FILES

For binary native **GMT** files the size of the **GMT** `grdheader` block is  $hsize = 892$  bytes, and the total size of the file is  $hsize + nx * ny * item\_size$ , where  $item\_size$  is the size in bytes of each element (1, 2, 4). Bit grids are stored using 4-byte integers, each holding 32 bits, so for these files the size equation is modified by using  $ceil(nx / 32) * 4$  instead of  $nx$ . Note that these files are platform-dependent. Files written on Little Endian machines (e.g., PCs) can not be read on Big Endian machines (e.g., most workstations). Also note that it is not possible for **GMT** to determine uniquely if a 4-byte grid is float or int; in such cases it is best to use the `=ID` mechanism to specify the file format. In all cases a native grid is considered to be signed (i.e., there are no provision for unsigned short ints or unsigned bytes). For header and grid details, see Appendix B.

### GRID VALUES PRECISION

Regardless of the precision of the input data, **GMT** programs that create grid files will internally hold the grids in 4-byte floating point arrays. This is done to conserve memory and furthermore most if not all real data can be stored using 4-byte floating point values. Data with higher precision (i.e., double precision values) will lose that precision once **GMT** operates on the grid or writes out new grids. To limit loss of precision when processing data you should always consider normalizing the data prior to processing.

### EXAMPLES

To extract the second layer from a 3-dimensional grid named `temp` from a COARDS-compliant netCDF file `climate.grd`:

```
grdreformat climate.grd?temp[1] temp.grd -V
```

To create a 4-byte native floating point grid from the COARDS-compliant netCDF file `data.grd`:

```
grdreformat data.grd ras_data.b4=bf -V
```

To make a 2-byte short integer file, scale it by 10, subtract 32000, setting NaNs to -9999, do

```
grdreformat values.grd shorts.i2=bs/10/-32000/-9999 -V
```

To create a Sun standard 8-bit rasterfile for a subset of the data file `image.grd`, assuming the range in `image.grd` is 0-1 and we need 0-255, run

```
grdreformat image.grd -R-60/-40/-40/-30 image.ras8=rb/255/0 -V
```

To convert `etopo2.grd` to `etopo2.i2` that can be used by **grdraster**, try

```
grdreformat etopo2.grd etopo2.i2=bs -N -V
```

### SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *grdmath*(1)

**NAME**

grdsample – Resample a grid file onto a new grid

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdsample in_grdfile -Gout_grdfile [ -F ] [ -Ixinc[unit][=+][yinc[unit][=+]] ] [ -Lflag ] [
-Q[b|c|l|n][[/threshold] ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -T ] [ -V ] [ -fcolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdsample** reads a grid file and interpolates it to create a new grid file with either: a different registration (**-F** or **-T**); or, a new grid-spacing or number of nodes (**-I**), and perhaps also a new sub-region (**-R**). A bicubic [Default], bilinear, B-spline or nearest-neighbor interpolation (**-Q**) is used, requiring boundary conditions (**-L**). Note that using **-R** only is equivalent to **grdcut** or **grdedit -S**. **grdsample** safely creates a fine mesh from a coarse one; the converse may suffer aliasing unless the data are filtered using **grdfft** or **grdfilter**.

When **-R** is omitted, the output grid will cover the same region as the input grid. When **-I** is omitted, the grid spacing of the output grid will be the same as the input grid. Either **-F** or **-T** can be used to change the grid registration. When omitted, the output grid will have the same registration as the input grid.

*in\_grdfile*

The name of the input 2-D binary grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMAT below.)

**-G** The name of the output grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMAT below.)

**OPTIONS**

**-F** Force pixel node registration on output grid. [Default is same registration as input grid].

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-L** Boundary condition *flag* may be *x* or *y* or *xy* indicating data is periodic in range of *x* or *y* or both set by **-R**, or *flag* may be *g* indicating geographical conditions (*x* and *y* are lon and lat). [Default uses "natural" conditions (second partial derivative normal to edge is zero) unless the grid is automatically recognised as periodic.]

**-Q** Quick mode, use bilinear rather than bicubic interpolation [Default]. Alternatively, select the interpolation mode by adding **b** for B-spline smoothing, **c** for bicubic interpolation, **l** for bilinear interpolation or **n** for nearest-neighbor value. Optionally, append *threshold* in the range [0,1]. This parameter controls how close to nodes with NaN values the interpolation will go. E.g., a *threshold* of 0.5 will interpolate about half way from a non-NaN to a NaN node, whereas 0.1 will go about 90% of the way, etc. [Default is 1, which means none of the (4 or 16) nearby nodes may be NaN]. **-Q0** will just return the value of the nearest node instead of interpolating. This is the same as using **-Qn**.

**-R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of

an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form **[date]T[clock]** (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form **[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]** (Gregorian calendar) or **yyyy[-Www[-d]]** (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form **hh:mm:ss[.xxx]**. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

- T** Translate between grid and pixel registration; if the input is grid-registered, the output will be pixel-registered and vice-versa.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID VALUES PRECISION

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## GRID FILE FORMATS

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When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append **?varname** to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of **?** in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The **?varname** suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **gridreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## HINTS

If an interpolation point is not on a node of the input grid, then a NaN at any node in the neighborhood surrounding the point will yield an interpolated NaN. Bicubic interpolation [default] yields continuous first derivatives but requires a neighborhood of 4 nodes by 4 nodes. Bilinear interpolation [**-Q**] uses only a 2 by 2 neighborhood, but yields only zeroth-order continuity. Use bicubic when smoothness is important. Use bilinear to minimize the propagation of NaNs.

## EXAMPLES

To resample the 5 x 5 minute grid in `hawaii_5by5_topo.grd` onto a 1 minute grid:

```
grdsample hawaii_5by5_topo.grd -I 1m -Ghawaii_1by1_topo.grd
```

To translate the gridline-registered file `surface.grd` to pixel registration while keeping the same region and

grid interval:

**grdsample** surface.grd -T -G pixel.grd

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1), grdedit(1), grdfft(1), grdfilter(1)*

**NAME**

`grdtrack` – Sampling of a 2-D grid file along 1-D trackline (a sequence of x,y points)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdtrack xyfile -Ggrdfile [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Lflag ] [ -Q[b|c|l|n][[/threshold] ] [
-Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -S ] [ -V ] [ -Z ] [ -:[i|o] ] [ -b[i|o][s|S|d|D][ncol][c[var1/...]] ] [ -f[i|o]col-
info ] [ -m[i|o][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

`grdtrack` reads a grid file (or a Sandwell/Smith IMG file) and a table (from file or standard input) with (x,y) positions in the first two columns (more columns may be present). It interpolates the grid at the positions in the table and writes out the table with the interpolated values added as a new column. A bicubic [Default], bilinear, B-spline or nearest-neighbor (see `-Q`) interpolation is used, requiring boundary conditions at the limits of the region (see `-L`).

*xyfile* This is an ASCII (or binary, see `-b`) file where the first 2 columns hold the (x,y) positions where the user wants to sample the 2-D data set.

`-G` *grdfile* is a 2-D binary grid file with the function  $f(x,y)$ . If the specified grid is in Sandwell/Smith Mercator format you must append a comma-separated list of arguments that includes a scale to multiply the data (usually 1 or 0.1), the mode which stand for the following: (0) Img files with no constraint code, returns data at all points, (1) Img file with constraints coded, return data at all points, (2) Img file with constraints coded, return data only at constrained points and NaN elsewhere, and (3) Img file with constraints coded, return 1 at constraints and 0 elsewhere, and optionally the max latitude in the IMG file [80.738]. (See GRID FILE FORMAT below.)

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- `-H` Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use `-Hi` if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- `-L` Boundary condition *flag* may be *x* or *y* or *xy* indicating data is periodic in range of *x* or *y* or both set by `-R`, or *flag* may be *g* indicating geographical conditions (*x* and *y* are lon and lat). [Default uses "natural" conditions (second partial derivative normal to edge is zero) unless the grid is automatically recognised as periodic.]
- `-Q` Quick mode, use bilinear rather than bicubic interpolation [Default]. Alternatively, select the interpolation mode by adding **b** for B-spline smoothing, **c** for bicubic interpolation, **l** for bilinear interpolation or **n** for nearest-neighbor value. Optionally, append *threshold* in the range [0,1]. This parameter controls how close to nodes with NaN values the interpolation will go. E.g., a *threshold* of 0.5 will interpolate about half way from a non-NaN to a NaN node, whereas 0.1 will go about 90% of the way, etc. [Default is 1, which means none of the (4 or 16) nearby nodes may be NaN]. `-Q0` will just return the value of the nearest node instead of interpolating. This is the same as using `-Qn`.
- `-R` *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands `-Rg` and `-Rd` stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the `-R` settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to `-JX|x`), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]T[clock] (append **T** to `-JX|x`). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input,

- output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).
- S** Suppress the output of interpolated points that result in NaN values.
  - V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
  - Z** Only write out the sampled z-values [Default writes all columns].
  - :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input/output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)].
  - bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
  - bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is one more than input].
  - f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
  - m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## GRID FILE FORMATS

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix `=id[scale/offset[nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **gridreformat**(1) and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See **gridreformat**(1) and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

## HINTS

If an interpolation point is not on a node of the input grid, then a NaN at any node in the neighborhood surrounding the point will yield an interpolated NaN. Bicubic interpolation [default] yields continuous first derivatives but requires a neighborhood of 4 nodes by 4 nodes. Bilinear interpolation [**-Q**] uses only a 2 by 2 neighborhood, but yields only zeroth-order continuity. Use bicubic when smoothness is important. Use bilinear to minimize the propagation of NaNs, or lower *threshold*.

**EXAMPLES**

To sample the file `hawaii_topo.grd` along the SEASAT track `track_4.xyg` (An ASCII table containing longitude, latitude, and SEASAT-derived gravity, preceded by one header record):

```
gdtrack track_4.xyg -G hawaii_topo.grd -H > track_4.xygt
```

To sample the Sandwell/Smith IMG format file `topo.8.2.img` (2 minute predicted bathymetry on a Mercator grid) along the lon,lat coordinates given in the file `cruise_track.xy`, try

```
gdtrack cruise_track.xy -G topo.8.2.img,1,1 > obs_and_predicted.d
```

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *surface(1)*, *sample1d(1)*

**NAME**

`grdtrend` – Fit and/or remove a polynomial trend in a grid file

**SYNOPSIS**

`grdtrend grdfile -Nn_model[r] [ -Ddiff.grd ] [ -Ttrend.grd ] [ -V ] [ -Wweight.grd ]`

**DESCRIPTION**

`grdtrend` reads a 2-D grid file and fits a low-order polynomial trend to these data by [optionally weighted] least-squares. The trend surface is defined by:

$$m1 + m2*x + m3*y + m4*x*y + m5*x*x + m6*y*y + m7*x*x*x + m8*x*x*y + m9*x*y*y + m10*y*y*y.$$

The user must specify `-Nn_model`, the number of model parameters to use; thus, `-N4` fits a bilinear trend, `-N6` a quadratic surface, and so on. Optionally, append `r` to the `-N` option to perform a robust fit. In this case, the program will iteratively reweight the data based on a robust scale estimate, in order to converge to a solution insensitive to outliers. This may be handy when separating a "regional" field from a "residual" which should have non-zero mean, such as a local mountain on a regional surface.

If data file has values set to NaN, these will be ignored during fitting; if output files are written, these will also have NaN in the same locations.

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

*grdfile* The name of a 2-D binary grid file.

`-N` [`r`]*n\_model* sets the number of model parameters to fit. Append `r` for robust fit.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

`-D` Write the difference (input data - trend) to the file *diff.grd*.

`-T` Write the fitted trend to the file *trend.grd*.

`-V` Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

`-W` If *weight.grd* exists, it will be read and used to solve a weighted least-squares problem. [Default: Ordinary least-squares fit.] If the robust option has been selected, the weights used in the robust fit will be written to *weight.grd*.

**REMARKS**

The domain of `x` and `y` will be shifted and scaled to `[-1, 1]` and the basis functions are built from Legendre polynomials. These have a numerical advantage in the form of the matrix which must be inverted and allow more accurate solutions. NOTE: The model parameters listed with `-V` are Legendre polynomial coefficients; they are not numerically equivalent to the `m`'s in the equation described above. The description above is to allow the user to match `-N` with the order of the polynomial surface. See `grdmath` if you need to evaluate the trend using the reported coefficients.

**GRID FILE FORMATS**

By default `GMT` writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, `GMT` is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix `=id[scale/offset[nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. When reading grids, the format is generally automatically recognized. If not, the same suffix can be added to input grid file names. See `grdrefor-mat(1)` and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, `GMT` will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax `GMT` into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the

filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. The *?varname* suffix can also be used for output grids to specify a variable name different from the default: "z". See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

### EXAMPLES

To remove a planar trend from hawaii\_topo.grd and write result in hawaii\_residual.grd:

```
grdtrend hawaii_topo.grd -N 3 -D hawaii_residual.grd
```

To do a robust fit of a bicubic surface to hawaii\_topo.grd, writing the result in hawaii\_trend.grd and the weights used in hawaii\_weight.grd, and reporting the progress:

```
grdtrend hawaii_topo.grd -N 10r -T hawaii_trend.grd -W hawaii_weight.grd -V
```

### SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *grdfft(1)*, *grdfilter(1)*

**NAME**

grdvector – Plot vector fields from grid files

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdvector comp.x.grd comp.y.grd -Jparameters [ -A ] [ -B[p|s]parameters ] [ -Cptfile ] [ -E ] [ -Gfill ] [
-Ixinc[unit][=|+][yinc[unit][=|+]] ] [ -K ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Qparameters ] [
-Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -S[I]scale ] [ -T ] [ -U[just/dx/dy][c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -Wpen ] [
-X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Z ] [ -copies ] [ -f[i|o]colinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdvector** reads two 2-D grid files which represents the x- and y-components of a vector field and produces a vector field plot by drawing vectors with orientation and length according to the information in the files. Alternatively, polar coordinate components may be used (r, theta). **grdvector** is basically a short-hand for using 2 calls to **grd2xyz** and pasting the output through **psxy -SV**.

*comp.x.grd*

Contains the x-component of the vector field.

*comp.y.grd*

Contains the y-component of the vector field. (See GRID FILE FORMATS below.)

- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in .gmtdefaults4, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively. More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- J***lon0/lat0/scale* (Cassini)
- J***cyl\_stere/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- J***j[lon0/]scale* (Miller)
- J***m[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Mercator)
- J***m**lon0/lat0/scale* (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
- J***o[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
- J***o[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* (Oblique Mercator - two points)
- J***o**lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
- J***q[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Equidistant)
- J***tlon0/[lat0/]scale* (TM - Transverse Mercator)
- J***u**zone/scale* (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
- J***y[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

- J***b**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Albers)
- J***d**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)
- J***l**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- J***poly/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* ((American) Polyconic)

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

- J***a**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- J***e**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- J***f**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- J***g**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)

- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jslon0/lat0***[horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp****[a]***scale***[origin]****[r|z]** (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale****[d|l|ppow|t|T]****[y-scale****[d|l|ppow|t|T]]** (Linear, log, and power scaling)

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Means grid files have polar (r, theta) components instead of Cartesian (x, y).
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Use *cptfile* to assign colors based on vector length.
- E** Center vectors on grid nodes [Default draws from grid node].
- G** Sets color or shade for vector interiors [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- I** Only plot vectors at nodes every *x\_inc*, *y\_inc* apart (must be multiples of original grid spacing). Append **m** for minutes or **c** for seconds. [Default plots every node].
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- N** Do NOT clip vectors at map boundaries [Default will clip].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Select vector plot [Default is stick-plot]. Optionally, specify *parameters* which are *arrowwidth/headlength/headwidth* [Default is 0.075**c**/0.3**c**/0.25**c** (or 0.03**i**/0.12**i**/0.1**i**)]. Append **nsize** which will cause vectors shorter than *size* to have their appearance scaled by *length/size*.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]*-*dd:mm[:ss.xxx][**W|E|S|N**] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T***[clock]* (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). Specify a subset of the grid.

- S** Sets scale for vector length in data units per distance measurement unit [1]. Append **c**, **i**, **m**, **p** to indicate the measurement unit (cm, inch, m, point). Prepend **l** to indicate a fixed length for all vectors.
- T** Means azimuth should be converted to angles based on the selected map projection.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Set pen attributes used for vector outlines [Default: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** Means the angles provided are azimuths rather than direction (requires **-A**).
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[er|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[er|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### GRID FILE FORMATS

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix **=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]**, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to

indicate missing data. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append *?varname* to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of *?* in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

### EXAMPLES

To draw the vector field given by the files *r.grd* and *theta.grd* on a linear plot with scale 5 cm per data unit, using vector rather than stick plot, and scale vector magnitudes so that 10 units equal 1 inch, run

```
grdvector r.grd theta.grd -Jx 5c -A -Q -S 10i > gradient.ps
```

### SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gmtcolors(5)*, *grdcontour(1)*, *psxy(1)*

**NAME**

grdview – Create 3-D perspective grayshaded/colored image or mesh from a 2-D grid file

**SYNOPSIS**

```
grdview relief_file -Jparameters [ -B[p|s]parameters ] [ -Ccptfile ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat/z][+vx0/y0] ] [ -Gdrapefile | -Ggrd_r.grd_g.grd_b ] [ -Iintensfile ] [ -JzZparameters ] [ -K ] [ -L[flags] ] [ -Nlevel[/color] ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Qtype[g] ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[zmin/zmax][r] ] [ -Ssmooth ] [ -T[s][o[pen]] ] [ -U[just/dx/dy][c[label]] ] [ -V ] [ -Wtype/pen ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Zlevel ] [ -ccopies ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdview** reads a 2-D grid file and produces a 3-D perspective plot by drawing a mesh, painting a colored/grayshaded surface made up of polygons, or by scanline conversion of these polygons to a raster image. Options include draping a data set on top of a surface, plotting of contours on top of the surface, and apply artificial illumination based on intensities provided in a separate grid file.

*relief\_file*

2-D gridded data set to be imaged (the relief of the surface). (See GRID FILE FORMAT below.)

- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in .gmtdefaults4, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively. More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jclon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)
-Jcyl_stere[lon0/lat0]/scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)
-Jj[lon0]/scale (Miller)
-Jm[lon0/[lat0]/scale (Mercator)
-Jmlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
-Jo[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
-Jo[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)
-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
-Jq[lon0/[lat0]/scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)
-Jtlon0/[lat0]/scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)
-Juzone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
-Jy[lon0/[lat0]/scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)
```

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Albers)
-Jdlon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)
-Jllon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)
-Jpoly[lon0/[lat0]/scale ((American) Polyconic)
```

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jalon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
-Jelon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Azimuthal Equidistant)
-Jflon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Gnomonic)
-Jglon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Orthographic)
-Jglon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale (General Perspective).
-Jslon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (General Stereographic)
```

**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:**

- Jh**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Hammer)
- Ji**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Robinson)
- Jr**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw**[*lon0*]/*scale* (Mollweide)

**NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jp[a]***scale*[*origin*][**r**][**z**] (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale**[**d**][**l**][**ppow**][**t**][**T**][*y-scale*][**d**][**l**][**ppow**][**t**][**T**] (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- Jz** Sets the vertical scaling (for 3-D maps). Same syntax as -**Jx**.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** name of the color palette file. Must be present if you want (1) mesh plot with contours (-**Qm**), or (2) shaded/colored perspective image (-**Qs** or -**Qi**). For -**Qs**: You can specify that you want to skip a z-slice by setting red = -; to use a pattern give red = **P**|*pdpi/pattern*[:**Fr**/*g/b*][**Br**/*g/b*]].
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append + to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with +**wlon0/lat**[*z*]) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with +**vx0/y0**).
- G** Drape the image in *drapefile* on top of the relief provided by *relief\_file*. [Default is *relief\_file*]. Note that -**Jz** and -**N** always refers to the *relief\_file*. The *drapefile* only provides the information pertaining to colors, which is looked-up via the cpt file (see -**C**). Alternatively, give three grid files separated by commas. These files must contain the red, green, and blue colors directly (in 0-255 range) and no cpt file is needed. The *drapefile* may be of higher resolution than the *relief\_file*.
- I** Gives the name of a grid file with intensities in the (-1,+1) range. [Default is no illumination].
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Boundary condition *flags* may be *x* or *y* or *xy* indicating data is periodic in range of *x* or *y* or both, or *flags* may be *g* indicating geographical conditions (*x* and *y* are lon and lat). [Default uses "natural" conditions (second partial derivative normal to edge is zero).] If no *flags* are set, use bilinear rather than the default bicubic resampling when draping is required.
- N** Draws a plane at this *z*-level. If the optional *color* is provided, the frontal facade between the plane and the data perimeter is colored. See -**Wf** for setting the pen used for the outline. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Select one of four settings: 1. Specify **m** for mesh plot [Default], and optionally append */color* for a different mesh paint [white]. 2. Specify **s** for surface plot, and optionally append **m** to have mesh lines drawn on top of surface. 3. Specify **i** for image plot, and optionally append the effective dpi resolution for the rasterization [100]. 4. Specify **c**. Same as -**Qi** but will make nodes with *z* = NaN transparent, using the colormasking feature in *PostScript* Level 3 (the PS device must

support PS Level 3). For any of these choices, you may force a monochrome image by appending **g**. Colors are then converted to shades of gray using the (television) YIQ transformation.

- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in `[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]` format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form `[date]T[clock]` (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form `[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]` (Gregorian calendar) or `yyyy[-Www[-d]]` (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form `hh:mm:ss[.xxx]`. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). This option may be used to indicate the range used for the 3-D axes [Default is region given by the *relief\_file*]. You may ask for a larger *w/e/s/n* region to have more room between the image and the axes. A smaller region than specified in the *relief\_file* will result in a subset of the grid.
- S** Smooth the contours before plotting (see **grdcontour**) [Default is no smoothing].
- T** Plot image without any interpolation. This involves converting each node-centered bin into a polygon which is then painted separately. Append **s** to skip nodes with *z = NaN*. This option is useful for categorical data where interpolating between values is meaningless. Optionally, append **o** to draw the tile outlines, and specify a custom pen if the default pen is not to your liking. As this option produces a flat surface it cannot be combined with **-JZ** or **-Jz**. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, `BL/0/0` will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to `stderr` [Default runs "silently"].
- Wc** Draw contour lines on top of surface or mesh (not image). Append pen attributes used for the contours. [Default: width = 0.75p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- Wm** Sets the pen attributes used for the mesh. [Default: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. You must also select **-Qm** or **-Qsm** for meshlines to be drawn.
- Wf** Sets the pen attributes used for the facade. [Default: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. You must also select **-N** for the facade outline to be drawn. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by *(x-shift,y-shift)* and optionally append the length unit (**c, i, m, p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default *(x-shift,y-shift)* is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** Sets the z-level of the basemap [Default is the bottom of the z-axis].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].

#### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width, color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points,

centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### GRID FILE FORMATS

**GMT** is able to recognize many of the commonly used grid file formats, as well as the precision, scale and offset of the values contained in the grid file. When **GMT** needs a little help with that, you can add the suffix `=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]`, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **gridreformat**(1) and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When reading a netCDF file that contains multiple grids, **GMT** will read, by default, the first 2-dimensional grid that can find in that file. To coax **GMT** into reading another multi-dimensional variable in the grid file, append `?varname` to the file name, where *varname* is the name of the variable. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of `?` in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes. See **gridreformat**(1) and Section 4.18 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information, particularly on how to read splices of 3-, 4-, or 5-dimensional grids.

### EXAMPLES

To make a mesh plot from the file `hawaii_grav.grd` and drawing the contours given in the color palette file `hawaii.cpt` on a Lambert map at 1.5 cm/degree along the standard parallels 18 and 24, with vertical scale 20 mgal/cm, and looking at the surface from SW at 30 degree elevation, run

```
gridview hawaii_grav.grd -Jl 18/24/1.5c -C hawaii.cpt -Jz 0.05c -Qm -N-100 -E 225/30 -Wc >
hawaii_grav_image.ps
```

To create a illuminated color perspective plot of the gridded data set `image.grd`, using the color palette file `color.rgb`, with linear scaling at 10 cm/x-unit and tickmarks every 5 units, with intensities provided by the file `intens.grd`, and looking from the SE, use

```
gridview image.grd -Jx 10.0c -C color.rgb -Qs -E 135/30 -I intens.grd > image3D.ps
```

To make the same plot using the rastering option with `dpi = 50`, use

```
gridview image.grd -Jx 10.0c -C color.rgb -Qi 50 -E 135/30 -I intens.grd > image3D.ps
```

To create a color *PostScript* perspective plot of the gridded data set `magnetics.grd`, using the color palette file `mag_intens.cpt`, draped over the relief given by the file `topography.grd`, with Mercator map width of 6 inch and tickmarks every 1 degree, with intensities provided by the file `topo_intens.grd`, and looking from the SE, run

```
gridview topography.grd -JM 6i -G magnetics.grd -C mag_intens.cpt -Qs -E 140/30 -I topo_intens.grd
> draped3D.ps
```

Given `topo.grd` and the Landsat image `veggies.ras`, first run **gmt2rgb** to get the red, green, and blue grids, and then drape this image over the topography and shade the result for good measure. The commands are

```
gmt2rgb veggies.ras -G layer_%c.grd
gridview topo.grd -JM 6i -Qi -E 140/30 -I topo_intens.grd -G layer_r.grd,layer_g.grd,layer_b.grd >
```

image.ps

## REMARKS

For the **-Qs** option: *PostScript* provides no way of smoothly varying colors within a polygon, so colors can only vary from polygon to polygon. To obtain smooth images this way you may resample the grid file(s) using **grdsample** or use a finer grid size when running gridding programs like **surface** or **nearneighbor**. Unfortunately, this produces huge *PostScript* files. The alternative is to use the **-Qi** option, which computes bilinear or bicubic continuous color variations within polygons by using scanline conversion to image the polygons.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gmt2rgb(1)*, *gmtcolors(5)*, *grdcontour(1)*, *grdimage(1)*, *nearneighbor(1)*, *psbasemap(1)*, *pscontour(1)*, *pstext(1)*, *surface(1)*

**NAME**

`grdvolume` – Calculating volume under a surface within a contour

**SYNOPSIS**

**grdvolume** *grdfile* [ **-C***cval* or **-C***low/high/delta* ] [ **-L***base* ] [ **-R***west/east/south/north[r]* ] [ **-S**[**k**] ] [ **-T** ] [ **-V**[**I**] ] [ **-Z***fact*[*delta*] ] [ **-f***colinfo* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**grdvolume** reads a 2-D binary grid file and calculates the volume contained between the surface and the plane specified by the given contour (or zero if not given) and reports the area, volume, and maximum mean height (volume/area). Alternatively, specify a range of contours to be tried and **grdvolume** will determine the volume and area inside the contour for all contour values. The contour that produced the maximum mean height is reported as well. This feature may be used with **grdfilter** in designing an Optimal Robust Separator [Wessel, 1998].

*grdfile* The name of the input 2-D binary grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMAT below.)

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- C** find area and volume inside the *cval* contour. Alternatively, search using all contours from *low* to *high* in steps of *delta*. [Default returns entire area and volume of grid]. The area is measured in the plane of the contour.
- L** Also add in the volume from the level of the contour down to *base* [Default base is contour].
- S** Convert degrees to meters, append **k** for km [Default is Cartesian].
- T** Use curvature minimum rather than maximum height to find best contour value (when contour search is selected with **-C**).
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]*dd*:*mm*[:*ss*.*xxx*][**W**|**E**|**S**|**N**] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]*yyyy*[-*mm*[-*dd*]] (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy*[-*Www*[-*d*]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh:mm:ss*[:*xxx*]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to `stderr` [Default runs "silently"]. Append **I** to see all the results for each contour level tested (when contour search has been selected).
- Z** Optionally subtract *shift* before scaling data by *fact*. [Default is no scaling]. (Numbers in **-C**, **-L** refer to values after this scaling has occurred).
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f|i|o|g** means **-f|i|o|0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

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## EXAMPLES

To determine the volume in km<sup>3</sup> under the surface hawaii\_topo.grd (height in km), use

```
grdvolume hawaii_topo.grd -Sk
```

To find the volume between the surface peaks.grd and the contour  $z = 250$ , use

```
grdvolume peaks.grd -Sk -C 250
```

To search for the contour, between 100 and 300 in steps of 10, that maximizes the ratio of volume to surface area for the file peaks.grd, use

```
grdvolume peaks.grd -Sk -C 100/300/10 > results.d
```

To see the areas and volumes for all the contours in the previous example, use

```
grdvolume peaks.grd -Sk -VI -C 100/300/10 > results.d
```

## NOTES

**grdvolume** distinguishes between gridline and gridcell oriented grids. In both cases the area and volume are computed up to the grid boundaries. That means that in the first case the gridcells on the boundary only contribute half their area (and volume), whereas in the second case all gridcells are fully used. The exception is when the `-C` flag is used: since contours do not extend beyond the outermost gridpoint, both grid types are treated the same. That means the outer rim in gridcell oriented grids is ignored when using the `-C` flag.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *grdfilter(1)*

## REFERENCES

Wessel, P., 1998, An empirical method for optimal robust regional-residual separation of geophysical data, *Math. Geol.*, 30(4), 391–408.

**NAME**

greenspline – Interpolate 1-D, 2-D, 3-D Cartesian or spherical surface data using Green’s function splines.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
greenspline [ datafile(s) ] [ -A[1|2|3|4|5,]gradfile ] [ -Ccut[/file] ] [ -Dmode ] [ -F ] [ -Ggrdfile ] [
-H[i][nrec] ] [ -Ixinc[yinc[zinc]] ] [ -L ] [ -Nnodefile ] [ -Qaz|x/y/z ] [ -Rxmin/xmax[/ymin/ymax[/zminz-
max]] ] [ -Sc|t|g|p|q[/pars] ] [ -Tmaskgrid ] [ -V ] [ -:[io] ] [ -b[s]S[d]D[ncol][c[var1!...]] ] [ -f[io]col-
info] [ -b[s]S[d]D[ncol][c[var1!...]] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**greenspline** uses the Green’s function  $G(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}')$  for the chosen spline and geometry to interpolate data at regular [or arbitrary] output locations. Mathematically, the solution is composed as  $w(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \{c(i) G(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}(i))\}$ , for  $i = 1, n$ , the number of data points  $\{\mathbf{x}(i), w(i)\}$ . Once the  $n$  coefficients  $c(i)$  have been found then the sum can be evaluated at any output point  $\mathbf{x}$ . Choose between ten minimum curvature, regularized, or continuous curvature splines in tension for either 1-D, 2-D, or 3-D Cartesian coordinates or spherical surface coordinates. After first removing a linear or planar trend (Cartesian geometries) or mean value (spherical surface) and normalizing these residuals, the least-squares matrix solution for the spline coefficients  $c(i)$  is found by solving the  $n$  by  $n$  linear system  $w(j) = \sum\text{-over-}i \{c(i) G(\mathbf{x}(j); \mathbf{x}(i))\}$ , for  $j = 1, n$ ; this solution yields an exact interpolation of the supplied data points. Alternatively, you may choose to perform a singular value decomposition (SVD) and eliminate the contribution from the smallest eigenvalues; this approach yields an approximate solution. Trends and scales are restored when evaluating the output.

**OPTIONS**

*datafile(s)*

The name of one or more ASCII [or binary, see **-bi**] files holding the  $\mathbf{x}, w$  data points. If no file is given then we read standard input instead.

- A** The solution will partly be constrained by surface gradients  $\mathbf{v} = v*\mathbf{n}$ , where  $v$  is the gradient magnitude and  $\mathbf{n}$  its unit vector direction. The gradient direction may be specified either by Cartesian components (either unit vector  $\mathbf{n}$  and magnitude  $v$  separately or gradient components  $\mathbf{v}$  directly) or angles w.r.t. the coordinate axes. Specify one of five input formats: **0**: For 1-D data there is no direction, just gradient magnitude (slope) so the input format is  $x, gradient$ . Options 1-2 are for 2-D data sets: **1**: records contain  $x, y, azimuth, gradient$  ( $azimuth$  in degrees is measured clockwise from the vertical (north) [Default]). **2**: records contain  $x, y, gradient, azimuth$  ( $azimuth$  in degrees is measured clockwise from the vertical (north)). Options 3-5 are for either 2-D or 3-D data: **3**: records contain  $\mathbf{x}, direction(s), v$  ( $direction(s)$  in degrees are measured counter-clockwise from the horizontal (and for 3-D the vertical axis)). **4**: records contain  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}$ . **5**: records contain  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}, v$ . Append name of ASCII file with the surface gradients (following a comma if a format is specified).
- C** Find an approximate surface fit: Solve the linear system for the spline coefficients by SVD and eliminate the contribution from all eigenvalues whose ratio to the largest eigenvalue is less than *cut* [Default uses Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the linear system and fit the data exactly]. Optionally, append */file* to save the eigenvalue ratios to the specified file for further analysis. Finally, if a negative *cut* is given then */file* is required and execution will stop after saving the eigenvalues, i.e., no surface output is produced.
- D** Sets the distance flag that determines how we calculate distances between data points. Select *mode* 0 for Cartesian 1-D spline interpolation: **-D 0** means  $(x)$  in user units, Cartesian distances, Select *mode* 1-3 for Cartesian 2-D surface spline interpolation: **-D 1** means  $(x,y)$  in user units, Cartesian distances, **-D 2** for  $(x,y)$  in degrees, flat Earth distances, and **-D 3** for  $(x,y)$  in degrees, spherical distances in km. Then, if **ELLIPSOID** is spherical, we compute great circle arcs, otherwise geodesics. Option *mode* = 4 applies to spherical surface spline interpolation only: **-D 4** for  $(x,y)$  in degrees, use cosine of great circle (or geodesic) arcs. Select *mode* 5 for Cartesian 3-D surface spline interpolation: **-D 5** means  $(x,y,z)$  in user units, Cartesian distances.
- F** Force pixel registration. [Default is gridline registration].

- G** Name of resulting output file. (1) If options **-R**, **-I**, and possibly **-F** are set we produce an equidistant output table. This will be written to stdout unless **-G** is specified. Note: for 2-D grids the **-G** option is required. (2) If option **-T** is selected then **-G** is required and the output file is a 2-D binary grid file. Applies to 2-D interpolation only. (3) If **-N** is selected then the output is an ASCII (or binary; see **-bo**) table; if **-G** is not given then this table is written to standard output. Ignored if **-C** or **-C 0** is given.
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Specify equidistant sampling intervals, one for each dimension, separated by slashes.
- L** Do *not* remove a linear (1-D) or planar (2-D) trend when **-D** selects mode 0-3 [For those Cartesian cases a least-squares line or plane is modeled and removed, then restored after fitting a spline to the residuals]. However, in mixed cases with both data values and gradients, or for spherical surface data, only the mean data value is removed (and later and restored).
- N** ASCII file with coordinates of desired output locations **x** in the first column(s). The resulting *w* values are appended to each record and written to the file given in **-G** [or stdout if not specified]; see **-bo** for binary output instead. This option eliminates the need to specify options **-R**, **-I**, and **-F**.
- Q** Rather than evaluate the surface, take the directional derivative in the *az* azimuth and return the magnitude of this derivative instead. For 3-D interpolation, specify the three components of the desired vector direction (the vector will be normalized before use).
- R** Specify the domain for an equidistant lattice where output predictions are required. Requires **-I** and optionally **-F**.  
*1-D:* Give *xmin/xmax*, the minimum and maximum *x* coordinates.  
*2-D:* Give *xmin/xmax/ymin/ymax*, the minimum and maximum *x* and *y* coordinates. These may be Cartesian or geographical. If geographical, then *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* specify the Region of interest, and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in *[+]-dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]* format. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude).  
*3-D:* Give *xmin/xmax/ymin/ymax/zmin/zmax*, the minimum and maximum *x*, *y* and *z* coordinates. See the 2-D section if your horizontal coordinates are geographical; note the shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** cannot be used if a 3-D domain is specified.
- S** Select one of five different splines. The first two are used for 1-D, 2-D, or 3-D Cartesian splines (see **-D** for discussion). Note that all tension values are expected to be normalized tension in the range  $0 < t < 1$ : **(c)** Minimum curvature spline [Sandwell, 1987], **(t)** Continuous curvature spline in tension [Wessel and Bercovici, 1998]; append *tension*[*scale*] with *tension* in the 0–1 range and optionally supply a length scale [Default is the average grid spacing]. The next is a 2-D or 3-D spline: **(r)** Regularized spline in tension [Mitasova and Mitas, 1993]; again, append *tension* and optional *scale*. The last two are spherical surface splines and both imply **-D 4** and geographic data: **(p)** Minimum curvature spline [Parker, 1994], **(q)** Continuous curvature spline in tension [Wessel and Becker, 2008]; append *tension*. The  $G(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}')$  for the last method is slower to compute; by specifying **-SQ** you can speed up calculations by first pre-calculating  $G(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}')$  for a dense set of **x** values (e.g., 100,001 nodes between -1 to +1) and store them in look-up tables. Optionally append */N* (an odd integer) to specify how many points in the spline to set [100001]
- T** For 2-D interpolation only. Only evaluate the solution at the nodes in the *maskgrid* that are not equal to NaN. This option eliminates the need to specify options **-R**, **-I**, and **-F**.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if

it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2-4 input columns (**x,w**); the number depends on the chosen dimension].

- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file.

### 1-D EXAMPLES

To resample the *x,y* Gaussian random data created by **gmtmath** and stored in 1D.txt, requesting output every 0.1 step from 0 to 10, and using a minimum cubic spline, try

```
gmtmath -T 0/10/1 0 1 NRAND = 1D.txt
psxy -R0/10/-5/5 -JX 6i/3i -B 2f1/1 -Sc 0.1 -G black 1D.txt -K > 1D.ps
greenspline 1D.txt -R 0/10 -I 0.1 -Sc -V | psxy -R -J -O -W thin >> 1D.ps
```

To apply a spline in tension instead, using a tension of 0.7, try

```
psxy -R0/10/-5/5 -JX 6i/3i -B 2f1/1 -Sc 0.1 -G black 1D.txt -K > 1Dt.ps
greenspline 1D.txt -R 0/10 -I 0.1 -St 0.7 -V | psxy -R -J -O -W thin >> 1Dt.ps
```

### 2-D EXAMPLES

To make a uniform grid using the minimum curvature spline for the same Cartesian data set from Davis (1986) that is used in the GMT Cookbook example 16, try

```
greenspline table_5.11 -R 0/6.5/-0.2/6.5 -I 0.1 -Sc -V -D 1 -G S1987.grd
psxy -R0/6.5/-0.2/6.5 -JX 6i -B 2f1 -Sc 0.1 -G black table_5.11 -K > 2D.ps
grdcontour -JX6i -B 2f1 -O -C 25 -A 50 S1987.grd >> 2D.ps
```

To use Cartesian splines in tension but only evaluate the solution where the input mask grid is not NaN, try

```
greenspline table_5.11 -T mask.grd -St 0.5 -V -D 1 -G WB1998.grd
```

To use Cartesian generalized splines in tension and return the magnitude of the surface slope in the NW direction, try

```
greenspline table_5.11 -R 0/6.5/-0.2/6.5 -I 0.1 -Sr 0.95 -V -D 1 -Q-45 -G slopes.grd
```

Finally, to use Cartesian minimum curvature splines in recovering a surface where the input data is a single surface value (pt.d) and the remaining constraints specify only the surface slope and direction (slopes.d), use

```
greenspline pt.d -R-3.2/3.2/-3.2/3.2 -I 0.1 -Sc -V -D 1 -A 1,slopes.d -G slopes.grd
```

### 3-D EXAMPLES

To create a uniform 3-D Cartesian grid table based on the data in table\_5.23 in Davis (1986) that contains *x,y,z* locations and a measure of uranium oxide concentrations (in percent), try

```
greenspline table_5.23 -R 5/40/-5/10/5/16 -I 0.25 -Sr 0.85 -V -D 5 -G 3D_UO2.txt
```

### 2-D SPHERICAL SURFACE EXAMPLES

To recreate Parker's [1994] example on a global 1x1 degree grid, assuming the data are in file mag\_obs\_1990.d, try

```
greenspline -V -Rg -Sp -D 3 -I 1 -G P1994.grd mag_obs_1990.d
```

To do the same problem but applying tension and use pre-calculated Green functions, use

```
greenspline -V -Rg -SQ 0.85 -D 3 -I 1 -G WB2008.grd mag_obs_1990.d
```

## CONSIDERATIONS

(1) For the Cartesian cases we use the free-space Green functions, hence no boundary conditions are applied at the edges of the specified domain. For most applications this is fine as the region typically is arbitrarily set to reflect the extent of your data. However, if your application requires particular boundary conditions then you may consider using **surface** instead.

(2) In all cases, the solution is obtained by inverting a  $n \times n$  double precision matrix for the Green function coefficients, where  $n$  is the number of data constraints. Hence, your computer's memory may place restrictions on how large data sets you can process with **greenspline**. Pre-processing your data with **blockmean**, **blockmedian**, or **blockmode** is recommended to avoid aliasing and may also control the size of  $n$ . For information, if  $n = 1024$  then only 8 Mb memory is needed, but for  $n = 10240$  we need 800 Mb. Note that **greenspline** is fully 64-bit compliant if compiled as such.

(3) The inversion for coefficients can become numerically unstable when data neighbors are very close compared to the overall span of the data. You can remedy this by pre-processing the data, e.g., by averaging closely spaced neighbors. Alternatively, you can improve stability by using the SVD solution and discard information associated with the smallest eigenvalues (see **-C**).

## TENSION

Tension is generally used to suppress spurious oscillations caused by the minimum curvature requirement, in particular when rapid gradient changes are present in the data. The proper amount of tension can only be determined by experimentation. Generally, very smooth data (such as potential fields) do not require much, if any tension, while rougher data (such as topography) will typically interpolate better with moderate tension. Make sure you try a range of values before choosing your final result. Note: the regularized spline in tension is only stable for a finite range of *scale* values; you must experiment to find the valid range and a useful setting. For more information on tension see the references below.

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## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtmath*(1), *nearneighbor*(1), *psxy*(1), *surface*(1), *triangulate*(1), *xyz2grd*(1)

**NAME**

`isogmt` – Run GMT command or script in isolation mode

**SYNOPSIS**

`isogmt` *command*

**DESCRIPTION**

`isogmt` runs a single **GMT** command or shell script in **isolation mode**. This means that the files `.gmtcommands4` and `.gmtdefaults4` will be read from the usual locations (current directory, `~/gmt`, or home directory), but changes will only be written in a temporary directory, which will be removed after execution. The name of the temporary directory will be available to the command or script as the environment variable **GMT\_TMPDIR**.

**EXAMPLES**

Run the shell script `script.gmt` in isolation mode

```
isogmt sh script.gmt
```

**SEE ALSO**

`GMT(1)`

**NAME**

makecpt – Make GMT color palette tables

**SYNOPSIS**

**makecpt** [ *-Ctable* ] [ *-D* ] [ *-I* ] [ *-M* ] [ *-N* ] [ *-Q[i|o]* ] [ *-Tz0/z1/dz* | *-Tztable* ] [ *-V* ] [ *-Z* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**makecpt** is a utility that will help you make color palette tables (cpt files). You define an equidistant set of contour intervals or pass your own z-table, and create a new cpt file based on an existing master cpt file. The resulting cpt file can be reversed relative to the master cpt, and can be made continuous or discrete.

The color palette includes three additional colors beyond the range of z-values. These are the background color (B) assigned to values lower than the lowest z-value, the foreground color (F) assigned to values higher than the highest z-value, and the NaN color (N) painted wherever values are undefined.

If the master cpt file includes B, F, and N entries, these will be copied into the new master file. If not, the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**, **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**, and **COLOR\_NAN** from the .gmtdefaults4 file or the command line will be used. This default behavior can be overruled using the options *-D*, *-M* or *-N*.

The color model (RGB, HSV or CMYK) of the palette created by **makecpt** will be the same as specified in the header of the master cpt file. When there is no **COLOR\_MODEL** entry in the master cpt file, the **COLOR\_MODEL** specified in the .gmtdefaults4 file or on the command line will be used.

**OPTIONS**

- C* Selects the master color table *table* to use in the interpolation. Choose among the built-in tables (type **makecpt** to see the list) or give the name of an existing cpt file [Default gives a rainbow cpt file].
- D* Select the colors for lowest and highest z-values in the output cpt file as the back- and foreground colors that will be written to the cpt file [Default uses the colors specified in the master file, or those defined by the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**, **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**, and **COLOR\_NAN**].
- I* Reverses the sense of color progression in the master cpt file. Also exchanges the foreground and background colors, including those specified by the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND** and **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**.
- M* Overrule background, foreground, and NaN colors specified in the master cpt file with the values of the parameters **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**, **COLOR\_FOREGROUND**, and **COLOR\_NAN** specified in the .gmtdefaults4 file or on the command line. When combined with *-D*, only **COLOR\_NAN** is considered.
- N* Do not write out the background, foreground, and NaN-color fields [Default will write them].
- Q* Selects a logarithmic interpolation scheme [Default is linear]. *-Qi* expects input z-values to be  $\log_{10}(z)$ , assigns colors, and writes out z [Default]. *-Qo* takes  $\log_{10}(z)$  first, assigns colors, and writes out z.
- T* Defines the range of the new cpt file by giving the lowest and highest z-value and the interval. Alternatively, give the name of a ASCII file that has one z-value per record. If not given, the existing range in the master cpt file will be used intact.
- V* Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- Z* Creates a continuous cpt file [Default is discontinuous, i.e., constant colors for each interval].

**EXAMPLES**

To make a cpt file with z-values from -200 to 200, with discrete color changes every 25, and using a polar blue-white-red colortable:

```
makecpt -Cpolar -T-200/200/25 > colors.cpt
```

To make an equidistant cpt file from z = -2 to 6, in steps of 1, using continuous default rainbow colors:

```
makecpt -T-2/6/1 -Z > rainbow.cpt
```

To make a GEBCO look-alike cpt file for bathymetry, run

```
makecpt -C gebco > my_gebco.cpt
```

## **BUGS**

Since **makecpt** will also interpolate from any existing .cpt file you may have in your directory, you cannot use one of the listed cpt names as an output filename; hence the my\_gebco.cpt in the example.

## **SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *grd2cpt(1)*

**NAME**

mapproject – Forward and Inverse map transformation of 2-D coordinates

**SYNOPSIS**

```
mapproject infile -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [ -Ab|B|f|F[lon0/lat0] ] [ -C[dx/dy] ] [
-D|i|m|p] [ -E[datum] ] [ -F[k|m|n|i|c|p] ] [ -G[x0/y0][+|-][/unit] ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -I] [
-Lline.xy[/unit][+] ] [ -Q[d|e] ] [ -S] [ -T[h]from/to] ] [ -V] [ -:[i|o] ] [ -b[i|o][s|S|d|D[ncol]|c[var1/...]]
] [ -f[i|o]colinfo] [ -g[a|x|y|d|X|Y|D][col]z[+|-]gap[u] ] [ -m[i|o][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**mapproject** reads (longitude, latitude) positions from *infile* [or standard input] and computes (x,y) coordinates using the specified map projection and scales. Optionally, it can read (x,y) positions and compute (longitude, latitude) values doing the inverse transformation. This can be used to transform linear (x,y) points obtained by digitizing a map of known projection to geographical coordinates. May also calculate distances along track, to a fixed point, or closest approach to a line. Finally, can be used to perform various datum conversions. Additional data fields are permitted after the first 2 columns which must have (longitude,latitude) or (x,y). See option **-:** on how to read (latitude,longitude) files.

*infile* Data file(s) to be transformed. If not given, standard input is read.

**-J** Selects the map projection. The following character determines the projection. If the character is upper case then the argument(s) supplied as scale(s) is interpreted to be the map width (or axis lengths), else the scale argument(s) is the map scale (see its definition for each projection). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in `.gmtdefaults4`, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the *scale* or *width* values. Append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the given *width* if you instead want to set map height, the maximum dimension, or the minimum dimension, respectively [Default is **w** for width].

In case the central meridian is an optional parameter and it is being omitted, then the center of the longitude range given by the **-R** option is used. The default standard parallel is the equator.

The ellipsoid used in the map projections is user-definable by editing the `.gmtdefaults4` file in your home directory. 73 commonly used ellipsoids and spheroids are currently supported, and users may also specify their own custom ellipsoid parameters [Default is WGS-84]. Several GMT parameters can affect the projection: **ELLIPSOID**, **INTERPOLANT**, **MAP\_SCALE\_FACTOR**, and **MEASURE\_UNIT**; see the `gmtdefaults` man page for details.

Choose one of the following projections (The **E** or **C** after projection names stands for Equal-Area and Conformal, respectively):

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

**-Jc***lon0/lat0/scale* or **-JC***lon0/lat0/width* (Cassini).

Give projection center *lon0/lat0* and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jcyl\_stere**[*lon0/lat0/*]*scale* or **-JCyl\_stere**[*lon0/lat0/*]*width* (Cylindrical Stereographic).

Give central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* along parallel (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree). The standard parallel is typically one of these (but can be any value):

66.159467 - Miller's modified Gall

55 - Kamenetskiy's First

45 - Gall's Stereographic

30 - Bolshoi Sovietskii Atlas Mira or Kamenetskiy's Second

0 - Braun's Cylindrical

**-Jj**[*lon0/*]*scale* or **-JJ**[*lon0/*]*width* (Miller Cylindrical Projection).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jm**[*lon0/lat0/*]*scale* or **-JM**[*lon0/lat0/*]*width*

Give central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* along parallel (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Joparameters** (Oblique Mercator [C]).

Typically used with **-R<...>r**, otherwise region is in oblique coordinates. Specify one of:

**-Jo[a]***lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* or **-JO[a]***lon0/lat0/azimuth/width*

Set projection center *lon0/lat0*, *azimuth* of oblique equator, and *scale*.

**-Jo[b]***lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* or **-JO[b]***lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale*

Set projection center *lon0/lat0*, another point on the oblique equator *lon1/lat1*, and *scale*.

**-Joc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale* or **-JOc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale*

Set projection center *lon0/lat0*, pole of oblique projection *lonp/latp*, and *scale*.

Give *scale* along oblique equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jq***[lon0/[lat0]]scale* or **-JQ***[lon0/[lat0]]width* (Cylindrical Equidistant).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree). The standard parallel is typically one of these (but can be any value):

61.7 - Grafarend and Niermann, minimum linear distortion

50.5 - Ronald Miller Equirectangular

43.5 - Ronald Miller, minimum continental distortion

42 - Grafarend and Niermann

37.5 - Ronald Miller, minimum overall distortion

0 - Plate Carree, Simple Cylindrical, Plain/Plane Chart

**-Jt***lon0/[lat0]scale* or **-JT***lon0/[lat0]width*

Give the central meridian *lon0*, central parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Juzone/scale** or **-JUzone/width** (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator [C]).

Give the UTM zone (A,B,1-60[C-X],Y,Z) and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

Zones: If C-X not given, prepend - or + to enforce southern or northern hemisphere conventions [northern if south > 0].

**-Jy***[lon0/[lat0]]scale* or **-JY***[lon0/[lat0]]width* (Cylindrical Equal-Area [E]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree). The standard parallel is typically one of these (but can be any value):

50 - Balthasart

45 - Gall-Peters

37.0666 - Caster

37.4 - Trystan Edwards

37.5 - Hobo-Dyer

30 - Behrman

0 - Lambert (default)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:****-Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* or **-JB***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/width* (Albers [E]).

Give projection center *lon0/lat0*, two standard parallels *lat1/lat2*, and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* or **-JD***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/width* (Conic Equidistant)

Give projection center *lon0/lat0*, two standard parallels *lat1/lat2*, and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* or **-JL***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/width* (Lambert [C])

Give origin *lon0/lat0*, two standard parallels *lat1/lat2*, and *scale* along these (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

–**Jpoly**[*lon0*/*lat0*]/*scale* or –**JPoly**[*lon0*/*lat0*]/*width* ((American) Polyconic).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional), reference parallel *lat0* (optional, default = equator), and *scale* along central meridian (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

Except for polar aspects, –**R** w/e/s/n will be reset to –**Rg**. Use –**R**<...>**r** for smaller regions.

–**Ja***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* or –**JA***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*width* (Lambert [**E**]).

*lon0*/*lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, <= 180, default 90). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

–**Jelon0**/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* or –**JE***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*width* (Azimuthal Equidistant).

*lon0*/*lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, <= 180, default 180). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

–**Jflon0**/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* or –**JF***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*width* (Gnomonic).

*lon0*/*lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, < 90, default 60). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

–**Jg***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* or –**JG***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*width* (Orthographic).

*lon0*/*lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, <= 90, default 90). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

–**Jg***lon0*/*lat0*/*altitude*/*azimuth*/*tilt*/*twist*/*Width*/*Height*/*scale* or –**JG***lon0*/*lat0*/*altitude*/*azimuth*/*tilt*/*twist*/*Width*/*Height*/*width* (General Perspective).

*lon0*/*lat0* specifies the projection center. *altitude* is the height (in km) of the viewpoint above local sea level. If *altitude* is less than 10, then it is the distance from the center of the earth to the viewpoint in earth radii. If *altitude* has a suffix **r** then it is the radius from the center of the earth in kilometers. *azimuth* is measured to the east of north of view. *tilt* is the upward tilt of the plane of projection. If *tilt* is negative, then the viewpoint is centered on the horizon. Further, specify the clockwise *twist*, *Width*, and *Height* of the viewpoint in degrees. Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

–**Jslon0**/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* or –**JS***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*width* (General Stereographic [**C**]).

*lon0*/*lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, < 180, default 90). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** (true at pole) or *lat*/**1:xxxx** (true at standard parallel *lat*) or *radius/lat* (*radius* in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*). Note if **1:xxxx** is used then to specify *horizon* you must also specify the *lat* as +-90 to avoid ambiguity.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

–**Jh**[*lon0*]/*scale* or –**JH**[*lon0*]/*width* (Hammer [**E**]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

–**Ji**[*lon0*]/*scale* or –**JI**[*lon0*]/*width* (Sinusoidal [**E**]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

–**Jkf**[*lon0*]/*scale* or –**JKf**[*lon0*]/*width* (Eckert IV) [**E**]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

- Jk[s][lon0]/scale** or –**JK[s][lon0]/width** (Eckert VI) [**E**].  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jn[lon0]/scale** or –**JN[lon0]/width** (Robinson).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jr[lon0]/scale** –**JR[lon0]/width** (Winkel Tripel).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jv[lon0]/scale** or –**JV[lon0]/width** (Van der Grinten).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jw[lon0]/scale** or –**JW[lon0]/width** (Mollweide) [**E**].  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp[a]scale[/origin][r|z]** or –**JP[a]width[/origin][r|z]** (Polar coordinates (theta,r))  
Optionally insert **a** after –**Jp** [ or –**JP** for azimuths CW from North instead of directions CCW from East [Default]. Optionally append */origin* in degrees to indicate an angular offset [0]. Finally, append **r** if *r* is elevations in degrees (requires *s* >= 0 and *n* <= 90) or **z** if you want to annotate depth rather than radius [Default]. Give *scale* in UNIT/*r*-unit.
  - Jxx-scale[/y-scale]** or –**JXwidth[/height]** (Linear, log, and power scaling)  
Give *x-scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/*x*-unit) and/or *y-scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/*y*-unit); or specify *width* and/or *height* in UNIT. *y-scale*=*x-scale* if not specified separately and using **1:xxxx** implies that *x*-unit and *y*-unit are in meters. Use negative scale(s) to reverse the direction of an axis (e.g., to have *y* be positive down). Set *height* or *width* to 0 to have it recomputed based on the implied scale of the other axis. Optionally, append to *x-scale*, *y-scale*, *width* or *height* one of the following:
    - d** Data are geographical coordinates (in degrees).
    - l** Take log10 of values before scaling.
    - ppower** Raise values to *power* before scaling.
    - t** Input coordinates are time relative to **TIME\_EPOCH**.
    - T** Input coordinates are absolute time.
- Default axis lengths (see **gmtdefaults**) can be invoked using –**JXh** (for landscape); –**JXv** (for portrait) will swap the *x*- and *y*-axis lengths. The default unit for this installation is either cm or inch, as defined in the file `share/gmt_setup.conf`. However, you may change this by editing your `.gmtdefaults4` file(s).

- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+–]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands –**Rg** and –**Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the –**R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to –**JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]**T**[clock] (append **T** to –**JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input,

output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). Special case for the UTM projection: If **-C** is used and **-R** is not given then the region is set to coincide with the given UTM zone so as to preserve the full ellipsoidal solution (See **RESTRICTIONS** for more information).

## OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

**infile(s)** input file(s) with 2 or more columns. If no file(s) is given, **mapproject** will read the standard input.

**-A[f**b**]** **-A** calculates the (forward) azimuth from fixed point *lon/lat* to each data point. Use **-Ab** to get back-azimuth from data points to fixed point. Upper case **F** or **B** will convert from geodetic to geocentric latitudes and estimate azimuth of geodesics (assuming the current ellipsoid is not a sphere). If no fixed point is given then we compute the azimuth (or back-azimuth) from the previous point.

**-C** Set center of projected coordinates to be at map projection center [Default is lower left corner]. Optionally, add offsets in the projected units to be added (or subtracted when **-I** is set) to (from) the projected coordinates, such as false eastings and northings for particular projection zones [0/0]. The unit used for the offsets is the plot distance unit in effect (see **MEASURE\_UNIT**) unless **-F** is used, in which case the offsets are always in meters.

**-D** Temporarily override **MEASURE\_UNIT** and use **c** (cm), **i** (inch), **m** (meter), or **p** (points) instead. Cannot be used with **-F**.

**-E** Convert from geodetic (lon, lat, height) to Earth Centered Earth Fixed (ECEF) (x,y,z) coordinates (add **-I** for the inverse conversion). Append datum ID (see **-Qd**) or give *ellipsoid:dx,dy,dz* where *ellipsoid* may be an ellipsoid ID (see **-Qe**) or given as *a[,inv\_f]*, where *a* is the semi-major axis and *inv\_f* is the inverse flattening (0 if omitted). If *datum* is - or not given we assume WGS-84.

**-F** Force 1:1 scaling, i.e., output (or input, see **-I**) data are in actual projected meters. To specify other units, append **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), **i** (inch), **c** (cm), or **p** (points). Without **-F**, the output (or input, see **-I**) are in the units specified by **MEASURE\_UNIT** (but see **-D**).

**-G** Calculate distances along track OR to the optional point set with **-Gx0/y0**. Append IT(unit), the distance unit; choose among **e** (m), **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), **d** (spherical degree), **c** (Cartesian distance using input coordinates) or **C** (Cartesian distance using projected coordinates). The last unit requires **-R** and **-J** to be set. Upper case **E**, **K**, **M**, **N**, or **D** will use exact methods for geodesic distances (Rudoe's method for distances in length units and employing geocentric latitudes in degree calculations, assuming the current ellipsoid is not spherical). With no fixed point we calculate cumulate distances along track. To obtain incremental distance between successive points, use **-G-**. To specify the 2nd point via two extra columns in the input file, choose **-G+**.

**-H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.

**-I** Do the Inverse transformation, i.e., get (longitude,latitude) from (x,y) data.

**-L** Determine the shortest distance from the input data points to the line(s) given in the ASCII multi-segment file *line.xy*. The distance and the coordinates of the nearest point will be appended to the output as three new columns. Append the distance unit; choose among **e** (m), **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), **d** (spherical degree), **c** (Cartesian distance using input coordinates) or **C** (Cartesian distance using projected coordinates). The last unit requires **-R** and **-J** to be set. A spherical approximation is used for geographic data. Finally, append + to report the line segment id and the fractional point number instead of lon/lat of the nearest point.

**-Q** List all projection parameters. To only list datums, use **-Qd**. To only list ellipsoids, use **-Qe**.

**-S** Suppress points that fall outside the region.

- T** Coordinate conversions between datums *from* and *to* using the standard Molodensky transformation. Use **-Th** if 3rd input column has height above ellipsoid [Default assumes height = 0, i.e., on the ellipsoid]. Specify datums using the datum ID (see **-Qd**) or give *ellipsoid:dx,dy,dz* where *ellipsoid* may be an ellipsoid ID (see **-Qe**) or given as *a[,inv\_f]*, where *a* is the semi-major axis and *inv\_f* is the inverse flattening (0 if omitted). If *datum* is - or not given we assume WGS-84. **-T** may be used in conjunction with **-R -J** to change the datum before coordinate projection (add **-I** to apply the datum conversion after the inverse projection). Make sure that the **ELLIPSOID** setting is correct for your case.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- g** Examine the spacing between consecutive data points in order to impose breaks in the line. Append **x|X** or **y|Y** to define a gap when there is a large enough change in the x or y coordinates, respectively, or **d|D** for distance gaps; use upper case to calculate gaps from projected coordinates. For gap-testing on other columns use *[col]z*; if *col* is not prepended the it defaults to 2 (i.e., 3rd column). Append **[+|-]gap** and optionally a unit **u**. Regarding optional signs: -ve means previous minus current column value must exceed *gap* to be a gap, +ve means current minus previous column value must exceed *gap*, and no sign means the absolute value of the difference must exceed *gap*. For geographic data (**x|y|d**), the unit **u** may be meter [Default], kilometer, **miles**, or nautical miles. For projected data (**X|Y|D**), choose from **inch**, **centimeter**, **meter**, or **points** [Default unit set by **MEASURE\_UNIT**]. Note: For **x|y|z** with time data the unit is instead controlled by **TIME\_UNIT**. Repeat the option to specify multiple criteria, of which any can be met to produce a line break. Issue an additional **-ga** to indicate that all criteria must be met instead.
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To transform a file with (longitude,latitude) into (x,y) positions in cm on a Mercator grid for a given scale of 0.5 cm per degree, run

```
mapproject lonlatfile -R 20/50/12/25 -Jm 0.5c > xyfile
```

To transform several 2-column, binary, double precision files with (latitude,longitude) into (x,y) positions in inch on a Transverse Mercator grid (central longitude 75W) for scale = 1:500000 and suppress those points that would fall outside the map area, run

```
mapproject tracks.* -R-80/-70/20/40 -Jt-75/1:500000 -: -S -Di -bo -bi 2 > tmfile.b
```

To convert the geodetic coordinates (lon, lat, height) in the file old.dat from the NAD27 CONUS datum (Datum ID 131 which uses the Clarke-1866 ellipsoid) to WGS 84, run

```
mapproject old.dat -Th 131 > new.dat
```

To compute the closest distance (in km) between each point in the input file quakes.dat and the line segments given in the multi-segment ASCII file coastline.xy, run

```
mapproject quakes.dat -L coastline.xy/k > quake_dist.dat
```

## RESTRICTIONS

The rectangular input region set with **-R** will in general be mapped into a non-rectangular grid. Unless **-C** is set, the leftmost point on this grid has xvalue = 0.0, and the lowermost point will have yvalue = 0.0. Thus, before you digitize a map, run the extreme map coordinates through **mapproject** using the appropriate scale and see what (x,y) values they are mapped onto. Use these values when setting up for digitizing in order to have the inverse transformation work correctly, or alternatively, use **awk** to scale and shift the (x,y) values before transforming.

For some projections, a spherical solution may be used despite the user having selected an ellipsoid. This occurs when the users **-R** setting implies a region that exceeds the domain in which the ellipsoidal series expansions are valid. These are the conditions: (1) Lambert Conformal Conic (**-JL**) and Albers Equal-Area (**-JB**) will use the spherical solution when the map scale exceeds 1.0E7. (2) Transverse Mercator (**-JT**) and UTM (**-JU**) will use the spherical solution when either the west or east boundary given in **-R** is more than 10 degrees from the central meridian, and (3) same for Cassini (**-JC**) but with a limit of only 4 degrees.

## ELLIPSOIDS AND SPHEROIDS

**GMT** will use ellipsoidal formulae if they are implemented and the user have selected an ellipsoid as the reference shape (see **ELLIPSOID** in **gmtdefaults**). The user needs to be aware of a few potential pitfalls: (1) For some projections, such as Transverse Mercator, Albers, and Lamberts conformal conic we use the ellipsoidal expressions when the areas mapped are small, and switch to the spherical expressions (and substituting the appropriate auxiliary latitudes) for larger maps. The ellipsoidal formulae are used as follows: (a) Transverse Mercator: When all points are within 10 degrees of central meridian, (b) Conic projections when longitudinal range is less than 90 degrees, (c) Cassini projection when all points are within 4 degrees of central meridian. (2) When you are trying to match some historical data (e.g., coordinates obtained with a certain projection and a certain reference ellipsoid) you may find that **GMT** gives results that are slightly different. One likely source of this mismatch is that older calculations often used less significant digits. For instance, Snyder's examples often use the Clarke 1866 ellipsoid (defined by him as having a flattening  $f = 1/294.98$ ). From  $f$  we get the eccentricity squared to be 0.00676862818 (this is what **GMT** uses), while Snyder rounds off and uses 0.00676866. This difference can give discrepancies of several tens of cm. If you need to reproduce coordinates projected with this slightly different eccentricity, you should specify your own ellipsoid with the same parameters as Clarke 1866, but with  $f = 1/294.97861076$ . Also, be aware that older data may be referenced to different datums, and unless you know which datum was used and convert all data to a common datum you may experience mismatches of tens to hundreds of meters. (3) Finally, be aware that **MAP\_SCALE\_FACTOR** have certain default values for some projections so you may have to override the setting in order to match results produced with other settings.

## SEE ALSO

*gmtdefaults(1), GMT(1), project(1)*

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**NAME**

minmax – Find extreme values in data tables

**SYNOPSIS**

**minmax** [ *files* ] [ **-C** ] [ **-EL|H** ] *hcol* ] [ **-H** ] *i* ] *nrec* ] [ **-I** ] *p* ] *dx* / *dy* / *dz...* ] [ **-S** ] *x* ] *y* ] [ **-T** ] *dz* / *col* ] [ **-:** ] *i* | *o* ] [ **-bi** ] *s* | *S* | *d* | *D* ] *ncol* ] *c* ] *var1* / ... ] [ **-f** ] *i* | *o* ] *colinfo* ] [ **-m** ] *i* | *o* ] *flag* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**minmax** reads its standard input [or from files] and finds the extreme values in each of the columns. It recognizes NaNs and will print warnings if the number of columns vary from record to record. As an option, **minmax** will find the extent of the first *n* columns rounded up and down to the nearest multiple of the supplied increments. By default, this output will be in the form **-R<sub>w/e/s/n</sub>** which can be used directly in the command line for other programs (hence only *dx* and *dy* are needed), or the output will be in column form for as many columns as there are increments provided. A similar option (**-T**) will provide a **-T<sub>zmin/zmax/dz</sub>** string for makecpt.

*xyzfile* ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] file(s) holding a fixed number of data columns.

**OPTIONS**

- C** Report the min/max values per column in separate columns [Default uses <min/max> format].
- E** Returns the record whose column *col* contains the minimum (**I**) or maximum (**h**) value. Upper case (**L|H**) works on absolute value of the data. In case of multiple matches, only the first record is returned.
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Report the min/max of the first *n* columns to the nearest multiple of the provided increments (separate the *n* increments by slashes), and output results in the form **-R<sub>w/e/s/n</sub>** (unless **-C** is set). If only one increment is given we also use it for the second column (for backwards compatibility). To override this behaviour, use **-Ipd<sub>x</sub>**.
- S** Add extra space for error bars. Useful together with **-I** option and when later plotting with **psxy** **-E**. **-Sx** leaves space for horizontal error bars using the values in third (2) column. **-Sy** leaves space for vertical error bars using the values in third (2) column. **-S** or **-Sxy** leaves space for both error bars using the values in third and fourth (2 and 3) columns.
- T** Report the min/max of the first (0<sup>th</sup>) column to the nearest multiple of *dz* and output this in the form **-T<sub>zmin/zmax/dz</sub>**. To use another column, append */col*.
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both]. Only works when **-I** is selected.
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (`-bo` if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To find the extreme values in the file `ship_gravity.xygd`:

```
minmax ship_gravity.xygd
```

Output should look like

```
ship_gravity.xygd: N = 6992 <326.125/334.684> <-28.0711/-8.6837> <-47.7/177.6> <0.6/3544.9>
```

To find the extreme values in the file `track.xy` to the nearest 5 units and use this region to draw a line using `psxy`, run

```
psxy 'minmax -I 5 track.xy' track.xy -Jx 1 -B 5 -P > track.ps
```

To find the min and max values for each of the first 4 columns, but rounded to integers, use

```
minmax junkfile -C -I 1/1/1/1
```

## BUGS

The `-I` option does not yet work properly with time series data (e.g., `-f 0T`). Thus, such variable intervals as months and years are not calculated. Instead, specify your interval in the same units as the current setting of **TIME\_UNIT**.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1)

**NAME**

nearneighbor – A "Nearest neighbor" gridding algorithm

**SYNOPSIS**

```
nearneighbor [ xyzfile(s) ] -Gout_grdfile -Iinc[unit][=+][yinc[unit][=+]] -Nsectors[/min_sectors]
-Rwest/east/south/north[r] -Ssearch_radius[m|c|k|K] [ -Eempty ] [ -F ] [ -Hi[nrec] ] [ -Lflag ] [ -V ] [
-W ] [ -:i|o ] [ -bi[s|S|d|D[ncol]]c[var1/...] ] [ -fcolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**nearneighbor** reads arbitrarily located (x,y,z[,w]) triples [quadruplets] from standard input [or *xyzfile(s)*] and uses a nearest neighbor algorithm to assign an average value to each node that have one or more points within a radius centered on the node. The average value is computed as a weighted mean of the nearest point from each sector inside the search radius. The weighting function used is  $w(r) = 1 / (1 + d^2)$ , where  $d = 3 * r / search\_radius$  and  $r$  is distance from the node. This weight is modulated by the observation points' weights [if supplied].

*xyzfile(s)*

3 [or 4, see **-W**] column ASCII file(s) [or binary, see **-b**] holding (x,y,z[,w]) data values. If no file is specified, **nearneighbor** will read from standard input.

**-G** Give the name of the output grid file.

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-R***grdfile* is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-N** The circular area centered on each node is divided into *sectors* sectors. Average values will only be computed if there is at least one value inside each of at least *min\_sectors* of these sectors for a given node. Nodes that fail this test are assigned the value NaN (but see **-E**). If *min\_sectors* is omitted it is set to be at least 50% of *sectors* (i.e., rounded up to next integer). [Default is a quadrant search with 100% coverage, i.e., *sectors* = *min\_sectors* = 4]. Note that only the nearest value per sector enters into the averaging; the more distant points are ignored.

**-R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+/-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**-S** Sets the *search\_radius* in same units as the grid spacing; append **m** to indicate minutes or **c** to indicate seconds. Append **k** to indicate km (implies **-R** and **-I** are in degrees, and we will use a fast

flat Earth approximation to calculate distance). For more accuracy, use uppercase **K** if distances should be calculated along geodesics. However, if the current **ELLIPSOID** is spherical then great circle calculations are used.

## OPTIONS

- E** Set the value assigned to empty nodes [NaN].
- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.)
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- L** Boundary condition *flag* may be *x* or *y* or *xy* indicating data is periodic in range of *x* or *y* or both set by **-R**, or *flag* may be *g* indicating geographical conditions (*x* and *y* are lon and lat). [Default is no boundary conditions].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- W** Input data have a 4th column containing observation point weights. These are multiplied with the geometrical weight factor to determine the actual weights used in the calculations.
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 (or 4 if **-W** is set) columns].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID VALUES PRECISION

Regardless of the precision of the input data, GMT programs that create grid files will internally hold the grids in 4-byte floating point arrays. This is done to conserve memory and furthermore most if not all real data can be stored using 4-byte floating point values. Data with higher precision (i.e., double precision values) will lose that precision once GMT operates on the grid or writes out new grids. To limit loss of precision when processing data you should always consider normalizing the data prior to processing.

## EXAMPLES

To create a gridded data set from the file `seaMARCII_bathy.lon_lat_z` using a 0.5 min grid, a 5 km search radius, using an octant search with 100% sector coverage, and set empty nodes to -9999:

```
nearneighbor seaMARCII_bathy.lon_lat_z -R 242/244/-22/-20 -I 0.5m -E-9999 -G bathymetry.grd -S
5k -N 8/8
```

To make a global grid file from the data in `geoid.xyz` using a 1 degree grid, a 200 km search radius, spherical distances, using a quadrant search, and set nodes to NaN only when fewer than two quadrants contain at least one value:

```
nearneighbor geoid.xyz -R 0/360/-90/90 -I 1 -L g -G geoid.grd -S 200K -N 4
```

## SEE ALSO

`blockmean(1)`, `blockmedian(1)`, `blockmode(1)`, `GMT(1)`, `surface(1)`, `triangulate(1)`

**NAME**

**project** – project data along a line or great circle, generate a profile track, or translate coordinates.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
project [ infile ] -Ccx/cy [ -Aazimuth ] [ -Ddg ] [ -Ebx/by ] [ -Fflags ] [ -Gdist ] [ -Hi[nrec] ] [
-Lw[l_min/l_max] ] [ -N ] [ -Q ] [ -S ] [ -Tpx/py ] [ -V ] [ -Ww_min/w_max ] [ -:io] ] [
-bio][s][S][d][D[ncol]][c[var1/...]] ] [ -fio]colinfo ] [ -mio][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**project** reads arbitrary (*x*, *y*[, *z*]) data from standard input [or *infile*] and writes to standard output any combination of (*x*, *y*, *z*, *p*, *q*, *r*, *s*), where (*p*, *q*) are the coordinates in the projection, (*r*, *s*) is the position in the (*x*, *y*) coordinate system of the point on the profile (*q* = 0 path) closest to (*x*, *y*), and *z* is all remaining columns in the input (beyond the required *x* and *y* columns). Alternatively, **project** may be used to generate (*r*, *s*, *p*) triples at equal increments *dist* along a profile. In this case (**-G** option), no input is read. Projections are defined in any (but only) one of three ways: (Definition 1) By a Center **-C** and an Azimuth **-A** in degrees clockwise from North. (Definition 2) By a Center **-C** and end point E of the projection path **-E**. (Definition 3) By a Center **-C** and a roTation pole position **-T**. To spherically project data along a great circle path, an oblique coordinate system is created which has its equator along that path, and the zero meridian through the Center. Then the oblique longitude (*p*) corresponds to the distance from the Center along the great circle, and the oblique latitude (*q*) corresponds to the distance perpendicular to the great circle path. When moving in the increasing (*p*) direction, (toward *B* or in the *azimuth* direction), the positive (*q*) direction is to your left. If a Pole has been specified, then the positive (*q*) direction is toward the pole.

To specify an oblique projection, use the **-T** option to set the Pole. Then the equator of the projection is already determined and the **-C** option is used to locate the *p* = 0 meridian. The Center *cx/cy* will be taken as a point through which the *p* = 0 meridian passes. If you do not care to choose a particular point, use the South pole (*ox* = 0, *oy* = -90).

Data can be selectively windowed by using the **-L** and **-W** options. If **-W** is used, the projection Width is set to use only points with  $w\_min < q < w\_max$ . If **-L** is set, then the Length is set to use only those points with  $l\_min < p < l\_max$ . If the **-E** option has been used to define the projection, then **-Lw** may be selected to window the length of the projection to exactly the span from **O** to **B**.

Flat Earth (Cartesian) coordinate transformations can also be made. Set **-N** and remember that *azimuth* is clockwise from North (the *y* axis), NOT the usual cartesian theta, which is counterclockwise from the *x* axis. *azimuth* = 90 - theta.

No assumptions are made regarding the units for *x*, *y*, *r*, *s*, *p*, *q*, *dist*, *l\_min*, *l\_max*, *w\_min*, *w\_max*. If **-Q** is selected, map units are assumed and *x*, *y*, *r*, *s* must be in degrees and *p*, *q*, *dist*, *l\_min*, *l\_max*, *w\_min*, *w\_max* will be in km.

Calculations of specific great-circle and geodesic distances or for back-azimuths or azimuths are better done using **mapproject**.

**project** is CASE SENSITIVE. Use UPPER CASE for all one-letter designators which begin optional arguments. Use lower case for the *xyzpqrs* letters in **-flags**.

**-C** *cx/cy* sets the origin of the projection, in Definition 1 or 2. If Definition 3 is used (**-T**), then *cx/cy* are the coordinates of a point through which the oblique zero meridian (*p* = 0) should pass.

**OPTIONS**

*infile* name of ASCII (or binary, see **-bi**) file(s) with 2 or more columns holding (*x*,*y*,[*z*]) data values. If no filenames are given, **project** will read from standard input. If the **-G** option is selected, no input data are read.

**-F** Specify your desired output using any combination of *xyzpqrs*, in any order. Do not space between the letters. Use lower case. The output will be ASCII (or binary, see **-bo**) columns of values corresponding to *xyzpqrs* [Default]. If both input and output are using ASCII format then the *z* data are treated as textstring(s). If the **-G** option is selected, the output will be *rsp*.

**-A** *azimuth* defines the azimuth of the projection (Definition 1).

**-D** Set the location of the Discontinuity in longitude (*r* coordinate). **-Dd** will place the discontinuity at the Dateline, (-180 < *r* < 180); **-Dg** will place it at Greenwich, (0 < *r* < 360). Default usually

falls at dateline due to *atan2* calls.

- E** *bx/by* defines the end point of the projection path (Definition 2).
- G** *dist* Generate mode. No input is read. Create (*r*, *s*, *p*) output points every *dist* units of *p*. See **-Q** option.
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- L** Length controls. Project only those points whose *p* coordinate is within  $l_{min} < p < l_{max}$ . If **-E** has been set, then you may use **-Lw** to stay within the distance from **C** to **E**.
- N** Flat Earth. Make a Cartesian coordinate transformation in the plane. [Default uses spherical trigonometry.]
- Q** Map type units, i.e., project assumes *x*, *y*, *r*, *s* are in degrees while *p*, *q*, *dist*, *l\_min*, *l\_max*, *w\_min*, *w\_max* are in km. If **-Q** is not set, then all these are assumed to be in the same units.
- S** Sort the output into increasing *p* order. Useful when projecting random data into a sequential profile.
- T** *px/py* sets the position of the rotation pole of the projection. (Definition 3).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Width controls. Project only those points whose *q* coordinate is within  $w_{min} < q < w_{max}$ .
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is given by **-F** or **-G**].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your *.gmtdefaults4* file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To generate points every 10km along a great circle from 10N,50W to 30N,10W:

```
project -C-50/10 -E-10/30 -G 10 -Q > great_circle_points.xyp
```

(Note that `great_circle_points.xyp` could now be used as input for **grdtrack**, etc. ).

To project the shiptrack gravity, magnetics, and bathymetry in `c2610.xygmb` along a great circle through an origin at 30S, 30W, the great circle having an azimuth of N20W at the origin, keeping only the data from NE of the profile and within +/- 500 km of the origin, run:

```
project c2610.xygmb -C-30/-30 -A-20 -W-10000/0 -L-500/500 -F pz -Q > c2610_projected.pgmb
```

(Note in this example that `-W-10000/0` is used to admit any value with a large negative  $q$  coordinate. This will take those points which are on our right as we walk along the great circle path, or to the NE in this example.)

To make a Cartesian coordinate transformation of `mydata.xy` so that the new origin is at 5,3 and the new  $x$  axis ( $p$ ) makes an angle of 20 degrees with the old  $x$  axis, use:

```
project mydata.xy -C 5/3 -A 70 -F pq > mydata.pq
```

To take data in the file `pacific.lonlat` and transform it into oblique coordinates using a pole from the hotspot reference frame and placing the oblique zero meridian ( $p = 0$  line) through Tahiti, run:

```
project pacific.lonlat -T-75/68 -C-149:26/-17:37 -F pq > pacific.pq
```

Suppose that `pacific_topo.grd` is a grid file of bathymetry, and you want to make a file of flowlines in the hotspot reference frame. If you run:

```
grd2xyz pacific_topo.grd | project -T-75/68 -C 0/-90 -F xyq | xyz2grd -Retc -Ietc -C flow.grd
```

then `flow.grd` is a file in the same area as `pacific_topo.grd`, but `flow` contains the latitudes about the pole of the projection. You now can use `grdcontour` on `flow.grd` to draw lines of constant oblique latitude, which are flow lines in the hotspot frame.

If you have an arbitrarily rotation pole  $px/py$  and you would like to draw an oblique small circle on a map, you will first need to make a file with the oblique coordinates for the small circle (i.e.,  $\text{lon} = 0-360$ ,  $\text{lat}$  is constant), then create a file with two records: the north pole (0/90) and the origin (0/0), and find what their oblique coordinates are using your rotation pole. Now, use the projected North pole and origin coordinates as the rotation pole and center, respectively, and project your file as in the pacific example above. This gives coordinates for an oblique small circle.

## SEE ALSO

*fitcircle(1)*, *GMT(1)*, *mapproject(1)*, *grdproject(1)*

**NAME**

**ps2raster** – Converts one or several *PostScript* file(s) to other formats using GhostScript

**SYNOPSIS**

```
ps2raster psfile(s) [ -A[u-] ] [ -Cgs_option ] [ -Doutdir ] [ -Eresolution ] [ -Gghost_path ] [ -Llistfile ]
[ -P ] [ -Q[g][t][1][2][4] ] [ -S ] [ -Tb|e|f|j|g|G|m|t ] [ -V ] [ -W[g][+tdocname][+nlayername][+aalt-
mode[alt]][+lminLOD/maxLOD][+fminfade/maxfade][+uURL] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**ps2raster** converts one or more *PostScript* files to other formats (BMP, EPS, JPEG, PDF, PNG, PPM, TIFF) using GhostScript. Input file names are read from the command line or from a file that lists them. The size of the resulting images is determined by the BoundingBox (or HiResBoundingBox, if present). As an option, a tight (HiRes)BoundingBox may be computed first. As another option, it can compute ESRI type world files used to reference, for instance, tif files and make them be recognized as geotiff.

*psfiles* Names of *PostScript* files to be converted. The output files will have the same name (unless **-F** is used) but with the conventional extension name associated to the raster format (e.g., .jpg for the jpeg format). Use **-D** to redirect the output to a different directory.

**OPTIONS**

- A** Adjust the BoundingBox and HiResBoundingBox to the minimum required by the image content. Append *u* to first remove any GMT-produced time-stamps. Use **-A-** to override any automatic setting of **-A** by **-W**.
- C** Specify a single, custom option that will be passed on to GhostScript as is. Repeat to add several options [none].
- D** Sets an alternative output directory (which must exist) [Default is the same directory as the PS files]. Use **-D.** to place the output in the current directory instead.
- E** Set raster resolution in dpi [default = 720 for PDF, 300 for others].
- F** Force the output file name. By default output names are constructed using the input names as base, which are appended with an appropriate extension. Use this option to provide a different name, but without extension. Extension is still determined automatically.
- G** Full path to your GhostScript executable. NOTE: For Unix systems this is generally not necessary. Under Windows, ghostscript path is now fetch from the registry. If this fails you can still add the GS path to system's path or give the full path here. (e.g., **-G** c:\programs\gs\gs9.02\bin\gswin32c). WARNING: because of the poor decision of embedding the bits on the gs exe name we cannot satisfy both the 32 and 64 bits ghostscript executable names. So in case of 'get from registry' failure the default name (when no **-G** is used) is the one of the 64 bits version, or gswin32c
- L** The *listfile* is an ASCII file with the names of the *PostScript* files to be converted.
- N** This option is obsolete. Use **-S** to print the GhostScript command, if applicable. Use **-Te** to save the intermediate EPS file.
- P** Force Portrait mode. All Landscape mode plots will be rotated back so that they show unrotated in Portrait mode. This is practical when converting to image formats or preparing EPS or PDF plots for inclusion in documents.
- Q** Set the anti-aliasing options for **graphics** or **text**. Append the size of the subsample box (1, 2, or 4) [4]. Default is no anti-aliasing (same as *bits* = 1).
- S** Print to standard output the GhostScript command after it has been executed.
- T** Sets the output format, where **b** means BMP, **e** means EPS, **f** means PDF, **j** means JPEG, **g** means PNG, **G** means transparent PNG (untouched regions are transparent), **m** means PPM, and **t** means TIFF [default is JPEG]. For **bjgt** you can append **-** to get a grayscale image only. The EPS format can be combined with any of the other formats. For example, **-Tef** creates both an EPS and a PDF file.

- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Write a ESRI type world file suitable to make (e.g) .tif files be recognized as geotiff by softwares that know how to do it. Be aware, however, that different results are obtained depending on the image contents and if the **-B** option has been used or not. The trouble with the **-B** option is that it creates a frame and very likely its annotations. That introduces pixels outside the map data extent, and therefore the map extents estimation will be wrong. To avoid this problem use **--BASEMAP\_TYPE=inside** option which plots all annotations and ticks inside the image and therefore does not compromise the coordinate computations. Pay attention also to the cases when the plot has any of the sides with whites only because than the algorithm will fail miserably as those whites will be eaten by the GhostScript. In that case you really must use **-B** or use a slightly off-white color.
- Together with **-V** it prints on screen the `gdal_translate` (`gdal_translate` is a command line tool from the GDAL package) command that reads the raster + world file and creates a true geotiff file. Use **-W+g** to do a system call to `gdal_translate` and create a geoTIFF image right away. The output file will have a .tiff extension.
- The world file naming follows the convention of jamming a 'w' in the file extension. So, if output is tif **-Tt** the world file is a .tfw, for jpeg we have a .jgw and so on. This option automatically sets **-A -P**.
- Use **-W+k** to create a minimalist KML file that allows loading the image in GoogleEarth. Note that for this option the image must be in geographical coordinates. If not, a warning is issued but the KML file is created anyway. Several modifier options are available to customize the KML file in the form of *+opt* strings. Append **+ttitle** to set the document title [GMT KML Document], **+nlayername** to set the layer name, and **+a/altmode[altitude]** to select one of 5 altitude modes recognized by Google Earth that determines the altitude (in m) of the image: **G** clamped to the ground, **g** append altitude relative to ground, **a** append absolute altitude, **s** append altitude relative to seafloor, and **S** clamp it to the seafloor. Control visibility of the layer with the **+lmin-LOD/maxLOD** and **+fminfade/maxfade** options. Finally, if you plan to leave the image itself on a server and only distribute the KML, use **+uURL** to prepend the URL to the image reference. See the KML documentation for further explanation (<http://code.google.com/apis/kml/documentation/>).
- Further notes on the creation of georeferenced rasters. **ps2raster** can create a georeferenced raster image with a world file OR uses GDAL to convert the GMT *PostScript* file to geotiff. GDAL uses Proj.4 for it's projection library. To provide with the information it needs to do the georeferencing, GMT 4.5 embeds a comment near the start of the *PostScript* file defining the projection using Proj.4 syntax. Users with pre-GMT v4.5 *PostScript* files, or even non-GMT ps files, can provide the information **ps2raster** requires by manually editing a line into the *PostScript* file, prefixed with %%PROJ.
- For example the command **pscoast -JM0/12c -R-10/-4/37/43 -W1 -Di -Bg30m --BASEMAP\_TYPE=inside** > cara.ps adds this comment line
- ```
%%PROJ: merc -10.0 -4.0 37.0 43.0 -1113194.908 -445277.963 4413389.889 5282821.824
+proj=merc +lon_0=0 +k=-1 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +a=6378137.0 +b=6356752.314245
```
- where 'merc' is the keyword for the coordinate conversion; the 2 to 5th elements contain the map limits, 6 to 9th the map limits in projected coordinates and the rest of the line has the regular proj4 string for this projection.

## NOTES

The conversion to raster images (BMP, JPEG, PNG, PPM or TIFF) inherently results in loss of details that are available in the original *PostScript* file. Choose a resolution that is large enough for the application that the image will be used for. For web pages, smaller dpi values suffice, for Word documents and PowerPoint presentations a higher dpi value is recommended. **ps2raster** uses the loss-less Flate compression technique when creating JPEG, PNG and TIFF images.

EPS is a vector, not a raster format. Therefore, the **-E** option has no effect on the creation of EPS files. Using the option **-Te** will remove PageSize commands from the *PostScript* file and will adjust the

BoundingBox when the **-A** option is used. Note the original and required BoundingBox is limited to integer points, hence Adobe added the optional HiResBoundingBox to add more precision in sizing. The **-A** option calculates both and writes both to the EPS file used in the rasterization (and output if **-Te** is set).

Although PDF is also a vector format, the **-E** option has an effect on the resolution of pattern fills and fonts that are stored as bitmaps in the document. **ps2raster** therefore uses a larger default resolution when creating PDF files. In order to obtain high-quality PDF files, the */prepress* options are in effect, allowing only loss-less Flate compression of raster images embedded in the *PostScript* file.

Although **ps2raster** was developed as part of the **GMT**, it can be used to convert *PostScript* files created by nearly any graphics program. However, **-Au** is **GMT**-specific.

See Appendix C of the **GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook** for more information on how **ps2raster** is used to produce graphics that can be inserted into other documents (articles, presentations, posters, etc.).

## EXAMPLES

To convert the file `psfile.ps` to PNG using a tight BoundingBox and rotating it back to normal orientation in case it was in Landscape mode:

```
ps2raster psfile.ps -A -P -Tg
```

To create a simple linear map with `pscoast` and convert it to `tif` with a `.tfw` the tight BoundingBox computation.

```
pscoast -JX12cd -R-10/-4/37/43 -W1 -Di -Bg30m -P -G200 --BASEMAP_TYPE=inside > cara.ps
```

```
ps2raster cara -Tt -W
```

To create a Mercator version of the above example and use GDAL to produce a true geotiff file.

```
pscoast -JM0/12c -R-10/-4/37/43 -W1 -Di -Bg30m -P -G200 --BASEMAP_TYPE=inside > cara.ps
```

```
gdalwarp -s_srs +proj=merc cara.tif carageo.tiff
```

To create a Polar Stereographic geotiff file of Patagonia

```
pscoast -JS-55/-60/15c -R-77/-55/-57.5/-48r -Di -Gred -P -Bg2 --BASEMAP_TYPE=inside > patagonia.ps
```

```
ps2raster patagonia.ps -Tt -W+g -V
```

To create a simple KMZ file for use in Google Earth, try

```
grdimage lonlatgrid.nc -Jx1 -Ccolors.cpt -P -B0g2 --BASEMAP_TYPE=inside > tile.ps
```

```
ps2raster tile.ps -Tg -W+k+t"my title"+l256/-1 -V
```

(These commands assume that GhostScript can be found in your system's path.)

## BINARY DATA

**GMT** programs can produce binary *PostScript* image data and this is determined by the default setting `PS_IMAGE_FORMAT`. Because **ps2raster** needs to process the input files on a line-by-line basis you need to make sure the image format is set to *ascii* and not *bin*.

## GHOSTSCRIPT OPTIONS

Most of the conversions done in **ps2raster** are handled by GhostScript. On most Unixes this program is available as **gs**; for Windows there is a version called **gswin32c**. GhostScript accepts a rich selection of command-line options that modify its behavior. Many of these are set indirectly by the options available above. However, hard-core usage may require some users to add additional options to fine-tune the result. Use **-S** to examine the actual command used, and add custom options via one or more instances of the **-C** option. For instance, to turn on image interpolation for all images, improving image quality for scaled images at the expense of speed, use **-C-dDOINTERPOLATE**. See [www.ghostscript.com](http://www.ghostscript.com) for complete documentation.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gs(1)*

**NAME**

`psbasemap` – To plot *PostScript* basemaps

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psbasemap -B[p|s]parameters -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[/zmin/zmax][r] [
-Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[/z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -Gfill ] [ -Jz/Zparameters ] [ -K ] [
-L[f][x]lon0/lat0[/slon]/slat/length[m|n|k][+llabel][+jjust][+ppen][+ffill][+u] ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [
-U[just/dx/dy][/clabel] ] [ -T[fm][x]lon0/lat0/size[/info][:w,e,s,n:][+gint[/mint]] ] [ -V ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-
shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Zlevel ] [ -ccopies ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

`psbasemap` creates *PostScript* code that will produce a basemap. Several map projections are available, and the user may specify separate tickmark intervals for boundary annotation, ticking, and [optionally] gridlines. A simple map scale or directional rose may also be plotted.

**-B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals. The format of *tickinfo* is [**p**|**s**]*xinfo*[/*yinfo*/*zinfo*][:."Title":[**W**|**w**][**E**|**e**][**S**|**s**][**N**|**n**][**Z**|**z**[+]]. The leading **p** [Default] or **s** selects the primary or secondary annotation information. Each of the *?info* segments are textstrings of the form *info*[:."Axis label":[:="prefix":[:,"unit label":]. The *info* string is made up of one or more concatenated substrings of the form [**a**|**f**|**g**]*stride*[+*phase*][*unit*]. The leading **a** is used to specify the annotation and major tick spacing [Default], **f** for minor tick spacing, and **g** for gridline spacing. *stride* is the desired stride interval. The optional *phase* shifts the annotation interval by that amount (positive or negative). The optional *unit* indicates the unit of the *stride* and can be any of **Y** (year, plot with 4 digits), **y** (year, plot with 2 digits), **O** (month, plot using **PLOT\_DATE\_FORMAT**), **o** (month, plot with 2 digits), **U** (ISO week, plot using **PLOT\_DATE\_FORMAT**), **u** (ISO week, plot using 2 digits), **r** (Gregorian week, 7-day stride from start of week **TIME\_WEEK\_START**), **K** (ISO weekday, plot name of day), **D** (date, plot using **PLOT\_DATE\_FORMAT**), **d** (day, plot day of month 0-31 or year 1-366, via **PLOT\_DATE\_FORMAT**), **R** (day, same as **d**, aligned with **TIME\_WEEK\_START**), **H** (hour, plot using **PLOT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**), **h** (hour, plot with 2 digits), **M** (minute, plot using **PLOT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**), **m** (minute, plot with 2 digits), **C** (second, plot using **PLOT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**), **c** (second, plot with 2 digits). Note for geographic axes **m** and **c** instead mean arc minutes and arc seconds. All entities that are language-specific are under control by **TIME\_LANGUAGE**. To specify separate x and y ticks, separate the substrings that apply to the x and y axes with a slash [/] (If a 3-D basemap is selected with **-E** and **-Jz**, a third substring pertaining to the vertical axis may be appended.) For linear/log/power projections (**-Jx|X**): Labels for each axis can be added by surrounding them with colons (:). If the first character in the label is a period, then the label is used as plot title; if it is a comma (,) then the label is appended to each annotation; if it is an equal sign (=) the the prefix is prepended to each annotation (start label/prefix with - to avoid space between annotation and item); else it is the axis label. If the label consists of more than one word, enclose the entire label in double quotes (e.g., "my label":). If you need to use a colon (:) as part of your label you must specify it using its octal code (\072). By default, all 4 boundaries are plotted (referred to as **W**, **E**, **S**, **N**). To change the default, append the code for only those axes you want (e.g., **WS** for standard lower-left x- and y-axis system). Upper case (e.g., **W**) means draw axis/tickmarks AND annotate it, whereas lower case (e.g., **w**) will only draw axis/tickmarks. (If a 3-D basemap is selected with **-E** and **-Jz**, append **Z** or **z** to control the appearance of the vertical axis. Append + to draw the outline of the cube defined by **-R**. Note that for 3-D views the title, if given, will be suppressed.) For non-geographical projections: Give negative scale (in **-Jx**) or axis length (in **-JX**) to change the direction of increasing coordinates (i.e., to make the y-axis positive down). For log10 axes: Annotations can be specified in one of three ways: (1) *stride* can be 1, 2, 3, or *-n*. Annotations will then occur at 1, 1-2-5, or 1-2-3-4-...-9, respectively; for *-n* we annotate every *n*'t magnitude. This option can also be used for the frame and grid intervals. (2) An **l** is appended to the *tickinfo* string. Then, log10 of the tick value is plotted at every integer log10 value. (3) A **p** is appended to the *tickinfo* string. Then, annotations appear as 10 raised to log10 of the tick value. For power axes: Annotations can be specified in one of two ways: (1) *stride* sets the regular

annotation interval. (2) A **p** is appended to the *tickinfo* string. Then, the annotation interval is expected to be in transformed units, but the annotation value will be plotted as untransformed units. E.g., if *stride* = 1 and *power* = 0.5 (i.e., sqrt), then equidistant annotations labeled 1–4–9... will appear.

These GMT parameters can affect the appearance of the map boundary: **ANNOT\_MIN\_ANGLE**, **ANNOT\_MIN\_SPACING**, **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**, **ANNOT\_FONT\_SECONDARY**, **ANNOT\_FONT\_SIZE\_PRIMARY**, **ANNOT\_FONT\_SIZE\_SECONDARY**, **ANNOT\_OFFSET\_PRIMARY**, **ANNOT\_OFFSET\_SECONDARY**, **BASEMAP\_AXES**, **BASEMAP\_FRAME\_RGB**, **BASEMAP\_TYPE**, **PLOT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, **FRAME\_PEN**, **FRAME\_WIDTH**, **GRID\_CROSS\_SIZE\_PRIMARY**, **GRID\_PEN\_PRIMARY**, **GRID\_CROSS\_SIZE\_SECONDARY**, **GRID\_PEN\_SECONDARY**, **HEADER\_FONT**, **HEADER\_FONT\_SIZE**, **LABEL\_FONT**, **LABEL\_FONT\_SIZE**, **LINE\_STEP**, **OBLIQUE\_ANNOTATION**, **PLOT\_CLOCK\_FORMAT**, **PLOT\_DATE\_FORMAT**, **TIME\_FORMAT\_PRIMARY**, **TIME\_FORMAT\_SECONDARY**, **TIME\_LANGUAGE**, **TIME\_WEEK\_START**, **TICK\_LENGTH**, **TICK\_PEN**, and **Y\_AXIS\_TYPE**; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details.

- J** Selects the map projection. The following character determines the projection. If the character is upper case then the argument(s) supplied as *scale(s)* is interpreted to be the map width (or axis lengths), else the *scale* argument(s) is the map scale (see its definition for each projection). **UNIT** is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in **.gmtdefaults4**, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the *scale* or *width* values. Append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the given *width* if you instead want to set map height, the maximum dimension, or the minimum dimension, respectively [Default is **w** for width].
- In case the central meridian is an optional parameter and it is being omitted, then the center of the longitude range given by the **-R** option is used. The default standard parallel is the equator.
- The ellipsoid used in the map projections is user-definable by editing the **.gmtdefaults4** file in your home directory. 73 commonly used ellipsoids and spheroids are currently supported, and users may also specify their own custom ellipsoid parameters [Default is WGS-84]. Several GMT parameters can affect the projection: **ELLIPSOID**, **INTERPOLANT**, **MAP\_SCALE\_FACTOR**, and **MEASURE\_UNIT**; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details.
- Choose one of the following projections (The **E** or **C** after projection names stands for Equal-Area and Conformal, respectively):

#### CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jclon0/lat0/scale** or **-JClon0/lat0/width** (Cassini).  
Give projection center *lon0/lat0* and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jcyl\_stere/[lon0/[lat0]]scale** or **-JCyl\_stere/[lon0/[lat0]]width** (Cylindrical Stereographic).  
Give central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* along parallel (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree). The standard parallel is typically one of these (but can be any value):
- 66.159467 - Miller's modified Gall
  - 55 - Kamenetskiy's First
  - 45 - Gall's Stereographic
  - 30 - Bolshoi Sovietskii Atlas Mira or Kamenetskiy's Second
  - 0 - Braun's Cylindrical
- Jj[lon0]/scale** or **-JJ[lon0]/width** (Miller Cylindrical Projection).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jm[lon0/[lat0]]scale** or **-JM[lon0/[lat0]]width**  
Give central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* along parallel (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Joparameters** (Oblique Mercator [**C**]).  
Typically used with **-R<...>r**, otherwise region is in oblique coordinates. Specify one of:

- Jo[a]***lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* or **-JO[a]***lon0/lat0/azimuth/width*  
Set projection center *lon0/lat0*, *azimuth* of oblique equator, and *scale*.
- Jo[b]***lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* or **-JO[b]***lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale*  
Set projection center *lon0/lat0*, another point on the oblique equator *lon1/lat1*, and *scale*.
- Joc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale* or **-JOc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale*  
Set projection center *lon0/lat0*, pole of oblique projection *lonp/latp*, and *scale*.  
Give *scale* along oblique equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jq***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* or **-JQ***[lon0/[lat0/]]width* (Cylindrical Equidistant).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree). The standard parallel is typically one of these (but can be any value):
- 61.7 - Grafarend and Niermann, minimum linear distortion
  - 50.5 - Ronald Miller Equirectangular
  - 43.5 - Ronald Miller, minimum continental distortion
  - 42 - Grafarend and Niermann
  - 37.5 - Ronald Miller, minimum overall distortion
  - 0 - Plate Carree, Simple Cylindrical, Plain/Plane Chart
- Jt***lon0/[lat0/]scale* or **-JT***lon0/[lat0/]width*  
Give the central meridian *lon0*, central parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Ju***zone/scale* or **-JU***zone/width* (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator [**C**]).  
Give the UTM zone (A,B,1-60[C-X],Y,Z) and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).  
Zones: If C-X not given, prepend - or + to enforce southern or northern hemisphere conventions [northern if south > 0].
- Jy***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* or **-JY***[lon0/[lat0/]]width* (Cylindrical Equal-Area [**E**]).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional), standard parallel *lat0* (optional), and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree). The standard parallel is typically one of these (but can be any value):
- 50 - Balthasart
  - 45 - Gall-Peters
  - 37.0666 - Caster
  - 37.4 - Trystan Edwards
  - 37.5 - Hobo-Dyer
  - 30 - Behrman
  - 0 - Lambert (default)
- CONIC PROJECTIONS:**
- Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* or **-JB***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/width* (Albers [**E**]).  
Give projection center *lon0/lat0*, two standard parallels *lat1/lat2*, and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* or **-JD***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/width* (Conic Equidistant)  
Give projection center *lon0/lat0*, two standard parallels *lat1/lat2*, and *scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* or **-JL***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/width* (Lambert [**C**])  
Give origin *lon0/lat0*, two standard parallels *lat1/lat2*, and *scale* along these (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jpoly***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* or **-JPoly***[lon0/[lat0/]]width* ((American) Polyconic).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional), reference parallel *lat0* (optional, default = equator), and *scale* along central meridian (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

Except for polar aspects, **-R** w/e/s/n will be reset to **-Rg**. Use **-R<...>r** for smaller regions.

**-Jal***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* or **-JAl***lon0/lat0/horizon/width* (Lambert [E]).

*lon0/lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, <= 180, default 90). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

**-Jel***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* or **-JE***lon0/lat0/horizon/width* (Azimuthal Equidistant).

*lon0/lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, <= 180, default 180). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

**-Jfl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* or **-JF***lon0/lat0/horizon/width* (Gnomonic).

*lon0/lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, < 90, default 60). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

**-Jgl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* or **-JG***lon0/lat0/horizon/width* (Orthographic).

*lon0/lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, <= 90, default 90). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

**-Jgl***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* or **-JG***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/width* (General Perspective).

*lon0/lat0* specifies the projection center. *altitude* is the height (in km) of the viewpoint above local sea level. If *altitude* is less than 10, then it is the distance from the center of the earth to the viewpoint in earth radii. If *altitude* has a suffix **r** then it is the radius from the center of the earth in kilometers. *azimuth* is measured to the east of north of view. *tilt* is the upward tilt of the plane of projection. If *tilt* is negative, then the viewpoint is centered on the horizon. Further, specify the clockwise *twist*, *Width*, and *Height* of the viewpoint in degrees. Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** or *radius/lat*, where *radius* is distance in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*.

**-Jsl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* or **-JS***lon0/lat0/horizon/width* (General Stereographic [C]).

*lon0/lat0* specifies the projection center. *horizon* specifies the max distance from projection center (in degrees, < 180, default 90). Give *scale* as **1:xxxx** (true at pole) or *lat/1:xxxx* (true at standard parallel *lat*) or *radius/lat* (*radius* in UNIT from origin to the oblique latitude *lat*). Note if **1:xxxx** is used then to specify *horizon* you must also specify the *lat* as +90 to avoid ambiguity.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:**

**-Jh***[lon0]/scale* or **-JH***[lon0]/width* (Hammer [E]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Ji***[lon0]/scale* or **-JI***[lon0]/width* (Sinusoidal [E]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jkf***[lon0]/scale* or **-JKf***[lon0]/width* (Eckert IV) [E]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

**-Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* or **-JK[s]***[lon0]/width* (Eckert VI) [E]).

Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

- Jn**[*lon0*]/*scale* or –**JN**[*lon0*]/*width* (Robinson).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jr**[*lon0*]/*scale* –**JR**[*lon0*]/*width* (Winkel Tripel).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jv**[*lon0*]/*scale* or –**JV**[*lon0*]/*width* (Van der Grinten).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).
- Jw**[*lon0*]/*scale* or –**JW**[*lon0*]/*width* (Mollweide [**E**]).  
Give the central meridian *lon0* (optional) and *scale* along equator (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/degree).

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp**[*a*]*scale*[/*origin*][*r*]*z*] or –**JP**[*a*]*width*[/*origin*][*r*]*z*] (Polar coordinates (theta,r))  
Optionally insert **a** after –**Jp** [ or –**JP**] for azimuths CW from North instead of directions CCW from East [Default]. Optionally append /*origin* in degrees to indicate an angular offset [0]. Finally, append **r** if *r* is elevations in degrees (requires *s* >= 0 and *n* <= 90) or **z** if you want to annotate depth rather than radius [Default]. Give *scale* in UNIT/r-unit.
  - Jx**-*scale*[/*y-scale*] or –**JX***width*[/*height*] (Linear, log, and power scaling)  
Give *x-scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/*x*-unit) and/or *y-scale* (**1:xxxx** or UNIT/*y*-unit); or specify *width* and/or *height* in UNIT. *y-scale*=*x-scale* if not specified separately and using **1:xxxx** implies that *x*-unit and *y*-unit are in meters. Use negative scale(s) to reverse the direction of an axis (e.g., to have *y* be positive down). Set *height* or *width* to 0 to have it recomputed based on the implied scale of the other axis. Optionally, append to *x-scale*, *y-scale*, *width* or *height* one of the following:
    - d** Data are geographical coordinates (in degrees).
    - l** Take log10 of values before scaling.
    - ppower** Raise values to *power* before scaling.
    - t** Input coordinates are time relative to **TIME\_EPOCH**.
    - T** Input coordinates are absolute time.
- Default axis lengths (see **gmtdefaults**) can be invoked using –**JXh** (for landscape); –**JXv** (for portrait) will swap the *x*- and *y*-axis lengths. The default unit for this installation is either cm or inch, as defined in the file `share/gmt_setup.conf`. However, you may change this by editing your `.gmtdefaults4` file(s).

- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]*dd*:*mm*[:*ss*.*xxx*][**W**|**E**|**S**|**N**] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands –**Rg** and –**Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the –**R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to –**JX***x*), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to –**JX***x*). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]*yyyy*[-*mm*[-*dd*]] (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy*[-*Www*[-*d*]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh*:*mm*:*ss*[.*xxx*]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

## OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append + to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with **+wlon0/lat0/z**) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with **+vx0/y0**).
- G** Select fill shade, color or pattern for the inside of the basemap [Default is no fill color]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- Jz** Sets the vertical scaling (for 3-D maps). Same syntax as **-Jx**.
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Draws a simple map scale centered on *lon0/lat0*. Use **-Lx** to specify x/y position instead. Scale is calculated at latitude *slat* (optionally supply longitude *slon* for oblique projections [Default is central meridian]), *length* is in km [miles if **m** is appended; nautical miles if **n** is appended]. Use **-Lf** to get a "fancy" scale [Default is plain]. Append **+l** to select the default label which equals the distance unit (km, miles, nautical miles) and is justified on top of the scale [t]. Change this by giving your own label (append **+llabel**). Change label justification with **+jjustification** (choose among l(ef), r(igh), t(op), and b(ottom)). Apply **+u** to append the unit to all distance annotations along the scale. If you want to place a rectangle behind the scale, specify suitable **+ppen** and/or **+ffill** parameters. (See SPECIFYING PENS and SPECIFYING FILL below).
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- T** Draws a simple map directional rose centered on *lon0/lat0*. Use **-Tx** to specify x/y position instead. The *size* is the diameter of the rose, and optional label information can be specified to override the default values of W, E, S, and N (Give **::** to suppress all labels). The default [plain] map rose only labels north. Use **-Tf** to get a "fancy" rose, and specify in *info* what you want drawn. The default [1] draws the two principal E-W, N-S orientations, 2 adds the two intermediate NW-SE and NE-SW orientations, while 3 adds the eight minor orientations WNW-ESE, NNW-SSE, NNE-SSW, and ENE-WSW. For a magnetic compass rose, specify **-Tm**. If given, *info* must be the two parameters *dec/dlabel*, where *dec* is the magnetic declination and *dlabel* is a label for the magnetic compass needle (specify - to format a label from *dec*). Then, both directions to geographic and magnetic north are plotted [Default is geographic only]. If the north label is \* then a north star is plotted instead of the north label. Annotation and two levels of tick intervals for geographic and magnetic directions are 10/5/1 and 30/5/1 degrees, respectively; override these settings by appending **+gints[/mints]**. Color and pen attributes are taken from **COLOR\_BACKGROUND** and **TICK\_PEN**, respectively, while label fonts and sizes follow the usual annotation, label, and header font settings.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by *(x-shift,y-shift)* and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default *(x-shift,y-shift)* is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.

- Z** For 3-D projections: Sets the z-level of the basemap [Default is at the bottom end of the z-axis].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### EXAMPLES

The following section illustrates the use of the options by giving some examples for the available map projections. Note how scales may be given in several different ways depending on the projection. Also note the use of upper case letters to specify map width instead of map scale.

### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS

#### Linear x-y plot

To make a linear x/y frame with all axes, but with only left and bottom axes annotated, using *xscale* = *yscale* = 1.0, ticking every 1 unit and annotating every 2, and using *xlabel* = "Distance" and *ylabel* = "No of samples", use

```
psbasemap -R 0/9/0/5 -Jx 1 -Bf 1a2:Distance:/:"No of samples":WeSn > linear.ps
```

#### Log-log plot

To make a log-log frame with only the left and bottom axes, where the x-axis is 25 cm and annotated every 1-2-5 and the y-axis is 15 cm and annotated every power of 10 but has tickmarks every 0.1, run

```
psbasemap -R 1/10000/1e20/1e25 -JX 25cl/15cl -B 2:Wavelength:/a 1pf3:Power:WS > loglog.ps
```

#### Power axes

To design an axis system to be used for a depth–sqrt(age) plot with depth positive down, ticked and annotated every 500m, and ages annotated at 1 my, 4 my, 9 my etc, use

```
psbasemap -R 0/100/0/5000 -Jx 1p0.5/-0.001 -B 1p:"Crustal age"/:500:Depth: > power.ps
```

#### Polar (theta,r) plot

For a base map for use with polar coordinates, where the radius from 0 to 1000 should correspond to 3 inch and with gridlines and ticks every 30 degrees and 100 units, use

```
psbasemap -R 0/360/0/1000 -JP 6i -B 30p/100 > polar.ps
```

### CYLINDRICAL MAP PROJECTIONS

#### Cassini

A 10 -cm-wide basemap using the Cassini projection may be obtained by

**psbasemap** -R 20/50/20/35 -JC 35/28/10c -P -B 5g5:.Cassini: > cassini.ps

#### **Mercator [conformal]**

A Mercator map with scale 0.025 inch/degree along equator, and showing the length of 5000 km along the equator (centered on 1/1 inch), may be plotted as

**psbasemap** -R 90/180/-50/50 -Jm 0.025i -B 30g30:.Mercator: -Lx 1i/1i/0/5000 > mercator.ps

#### **Miller**

A global Miller cylindrical map with scale 1:200,000,000 may be plotted as

**psbasemap** -Rg -Jj 180/1:200000000 -B 30g30:.Miller: > miller.ps

#### **Oblique Mercator [conformal]**

To create a page-size global oblique Mercator basemap for a pole at (90,30) with gridlines every 30 degrees, run

**psbasemap** -R 0/360/-70/70 -Joc 0/0/90/30/0.064cd -B 30g30:."Oblique Mercator": > oblmerc.ps

#### **Transverse Mercator [conformal]**

A regular Transverse Mercator basemap for some region may look like

**psbasemap** -R 69:30/71:45/-17/-15:15 -Jt 70/1:1000000 -B 15m:."Survey area": -P > transmerc.ps

#### **Equidistant Cylindrical Projection**

This projection only needs the central meridian and scale. A 25 cm wide global basemap centered on the 130E meridian is made by

**psbasemap** -R-50/310/-90/90 -JQ 130/25c -B 30g30:."Equidistant Cylindrical": > cyl\_eqdist.ps

#### **Universal Transverse Mercator [conformal]**

To use this projection you must know the UTM zone number, which defines the central meridian. A UTM basemap for Indo-China can be plotted as

**psbasemap** -R 95/5/108/20r -Ju46/1:10000000 -B 3g3:."UTM": > utm.ps

#### **Cylindrical Equal-Area**

First select which of the cylindrical equal-area projections you want by deciding on the standard parallel. Here we will use 45 degrees which gives the Gall-Peters projection. A 9 inch wide global basemap centered on the Pacific is made by

**psbasemap** -Rg -JY 180/45/9i -B 30g30:."Gall-Peters": > gall-peters.ps

### **CONIC MAP PROJECTIONS**

#### **Albers [equal-area]**

A basemap for middle Europe may be created by

**psbasemap** -R 0/90/25/55 -Jb 45/20/32/45/0.25c -B 10g10:."Albers Equal-area": > albers.ps

#### **Lambert [conformal]**

Another basemap for middle Europe may be created by

**psbasemap** -R 0/90/25/55 -Jl 45/20/32/45/0.1i -B 10g10:."Lambert Conformal Conic": > lambertc.ps

#### **Equidistant**

Yet another basemap of width 6 inch for middle Europe may be created by

**psbasemap** -R 0/90/25/55 -JD 45/20/32/45/6i -B 10g10:."Equidistant conic": > econic.ps

**Polyconic**

A basemap for north America may be created by

```
psbasemap -R-180/-20/0/90 -JPoly/4i -B 30g10/10g10:"Polyconic": > polyconic.ps
```

**AZIMUTHAL MAP PROJECTIONS****Lambert [equal-area]**

A 15 -cm-wide global view of the world from the vantage point -80/-30 will give the following basemap:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JA-80/-30/15c -B 30g30/15g15:"Lambert Azimuthal": > lamberta.ps
```

Follow the instructions for stereographic projection if you want to impose rectangular boundaries on the azimuthal equal-area map but substitute **-Ja** for **-Js**.

**Equidistant**

A 15 -cm-wide global map in which distances from the center (here 125/10) to any point is true can be obtained by:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JE 125/10/15c -B 30g30/15g15:Equidistant: > equi.ps
```

**Gnomonic**

A view of the world from the vantage point -100/40 out to a horizon of 60 degrees from the center can be made using the Gnomonic projection:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JF-100/40/60/6i -B 30g30/15g15:Gnomonic: > gnomonic.ps
```

**Orthographic**

A global perspective (from infinite distance) view of the world from the vantage point 125/10 will give the following 6 -inch-wide basemap:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JG 125/10/6i -B 30g30/15g15:Orthographic: > ortho.ps
```

**General Perspective**

The **-JG** option can be used in a more generalized form, specifying altitude above the surface, width and height of the view point, and twist and tilt. A view from 160 km above -74/41.5 with a tilt of 55 and azimuth of 210 degrees, and limiting the viewpoint to 30 degrees width and height will product a 6 -inch-wide basemap:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JG-74/41.5/160/210/55/30/30/6i -B 5g1/5g1:"General Perspective": > genper.ps
```

**Stereographic [conformal]**

To make a polar stereographic projection basemap with radius = 12 cm to -60 degree latitude, with plot title "Salinity measurements", using 5 degrees annotation/tick interval and 1 degree gridlines, run

```
psbasemap -R-45/45/-90/-60 -Js 0/-90/12c/-60 -B 5g5:"Salinity measurements": > stereo1.ps
```

To make a 12 -cm-wide stereographic basemap for Australia from an arbitrary view point (not the poles), and use a rectangular boundary, we must give the pole for the new projection and use the **-R** option to indicate the lower left and upper right corners (in lon/lat) that will define our rectangle. We choose a pole at 130/-30 and use 100/-45 and 160/-5 as our corners. The command becomes

```
psbasemap -R 100/-45/160/-5fP -JS 130/-30/12c -B 30g30/15g15:"General Stereographic View": > stereo2.ps
```

**MISCELLANEOUS MAP PROJECTIONS****Hammer [equal-area]**

The Hammer projection is mostly used for global maps and thus the spherical form is used. To get a world map centered on Greenwich at a scale of 1:200000000, use

```
psbasemap -Rd -Jh 0/1:200000000 -B 30g30/15g15:.Hammer: > hammer.ps
```

#### **Sinusoidal [equal-area]**

To make a sinusoidal world map centered on Greenwich, with a scale along the equator of 0.02 inch/degree, use

```
psbasemap -Rd -Ji 0/0.02i -B 30g30/15g15:.Sinusoidal: > sinus1.ps
```

To make an interrupted sinusoidal world map with breaks at 160W, 20W, and 60E, with a scale along the equator of 0.02 inch/degree, run the following sequence of commands:

```
psbasemap -R-160/-20/-90/90 -Ji-90/0.02i -B 30g30/15g15Wesn -K > sinus_i.ps
psbasemap -R-20/60/-90/90 -Ji 20/0.02i -B 30g30/15g15wesn -O -K -X 2.8i >> sinus_i.ps
psbasemap -R 60/200/-90/90 -Ji 130/0.02i -B 30g30/15g15wEsn -O -X 1.6i >> sinus_i.ps
```

#### **Eckert IV [equal-area]**

Pseudo-cylindrical projection typically used for global maps only. Set the central longitude and scale, e.g.,

```
psbasemap -Rg -Jkf 180/0.064c -B 30g30/15g15:."Eckert IV": > eckert4.ps
```

#### **Eckert VI [equal-area]**

Another pseudo-cylindrical projection typically used for global maps only. Set the central longitude and scale, e.g.,

```
psbasemap -Rg -Jks 180/0.064c -B 30g30/15g15:."Eckert VI": > eckert6.ps
```

#### **Robinson**

Projection designed to make global maps "look right". Set the central longitude and width, e.g.,

```
psbasemap -Rd -JN 0/8i -B 30g30/15g15:.Robinson: > robinson.ps
```

#### **Winkel Tripel**

Yet another projection typically used for global maps only. You can set the central longitude, e.g.,

```
psbasemap -R 90/450/-90/90 -JR 270/25c -B 30g30/15g15:."Winkel Tripel": > winkel.ps
```

#### **Mollweide [equal-area]**

The Mollweide projection is also mostly used for global maps and thus the spherical form is used. To get a 25 -cm-wide world map centered on the Dateline:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JW 180/25c -B 30g30/15g15:.Mollweide: > mollweide.ps
```

#### **Van der Grinten**

The Van der Grinten projection is also mostly used for global maps and thus the spherical form is used. To get a 7 -inch-wide world map centered on the Dateline:

```
psbasemap -Rg -JV 180/7i -B 30g30/15g15:."Van der Grinten": > grinten.ps
```

### **RESTRICTIONS**

For some projections, a spherical earth is implicitly assumed. A warning will notify the user if **-V** is set. Also note that plot titles are not plotted if **-E** is given.

### **BUGS**

The **-B** option is somewhat complicated to explain and comprehend. However, it is fairly simple for most applications (see examples).

### **SEE ALSO**

*gmtcolors(5)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *GMT(1)*

**NAME**

psbbox.sh – Replace BoundingBox line in PostScript files by "real" BoundingBox

**SYNOPSIS**

**psbbox.sh** *file* ...

**DESCRIPTION**

This program replaces the BoundingBox line in all PostScript files specified on the command line by a BoundingBox determined by the bbox modules of Ghostscript.

**KNOWN LIMITATIONS**

Works only for single-page PostScript files. Other limitations are the limitations of the Ghostscript bbox module.

EPS Ghostscript 7.07 occasionally produces no BoundingBox at all. Try using AFPL Ghostscript 8.00 or later instead.

**OBSOLETE**

With the production of **ps2raster**, this script became obsolete.

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *ps2raster(1)*

**NAME**

**psclip** – To set up polygonal clip paths

**SYNOPSIS**

**psclip** *xyfiles* **-J***parameters* **-R***west/east/south/north[r]* [ **-B***[p|s]parameters* ] [ **-E***azim/elev* ] [ **-K** ] [ **-N** ] [ **-O** ] [ **-P** ] [ **-T** ] [ **-U***[just/dx/dy/[c|label]]* ] [ **-V** ] [ **-X***[a|c|r][x-shift[u]]* ] [ **-Y***[a|c|r][y-shift[u]]* ] [ **-Z***zlevel* ] [ **-ccopies** ] [ **-:***[i|o]* ] [ **-bi***[s|D|D[ncol][c[var1|...]]]* ] [ **-fcolinfo** ] [ **-m***[flag]* ]

**psclip** **-C** [ **-K** ] [ **-O** ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**psclip** reads (x,y) file(s) [or standard input] and draws polygons that are activated as clipping paths. Several files may be read to create complex paths consisting of several non-connecting segments. Only marks that are subsequently drawn inside the clipping path will be shown. To determine what is inside or outside the clipping path, **psclip** uses the even-odd rule. When a ray drawn from any point, regardless of direction, crosses the clipping path segments an odd number of times, the point is inside the clipping path. If the number is even, the point is outside. The **-N** option, reverses the sense of what is the inside and outside of the paths by plotting a clipping path along the map boundary. After subsequent plotting, which will be clipped against these paths, the clipping may be deactivated by running **psclip** a second time with the **-C** option only.

*xyfiles* ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] file(s) with (x,y) values for clip polygons. If no files are given, the standard input is read.

**-C** Mark end of existing clip path. No input file or projection information are needed. However, you must supply **-Xa** and **-Ya** settings if you are using absolute positioning.

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in .gmtdefaults4, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.

More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

**-Jlon0/lat0/scale** (Cassini)

**-Jcyl\_stere***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Stereographic)

**-Jj***[lon0/]scale* (Miller)

**-Jm***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Mercator)

**-Jmlon0/lat0/scale** (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)

**-Jo[a]***lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)

**-Jo[b]***lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* (Oblique Mercator - two points)

**-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale** (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)

**-Jq***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Equidistant)

**-Jtlon0/[lat0/]scale** (TM - Transverse Mercator)

**-Juzone/scale** (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)

**-Jy***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

**-Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale** (Albers)

**-Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)

**-Jllon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale** (Lambert Conic Conformal)

**-Jpoly***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* ((American) Polyconic)

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jal***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Jel***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jfl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jgl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0/horizon/scale* (General Stereographic)

**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:**

- Jh***[lon0/scale]* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0/scale]* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0/scale]* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0/scale]* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0/scale]* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0/scale]* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0/scale]* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0/scale]* (Mollweide)

**NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jp***[a]scale[/origin][r|z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jx***-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in *[+|-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]* format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form *[date]T[clock]* (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form *[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]* (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy[-Www[-d]]* (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh:mm:ss[.xxx]*. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation [180/90].
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with **#** are always skipped.
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- N** Invert the sense of what is inside and outside. For example, when using a single path, this means that only points outside that path will be shown. Cannot be used together with **-B**.

- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- T** Rather than read any input files, simply turn on clipping for the current map region. Basically, **-T** is a convenient way to run **psclip** with the arguments **-N /dev/null** (or, under Windows, **-N NUL**). Cannot be used together with **-B**.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, **BL/0/0** will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by *(x-shift,y-shift)* and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default *(x-shift,y-shift)* is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** For 3-D projections: Sets the z-level of the polygons [Default is the bottom of the z-axis].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is `>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## EXAMPLES

To make an overlay *PostScript* file that will set up a complex clip area to which subsequent plotting will be confined, run:

```
psclip my_region.xy -R 0/40/0/40 -Jm 0.3i -O -K > clip_mask_on.ps
```

To deactivate the clipping in an existing plotfile, run:

```
psclip -C -O >> complex_plot.ps
```

## BUGS

**psclip** cannot handle polygons that contain the south or north pole. For such polygons, you should split them into two and make each explicitly contain the polar point. The two clip polygons will combine to give the desired effect.

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1), grdmask(1), psbasemap(1), psmask(1)*

**NAME**

pscoast – To plot land-masses, water-masses, coastlines, borders, and rivers

**SYNOPSIS**

```
pscoast -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [ -Amin_area/min_level/max_level[+r]l[pppercent] ] [
-B[p]sparameters ] [ -C[l]r[/fill] ] [ -Dresolution[+] ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[/z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -Gfillc ] [
-Iriver[/pen] ] [ -Jz[Zparameters] ] [ -K ] [ -L[f][x]lon0/lat0[/slon]/slat/length[m]n[k][+lla-
bel][+jjust][+ppen][+fill][+u] ] [ -O ] [ -Nborder[/pen] ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Q ] [ -Sfillc ] [
-T[f]m[x]lon0/lat0/size[/info][:w,e,s,n:][+gint[/mint]] ] [ -U[just/dx/dy]/[c]label ] [ -V ] [ -W[level]/pen
] [ -X[a]c[r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a]c[r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Zzlevel ] [ -ccopies ] [ -bo[s]S[d]D[ncol]c[var1/...] ] [
-m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**pscoast** plots grayshaded, colored, or textured land-masses [or water-masses] on maps and [optionally] draws coastlines, rivers, and political boundaries. Alternatively, it can (1) issue clip paths that will contain all land or all water areas, or (2) dump the data to an ASCII table. The data files come in 5 different resolutions: (**f**)ull, (**h**)igh, (**i**)ntermediate, (**l**)ow, and (**c**)rude. The full resolution files amount to more than 55 Mb of data and provide great detail; for maps of larger geographical extent it is more economical to use one of the other resolutions. If the user selects to paint the land-areas and does not specify fill of water-areas then the latter will be transparent (i.e., earlier graphics drawn in those areas will not be overwritten). Likewise, if the water-areas are painted and no land fill is set then the land-areas will be transparent. A map projection must be supplied. The *PostScript* code is written to standard output.

- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in `.gmtdefaults4`, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively. More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jclon0/lat0/scale** (Cassini)
- Jcyl\_stere[/lon0[/lat0]]scale** (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- Jj[/lon0]scale** (Miller)
- Jm[/lon0[/lat0]]scale** (Mercator)
- Jmlon0/lat0/scale** (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
- Jo[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale** (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
- Jo[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale** (Oblique Mercator - two points)
- Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale** (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
- Jq[/lon0[/lat0]]scale** (Cylindrical Equidistant)
- Jtlon0[/lat0]scale** (TM - Transverse Mercator)
- Juzone/scale** (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
- Jy[/lon0[/lat0]]scale** (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

- Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale** (Albers)
- Jdlon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale** (Conic Equidistant)
- Jllon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale** (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jpoly[/lon0[/lat0]]scale** ((American) Polyconic)

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jalon0/lat0[/horizon]scale** (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)

- J***elon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp***[a]scale[/origin][r/z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale***[d][l][p]pow[t][T][y-scale[d][l][p]pow[t][T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- R** *west, east, south, and north* specify the Region of interest, and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in *[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]* format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **–Rg** and **–Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **–R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid.

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Features with an area smaller than *min\_area* in km<sup>2</sup> or of hierarchical level that is lower than *min\_level* or higher than *max\_level* will not be plotted [Default is 0/0/4 (all features)]. Level 2 (lakes) contains regular lakes and wide river bodies which we normally include as lakes; append **+r** to just get river-lakes or **+l** to just get regular lakes (requires GSHHS 2.0.1 or higher). Finally, append **+percent** to exclude polygons whose percentage area of the corresponding full-resolution feature is less than *percent* (requires GSHHS 2.0 or higher). See GSHHS INFORMATION below for more details.
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Set the shade, color, or pattern for lakes and river-lakes [Default is the fill chosen for "wet" areas (–S)]. Optionally, specify separate fills by prepending **l** for lakes and **r** for river-lakes, repeating the **–C** option as needed. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- D** Selects the resolution of the data set to use ((**f**ull, (**h**)igh, (**i**)ntermediate, (**l**ow, and (**c**)rude). The resolution drops off by 80% between data sets [Default is **l**]. Append **+** to automatically select a lower resolution should the one requested not be available [abort if not found].
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append **+** to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with **+wlon0/lat[/z]**) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with **+vx0/y0**).
- G** Select filling or clipping of "dry" areas. Append the shade, color, or pattern (see SPECIFYING FILL below); or use **–Gc** for clipping [Default is no fill].

- I** Draw rivers. Specify the type of rivers and [optionally] append pen attributes [Default pen: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).  
Choose from the list of river types below. Repeat option **-I** as often as necessary.
- 1 = Permanent major rivers
  - 2 = Additional major rivers
  - 3 = Additional rivers
  - 4 = Minor rivers
  - 5 = Intermittent rivers - major
  - 6 = Intermittent rivers - additional
  - 7 = Intermittent rivers - minor
  - 8 = Major canals
  - 9 = Minor canals
  - 10 = Irrigation canals
  - a = All rivers and canals (1-10)
  - r = All permanent rivers (1-4)
  - i = All intermittent rivers (5-7)
  - c = All canals (8-10)
- Jz** Sets the vertical scaling (for 3-D maps). Same syntax as **-Jx**.
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Draws a simple map scale centered on *lon0/lat0*. Use **-Lx** to specify x/y position instead. Scale is calculated at latitude *slat* (optionally supply longitude *slon* for oblique projections [Default is central meridian]), *length* is in km [miles if **m** is appended; nautical miles if **n** is appended]. Use **-Lf** to get a "fancy" scale [Default is plain]. Append **+l** to select the default label which equals the distance unit (km, miles, nautical miles) and is justified on top of the scale [t]. Change this by giving your own label (append **+llabel**). Change label justification with **+jjustification** (choose among l(ef), r(ight), t(op), and b(ottom)). Apply **+u** to append the unit to all distance annotations along the scale. If you want to place a rectangle behind the scale, specify suitable **+ppen** and/or **+ffill** parameters. (See SPECIFYING PENS and SPECIFYING FILL below).
- N** Draw political boundaries. Specify the type of boundary and [optionally] append pen attributes [Default pen: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below). (See SPECIFYING PENS below).  
Choose from the list of boundaries below. Repeat option **-N** as often as necessary.
- 1 = National boundaries
  - 2 = State boundaries within the Americas
  - 3 = Marine boundaries
  - a = All boundaries (1-3)
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Mark end of existing clip path. No projection information is needed. However, you must supply **-Xa** and **-Ya** settings if you are using absolute positioning.
- S** Select filling or clipping of "wet" areas. Append the shade, color, or pattern (see SPECIFYING FILL below); or use **-Sc** for clipping [Default is no fill].
- T** Draws a simple map directional rose centered on *lon0/lat0*. Use **-Tx** to specify x/y position instead. The *size* is the diameter of the rose, and optional label information can be specified to override the default values of W, E, S, and N (Give **::** to suppress all labels). The default [plain] map rose only labels north. Use **-Tf** to get a "fancy" rose, and specify in *info* what you want drawn. The default [1] draws the two principal E-W, N-S orientations, 2 adds the two intermediate NW-SE and NE-SW orientations, while 3 adds the eight minor orientations WNW-ESE, NNW-SSE, NNE-SSW, and ENE-WSW. For a magnetic compass rose, specify **-Tm**. If given, *info* must be the two parameters *dec/dlabel*, where *dec* is the magnetic declination and *dlabel* is a label for the magnetic compass needle (specify - to format a label from *dec*). Then, both directions to

geographic and magnetic north are plotted [Default is geographic only]. If the north label is \* then a north star is plotted instead of the north label. Annotation and two levels of tick intervals for geographic and magnetic directions are 10/5/1 and 30/5/1 degrees, respectively; override these settings by appending *+gints[/mints]*. Color and pen attributes are taken from **COLOR\_BACKGROUND** and **TICK\_PEN**, respectively, while label fonts and sizes follow the usual annotation, label, and header font settings.

- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Draw shorelines [Default is no shorelines]. Append pen attributes [Defaults: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid] which apply to all four levels. To set the pen for each level differently, prepend *level/*, where *level* is 1-4 and represent coastline, lakeshore, island-in-lake shore, and lake-in-island-in-lake shore. Repeat **-W** as needed. When specific level pens are set, those not listed will not be drawn [Default draws all levels; but see **-A**]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by *(x-shift,y-shift)* and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default *(x-shift,y-shift)* is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** For 3-D projections: Sets the z-level of the coastlines [Default is the bottom of the z-axis].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file.
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- m** Dumps a single multisegment ASCII (or binary, see **-bo**) file to standard output. No plotting occurs. Specify any combination of **-W**, **-I**, **-N**. Optionally, you may append the *flag* character that is written at the start of each segment header [**>**].

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML).

See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

## EXAMPLES

To plot a green Africa with white outline on blue background, with permanent major rivers in thick blue pen, additional major rivers in thin blue pen, and national borders as dashed lines on a Mercator map at scale 0.1 inch/degree, use

```
pSCOAST -R-30/30/-40/40 -Jm 0.1i -B 5 -I 1/1p,blue -I 2/0.25p,blue -N 1/0.25p,- -W 0.25p,white -G green -S blue -P > africa.ps
```

To plot Iceland using the lava pattern (# 28) at 100 dots per inch, on a Mercator map at scale 1 cm/degree, run

```
pSCOAST -R-30/-10/60/65 -Jm 1c -B 5 -Gp 100/28 > iceland.ps
```

To initiate a clip path for Africa so that the subsequent colorimage of gridded topography is only seen over land, using a Mercator map at scale 0.1 inch/degree, use

```
pSCOAST -R-30/30/-40/40 -Jm 0.1i -B 5 -Gc -P -K > africa.ps  
grdimage -Jm 0.1i etopo5.grd -C colors.cpt -O -K >> africa.ps  
pSCOAST -Q -O >> africa.ps
```

**pSCOAST** will first look for coastline files in directory **\$GMT\_SHAREDIR/coast** If the desired file is not found, it will look for the file **\$GMT\_SHAREDIR/coastline.conf**. This file may contain any number of records that each holds the full pathname of an alternative directory. Comment lines (#) and blank lines are allowed. The desired file is then sought for in the alternate directories.

## GSHHS INFORMATION

The coastline database is GSHHS which is compiled from two sources: World Vector Shorelines (WVS) and CIA World Data Bank II (WDBII). In particular, all level-1 polygons (ocean-land boundary) are derived from the more accurate WVS while all higher level polygons (level 2-4, representing land/lake, lake/island-in-lake, and island-in-lake/lake-in-island-in-lake boundaries) are taken from WDBII. Much processing has taken place to convert WVS and WDBII data into usable form for **GMT**: assembling closed polygons from line segments, checking for duplicates, and correcting for crossings between polygons. The area of each polygon has been determined so that the user may choose not to draw features smaller than a minimum area (see **-A**); one may also limit the highest hierarchical level of polygons to be included (4 is the maximum). The 4 lower-resolution databases were derived from the full resolution database using the Douglas-Peucker line-simplification algorithm. The classification of rivers and borders follow that of the WDBII. See the **GMT Cookbook** and Technical Reference Appendix K for further details.

## BUGS

The options to fill (**-C -G -S**) may not always work if the Azimuthal equidistant projection is chosen (**-Je|E**). If the antipole of the projection is in the oceans it will most likely work. If not, try to avoid using projection center coordinates that are even multiples of the coastline bin size (1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 degrees for **f, h, i, l, c**, respectively). This projection is not supported for clipping.

The political borders are for the most part 1970s-style but have been updated to reflect more recent border rearrangements in Europe and elsewhere. Let us know if you find something out of date.

Some users of **pSCOAST** will not be satisfied with what they find for the Antarctic shoreline. In Antarctica, the boundary between ice and ocean varies seasonally and inter-annually. There are some areas of permanent sea ice. In addition to these time-varying ice-ocean boundaries, there are also ice grounding lines where ice goes from floating on the sea to sitting on land, and lines delimiting areas of rock outcrop. For consistency's sake, we have used the World Vector Shoreline throughout the world in **pSCOAST**, as described in the **GMT Cookbook** Appendix K. Users who need specific boundaries in Antarctica should get the Antarctic Digital Database, prepared by the British Antarctic Survey, Scott Polar Research Institute, World Conservation Monitoring Centre, under the auspices of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research. This data base contains various kinds of limiting lines for Antarctica and is available on CD-ROM. It is

published by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, United Kingdom.

**SEE ALSO**

*gmtcolors(5)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *GMT(1)*, *grdlandmask(1)*, *psbasemap(1)*

**NAME**

pscontour – Contour xyz-data by direct triangulation [method]

**SYNOPSIS**

```
pscontour xyzfile -Ccptfile -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [ -A[-][labelinfo] ] [ -B[p]sparameters ] [ -D[dumpfile] ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -G[d]fnlLxX]params ] [ -H[i]nree ] [ -I ] [ -K ] [ -Lpen ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -S[p]t ] [ -Tindexfile ] [ -U[just/dx/dy/][clabel] ] [ -V ] [ -W[+]pen ] [ -X[a]cr][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a]cr][y-shift[u]] ] [ -copies ] [ -:[i]o] ] [ -b[i]o][s]SdD[ncol][c[var1/...]] ] [ -m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**pscontour** reads an ASCII [or binary] xyz-file and produces a raw contour plot by triangulation. By default, the optimal Delaunay triangulation is performed (using either Shewchuk's [1996] or Watson's [1982] method as selected during **GMT** installation; type **pscontour** – to see which method is selected), but the user may optionally provide a second file with network information, such as a triangular mesh used for finite element modeling. In addition to contours, the area between contours may be painted according to the color palette file.

xyzfile Raw ASCII (or binary, see **-b**) xyz data to be contoured.

**-C** name of the color palette file. Must have discrete colors if you want to paint the surface (**-D**). Only contours that have annotation flags set will be annotated.

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in .gmtdefaults4, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.

More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

**-J**lon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)

**-J**cyl\_stere/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)

**-J**j[lon0/]scale (Miller)

**-J**m[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Mercator)

**-J**mlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)

**-J**o[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)

**-J**o[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)

**-J**oclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)

**-J**q[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)

**-J**tlon0/[lat0/]scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)

**-J**uzone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)

**-J**y[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

**-J**blon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Albers)

**-J**dlon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)

**-J**llon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)

**-J**poly/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale ((American) Polyconic)

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

**-J**alon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)

**-J**elon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Azimuthal Equidistant)

- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp***[a]scale[/origin][r|z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale***[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+:-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Give - to disable all annotations. The optional *labelinfo* controls the specifics of the label formatting and consists of a concatenated string made up of any of the following control arguments:
  - +*angle* For annotations at a fixed angle, **+an** for line-normal, or **+ap** for line-parallel [Default].
  - +*cdx*[*dy*] Sets the clearance between label and optional text box. Append **c|i|m|p** to specify the unit or % to indicate a percentage of the label font size [15%].
  - +**d** Turns on debug which will draw helper points and lines to illustrate the workings of the quoted line setup.
  - +*font* Sets the desired font [Default **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**].
  - +*g*[*color*] Selects opaque text boxes [Default is transparent]; optionally specify the color [Default is **PAGE\_COLOR**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
  - +*just* Sets label justification [Default is MC]. Ignored when -SqN|n+|-1 is used.

- +kcolor** Sets color of text labels [Default is **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
- +llabel** Sets the constant label text.
- +Lflag** Sets the label text according to the specified flag:
  - +Lh** Take the label from the current multisegment header (first scan for an embedded **-Llabel** option, if not use the first word following the segment flag). For multi-word labels, enclose entire label in double quotes.
  - +Ld** Take the Cartesian plot distances along the line as the label; append **c|j|m|p** as the unit [Default is **MEASURE\_UNIT**].
  - +LD** Calculate actual map distances; append **d|e|k|m|n** as the unit [Default is **d**(egrees), unless label placement was based on map distances along the lines in which case we use the same unit specified for that algorithm]. Requires a map projection to be used.
  - +Lf** Use text after the 2nd column in the fixed label location file as the label. Requires the fixed label location setting.
  - +Lx** As **+Lh** but use the headers in the *xfile.d* instead. Requires the crossing file option.
- +ndx[/dy]** Nudges the placement of labels by the specified amount (append **c|j|m|p** to specify the units). Increments are considered in the coordinate system defined by the orientation of the line; use **+N** to force increments in the plot x/y coordinates system [no nudging].
- +o** Selects rounded rectangular text box [Default is rectangular]. Not applicable for curved text (**+v**) and only makes sense for opaque text boxes.
- +p[pen]** Draws the outline of text boxsets [Default is no outline]; optionally specify pen for outline [Default is width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- +rmin\_rad** Will not place labels where the line's radius of curvature is less than *min\_rad* [Default is 0].
- +ssize** Sets the desired font size in points [Default is 9].
- +uunit** Appends *unit* to all line labels. If *unit* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the unit. [Default is no unit].
- +v** Specifies curved labels following the path [Default is straight labels].
- +w** Specifies how many (*x*, *y*) points will be used to estimate label angles [Default is 10].
- +=prefix** Prepends *prefix* to all line labels. If *prefix* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the prefix. [Default is no prefix].
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- D** Dump the (*x,y,z*) coordinates of each contour to separate files, one for each contour segment. The files will be named *dumpfile\_cont\_segment[\_i].xyz*, where *cont* is the contour value and *segment* is a running segment number for each contour interval (for closed contours we append *\_i*.) However, when **-m** is used in conjunction with **-D** a single multisegment file is created instead.
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append **+** to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular

world coordinate point with `+wlon0/lat[z]` which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with `+vx0/y0`).

- G** Controls the placement of labels along the contours. Choose among five controlling algorithms:
  - Gd***dist*[**c**|**i**|**m**|**p**] or **-GD***dist*[**d**|**e**|**k**|**m**|**n**]
 

For lower case **d**, give distances between labels on the plot in your preferred measurement unit **c** (cm), **i** (inch), **m** (meter), or **p** (points), while for upper case **D**, specify distances in map units and append the unit; choose among **e** (m), **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), or **d** (spherical degree). [Default is 10**c** or 4**i**].
  - Gf***file.d*

Reads the ascii file *file.d* and places labels at locations in the file that matches locations along the contours. Inexact matches and points outside the region are skipped.
  - GI**[**L***line1*[,*line2*,...]]
 

Give *start* and *stop* coordinates for one or more comma-separated straight line segments. Labels will be placed where these lines intersect the contours. The format of each *line* specification is *start/stop*, where *start* and *stop* are either a specified point *lon/lat* or a 2-character **XY** key that uses the justification format employed in **pstext** to indicate a point on the map, given as [LCR][BMT]. **-GL** will interpret the point pairs as defining great circles [Default is straight line].
  - Gnn***label*

Specifies the number of equidistant labels for contours line [1]. Upper case **-GN** starts labeling exactly at the start of the line [Default centers them along the line]. **-GN-1** places one justified label at start, while **-GN+1** places one justified label at the end of contours. Optionally, append */min\_dist*[**c**|**i**|**m**|**p**] to enforce that a minimum distance separation between successive labels is enforced.
  - Gx**[**X***xfile.d*]
 

Reads the multi-segment file *xfile.d* and places labels at the intersections between the contours and the lines in *xfile.d*. **-GX** will resample the lines first along great-circle arcs.

In addition, you may optionally append **+rradius**[**c**|**i**|**m**|**p**] to set a minimum label separation in the x-y plane [no limitation].
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Color the triangles using the color palette table.
- Jz** Sets the vertical scaling (for 3-D maps). Same syntax as **-Jx**.
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Draw the underlying triangular mesh using the specified pen attributes [Default is no mesh]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- N** Do NOT clip contours or image at the boundaries [Default will clip to fit inside region **-R**].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- S** Or **-Sp**: Skip all input *xyz* points that fall outside the region [Default uses all the data in the triangulation]. Alternatively, use **-St** to skip triangles whose three vertices are all outside the region.
- T** Give name of file with network information. Each record must contain triplets of node numbers for a triangle [Default computes these using Delaunay triangulation (see **triangulate**)].
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the

plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or *c* (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).

- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Select contouring and set contour pen attributes. If the + flag is set then the contour lines are colored according to the cpt file (see **-C**). (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 input columns]. Use 4-byte integer triplets for node ids (**-T**).
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 3 output columns].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- m** When used in conjunction with **-D** a single multisegment file is created, and each contour section is preceded by a header record whose first column is *flag* followed by the contour level.

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### EXAMPLES

To make a raw contour plot from the file *topo.xyz* and drawing the contours (*pen* = 0.5p) given in the color palette file *topo.cpt* on a Lambert map at 0.5 inch/degree along the standard parallels 18 and 24, use

```
pscontour topo.xyz -R 320/330/20/30 -Jl 18/24/0.5i -C topo.cpt -W 0.5p > topo.ps
```

To create a color *PostScript* plot of the numerical temperature solution obtained on a triangular mesh whose node coordinates and temperatures are stored in *temp.xyz* and mesh arrangement is given by the file *mesh.ijk*, using the colors in *temp.cpt*, run

```
pscontour temp.xyz -R 0/150/0/100 -Jx 0.1 -C temp.cpt -G -W 0.25p > temp.ps
```

**BUGS**

Sometimes there will appear to be thin lines of the wrong color in the image. This is a round-off problem which may be remedied by using a higher value of **DOTS\_PR\_INCH** in the `.gmtdefaults4` file.

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *grdcontour*(1), *grdimage*(1), *nearneighbor*(1), *psbasemap*(1), *psscale*(1), *surface*(1), *triangulate*(1)

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**NAME**

pshistogram – Bin data and plot histograms

**SYNOPSIS**

**pshistogram** *file* **-Jx***Xparameters* **-W***bin\_width* [ **-A** ] [ **-B***[p]sparameters* ] [ **-C***cptfile* ] [ **-E***azimuth/elevation* ] [ **-F** ] [ **-G***fill* ] [ **-H***[i][nrec]* ] [ **-Jz***Zparameters* ] [ **-I***[o][O]* ] [ **-K** ] [ **-L***pen* ] [ **-O** ] [ **-P** ] [ **-Q** ] [ **-R***xmin/xmax/ymin/ymax[r]* ] [ **-S** ] [ **-T***col* ] [ **-U***[just/dx/dy/][c]label* ] [ **-V** ] [ **-X***[a][c][r][x-shift[u]]* ] [ **-Y***[a][c][r][y-shift[u]]* ] [ **-Z***type* ] [ **-ccopies** ] [ **-bi***[s][d][D][ncol][c[var1l...]]* ] [ **-f***[i][o]colinfo* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**pshistogram** reads *file* [or standard input] and examines data column *col* to calculate histogram parameters based on the bin-width provided. Using these parameters, scaling, and optional range parameters it will generate *PostScript* code that plots a histogram. A cumulative histogram may also be specified.

*file* ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] datafile. If no file is given, **pshistogram** will read standard input.

**-Jx** *xscale[/yscale]* (Linear scale(s) in distance unit/data unit).

**-W** Sets the bin width used for histogram calculations.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

**-A** Plot the histogram horizontally from  $x = 0$  [Default is vertically from  $y = 0$ ].

**-B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.

**-C** Give a color palette file. The mid  $x$ -value for each bar is used to look-up the bar color.

**-E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90].

**-F** Center bin on each value. [Default is left edge].

**-G** Select filling of bars [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).

**-H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.

**-I** Inquire about min/max  $x$  and  $y$  after binning. No plotting is done. Append **o** to output an ASCII table of the resulting  $x,y$  data to stdout. Alternatively, append **O** to output all  $x,y$  bin data even when  $y == 0$ .

**-K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].

**-L** Draw bar outline using the specified pen thickness. [Default is no outline]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).

**-O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].

**-P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].

**-Q** Draw a cumulative histogram.

**-R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in  $[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]$  format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form  $[date]T[clock]$  (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form  $[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]$  (Gregorian calendar) or

yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**). If not given, **psistogram** will automatically find reasonable values for the region.

- S Draws a stairs-step diagram which does not include the internal bars of the default histogram.
- T Specify which column to use for the histogram data. First column is 0 [0].
- U Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z Choose between 6 types of histograms: 0 = counts [Default], 1 = frequency\_percent, 2 = log (1.0 + count), 3 = log (1.0 + frequency\_percent), 4 = log10 (1.0 + count), 5 = log10 (1.0 + frequency\_percent).
- bi Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- c Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML).

See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

## EXAMPLES

To draw a histogram of the data `v3206.t` containing seafloor depths, using a 250 meter bin width, center bars, and draw bar outline, use:

```
pshistogram v3206.t -JX h -W 250 -F -L P0.5p -V > plot.ps
```

If you know the distribution of your data, you may explicitly specify range and scales. E.g., to plot a histogram of the y-values (2nd column) in the file `errors.xy` using a 1 meter bin width, plot from -10 to +10 meters @ 0.75 cm/m, annotate every 2 m and 100 counts, and use black bars, run:

```
pshistogram errors.xy -W 1 -R-10/10/0/0 -Jx 0.75c/0.01c -B 2:Error:/100:Counts: -G black -T 1 -V > plot.ps
```

Since no y-range was specified, `pshistogram` will calculate `ymin` in even increments of 100.

## BUGS

The `-W` option does not yet work properly with time series data (e.g., `-f 0T`). Thus, such variable intervals as months and years are not calculated. Instead, specify your interval in the same units as the current setting of `TIME_UNIT`.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *psbasemap*(1), *psrose*(1), *psxy*(1)

**NAME**

`psimage` – To plot images (EPS files or Sun raster files) on maps

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psimage imagefile [ -W[-width/height] | -Edpi ] [ -Cxpos/ypos/justify ] [ -Fpen ] [ -G[b|f|t]color ] [
-I ] [ -K ] [ -M ] [ -Nnx/ny ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -U[just/dx/dy/][c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [
-Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -ccopies ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**psimage** reads an Encapsulated *PostScript* file or a 1, 8, 24, or 32-bit Sun raster file and plots it on a map. The image can be scaled arbitrarily, and 1-bit raster images can be (1) inverted, i.e., black pixels (on) becomes white (off) and vice versa, or (2) colorized, by assigning different foreground and background colors, and (3) made transparent where one of back- or foreground is painted only. As an option, the user may choose to convert colored raster images to grayscale using TV's YIQ-transformation. In case of 8-, 24- or 32-bit Sun raster files, the user can select which color to be made transparent. The user may also choose to replicate the image which, when preceded by appropriate clip paths, may allow larger custom-designed fill patterns to be implemented (the **-Gp** mechanism offered in most **GMT** programs is limited to rasters smaller than 146 by 146).

*imagefile*

This must be an Encapsulated *PostScript* (EPS) file or a Sun raster file. An EPS file must contain an appropriate BoundingBox. A raster file can have a depth of 1, 8, 24, or 32 bits. Old-style, Standard, Run-length-encoded, and RGB Sun raster files are supported. Other raster formats can be converted to Sun format via a variety of public-domain software (e.g., `convert`, `xv`).

- E** Sets the dpi of the image in dots per inch, or use **-W**.
- W** Sets the width (and height) of the image in plot coordinates (inches, cm, etc.). If *height* is not given, the original aspect ratio of the image is maintained. If *width* is negative we use the absolute value and interpolate image to the device resolution using the *PostScript* image operator. Alternatively, use **-E**.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- C** Sets position of the image in plot coordinates (inches, cm, etc.) from the current origin of the plot. By default, this defines the position of the lower left corner of the image, but this can be changed by specifying justification [0/0/BL].
- F** Draws a rectangular frame around the image with the given pen [no frame]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- M** Convert color image to monochrome grayshades using the (television) YIQ-transformation.
- N** Replicate the image *nx* times horizontally and *ny* times vertically. If *ny* is omitted, it will be identical to *nx* [Default is 1/1].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or *c* (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].

**-X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by  $(x-shift, y-shift)$  and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default  $(x-shift, y-shift)$  is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.

**-c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].

These options are for 1-bit Sun raster images only. They have no effect when plotting other images or PostScript files.

**-Gb** Sets background color (replace white pixel) of 1-bit images. Use - for transparency (and set **-Gf** to the desired color). (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

**-Gf** Sets foreground color (replace black pixel) of 1-bit images. Use - for transparency (and set **-Gb** to the desired color). (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

**-I** Invert 1-bit image before plotting. This is what is done when you use **-GP** in other GMT programs.

These options are for 8-, 24-, and 32-bit Sun raster images only. They have no effect when plotting 1-bit images or PostScript files.

**-Gt** Assigns the color that is to be made transparent. Sun Raster files do not support transparency, so indicate here which color to be made transparent. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

#### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

#### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

#### EXAMPLES

To plot the image contained in the 8-bit raster file scanned\_face.ras, scaling it to 8 by 10 cm (thereby possibly changing the aspect ratio), and making the white color transparent, use

```
psimage scanned_face.ras -W 8c/10c -Gtwhite > image.ps
```

To include an Encapsulated *PostScript* file tiger.eps with its upper right corner 2 inch to the right and 1 inch up from the current location, and have its width scaled to 3 inches, while keeping the aspect ratio, use

```
psimage tiger.eps -C 2i/1i/TR -W 3i > image.ps
```

To replicate the 1-bit raster image template 1\_bit.ras, colorize it (brown background and red foreground), and setting each of 5 by 5 tiles to be 1 cm wide, use

```
psimage 1_bit.ras -Gb brown -Gf red -N 5 -W 1c > image.ps
```

#### SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *psxy*(1)

**NAME**

**pslegend** – To plot a map legend

**SYNOPSIS**

**pslegend** *textfile* **-D**[*x*]*lon/lat/width/height/just* **-J***parameters* **-R***west/east/south/north*[*r*] [**-B**[*p*]*s*]*parameters*] [**-C***dx/dy*] [**-F**] [**-G***fill*] [**-K**] [**-L***spacing*] [**-O**] [**-P**] [**-S**[*script*]] [**-U**[*just/dx/dy*]/[*c*]*label*]] [**-V**] [**-X**[*a*]*c*]*r*][*x-shift*]*u*]] [**-ccopies**] [**-Y**[*a*]*c*]*r*][*y-shift*]*u*]]

**DESCRIPTION**

**pslegend** will make legends that can be overlaid on maps. It reads specific legend-related information from an input file [or stdin]. Because all the elements of the legend can already be created with other tools (**psxy**, **pstext**) we use those tools by creating a batch job of commands that are executed to make the final *PostScript* overlay. Because of this process, the option exists to just output the script which can then be fine-tuned manually. Unless otherwise noted, annotations will be made using the annotation font and size in effect.

*textfile* This file contains instruction for the layout of items in the legend. Each legend item is described by a unique record. All records begin with a unique character that is common to all records of the same kind. The order of the legend items is implied by the order of the records. Ten different record types are recognized, and the syntax for each of these records are presented below:

*# comment* Records starting with # and blank lines are skipped.

**B** *cptname offset height* [*optional arguments*]

The **B** record will plot a horizontal color bar, **psscale**-style in the middle, starting at *offset* from the left edge, and of the given *height*. You may add any additional *psscale* options from the list: **-A -B -E -I -L -M -N -S** and **-Z**.

**C** *textcolor*

The **C** record specifies the color with which the remaining text is to be printed. *textcolor* can be in the form *r/g/b*, *c/m/y/k*, or a named color.

**D** *offset pen*

The **D** record results in a horizontal line with specified *pen* across the legend with one quarter of the line spacing left blank above and below the line. Two gaps of *offset* units are left blank between the horizontal line and the left and right frame sides. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).

**G** *gap* The **G** record specifies a vertical gap of the given length. In addition to the standard units (**i**, **c**, **p**) you may use **I** for lines.

**H** *fontsize*|- *font*|- header

The **H** record plots a centered text string using the specified font parameters. Use - to default to **HEADER\_FONT\_SIZE** and **HEADER\_FONT**.

**I** *imagefile width justification*

Place an EPS or Sun raster image in the legend justified relative to the current point. The image *width* determines the size of the image on the page.

**L** *fontsize*|- *font*|- justification label

The **L** record plots a (L)eft, (C)entered, or (R)ight-justified text string within a column using the specified font parameters. Use - to default to **LABEL\_FONT\_SIZE** and **LABEL\_FONT**.

**M** *slon*|- *slat length f**p* [**-R***w/e/s/n* **-J***param*]

Place a map scale in the legend. Specify *slon* *slat*, the point on the map where the scale applies (*slon* is only meaningful for certain oblique projections. If not needed, you must specify - instead), *length*, the length of the scale in km (append **m** or **n** for miles or nautical miles), and **f** or **p** for fancy or plain scale. If the **-R -J** supplied to **pslegend** is different than the projection needed for the scale, supply the optional **-R -J** settings as well. Append **+I** to the *length* to select the default label which equals the distance unit (km,

miles, nautical miles) and is justified on top of the scale [t]. Change this by giving your own label (append **+l***label*). Change label justification with **+j***justification* (choose among l(ef), r(ight), t(op), and b(ottom)). Apply **+u** to append the unit to all distance annotations along the scale. If you want to place a rectangle behind the scale, specify suitable **+ppen** and/or **+fill** parameters. All these *+modifiers* are appended to *length* to make a single string. (See SPECIFYING PENS and SPECIFYING FILL below).

#### **N** *ncolumns*

Change the number of columns in the legend [1]. This only affects the printing of symbols (**S**) and labels (**L**).

#### **S** *dx1 symbol size fill pen [ dx2 text ]*

Plots the selected symbol with specified size, fill, and outline (see **psxy**). The symbol is centered at *dx1* from the left margin of the column, with the optional explanatory *text* starting *dx2* from the margin, printed with fontsize **ANNOT\_FONT\_SIZE\_PRIMARY** and font **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**. Use - if no *fill* or outline (*pen*) is required. When plotting just a symbol, without text, *dx2* and *text* can be omitted. Two **psxy** symbols require special attention: front (f) and vector (v). You must prepend the length of the desired item to the rest of the symbol argument; this will be used internally to set the correct fault or vector length and will be stripped before passing the arguments to **psxy**.

#### **T** *paragraph-text*

One or more of these **T** records with *paragraph-text* printed with fontsize **ANNOT\_FONT\_SIZE\_PRIMARY** and font **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY** (aligned and wrapped). To specify special positioning and typesetting arrangements, or to enter a paragraph break, use the optional > record.

#### **V** *offset pen*

The **V** record draws a vertical line between columns (if more than one) using the selected *pen* (See SPECIFYING PENS below). *offset* is analogous to the offset for the **D** records but in the vertical direction.

#### > *paragraph-mode-header-for-pstext*

Start a new text paragraph by specifying all the parameters needed (see **pstext -m** description). Note that **pslegend** knows what all those values should be, so normally you can leave the entire record (after >) blank or leave it out all together. If you need to set at least one of the parameters directly, you must specify all and set the ones you want to leave at their default value to -.

- D** Positions the legend and specifies its size. The *just* is a 2-char justification string (see **pstext**) that relates the given position to a point on the rectangular legend box. If you want to specify the position in map plot units (i.e., inches or cm), use **-Dx**.
- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in **.gmtdefaults4**, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.  
More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

#### **CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jc***lon0/lat0/scale* (Cassini)
- Jcyl\_stere***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- Jj***[lon0/]scale* (Miller)
- Jm***[lon0/[lat0/]]scale* (Mercator)
- Jmlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)**
- Jo***[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)

-**Jo**[*b*]*lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale* (Oblique Mercator - two points)  
 -**Joc***lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale* (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)  
 -**Jq**[*lon0/[lat0/]*]*scale* (Cylindrical Equidistant)  
 -**Jt***lon0/[lat0/]**scale* (TM - Transverse Mercator)  
 -**Juz***one/scale* (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)  
 -**Jy**[*lon0/[lat0/]*]*scale* (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

#### CONIC PROJECTIONS:

-**Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Albers)  
 -**Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)  
 -**Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)  
 -**Jpoly**[*lon0/[lat0/]*]*scale* ((American) Polyconic)

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

-**Ja***lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)  
 -**Je***lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)  
 -**Jf***lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)  
 -**Jg***lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)  
 -**Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).  
 -**Js***lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

-**Jh**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Hammer)  
 -**Ji**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Sinusoidal)  
 -**Jkf**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Eckert IV)  
 -**Jk[s]**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Eckert VI)  
 -**Jn**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Robinson)  
 -**Jr**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Winkel Tripel)  
 -**Jv**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Van der Grinten)  
 -**Jw**[*lon0/*]*scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

-**Jp**[*a*]*scale*[*/origin*][*r|z*] (Polar coordinates (theta,r))  
 -**Jx***x-scale*[*d|l|ppow|t|T*][*/y-scale*[*d|l|ppow|t|T*]] (Linear, log, and power scaling)

**-R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+]*-dd:mm[:ss.xxx]*[*W|E|S|N*] format. Append *r* if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append *t* to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]*yyyy[-mm[-dd]]* (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy[-Www[-d]]* (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh:mm:ss[.xxx]*. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Sets the clearance between the legend frame and the internal items [0.15c/0.15c (or 0.05i/0.05i)].
- F** Draws a border around the legend using **FRAME\_PEN**.
- G** Select fill shade, color or pattern of the legend box [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Sets the linespacing factor in units of the current annotation font size [1.1].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- S** Instead of writing the *PostScript* plot [Default], output the **GMT** script used to make the legend to standard output, or optionally to the file *script*.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### EXAMPLES

To add an example of a legend to a Mercator plot (map.ps) with the given specifications, use

```

pslegend -R-10/10/-10/10 -JM 6i -G azure1 -Dx 0.5i/0.5i/3.3i/BL -C 0.1i/0.1i -L 1.2 -F -B 5f1 <<
EOF >> map.ps
G -0.1i
H 24 Times-Roman My Map Legend
D 0.2i 1p
N 2
V 0 1p
S 0.1i c 0.15i p300/12 0.25p 0.3i This circle is hachured
S 0.1i e 0.15i 255/255/0 0.25p 0.3i This ellipse is yellow
S 0.1i w 0.15i 0/255/0 0.25p 0.3i This wedge is green
S 0.1i f 0.25i/-1/0.075ilb 0/0/255 0.25p 0.3i This is a fault
S 0.1i - 0.15i - 0.25tap 0.3i A contour
S 0.1i v 0.25i/0.02i/0.06i/0.05i 255/0/255 0.25p 0.3i This is a vector
S 0.1i i 0.15i 0/255/255 0.25p 0.3i This triangle is boring
V 0 1p
D 0.2i 1p
N 1
M 5 5 600+u f
G 0.05i
I SOEST_logo.ras 3i CT
G 0.05i
B colors.cpt 0.2i 0.2i
G 0.05i L 9 4 R Smith et al., @%5%J. Geophys. Res., 99@%%, 2000
G 0.1i
T Let us just try some simple text that can go on a few lines.
T There is no easy way to predetermine how many lines will be required,
T so we may have to adjust the box height to get the right size box.
EOF

```

## WINDOWS REMARKS

Note that under Windows, the percent sign (%) is a variable indicator (like \$ under Unix). To indicate a plain percentage sign in a batch script you need to repeat it (%%); hence the font switching mechanism (@%font% and @%%) may require twice the number of percent signs. This only applies to text inside a script or that otherwise is processed by DOS. Data files that are opened and read by **pslegend** do not need such duplication.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *gmtdefaults*(1), *psbasemap*(1), *pstext*(1), *psxy*(1)

**NAME**

pslib 4.3 – A *PostScript* based plotting library

**DESCRIPTION**

**pslib** was created to make the generation of *PostScript* page description code easier. It is a library that contains a series of tools that can be used to create plots. The resulting *PostScript* code is ASCII text and can be edited using any text editor. Thus, it is fairly easy to modify a plot file even after it has been created, e.g., to change text strings, set new gray shades or colors, experiment with various pen widths, etc. **pslib** is written in C but now includes FORTRAN bindings (thanks to John Goff, WHOI) and can therefore be called from both C and FORTRAN programs. To use this library, you must link your plotting program with `pslib.a`. **pslib** is the core of the **GMT** graphics programs. **pslib** output conforms to the Adobe Encapsulated *PostScript* File Specification Version 3.0 (EPSL), and may be used as EPS files and inserted into, say, a Word document on a Mac. See Appendix F in the Technical Reference for detailed instructions.

Before any **pslib** calls can be issued, the plotting system must be initialized. This is done by calling **ps\_plotinit** (or **ps\_plotinit\_hires**), which defines macros, sets up the plot-coordinate system, scales, and [optionally] opens a file where all the *PostScript* code will be written. Normally, the plot code is written to *stdout*. The measure unit for sizes and positions can be set to be centimeter (c), inch (i), or meter (m). When all plotting is done, you must terminate the plotting system by calling **ps\_plotend**.

**pslib** uses the direct color model where red, green, and blue are given separately, each must be in the range from 0-255. If red < 0 then no fill operation takes place. Most plot-items can be plotted with or without outlines. If outline is desired (i.e., set to 1), it will be drawn using the current linewidth and pattern. **pslib** uses highly optimized macro substitutions and scales the coordinates depending on the resolution of the hardcopy device so that the output file is kept as compact as possible.

A wide variety of output devices that support *PostScript* exist, including laserwriters (color or monochrome) and workstations running *PostScript* based window systems like Sun's OpenWindows. `xnews` (part of OpenWindows) or `ghostscript` (public domain) can be used to create rasterfiles at a user-defined resolution (DPI), making it possible to render *PostScript* on a Versatec and other non-*PostScript* raster devices. Regular Sun rasterfiles created under NeWS from *PostScript* files can be sent to a variety of color hardcopy units. Check the devices available on your network.

The **pslib** is now fully 64-bit compliant. However, only a few function parameters are affected by this (such as the number of point in an array which can now be a 64-bit integer). These few parameters are here given the type **long** to distinguish them from **int**. Note that under standard 32-bit compilation they are equivalent. Users of this library under 64-bit mode must make sure they pass proper **long** variables (under Unix flavors) or **\_\_int64** under Windows 64.

**FUNCTION CALLS**

The following is a list of available functions and a short description of what they do and what parameters they expect. All floating point variables are expected to be **double** (i.e., 8 bytes), whereas all integers are assumed to be 4 bytes long. All plotting functions are declared as functions returning an **int**. Currently, the return value is undefined.

```
void ps_arc (x, y, radius, angle1, angle2, status)
```

```
double x, y, radius, angle1, angle2;
```

```
int status;
```

Draws a circular arc centered on (x,y) from angle *angle1* to *angle2*. Angles must be given in decimal degrees. If *angle1* > *angle2*, a negative arc is drawn. *status* is a value from 0 through 3. 1 means set new anchor point, 2 means stroke the circle, 3 means both, 0 means none of the above.

```
void ps_axis (xpos, ypos, length, startval, stopval, tickval, label, annotpointsize, side)
```

```
double xpos, ypos, length, startval, stopval, tickval;
```

```
double annotpointsize, side;
```

```
char *label;
```

Plots an axis with tickmarks, annotation, and label. *xpos*, *ypos*, and *length* are in inches (or cm or meters), *annotpointsize* in points (72 points = 1 inch), else data units are used. *side* can be 0,

1, 2, or 3, which selects lower x-axis, right y-axis, upper x-axis, or left y-axis, respectively.  $labelpointsize = 1.5 * annotpointsize$ . A negative *tickval* will reverse the sense of positive direction, e.g., to have the y-axis be positive down.

void **ps\_bitimage** (*xpos, ypos, xlength, ylength, buffer, nx, ny, invert, f\_rgb, b\_rgb*)

**double** *xpos, ypos, xlength, ylength;*

**unsigned char** *buffer[];*

**int** *nx, ny, invert, f\_rgb[3], b\_rgb[3];*

Plots a 1-bit image using the given foreground color *f\_rgb* and background color *b\_rgb*. Specify position of lower left corner and size (in inches) of image. *buffer* is an unsigned character array with 8 pixels per byte. *nx,ny* refers to the number of pixels in image. The rowlength of *buffer* must be an integral number of 8. *buffer[0]* is upper left corner. *buffer* values are stored as columns, starting at the lower left corner and ending at the upper right corner. If *invert* is 0 then the bits that are 1 are painted with the foreground color, while bits that are 0 are painted with the background color. If *invert* is 1, foreground and background are switched. To get a partly transparent image, set the first index of the foreground or background color to -1, i.e., *f\_rgb[0]=-1* or *b\_rgb[0]=1*. See the Adobe Systems *PostScript* Reference Manual for more details.

void **ps\_circle** (*xcenter, ycenter, diameter, rgb, outline*)

**double** *xcenter, ycenter, diameter;*

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Plots a circle and fills it with the specified color. If *outline == 1*, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern.

void **ps\_clipoff** ()

Resets the clip path to what it was before the last call to **ps\_clipon**.

void **ps\_clipon** (*xarray, yarray, npoints, rgb, flag*)

**double** *xarray[], yarray[];*

**long** *npoints;*

**int** *rgb[3], flag;*

Sets up a user-definable clip path. Plotting outside this polygon will be clipped until **ps\_clipoff** is called. If *red >= 0* the inside of the path is filled with the specified color. *flag* is used to create complex clip paths consisting of several disconnected regions, and takes on values 0-3. *flag = 1* means this is the first path in a multi-segment clip path. *flag = 2* means this is the last segment. Thus, for a single path, *flag = 3*.

void **ps\_colorimage** (*xpos, ypos, xlength, ylength, buffer, nx, ny, depth*)

**double** *xpos, ypos, xlength, ylength;*

**unsigned char** *buffer[];*

**int** *nx, ny, depth;*

Plots a 1-, 2-, 4-, 8-, or 24-bit deep image. This functions sets up a call to the *PostScript* colorimage or image operators. *xpos, ypos, xlength, ylength* specify the position of lower left corner and size (in inches) of image. The pixel values are stored in *buffer*, an unsigned character array in scanline orientation with gray shade or r/g/b values (0 - 255) where 0 is black, 255 is white. *buffer[0]* is upper left corner. *depth* is number of bits per pixel (24, 8, 4, 2, or 1). *nx,ny* refers to the number of pixels in image. The rowlength of *buffer* must be an integral number of  $8/depth$ . E.g. if *depth = 4*, then *buffer[j]/16* gives shade for pixel[2j-1] and *buffer[j]%16 (mod 16)* gives shade for pixel[2j]. When *-depth* is passed instead then "hardware" interpolation of the image is requested. If *-nx* is passed with 8- or 24-bit images then the first one or three bytes of *buffer* holds the gray or r/g/b color for pixels that are to be masked out using the *PostScript* Level 3 Color Mask method. See the Adobe Systems *PostScript* Reference Manual for more details.

void **ps\_colortiles** (*x0, y0, xlength, ylength, buffer, nx, ny*)

**double** *x0, y0, xlength, ylength;*

**int** *nx, ny;*

**unsigned char** *buffer*[];

Plots a true color image based on individual color tiles. *x0*, *y0* is the location of the lower left corner of the image in inches. *xlength*, *ylength* is the image size in inches. *buffer* contains rgb triplets stored as rbrgrbrg... *nx*, *ny* is the image size in pixels.

void **ps\_command** (*text*)

**char** *\*text*;

Writes a raw *PostScript* command to the *PostScript* output file, e.g., "I setlinejoin".

void **ps\_comment** (*text*)

**char** *\*text*;

Writes a comment (*text*) to the *PostScript* output file, e.g., "Start of graph 2".

void **ps\_cross** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

Plots a cross (x) at the specified point using current pen-width and -pattern that fits inside a circle of given diameter. No fill possible.

void **ps\_diamond** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots a diamond and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_ellipse** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *angle*, *major*, *minor*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *angle*, *major*, *minor*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots an ellipse with its major axis rotated by *angle* degrees and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern.

void **ps\_encode\_font** (*font\_no*)

**int** *font\_no*;

Will reencode this font using the current encoding vector if it is not StandardEncoding.

void **ps\_epsimage** (*xpos*, *ypos*, *xlength*, *ylength*, *buffer*, *size*, *nx*, *ny*, *ox*, *oy*)

**double** *xpos*, *ypos*, *xlength*, *ylength*;

**unsigned char** *buffer*[];

**int** *size*, *nx*, *ny*, *ox*, *oy*;

Plots an Encapsulated *PostScript* (EPS) image. The EPS file is stored in *buffer* and has *size* bytes. This functions simply includes the image in the *PostScript* output stream within an appropriate wrapper. Specify position of lower left corner and size (in inches) of image. *nx,ny,ox,oy* refers to the width, height and origin (lower left corner) of the BoundingBox.

void **ps\_flush** ()

Flushes the output buffer.

void **ps\_hexagon** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots a hexagon and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_image** (*xpos*, *ypos*, *xlength*, *ylength*, *buffer*, *nx*, *ny*, *bits*)

**double** *xpos*, *ypos*, *xlength*, *ylength*;

**unsigned char** *buffer*[];

**int** *nx*, *ny*, *bits*;

Obsolete, simply passes arguments to **ps\_colorimage**.

void **ps\_imagefill** (*x*, *y*, *n*, *image*, *imagefile*, *invert*, *dpi*, *outline*, *f\_rgb*, *b\_rgb*)

**double** *x*[], *y*[], *x0*, *y0*;

**int** *n*, *image*, *invert*, *dpi*, *outline*, *f\_rgb*[3], *b\_rgb*[3];

**char** *imagefile*;

Similar to **ps\_polygon**, but fills the area with an image pattern rather than a color or grayshade. *x* and *y* hold the arrays of *n* points. 90 predefined patterns are available (See **GMT** Appendix E). *image* gives the image number (1-90). If set to 0, *imagefile* must be the name to the user's image, which must be stored as a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit rasterfile.

1-bit images only: (i) The set pixels (1) are colored using the RGB combination in *f\_rgb*, while the unset pixels (0) are painted with *b\_rgb*. Set the *f\_rgb*[0] to -1 to make set pixels transparent. Set *b\_rgb*[0] to -1 to make the unset pixels transparent. (ii) If *invert* is TRUE (1), the set and unset pixels are interchanged before plotting.

The unit size of the image is controlled by *dpi* (in dots-per-inch). If set to zero, the image is plotted at the device resolution. If *outline* is TRUE, the current penwidth is used to draw the polygon outline.

void **ps\_itriangle** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots an inverted and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

long **ps\_line** (*xarray*, *yarray*, *npoints*, *type*, *close*, *dummy*)

**double** *xarray*[], *yarray*[];

**long** *npoints*;

**int** *type*, *close*, *dummy*;

Draw a continuous line from the positions in the x-y arrays. If *close* == 1, the first and last point will automatically be closed by the *PostScript* driver. If this is the first segment in a multi-segment path, set *type* == 1. To end the segments and have the line(s) drawn, set *type* == 2. Thus, for a single segment, *type* must be 3. The line is drawn using the current pen-width. The *dummy* is an obsolete parameter no longer used internally.

unsigned char **\*ps\_load\_image** (*fp*, *header*)

**FILE** *\*fp*;

**struct imageinfo** *\*header*;

Reads the image contents of the EPS file or Sun rasterfile pointed to by the open filepointer *fp*. The routine can handle Encapsulated *PostScript* files or 1-, 8-, 24-, or 32-bit rasterfiles in old, standard, run-length encoded, or RGB-style Sun format.

void **ps\_octagon** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots a octagon and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_patch** (*xarray*, *yarray*, *npoints*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xarray*[], *yarray*[];

**long** *npoints*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Identical to **ps\_polygon** except polygon must be < 20 points long and there will be no attempt to shorten the path by discarding unnecessary intermediate points along straight segments. Primarily used when painting large number of small polygons and not waste output space. If more than 20 points are given we pass the buck to **ps\_polygon**.

void **ps\_pentagon** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots a pentagon and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_pie** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *radius*, *azimuth1*, *azimuth2*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *radius*, *azimuth1*, *azimuth2*;

**int** *rgb[3]*, *outline*;

Plots a sector of a circle and paints it with the specified RGB combination. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern.

void **ps\_plot** (*xabs*, *yabs*, *kpen*)

**double** *xabs*, *yabs*;

**int** *kpen*;

Absolute move (*kpen*=3) or draw (*kpen*=2), using current linewidth. Use (*kpen*=-2) to make sure the line is stroked.

void **ps\_plotend** (*last\_page*)

**int** *last\_page*;

Terminates the plotting sequence and closes plot file (if other than *stdout*). If *last\_page* == 1, then a *PostScript* showpage command is issued, which initiates the printing process on hard-copy devices.

void **ps\_plotinit** (*plotfile*, *overlay*, *mode*, *xoff*, *yoff*, *xscl*, *yscl*, *ncopies*, *dpi*, *unit*, *pagesize*, *rgb*, *encoding*, *eps*)

**char** *\*plotfile*, *\*encoding*;

**int** *overlay*, *mode*, *ncopies*, *dpi*, *unit*;

**double** *xoff*, *yoff*, *xscl*, *yscl*;

**int** *pagesize[2]*, *rgb[3]*; **struct EPS** *\*eps*;

Initializes the plotting. If *plotfile* == NULL (or ""), then output is sent to *stdout*, else output is sent to *plotfile*. *overlay* should be 1 only if you plan to append it to some existing *PostScript* file. *mode* contains three flags in the three lowest bits. The lowest bit controls the plot orientation and can be 0 (Landscape) or 1 (Portrait). The next bit, if set to 1, will re-encode the fonts to include European accented characters using the now-obsolete **GMT** 3.4 encoding. To use the ISO Latin1 encoding set the 5th bit to 1. The third bit controls the format used to write *PostScript* images: 0 means binary, 1 means hexadecimal. Most printers need the latter while some can handle binary which are 50% smaller and therefore execute faster. *xoff*, *yoff* are used to move the origin from the default position in the lower left corner. *xscl*, *yscl* are used to scale the entire plot (Usually set to 1.0, 1.0). Set *ncopies* to get more than 1 copy. *dpi* sets the hard-copy resolution in dots per units. For optimum plot quality and processing speed, choose *dpi* to match the intended plotter resolution. Examples are 300 for most laserwriters, 2540 for Linotype-300, and ~85 for Sun screens. When in doubt, use 300. *unit* can be any of 0 (cm), 1 (inch), or 2 (m), telling the plot system what units are used for distance and sizes. Note that, regardless of choice of unit, *dpi* is still in dots-per-inch. *pagesize* means the physical width and height of the plotting media in points, (typically 612 by 792 for Letter or 595 by 842 for A4 laserwriter plotters). The *rgb* array holds the color of the page (usually white = 255,255,255). The *encoding* is the name of a character encoding scheme to be used, e.g., Standard, ISO-Latin1, ISO-8859-2, etc. The EPS structure is defined in the *pslib.h* include file and contains information that will make up the comments header of a EPS file. Programmers who plan to call *pslib* routines should read the comments in *pslib.h* first. Note that the FORTRAN binding does not expect this last argument.

void **ps\_plotinit\_hires** (*plotfile*, *overlay*, *mode*, *xoff*, *yoff*, *xscl*, *yscl*, *ncopies*, *dpi*, *unit*, *pagesize*, *rgb*, *encoding*, *eps*)

**char** *\*plotfile*, *\*encoding*;

**int** *overlay*, *mode*, *ncopies*, *dpi*, *unit*, *rgb[3]*;

**double** *xoff*, *yoff*, *xscl*, *yscl*;

**double** *pagesize[2]*; **struct EPS** *\*eps*;

Same as **ps\_plotinit** but expects the page size to be given in double precision points.

void **ps\_plotr** (*xrel*, *yrel*, *kpen*)

**double** *xrel*, *yrel*;

**int** *kpen*;

Move (*kpen* = 3) or draw (*kpen* = 2) relative to current point (see **ps\_plot**). Use (*kpen*=-2) to

make sure the line is stroked.

void **ps\_plus** (*xcenter, ycenter, diameter*)

**double** *xcenter, ycenter, diameter;*

Plots a plus (+) at the specified point using current pen-width and -pattern that fits inside a circle of given diameter. No fill possible.

void **ps\_point** (*xcenter, ycenter, diameter*)

**double** *xcenter, ycenter, diameter;*

Plots a point (dot) using current pen with given diameter. Note the linecap setting must first be set to 1 for this function to work.

void **ps\_polygon** (*xarray, yarray, npoints, rgb, outline*)

**double** *xarray[], yarray[];*

**long** *npoints;*

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Creates a colored polygon from the positions in the x-y arrays. Polygon will automatically be closed by the *PostScript* driver. If *outline == 0*, no outline is drawn. If *outline == 1*, the outline is drawn using current penwidth.

void **ps\_rect** (*x1, y1, x2, y2, rgb, outline*)

**double** *x1, y1, x2, y2;*

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Plots a colored rectangle. (*x1,y1*) and (*x2,y2*) are any two corners on a diagonal. If *outline == 1*, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern.

void **ps\_rotaterect** (*x, y, angle, xsize, ysize, rgb, outline*)

**double** *x, y, angle, xsize, ysize;*

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Plots a colored rectangle rotated *angle* degrees from baseline. (*x,y*) is the center and (*xsize,ysize*) are the dimensions. If *outline == 1*, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern.

void **ps\_rotatetrans** (*x, y, angle*)

**double** *x, y, angle;*

Rotates the coordinate system by *angle* degrees, then translates origin to (*x,y*).

void **ps\_segment** (*x0, y0, x1, y1*)

**double** *x0, y0, x1, y1;*

Draws a line segment between the two points using current pen attributes.

void **ps\_setdash** (*pattern, offset*)

**char** *\*pattern;*

**int** *offset;*

Changes the current dashpattern. The character string *pattern* is set to the desired pattern. E.g., "4 2" and *offset = 1* will plot like:

x ---- ---- ----

etc, where x is starting point (The x is not plotted). That is, the line is made up of a repeating pattern of a 4 units long line and a 2 unit long gap, starting 1 unit after the x. To reset to solid line, specify *pattern = NULL* ("") and *offset = 0*. Units are in dpi units.

void **ps\_setfill** (*rgb, outline*)

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Sets the current fill color and whether or not outline is needed for symbols.

void **ps\_setfont** (*fontnr*)

**int** *fontnr;*

Changes the current font number to *fontnr*. The fonts available are: 0 = Helvetica, 1 = H. Bold, 2 = H. Oblique, 3 = H. Bold-Oblique, 4 = Times, 5 = T. Bold, 6 = T. Italic, 7 = T. Bold Italic, 8 = Courier, 9 = C. Bold, 10 = C Oblique, 11 = C Bold Oblique, 12 = Symbol, 13 =

AvantGarde-Book, 14 = A.-BookOblique, 15 = A.-Demi, 16 = A.-DemiOblique, 17 = Bookman-Demi, 18 = B.-DemiItalic, 19 = B.-Light, 20 = B.-LightItalic, 21 = Helvetica-Narrow, 22 = H-N-Bold, 23 = H-N-Oblique, 24 = H-N-BoldOblique, 25 = NewCenturySchlbk-Roman, 26 = N.-Italic, 27 = N.-Bold, 28 = N.-BoldItalic, 29 = Palatino-Roman, 30 = P.-Italic, 31 = P.-Bold, 32 = P.-BoldItalic, 33 = ZapfChancery-MediumItalic, 34 = ZapfDingbats, 35 = Ryumin-Light-EUC-H, 36 = Ryumin-Light-EUC-V, 37 = GothicBBB-Medium-EUC-H, and 38 = GothicBBB-Medium-EUC-V. If *fontnr* is outside this range, it is set to 0.

void **ps\_setformat** (*n\_decimals*)

**int** *n\_decimals*;

Sets number of decimals to be used when writing color or gray values. The default setting of 3 gives 1000 choices per red, green, and blue value, which is more than the 255 choices offered by most 24-bit platforms. Choosing a lower value will make the output file smaller at the expense of less color resolution. Still, a value of 2 gives 100 x 100 x 100 = 1 million colors, more than most eyes can distinguish. For a setting of 1, you will have 10 nuances per primary color and a total of 1000 unique combinations.

void **ps\_setline** (*linewidth*)

**int** *linewidth*;

Changes the current linewidth in DPI units. 0 gives thinnest line, but the use of 0 is implementation-dependent (Works fine on most laserwriters).

void **ps\_setlinecap** (*cap*)

**int** *cap*;

Changes the current linecap. 0 gives butt cap [Default], 1 gives round, and 2 gives square.

void **ps\_setlinejoin** (*join*)

**int** *join*;

Changes the current linejoin. 0 gives mitered [Default], 1 gives round, and 2 gives bevel joins.

void **ps\_setmiterlimit** (*limit*)

**int** *limit*;

Changes the current miter limit. 0 gives default miter, other values are the cutoff-, acute- angle when mitering takes place.

void **ps\_setpaint** (*rgb*)

**int** *rgb*[3];

Changes the current RGB setting for pens and text.

void **ps\_square** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots a square and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_star** (*xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*, *rgb*, *outline*)

**double** *xcenter*, *ycenter*, *diameter*;

**int** *rgb*[3], *outline*;

Plots a star and fills it with the specified color. If *outline* == 1, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_text** (*x*, *y*, *pointsize*, *text*, *angle*, *justify*, *form*)

**double** *x*, *y*, *pointsize*, *angle*;

**char** *\*text*;

**int** *justify*, *form*;

The *text* is plotted starting at (*x*,*y*), and will make an *angle* with the horizontal. The point (*x*,*y*) maps onto different points of the textstring by giving various values for *justify*. It is used as follows:

9-----10----- 11

```

      |           |
      5         6         7
      |           |
      1-----2-----3

```

The box represents the textstring. E.g., to plot a textstring with its center of gravity at  $(x,y)$ , you must use `justify == 6`. If `justify` is negative, then all leading and trailing blanks are stripped before plotting. Certain character sequences (flags) have special meaning to `ps_text`. `@~` toggles between current font and the Mathematical Symbols font. `@%no%` sets font to *no*; `@%%` resets to starting font. `@-` turns subscript on/off, `@+` turns superscript on/off, `@#` turns small caps on/off, and `@\` will make a composite character of the following two character. `@:r/g/b;` changes the font color (`@;` resets it), `@:size:` changes the font size (`@::` resets it), and `@_` toggles underline on/off. Give fontsize in points (72 points = 1 inch). Normally, the text is typed using solid characters. To draw outline characters, set `form == 1`. If `pointsize` is negative it means that the current point has already been set before `ps_text` was called and that  $(x,y)$  should be ignored.

void **ps\_textbox** (*x, y, pointsize, text, angle, justify, outline, dx, dy, rgb*)

**double** *x, y, angle, pointsize, dx, dy;*

**char** *\*text;*

**int** *justify, outline, rgb[3];*

This function is used in conjunction with `ps_text` when a box surrounding the text string is desired. Taking most of the arguments of `ps_text`, the user must also specify the color of the resulting rectangle, and whether its outline should be drawn. More room between text and rectangle can be obtained by setting `dx` and `dy` accordingly.

void **ps\_transrotate** (*x, y, angle*)

**double** *x, y, angle;*

Translates the origin to  $(x,y)$ , then rotates the coordinate system by `angle` degrees.

void **ps\_triangle** (*xcenter, ycenter, diameter, rgb, outline*)

**double** *xcenter, ycenter, diameter;*

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Plots a triangle and paints it with the specified RGB combination. If `outline == 1`, the outline will be drawn using current pen-width and -pattern. The symbol will fit inside a circle of given diameter.

void **ps\_vector** (*xtail, ytail, xtip, ytip, tailwidth, headlength, headwidth, headshape, rgb, outline*)

**double** *xtail, ytail, xtip, ytip, tailwidth, headlength, headwidth, headshape;*

**int** *rgb[3], outline;*

Draws a vector of size and appearance as specified by the various parameters. `headshape` can take on values from 0-1 and specifies how far the intersection point between the base of a straight vector head and the vector line is moved toward the tip. 0 gives a triangular head, 1.0 gives an arrow shaped head. If `outline == 1`, the outline will be drawn using current penwidth. Add 8 to `outline` for a double-headed vector.

void **ps\_words** (*x, y, text, n\_words, line\_space, par\_width, par\_just, font, font\_size, angle, rgb, justify, draw\_box, x\_off, y\_off, x\_gap, y\_gap, boxpen\_width, boxpen\_texture, boxpen\_offset, boxpen\_rgb, vecpen\_width, vecpen\_texture, vecpen\_offset, vecpen\_rgb, boxfill\_rgb*)

**double** *x, y, line\_space, par\_width, angle, x\_off, y\_off, x\_gap, y\_gap;*

**long** *n\_words;*

**int** *font, font\_size, justify, draw\_box, boxpen\_width, boxpen\_offset;*

**int** *boxpen\_rgb[3], vecpen\_width, vecpen\_offset, vecpen\_rgb[3], boxfill\_rgb[3];*

**char** *\*\*text, \*boxpen\_texture, \*vecpen\_texture;*

Typesets paragraphs of text. `text` is an array of the words to typeset, using the given line-spacing and paragraph width. The whole text block is positioned at  $x, y$  which is the anchor point on the box as indicated by `justify` (see `ps_text`). The whole block is then shifted by `x_off, y_off`. Inside the box, text is justified left, centered, right, or justified as governed by `par_just` (`lcrj`).

*draw\_box* contains 4 bit flags pertaining to the surrounding outline box. If on, the first (lowest) bit draws the box outline. The second bit fills the box interior. The third bit makes the outline box have rounded corners (unless *x\_gap*, *y\_gap*, which specifies the padding between the text and the box, are zero), while the fourth bit draws a line from the original *x*, *y* point to the shifted position. The escape sequences described for *ps\_text* applies as well.

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**BUGS**

Caveat Emptor: The author is **not** responsible for any disasters, suicide attempts, or ulcers caused by correct **or** incorrect use of **pslib**. If you find bugs, please report them to the author by electronic mail. Be sure to provide enough detail so that I can recreate the problem.

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**NAME**

`psmask` – To clip or mask areas of no data on a map

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psmask [xyzfile] -Ixinc[unit][=+][yinc[unit][=+]] -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [
-B[p|s]parameters ] [ -Ddumpfile ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -F ] [ -Gfill ] [ -H[i][nrec] ]
[ -K ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Ssearch_radius[m|c|k|K] ] [ -T ] [ -U[just/dx/dy/][c|label] ] [ -V ] [
-X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -copies ] [ -:[i|o] ] [ -bi[s|S|d|D][ncol][c[var1|...]] ] [
-m[flag] ]
```

```
psmask -C [ -K ] [ -O ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**psmask** reads a (x,y,z) file [or standard input] and uses this information to find out which grid cells are reliable. Only gridcells which have one or more data points are considered reliable. As an option, you may specify a radius of influence. Then, all gridcells that are within *radius* of a data point are considered reliable. Furthermore, an option is provided to reverse the sense of the test. Having found the reliable/not reliable points, **psmask** will either paint tiles to mask these nodes (with the **-T** switch), or use contouring to create polygons that will clip out regions of no interest. When clipping is initiated, it will stay in effect until turned off by a second call to **psmask** using the **-C** option.

*xyzfile* File with (x,y,z) values (e.g., that was used to run **surface**). If no file is given, standard input is read. For binary files, see **-b**.

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-R***gridfile* is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in `.gmtdefaults4`, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.

More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

**-J**lon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)

**-J**cy1\_stere/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)

**-J**j[lon0/]scale (Miller)

**-J**m[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Mercator)

**-J**mlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)

**-J**o[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)

**-J**o[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)

**-J**oclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)

**-J**q[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)

- Jt***lon0*/*lat0*/*scale* (TM - Transverse Mercator)
- Ju***zone*/*scale* (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
- Jy***lon0*/*lat0*/*scale* (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

#### CONIC PROJECTIONS:

- Jb***lon0*/*lat0*/*lat1*/*lat2*/*scale* (Albers)
- Jd***lon0*/*lat0*/*lat1*/*lat2*/*scale* (Conic Equidistant)
- Jl***lon0*/*lat0*/*lat1*/*lat2*/*scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jp***oly*/*lon0*/*lat0*/*scale* ((American) Polyconic)

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

- Ja***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Je***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0*/*lat0*/*altitude*/*azimuth*/*tilt*/*twist*/*Width*/*Height*/*scale* (General Perspective).
- Js***lon0*/*lat0*/*horizon*/*scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***lon0*/*scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***lon0*/*scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***lon0*/*scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk***s*/*lon0*/*scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***lon0*/*scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***lon0*/*scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***lon0*/*scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***lon0*/*scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp***a*/*scale*/*origin*/*r*/*z* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jx***x*-*scale**d*/*l*/*ppow*/*t*/*T*/*y*-*scale**d*/*l*/*ppow*/*t*/*T*] (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in *[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]* format. Append *r* if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **–Rg** and **–Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **–R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append *t* to **–JX***x*), or (b) absolute time of the form *[date]***T***[clock]* (append **T** to **–JX***x*). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form *[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]* (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy[-Www[-d]]* (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh:mm:ss[.xxx]*. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.

- C Mark end of existing clip path. No input file is needed. Implicitly sets -O. However, you must supply -Xa and -Ya settings if you are using absolute positioning.
- D Dumps out the resulting clipping polygons to disk. Ignored if -T is set. If no dumpprefix is given we use mask (Files will be called mask\_\*.d). Append +n<n\_pts> to limit the number of points in files to a minimum of n\_pts. That is, do not write individual polygon files if they do not have at least n\_pts vertices. Often, when one uses the -D option it is not wished to output any ps code to stdout. In such cases redirect the output to >/dev/null on \*nix systems or to >nul on Windows.
- E Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append + to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with +wlon0/lat[z]) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with +vx0/y0).
- F Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.)
- G Paint the clip polygons (or tiles) with a selected fill [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- H Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use -Hi if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- K More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- N Invert the sense of the test, i.e., clip regions where there is data coverage.
- O Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- S Sets radius of influence. Grid nodes within *radius* of a data point are considered reliable. [Default is 0, which means that only grid cells with data in them are reliable]. Append **m** to indicate minutes or **c** to indicate seconds. Append **k** to indicate km (implies -R and -I are in degrees, and we will use a fast flat Earth approximation to calculate distance). For more accuracy, use uppercase **K** if distances should be calculated along geodesics. However, if the current **ELLIPSOID** is spherical then great circle calculations are used.
- T Plot tiles instead of clip polygons. Use -G to set tile color or pattern.
- U Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If -O is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- : Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if

it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].

- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

#### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

#### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

#### EXAMPLES

To make an overlay *PostScript* file that will mask out the regions of a contour map where there is no control data using clip polygons, use:

```
psmask africa_grav.xyg -R 20/40/20/40 -I 5m -JM 10i -O -K > mask.ps
```

The same example but this time we use white tiling:

```
psmask africa_grav.xyg -R 20/40/20/40 -I 5m -JM 10i -T -O -K -G white > mask.ps
```

#### SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *grdmask*(1), *surface*(1), *psbasemap*(1), *psclip*(1)

**NAME**

psrose – Plot (length, azimuth) as windrose diagram or polar histogram (sector or rose diagram).

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psrose file [ -Asector_width[r] ] [ -B[p|s]parameters ] [ -C[mode_file] ] [ -D ] [ -Eazimuth/elevation ] [
-I ] [ -Gfill ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -I ] [ -K ] [ -L[wlabel/elabel/slabeled/nlabel] ] [ -M[parameters] ] [ -O ] [
-P ] [ -Rr0/r1/az_0/az_1 ] [ -Sradial_scale[n] ] [ -T ] [ -U[just/dx/dy][c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -Wpen ] [
-X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Zscale ] [ -ccopies ] [ -:[i|o] ] [
-bi[s|S|d|D][ncol][c[var1/...]] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**psrose** reads (length,azimuth) pairs from *file* [or standard input] and generates *PostScript* code that will plot a windrose diagram. Optionally (with **-A**), polar histograms may be drawn (sector diagram or rose diagram). Options include full circle and half circle plots. The *PostScript* code is written to standard output.

*file* Name of ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] data file. If no file is given, psrose will read standard input.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Gives the sector width in degrees for sector and rose diagram. [Default 0 means windrose diagram]. Append **r** to draw rose diagram instead of sector diagram.
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details. Remember that "x" here is radial distance and "y" is azimuth. The ylabel may be used to plot a figure caption.
- C** Plot vectors showing the principal directions given in the *modes* file. If no file is given, compute and plot mean direction.
- D** Shift sectors so that they are centered on the bin interval (e.g., first sector is centered on 0 degrees).
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation [180/90]
- F** Do not draw the scale length bar [Default plots scale in lower right corner]
- G** Selects shade, color or pattern for filling the sectors [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Inquire. Computes statistics needed to specify useful **-R**. No plot is generated.
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Specify labels for the 0, 90, 180, and 270 degree marks. For full-circle plot the default is WEST/EAST/SOUTH/NORTH and for half-circle the default is 90W/90E/-/0. A - in any entry disables that label. Use **-L** with no argument to disable all four labels
- M** Specify new arrow attributes tailwidth/headlength/headwidth/r/g/b to change the appearance of arrows (Only if **-C** is set). [Default is 0.075c/0.3c/0.25c/0/0/0 (or 0.03i/0.12i/0.1i/0/0/0)].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- R** Specifies the 'region' of interest in (r,azimuth) space. r0 is 0, r1 is max length in units. For azimuth, specify -90/90 for half circle plot or 0/360 for full circle.
- S** Specifies radius of circle. Append **n** to normalize input radii to go from 0 to 1.
- T** Specifies that the input data is orientation data (has a 180 degree ambiguity) instead of true 0-360 degree directions [Default].

- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Set pen attributes for sector outline or rose plot. [Default is no outline]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by *(x-shift,y-shift)* and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default *(x-shift,y-shift)* is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** Multiply the data radii by *scale*. E.g., use **-Z 0.001** to convert your data from m to km [Default is no scaling].
- :** Input file has (azimuth,radius) pairs rather than the expected (radius,azimuth).
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### EXAMPLES

To plot a half circle rose diagram of the data in the file `fault_segments.az_r` (containing pairs of (azimuth, length in meters), using a 10 degree bin sector width, on a circle of radius = 3 inch, grid going out to radius = 150 km in steps of 25 km with a 30 degree sector interval, radial direction annotated every 50 km, using a light blue shading outlined by a solid red pen (width = 0.75 points), draw the mean azimuth, and shown in Portrait orientation, use:

```
psrose fault_segments.az_r -R 0/150/-90/90 -B 50g25:"Fault length":/g30:."Rose diagram": -S 3i -A 10r
```

```
-G lightblue -W 0.75p,red -Z 0.001 -C -P -T -: | lpr
```

To plot a full circle wind rose diagram of the data in the file `lines.r_az`, on a circle of radius = 5 cm, grid going out to radius = 500 units in steps of 100 with a 45 degree sector interval, using a solid pen (width = 0.5 point), and shown in landscape [Default] orientation with UNIX timestamp and command line plotted, use:

```
psrose lines.az_r -R 0/500/0/360 -S 5c -Bg 100/g45:"Windrose diagram": -W 0.5p -Uc | lpr
```

## BUGS

No default radial scale and grid settings for polar histograms. User must run `psrose -I` to find max length in binned data set.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *gmtcolors(5)*, *gmtdefaults(1)*, *pshistogram(1)*

**NAME**

psscale – Plot gray scale or color scale on maps

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psscale -Dxpos/ypos/length/width[h] [ -A[a|l|c] ] [ -B[p|s]parameters ] [ -Ccpt_file ] [ -E[b|f][length] ] [
-I[max_intens|low_i/high_i] ] [ -K ] [ -L[i][gap] ] [ -M ] [ -Ndpi ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Q ] [
-U[just/dx/dy][c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Zzfile ] [ -ccopies ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**psscale** plots gray scales or color scales on maps. Both horizontal and vertical scales are supported. For *cpt\_files* with gradational colors (i.e., the lower and upper boundary of an interval have different r/g/b values) **psscale** will interpolate to give a continuous scale. Variations in intensity due to shading/illumination may be displayed by setting the option **-I**. Colors may be spaced according to a linear scale, all be equal size, or by providing a file with individual tile widths.

**-D** Defines the position of the center/top (for horizontal scale) or center/left (for vertical scale) and the dimensions of the scale. Give a negative length to reverse the scalebar. Append *h* to get a horizontal scale [Default is vertical].

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Place annotations and labels above (instead of below) horizontal scalebars and to the left (instead of the right) of vertical scalebars. Append **a** or **l** to move only the annotations or the label to the other side. Append **c** if you want to print a vertical label as a column of characters (does not work with special characters).
- B** Set annotation, tick, and gridline interval for the colorbar. The x-axis label will plot beneath a horizontal bar (or vertically to the right of a vertical bar), except when using **-A**. As an option, use the y-axis label to plot the data unit to the right of a horizontal bar (and above a vertical bar). If **-B** is omitted, or no annotation intervals are provided, the default is to annotate every color level based on the numerical entries in the *cpt* file (which may be overridden by ULB flags in the *cpt* file). To specify custom text annotations for intervals, you must append *;annotation* to each z-slice in the *cpt* file.
- C** *cpt\_file* is the color palette file to be used. By default all color changes are annotated. To use a subset, add an extra column to the *cpt*-file with a L, U, or B to annotate Lower, Upper, or Both color segment boundaries (but see **-B**). If not given, **psscale** will read stdin. Like **grdview**, **psscale** can understand pattern specifications in the *cpt* file.
- E** Add sidebar triangles for **back**- and/or **foreground** colors. Add **f** or **b** for only one sidebar triangle [Default gives both]. Optionally, append triangle height [Default is half the barwidth].
- I** Add illumination effects. Optionally, set the range of intensities from - to + *max\_intens*. If not specified, 1 is used. Alternatively, append *low/high* intensities to specify an asymmetric range [Default is no illumination].
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Gives equal-sized color rectangles. Default scales rectangles according to the z-range in the *cpt*-file (Also see **-Z**). If set, any equal interval annotation set with **-B** will be ignored. If *gap* is appended and the *cpt* table is discrete we will center each annotation on each rectangle, using the lower boundary z-value for the annotation. If **i** is prepended we annotate the interval range instead. If **-I** is used then each rectangle will have its constant color modified by the specified intensity.
- M** Force a monochrome graybar using the (television) YIQ transformation.
- N** Effective dots-per-inch for the rectangular image making up the color scale [300].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].

- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Select logarithmic scale and power of ten annotations. All z-values in the cpt file will be converted to  $p = \log_{10}(z)$  and only integer p values will be annotated using the  $10^p$  format [Default is linear scale].
- S** Do not separate different colour intervals with black lines.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by *(x-shift,y-shift)* and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default *(x-shift,y-shift)* is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** File with colorbar-width per color entry. By default, width of entry is scaled to color range, i.e., z = 0-100 gives twice the width as z = 100-150 (Also see **-L**).
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].

## EXAMPLES

To append a vertical color scale (7.5 cm long; 1.25 cm wide) to the right of a plot that is 6 inch wide and 4 inch high, using illumination, and show back- and foreground colors, and annotating every 5 units, use

```
psscale -D 6.5i/2i/7.5c/1.25c -O -C colors.cpt -I -E -B 5:BATHYMETRY:/:m: >> map.ps
```

## NOTES

When the cpt file is discrete and no illumination is specified, the color bar will be painted using polygons. For all other cases we must paint with an image. Some color printers may give slightly different colors for the two methods given identical RGB values.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *makecpt(1)*, *gd2cpt(1)*

**NAME**

**pstext** – To plot text strings on maps

**SYNOPSIS**

```
pstext textfile -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [ -A ] [ -B[p]s]parameters ] [ -Cdx/dy ] [ -D[j]dx/dy][v[pen] ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[/z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -Gcolor ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Jz[Zparameters ] [ -K ] [ -L ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Spen ] [ -U[justdx/dy][clabel ] ] [ -V ] [ -W[color,[o[O[c[Cpen]]] ] [ -X[a[c[r][x-shift[u] ] ] [ -Y[a[c[r][y-shift[u] ] ] [ -Z[zlevel[+] ] [ -:[i[o] ] [ -ccopies ] [ -f[i[o]colinfo ] [ -m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**pstext** plots text strings of variable size, font type, and orientation. Various map projections are provided, with the option to draw and annotate the map boundaries. *PostScript* code is written to standard output. Greek characters, subscript, superscript, and small caps are supported as follows: The sequence @~ toggles between the selected font and Greek (Symbol). @%no% sets the font to *no*; @%% resets the font to the starting font, @- toggles subscripts on/off, @+ toggles superscript on/off, @# toggles small caps on/off, @;color; changes the font color (@;; resets it), @:size: changes the font size (@:: resets it), and @\_ toggles underline on/off. @@ prints the @ sign. @e, @o, @a, @E, @O, @A give the accented Scandinavian characters. Composite characters (overstrike) may be indicated with the @!<char1><char2> sequence, which will print the two characters on top of each other. To learn the octal codes for symbols not available on the keyboard and some accented European characters, see Section 4.16 and Appendix F in the **GMT** Technical Reference and Cookbook. Note that **CHAR\_ENCODING** must be set to an extended character set in your .gmtdefaults4 file in order to use the accented characters. Using the **-W** option, a colored rectangle underlying the text may be plotted (Does not work for strings with sub/super scripts, symbols, or composite characters, except in paragraph mode (**-m**)).

*textfile* This file contains 1 or more records with (*x*, *y*, *size*, *angle*, *fontno*, *justify*, *text*). If no file is given, **pstext** will read standard input. *size* is text size in points, *angle* is measured in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal, *fontno* sets the font type, *justify* sets the alignment. If *fontno* is not an integer, then it is taken to be a text string with the desired fontname. See the **gmtdefaults** man page for names and numbers of available fonts (or run **pstext -L**). The alignment refers to the part of the text string that will be mapped onto the (*x*,*y*) point. Choose a 2 character combination of L, C, R (for left, center, or right) and T, M, B for top, middle, or bottom. e.g., BL for lower left.

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in .gmtdefaults4, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.

More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jclon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)
-Jcyl_stere[lon0/lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)
-Jj[lon0/]]scale (Miller)
-Jm[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Mercator)
-Jmlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
-Jo[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
-Jo[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)
-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
-Jq[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)
-Jtlon0/[lat0/]]scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)
-Juzone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
-Jy[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)
```

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

- Jb***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Albers)
- Jd***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Conic Equidistant)
- Jl***lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale* (Lambert Conic Conformal)
- Jpoly***[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale* ((American) Polyconic)

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Ja***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
- Je***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Azimuthal Equidistant)
- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Js***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:**

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

**NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- Jp***[a]scale[/origin][r|z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale***[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)
- Jz** Sets the vertical scaling (for 3-D maps). Same syntax as **-Jx**.
- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in *[+-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]* format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of *w/e/s/n*. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form *[date]T[clock]* (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form *[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]* (Gregorian calendar) or *yyyy[-Www[-d]]* (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form *hh:mm:ss[.xxx]*. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Angles are given as azimuths; convert them to directions using the current projection.
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Sets the clearance between the text and the surrounding box [15%]. Only used if **-W** is specified. Append the unit you want (**cm, inch, meter,** or **point**; if not given we consult **MEASURE\_UNIT**)

or % for a percentage of the font size.

- D** Offsets the text from the projected  $(x,y)$  point by  $dx,dy$  [0/0]. If  $dy$  is not specified then it is set equal to  $dx$ . Use **-Dj** to offset the text away from the point instead (i.e., the text's justification will determine the direction of the shift). Optionally, append **v** which will draw a line from the original point to the shifted point; append a *pen* to change the attributes for this line. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append **+** to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with **+wlon0/lat[/z]**) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with **+vx0/y0**). (*Not implemented for paragraph mode*).
- G** Sets the shade or color used for drawing the text [Default is BASEMAP\_FRAME\_RGB, the current frame color (by default black)] (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with **#** are always skipped.
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Lists the font-numbers and font-names available, then exits.
- N** Do NOT clip text at map boundaries [Default will clip].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- S** Draw text outline. Append pen attributes. (*Not implemented for paragraph mode*).
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, **BL/0/0** will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Paint a rectangle beneath the text string. Set color [Default is no fill]. Append **o** to draw rectangle outline, add a *pen* to specify pen attributes [width = 1, color = black, texture = solid]. use a comma to separate the fill information from the outline information if both are present. Choose upper case **O** to get a rounded rectangle. Choose lower case **c** to get a concave rectangle (only in paragraph mode). Choose upper case **C** to get a convex rectangle (only in paragraph mode). (See also SPECIFYING PENS and SPECIFYING COLOR below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by  $(x-shift,y-shift)$  and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default  $(x-shift,y-shift)$  is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** For 3-D projections: Sets the z-level of the basemap [Default is the bottom of the z-axis]. If **-Z+** is given we expect each item to have its own level given in the 3rd column, and **-N** is implicitly set. (*Not implemented for paragraph mode*).
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].

- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Paragraph mode. Files must be multiple segment files. Segments are separated by a special record whose first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. Starting in the 3rd column, we expect to find information pertaining to the typesetting of a text paragraph (the remaining lines until next segment header). The information expected is (x y size angle fontno justify linespace parwidth parjust), where *x y size angle fontno justify* are defined above, while *linespace* and *parwidth* are the linespacing and paragraph width, respectively. The justification of the text paragraph is governed by *parjust* which may be **I**(eft), **c**(enter), **r**(ight), or **j**(ustified). The segment header is followed by one or more lines with paragraph text. Text may contain the escape sequences discussed above. Separate paragraphs with a blank line.

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### EXAMPLES

To plot the outlines of the text strings stored in the file text.d on a Mercator plot with the given specifications, use

```
pstext text.d -R-30/30/-10/20 -Jm 0.1i -P -B 5 -S 0.5p > plot.ps
```

To add a typeset figure caption for a 3-inch wide illustration, use

```
pstext -R 0/3/0/5 -JX 3i -O -H -m -N << EOF >> figure.ps
```

This is an optional header record

```
> 0 -0.5 12 0 4 LT 13p 3i j
```

```
@%5%Figure 1. @%% This illustration shows nothing useful, but it still needs
a figure caption. Highlighted in @;255/0/0:red@;; you can see the locations
of cities where it is @_impossible@_ to get any good Thai food; these are to be avoided.
EOF
```

### WINDOWS REMARKS

Note that under Windows, the percent sign (%) is a variable indicator (like \$ under Unix). To indicate a plain percentage sign in a batch script you need to repeat it (%%); hence the font switching mechanism (@%font% and @%%) may require twice the number of percent signs. This only applies to text inside a script or that otherwise is processed by DOS. Data files that are opened and read by **pstext** do not need such duplication.

### BUGS

In paragraph mode, the presence of composite characters and other escape sequences may lead to unfortunate word splitting.

The **-N** option does not adjust the BoundingBox information so you may have to post-process the *PostScript* output with *epstool* or *ps2epsi* to obtain a correct BoundingBox.

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1), gmtcolors(5), psbasemap(1), pslegend(1), psxy(1)*

**NAME**

pswiggle – Plot anomaly along track on a map

**SYNOPSIS**

```
pswiggle xyz_files -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] -Zscale [ -Aazimuth ] [ -B[p]sparameters ]
[ -Ccenter ] [ -D[x]gap ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -Gfill ] [ -H[i]nrec ] [ -JzZparameters ]
[ -Ifix_az ] [ -K ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -S[x]lon0/lat0/length[/units] ] [ -Tpen ] [
-U[just/dx/dy][c[label]] ] [ -V ] [ -Wpen ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -ccopies ] [
-:[i|o] ] [ -bi[s|d|D[ncol][c[var1/...]]] ] [ -fcolinfo ] [ -m[i|o][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**pswiggle** reads (x,y,z) triplets from files [or standard input] and plots z as a function of distance along track. This means that two consecutive (x,y) points define the local distance axis, and the local z axis is then perpendicular to the distance axis. The user may set a preferred positive anomaly plot direction, and if the positive normal is outside the plus/minus 90 degree window around the preferred direction, then 180 degrees are added to the direction. Either the positive or the negative wiggle may be shaded. The resulting *PostScript* code is written to standard output.

*files* List one or more file-names. If no files are given, **pswiggle** will read standard input.

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in *.gmtdefaults4*, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively. More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jclon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)
-Jcyl_stere[lon0/lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)
-Jj[lon0/]scale (Miller)
-Jm[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Mercator)
-Jmlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
-Jo[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
-Jo[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)
-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
-Jq[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)
-Jtlon0/[lat0/]scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)
-Juzone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
-Jy[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)
```

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Albers)
-Jdlon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)
-Jllon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)
-Jpoly[lon0/[lat0/]]scale ((American) Polyconic)
```

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jalon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
-Jelon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Azimuthal Equidistant)
-Jflon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Gnomonic)
-Jglon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Orthographic)
-Jglon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale (General Perspective).
```

–**Jslon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale** (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

–**Jh**[lon0]/scale (Hammer)

–**Ji**[lon0]/scale (Sinusoidal)

–**Jkf**[lon0]/scale (Eckert IV)

–**Jk[s]**[lon0]/scale (Eckert VI)

–**Jn**[lon0]/scale (Robinson)

–**Jr**[lon0]/scale (Winkel Tripel)

–**Jv**[lon0]/scale (Van der Grinten)

–**Jw**[lon0]/scale (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

–**Jp[a]scale[/origin][r|z]** (Polar coordinates (theta,r))

–**Jxx-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]** (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+|-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands –**Rg** and –**Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the –**R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to –**JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]**T**[clock] (append **T** to –**JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).
- Z** Gives anomaly scale in data-units/distance-unit.

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** Sets the preferred positive azimuth. Positive wiggles will "gravitate" towards that direction.
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Subtract *center* from the data set before plotting [0].
- D** Means there is a data gap if 2 consecutive points are more than *gap* distance units apart. For geographic map projections the *gap* is assumed to be in km, else it is in the user's units.
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append + to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with +**wlon0/lat[z]**) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with +**vx0/y0**).
- G** Set fill shade, color or pattern of positive wiggles [Default is black] (See SPECIFYING FILL below).
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use –**Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.

- I** Set a fixed azimuth projection for wiggles [Default uses track azimuth, but see **-A**].
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- N** Paint negative wiggles instead of positive [Default].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- S** Draws a simple vertical scale centered on *lon0/lat0*. Use **-Sx** to specify cartesian coordinates instead. *length* is in z units, append unit name for labeling
- T** Draw track [Default is no track]. Append pen attributes to use [Defaults: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Draw wiggle outline [Default is no outline]. Append pen attributes to use [Defaults: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 input columns].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is '>']. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

**SPECIFYING FILL**

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

**SPECIFYING COLOR**

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

**EXAMPLES**

To plot the magnetic anomaly stored in the file `track.xym` along track @ 1000 nTesla/cm (after removing a mean value of 32000 nTesla), using a 15 -cm-wide Polar Stereographic map ticked every 5 degrees in Portrait mode, with positive anomalies in red on a blue track of width 0.25 points, use

```
pswiggle track.xym -R-20/10/-80/-60 -JS 0/90/15c -Z 1000 -B 5 -C 32000 -P -G red -T 0.25p,blue -S 1000 -V > track_xym.ps
```

**BUGS**

Sometimes the (x,y) coordinates are not printed with enough significant digits, so the local perpendicular to the track swings around a lot. To see if this is the problem, you should do this:

```
awk '{ if (NR > 1) print atan2(y-$1, x-$2); y=$1; x=$2; }' yourdata.xyz | more
```

(note that output is in radians; on some machines you need "nawk" to do this). Then if these numbers jump around a lot, you may do this:

```
awk '{ print NR, $0 }' yourdata.xyz | filter1d -Fb 5 -N 4/0 --D_FORMAT=value > smoothed.xyz
```

and plot this data set instead.

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *filter1d*(1), *psbasemap*(1), *splitxyz*(1)

**NAME**

psxy – Plot lines, polygons, and symbols on maps

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psxy files -Jparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [ -A[m]p ] [ -B[p]s]parameters ] [ -Ccptfile ] [
-Ddx/dy ] [ -E[x|y|X|Y][n][cap][/-+][pen] ] [ -Gfill ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Iintens ] [ -K ] [ -L ] [ -N ] [ -O
] [ -P ] [ -S[symbol][size] ] [ -U[just/dx/dy][c|label] ] [ -V ] [ -W[-+][pen] ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [
-Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -:[i]o ] [ -bi[s|S|D][ncol][c[var1|...]] ] [ -ccopies ] [ -fcolinfo ] [
-g[a|x|y|d|X|Y|D][col]z[+|-]gap[u] ] [ -m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**psxy** reads (*x,y*) pairs from *files* [or standard input] and generates *PostScript* code that will plot lines, polygons, or symbols at those locations on a map. If a symbol is selected and no symbol size given, then **psxy** will interpret the third column of the input data as symbol size. Symbols whose *size* is  $\leq 0$  are skipped. If no symbols are specified then the symbol code (see **-S** below) must be present as last column in the input. Multiple segment files may be plotted using the **-m** option. If **-S** is not used, a line connecting the data points will be drawn instead. To explicitly close polygons, use **-L**. Select a fill with **-G**. If **-G** is set, **-W** will control whether the polygon outline is drawn or not. If a symbol is selected, **-G** and **-W** determines the fill and outline/no outline, respectively. The *PostScript* code is written to standard output.

*files* List one or more file-names. If no files are given, **psxy** will read standard input. Use **-T** to ignore all input files, including standard input (see below).

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in *.gmtdefaults4*, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.

More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jclon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)
-Jcyl_stere/[lon0/lat0/]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)
-Jj[lon0/]scale (Miller)
-Jm[lon0/[lat0/]scale (Mercator)
-Jmlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
-Jo[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
-Jo[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)
-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
-Jq[lon0/[lat0/]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)
-Jtlon0/[lat0/]scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)
-Juzone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
-Jy[lon0/[lat0/]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)
```

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Albers)
-Jdlon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)
-Jllon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)
-Jpoly/[lon0/[lat0/]scale ((American) Polyconic)
```

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jalon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
-Jelon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Azimuthal Equidistant)
```

- Jf***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Gnomonic)
- Jg***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jgl***lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale* (General Perspective).
- Jsl***lon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp***[a]scale[/origin][r|z]* (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jx***-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]]* (Linear, log, and power scaling)
- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+|-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [*date*]**T**[*clock*] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- A** By default line segments are drawn as great circle arcs. To draw them as straight lines, use the **-A** flag. Alternatively, add **m** to draw the line by first following a meridian, then a parallel. Or append **p** to start following a parallel, then a meridian. (This can be practical to draw a lines along parallels, for example).
- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Give a color palette file. If **-S** is set, let symbol fill color be determined by the z-value in the third column. Additional fields are shifted over by one column (optional size would be 4th rather than 3rd field, etc.). If **-S** is not set, then **psxy** expects the user to supply a multisegment line or polygon file (requires **-m**) where each segment header contains a **-Zval** string. The *val* will control the color of the line or polygon (if **-L** is set) via the cpt file.
- D** Offset the plot symbol or line locations by the given amounts *dx/dy* [Default is no offset]. If *dy* is not given it is set equal to *dx*.
- E** Draw error bars. Append **x** and/or **y** to indicate which bars you want to draw (Default is both x and y). The x and/or y errors must be stored in the columns after the (x,y) pair [or (x,y,size) triplet]. The *cap* parameter indicates the length of the end-cap on the error bars [0.25c (or 0.1i)]. Pen attributes for error bars may also be set (see SPECIFYING PENS below) [Defaults: width =

0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. A leading + will use the lookup color (via **-C**) for both symbol fill and error pen color, while a leading - will set error pen color and turn off symbol fill. If upper case **X** and/or **Y** is used we will instead draw "box-and-whisker" (or "stem-and-leaf") symbols. The x (or y) coordinate is then taken as the median value, and 4 more columns are expected to contain the minimum (0% quantile), the 25% quantile, the 75% quantile, and the maximum (100% quantile) values. The 25-75% box may be filled by using **-G**. If **n** is appended to **X** (or **Y**) we draw a notched "box-and-whisker" symbol where the notch width reflects the uncertainty in the median. Then a 5th extra data column is expected to contain the number of points in the distribution.

- G** Select color or pattern for filling of symbols or polygons [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).  
Note when **-m** is chosen, **psxy** will search for **-G** and **-W** strings in all the subheaders and let any values thus found over-ride the command line settings (see **-m** below).
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Use the supplied *intens* value (nominally in the -1 to +1 range) to modulate the fill color by simulating illumination [none].
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Force closed polygons: connect the endpoints of the line-segment(s) and draw polygons. Also, in concert with **-C**, **-m**, and **-Z** settings in the headers will use the implied color for polygon fill [Default is polygon pen color].
- N** Do NOT skip symbols that fall outside map border [Default plots points inside border only]. The option does not apply to lines and polygons which are always clipped to the map region.
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- S** Plot symbols. If present, *size* is symbol size in the unit set in **.gmtdefaults4** (unless **c**, **i**, **m**, or **p** is appended). If *size* is not given it is expected in the third (or 4th if **-C** is used) column. Any additional fields are shifted over by one column. If the symbol code (see below) is not given it will be read from the last column in the input data; this cannot be used in conjunction with **-b**. Optionally, append **c**, **i**, **m**, **p** to indicate that the size information in the input data is in units of cm, inch, meter, or point, respectively [Default is **MEASURE\_UNIT**]. Note: if you give both size and symbol via the input file you must use **MEASURE\_UNIT** to indicate the units used for the symbol size.  
The uppercase symbols **A**, **C**, **D**, **G**, **H**, **I**, **N**, **S**, **T** are normalized to have the same area as a circle with diameter *size*, while the size of the corresponding lowercase symbols refers to the diameter of a circumscribed circle. Choose between these symbol codes:
- S-** x-dash (-). *size* is the length of a short horizontal line segment.
- S+** plus (+). *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sa** star. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sb** Vertical bar extending from *base* to *y*. *size* is bar width. Append **u** if *size* is in x-units [Default is plot-distance units]. By default, *base* = *ymin*. Append **bbase** to change this value.
- SB** Horizontal bar extending from *base* to *x*. *size* is bar width. Append **u** if *size* is in y-units [Default is plot-distance units]. By default, *base* = *xmin*. Append **bbase** to change this value.
- Sc** circle. *size* is diameter of circle.
- Sd** diamond. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.

- Se** ellipse. Direction (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal), *major\_axis*, and *minor\_axis* must be found in columns 3, 4, and 5.
- SE** Same as **-Se**, except azimuth (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of direction. The azimuth will be mapped into an angle based on the chosen map projection (**-Se** leaves the directions unchanged.) Furthermore, the axes lengths must be given in km instead of plot-distance units. An exception occurs for a linear projection in which we assume the ellipse axes are given in the same units as **-R**.
- Sf** front. **-Sfgap/size[dir][type][:offset]**. Supply distance gap between symbols and symbol size. If *gap* is negative, it is interpreted to mean the number of symbols along the front instead. Append *dir* to plot symbols on the **left** or **right** side of the front [Default is centered]. Append *type* to specify which symbol to plot: **box**, **circle**, **fault**, **slip**, or **triangle**. [Default is **fault**]. Slip means left-lateral or right-lateral strike-slip arrows (centered is not an option). Append *offset* to offset the first symbol from the beginning of the front by that amount [Default is 0].
- Sg** octagon. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sh** hexagon. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Si** inverted triangle. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sj** Rotated rectangle. Direction (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal), x-dimension, and y-dimension must be found in columns 3, 4, and 5.
- SJ** Same as **-Sj**, except azimuth (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of direction. The azimuth will be mapped into an angle based on the chosen map projection (**-Sj** leaves the directions unchanged.) Furthermore, the dimensions must be given in km instead of plot-distance units. An exception occurs for a linear projection in which we assume the dimensions are given in the same units as **-R**.
- Sk** kustom symbol. Append <name>/size, and we will look for a definition file called <name>.def in (1) the current directory or (2) in ~/.gmt or (3) in \$GMT\_SHAREDIR/custom. The symbol as defined in that file is of size 1.0 by default; the appended *size* will scale symbol accordingly. Users may add their own custom \*.def files; see CUSTOM SYMBOLS below.
- SI** letter or text string (less than 64 characters). Give *size*, and append /string after the size. Note that the size is only approximate; no individual scaling is done for different characters. Remember to escape special characters like \*. Optionally, you may append %font to select a particular font [Default is ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY].
- Sm** math angle arc, optionally with one or two arrow heads. The *size* is the radius of the arc. Start and stop directions (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal) for arc must be found in columns 3 and 4. Use **-Smf** to add arrow head at first angle, **-Sml** for arrow head at last angle, and **-Smb** for both [Default is no arrow heads].
- Sn** pentagon. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sp** point. No size needs to be specified (1 pixel is used).
- Sq** quoted line, i.e., lines with annotations such as contours. Append [d|D|f|l|L|n|x|X]info[:labelinfo]. The required argument controls the placement of labels along the quoted lines. Choose among five controlling algorithms:  
**ddist[c|i|m|p]** or **Ddist[d|e|k|m|n]**  
 For lower case **d**, give distances between labels on the plot in your preferred measurement unit **c** (cm), **i** (inch), **m** (meter), or **p** (points), while for upper case **D**, specify distances in map units and append the unit; choose among **e** (m), **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), or **d** (spherical degree). [Default is 10**c** or 4**i**].  
**ffile.d** Reads the ascii file *ffile.d* and places labels at locations in the file that matches locations along the quoted lines. Inexact matches and points outside the region are skipped.

**l|L***line1[,line2,...]*

Give *start* and *stop* coordinates for one or more comma-separated straight line segments. Labels will be placed where these lines intersect the quoted lines. The format of each *line* specification is *start/stop*, where *start* and *stop* are either a specified point *lon/lat* or a 2-character **XY** key that uses the justification format employed in **pstext** to indicate a point on the map, given as [LCR][BMT].

**L** will interpret the point pairs as defining great circles [Default is straight line].

**nn\_label**

Specifies the number of equidistant labels for quoted lines *line* [1]. Upper case **N** starts labeling exactly at the start of the line [Default centers them along the line]. **N-1** places one justified label at start, while **N+1** places one justified label at the end of quoted lines. Optionally, append */min\_dist[c|i|m|p]* to enforce that a minimum distance separation between successive labels is enforced.

**x|X***xfile.d*

Reads the multi-segment file *xfile.d* and places labels at the intersections between the quoted lines and the lines in *xfile.d*. **X** will resample the lines first along great-circle arcs.

In addition, you may optionally append **+radius[c|i|m|p]** to set a minimum label separation in the x-y plane [no limitation].

The optional *labelinfo* controls the specifics of the label formatting and consists of a concatenated string made up of any of the following control arguments:

**+a***angle*

For annotations at a fixed angle, **+an** for line-normal, or **+ap** for line-parallel [Default].

**+cdx***[/dy]*

Sets the clearance between label and optional text box. Append **c|i|m|p** to specify the unit or % to indicate a percentage of the label font size [15%].

**+d**

Turns on debug which will draw helper points and lines to illustrate the workings of the quoted line setup.

**+f***font*

Sets the desired font [Default **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**].

**+g***[color]*

Selects opaque text boxes [Default is transparent]; optionally specify the color [Default is **PAGE\_COLOR**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

**+j***just*

Sets label justification [Default is MC]. Ignored when **-SqN|n+|-1** is used.

**+k***color*

Sets color of text labels [Default is **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

**+l***label*

Sets the constant label text.

**+L***flag*

Sets the label text according to the specified flag:

**+Lh**

Take the label from the current multisegment header (first scan for an embedded **-Llabel** option, if not use the first word following the segment flag). For multi-word labels, enclose entire label in double quotes.

**+Ld**

Take the Cartesian plot distances along the line as the label; append **c|i|m|p** as the unit [Default is **MEASURE\_UNIT**].

**+LD**

Calculate actual map distances; append **d|e|k|m|n** as the unit [Default is **d**(egrees), unless label placement was based on map distances along the lines in which case we use the same unit specified for that algorithm]. Requires a map projection to be used.

- +Lf** Use text after the 2nd column in the fixed label location file as the label. Requires the fixed label location setting.
- +Lx** As **+Lh** but use the headers in the *xfile.d* instead. Requires the crossing file option.
- +ndx[/dy]**  
Nudges the placement of labels by the specified amount (append **c|i|m|p** to specify the units). Increments are considered in the coordinate system defined by the orientation of the line; use **+N** to force increments in the plot x/y coordinates system [no nudging].
- +o** Selects rounded rectangular text box [Default is rectangular]. Not applicable for curved text (**+v**) and only makes sense for opaque text boxes.
- +p[pen]**  
Draws the outline of text boxsets [Default is no outline]; optionally specify pen for outline [Default is width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- +rmin\_rad**  
Will not place labels where the line's radius of curvature is less than *min\_rad* [Default is 0].
- +size** Sets the desired font size in points [Default is 9].
- +uunit** Appends *unit* to all line labels. If *unit* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the unit. [Default is no unit].
- +v** Specifies curved labels following the path [Default is straight labels].
- +w** Specifies how many (*x, y*) points will be used to estimate label angles [Default is 10].
- +prefix**  
Prepends *prefix* to all line labels. If *prefix* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the prefix. [Default is no prefix].
- Sr** rectangle. No size needs to be specified, but the x- and y-dimensions must be found in columns 3 and 4.
- Ss** square. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- St** triangle. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sv** vector. Direction (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal) and length must be found in columns 3 and 4. *size*, if present, will be interpreted as *arrowwidth/headlength/headwidth* [Default unit is 0.075c/0.3c/0.25c (or 0.03i/0.12i/0.1i)]. By default arrow attributes remains invariant to the length of the arrow. To have the size of the vector scale down with decreasing size, append **norm**, where vectors shorter than *norm* will have their attributes scaled by *length/norm*. To center vector on balance point, use **-Svb**; to align point with the vector head, use **-Svh**; to align point with the vector tail, use **-Svt** [Default]. To give the head point's coordinates instead of direction and length, use **-Svs**. Upper case **B, H, T, S** will draw a double-headed vector [Default is single head].
- SV** Same as **-Sv**, except azimuth (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of direction. The azimuth will be mapped into an angle based on the chosen map projection (**-Sv** leaves the directions unchanged.)
- Sw** pie wedge. Start and stop directions (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal) for pie slice must be found in columns 3 and 4.
- SW** Same as **-Sw**, except azimuths (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of the two directions. The azimuths will be mapped into angles based on the chosen map projection (**-Sw** leaves the directions unchanged.)

- Sx** cross (x). *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sy** y-dash (|). *size* is the length of a short vertical line segment.
- T** Ignore all input files, including standard input. This is the same as specifying `/dev/null` (or `NUL` for Windows users) as input file. Use this to activate only the options that are not related to plotting of lines or symbols, such as **psxy -R -J -O -T** to terminate a sequence of **GMT** plotting commands without producing any plotting output.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, `BL/0/0` will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The **GMT** parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Set pen attributes for lines or the outline of symbols [Defaults: width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. A leading + will use the lookup color (via **-C**) for both symbol fill and outline pen color, while a leading - will set outline pen color and turn off symbol fill. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by (*x-shift,y-shift*) and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default (*x-shift,y-shift*) is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is the required number of columns given the chosen settings].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- g** Examine the spacing between consecutive data points in order to impose breaks in the line. Append **x|X** or **y|Y** to define a gap when there is a large enough change in the x or y coordinates, respectively, or **d|D** for distance gaps; use upper case to calculate gaps from projected coordinates. For gap-testing on other columns use *[col]z*; if *col* is not prepended the it defaults to 2 (i.e., 3rd column). Append *[+|-]gap* and optionally a unit **u**. Regarding optional signs: -ve means previous minus current column value must exceed *gap* to be a gap, +ve means current minus previous column value must exceed *gap*, and no sign means the absolute value of the difference must exceed *gap*. For geographic data (**x|y|d**), the unit **u** may be meter [Default], kilometer, miles, or nautical miles. For projected data (**X|Y|D**), choose from **inch**, **centimeter**, **meter**, or **points** [Default unit set by **MEASURE\_UNIT**]. Note: For **x|y|z** with time data the unit is instead controlled by **TIME\_UNIT**. Repeat the option to specify multiple criteria, of which any can be met to produce a line break. Issue an additional **-ga** to indicate that all criteria must be met instead. The **-g** option is ignored if **-S** is set.

- m** Multiple segment file. Segments are separated by a record whose first character is *flag* [Default is '>']. On these segment header records one or more of the following options can be added:
  - Gfill** Use the new *fill* and turn filling on
  - G-** Turn filling off
  - G+** Revert to default fill (none if not set on command line)
  - Wpen** Use the new *pen* and turn outline on
  - W-** Turn outline off
  - W+** Revert to default pen (none if not set on command line)
  - Zzval** Obtain fill via cpt lookup using z-value *zval*
  - ZNaN** Get the NaN color from the cpt file

### SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin[ner|nest]**, **thick[er|est]**, **fat[ter|test]**, or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes '-' and dots '.'.

### SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

### SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

### EXAMPLES

To plot solid red circles (diameter = 0.25 cm) at the positions listed in the file DSDP.xy on a Mercator map at 5 cm/degree of the area 150E to 154E, 18N to 23N, with tickmarks every 1 degree and gridlines every 15 minutes, use

```
psxy DSDP.xy -R 150/154/18/23 -Jm 5c -Sc 0.25c -G red -B 1g15m | lpr
```

To plot the xyz values in the file quakes.xyzm as circles with size given by the magnitude in the 4th column and color based on the depth in the third using the color palette cpt on a linear map, use

```
psxy quakes.xyzm -R 0/1000/0/1000 -JX 6i -Sc -C cpt -B 200 > map.ps
```

To plot the file trench.xy on a Mercator map, with white triangles with sides 0.25 inch on the left side of the line, spaced every 0.8 inch, use

```
psxy trench.xy -R 150/200/20/50 -Jm 0.15i -Sf0.8i/0.1ilt -G white -W -B 10 | lpr br
```

To plot the data in the file misc.d as symbols determined by the code in the last column, and with size given by the magnitude in the 4th column, and color based on the third column via the color palette cpt on a linear map, use

```
psxy misc.d -R 0/100/-50/100 -JX 6i -S -C cpt -B 20 > t.ps
```

## CUSTOM SYMBOLS

**psxy** and **psxyz** allows users to define and plot their own custom symbols. This is done by encoding the symbol using a simple plotting code described below. Put all the plotting codes for your new symbol in a file whose extension must be `.def`; you may then address the symbol without giving the extension (e.g., the symbol file `tsunami.def` is used by specifying `-S $kt$ tsunami/size`. The definition file can contain any number of plot code records, as well as blank lines and comment lines (starting with `#`). **psxy** and **psxyz** will look for the definition files in (1) the current directory, (2) the `~/gmt` directory, and (3) the `$GMT_SHAREDIR/custom` directory, in that order. Freeform polygons (made up of straight line segments and arcs of circles) can be designed - these polygons can be painted and filled with a pattern. Other standard geometric symbols can also be used. Generate freeform polygons by starting with an anchor point (append [ `-Wpen` ] and [ `-Gfill` ] to indicate pen and fill attributes):

```
x0    y0    M
```

and draw a straight line from the current point to the next point with

```
x    y    D
```

or add an arc by using

```
xc    yc    r    dir1    dir2    A
```

When a record other than the **D** or **A** is encountered, the polygon is closed and considered complete. The optional pen and fill setting hardwires particular values for this feature. If not present the polygon's characteristics are determined by the command line settings for pen and fill. To deactivate fill or outline for any given polygon, give `-G-` or `-W-`. To add other geometric shapes to your custom symbol, add any number of the following plot code records (each accepts the optional [ `-Wpen` ] and [ `-Gfill` ] at the end):

```
circle: x    y    size    c
cross:   x    y    size    x
diamond: x    y    size    d
ellipse: x    y    dir    major    minor    e
hexagon: x    y    size    h
invtriangle: x    y    size    i
letter:  x    y    size    string    l
octagon: x    y    size    g
pentagon: x    y    size    n
plus:    x    y    size    +
rect:    x    y    xwidth    ywidth    r
square:  x    y    size    s
star:    x    y    size    a
triangle: x    y    size    t
wedge:   x    y    radius    dir1    dir2    w
x-dash:  x    y    size    -
y-dash:  x    y    size    y
```

When designing your symbol, the `x`, `y` and other dimensions are relative to a symbol of size 1, and all the dimensions will be scaled by the actual symbol size chosen at run-time. To design a symbol, make a grid paper with `psbasemap -R-0.5/0.5/-0.5/0.5 -JX 4i -Ba 0.1g0.05 -P > grid.ps` and draw your symbol, centering it on (0,0). For examples of symbols, see the set supplied with `GMT` in `$GMT_SHAREDIR/custom`.

## BUGS

The `-N` option does not adjust the BoundingBox information so you may have to post-process the *PostScript* output with `ps2raster -A` to obtain the correct BoundingBox.

**psxy** cannot handle filling of polygons that contain the south or north pole. For such a polygon, make a copy and split it into two and make each explicitly contain the polar point. The two polygons will combine to give the desired effect when filled; to draw outline use the original polygon.

## SEE ALSO

`GMT`(1), `gmtcolors`(5), `psbasemap`(1), `psxyz`(1)

**NAME**

psxyz – Plot lines, polygons, and symbols in 3-D

**SYNOPSIS**

```
psxyz files -Jparameters -Jz/Zparameters -Rwest/east/south/north[/zmin/zmax][r] [ -B[ps]parameters ]
[ -Ccptfile ] [ -Ddx/dy[dz] ] [ -Eazim/elev[+wlon/lat[/z]][+vx0/y0] ] [ -Gfill ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Iintens ] [
-K ] [ -L ] [ -N ] [ -O ] [ -P ] [ -Q ] [ -S[symbol][size] ] [ -U[just/dx/dy][clabel] ] [ -V ] [
-W[-+][pen] ] [ -X[a|c|r][x-shift[u]] ] [ -Y[a|c|r][y-shift[u]] ] [ -Zzlevel ] [ -:[i|o] ] [
-bi[s|S|d|D][ncol][cvar!|...]] ] [ -ccopies ] [ -fcolinfo ] [ -g[a|x|y|d|X|Y|D][col][z[+|-]gap[u]] ] [ -m[flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**psxyz** reads (x,y,z) triplets from *files* [or standard input] and generates *PostScript* code that will plot lines, polygons, or symbols at those locations in 3-D. If a symbol is selected and no symbol size given, then **psxyz** will interpret the fourth column of the input data as symbol size. Symbols whose *size* is  $\leq 0$  are skipped. If no symbols are specified then the symbol code (see **-S** below) must be present as last column in the input. Multiple segment files may be plotted using the **-m** option. If **-S** is not used, a line connecting the data points will be drawn instead. To explicitly close polygons, use **-L**. Select a fill with **-G**. If **-G** is set, **-W** will control whether the polygon outline is drawn or not. If a symbol is selected, **-G** and **-W** determines the fill and outline/no outline, respectively. The *PostScript* code is written to standard output.

*files* List one or more file-names. If no files are given, **psxyz** will read standard input.

**-J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in *.gmtdefaults4*, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively. More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jclon0/lat0/scale (Cassini)
-Jcyl_stere[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Stereographic)
-Jj[/lon0/]scale (Miller)
-Jm[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale (Mercator)
-Jmlon0/lat0/scale (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)
-Jo[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)
-Jo[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)
-Joclon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)
-Jq[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)
-Jtlon0[/lat0/]scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)
-Juzone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)
-Jy[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)
```

**CONIC PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jblon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Albers)
-Jdlon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)
-Jllon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)
-Jpoly[/lon0[/lat0/]]scale ((American) Polyconic)
```

**AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:**

```
-Jalon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)
-Jelon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Azimuthal Equidistant)
-Jflon0/lat0[/horizon]/scale (Gnomonic)
```

- Jg***[lon0/lat0/horizon]/scale* (Orthographic)
- Jg***[lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale]* (General Perspective).
- Jslon0/lat0***[horizon]/scale* (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

- Jh***[lon0]/scale* (Hammer)
- Ji***[lon0]/scale* (Sinusoidal)
- Jkf***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert IV)
- Jk[s]***[lon0]/scale* (Eckert VI)
- Jn***[lon0]/scale* (Robinson)
- Jr***[lon0]/scale* (Winkel Tripel)
- Jv***[lon0]/scale* (Van der Grinten)
- Jw***[lon0]/scale* (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

- Jp****[a]***scale***[/origin]****[r|z]** (Polar coordinates (theta,r))
- Jxx-scale****[d|l|ppow|t|T]****[/y-scale****[d|l|ppow|t|T]]** (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- Jz** Sets the vertical scaling (for 3-D maps). Same syntax as –**Jx**.
- R** *xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west, east, south, and north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in **[+|-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N]** format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands –**Rg** and –**Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the –**R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to –**JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form **[date]T[clock]** (append **T** to –**JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form **[-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]]** (Gregorian calendar) or **yyyy[-Www[-d]]** (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form **hh:mm:ss[.xxx]**. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

#### OPTIONS

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- B** Sets map boundary annotation and tickmark intervals; see the **psbasemap** man page for all the details.
- C** Give a color palette file. If –**S** is set, let symbol fill color be determined by the t-value in the fourth column. Additional fields are shifted over by one column (optional size would be in 5th rather than 4th field, etc.). If –**S** is not set, then **psxyz** expects the user to supply a multisegment line or polygon file (requires –**m**) where each segment header contains a –**Zval** string. The *val* will control the color of the line or polygon (if –**L** is set) via the *cpt* file.
- D** Offset the plot symbol or line locations by the given amounts *dx/dy[dz]* [Default is no offset].
- E** Sets the viewpoint's azimuth and elevation (for perspective view) [180/90]. For frames used for animation, you may want to append + to fix the center of your data domain (or specify a particular world coordinate point with **+wlon0/lat[z]**) which will project to the center of your page size (or specify the coordinates of the projected view point with **+vx0/y0**).
- G** Select color or pattern for filling of symbols or polygons [Default is no fill]. (See SPECIFYING FILL below).  
Note when –**m** is chosen, **psxyz** will search for –**G** and –**W** strings in all the subheaders and let any values thus found over-ride the command line settings (see –**m** below).

- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Use the supplied *intens* value (nominally in the -1 to + 1 range) to modulate the fill color by simulating illumination [none].
- K** More *PostScript* code will be appended later [Default terminates the plot system].
- L** Force closed polygons: connect the endpoints of the line-segment(s) and draw polygons. Also, in concert with **-C**, **-m**, and **-Z** settings in the headers will use the implied color for polygon fill [Default is polygon pen color]. **-N** Do NOT skip symbols that fall outside map border [Default plots points inside border only].
- O** Selects Overlay plot mode [Default initializes a new plot system].
- P** Selects Portrait plotting mode [Default is Landscape, see **gmtdefaults** to change this].
- Q** Turn off the automatic sorting of items based on their distance from the viewer. The default is to sort the items so that items in the foreground are plotted after items in the background.
- S** Plot symbols. If present, *size* is symbol size in the unit set in `.gmtdefaults4` (unless **c**, **i**, **m**, or **p** is appended). If the symbol code (see below) is not given it will be read from the last column in the input data; this cannot be used in conjunction with **-b**. Optionally, append **c**, **i**, **m**, **p** to indicate that the size information in the input data is in units of cm, inch, meter, or point, respectively [Default is **MEASURE\_UNIT**]. Note: if you give both size and symbol via the input file you must use **MEASURE\_UNIT** to indicate the units used for the symbol size. The uppercase symbols **A**, **C**, **D**, **G**, **H**, **I**, **N**, **S**, **T** are normalized to have the same area as a circle with diameter *size*, while the size of the corresponding lowercase symbols refers to the diameter of a circumscribed circle. Choose between these symbol codes:
  - S-** x-dash (-). *size* is the length of a short horizontal (x-dir) line segment.
  - S+** plus (+). *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
  - Sa** star. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
  - Sb** Vertical **bar** extending from *base* to *y*. *size* is bar width. Append **u** if *size* is in x-units [Default is plot-distance units]. By default, *base* = ymin. Append **bbase** to change this value.
  - SB** Horizontal **bar** extending from *base* to *x*. *size* is bar width. Append **u** if *size* is in y-units [Default is plot-distance units]. By default, *base* = xmin. Append **bbase** to change this value.
  - Sc** circle. *size* is diameter of circle.
  - Sd** diamond. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
  - Se** ellipse. Direction (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal), *major\_axis*, and *minor\_axis* must be found in columns 4, 5, and 6.
  - SE** Same as **-Se**, except azimuth (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of direction. The azimuth will be mapped into an angle based on the chosen map projection (**-Se** leaves the directions unchanged.) Furthermore, the axes lengths must be given in km instead of plot-distance units. An exception occurs for a linear projection in which we assume the ellipse axes are given in the same units as **-R**.
  - Sf** front. **-Sfgap/size[dir][type][:offset]**. Supply distance gap between symbols and symbol size. If *gap* is negative, it is interpreted to mean the number of symbols along the front instead. Append *dir* to plot symbols on the **left** or **right** side of the front [Default is centered]. Append *type* to specify which symbol to plot: **box**, **circle**, **fault**, **slip**, or **triangle**. [Default is **fault**]. Slip means left-lateral or right-lateral strike-slip arrows (centered is not an option). Append *offset* to offset the first symbol from the beginning of the front by that amount [Default is 0].

- Sg** octagon. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sh** hexagon. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Si** inverted triangle. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sj** Rotated rectangle. Direction (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal), x-dimension, and y-dimension must be found in columns 4, 5, and 6.
- SJ** Same as **-Sj**, except azimuth (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of direction. The azimuth will be mapped into an angle based on the chosen map projection (**-Sj** leaves the directions unchanged.) Furthermore, the dimensions must be given in km instead of plot-distance units. An exception occurs for a linear projection in which we assume the dimensions are given in the same units as **-R**.
- Sk** kustom symbol. Append <name>/*size*, and we will look for a definition file called <name>.def in (1) the current directory or (2) in ~/.gmt or (3) in \$GMT\_SHAREDIR/custom. The symbol as defined in that file is of size 1.0 by default; the appended *size* will scale symbol accordingly. The symbols are plotted in the *x-y* plane. Users may add their own custom \*.def files; see CUSTOM SYMBOLS in the **psxy** man page.
- Sl** letter or text string (less than 64 characters). Give *size*, and append /*string* after the *size*. Note that the *size* is only approximate; no individual scaling is done for different characters. Remember to escape special characters like \*. Optionally, you may append %*font* to select a particular font [Default is ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY].
- Sm** math angle arc, optionally with one or two arrow heads [NOT IMPLEMENTED YET]. The *size* is the radius of the arc. Start and stop directions (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal) for arc must be found in columns 3 and 4. Use **-Smf** to add arrow head at first angle, **-Sml** for arrow head at last angle, and **-Smb** for both [Default is no arrow heads].
- Sn** pentagon. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- So** column (3-D) extending from *base* to *z*. *size* sets base width (Use *xsize/ysize* if not the same). Append **u** if *size* is in x-units [Default is plot-distance units]. If no *size* is given we expect both *xsize* and *ysize* as two extra data columns. By default, *base* = 0. Append *bbase* to change this value. The facet colors will be modified to simulate shading. Use **-SO** to disable such 3-D illumination.
- Sp** point. No *size* needs to be specified (1 pixel is used).
- Sq** quoted line, i.e., lines with annotations such as contours. It is assumed that each individual line has a constant *z* level (i.e., each line must lie in the *x-y* plane). Append [**d|f|n|l|x**]info[:*label*info]. The required argument controls the placement of labels along the quoted lines. Choose among five controlling algorithms:  
**d**dist[**c|i|m|p**] or **D**dist[**d|e|k|m|n**]  
 For lower case **d**, give distances between labels on the plot in your preferred measurement unit **c** (cm), **i** (inch), **m** (meter), or **p** (points), while for upper case **D**, specify distances in map units and append the unit; choose among **e** (m), **k** (km), **m** (mile), **n** (nautical mile), or **d** (spherical degree). [Default is 10**c** or 4**i**].  
**f**file.*d* Reads the ascii file *f*file.*d* and places labels at locations in the file that matches locations along the quoted lines. Inexact matches and points outside the region are skipped.  
**l**|**L**line1[,line2,...]  
 Give *start* and *stop* coordinates for one or more comma-separated straight line segments. Labels will be placed where these lines intersect the quoted lines. The format of each *line* specification is *start/stop*, where *start* and *stop* are either a specified point *lon/lat* or a 2-character **XY** key that uses the justification format employed in **pstext** to indicate a point on the map, given as [LCR][BMT].  
**L** will interpret the point pairs as defining great circles [Default is straight line].

**nn\_label**

Specifies the number of equidistant labels for quoted lines line [1]. Upper case **N** starts labeling exactly at the start of the line [Default centers them along the line]. **N-1** places one justified label at start, while **N+1** places one justified label at the end of quoted lines. Optionally, append */min\_dist[c|i|m|p]* to enforce that a minimum distance separation between successive labels is enforced.

**x|Xxfile.d**

Reads the multi-segment file *xfile.d* and places labels at the intersections between the quoted lines and the lines in *xfile.d*. **X** will resample the lines first along great-circle arcs.

In addition, you may optionally append **+radius[c|i|m|p]** to set a minimum label separation in the x-y plane [no limitation].

The optional *labelinfo* controls the specifics of the label formatting and consists of a concatenated string made up of any of the following control arguments:

**+aangle**

For annotations at a fixed angle, **+an** for line-normal, or **+ap** for line-parallel [Default].

**+cdx[/dy]**

Sets the clearance between label and optional text box. Append **c|i|m|p** to specify the unit or % to indicate a percentage of the label font size [15%].

**+d**

Turns on debug which will draw helper points and lines to illustrate the workings of the quoted line setup.

**+ffont**

Sets the desired font [Default **ANNOT\_FONT\_PRIMARY**].

**+g[color]**

Selects opaque text boxes [Default is transparent]; optionally specify the color [Default is **PAGE\_COLOR**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

**+jjust**

Sets label justification [Default is MC]. Ignored when **-SqN|n+|-1** is used.

**+kcolor**

Sets color of text labels [Default is **COLOR\_BACKGROUND**]. (See SPECIFYING COLOR below).

**+llabel** Sets the constant label text.

**+Lflag** Sets the label text according to the specified flag:

**+Lh** Take the label from the current multisegment header (first scan for an embedded **-Llabel** option, if not use the first word following the segment flag). For multiple-word labels, enclose entire label in double quotes.

**+Ld** Take the Cartesian plot distances along the line as the label; append **c|i|m|p** as the unit [Default is **MEASURE\_UNIT**].

**+LD** Calculate actual map distances; append **d|e|k|m|n** as the unit [Default is **d**(egrees), unless label placement was based on map distances along the lines in which case we use the same unit specified for that algorithm]. Requires a map projection to be used.

**+Lf** Use text after the 2nd column in the fixed label location file as the label. Requires the fixed label location setting.

**+Lx** As **+Lh** but use the headers in the *xfile.d* instead. Requires the crossing file option.

**+ndx[/dy]**

Nudges the placement of labels by the specified amount (append **c|i|m|p** to specify the units). Increments are considered in the coordinate system defined by the orientation of the line; use **+N** to force increments in the plot x/y coordinates system [no nudging].

- +o** Selects rounded rectangular text box [Default is rectangular]. Not applicable for curved text (**+v**) and only makes sense for opaque text boxes.
- +p[pen]**  
Draws the outline of text boxsets [Default is no outline]; optionally specify pen for outline [Default is width = 0.25p, color = black, texture = solid]. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- +rmin\_rad**  
Will not place labels where the line's radius of curvature is less than *min\_rad* [Default is 0].
- +ssize** Sets the desired font size in points [Default is 9].
- +uunit** Appends *unit* to all line labels. If *unit* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the unit. [Default is no unit].
- +v** Specifies curved labels following the path [Default is straight labels].
- +w** Specifies how many (*x*, *y*) points will be used to estimate label angles [Default is 10].
- +=prefix**  
Prepends *prefix* to all line labels. If *prefix* starts with a leading hyphen (-) then there will be no space between label value and the prefix. [Default is no prefix].
- Sr** rectangle. No size needs to be specified, but the *x*- and *y*-dimensions must be found in columns 4 and 5.
- Ss** square. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- St** triangle. *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Su** cube (3-D). *size* sets length of all sides. Append **u** if *size* is in *x*-units [Default is plot-distance units]. The facet colors will be modified to simulate shading. Use **-SU** to disable such 3-D illumination.
- Sv** vector. Direction and length must be found in columns 4 and 5 (this is a vector in the horizontal plane). *size*, if present, will be interpreted as *arrowwidth/headlength/headwidth* [Default unit is 0.075c/0.3c/0.25c (or 0.03i/0.12i/0.1i)]. By default arrow attributes remains invariant to the length of the arrow. To have the size of the vector scale down with decreasing size, append **norm**, where vectors shorter than *norm* will have their attributes scaled by *length/norm*. To center vector on balance point, use **-Svb**; to align point with the vector head, use **-Svh**; to align point with the vector tail, use **-Svt** [Default]. To give the head point's *x*, *y*, *z* coordinates instead of direction and length, use **-Svs**. Upper case **B, H, T, S** will draw a double-headed vector [Default is single head].
- SV** Same as **-Sv**, except azimuth should be given instead of direction. The azimuth will be mapped into an angle based on the chosen map projection (**-Sv** leaves the directions unchanged.)
- Sw** pie wedge. Start and stop directions (in degrees counter-clockwise from horizontal) for pie slice must be found in columns 4 and 5.
- SW** Same as **-Sw**, except azimuths (in degrees east of north) should be given instead of the two directions. The azimuths will be mapped into angles based on the chosen map projection (**-Sw** leaves the directions unchanged.)
- Sx** cross (*x*). *size* is diameter of circumscribing circle.
- Sy** y-dash (|). *size* is the length of a short horizontal (*y*-dir) line segment.
- Sz** zdash. *size* is the length of a short vertical (*z*-dir) line segment.
- U** Draw Unix System time stamp on plot. By adding *just/dx/dy/*, the user may specify the justification of the stamp and where the stamp should fall on the page relative to lower left corner of the plot. For example, BL/0/0 will align the lower left corner of the time stamp with the lower left corner of the plot. Optionally, append a *label*, or **c** (which will plot the command string.). The GMT parameters **UNIX\_TIME**, **UNIX\_TIME\_POS**, and **UNIX\_TIME\_FORMAT** can affect

the appearance; see the **gmtdefaults** man page for details. The time string will be in the locale set by the environment variable **TZ** (generally local time).

- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Set pen attributes for lines or the outline of symbols [Defaults: width = 1, color = black, texture = solid]. A leading + will use the lookup color (via **-C**) for both symbol fill and outline pen color, while a leading - will set outline pen color and turn off symbol fill. (See SPECIFYING PENS below).
- X -Y** Shift plot origin relative to the current origin by  $(x-shift, y-shift)$  and optionally append the length unit (**c**, **i**, **m**, **p**). You can prepend **a** to shift the origin back to the original position after plotting, or prepend **r** [Default] to reset the current origin to the new location. If **-O** is used then the default  $(x-shift, y-shift)$  is (0,0), otherwise it is (r1i, r1i) or (r2.5c, r2.5c). Alternatively, give **c** to align the center coordinate (x or y) of the plot with the center of the page based on current page size.
- Z** For 3-D projections: Sets the z-level of the basemap [lower end of z-range].
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is the required number of columns given the chosen settings].
- c** Specifies the number of plot copies. [Default is 1].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- g** Examine the spacing between consecutive data points in order to impose breaks in the line. Append **x|X** or **y|Y** to define a gap when there is a large enough change in the x or y coordinates, respectively, or **d|D** for distance gaps; use upper case to calculate gaps from projected coordinates. For gap-testing on other columns use *[col]z*; if *col* is not prepended the it defaults to 2 (i.e., 3rd column). Append *[+|-]gap* and optionally a unit **u**. Regarding optional signs: -ve means previous minus current column value must exceed *gap* to be a gap, +ve means current minus previous column value must exceed *gap*, and no sign means the absolute value of the difference must exceed *gap*. For geographic data (**x|y|d**), the unit **u** may be meter [Default], kilometer, **miles**, or **nautical miles**. For projected data (**X|Y|D**), choose from **inch**, **centimeter**, **meter**, or **points** [Default unit set by MEASURE\_UNIT]. Note: For **x|y|z** with time data the unit is instead controlled by TIME\_UNIT. Repeat the option to specify multiple criteria, of which any can be met to produce a line break. Issue an additional **-ga** to indicate that all criteria must be met instead. The **-g** option is ignored if **-S** is set.
- m** Multiple segment file. Segments are separated by a record whose first character is *flag* [Default is '>']. On these segment header records one or more of the following options can be added:
  - Gfill** Use the new *fill* and turn filling on
  - G-** Turn filling off
  - G+** Revert to default fill (none if not set on command line)
  - Wpen** Use the new *pen* and turn outline on
  - W-** Turn outline off
  - W+** Revert to default pen (none if not set on command line)
  - Zzval** Obtain fill via cpt lookup using z-value *zval*
  - ZNaN** Get the NaN color from the cpt file

## SPECIFYING PENS

*pen* The attributes of lines and symbol outlines as defined by *pen* is a comma delimited list of *width*, *color* and *texture*, each of which is optional. *width* can be indicated as a measure (points, centimeters, inches) or as **faint**, **thin**[**ner**|**nest**], **thick**[**er**|**est**], **fat**[**ter**|**test**], or **obese**. *color* specifies a gray shade or color (see SPECIFYING COLOR below). *texture* is a combination of dashes ‘-’ and dots ‘.’.

## SPECIFYING FILL

*fill* The attribute *fill* specifies the solid shade or solid *color* (see SPECIFYING COLOR below) or the pattern used for filling polygons. Patterns are specified as **pdpi/pattern**, where *pattern* gives the number of the built-in pattern (1-90) or the name of a Sun 1-, 8-, or 24-bit raster file. The *dpi* sets the resolution of the image. For 1-bit rasters: use **Pdpi/pattern** for inverse video, or append **:Fcolor[B[color]]** to specify fore- and background colors (use *color* = - for transparency). See **GMT Cookbook & Technical Reference Appendix E** for information on individual patterns.

## SPECIFYING COLOR

*color* The *color* of lines, areas and patterns can be specified by a valid color name; by a gray shade (in the range 0–255); by a decimal color code (r/g/b, each in range 0–255; h-s-v, ranges 0–360, 0–1, 0–1; or c/m/y/k, each in range 0–1); or by a hexadecimal color code (#rrggbb, as used in HTML). See the **gmtcolors** manpage for more information and a full list of color names.

## EXAMPLES

To plot blue columns (width = 1.25 cm) at the positions listed in the file heights.xyz on a 3-D projection of the space (0–10), (0–10), (0–100), with tickmarks every 2, 2, and 10, viewing it from the southeast at 30 degree elevation, use:

```
psxyz heights.xyz -R 0/10/0/10/0/100 -Jx 1.25c -Jz 0.125c -So 1.25c -G blue -B 2:XLABEL:/2:YLA-
BEL:/10:ZLABEL:."3-D PLOT":15 -E 135/30 -Uc -W -P > heights.ps
```

## BUGS

No hidden line removal is employed for polygons and lines. Symbols, however, are first sorted according to their distance from the viewpoint so that nearby symbols will overprint more distant ones should they project to the same x,y position.

**psxyz** cannot handle filling of polygons that contain the south or north pole. For such a polygon, make a copy and split it into two and make each explicitly contain the polar point. The two polygons will combine to give the desired effect when filled; to draw outline use the original polygon.

The **-N** option does not adjust the BoundingBox information so you may have to post-process the *Post-Script* output with **ps2raster -A** to obtain the correct BoundingBox.

## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *gmtcolors*(5), *psbasemap*(1), *psxy*(1)

**NAME**

sample1d – Resampling of 1-D data sets

**SYNOPSIS**

```
sample1d infile [ -Fl|a|c|n ] [ -Hi[nrec] ] [ -Ixinc ] [ -Nknotfile ] [ -Sxstart ] [ -Tx_col ] [ -V ] [ -bi|o][s]SdD[ncol][c]var1/...] [ -fi|o]colinfo ] [ -mi|o][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**sample1d** reads a multi-column ASCII [or binary] data set from file [or standard input] and interpolates the timeseries/profile at locations where the user needs the values. The user must provide the column number of the independent (monotonically increasing **or** decreasing) variable. Equidistant or arbitrary sampling can be selected. All columns are resampled based on the new sampling interval. Several interpolation schemes are available. Extrapolation outside the range of the input data is not supported.

*infile* This is a multi-column ASCII [of binary, see **-b**] file with one column containing the independent variable (which must be monotonically in/de-creasing) and the remaining columns holding misc. data values. If no file is provided, **sample1d** reads from standard input.

**OPTIONS**

No space between the option flag and the associated arguments.

- F** Choose from **l** (Linear), **a** (Akima spline), **c** (natural cubic spline), and **n** (no interpolation: nearest point) [Default is **-Fa**]. You may change the default interpolant; see **INTERPOLANT** in your `.gmtdefaults4` file.
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with **#** are always skipped.
- I** *xinc* defines the sampling interval. [Default is the separation between the first and second abscissa point in the *infile*]
- N** *knotfile* is an optional ASCII file with the x locations where the data set will be resampled in the first column. Note: if **-H** is selected it applies to both *infile* and *knotfile*.
- S** For equidistant sampling, *xstart* indicates the location of the first output value. [Default is the smallest even multiple of *xinc* inside the range of *infile*]
- T** Sets the column number of the independent variable [Default is 0 (first)].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 (or at least the number of columns implied by **-T**)].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Multiple segment file(s). Segments are separated by a special record. For ASCII files the first character must be *flag* [Default is `'>'`]. For binary files all fields must be NaN and **-b** must set the number of output columns explicitly. By default the **-m** setting applies to both input and output. Use **-mi** and **-mo** to give separate settings to input and output.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## CALENDAR TIME SAMPLING

If the abscissa are calendar times then you must use the **-f** option to indicate this. Furthermore, **-I** then expects an increment in the current **TIME\_UNIT** units. There is not yet support for variable intervals such as months.

## EXAMPLES

To resample the file `profiles.tdgmb`, which contains (time,distance,gravity,magnetics,bathymetry) records, at 1km equidistant intervals using Akima's spline, use

```
sample1d profiles.tdgmb -I 1 -Fa -T 1 > profiles_equi_d.tdgmb
```

To resample the file `depths.dt` at positions listed in the file `grav_pos.dg`, using a cubic spline for the interpolation, use

```
sample1d depths.dt -N grav_pos.dg -Fc > new_depths.dt
```

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *filter1d(1)*

**NAME**

spectrum1d – compute auto– [and cross– ] spectra from one [or two] timeseries.

**SYNOPSIS**

**spectrum1d** [ *x[y]file* ] **-S***segment\_size* [ **-C***xycnpag* ] [ **-D***dt* ] [ **-N***name\_stem* ] [ **-V** ] [ **-W** ] [ **-b***[i][o][s][S][d][D][ncol][c[var1/...]]* ] [ **-f***[i][o]colinfo* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**spectrum1d** reads X [and Y] values from the first [and second] columns on standard input [or *x[y]file*]. These values are treated as timeseries X(t) [Y(t)] sampled at equal intervals spaced *dt* units apart. There may be any number of lines of input. **spectrum1d** will create file[s] containing auto– [and cross– ] spectral density estimates by Welch’s method of ensemble averaging of multiple overlapped windows, using standard error estimates from Bendat and Piersol.

The output files have 3 columns: f or w, p, and e. f or w is the frequency or wavelength, p is the spectral density estimate, and e is the one standard deviation error bar size. These files are named based on *name\_stem*. If the **-C** option is used, up to eight files are created; otherwise only one (xpower) is written. The files (which are ASCII unless **-bo** is set) are as follows:

*name\_stem*.xpower

Power spectral density of X(t). Units of  $X * X * dt$ .

*name\_stem*.ypower

Power spectral density of Y(t). Units of  $Y * Y * dt$ .

*name\_stem*.cpower

Power spectral density of the coherent output. Units same as ypower.

*name\_stem*.npower

Power spectral density of the noise output. Units same as ypower.

*name\_stem*.gain

Gain spectrum, or modulus of the transfer function. Units of (Y / X).

*name\_stem*.phase

Phase spectrum, or phase of the transfer function. Units are radians.

*name\_stem*.admit

Admittance spectrum, or real part of the transfer function. Units of (Y / X).

*name\_stem*.coh

(Squared) coherency spectrum, or linear correlation coefficient as a function of frequency. Dimensionless number in [0, 1]. The Signal-to-Noise-Ratio (SNR) is  $coh / (1 - coh)$ . SNR = 1 when  $coh = 0.5$ .

**REQUIRED ARGUMENTS**

*x[y]file* ASCII (or binary, see **-bi**) file holding X(t) [Y(t)] samples in the first 1 [or 2] columns. If no file is specified, **spectrum1d** will read from standard input.

**-S** *segment\_size* is a radix-2 number of samples per window for ensemble averaging. The smallest frequency estimated is  $1.0/(segment\_size * dt)$ , while the largest is  $1.0/(2 * dt)$ . One standard error in power spectral density is approximately  $1.0 / \sqrt{n\_data / segment\_size}$ , so if *segment\_size* = 256, you need 25,600 data to get a one standard error bar of 10%. Cross-spectral error bars are larger and more complicated, being a function also of the coherency.

**OPTIONS**

**-C** Read the first two columns of input as samples of two timeseries, X(t) and Y(t). Consider Y(t) to be the output and X(t) the input in a linear system with noise. Estimate the optimum frequency response function by least squares, such that the noise output is minimized and the coherent output and the noise output are uncorrelated. Optionally specify up to 8 letters from the set { **x y c n p a g o** } in any order to create only those output files instead of the default [all]. **x** = xpower, **y** = ypower, **c** = cpower, **n** = npower, **p** = phase, **a** = admit, **g** = gain, **o** = coh.

- D** *dt* Set the spacing between samples in the timeseries [Default = 1].
- N** *name\_stem* Supply the name stem to be used for output files [Default = "spectrum"].
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Write Wavelength rather than frequency in column 1 of the output file[s] [Default = frequency, (cycles / *dt*)].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 2 output columns].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

### ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

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### EXAMPLES

Suppose `data.g` is gravity data in mGal, sampled every 1.5 km. To write its power spectrum, in mGal\*\*2-km, to the file `data.xpower`, use

```
spectrum1d data.g -S 256 -D 1.5 -N data
```

Suppose in addition to `data.g` you have `data.t`, which is topography in meters sampled at the same points as `data.g`. To estimate various features of the transfer function, considering `data.t` as input and `data.g` as output, use

```
paste data.t data.g | spectrum1d -S 256 -D 1.5 -N data -C
```

### SEE ALSO

`GMT(1)`, `grdfft(1)`

### REFERENCES

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 Welch, P. D., 1967, The use of Fast Fourier Transform for the estimation of power spectra: a method based on time averaging over short, modified periodograms, *IEEE Transactions on Audio and Electroacoustics*, Vol AU-15, No 2.

**NAME**

splitxyz – filter to divide (x,y,z[,distance,heading]) data into (x,y,z) track segments.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
splitxyz [ xyz[dh]file ] [-Ccourse_change [ -Aazimuth/tolerance ] [ -Dminimum_distance ] [ -Fxy_filter/z_filter ] [ -Ggap_distance ] [ -H[i][nrec ] ] [ -M ] [ -Nnamestem ] [ -Qflags ] [ -S ] [ -V ] [ -Z ] [ -:[i]o ] ] [ -b[i]o][s|S|d|D[ncol]c[var!l...]] ] [ -f[i]o]colinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**splitxyz** reads a series of (x,y[,z]) records [or optionally (x,y,z,d,h); see **-S** option] from standard input [or *xyz[dh]file*] and splits this into separate lists of (x,y[,z]) series, such that each series has a nearly constant azimuth through the x,y plane. There are options to choose only those series which have a certain orientation, to set a minimum length for series, and to high- or low-pass filter the z values and/or the x,y values. **splitxyz** is a useful filter between data extraction and **pswiggle** plotting, and can also be used to divide a large x,y,z dataset into segments. The output is always in the ASCII format; input may be ASCII or binary (see **-b**).

*xyz[dh]file(s)*

3 (but see **-Z**) [or 5] column ASCII file [or binary, see **-b**] holding (x,y,z[,d,h]) data values. To use (x,y,z,d,h) input, sorted so that d is non-decreasing, specify the **-S** option; default expects (x,y,z) only. If no file is specified, **splitxyz** will read from standard input.

**-C** Terminate a segment when a course change exceeding *course\_change* degrees of heading is detected.

**OPTIONS**

- A** Write out only those segments which are within +/- *tolerance* degrees of *azimuth* in heading, measured clockwise from North, [0 - 360]. [Default writes all acceptable segments, regardless of orientation].
- D** Do not write a segment out unless it is at least *minimum\_distance* units long [0]
- F** Filter the z values and/or the x,y values, assuming these are functions of d coordinate. *xy\_filter* and *z\_filter* are filter widths in distance units. If a filter width is zero, the filtering is not performed. The absolute value of the width is the full width of a cosine-arch low-pass filter. If the width is positive, the data are low-pass filtered; if negative, the data are high-pass filtered by subtracting the low-pass value from the observed value. If *z\_filter* is non-zero, the entire series of input z values is filtered before any segmentation is performed, so that the only edge effects in the filtering will happen at the beginning and end of the complete data stream. If *xy\_filter* is non-zero, the data is first divided into segments and then the x,y values of each segment are filtered separately. This may introduce edge effects at the ends of each segment, but prevents a low-pass x,y filter from rounding off the corners of track segments. [Default = no filtering].
- G** Do not let a segment have a gap exceeding *gap\_distance*; instead, split it into two segments. [Default ignores gaps].
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- M** Use Map units. Then x,y are in degrees of longitude, latitude, distances are in kilometers, and angles are azimuths. [Default: distances are cartesian in same units as x,y and angles are counter-clockwise from horizontal].
- N** Create Named output files, writing each segment to a separate file in the working directory named *namestem.profile#*, where # increases consecutively from 1. [Default writes entire output to std-out, separating segments by sub-headings that start with > marks].
- Q** Specify your desired output using any combination of *xyzdh*, in any order. Do not space between the letters. Use lower case. The output will be ASCII (or binary, see **-bo**) columns of values corresponding to *xyzdh* [Default is **-Qxyzdh** (**-Qxydh** if **-Z** is set)].

- S** d and h is supplied. In this case, input contains x,y,z,d,h. [Default expects (x,y,z) input, and d,h are computed from delta x, delta y, according to **-M** option]
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- Z** Data have x,y only (no z-column).
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2, 3, or 5 input columns as set by **-S**, **-Z**].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 1-5 output columns as set by **-Q**].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

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## EXAMPLES

Suppose you want to make a wiggle plot of magnetic anomalies on segments oriented approximately east-west from a cruise called `cag71` in the region `-R300/315/12/20`. You want to use a 100km low-pass filter to smooth the tracks and a 500km high-pass filter to detrend the magnetic anomalies. Try this:

```
gmtlist cag71 -R 300/315/12/20 -F xyzdh | splitxyz -A 90/15 -F 100/-500 -M -D 100 -S -V | pswiggle
-R 300/315/12/20 -Jm 0.6 -Ba 5f1:.cag71: -T 1 -W 0.75p -G gray -Z 200 > cag71_wiggles.ps
```

MGD-77 users: For this application we recommend that you extract d, h from **mgd77list** rather than have **splitxyz** compute them separately.

Suppose you have been given a binary, double-precision file containing lat, lon, gravity values from a survey, and you want to split it into profiles named `survey.profile#` (when gap exceeds 100 km). Try this:

```
splitxyz survey.bin -N survey -V -G 100 -D 100 -: -M -bi3
```

## SEE ALSO

*GMT*(1), *mgd77list*(1), *pswiggle*(1)

**NAME**

surface – adjustable tension continuous curvature surface gridding algorithm

**SYNOPSIS**

```
surface [ xyzfile ] -Goutputfile.grd -Lxinc[unit][=+][/yinc[unit][=+]] -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [
-Aaspect_ratio ] [-Cconvergence_limit ] [-H[i][nrec] ] [-Lllower ] [-Luupper ] [-Nmax_iterations ] [
-Q ] [-Ssearch_radius[m] ] [-Ttension_factor[i|b] ] [-V[l] ] [-Zover-relaxation_factor ] [-:[i|o] ] [
-bi[s|S|d|D[ncol]|c[var|!...]] ] [-fcolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**surface** reads randomly-spaced (x,y,z) triples from standard input [or *xyzfile*] and produces a binary grid file of gridded values z(x,y) by solving:

$$(1 - T) * L (L (z)) + T * L (z) = 0$$

where T is a tension factor between 0 and 1, and L indicates the Laplacian operator. T = 0 gives the "minimum curvature" solution which is equivalent to SuperMISP and the ISM packages. Minimum curvature can cause undesired oscillations and false local maxima or minima (See Smith and Wessel, 1990), and you may wish to use T > 0 to suppress these effects. Experience suggests T ~ 0.25 usually looks good for potential field data and T should be larger (T ~ 0.35) for steep topography data. T = 1 gives a harmonic surface (no maxima or minima are possible except at control data points). It is recommended that the user pre-process the data with **blockmean**, **blockmedian**, or **blockmode** to avoid spatial aliasing and eliminate redundant data. You may impose lower and/or upper bounds on the solution. These may be entered in the form of a fixed value, a grid with values, or simply be the minimum/maximum input data values.

*xyzfile* 3 column ASCII file [or binary, see **-b**] holding (x,y,z) data values. If no file is specified, **surface** will read from standard input.

**-G** Output file name. Output is a binary 2-D *.grd* file. Note that the smallest grid dimension must be at least 4.

**-I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.

**-R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+/-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]T[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

## OPTIONS

- A Aspect ratio. If desired, grid anisotropy can be added to the equations. Enter *aspect\_ratio*, where  $dy = dx / aspect\_ratio$  relates the grid dimensions. [Default = 1 assumes isotropic grid.]
- C Convergence limit. Iteration is assumed to have converged when the maximum absolute change in any grid value is less than *convergence\_limit*. (Units same as data z units). [Default is scaled to 0.1 percent of typical gradient in input data.]
- H Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- L Impose limits on the output solution. *lower* sets the lower bound. *lower* can be the name of a grid file with lower bound values, a fixed value, **d** to set to minimum input value, or **u** for unconstrained [Default]. *upper* sets the upper bound and can be the name of a grid file with upper bound values, a fixed value, **d** to set to maximum input value, or **u** for unconstrained [Default].
- N Number of iterations. Iteration will cease when *convergence\_limit* is reached or when number of iterations reaches *max\_iterations*. [Default is 250.]
- Q Suggest grid dimensions which have a highly composite greatest common factor. This allows surface to use several intermediate steps in the solution, yielding faster run times and better results. The sizes suggested by **-Q** can be achieved by altering **-R** and/or **-I**. You can recover the **-R** and **-I** you want later by using **grdsample** or **grdcut** on the output of **surface**.
- S Search radius. Enter *search\_radius* in same units as x,y data; append **m** to indicate minutes. This is used to initialize the grid before the first iteration; it is not worth the time unless the grid lattice is prime and cannot have regional stages. [Default = 0.0 and no search is made.]
- T Tension factor[s]. These must be between 0 and 1. Tension may be used in the interior solution (above equation, where it suppresses spurious oscillations) and in the boundary conditions (where it tends to flatten the solution approaching the edges). Using zero for both values results in a minimum curvature surface with free edges, i.e., a natural bicubic spline. Use **-Ttension\_factori** to set interior tension, and **-Ttension\_factorb** to set boundary tension. If you do not append **i** or **b**, both will be set to the same value. [Default = 0 for both gives minimum curvature solution.]
- V Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"]. **-VI** will report the convergence after each iteration; **-V** will report only after each regional grid is converged.
- Z Over-relaxation factor. This parameter is used to accelerate the convergence; it is a number between 1 and 2. A value of 1 iterates the equations exactly, and will always assure stable convergence. Larger values overestimate the incremental changes during convergence, and will reach a solution more rapidly but may become unstable. If you use a large value for this factor, it is a good idea to monitor each iteration with the **-VI** option. [Default = 1.4 converges quickly and is almost always stable.]
- : Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 input columns].
- f Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID VALUES PRECISION

Regardless of the precision of the input data, GMT programs that create grid files will internally hold the grids in 4-byte floating point arrays. This is done to conserve memory and furthermore most if not all real data can be stored using 4-byte floating point values. Data with higher precision (i.e., double precision values) will lose that precision once GMT operates on the grid or writes out new grids. To limit loss of precision when processing data you should always consider normalizing the data prior to processing.

## EXAMPLES

To grid 5 by 5 minute gravity block means from the ASCII data in hawaii\_5x5.xyg, using a *tension\_factor* = 0.25, a *convergence\_limit* = 0.1 milligal, writing the result to a file called hawaii\_grd.grd, and monitoring each iteration, try:

```
surface hawaii_5x5.xyg -R 198/208/18/25 -I 5m -G hawaii_grd.grd -T 0.25 -C 0.1 -VI
```

## BUGS

**surface** will complain when more than one data point is found for any node and suggest that you run **blockmean**, **blockmedian**, or **blockmode** first. If you did run **blockm\*** and still get this message it usually means that your grid spacing is so small that you need more decimals in the output format used by **blockm\***. You may specify more decimal places by editing the parameter **D\_FORMAT** in your .gmtdefaults4 file prior to running **blockm\***, or choose binary input and/or output using single or double precision storage.

Note that only gridline registration is possible with **surface**. If you need a pixel-registered grid you can resample a gridline registered grid using **grdsample -T**.

## SEE ALSO

*blockmean(1)*, *blockmedian(1)*, *blockmode(1)*, *GMT(1)*, *nearneighbor(1)*, *triangulate(1)*

## REFERENCES

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**NAME**

trend1d – Fit a [weighted] [robust] polynomial [or Fourier] model for  $y = f(x)$  to  $xy[w]$  data.

**SYNOPSIS**

**trend1d** **-F***xymrw* **-N***[n\_model]***[r]** [*xy[w]file*] [**-C***condition\_number*] [**-H***[nrec]*] [**-I***[confidence\_level]*] [**-V**] [**-W**] [**-:***[i|o]*] [**-b***[i|o]***[s|S|d|D]***[ncol]***[c]***[var1|...]*] [**-f***[i|o]***colinfo**]

**DESCRIPTION**

**trend1d** reads  $x,y$  [and  $w$ ] values from the first two [three] columns on standard input [or *xy[w]file*] and fits a regression model  $y = f(x) + e$  by [weighted] least squares. The functional form of  $f(x)$  may be chosen as polynomial or Fourier, and the fit may be made robust by iterative reweighting of the data. The user may also search for the number of terms in  $f(x)$  which significantly reduce the variance in  $y$ .

**REQUIRED ARGUMENTS**

- F** Specify up to five letters from the set { $x$   $y$   $m$   $r$   $w$ } in any order to create columns of ASCII [or binary] output.  $x = x$ ,  $y = y$ ,  $m =$  model  $f(x)$ ,  $r =$  residual  $y - m$ ,  $w =$  weight used in fitting.
- N** Specify the number of terms in the model, *n\_model*, whether to fit a Fourier (**-Nf**) or polynomial [Default] model, and append **r** to do a robust fit. E.g., a robust quadratic model is **-N3r**.

**OPTIONS**

*xy[w]file*

ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] file containing  $x,y$  [ $w$ ] values in the first 2 [3] columns. If no file is specified, **trend1d** will read from standard input.

- C** Set the maximum allowed condition number for the matrix solution. **trend1d** fits a damped least squares model, retaining only that part of the eigenvalue spectrum such that the ratio of the largest eigenvalue to the smallest eigenvalue is *condition\_#*. [Default: *condition\_#* = 1.0e06.].
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Iteratively increase the number of model parameters, starting at one, until *n\_model* is reached or the reduction in variance of the model is not significant at the *confidence\_level* level. You may set **-I** only, without an attached number; in this case the fit will be iterative with a default confidence level of 0.51. Or choose your own level between 0 and 1. See remarks section.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Weights are supplied in input column 3. Do a weighted least squares fit [or start with these weights when doing the iterative robust fit]. [Default reads only the first 2 columns.]
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 (or 3 if **-W** is set) columns].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 1-5 columns as given by **-F**].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (`-bo` if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## REMARKS

If a Fourier model is selected, the domain of  $x$  will be shifted and scaled to  $[-\pi, \pi]$  and the basis functions used will be  $1, \cos(x), \sin(x), \cos(2x), \sin(2x), \dots$ . If a polynomial model is selected, the domain of  $x$  will be shifted and scaled to  $[-1, 1]$  and the basis functions will be Chebyshev polynomials. These have a numerical advantage in the form of the matrix which must be inverted and allow more accurate solutions. The Chebyshev polynomial of degree  $n$  has  $n+1$  extrema in  $[-1, 1]$ , at all of which its value is either  $-1$  or  $+1$ . Therefore the magnitude of the polynomial model coefficients can be directly compared. NOTE: The stable model coefficients are Chebyshev coefficients. The corresponding polynomial coefficients in  $a + bx + cxx + \dots$  are also given in Verbose mode but users must realize that they are NOT stable beyond degree 7 or 8. See Numerical Recipes for more discussion. For evaluating Chebyshev polynomials, see **gmtmath**.

The `-Nr` (robust) and `-I` (iterative) options evaluate the significance of the improvement in model misfit Chi-Squared by an F test. The default confidence limit is set at 0.51; it can be changed with the `-I` option. The user may be surprised to find that in most cases the reduction in variance achieved by increasing the number of terms in a model is not significant at a very high degree of confidence. For example, with 120 degrees of freedom, Chi-Squared must decrease by 26% or more to be significant at the 95% confidence level. If you want to keep iterating as long as Chi-Squared is decreasing, set `confidence_level` to zero.

A low confidence limit (such as the default value of 0.51) is needed to make the robust method work. This method iteratively reweights the data to reduce the influence of outliers. The weight is based on the Median Absolute Deviation and a formula from Huber [1964], and is 95% efficient when the model residuals have an outlier-free normal distribution. This means that the influence of outliers is reduced only slightly at each iteration; consequently the reduction in Chi-Squared is not very significant. If the procedure needs a few iterations to successfully attenuate their effect, the significance level of the F test must be kept low.

## EXAMPLES

To remove a linear trend from `data.xy` by ordinary least squares, use:

```
trend1d data.xy -F xr -N 2 > detrended_data.xy
```

To make the above linear trend robust with respect to outliers, use:

```
trend1d data.xy -F xr -N 2r > detrended_data.xy
```

To find out how many terms (up to 20, say) in a robust Fourier interpolant are significant in fitting `data.xy`, use:

```
trend1d data.xy -Nf 20r -I -V
```

## SEE ALSO

`GMT(1)`, `gmtmath(1)`, `grdtrend(1)`, `trend2d(1)`

## REFERENCES

Huber, P. J., 1964, Robust estimation of a location parameter, *Ann. Math. Stat.*, 35, 73-101.

Menke, W., 1989, *Geophysical Data Analysis: Discrete Inverse Theory*, Revised Edition, Academic Press, San Diego.

**NAME**

trend2d – Fit a [weighted] [robust] polynomial model for  $z = f(x,y)$  to  $xyz[w]$  data.

**SYNOPSIS**

**trend2d** **-Fxyzmrw** **-Nn\_model[r]** [ *xyz[w]file* ] [ **-Ccondition\_number** ] [ **-H[i][nrec]** ] [ **-I[confidence\_level]** ] [ **-V** ] [ **-W** ] [ **-:[i]o** ] [ **-b[i]o[s|S|d|D[ncol][c[var1/...]]]** ] [ **-f[i]o[colinfo]** ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**trend2d** reads  $x,y,z$  [and  $w$ ] values from the first three [four] columns on standard input [or *xyz[w]file*] and fits a regression model  $z = f(x,y) + e$  by [weighted] least squares. The fit may be made robust by iterative reweighting of the data. The user may also search for the number of terms in  $f(x,y)$  which significantly reduce the variance in  $z$ .  $n\_model$  may be in [1,10] to fit a model of the following form (similar to grdtrend):

$$m1 + m2*x + m3*y + m4*x*y + m5*x*x + m6*y*y + m7*x*x*x + m8*x*x*y + m9*x*y*y + m10*y*y*y.$$

The user must specify **-Nn\_model**, the number of model parameters to use; thus, **-N4** fits a bilinear trend, **-N6** a quadratic surface, and so on. Optionally, append **r** to perform a robust fit. In this case, the program will iteratively reweight the data based on a robust scale estimate, in order to converge to a solution insensitive to outliers. This may be handy when separating a "regional" field from a "residual" which should have non-zero mean, such as a local mountain on a regional surface.

- F** Specify up to six letters from the set {x y z m r w} in any order to create columns of ASCII [or binary] output.  $x = x$ ,  $y = y$ ,  $z = z$ ,  $m = \text{model } f(x,y)$ ,  $r = \text{residual } z - m$ ,  $w = \text{weight used in fitting}$ .
- N** Specify the number of terms in the model,  $n\_model$ , and append **r** to do a robust fit. E.g., a robust bilinear model is **-N4r**.

**OPTIONS**

*xyz[w]file*

ASCII [or binary, see **-b**] file containing  $x,y,z$  [ $w$ ] values in the first 3 [4] columns. If no file is specified, **trend2d** will read from standard input.

- C** Set the maximum allowed condition number for the matrix solution. **trend2d** fits a damped least squares model, retaining only that part of the eigenvalue spectrum such that the ratio of the largest eigenvalue to the smallest eigenvalue is *condition\_#*. [Default: *condition\_#* = 1.0e06. ]
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** Iteratively increase the number of model parameters, starting at one, until  $n\_model$  is reached or the reduction in variance of the model is not significant at the *confidence\_level* level. You may set **-I** only, without an attached number; in this case the fit will be iterative with a default confidence level of 0.51. Or choose your own level between 0 and 1. See remarks section.
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- W** Weights are supplied in input column 4. Do a weighted least squares fit [or start with these weights when doing the iterative robust fit]. [Default reads only the first 3 columns.]
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 (or 4 if **-W** is set) input columns].

- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is 1-6 columns as set by **-F**].
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## REMARKS

The domain of *x* and *y* will be shifted and scaled to [-1, 1] and the basis functions are built from Chebyshev polynomials. These have a numerical advantage in the form of the matrix which must be inverted and allow more accurate solutions. In many applications of **trend2d** the user has data located approximately along a line in the *x,y* plane which makes an angle with the *x* axis (such as data collected along a road or ship track). In this case the accuracy could be improved by a rotation of the *x,y* axes. **trend2d** does not search for such a rotation; instead, it may find that the matrix problem has deficient rank. However, the solution is computed using the generalized inverse and should still work out OK. The user should check the results graphically if **trend2d** shows deficient rank. NOTE: The model parameters listed with **-V** are Chebyshev coefficients; they are not numerically equivalent to the *m*#s in the equation described above. The description above is to allow the user to match **-N** with the order of the polynomial surface. For evaluating Chebyshev polynomials, see **grdmath**.

The **-Nn\_modelr** (robust) and **-I** (iterative) options evaluate the significance of the improvement in model misfit Chi-Squared by an F test. The default confidence limit is set at 0.51; it can be changed with the **-I** option. The user may be surprised to find that in most cases the reduction in variance achieved by increasing the number of terms in a model is not significant at a very high degree of confidence. For example, with 120 degrees of freedom, Chi-Squared must decrease by 26% or more to be significant at the 95% confidence level. If you want to keep iterating as long as Chi-Squared is decreasing, set *confidence\_level* to zero.

A low confidence limit (such as the default value of 0.51) is needed to make the robust method work. This method iteratively reweights the data to reduce the influence of outliers. The weight is based on the Median Absolute Deviation and a formula from Huber [1964], and is 95% efficient when the model residuals have an outlier-free normal distribution. This means that the influence of outliers is reduced only slightly at each iteration; consequently the reduction in Chi-Squared is not very significant. If the procedure needs a few iterations to successfully attenuate their effect, the significance level of the F test must be kept low.

## ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your *.gmtdefaults4* file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

## EXAMPLES

To remove a planar trend from *data.xyz* by ordinary least squares, use:

```
trend2d data.xyz -F xyr -N 2 > detrended_data.xyz
```

To make the above planar trend robust with respect to outliers, use:

```
trend2d data.zxy -F xyr -N 2r > detrended_data.xyz
```

To find out how many terms (up to 10) in a robust interpolant are significant in fitting *data.xyz*, use:

**trend2d** data.xyz -N 10r -I -V

**SEE ALSO**

*GMT(1)*, *grdmath(1)*, *grdtrend(1)*, *trend1d(1)*

**REFERENCES**

Huber, P. J., 1964, Robust estimation of a location parameter, *Ann. Math. Stat.*, 35, 73-101.

Menke, W., 1989, *Geophysical Data Analysis: Discrete Inverse Theory*, Revised Edition, Academic Press, San Diego.

**NAME**

triangulate – Perform optimal Delaunay triangulation and gridding of Cartesian data [method]

**SYNOPSIS**

```
triangulate infile [ -Dx|y ] [ -Eempty ] [ -F ] [ -Ggrdfile ] [ -Hi[nrec] ] [
-Ixinc[unit][=|+][yinc[unit][=|+]] ] [ -Jparameters ] [ -Q ] [ -Rwest/east/south/north[r] ] [ -V ] [ -Z ] [
-:[i]o] ] [ -b[i]o][s]S[d]D[ncol][c][var]l... ] ] [ -f[i]o][colinfo] ] [ -m[i]o][flag] ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**triangulate** reads one or more ASCII [or binary] files (or standard input) containing x,y[,z] and performs Delaunay triangulation, i.e., it find how the points should be connected to give the most equilateral triangulation possible. If a map projection (give **-R** and **-J**) is chosen then it is applied before the triangulation is calculated. By default, the output is triplets of point id numbers that make up each triangle and is written to standard output. The id numbers refer to the points position (line number, starting at 0 for the first line) in the input file. As an option, you may choose to create a multiple segment file that can be piped through **psxy** to draw the triangulation network. If **-G -I** are set a grid will be calculated based on the surface defined by the planar triangles. The actual algorithm used in the triangulations is either that of Watson [1982] [Default] or Shewchuk [1996] (if installed; type **triangulate -** to see which method is selected). This choice is made during the **GMT** installation.

*infile* Data files with the point coordinates in ASCII (or binary; see **-b**). If no files are given the standard input is read.

**OPTIONS**

- D** Take either the *x*- or *y*-derivatives of surface represented by the planar facets (only used when **-G** is set).
- E** Set the value assigned to empty nodes when **-G** is set [NaN].
- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT Cookbook Appendix B** on grid file formats.) Only valid with **-G**.
- G** Use triangulation to grid the data onto an even grid (specified with **-R -I**). Append the name of the output grid file. The interpolation is performed in the original coordinates, so if your triangles are close to the poles you are better off projecting all data to a local coordinate system before using **triangulate** (this is true of all gridding routines).
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped.
- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] sets the grid size for optional grid output (see **-G**). Append **m** to indicate minutes or **c** to indicate seconds.
- J** Selects the map projection. Scale is UNIT/degree, 1:xxxxx, or width in UNIT (upper case modifier). UNIT is cm, inch, or m, depending on the **MEASURE\_UNIT** setting in **.gmtdefaults4**, but this can be overridden on the command line by appending **c**, **i**, or **m** to the scale/width value. When central meridian is optional, default is center of longitude range on **-R** option. Default standard parallel is the equator. For map height, max dimension, or min dimension, append **h**, **+**, or **-** to the width, respectively.  
More details can be found in the **psbasemap** man pages.

**CYLINDRICAL PROJECTIONS:**

- J***lon0/lat0/scale* (Cassini)
- J***cyl\_stere*[*lon0*/*lat0*]]*scale* (Cylindrical Stereographic)
- J***j*[*lon0*]/*scale* (Miller)
- J***m*[*lon0*/*lat0*]]*scale* (Mercator)
- J***m**lon0/lat0/scale* (Mercator - Give meridian and standard parallel)

-**Jo**[a]lon0/lat0/azimuth/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and azimuth)  
 -**Jo**[b]lon0/lat0/lon1/lat1/scale (Oblique Mercator - two points)  
 -**Joc**lon0/lat0/lonp/latp/scale (Oblique Mercator - point and pole)  
 -**Jq**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equidistant)  
 -**Jt**lon0/[lat0/]scale (TM - Transverse Mercator)  
 -**Ju**zone/scale (UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator)  
 -**Jy**[lon0/[lat0/]]scale (Cylindrical Equal-Area)

#### CONIC PROJECTIONS:

-**Jb**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Albers)  
 -**Jd**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Conic Equidistant)  
 -**Jl**lon0/lat0/lat1/lat2/scale (Lambert Conic Conformal)  
 -**Jpoly**/[lon0/[lat0/]]scale ((American) Polyconic)

#### AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS:

-**Ja**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area)  
 -**Je**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Azimuthal Equidistant)  
 -**Jf**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Gnomonic)  
 -**Jg**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (Orthographic)  
 -**Jg**lon0/lat0/altitude/azimuth/tilt/twist/Width/Height/scale (General Perspective).  
 -**Js**lon0/lat0/[horizon]/scale (General Stereographic)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTIONS:

-**Jh**[lon0/]scale (Hammer)  
 -**Ji**[lon0/]scale (Sinusoidal)  
 -**Jkf**[lon0/]scale (Eckert IV)  
 -**Jk**[s][lon0/]scale (Eckert VI)  
 -**Jn**[lon0/]scale (Robinson)  
 -**Jr**[lon0/]scale (Winkel Tripel)  
 -**Jv**[lon0/]scale (Van der Grinten)  
 -**Jw**[lon0/]scale (Mollweide)

#### NON-GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECTIONS:

-**Jp**[a]scale[/origin][r|z] (Polar coordinates (theta,r))  
 -**Jx**-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T][y-scale[d|l|ppow|t|T]] (Linear, log, and power scaling)

- Q** Output the edges of the Voronoi cells instead [Default is Delaunay triangle edges]. Requires both **-m** and **-R** and is only available if linked with the Shewchuk [1996] library.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+/-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]T[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- Z** Controls whether binary data file has two or three columns [2]. Ignored if **-b** is not set.
- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 2 input columns].
- bo** Selects binary output. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of desired columns in your binary output file. [Default is same as input]. Node ids are stored as binary 4-byte integer triplets. **-bo** is ignored if **-m** is selected.
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).
- m** Output triangulation network as multiple line segments separated by a record whose first character is *flag* [**>**]. To plot, use **psxy** with the **-m** option (see Examples).

### ASCII FORMAT PRECISION

The ASCII output formats of numerical data are controlled by parameters in your `.gmtdefaults4` file. Longitude and latitude are formatted according to **OUTPUT\_DEGREE\_FORMAT**, whereas other values are formatted according to **D\_FORMAT**. Be aware that the format in effect can lead to loss of precision in the output, which can lead to various problems downstream. If you find the output is not written with enough precision, consider switching to binary output (**-bo** if available) or specify more decimals using the **D\_FORMAT** setting.

### GRID VALUES PRECISION

Regardless of the precision of the input data, GMT programs that create grid files will internally hold the grids in 4-byte floating point arrays. This is done to conserve memory and furthermore most if not all real data can be stored using 4-byte floating point values. Data with higher precision (i.e., double precision values) will lose that precision once GMT operates on the grid or writes out new grids. To limit loss of precision when processing data you should always consider normalizing the data prior to processing.

### EXAMPLES

To triangulate the points in the file `samples.xyz`, store the triangle information in a binary file, and make a grid for the given area and spacing, use

```
triangulate samples.xyz -bo -R 0/30/0/30 -I 2 -G surf.grd > samples.ijk
```

To draw the optimal Delaunay triangulation network based on the same file using a 15 -cm-wide Mercator map, use

```
triangulate samples.xyz -m -R-100/-90/30/34 -JM 15c | psxy -m -R-100/-90/30/34 -JM 15c -W 0.5p -B 1 > network.ps
```

To instead plot the Voronoi cell outlines, try

```
triangulate samples.xyz -m -Q -R-100/-90/30/34 -JM 15c | psxy -m -R-100/-90/30/34 -JM 15c -W 0.5p -B 1 > cells.ps
```

### SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *pscontour(1)*

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- Shewchuk, J. R., 1996, Triangle: Engineering a 2D Quality Mesh Generator and Delaunay Triangulator, First Workshop on Applied Computational Geometry (Philadelphia, PA), 124-133, ACM, May 1996.
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**NAME**

xyz2grd – Converting an ASCII or binary table to grid file format

**SYNOPSIS**

```
xyz2grd xyzfile -Ggrdfile -Ixinc[unit][=+][/yinc[unit][=+]] -Rwest/east/south/north[r] [ -A[n|z|u|l] ] [
-Dxname/yname/zname/scale/offset/title/remark ] [ -E[nodata] ] [ -F ] [ -H[i][nrec] ] [ -Nnodata ] [
-S[zfile] ] [ -V ] [ -Z[flags] ] [ -:[i|o] ] [ -bi[s|S|d|D[ncol]|c[var1|...]] ] [ -fcolinfo ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**xyz2grd** reads a z or xyz table and creates a binary grid file. **xyz2grd** will report if some of the nodes are not filled in with data. Such unconstrained nodes are set to a value specified by the user [Default is NaN]. Nodes with more than one value will be set to the average value. As an option (using **-Z**), a 1-column z-table may be read assuming all nodes are present (z-tables can be in organized in a number of formats, see **-Z** below.)

[xy]zfile

ASCII [or binary] file holding z or (x,y,z) values. xyz triplets do not have to be sorted (for binary triplets, see **-b**). 1-column z tables must be sorted and the **-Z** must be set).

- G** *grdfile* is the name of the binary output grid file. (See GRID FILE FORMAT below.)
- I** *x\_inc* [and optionally *y\_inc*] is the grid spacing. Optionally, append a suffix modifier. **Geographical (degrees) coordinates:** Append **m** to indicate arc minutes or **c** to indicate arc seconds. If one of the units **e**, **k**, **i**, or **n** is appended instead, the increment is assumed to be given in meter, km, miles, or nautical miles, respectively, and will be converted to the equivalent degrees longitude at the middle latitude of the region (the conversion depends on **ELLIPSOID**). If *y\_inc* is given but set to 0 it will be reset equal to *x\_inc*; otherwise it will be converted to degrees latitude. **All coordinates:** If = is appended then the corresponding max *x* (*east*) or *y* (*north*) may be slightly adjusted to fit exactly the given increment [by default the increment may be adjusted slightly to fit the given domain]. Finally, instead of giving an increment you may specify the *number of nodes* desired by appending + to the supplied integer argument; the increment is then recalculated from the number of nodes and the domain. The resulting increment value depends on whether you have selected a gridline-registered or pixel-registered grid; see Appendix B for details. Note: if **-Rgrdfile** is used then grid spacing has already been initialized; use **-I** to override the values.
- R** *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, and *ymax* specify the Region of interest. For geographic regions, these limits correspond to *west*, *east*, *south*, and *north* and you may specify them in decimal degrees or in [+/-]dd:mm[:ss.xxx][W|E|S|N] format. Append **r** if lower left and upper right map coordinates are given instead of w/e/s/n. The two shorthands **-Rg** and **-Rd** stand for global domain (0/360 and -180/+180 in longitude respectively, with -90/+90 in latitude). Alternatively, specify the name of an existing grid file and the **-R** settings (and grid spacing, if applicable) are copied from the grid. For calendar time coordinates you may either give (a) relative time (relative to the selected **TIME\_EPOCH** and in the selected **TIME\_UNIT**; append **t** to **-JX|x**), or (b) absolute time of the form [date]**T**[clock] (append **T** to **-JX|x**). At least one of *date* and *clock* must be present; the **T** is always required. The *date* string must be of the form [-]yyyy[-mm[-dd]] (Gregorian calendar) or yyyy[-Www[-d]] (ISO week calendar), while the *clock* string must be of the form hh:mm:ss[.xxx]. The use of delimiters and their type and positions must be exactly as indicated (however, input, output and plot formats are customizable; see **gmtdefaults**).

**OPTIONS**

- A** Add up multiple values that belong to the same node (same as **-Az**). Append **n** to simply count the number of data points that were assigned to each node. Append **l** or **u** to find the lowest (minimum) or upper (maximum) value at each node, respectively. [Default (no **-A** option) will calculate mean value]. Ignored if **-Z** is given.
- D** Give values for *xname*, *yname*, *zname*, *scale*, *offset*, *title*, and *remark*. To leave some of these values untouched, specify = as the value. Alternatively, to allow "/" to be part of one of the values, use any non-alphanumeric character (and not the equal sign) as separator by both starting and ending with it. For example: **-D:xname:yname:zname:scale:offset:title:remark:**

- E** Convert an ESRI ArcInfo ASCII interchange grid format file to a **GMT** grid. Append *nodata* which is a data value that should be set to NaN in the grid [If we find the optional 6th record in the file we will use it instead]. The values normally given by **-R**, **-I**, and **-F** are determined from the ESRI header instead.
- F** Force pixel node registration [Default is gridline registration]. (Node registrations are defined in **GMT** Cookbook Appendix B on grid file formats.)
- H** Input file(s) has header record(s). If used, the default number of header records is **N\_HEADER\_RECS**. Use **-Hi** if only input data should have header records [Default will write out header records if the input data have them]. Blank lines and lines starting with # are always skipped. Not used with binary data.
- N** No data. Set nodes with no input xyz triplet to this value [Default is NaN]. For z-tables, this option is used to replace z-values that equal *nodata* with NaN.
- S** Swap the byte-order of the input only. No grid file is produced. You must also supply the **-Z** option. The output is written to *zfile* (or stdout if not supplied).
- V** Selects verbose mode, which will send progress reports to stderr [Default runs "silently"].
- Z** Read a 1-column ASCII [or binary] table. This assumes that all the nodes are present and sorted according to specified ordering convention contained in *flags*. If incoming data represents rows, make *flags* start with **T**(op) if first row is  $y = y_{max}$  or **B**(ottom) if first row is  $y = y_{min}$ . Then, append **L** or **R** to indicate that first element is at left or right end of row. Likewise for column formats: start with **L** or **R** to position first column, and then append **T** or **B** to position first element in a row. For gridline registered grids: If data are periodic in x but the incoming data do not contain the (redundant) column at  $x = x_{max}$ , append **x**. For data periodic in y without redundant row at  $y = y_{max}$ , append **y**. Append *sn* to skip the first *n* number of bytes (probably a header). If the byte-order needs to be swapped, append **w**. Select one of several data types (all binary except **a**):

**A** ASCII representation of one or more floating point values per record

**a** ASCII representation of a single item per record

**c** signed 1-byte character

**u** unsigned 1-byte character

**h** short 2-byte integer

**H** unsigned short 2-byte integer

**i** 4-byte integer

**l** long (4- or 8-byte) integer [architecture-dependent!]

**f** 4-byte floating point single precision

**d** 8-byte floating point double precision

Default format is scanline orientation of ASCII numbers: **-ZTLa**. Note that **-Z** only applies to 1-column input. The difference between **A** and **a** is that the latter can decode both *dateTclock* and *ddd:mm:ss[.xx]* formats while the former is strictly for regular floating point values.

- :** Toggles between (longitude,latitude) and (latitude,longitude) input and/or output. [Default is (longitude,latitude)]. Append **i** to select input only or **o** to select output only. [Default affects both].
- bi** Selects binary input. Append **s** for single precision [Default is **d** (double)]. Uppercase **S** or **D** will force byte-swapping. Optionally, append *ncol*, the number of columns in your binary input file if it exceeds the columns needed by the program. Or append **c** if the input file is netCDF. Optionally, append *var1/var2/...* to specify the variables to be read. [Default is 3 input columns]. This option only applies to xyz input files; see **-Z** for z tables.
- f** Special formatting of input and/or output columns (time or geographical data). Specify **i** or **o** to make this apply only to input or output [Default applies to both]. Give one or more columns (or column ranges) separated by commas. Append **T** (absolute calendar time), **t** (relative time in chosen **TIME\_UNIT** since **TIME\_EPOCH**), **x** (longitude), **y** (latitude), or **f** (floating point) to each

column or column range item. Shorthand **-f[i|o]g** means **-f[i|o]0x,1y** (geographic coordinates).

## GRID VALUES PRECISION

Regardless of the precision of the input data, GMT programs that create grid files will internally hold the grids in 4-byte floating point arrays. This is done to conserve memory and furthermore most if not all real data can be stored using 4-byte floating point values. Data with higher precision (i.e., double precision values) will lose that precision once GMT operates on the grid or writes out new grids. To limit loss of precision when processing data you should always consider normalizing the data prior to processing.

## GRID FILE FORMATS

By default **GMT** writes out grid as single precision floats in a COARDS-complaint netCDF file format. However, **GMT** is able to produce grid files in many other commonly used grid file formats and also facilitates so called "packing" of grids, writing out floating point data as 2- or 4-byte integers. To specify the precision, scale and offset, the user should add the suffix **=id[/scale/offset[/nan]]**, where *id* is a two-letter identifier of the grid type and precision, and *scale* and *offset* are optional scale factor and offset to be applied to all grid values, and *nan* is the value used to indicate missing data. See **grdreformat(1)** and Section 4.17 of the GMT Technical Reference and Cookbook for more information.

When writing a netCDF file, the grid is stored by default with the variable name "z". To specify another variable name *varname*, append **?varname** to the file name. Note that you may need to escape the special meaning of **?** in your shell program by putting a backslash in front of it, or by placing the filename and suffix between quotes or double quotes.

## GEOGRAPHICAL AND TIME COORDINATES

When the output grid type is netCDF, the coordinates will be labeled "longitude", "latitude", or "time" based on the attributes of the input data or grid (if any) or on the **-f** or **-R** options. For example, both **-f0x -f1t** and **-R 90w/90e/0t/3t** will result in a longitude/time grid. When the x, y, or z coordinate is time, it will be stored in the grid as relative time since epoch as specified by **TIME\_UNIT** and **TIME\_EPOCH** in the .gmtdefaults file or on the command line. In addition, the **unit** attribute of the time variable will indicate both this unit and epoch.

## EXAMPLES

To create a grid file from the ASCII data in hawaii\_grv.xyz, use

```
xyz2grd hawaii_grv.xyz -D degree/degree/mGal/1/0/"Hawaiian Gravity"/"GRS-80 Ellipsoid used" -G
hawaii_grv_new.grd -R 198/208/18/25 -I 5m -V
```

To create a grid file from the raw binary (3-column, single-precision) scanline-oriented data raw.b, use

```
xyz2grd raw.b -D m/m/m/1/0/=/= -G raw.grd -R 0/100/0/100 -I 1 -V -Z -b 3
```

To make a grid file from the raw binary USGS DEM (short integer) scanline-oriented data topo30. on the NGDC global relief Data CD-ROM, with values of -9999 indicate missing data, one must on some machine reverse the byte-order. On such machines (like Sun), use

```
xyz2grd topo30. -D m/m/m/1/0/=/= -G ustopo.grd -R 234/294/24/50 -I 30c -N-9999 -B -ZTLhw
```

Say you have received a binary file with 4-byte floating points that were written on a machine of different byte-order than yours. You can swap the byte-order with

```
xyz2grd floats.bin -S new_floats.bin -V -Zf
```

## SEE ALSO

*GMT(1)*, *grd2xyz(1)*, *grdedit(1)*