
Subject: Re: simple, yet eluding...different color lines in a plot

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T Bowers (tbowers@nrlssc.navy.mil) writes:

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> hmmm... doesn't work.  
> plot,x,a, color=1 ;gives me a red line  
> oplot,x,b, color=2 ;= black line  
> oplot,x,b, color=3 ; = black line  
>  
> strange, i seem to ONLY get red or black colors if i try  
> to specify a color. i tried tek_color 1st and the docs say:
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Todd, you have something **seriously** wrong with your IDL session. I suspect you have Netscape running. :-)

You are just plain out of colors. Try this:

- (1) Open an IDL session.
- (2) Type: Window
- (3) Now type: Print, !D.N_Colors

You should have **at least** 150 or so. If you don't, try closing all the other applications you have running before you start IDL. Same thing? Then I suspect something has gone wrong in one of your startup files.

- (4) Do steps 1 and 2, then type:

Help, /Device

What kind of visual class do you have? How many colors?
We definitely need more clues to get this puppy hunting. :-)

All else fails, try this:

- (1) Open an IDL session.
- (2) Type: Window, Colors=240
- (3) Now type: Print, !D.N_Colors
- (4) Now type: Help, /Device

Do you have a private color table? Yes? But you have 240 colors, no? Can you live with color flashing? :-)

Cheers,

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