
Subject: Re: Printing color line-plots on non-PS printers...
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In article <361E88B3.81C803B3@wellesley.edu>,
rfrench@mediaone.net wrote:

> I would like to print copies of line plots that use different
> colors for different lines, but on a non-PS printer. I have
> an HP Deskjet 870Cse (fairly nice inkjet color printer). I've tried
> using the PCL device type when running from Windows, and then
> doing
> spawn,'copy plotfile.pcl LPT1:'
> but this is EXTREMELY slow - several minutes for a very simple
> plot - and it blocks IDL from doing anything else until the plot
> is done.
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> As an alternative, I have saved color line plots in PS mode,
> and then used GhostView to view the file. So far so good, but
> when I then use the 'print to non-PS printer' option, it comes
> out in black and gray instead of in color.

When you select /color with device also select bits_per_pixel=8, this will prevent the coarse rasterization, I had the same problem as well as being unable to visualize all the colors in my image plots. Your method to import into another program and converting it for printing is probably best. I create arrays of figures by reading them into CorelDraw.

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