Subject: Re: Bug in XYOUTS?
Posted by Martin Schultz on Sat, 28 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Vinay L. Kashyap wrote:

> Anyone know why XYOUTS "wraps" back? Why does it place labels
> on the plot area even though the specified locations are waay
> outside the view area?
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> Here is an example of what I mean..
>
> xr=[99.9,100.1] & yr=[-20,20] ;define the plotting area
> x=findgen(1000)*0.1+100. ;points at which to mark labels
> ;(expect only 2 within defined area)
> y=randomn(seed,1000)*5. ;y-locations, staggered for readability
> l=strtrim(x,2) ;labels, same as x-positions
> plot,[0],xrange=xr,yrange=yr ;set up plotting area
> xyouts,x,y,l ;plot the labels
>
> the actual numbers that show up on the viewing area appear to
> depend on the size of the window and XRANGE. Sometimes there
> are also horizontal lines running across the window.
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> this does not happen if one sets plotting device to 'ps'
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> thanks to Jim Petreshock, I do have a workaround (use keyword
> NOCLIP=0 for XYOUTS), but this feature is so strange that I
> would like to know the explanation, if anyone knows it!
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> I am using IDL4 and IDL5.1 on Solaris 2.5 .
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> Thanks,
> Vinay
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Hi Vinay,

haven't shown up at Badminton for a while now -- probably because I am doing

too much IDL ;-)

I don't know the solution to your problem, but it is the same that happens with plots. Apparently, IDL prefers not to clip anything in these two routines. I believe, it does some kind of conversion to integer arithmetics for speed reasons and then ends up at the wrong memory locations. Interestingly, though, plots does plot the symbols at the correct y locations ... If NOCLIP=0 works, that's good to know. Otherwise you'll have to manually clip your labels like

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    ind = where(x ge !x.crange[0] AND x le !x.crange[1] AND y ge !y.crange[0] AND
y le !y.crange[1])  ; after the plot command!
    xyouts,x[ind],y[ind],l[ind]
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Regards,
Martin.

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