Subject: Re: oplot - error in plotting to Z buffer only Posted by Dick Jackson on Mon, 08 Feb 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Gwyn Fireman wrote:

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> Well, I'm stumped.

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- > I have a routine to automatically generate a bunch o'gifs.
- > Usually it works fine.

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> On one set of data it fails with the error:

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> % OPLOT: No valid points, must have at least 2 distinct points

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- > But, but I *do* have points to plot!
- > If I run this interactively I can re-enter the command after it gives
- > the error, and it works fine. (But .con does not)

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- > AND if I plot to an X-window instead of to the Z-buffer (as I usually
- > do when generating gifs) it runs fine.

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- > Has anyone seen a similar discrepancy?
- > Is there something I need to know about the Z buffer?

This may be the same bug I've run into. In some cases, when plotting:

- with my own UserSym plot symbol (say a 20-point circle)
- to the Z-Buffer device
- right at the bottom or top edge of the plot where the UserSym might meet or go over the edge (sorry, I don't remember exactly)

this very error would occur. When I fixed the YRange and plotted a set of points that started off the bottom and crept onto the plot, I could tell when it failed. I found a workaround, so I didn't get to the bottom of this.

Hope this helps!

Cheers.

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-Dick

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