## Subject: Dithering plots on a LaserJet printer
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I am trying to print a color plot to a PCL device, but it comes out black and
white.  When I create the same plot using PS device (i.e

```
SET_PLOT,'PS'
plot,indgen(100),color=50
device,/close
spawn,'lpr -Pps idl.ps'
)
```

the line comes out dithered (and when many lines are plotted using different
colors it's easy to tell which one is which).  But if I do the same thing using
 SET_PLOT,'PCL'
the lines come out solid black.  I know the printer can dither lines (it's a
LaserJet III) and I can create the same plot in Excel for Windows, print it
out as PCL file, and it will come out properly dithered.  Can I make IDL do the
same?


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