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Subject: Re: wrong bounding box  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 17 May 2000 07:00:00 GMT  
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Andrew (noymer@my-deja.com) writes:

> I have another question re: EPS files.  
>  
> DEVICE, XSize=10, YSize=8, /ENCAPSULATED, \$  
>     Filename='foo.eps'  
>  
> The bounding box is usually right on. But when I have  
> a second Y axis, the BB is too far to the left, i.e.  
> the rightmost y-axis-labels are clipped.  
>  
> Easily fixed: modify the BB by hand. It's the second  
> line of the EPS file, which is just an ASCII text file.  
>  
> But: why is this??? How hard can it be to calculate a  
> frigging bounding box?  
>  
> And: can I use the xoffset keyword? Man page says this  
> does not work for /ENCAPSULATED.

Because I am thinking about things domestic this week,  
I offer a home decorating quiz:

You bought a brand new dining room table from the  
expensive shop on the corner. When you get it home  
you find it doesn't fit in the dining room. Should you:

- A. Take out the exterior wall and build an addition  
to accommodate the table.
- B. Lop off enough of the table with your chain saw  
to make it fit.
- C. Take the table back to the store and exchange it  
for a smaller one.

Well?

I'm guessing your would answer A. IDL certainly would answer  
B. But I am sure God's answer would be C, and is the reason  
she invented the Position keyword for the Plot command. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. From my book:

```
curve = LoadData(1)
Plot, curve, YStyle=8, YTitle='Solid Line', $
    Position=[0.15, 0.15, 0.85, 0.95]
Axis, YAxis=1, YRange=[0,Max(curve)*5], /Save, $
    YTitle='Dashed Line'
OPlot, curve*5, LineStyle=2
```

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