
Subject: String length when FONT=1

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Hey there,

Anyone know how to determine string length in normalised units when you're using truetype fonts?

Currently I have:

```
ch_size = CONVERT_COORD( !D.X_CH_SIZE, !D.Y_CH_SIZE, /DEVICE, /TO_NORMAL )
x_ch_size = ch_size[ 0 ] * charsize
x_length = STRLEN( my_string ) * x_ch_size )
```

which works great for the regular on-screen hershey type of fonts, but not for proportional fonts.

any ideas? what I want to do is blank out the plot behind the text, e.g. like for legends etc.

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