If it is a direct graphics plot you are trying to use, I would first save
it as a ps/eps file using set_plot, 'ps' and then convert the ps/eps file
using CorelDraw or Adobe Illustrator. If you are running windows, you
should save the file in the windows metafile format (.wmf) while if you
are using a macintosh then a pict file (.pct) format is ideal. Both of
these formats are 'metafiles' which means they can hold EITHER
vector-drawn or image-drawn data. Good graphics programs like CorelDraw
and Illustrator can import IDL generated postscript and export a correctly
drawn, vector-based metafile. Most other programs will simply mangle your
ps/eps plots into images and generate rasterized metafile images. If you
find the lines too thin when you follow the above, you can try setting the
line thickness in IDL (rather tedious IMHO) or you can simply adjust the
plot in CorelDraw to suite your taste. I agree that wmf files tend to
have lines which are too thin (especailly for powerpoint).

Cheers,
Randall

On Sat, 27 Jul 2002, tom wrote:

> The best figure form generated from IDL is PS, but it is not easy to
> use PS in MS office. How to do that?
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> (I use CorelDraw to open PS, then paste figure to office, but the line
> is too thin in CorelDraw, although it is quick good in PS_ghostview)
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