
Subject: Re: Customizing linestyles for PLOT?

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Liam Gumley wrote:

> One of my colleagues was just expressing his frustration at the limitations
> of the plotting linestyles available in IDL direct graphics. He likes to
> plot absorption/emission spectra, and apparently the default linestyles
> don't work well. For example, he would like to have dashed lines with long
> dashes and small gaps, and be able to adjust the lengths of the dashes and
> gaps. Before I tell him to write a wrapper for PLOT, I was wondering if
> anyone has tackled this problem already.

I'm sure you're aware of this already, but the Object Graphics LINESTYLE property supports user-defined stippling patterns. I was a little surprised just now to find that no such thing is mentioned in the Direct Graphics documentation.

I do most of my line plots in Object Graphics. It's not **that** painful.

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