
Subject: Re: Reversed log axes in object graphics
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Christopher Lee wrote:

> In article <1098146457.937748.74790@c13g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>,
> "Randall Skelton" <randall.skelton@gmail.com> wrote:
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> . think of it as good-morning challenge :-)
>
>> Thanks in advance,
>> Randall
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> I'm sure I read somewhere that you have to make your own log axis in object
> graphics. Anyway, the log_test_new I have pasted below works fine.
>
> Steps to make it work (ones that I can remember, for everything else,
> there's diff.)
>
> 1. change the pressure coordinate to alog10 (pressure)
> 2. calculate the log10 ranges for your data and log10 tick values
> 3. calculate the 'normal' ticknames for use in 'ticktext' (The ticknames
> formatl used are quite bad, you can obviously use any
> names/format you want here)
> 4. Define a ticktext object for yaxis, instead of leaving IDLgrAxis
> define it (you need to delete it now), removed the /Log keyword.
> 5. negate the yscale values returned from Normalize (this may be a fix
> for a bug I introduced somewhere, but It works)
> 6. I think that was it.

[curmudgeon alert!]

My goodness. Apart from the complexity, what an example of code bloat! I assume this is IDL specific since I cannot imagine people designing other languages think something like this is an improvement over the 3-line direct graphics version.

This thread is a good case study as to why people don't (or maybe shouldn't?) use object graphics.

paulv

p.s. Just to be clear, my misgivings aren't directed towards you or the solution you provided, but the need for it in the first place.

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> I was feeling lucky, so I also changed yaxis to yaxis_major and added a
> yaxis_minor to plot the minor ticks, in this case, Minor =0 for both
> new axis, and the /notext keyword is used yaxis_minor.
>
> Chris.
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>
> ;!--
> pro log_test_new
>
> compile_opt DEFINT32
> compile_opt STRICTARR
> compile_opt STRICTARRSUBS
> compile_opt LOGICAL_PREDICATE
>
> p = [1013.00, 898.800, 795.000, 701.200, 616.600,540.500, $
> 472.200, 411.100, 356.500, 308.000, 265.000,227.000, $
> 194.000, 165.800, 141.700, 121.100, 103.500,88.5000, $
> 75.6500, 64.6700, 55.2900, 47.2900, 40.4700,34.6700, $
> 29.7200, 25.4900, 17.4300, 11.9700, 8.01000,5.74600, $
> 4.15000, 2.87100, 2.06000, 1.49100, 1.09000,0.797800, $
> 0.425000, 0.219000, 0.109000, 0.0522000, 0.0240000,0.0105000, $
> 0.00446000, 0.00184000, 0.000760000, 0.000320000, 0.000145000,7.10000e-05, $
> 4.01000e-05, 2.54000e-05 ]
>
> p=alog10(p)
>
> t = [288.200, 281.700, 275.200, 268.700, 262.200, 255.700, 249.200, $
> 242.700, 236.200, 229.700, 223.300, 216.800, 216.700,216.700, $
> 216.700, 216.700, 216.700, 216.700, 216.700, 216.700,216.700, $
> 217.600, 218.600, 219.600, 220.600, 221.600, 224.000,226.500, $
> 230.000, 236.500, 242.900, 250.400, 257.300, 264.200,270.600, $
> 270.700, 260.800, 247.000, 233.300, 219.600, 208.400,198.600, $
> 188.900, 186.900, 188.400, 195.100, 208.800, 240.000,300.000, $
> 360.00 ]
>
> z = [0.00000, 1.00000, 2.00000, 3.00000, 4.00000, 5.00000, 6.00000, $
> 7.00000, 8.00000, 9.00000, 10.0000, 11.0000, 12.0000,13.0000, $
> 14.0000, 15.0000, 16.0000, 17.0000, 18.0000, 19.0000,20.0000, $
> 21.0000, 22.0000, 23.0000, 24.0000, 25.0000, 27.5000,30.0000, $
> 32.5000, 35.0000, 37.5000, 40.0000, 42.5000, 45.0000,47.5000, $
> 50.0000, 55.0000, 60.0000, 65.0000, 70.0000, 75.0000,80.0000, $
> 85.0000, 90.0000, 95.0000, 100.000, 105.000, 110.000,115.000, $
> 120.000 ]
>
> sp = size(p)
> nlev = sp[1]
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> xtitle = 'Temperature (K)'
> ytitle = 'Pressure (mbar)'
> ytitle2 = 'Altitude (km)'
>
> xrange = [min(t),max(t)]
> yrange = [p[0], p[nlev-1]]
> yrange2 = [min(z), max(z)]
>
> ;;; Plot in direct graphics (4 lines)
> !x.margin=[10,8]
> ;plot_io, ystyle=9, t, 10^p, xtitle=xtitle, ytitle=ytitle,$
> ;yrange=10^yrange, xrange=xrange, xstyle=1
> ;idx = where ( z mod 10 eq 0 )
> ;axis, yaxis=1, yticks=12, ytickv=10^p[idx], $
> ;ytickname=string(z[idx],format='(i3)'), ytitle=ytitle2
>
> ;;; Plot in object graphics (more than 4 lines)
>
> thisView = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrView', Viewplane_Rect=[-1.0,-1.0,2,2], $
> ZClip=[1.15,-1.15] )
>
> thisModel = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrModel')
> thisView->Add, thisModel
>
> helvetica10pt = Obj_New('IDLgrFont', 'Helvetica', Size=10)
> ; Create helper objects. First, create title objects
> ; for the axes and plot. Color them green. Title objects
> ; will need to be located by hand for reversible axes.
> ; Be sure you DON'T add the title objects directly to
> ; the axis objects.
>
> xTitleObj = Obj_New('IDLgrText', xtitle, $
> Font=helvetica10pt, /Enable_Formatting)
> yTitleObj = Obj_New('IDLgrText', ytitle, $
> Font=helvetica10pt, /Enable_Formatting)
> yTitleObj2 = Obj_New('IDLgrText', ytitle2, $
> Font=helvetica10pt, /Enable_Formatting)
>
> ; Create a plot
>
> thisPlot = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrPlot', t, p, _Extra=extra)
>
> ; Get the data ranges of the plot.
> thisPlot->GetProperty, XRange=xrange, YRange=yrange
>
> ticklen = 0.02
>
> ; Axes are created after the plot so the range can be

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> ; set correctly.
>
> xAxis = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 0, Ticklen=ticklen, $
> Minor=4, Range=xrange, /Extend)
> xAxis->GetProperty, Ticktext=xAxisText
> xAxisText->SetProperty, Font=helvetica10pt
>
> xAxis2 = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 0, Ticklen=ticklen, $
> Minor=4, Range=xrange, /Extend, TICKDIR=1, TEXTPOS=1, NOTEXT=1)
>
> ;yAxis = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 1, Ticklen=ticklen, $
> ;Minor=4, Range=reverse(yrange), /Log, /Extend)
>
> ;major
> major_ticks=[1]
> n_major=n_elements(major_ticks)
> major_tick_values=alog10(major_ticks)
> min_decades=floor(min(p))
> n_decades=ceil(max(p))-floor(min(p))
>
> major_tickv=reform( $
>     ((major_tick_values # replicate(1,n_decades)) + $
>     (min_decades+findgen(n_decades)##replicate(1,n_major))), $
>     n_decades*n_major)
>
> major_tickn=reform(10^major_tickv,      $
>     n_decades*n_major)
>
> ;minor
> minor_ticks=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
> n_minor=n_elements(minor_ticks)
> minor_tick_values=alog10(minor_ticks)
> min_decades=floor(min(p))
> n_decades=ceil(max(p))-floor(min(p))
>
> minor_tickv=reform( $
>     ((minor_tick_values # replicate(1,n_decades)) + $
>     (min_decades+findgen(n_decades)##replicate(1,n_minor))), $
>     n_decades*n_minor)
>
> minor_tickn=reform(10^minor_tickv,      $
>     n_decades*n_minor)
> ;---done---
>
>
> yAxisText=Obj_New("IDLgrText",string(major_tickn),Font=helvetica10pt,strings=string(major
_tickn,format='(e10.2)'))
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> yAxis_major = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 1, Ticklen=ticklen, $
>     Minor=0, Range=reverse(yrange), /Extend,$
>     tickvalues=major_tickv, ticktext=yAxisText)
>
> yAxis_major->GetProperty, yrange=yr
>
> yAxis_minor = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 1, Ticklen=ticklen*1, $
>     Minor=0, Range=reverse(yrange), /Extend,$
>     tickvalues=minor_tickv, /notext)
>
>
> yAxis2 = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 1, Ticklen=ticklen, $
>     Minor=4, Range=yrange2, /Extend, TICKDIR=1, TEXTPOS=1)
> yAxis2->GetProperty, Ticktext=yAxisText2
> yAxisText2->SetProperty, Font=helvetica10pt
>
> ; The axes may not use exact axis scaling, so the ranges may
> ; have changed from what they were originally set to. Get
> ; and update the range variables.
>
> xAxis->GetProperty, CRange=xrange
> xAxis2->GetProperty, CRange=xrange2
> yAxis_major->GetProperty, CRange=yrange_major
> yAxis_minor->GetProperty, CRange=yrange_minor
> yAxis2->GetProperty, CRange=yrange2
>
> xs = Normalize(xrange, Position=[-0.5,0.5])
> xs2 = Normalize(xrange2, Position=[-0.5,0.5])
> ys_major = Normalize(yrange_major, Position=[-0.5,0.5])
> ys_minor = Normalize(yrange_minor, Position=[-0.5,0.5])
> ys2 = Normalize(yrange2, Position=[-0.5,0.5])
>
> ; Scale the axes and place them in the coordinate space.
> ; Note that not all values in the Location keyword are
> ; used. (I've put really large values into the positions
> ; that are not being used to demonstrate this.) For
> ; example, with the X axis only the Y and Z locations are used.
> ys_major=-ys_major
> ys_minor=-ys_minor
>
> xAxis->SetProperty, Location=[9999.0, -0.5, -0.5], XCoord_Conv=xs
> xAxis2->SetProperty, Location=[9999.0, 0.5, -0.5], XCoord_Conv=xs2
> yAxis_major->SetProperty, Location=[-0.5, 9999.0, -0.5],
YCoord_Conv=ys_major, textupdir=[0,-1,0]
> yAxis_minor->SetProperty, Location=[-0.5, 9999.0, -0.5],
YCoord_Conv=ys_minor, textupdir=[0,-1,0]
> yAxis2->SetProperty, Location=[0.5, 9999.0, -0.5], YCoord_Conv=ys2
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> ; Scale the Plot.
>
> thisPlot->SetProperty, XCoord_Conv=xs, YCoord_Conv=ys_major
>
> ; Add the plot and axes objects to the model.
>
> thisModel->Add, thisPlot
> thisModel->Add, xAxis
> thisModel->Add, xAxis2
> thisModel->Add, yAxis_major
> thisModel->Add, yAxis_minor
> thisModel->Add, yAxis2
>
> ; Add the title objects to the model.
>
> thisModel->Add, xTitleObj
> thisModel->Add, yTitleObj
> thisModel->Add, yTitleObj2
>
> ; Get the window destination object, which is the value of
> ; an object draw widget. The view will be drawn in the window
> ; when the window is exposed.
>
> thisWindow = obj_new('IDLgrWindow', DIMENSION=[15,15], UNITS=2, $
> GRAPHICS_TREE=thisView)
> thisWindow -> erase
>
> ; Once we have a window, find the size of the character boxsurrounding the
> ; axis annotation, and calculate a location for the axis titles.Note that the Y
> ; dimension of the X axis text box is always about 75% of what it*should* be. This
> ; is the reason the X axis title always appears too close to the axis compared
> ; to the Y and Z axis in the normal default placement. That is why you see that
> ; number multiplied by 1.5 for the XTitleObj below. (The values-0.5, 0.5, and 0
> ; are the endpoints and middle, respectively, of my axis in my viewport rectangle.)
>
> ; To orient the text properly, you must supply the proper baseline and up direction
> ; vectors to the Y and Z titles. The X title does not need this, since the X "situation"
> ; is the default case. For example, read the Y title orientation like this: draw the
> ; text parallel to the Y axis (Baseline=[0,1,0]), with the up direction in the -X direction
> ; (UpDir=[-1,0,0]).
>
> d = thisWindow->GetTextDimensions(xAxisText)
> xTitleObj->SetProperty, Location=[0, -0.5 - d[1]*2*ticklen, -0.5], $
> Alignment=0.5
>
> d = thisWindow->GetTextDimensions(yAxisText)
> yTitleObj->SetProperty, Location=[-0.5 - d[0]-2*ticklen, 0, -0.5], $
> Baseline=[0,1,0], UpDir=[-1,0,0], Alignment=0.5

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>  
> d = thisWindow->GetTextDimensions(yAxisText2)  
> yTitleObj2->SetProperty, Location=[0.5 + d[0]*2-ticklen, 0, -0.5], $  
> Baseline=[0,1,0], UpDir=[-1,0,0], Alignment=0.5  
> ; Draw the window  
>  
> thisWindow -> draw  
> ;cleanup  
> ;obj_destroy, thisWindow  
> ;obj_destroy, yaxistext  
> ;obj_destroy,helvetica10pt  
> ;help, /heap  
> end
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