
Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

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liko2@o2.pl wrote:

> I cant change data because Its very important to me to see how much
> space ist between each bar... I should use PLOTS then, but Im beginner
> in IDL...
>

OK. I'm pretty sure there are more elegant ways to do this, but for for
a five minute coffee break solution try this:

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IDL> ;make some sample data longer than 80 elements
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IDL> x=findgen(80)
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IDL> y=hanning(80)
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% Compiled module: HANNING.
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IDL> ;Make the initial plot
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IDL> plot, x, y, psym=10
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IDL> ;find midpoints for x ordinate of line
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IDL> midpt=x[0:78]+0.5*(x[1:79]-x[0:78])
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IDL> ;draw the lines
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```
IDL> for i=0,78 do plots, [midpt[i],midpt[i]], $
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IDL> [!y.crange[0],max([y[i],y[i+1]])]
```

Where \$ indicates the expression rolls over to the next line and
!y.crange is the bottom of the y-axis. The max(...) bit makes sure that
you get the full height of the bin.

To make your code flexible, change the 78,79,80 to variations of
numBars=N_ELEMENTS(x)

HTH,

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