
Subject: Re: need more plotting symbols please

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Dear Dilkushi,

use the routine below.

Cheers,
Matthias.

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; NAME:
;   MC_SYMBOL
;
; PURPOSE:
;   Create user defined plotting symbol.
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; CATEGORY:
;   Graphics.
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   mc_symbol, sym=sym, fill=fill, thick=thick, help=help
;
; INPUTS:
;   sym: Integer specifying the symbol type (see below).
;   *** MC_SYMBOL TYPE ***
;   1    -> square
;   2    -> circle
;   3    -> triangle
;   4    -> triangle (inverted)
;   5    -> diamond
;   6    -> star 1
;   7    -> star 2
;   8    -> hourglass
;   9    -> bowtie
;   10   -> hourglass tilted left
;   11   -> hourglass tilted right
;   12   -> righthalf circle
;   13   -> lefthalf circle
;   14   -> upper half circle
;   15   -> lower half circle
;   16   -> standing bar
;   17   -> laying bar
;   18   -> hat up
;   19   -> hat down
;   20   -> hat right
;   21   -> hat left
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; 22      ->  big cross
; 23      ->  circle w/ plus
; 24      ->  circle w/ ex
; 25      ->  partial arrow (right)
; 26      ->  partial arrow (left)
; 27      ->  full arrow
; 28      ->  vertical line
; 29      ->  horizontal line
; 30      ->  x
; 31      ->  +
;
;
; OPTIONAL INPUT PARAMETERS:
;   fill:   If specified then symbol is filled.
;   thick:  Specifies the line thickness of symbol. Default: thick=1.0
;
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   Defines IDL USERSYMBOL PSYM=8.
;
;
; COMMON BLOCKS:
;   None.
;
;
; SIDE EFFECTS:
;   None.
;
;
; RESTRICTIONS:
;   None.
;
;
; PROCEDURE:
;   MC_SYMBOL,sym=5      <- open diamond
;   PLOT,x,y,PSYM=8,COLOR=col
;   MC_SYMBOL,sym=2,fill=1      <- filled circle
;   PLOT,x,y,PSYM=8,SYMSIZE=.8,COLOR=col
;
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   Written, KAM, Apr. 1993.
;   Modified, MC, Mar. 2002 - include sym=0 as no symbol; sym=0 is a
tiny little square
;       MC, July 2002 - 11 new symbols which can be filled
;       - change order: all fillable symbols first
;       - fallback is sym=0
;-
PRO MC_SYMBOL, sym=sym, fill=fill, thick=thick, help=help
  COMPILE_OPT idl2
  ON_ERROR,2
;
;
; if keyword_set(help) then begin
  print,"mc_symbol, sym=sym, /fill, thick=thick, /help"
  print,"Symbol types: "

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print," sym=1      -> square"
print," sym=2      -> circle"
print," sym=3      -> triangle"
print," sym=4      -> triangle (inverted)"
print," sym=5      -> diamond"
print," sym=6      -> star 1"
print," sym=7      -> star 2"
print," sym=8      -> hourglass"
print," sym=9      -> bowtie"
print," sym=10     -> hourglass tilted left"
print," sym=11     -> hourglass tilted right"
print," sym=12     -> righthalf circle"
print," sym=13     -> lefthalf circle"
print," sym=14     -> upper half circle"
print," sym=15     -> lower half circle"
print," sym=16     -> standing bar"
print," sym=17     -> laying bar"
print," sym=18     -> hat up"
print," sym=19     -> hat down"
print," sym=20     -> hat right"
print," sym=21     -> hat left"
print," sym=22     -> big cross"
print," sym=23     -> circle w/ plus"
print," sym=24     -> circle w/ ex"
print," sym=25     -> partial arrow (right)"
print," sym=26     -> partial arrow (left)"
print," sym=27     -> full arrow"
print," sym=28     -> vertical line"
print," sym=29     -> horizontal line"
print," sym=30     -> x"
print," sym=31     -> +"
print,"include fill=1 for filled symbol, thick=thick for line
thickness."
return
endif
;
; For sym=0
if n_elements(sym) eq 0 then sym=0 else sym=fix(sym)
if not keyword_set(fill) then fill=0
if n_elements(thick) eq 0 then thick=1.
;
case sym of
;
; tiny little square
;
0: begin
    x=[-1,-1, 1, 1,-1]
    y=[-1, 1, 1,-1,-1]

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    x=x/10000.
    y=y/10000.
end
;
; square
;
1: begin
    x=[-1,-1, 1, 1,-1]
    y=[-1, 1, 1,-1,-1]
end
;
; circle
;
2: begin
    x=[1,.866, .707, .500, 0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,$
        -.866,-.707,-.500, 0, .500, .707, .866, 1]
    y=[0,.500, .707, .866, 1, .866, .707, .500, 0,$
        -.500,-.707,-.866,-1,-.866,-.707,-.500, 0]
end
;
; triangle
;
3: begin
    x=[-0.924, 0.000, 0.924,-0.924]
    y=[-0.600, 1.000,-0.600,-0.600]
end
;
; inverted triangle
;
4: begin
    x=[-0.924, 0.000, 0.924,-0.924]
    y=[ 0.600,-1.000, 0.600, 0.600]
end
;
; diamond
;
5: begin
    x=[ 0,-1, 0, 1, 0]
    y=[-1, 0, 1, 0,-1]
end
;
; star 2
;
6: begin
    x=[-1,-.2, 0,.2,1, .2, 0,-.2,-1]
    y=[ 0, .2, 1,.2,0,-.2,-1,-.2, 0]
end
;

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; star 1
;
7: begin
  x=[ 0, .4, 1, .7, 1, .4, 0, -.4, -1, -.7, -1, -.4, 0]
  y=[-1,-.4,-.4, 0, .4, .4, 1, .4, .4, 0, -.4, -.4,-1]
end
;
; hourglass
;
8: begin
  x=[-1, 1,-1,1,-1]
  y=[-1,-1, 1,1,-1]
end
;
; hourglass (on side)
;
9: begin
  x=[-1,-1, 1,1,-1]
  y=[-1, 1,-1,1,-1]
end
;
; hourglass tilted left
;
10: begin
  x=[-1, 0, 0,-1, 1, 0, 0, 1,-1]
  y=[ 0, 1, 0, 0, 0,-1, 0, 0, 0]
end
;
; hourglass tilted right
;
11: begin
  x=[-1, 1, 0, 0,-1]
  y=[ 0, 0, 1,-1, 0]
end
;
; rigth half circel
;
12: begin
  x=[1,.866, .707, .500, 0,$
    0, .500, .707, .866, 1]
  y=[0,.500, .707, .866, 1,$
    -1,-.866,-.707,-.500, 0]
end
;
; left half circel
;
13: begin
  x=[0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,$

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        -.866,-.707,-.500, 0]
    y=[1, .866, .707, .500, 0,$
        -.500,-.707,-.866,-1]
end
;
; upper half circl
;
14: begin
    x=[1,.866, .707, .500, 0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,1]
    y=[0,.500, .707, .866, 1, .866, .707, .500, 0,0]
end
;
; lower half circl
;
15: begin
    x=[1,.866, .707, .500, 0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,1]
    y=[0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,-.866,-.707,-.500,0,0]
end
;
; standing bar
;
16: begin
    x=[-0.5,-0.5, 0.5, 0.5,-0.5]
    y=[-1, 1, 1,-1,-1]
end
;
; laying bar
;
17: begin
    x=[-1,-1, 1, 1,-1]
    y=[-0.5, 0.5, 0.5,-0.5,-0.5]
end
;
; hat up
;
18: begin
    x=[-1, -0.5, -0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1, -1]
    y=[-0.7, -0.7, 0.7, 0.7, -0.7, -0.7, -0.7]
end
;
; hat down
;
19: begin
    x=[-1, -0.5, -0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1, -1]
    y=[0.7, 0.7, -0.7, -0.7, 0.7, 0.7, 0.7]
end
;
; hat right

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;
20: begin
    x=[-0.7, -0.7, 0.7, 0.7, -0.7, -0.7, -0.7]
    y=[-1, -0.5, -0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1, -1]
end
;
; hat left
;
21: begin
    x=[0.7, 0.7, -0.7, -0.7, 0.7, 0.7, 0.7]
    y=[-1, -0.5, -0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1, -1]
end
;
; big cross
;
22: begin
    x=[1, 0.3, 0.3, -0.3, -0.3, -1, -1, -0.3, -0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 1, 1]
    y=[0.3, 0.3, 1, 1, 0.3, 0.3, -0.3, -0.3, -1, -1, -0.3, -0.3, 0.3]
end
;
; circle and plus
;
23: begin
    x=[1,.866, .707, .500, 0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,$
        -.866,-.707,-.500, 0, .500, .707, .866, 1,$
        -1, 0, 0, 0]
    y=[0,.500, .707, .866, 1, .866, .707, .500, 0,$
        -.500,-.707,-.866,-1,-.866,-.707,-.500, 0,$
        0, 0, 1, -1]
end
;
; circle and ex
;
24: begin
    x=[1,.866, .707, .500, 0,-.500,-.707,-.866,-1,$
        -.866,-.707,-.500, 0, .500, .707, .866, 1,$
        .866,.707,-.707, 0, .707,-.707]
    y=[0,.500, .707, .866, 1, .866, .707, .500, 0,$
        -.500,-.707,-.866,-1,-.866,-.707,-.500, 0,$
        .500,.707,-.707, 0,-.707, .707]
end
;
; right arrow
;
25: begin
    x=[ 0.000,0.000,0.342,0.000]
    y=[-1.000,1.000,0.000,0.000]
end

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;
; left arrow
;
26: begin
    x=[ 0.000,0.000,-0.342,0.000]
    y=[-1.000,1.000, 0.000,0.000]
end
;
; full arrow
;
27: begin
    x=[ 0.000,0.000, 0.342,-0.342,0.000]
    y=[-1.000,1.000, 0.000,0.000,1.000]
end
;
; vertical line
;
28: begin
    x=[ 0.000,0.000]
    y=[-1.000,1.000]
end
;
; horizontal line
;
29: begin
    x=[-1.000,1.000]
    y=[ 0.000,0.000]
end
;
; x
;
30: begin
    x=[-1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, -1]
    y=[1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, -1, 0, 1]
end
;
; +
;
31: begin
    x=[0,0,0,0,-1,0,1]
    y=[1,0,-1,0,0,0,0]
end
; fall back is like sym=0
else: begin
    x=[-1,-1, 1, 1,-1]
    y=[-1, 1, 1,-1,-1]
    x=x/10000.
    y=y/10000.

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        end
    endcase
    ;
    usersym, x, y, fill=fill, thick=thick
    ;
    return
    ;
END
;-
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