Subject: Re: ps file

Posted by wxf on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 02:17:57 GMT

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- > In general, any time you issue a graphics command that
- > would, on your display, erase the window first (e.g, Plot,
- > Contour, Surface, etc.) will, in PostScript, create a new
- > page of output. Any time you issue a graphics command
- > that would go into the same window (e.g. OPLOT, PLOTS,
- > XYOUTS, etc.) will stay on the same page.

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- > Moreover, you can force a new page of PostScript output
- > by "erasing" the window with an ERASE command.

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> David

Sorry,my statement might be ambiguous so David did not understand. Let me give an example to explain.

Everybody must have seen some large geographical map(such as a US geographical map with scale 1:10000). I can use IDL and "set_plot,'ps'"command to produce such a ps file. But it is too large and nobady can watch it on monitor or print it by printer. Now, I want to produce the same map with the same scale, but change the map into to a book with A4 size per page. We can watch that book or print that book whatever size the US map is.

My question is how can I make out that ps-book in an IDL procedure and its set_plot command.

Thanks wxf