
Subject: Sun Symbol

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I'd like to make a plot with a nice sun symbol.

It's been a few years since we had this discussion, and I was hoping perhaps someone has some new insight.

I've read the newsgroup discussions from '04 and '97 and wasn't particularly thrilled with any of the solutions.

Here are the things that won't / don't work for me.

1) TeXtoIDL doesn't know \odot.

2) sunsymbol.pro gives something unsatisfactory
<http://web.mit.edu/jschwab/Public/sunsym.png>

3) The solution that initially seemed most inline with what I want was modifying my ttfont.map and using the marvosym font. I don't find this satisfactory because it's not a permanent solution since I don't want to modify my ttfont.map each time and because I don't even approve of the way it looks. (It's not symmetric!)

<http://web.mit.edu/jschwab/Public/marvosym.png>

What I'm left with is manually positioning the vector font symbol '!9! Z(6E)!X'. It will work and gives me something that's not bad looking. Unsurprisingly though, I find it rather unsatisfying.

If anyone has a better / more flexible solution, I'd love to hear it.
