
Subject: Re: Common x- and y-axes labels.....

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 15:33:55 GMT

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On Mar 2, 8:58 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> David Gell writes:

>> You can use the graphics keywords [xy]tickname to suppress the tick
>> labels on all but the desired plot.

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> I usually suppress tick labels like this:

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> IDL> plot, findgen(11), xtickformat='(A1)'

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> I don't know WHY it works, but it does.

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> I haven't been able to figure out what the user wanted
> to do either, so I haven't commented, but I did have
> something totally different from this in mind. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

It works because the string representation of any number in IDL is

a) right-justified

b) always has leading spaces

So if you take the first character of that, it's always a space... and
is therefore exactly equivalent to DG's replicate(' ',N).

-Jeremy.
