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Subject: Re: color plot in postscript  
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Sat, 21 Mar 2009 14:00:41 GMT  
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On Mar 20, 8:47 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Jeremy Bailin writes:  
>> That's actually my single biggest pet peeve about the plot command.  
>> Surely there could be a keyword like "axiscolor" or something to  
>> separately specify the colour of the axes+labels from the color of the  
>> plotted data. Every time I do that two-command version I grumble.  
>  
>> "But Jeremy, why don't you just write your own wrapper that does  
>> that?"  
>  
>> Good question... I sense a new addition to JBIU coming. ;-)  
>  
> It is truly amazing with what we put up with sometimes.  
> But, writing the wrapper would irritate me even more.  
> Why am I supporting this stupid color index way of  
> specifying color when I don't use it anymore, ever,  
> unless under duress and because IDL forces me to?  
>  
> When I write programs that use color, I want to use  
> \*names\* of colors, not some color index that means  
> nothing to me or to any of my users when they read  
> the code. I used to think I was trying to impose my  
> own person belief system on users when I made them  
> use a color name rather than a color index. But then  
> I thought, hell, just because I'm too old to care  
> about offending someone doesn't mean I'm not right  
> about it. ;-)  
>  
> Cheers,  
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> David  
>  
> P.S. When you write this wrapper think long and  
> hard about whether this keyword is going to be  
> AXISCOLOR or AXESCOLOR, because no matter which  
> you choose, you are going to lose sleep over it. :-)  
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> --  
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Damn you... I looked at it and said "AXISCOLOR, of course". Then 5

minutes later I changed my mind, and I've been flipping back and forth since then. ;-)

-Jeremy.

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