Subject: Re: color plot in postscript Posted by Jeremy Bailin on Sat, 21 Mar 2009 14:00:41 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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