
Subject: Re: legend not working with symcat
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 04 Nov 2009 19:28:38 GMT
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On Nov 4, 9:21 am, maurya <ramaury...@gmail.com> wrote:
> I changed the "legend.pro" as you have suggested. Now, it is working
> for $n \leq 10$ only. For larger values of $n > 10$ it is giving following
> error:
>
> PLOTS: PSYM (plotting symbol) out of range

I suspect that it works for $n > 10$ but is failing for $n = 10$. That is because the IDL definition of PSYM=10 (which SYMCAT() follows) does not really define a symbol, but tells IDL to plot in histogram mode. It *cannot* be used with PLOTS, e.g.

```
IDL> plot,indgen(10),indgen(10)
IDL> plots,5,5,psym=symcat(10)
% PLOTS: PSYM (plotting symbol) out of range
```

So it is probably best to not use PSYM=10. (What symbol should one use in a legend to distinguish a line draw in histogram mode, versus one connecting the points?)

--Wayne
