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Subject: Re: How can we pass Greek symbols and formula to IPLOT?

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On Jan 18, 9:46 am, Dave\_Poreh <d.po...@gmail.com> wrote:

> How can we pass Greek symbols and formula to IPLOT?

> Any help highly would be appreciated.

The same way as in direct graphics. The iTools use TrueType fonts by default, but you can use Hershey fonts as well. For instance:

```
iplot,findgen(10),xtitle="!10abc!X",ytitle="!Z('00B5'X)!M "+string(165B)
+"!X"
```

A more convenient way to write the strings for greek letters is to use David's `greek()` function:

[http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse\\_thread/thread/0e48fc1f867a4816#](http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse_thread/thread/0e48fc1f867a4816#)

It selects the strings for Hershey or TrueType based on the current direct graphics device. So if you are using only `iplot` with the default fonts, you can change the device to `ps`, to make `greek()` use the strings for TrueType:

```
set_plot,'ps'
iplot,findgen(10),xtitle=greek('Omega')+greek('alpha')
```

Or, if you can live with Hershey fonts, you can use `TeXtoIDL`, as in

```
iplot,findgen(10),xtitle=textoidl('\Omega\alpha'),xtickfont_index=4
```

`TeXtoIDL` is at

<http://physweb.mnstate.edu/mcraig/textoidl/>

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