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Subject: Re: questions onn symbol and fonts  
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 2010 16:43:34 GMT  
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On Feb 5, 12:09 am, "Mr.G" <gameplay...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear All,

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> I have problems typing greek and mathmatical symbols in my plots. For  
> example,  $\frac{a}{b}$  seems impossible for me to type. I thought  
> textoidl might help, however, I found that it only supports for latex  
> greek symbols, not math symbols. Besides, it seems that ps font is  
> not supported? On the documents it says that the keyword "font" can be  
> set, but in practice, the program echos error message when I set the  
> keyword. Anyone has ideas?

IDL simply does not have the capability of having anything more then the simplest symbols in plots. So either you live with that, or if you really need high-quality labels, the way to go is to use the external package "psfrag" with LaTeX on IDL-produced plots. It is time consuming and not exactly painless, but it will deliver the best possible looking symbols & equations in your plots.

Ciao,  
Paolo

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