Subject: Re: FSC_PLOT defaults
Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 21 Dec 2010 16:37:26 GMT

Wayne Landsman writes:

> Yeah, the problem is that at least on my display the
> THICK keywords don't work in fractional amounts.
> XTHICK = 1.5 (which I would prefer) is the same as XTHICK=2.

Yes, I think in direct graphics, THICK will define the
number of pixels used for the lines. By itself, this isn't
too bad, but then the problem of no anti-aliasing raises
its ugly head. Things start to look a little "blocky".

I've just tried this on a contour plot, and the contour
line labels really start to bother me at this thickness.

I guess I am still preferring the original plots with
their single line thickness. I mostly use the display for
"quick looks" at the plot. Most of my output these days
is really produced automatically from PostScript files
and ImageMagick, which handles the anti-aliasing of
text, etc. for me. Fine tuning, of course, is trivial
in the PostScript file.

Cheers,

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