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Subject: Re: number keyword in legend

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 16 Dec 2011 18:14:28 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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> simona bellavista writes:
>
>> OK, if you try this:
>>
>> IDL> lines = indgen(6)
>> IDL> items = 'linestyle '+strtrim(lines,2)
>> IDL> plot, dindgen(10)
>> IDL> al_legend,items,linestyle=lines, charsize=1
>>
>> You'll see that a plot with a legend will appear, where in the legend
>> there are some lines with different styles. The charsize specifies the
>> font size in the legend.
>> Now if you try
>>
>> IDL> al_legend,items,linestyle=lines, charsize=2
>>
>> another legend will appear on the top, with larger fonts and longer
>> lines.
>>
>> Now, I would like to be able to change the font size, so to make my
>> labels readable, but not having gigantic lines.
>
> Ah, OK, I see what you mean.
>
> But, now we are out of my domain of expertise entirely, and
> we enter Wayne's realm. He will be in touch with us shortly,
> no doubt. :-)
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Well, maybe I can answer this question! How about something like this:

```
lines = indgen(6)
items = 'linestyle '+strtrim(lines,2)
cgplot, dindgen(10)
al_legend,items,linestyle=lines, charsize=2, pspacing=1.0
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Cheers,

David

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

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