
Subject: Re: 8.* graphics

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On Jan 17, 1:54 pm, alx <lecacheux.al...@wanadoo.fr> wrote:

> On 17 jan, 18:22, Russell <rryan....@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Okay, so I'm trying my hand at the new graphics features in IDL 8,
>> mostly because doing this in the classic direct graphics way is
>> incredible painful and (according to the help pages) the new stuff
>> should be able to knock this one out of the park. Famous last words,
>> I know. So here's the problem:

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>> I'm trying to make a figure for an upcoming proposal where I want to
>> show a series of transmission curves (as a function of wavelength)
>> with the area under each curve shaded a different color. Many of
>> these curves have small overlaps with adjacent bands, and I'd like to
>> have the shading be the transparency (a la red+blue = purple). It
>> seems that plot.pro (the function not the procedure) is ready and
>> willing to do this, but I desperately need the x-axis to be displayed
>> as a log (so xlog=1b). However! the shading and transparency is
>> completely gone when I set xlog=1b! AAGGHH! Am I crazy, does anyone
>> know anything about this?

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>> -Russell

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>> PS, Yes, I'm aware that I can simply take the logarithm of the axis
>> and plot log(wavelength), but (1) I prefer the log-spaced tick marks
>> and (2) it *SHOULD* work! switching this bit shouldn't affect the
>> colors!

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> What about this ?

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> x = 10^(findgen(100)*0.03)
> b1 = exp(-(alog10(x)-1)^2/0.3)
> b2 = 0.5*exp(-(alog10(x)-2)^2/0.2)

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> p1 = plot(x, b1, COLOR='red', /XTICKDIR, /YTICKDIR, /XLOG, THICK=3)
> p2 = plot(x, /OVERPLOT, b2, COLOR='blue', THICK=3)
> poly1 = polygon([x,x[0]], [b1,0], -0.01+fltarr(101), /DATA,

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> LINESSTYLE=6, $  
> /FILL_BACKGROUND, FILL_COLOR=!COLOR.DEEP_PINK, FILL_TRANSPARENCY=50)  
> poly2 = polygon([x,x[0]], [b2,0], -0.01+fltarr(101), /DATA,  
> LINESSTYLE=6, $  
> /FILL_BACKGROUND, FILL_COLOR=!COLOR.DEEP_SKY_BLUE,  
> FILL_TRANSPARENCY=50)
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I like it. That should also fix one problem I had with the legend.
This is actually very close to my direct-graphics fix, so conceptually
I like it. Though, I still wish it just worked as advertised.

Thanks alx!
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