Subject: Re: Specifying plot ranges Posted by Craig Markwardt on Mon, 16 Jan 2012 11:42:40 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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On Jan 16, 4:37 am, Sir Loin Steak < lj...@fsmail.net> wrote:
> Hi all
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> I have a quick question I hope you can help with. I have been making a
> plot with GDL, and it comes out as expected, with the axes in the
> ranges I want. However, when I use the exact same code with IDL, it
> refuses to accept the ranges I have specified. For example, with the
> following code
>
> loadct, 0, /silent
  plot, [0], [0], /nodata, xrange=[0,1200], yrange=[-90,90], $
      yticks=6, xticks=10, $
>
      color=0, background=255, $
>
      xtitle='Time', ytitle='Latitude'
>
>
> GDL plots fine, but IDL sets the x-axis to [-400,1600] and the y-axis
> to [-150,150]. Can anyone offer any insight as to why it works with
> GDL but not IDL??? It's beginning to annoy me now, especially since it
> will no doubt be something obvious!
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By default, IDL tries to rescale the plot range to make the major tick marks look better. Turn this behavior off with the keywords XSTYLE=1, YSTYLE=1. That should probably solve your problem.

Craig