
Subject: Re: simple questions: position and strings
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In article <May15.223357.92566@yuma.ACNS.ColoState.EDU> flatau@lamar.ColoState.EDU (Piotr Flatau) writes:

- > 3. How do I get 3 plots on one page but such that they are together
- > (common x-axis at the top of the first, and bottom of the next plot).
- > I don't think it can be done with !p.multi and margin because of
- > overlapping labels.

The following procedure will deal with an arbitrary number of plots with a common x-axis. They are plotted one below the other, to form a "ladder" of graphs. It will automatically assign an amount of "space" between "rungs" according to the range of each dataset, or you can do the calculation yourself and pass it in with the VINPOS keyword. It will optionally round the range of each dataset to some reasonable number. For this it uses a function ROUNDUP which is also included.

This ladder plot format is particularly convenient for plotting things which are sums of functions, i.e. of the form

$$T(x) = \text{Sum}_i(f_i(x))$$

You can plot the total T at the top or the bottom of the ladder and then display the constituent f_i components on the same x-axis, but displaced in y. Looks much less cluttered than overlaying dotted and dashed curves etc.

Hope this helps,
Phil

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; NAME:    LADDER
; PURPOSE: Graph one or more X-Y plots in separate vertical graphs with a
;          common X-axis to produce a "ladder" of X-Y graphs.
; CATEGORY: Display
; CALLING SEQUENCE: LADDER, A [, B, round=round, vinpos=vinpos,
;                   vpos=vpos,htotal=htotal, round = round]
;
;
; INPUTS:
;   A = an array or a vector. If a vector, it specifies the values
;   of the X-axis for all the plots, and an input array B should
;   also be provided. If A is an array, then A(*,0) is taken as
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; the vector specifying the X-axis and A(*,i) contains the
; y-values for the i-th X-Y plot.
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; OPTIONAL INPUT PARAMETERS:
; B = an array which must be present if A is a vector.
; B(*, i) contains the y-values FOR plot i-1.
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;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
; ROUND: By default (round = 0), do not round up y-axis data
; ranges to convenient values for each graph in the ladder.
; Calling LADDER with the /ROUND keyword will round up the
; data range for each graph in the ladder using ROUNDUP.
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;
; VINPOS: Vector of dimension nplot+1 (nplot=number of plots)
; specifying the vertical position of each plot in normalized
; coordinates. For plot i, vinpos(i-1) specifies the top and
; vinpos(i) the bottom of the graph in normalized coordinates.
; If VINPOS is not supplied, or is zero, appropriate values
; are determined and returned through the VPOS keyword to
; facilitate subsequent annotation.
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;
; VPOS: On output, a vector specifying the vertical position of
; each plot in normalized coordinates. See VINPOS for more info.
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;
; HTOTAL: On output, contains the total height in DATA coords
; of the entire ladder of plots. Provided for use in subsequent
; annotation.
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; COMMON BLOCKS: None
; SIDE EFFECTS: Changes display.
; RESTRICTIONS: Needs function ROUNDUP to make convenient y-axis ranges.
; PROCEDURE: Check for consistency in input. Determine height segment
; for each plot, or use VPOS, if supplied. Plot graphs.
; MODIFICATION HISTORY: Written by P.A. Sterne 6/1/1991 (sterne1@llnl.gov)
; PAS: Added optional vinpos. 5/17/93
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PRO ladder, A, B, vinpos = vinpos, vpos = vpos, htotal = htotal, $
    round = round
CASE n_params() OF
1: BEGIN
    index = size(A)
    m = index(1)
    n = index(2)
    nplot = n-1
    B = A(*, 1:n-1)
    A1 = A(*, 0)
END

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2: BEGIN
  x = size(a)
  IF x(0) NE 1 THEN BEGIN ; check: 1st argument array or vector?
    print, $
    'ladder: first parameter must be a vector of X-coordinates'
    RETURN
  ENDIF

  index = size(B)
  nplot = index(2)
  IF index(1) NE x(1) THEN BEGIN ; check: dimensions A and B match?
    print, $
    'ladder: mismatch in dimensions input parameters:'
    print, 'ladder: A(nx),B(nx,nplot)'
    RETURN
  ENDIF
  A1 = A
END
ENDCASE

xrange = [min (A1), max (A1)]
yst = 1
xtickn = replicate(", 30) ; If there is one plot, the
; ; x tickmarks will appear.
IF nplot GT 1 THEN xtickn = replicate(' ', 30)
; ; Suppress x-tickmarks
yminor = -1 ; Suppress y minor tickmarks

p = fltarr(nplot)
h = fltarr(nplot)
FOR i = 0, nplot-1 DO BEGIN
  h(i) = max (b(*, i))
ENDFOR
hnorm = h
IF KEYWORD_SET(round) THEN BEGIN
  hn = sqrt(h/max(h)) ; magnify smaller sections
  hnorm = roundup(hn*max(h)) ; make nice upper limits
ENDIF
htotal = total(hnorm)
FOR i = 0, nplot-1 DO BEGIN ; set the fraction of the total
  p(i) = [hnorm(i)/htotal*0.8] ; graph area that each graph will
ENDFOR ; get, normalized units.
hmax = max(hnorm)
pmax = max(p)
psc = hmax/pmax

IF KEYWORD_SET(vinpos) THEN BEGIN ; using vinpos
  vpos = vinpos

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ENDIF ELSE BEGIN      ; set min,max for each graph (normal coords.)
  vpos = fltarr(nplot+1)
  vpos(0) = .9
  FOR i = 1, nplot DO BEGIN
    vpos(i) = [vpos(i-1)-p(i-1)]
  ENDFOR
ENDELSE

IF p(0) GE .25 THEN yticks = 0 ; large rung, ytickmarks at default
IF (p(0) LT .25) AND (p(0) GT .15) THEN yticks = 2
;                               ; smaller graph, reduce yticks
IF p(0) LE .15 THEN yticks = 1 ; even smaller, reduce again

plot, A1, B(*, 0), pos = [.2, vpos(1), 0.8, vpos(0)], $
  yrange = psc*p(0)*[0, 1], ystyle = yst, xtickname = xtickn, $
  yticks = yticks, yminor = yminor
IF nplot GT 1 THEN BEGIN
  FOR i = 1, nplot-1 DO BEGIN
    IF i EQ nplot-1 THEN xtickn = replicate(" ", 30)
    IF p(i) GE .25 THEN yticks = 0
    IF (p(i) LT .25) AND (p(0) GT .15) THEN yticks = 2
    IF p(i) LE .15 THEN yticks = 1
    plot, A1, B(*, i), pos = [.2, vpos(i+1), .8, vpos(i)], $
      /noerase, yrange = psc*p(i)*[0, 1], ystyle = yst, $
      xtickname = xtickn, yticks = yticks, yminor = yminor
  ENDFOR
ENDIF
RETURN
END

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function roundup, a
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; NAME:
; ROUNDUP
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; FUNCTION:
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; Round numbers up to the next highest "convenient" numbers.
; Mantissas for convenient numbers are given in increasing
; order in the array allowv. The numbers in the array can be positive,
; negative or zero. Positive numbers are rounded up, negative numbers
; are rounded down to a larger absolute value, and zero elements are
; left alone.
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; INPUT:
; a : Array of numbers to be rounded up (down for -ve numbers)
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; OUTPUT:

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;      b : Array of convenient output numbers.
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;
arrayck = size(a)
if(arrayck(0) lt 1 ) then begin ; check that
    print,'function roundup: input must be an array' ; a is an
    return,0 ; array
endif
;
allowv =[1.2,1.5,2,2.5,3,4,5,6,8,10,12] ; output mantissas
incr = 1.05 ; multiply each input mantissa
; ; by incr
;
index = where(a ne 0,count) ; all non-zero elts. of a
if(count eq 0) then begin
    print,'all elements of the array a are zero'
    return,a
endif
;
al0 = a(index) ; non-zero elts only
signa = al0/abs(al0) ; sign of elts.
;
;
l10 = alog10(abs(al0))
expon = fix(l10)
indx1 = where(l10 lt 0,count1)
if count1 ne 0 then expon(indx1) = expon(indx1) - 1; correct exponent for
; ; abs(a) < 1
;
;
rf10 = incr*10^(l10 - expon) ; 1 <= rf10 <= 10
n = size(allowv)
b1 = rf10
for i = 0,n(1)-1 do begin ; work backwards
    indx = where(rf10 lt allowv(n(1)-1-i),count) ; through allowv
    if count gt 0 then b1(indx) = allowv(n(1)-1-i) ; set b1 = allowv
endfor ; value if
; ; rf10 < allowv
;
b1 = b1*10^float(expon)*signa ; restore exponent & sign
b = a
b(index) = b1 ; put back zero elts
return,b
end

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