
Subject: Re: italic greek?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2012 18:13:45 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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> sdjohnson.mail@gmail.com writes:
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>> I am trying to make a plot with an italicized greek symbol (theta) using the various cg
commands, but have not found a way of doing so. Does anyone know how?
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> I think you are probably going to have to find
> an italicized Greek font somewhere...

You can obviously make italic versions of Postscript fonts,
including the Symbol font, which is used to create Greek
characters:

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Set_Plot, 'PS'  
Device, /Italic, /Symbol
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But, there is no way in IDL that I know of to switch
from an non-italic to italic and back to non-italic
font inside a text string. So, if you wanted an italic
theta and non-italic text otherwise, you would have to
divide the text string into italic and non-italic parts
and write them separately.

Seems like a lot of work for very little benefit
to me. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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