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Subject: Re: Attempt to call undefined method: 'IDLITSYMBOL::IS3D'

Posted by [Mark Piper](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2012 16:54:35 GMT

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On Thursday, December 13, 2012 7:23:33 AM UTC-7, Paul van Delst wrote:

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> Re: the tickmark issue:  
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> In FG when I use [XY]ticklen = 1.0 and [XY]gridstyle=1 \*all\* the  
> tickmarks are gridded, both major and minor. Try:  
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>  
> IDL> p=plot(/test,layout=[1,3,1],\$ &  
>  
> IDL> yticklen=1.0,ygridstyle=1,\$ &  
>  
> IDL> xticklen=1.0,xgridstyle=1)  
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>  
> My result:  
>  
> [http://ftp.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/jcsda/CRTM/.plots/all\\_ticks\\_gridded.png](http://ftp.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/jcsda/CRTM/.plots/all_ticks_gridded.png)  
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>  
> In DG only the major tickmarks were affected -- which is how the  
> documentation describes the behaviour for both FG and DG.  
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>  
> As you can imagine, having all the tickmarks gridded makes for a rather  
> busy plot.  
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> Upon further reading of the docs I saw the [XY]subticklen keyword. I  
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> gave that a try, setting it to 0.05. But the minor tickmarks are \*still\*  
>  
> subject to the [XY]gridstyle keyword (I tend to use [XY]gridstyle=1,  
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> dotted, for this).
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> Try:
>
> IDL> p=plot(/test,layout=[1,3,1],$ &
>
> IDL>      yticklen=1.0,ygridstyle=1,ysubticklen=0.05,$ &
>
> IDL>      xticklen=1.0,xgridstyle=1,xsubticklen=0.05)
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>
> My result:
>
> ftp://ftp.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/jcsda/CRTM/.plots/using_subticklen.png
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> So, as you can see, what I have are uneven length minor tickmarks. And
> they are still dotted due the gridstyle keyword.
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> What I want is the equivalent of the following DG:
>
> IDL> !p,multi=[0,1,3]
>
> IDL> plot, lindgen(100),$ &
>
> IDL>      yticklen=1.0,ygridstyle=1,$ &
>
> IDL>      xticklen=1.0,xgridstyle=1
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>
> (Actually, even there I would like the x- and y minor tickmarks to be
> the same *absolute*, not relative, length. But, that's a quibble.)
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> The FG documentation clearly states that [XY]ticklen = 1.0 is for the
> *major* tickmarks only - so that behaviour is a definite bug.
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> The [XY]gridstyle docs do not explicitly state that only the major ticks  
>  
> are affected, but that was the behaviour with DG so I expect that to be  
>  
> the behaviour for FG.  
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>  
> You might want to consider adding some examples with these keywords set  
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> to the "Plot Examples" section of the docs. Maybe I am doing something  
>  
> wrong in FG-space, but after reading the docs I have nothing but my  
>  
> DG-experience to go by.  
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> cheers,  
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> paulv  
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Hi Paul,

I'll log this tick behavior as a bug. For a temporary (but not really convenient) fix, try using CURRENT to overlay a second plot with the same data ranges:

```
q1 = plot(/test,$
  yticklen=1.0, ygridstyle=1, ysubticklen=0.0, $
  xticklen=1.0, xgridstyle=1, xsubticklen=0.0)
q2 = plot(/test, /nodata, /current)
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Also, whenever you encounter a bug, please send it to Tech Support (support at exelisvis dot com); it's the best way to get this info to us.

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