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Subject: reversing axes ranges with IDL 8 graphics

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I've recently tried to transition from the old style of plotting to the "function graphics" introduced in IDL 8. I very quickly ran into a problem of not being able to recreate plots that were very simple to handle under the previous system.

```
x=findgen(101)*2*!pi/100  
y=sin(x)
```

```
plot,x,y,xrange=[0,2*!pi],yrange=[-1,1],psym=3
```

If I wanted to reverse the direction of the y-axis, this was very simple, and covered here [http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics\\_tips/reverse\\_y.html](http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics_tips/reverse_y.html) :

```
plot,x,y,xrange=[0,2*!pi],yrange=[1,-1],psym=3
```

But when I try do this with IDL 8 graphics, the order of the two-element yrange vector seems to be irrelevant as these two commands produce identical plots:

```
p=plot(x,y,xrange=[0,2*!pi],yrange=[1,-1],'.')  
p=plot(x,y,xrange=[0,2*!pi],yrange=[-1,1],'.')
```

Is there a simple way to reverse axes directions like this using the new system?

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