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Subject: Re: Plot multiple axes with log and linear scales

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On Wednesday, October 8, 2014 7:21:57 AM UTC-6, jens...@gmail.com wrote:

> Thank you guys! After spending hours trying to xtickv myself out of this; the xtickformat strategy really is an eye-opener.

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> I would like to add to the complexity, though:

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> Suppose the function in CONV\_AXIS is not a mathematical function; but instead it's data-values corresponding to the other axis?

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> Here's my problem:

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> There are three data vectors: Atmospheric temperature (T), pressure (P) and altitude (A).

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> I want to plot this data such that T is on the X-axis; and both P and A are on the y-axes; where the A-axis shows the altitude-values corresponding to P. So, I don't want to calculate the A-values using the P-values as input; rather, I have to look up the corresponding values in an array, since I don't know the functional form.

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> Furthermore, P is logarithmic while A isn't.

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> This suggests I have to interpolate either of the y-axes onto the other; but I don't see how to, exactly.

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> The obviously dirty way to do this is to fit the relationship between A and P (approximately exponential) to obtain a functional form; but that's not too neat...

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> Thanks so much for any help you could offer!

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> Jens

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Hi Jens,

I might be misunderstanding your problem, but that "conv\_axis" is an IDL function that can contain *any* code that you want. It doesn't have to be a mathematical function - it could be a lookup table, it could go out to disk and read in a file for each tick value. It doesn't matter. The only requirement is that given a specific input tick value, it needs to output the corresponding string. How you determine that string is up to you.

Does that help?

-Chris

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