
Subject: Re: multi scatter plots, layout issues

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Matteo writes:

> I'm interested in using CGSCATTER2D to produce multiple plots (3x2) in a single page. Not limited to CGSCATTER2D, I still find it difficult to control the positioning of multi plots and the size of their titles, specifically when I want to save to ps. For example the following instructions do not lead to the desired effect. Here I'm replotting the same plot 6 times, but the plots don't have an Aspect Ratio of 1, which I believe is mentioned in the documentation for CGSCATTER2D, and the resulting xgap is way too big:

```
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> -----
> data_1 = cgDemoData(1)+ RandomU(seed, 101) * 10
> data_2 = cgDemoData(1)+ RandomU(seed, 101) * 20 + 50
>
> cgWindow, WXSize=900, WYSize=1200
> positions = cgLayout([2,3], OXMargin=[0,0], OYMargin=[2,2], XGap=0, YGap=2, Aspect=1.0)
>
> FOR j=0,5 DO BEGIN
>   p=positions[*,j]
>   cgScatter2D, data_1, data_2, position=p, XTitle='Study Time (minutes)', NoErase=j NE 0,
>   charsize=0.5, PSym=16, FThick=2, /Add
> ENDFOR
```

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>
> I know the CG routines are built to be device independent, so can anybody tell me what's the
most straightforward way to obtain something as nice as the ?
> Should I give up CGLAYOUT and simply resort to P.MULTI? I would like the final result to look
evenly distributed, say as in: http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/small\_multiple\_contour\_plot.png
or http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/histogram\_plot.png.
```

For some reason I don't understand, when you try to put the scatter plots into a resizable window, the window sizes are not being reported correctly. I'll have to look into this. But, I wouldn't be doing this in a resizable window, I don't think. I would try to do this in a regular window like this:

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```
data_1 = cgDemoData(1)+ RandomU(seed, 101) * 10
data_2 = cgDemoData(1)+ RandomU(seed, 101) * 20 + 50
```

```
cgDisplay, 900, 1200
positions = cgLayout([2,3], OXMargin=[0,0], OYMargin=[2,2], $
  XGap=0, YGap=2, Aspect=1.0)
```

```
FOR j=0,5 DO BEGIN
  p=positions[:,j]
  cgScatter2D, data_1, data_2, position=p, $
  XTitle='Study Time (minutes)', NoErase=j NE 0, $
  charsize=0.5, PSym=16, FThick=2
ENDFOR
END
```

Then, if I wanted to display this in PostScript, I would do something like this:

```
cgPS_Open, 'scatterexample.ps'
ScatterExample
cgPS_Close, /PNG
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Cheers,

David

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