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Subject: Re: Rant about axis range defaults using overplot in object graphics

Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Tue, 11 Aug 2015 15:59:13 GMT

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On Tuesday, 11 August 2015 07:49:00 UTC-7, Paul van Delst wrote:

- > So, I'm happy to use the method alx detailed to prevent the
- > auto-plot-range-adjustment because I know sometimes it is useful.
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- > I'm not sure if I can say this without sounding condescending to the OP
- > (I don't mean to be), but this was one of those times with IDL function
- > graphics where I simply weighed my perception anchor and dropped it
- > someplace else.

That's a great image, Paul. And for those whose first language is not Nautical English :-), to "weigh anchor" means to raise it from the sea floor, not to measure its weight.

If you're a fan of technical writing for a \*really\* wide audience, Randall Munroe helps to show the way:

<http://xkcd.com/1133/> "Up Goer Five"

<http://xkcd.com/thing-explainer/> "Thing Explainer"

Cheers,

-Dick

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