
Subject: Re: axis

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2000 13:52:18 GMT

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Mirko (loeh@my-deja.com) writes:

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- > I don't know why my third y-axis appears as
- > log-axis without setting the /ylog keyword.
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- > switching the code for the 2nd and 3rd axis?

Humm. Weird.

I don't have any idea what is happening. But I
can fix the problem by doing a plot into a pixmap
window, then going back to the drawing window.

Here is the code in my fix:

```
;=====3. y-axis  log y-axis ???  
win=!D.Window  
window, /free, /pixmap, xsize=!D.X_Size, ysize=!D.Y_Size  
plot,blende,pzu,xstyle=1,/xlog,color=0,background=255$  
  ,yrange=[0.22,0.38],ystyle=9,position=[0.15,0.15,0.75,0.95], $  
ytitle='FWHM',charsize=1.1,xrange=[0.03,3.0],psym=-5,$  
xtitle='Detektorblende [mm]',yticks=8,yminor=2  
wdelete, !D.Window  
WSet, win  
  
axis,8,yaxis=1,yrange=[4,14],/save,ystyle=1, color=180$  
  ,ytitle='Peak/Untergrund ',charsize=1.1, ylog=0  
oplot,blende,pzu,color=180,psym=-5
```

Very strange. I thought at first that it had something
to do with fields in the !P, !X, or !Y system variables.
But I saved these after the first plot and restored them
after the second plot, and it didn't do any good. This
is the best I can do. Chalk it up to the Mystery, I guess. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: axis
Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2000 14:30:22 GMT
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loeh@my-deja.com wrote:

>
Oh, this is a loooooong-standing "feature" of IDL (David, how could you forget?). Just set !y.type to 0 before the 3rd axis command, and you will get a linear axis.

Cheers,
Martin

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> Thank you
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> Mirko
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> pro aufloesung
> device,decomposed=0
> loadct,12
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> fwhm=
> Int=
> pzu=
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> ;=====2. y-axis

```
!Y.Type = 0    ;; <===== H E R E
=====
```

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I did try ALOG=0 first off. I had forgotten about !Y.Type=0. Of course. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: axis labels

Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2000 16:23:50 GMT

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Hi again,

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Subject: Re: axis labels

Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2000 18:56:41 GMT

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Hello,

The plot procedure accepts the [xyz]Tick_Get keyword. I think that you MUST plot somewhere to get the values... perhaps the Zbuffer or PixMap?

Ben

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Subject: Re: axis labels
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2000 05:52:49 GMT
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Dear Mirko,

I like to hear a bit more why you like to know the axis values.

Would you like to format the labels?

regards
Reimar

Subject: Re: axis labels

Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2000 15:31:42 GMT

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In article <39B5DBB1.172B0CAC@fz-juelich.de>,
"r.bauer" <r.bauer@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

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> Mirko Vukovic wrote:

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You see, I have this gorgeous piece of software. And I really mean it.
And it should be shared with the rest of the IDL world (but see later).

It is the ultimate plot routine, based on `_direct_` graphics and completely oop-ed, that can plot, replot, print, save to ps, zoom, etc.

But the gem is that it is completely `_extedable_` with the user not having to deal with its internals whatsoever (within reason). To add another type of plot (polar say), one has to write several objects, and modify the `_caller_` to the plot routine, so that it can accept a `\polar` keyword.

So, it started as me writing it for a prof. from east coast. Since then it has evolved some, to accept polar plots, contours, (polar too), smith charts, and now time series, where the axis is time in hours, minutes, seconds, days, etc).

I am therefore writing the code how to display the ticks for the time axis. I want it to be general in the sense that I plot the data:

```
> cplot, time, data,/time_series
```

where the time axis is displayed in seconds, say. But than, I may want to modify the axis to be displayed in days (suppose my series lasts over several days). I would then do

```
> modframe,xaxis='days',
```

and it would replot the stuff, with the axis now in days.

So, this is the origin of the question. I am working on this axis display, and the plot will allways be vs. seconds (internally), but then, using the axis procedure, I will put the tick marks on minutes, days, hours, whatever I specify.

Oh, and why do I not share the gem? Time, Time, as said Bilbo Baggins. It is currently a mess of some 50+ routines (I guess), and has still rough edges. If I had two weeks off to do it, I would try to put it on a web site. But for now, it remains buried.

Mirko

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Subject: Re: axis labels
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2000 16:00:23 GMT
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Subject: Re: axis labels

Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2000 18:00:40 GMT

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In article <MPG.1420180637598672989c22@news.frii.com>,
davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

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> David

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yep,

Gloom,

Mirko

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Subject: Re: Axis labels

Posted by [promashkin](#) on Tue, 12 Sep 2000 19:41:23 GMT

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Did you set RECOMPUTE_DIMENSIONS keyword to the axis text objects to 2?
Something like this:

```
x_axis -> getProperty, ticktext=x_tick_labels
x_tick_labels -> setProperty, recompute=2
x_title = obj_new('IDLgrText', 'X title', recompute=2)
x_axis -> setProperty, title=x_title, tickformat='(G0.1)'
```

Hope this helps.

Cheers,

Pavel

Ed Vigmond wrote:

>

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> figure out. The font on the y-axis label comes out in different aspect
> ratios depending on the y range. Sometimes the font is totally
> unreadable and the rest of the time it is just ugly. Here is the code
> and sorry if it's a simple problem but I was following the example in
> the on-line help.

>

```
> graph -> SetProperty, DATAX=x, DATAY=y
> graph -> GetProperty, XRANGE=xr, YRANGE=yr
> graph -> SetProperty, XCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(xr),
> YCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(yr)
> xaxis -> SetProperty, RANGE=xr, XCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(xr)
> yaxis -> SetProperty, RANGE=yr, YCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(yr)
```

>

> Thanks

>

> =====

> Dr. Edward Vigmond
> Department of Biomedical Engineering
> Tulane University

Subject: Re: Axis labels

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Tue, 12 Sep 2000 21:19:04 GMT

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"Ed Vigmond" <evigmon@tulane.edu> wrote in message
news:39BE83BA.B1985EBC@tulane.edu...

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> yaxis -> SetProperty, RANGE=yr, YCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(yr)
```

The labels are OK when the axis is being created but they get squashed up when it is re-scaled.

There are two ways to solve the problem:

1. Create the axes with the right scaling

```
xaxis = obj_new('IDLgrAxis', RANGE=xr, XCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(xr), ...)
yaxis = obj_new('IDLgrAxis', RANGE=yr, YCOORD_CONV=norm_coord(yr), ...)
```

2. Set the RECOMPUTE_DIMENSIONS property of all text objects associated with the axis to 2 (look up IDL documentation for IDLgrText to see what this means):

```
axis->GetProperty, TICKTEXT=oticktext, TITLE=otitle
if obj_valid(otitle) then begin
    otitle->SetProperty, RECOMPUTE_DIMENSIONS=2
endif
for i=0,n_elements(oticktext)-1 do begin
    if obj_valid(oticktext[i]) then begin
        oticktext[i]->SetProperty, RECOMPUTE_DIMENSIONS=2
    endif
endfor
```

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Subject: Re: Axis labels

Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2000 14:58:05 GMT

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Hello,

You might consider using David's NORMALIZE function instead of NORM_COORD. It handles non-float values and you can specify the position of the axis (if you don't want to scale it from 0 to 1.) If you forget to make you range argument a floating point vector, NORM_COORD will perform a divide-by-integer, yielding unexpected results. Check out www.dfanning.com.

By the way, the RECOMPUTE_DIMENSIONS keyword is one that I always set so rescaling is automatic. I have always wished that the default was to rescale and to prevent rescaling I had to set a keyword.

Ben

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