
Subject: Flipping and combining plots

Posted by [Wayne Landsman](#) on Thu, 23 May 2002 15:28:00 GMT

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the histogram is snug against the right Y axis of the scatter plot.

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approach has been to use the /XYEXCH keyword of the T3D procedure to flip the X

and Y axis. This seems to work O.K. but the plot annotation now looks correct

only if viewed through a mirror (for !P.FONT=-1 or 1) or is not positioned

correctly (for !P.FONT = 0). I suppose that I could suppress the annotation and then rewrite it myself without the T3D keyword present.

But I have a suspicion that I am making the problem too complicated and that

there is any easier way to make the plot, perhaps without using T3D.

Any ideas?

My test code is below. (The histogramming may not be quite right, but I

wanted to make the program self-contained.)

Thanks, --Wayne Landsman landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov

```
pro test                           ;Combine a scatter + Y histogram plot
x = indgen(100)                   ;X axis
y = abs(randomn(seed,100)*10)     ;Create scattered Y data
xdivide = 0.7   ;Scatter plot is 0.7 of X plot area, histogram plot is
0.3
plot,x,y,/nodata   ;Set up plotting coordinates but don't plot
```

```
;Get left and right margins in normalized coordinates
```

```
margins = [min(!x.window)-min(!x.region), $
           min(!y.window)-min(!y.region), $
           max(!x.region)-max(!x.window), $
           max(!y.region)-max(!y.window)]
```

```
;Get total plot size
```

```
ysize = 1. - margins[1] - margins[3]
xsize = 1. - margins[0] - margins[2]
```

;Set up plot position for scatter plot

```
pos = [0,0,xdivide*xsize,ysize] + $
      [margins[0],margins[1],margins[0],margins[1]]
```

```
plot,x,y,psym=1,pos=pos
```

;Now set up plot position for (rotated) histogram plot, flip X and Y values

```
Pos = [ 0, xdivide*xsize,ysize,xsize] + $
      [margins[1],margins[0],margins[1],margins[0]]
```

T3D,/reset,xyexch ;Histogram plot will have X and Y values exchanged

```
h = histogram(y,min=!Y.crange[0],max = !Y.crange[1]) ;Histogram of Y values
```

```
n = !Y.crange[1] - !y.crange[0]
```

```
xx = !Y.crange[0] + indgen(n) ;Xrange for histogram
```

```
n = N_elements(xx)
```

```
xx = [0,xx, xx[n-1]+1 ] + 0.5
```

```
yy = [0,histogram(y),0]
```

```
plot,/t3d,xx,yy,/noerase,pos=pos,psym=10,xtit = ' ', /noclip, $
```

```
xticks = 2,xtickname = [ ' ', ' ', ' ' ],xrange=!Y.crange,/xsty
```

```
return
```

```
end
```

Subject: Re: Flipping and combining plots

Posted by [Don J Lindler](#) on Fri, 24 May 2002 13:52:44 GMT

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Try the updated code below where the x and y axes are switched
it the call to plot and the PSYM=10 is done by duplicating the x and y values.

Also, the first plot was modified to not label the last x-axis value so that it
does not overlap the first label of the second plot.

Don Lindler

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xdivide = 0.7           ;Scatter plot is 0.7 of X plot area, histogram plot is 0.3
plot,x,y,/nodata,xtick_get=v ;Set up plotting coordinates but don't plot

;Get left and right margins in normalized coordinates
margins = [min(!x.window)-min(!x.region), $
           min(!y.window)-min(!y.region), $
           max(!x.region)-max(!x.window), $
           max(!y.region)-max(!y.window)]

;Get total plot size

ysize = 1. - margins[1] - margins[3]
xsize = 1. - margins[0] - margins[2]

;Set up plot position for scatter plot

pos = [0,0,xdivide*xsize,ysize] + $
      [margins[0],margins[1],margins[0],margins[1]]

plot,x,y,psym=1,pos=pos,xtickname=[replicate(",n_elements(v )-1",' ')]

;Now set up plot position for (rotated) histogram plot, flip X and Y values

Pos = [ xdivide*xsize,0,xsize,ysize] + $
      [margins[0],margins[1],margins[0],margins[1]]

h = histogram(y,min=!Y.crange[0],max = !Y.crange[1]) ;Histogram of Y
values
n = !Y.crange[1] - !y.crange[0]
xx = !Y.crange[0] + indgen(n) ;Xrange for histogram
xx = [transpose(xx)-0.5,transpose(xx)+0.5]
yy = [transpose(h),transpose(h)]
plot,yy,xx,yrange = !y.crange,ystyle=1,ytickname=[' ',' ',' '],yticks=2,/noerase, $
pos = pos
return
end

```

"Wayne Landsman" <landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote in message
news:3CED0A80.950535C2@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov...
>

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Subject: Re: Flipping and combining plots
Posted by [Dave\[5\]](#) on Tue, 02 Aug 2011 16:06:14 GMT
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Hello, I am trying to accomplish this same task, but I'm not having any luck adapting the approach outlined here.

I can plot my scatter plot easily enough, and I can plot a rotated histogram using:

```
h = histogram(alog10(y),min=min(alog10(y)),max = max(alog10(y)), $  
    binsize=best_bin(alog10(y)),loc=loc)  
t3d,/reset,/xyexch  
plot,10^loc,h,psym=10,/xlog,/t3d ;,pos=[0.05,0.05,0.9,0.99]
```

The difficulty comes in when I uncomment the position keyword in the last plot statement. I'd like the scatter plot to take up ~70% of the plot window, but when I squeeze the histogram, it simply doesn't plot. The values listed here will plot almost the entire histogram, but as I begin increasing the pos[1] value (shrinking the histogram into the right side of the plot window), the histogram itself begins disappearing from the bottom of the plot. By the time I use pos=[0.05,0.7,0.9,0.99] (my desired position values) I only get blank axes.

Does anyone know why this happens, and how I can overcome it?

Thanks,
Dave

Subject: Re: Flipping and combining plots
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 02 Aug 2011 16:22:32 GMT

Dave writes:

```
> I can plot my scatter plot easily enough, and I can plot a rotated histogram using:
>
> h = histogram(alog10(y),min=min(alog10(y)),max = max(alog10(y)), $
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/NoClip?

Cheers,

David

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