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Subject: Re: plots?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 04:03:11 GMT

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helen (bin\_zheng\_99@yahoo.com) writes:

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arrayY = fltarr(11)
window, 1
plot,[0,10],[-10,10], /NoData
x1 = !X & y1 = !Y & p1 = !P
window,2
plot,[0,10],[-5,5], /NoData
x2 = !X & y2 = !Y & p2 = !P
for l=0, 10 Do begin
    arrayY[l] = cos(l+1)
    arrayX[l] = sin(l+1)
    arrayT[l] = l
wset, 1
!X = x1 & !Y = x1 & !P = p1
plots,arrayT[l], arrayX[l], /continue
wset, 2
!X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2
plots,arrayT[l], arrayY[l], /continue
endfor
end
```

Does this give you any clues!?

Are you trying to do this?

```
arrayT = fltarr(11)
arrayX = Sin(fltarr(11) + 1)
```

```
arrayY = Cos(fltarr(11) + 1)
Window,3, arrayT, arrayX
Window, 4, arrayT, arrayY
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: plots?

Posted by [Don J Lindler](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 11:51:01 GMT

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> window,2

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> arrayX[i] = sin(i+1)

> arrayT[i] = i

> wset, 1

> !X = x1 & !Y = y1 & !P = p1

> plots,arrayT[i], arrayX[i], /continue

> wset, 2

> !X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2

> plots,arrayT[i], arrayY[i], /continue

>

```
> endfor
>
> end
>
```

The /continue is telling the routine to start plotting from where the last plots was performed.

When you are changing wingows the routine is continuing the plot from the point where the other window left off.

If you want to plot in this manner, I would suggest letting your program keep track of where you left off.

```
for i=0, 10 Do begin
  arrayY[i] = cos(i+1)
  arrayX[i] = sin(i+1)
  arrayT[i] = i
  if i gt 0 then begin
    wset, 1
    !X = x1 & !Y = x1 & !P = p1
    plots, arrayT[[i-1,i]], arrayX[[i-1,i]]
    wset, 2
    !X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2
    plots, arrayT[[i-1,i]], arrayY[[i-1,i]]
  end
endfor
```

Don

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Subject: Re: plots?

Posted by [Robert Stockwell](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 13:12:06 GMT

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helen wrote:

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> plots,arrayT[i], arrayY[i], /continue
>
> endfor
>
> end
>
> ,*****

```

How about:

```

arrayT = fltarr(11)
arrayX = fltarr(11)
arrayY = fltarr(11)

```

```

window, 1
plot,[0,10],[ -10,10], /NoData,title='plot 1'
x1 = !X & y1 = !Y & p1 = !P

```

```

window,0
plot,[0,10],[ -5,5], /NoData,title='plot 2'
x2 = !X & y2 = !Y & p2 = !P

```

```

for l=1, 10 Do begin
  arrayY[l] = cos(l+1)
  arrayX[l] = sin(l+1)
  arrayT[l] = l
endfor
for l=0, 10-1 Do begin
  wset, 1

```

```
plots,arrayT[I], arrayX[I]
plots,arrayT[I+1], arrayX[I+1], /continue
```

```
wset, 0
plots,arrayT[I], arrayY[I]
plots,arrayT[I+1], arrayY[I+1], /continue
```

```
endfor
end
```

Cheers,  
bob

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Subject: Re: plots?

Posted by [bin\\_zheng\\_99](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 13:26:02 GMT

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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:<MPG.17cb6d6733fc1915989969@news.frii.com>...

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> plots,arrayT[I], arrayX[I], /continue
> wset, 2
> !X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2
> plots,arrayT[I], arrayY[I], /continue
>
> endfor
> end
>
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> arrayY = Cos(fltarr(11) + 1)
> Window,3, arrayT, arrayX
> Window, 4, arrayT, arrayY
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
```

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Thanks very much for any suggestion!

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Subject: Re: plots?

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 14:31:56 GMT

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>> plots,arrayT[l], arrayX[l], /continue
>> wset, 2
>> !X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2
>> plots,arrayT[l], arrayY[l], /continue
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Dear Helen,

this a normal common problem and may be I can help.  
idl saves always only the last state of coordination vars of a window  
to several system variables. So there is a transformation matrix necessary  
for each window you create depending on sizes, type and range. The routines  
savesysvar and restsysvar are doing this for you.

After "plot" in first window or in your example creation of the window you  
have to store the system vars by p1=savesysvar() and for the second window  
plot into p2.

If you now actualize first window you have to restore their belonging  
system variables by restsysvar,p1 and if you switch to plot on the other  
window you have to set restsysvar,p2

[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_html/dbase/download/restsysvar.tar.gz](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/restsysvar.tar.gz)  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_html/dbase/download/savesysvar.tar.gz](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/savesysvar.tar.gz)

or as idl 5.5 binary

[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_html/dbase/download/restsysvar.sav](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/restsysvar.sav)  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_html/dbase/download/savesysvar.sav](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/savesysvar.sav)

(Remember a idl compiled file with the extension sav is automaticly loaded  
the first time it is used. This is the same behaviour as for idl sources  
(.pro). They run on each idl platform with the same idl version)

For further routines and licensing please have a look at  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_lib\\_intro.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html)



best regards

Reimar

```
pro test
arrayT = fltarr(11)
arrayX = fltarr(11)
arrayY = fltarr(11)
window, 1
;x1 = !X & y1 = !Y & p1 = !P
p1=savesysvar()
window,2
;x2 = !X & y2 = !Y & p2 = !P
p2=savesysvar()
for i=0, 10 Do begin
    arrayY[i] = cos(i+1)
    arrayX[i] = sin(i+1)
    arrayT[i] = i
    wset, 1
restsysvar,p1
;    !X = x1 & !Y = x1 & !P = p1
    plots,arrayT[i], arrayX[i], /continue
    wset, 2
restsysvar,p2
;    !X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2
    plots,arrayT[i], arrayY[i], /continue
endfor

end
```

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_lib\\_intro.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html)

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 14:37:43 GMT

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I think I would drop the CONTINUE keyword and just draw  
from the last point to this point:

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window,2
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x2 = !X & y2 = !Y & p2 = !P
for I=1, 10 Do begin
    arrayY[I] = cos(I+1)
    arrayX[I] = sin(I+1)
    arrayT[I] = I
    wset, 1
    !X = x1 & !Y = y1 & !P = p1
    plots,[arrayT[i-1], arrayT[I]], $
        [arrayX[i-1], arrayX[I]]
    wset, 2
    !X = x2 & !Y = y2 & !P = p2
    print, [arrayY[i-1], arrayY[I]]
    plots,[arrayT[i-1], arrayT[I]], $
        [arrayY[i-1], arrayY[I]]
endfor
end
```

This works perfectly, as far as I can tell.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: plots?  
Posted by [MKatz843](#) on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 18:30:06 GMT  
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Helen, IDL is more elegant than you suppose.

I would suggest using arrays rather than FOR loops.  
(David meant `findgen()` rather than `fltarr()`, I assume.)  
With the plots outside of a loop, you won't need to use the `/continue` keyword.

Whenever I need to set up a plot and then draw the plot in two steps, I use the `/data` keyword. Then you don't need to hassle with `!X`, `!Y`, and the like. This is done in `testPlots2` below.

An even more compact version is in `testPlots3` below. This may or may not work for you, but I combine the creation of the plot and the actual plotting into one step using `plot` rather than `plot & plots`. The keywords to `plot` let you choose the domain and range (x and y) yourself, and the `ystyle=1` setting allows you to force the use of `[-5,5]` rather than the automatically-selected `[-6,6]`.

```
pro testPlots2
window, 1
plot,[0,10],[,-10,10], /NoData
window,2
plot,[0,10],[,-5,5], /NoData
```

```
I = findgen(11)
arrayY = cos(I+1)
arrayX = sin(I+1)
arrayT = I
```

```
wset, 1
plots, arrayT, arrayX, /data
wset, 2
plots, arrayT, arrayY, /data
end
```

```
pro testPlots3
I = findgen(11)
arrayY = cos(I+1)
```

```
arrayX = sin(l+1)
arrayT = l
```

```
window, 1
plot, arrayT, arrayX, /data, xrange=[0,10], yrange=[-10,10]
window, 2
plot, arrayT, arrayY, /data, xrange=[0,10], yrange=[-5,5], ystyle=1
end
```

I hope this points you in the right direction,

M. Katz

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