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Subject: Re: Extension to "Overplotting Data on !P.MULTI Plots"

Posted by [wmconolley](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:40:45 GMT

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raphael schefold <raphael.schefold@gmx.ch> wrote:

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Use the axis command.

-W.

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Subject: Re: Extension to "Overplotting Data on !P.MULTI Plots"

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2003 16:45:54 GMT

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> !p.multi(0)!=p.multi(0)+1 helps, as you can see in the following code.  
>  
> I am posting, because I met several people who were confused about  
> that.  
>  
> -Raphael

Dear Raphael

it's better to use first the plot routine with /nodata.  
Because then the coordination system is defined.  
And the axis are drawn whithout the data.

At this point you can now use additional routines like polyfill to  
mark regions of the plotarea. Then all following plots have to be done  
by oplot. So they are automatically in the foreground of areas.

At least in some cases it could be necessary to draw at the end the axis again. I do this by the axis command.  
One of the cases is the oplot could overplot the tickmarks.

We have developed over several years a library to get mostly very good outputs on screen, postscript and animations.

If you are interested you should have a look at our library  
[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)

especiallly at the examples  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_html/idl\\_work\\_idl\\_work.examples.category.htm#2](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/idl_work_idl_work.examples.category.htm#2)

And here is a short example of source:

An actual version of plotprepare you can find here:

wget  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_bin/plotprepare.sav](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_bin/plotprepare.sav)

This routine sav file is builded from all dependencies of the plot library.

```
pro plot_20030711
x=findgen(10) & y=sin(x)
plotprepare,plot,dim=1
plot.rows=2 & plot.columns=2
;plot.psflag=1
plot.page_title='TEST for IDL-PVWAVE'
; xp_layout,plot
plotinit,plot
plot.psym=0
plot.xtitle='X' & plot.ytitle='Y'
plot.yrange=[0,1]
set_frame,plot,x=x,y=y,type='XY'
yv=plot.yrange & xv=[0.2,1.5]
POLYFILL,[xv[0],xv[1],xv[1],xv[0]], [yv[0],yv[0],yv[1],yv[1]] , $
/data,color=plot.color_nc.orange ,/fill

plot.color=plot.color_nc.medium_grey
plotxy,plot,x=x,y=y
plot.new=1 & plot.color=plot.color_nc.red
plotxy,plot,x=x,y=y
plot.new=1 & plot.color=plot.color_nc.blue
plotxy,plot,x=x,y=y
```

```
plot.new=1 & plot.color=plot.color_nc.green
plotxy,plot,x=x,y=y
plotend,plot
end
```

The result of this looks similiar to this

[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_bin/20030711/plot\\_20030711.png](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_bin/20030711/plot_20030711.png)

best

regards  
Reimar

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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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> Example code for "nodata noerase plot after overplotting Data on
> !P.MULTI Plots":
>
> !P.MULTI= [0, 2, 2]
>
> p_sav=replicate(!p, 4)
> x_sav=replicate(!x, 4)
> y_sav=replicate(!y, 4)
>
> for i=0, 3 do begin
>   plot, [0,1], [0, 1], title=string(i), /nodata
>   p_sav(i)=!p & x_sav(i)=!x & y_sav(i)=!y
> end
>
> for i=0, 3 do begin
>   !p=p_sav(i) & !x=x_sav(i) & !y=y_sav(i)
>   oplot, [.5], [.5], psym=i
> end
>
> for i=0, 3 do begin
```

```
> !p=p_sav(i) & !x=x_sav(i) & !y=y_sav(i)
> !p.multi(0)!=p.multi(0)+1
> plot, [0,1], [0, 1], title=string(i), /nodata, /noerase
> end
```

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Subject: Re: Extension to "Overplotting Data on !P.MULTI Plots"  
Posted by [raphael.schefold](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2003 16:46:37 GMT  
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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote in message news:<3f0eb04c@news.nwl.ac.uk>...

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> raphael schefold <raphael.schefold@gmx.ch> wrote:
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Is there any particular reason to use the axis command? I can restore easily all graphical system variables and plot all necessary axes with plot, ..., /nodata, /noerase.

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