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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 14 May 2004 14:28:33 GMT  
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In other words, when you issue this command:

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Does this describe your problem:

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If we could get some answers to these questions, we might be able to come up with a little better code for you. :-)

Cheers,

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describes the problem except that it is not the same number each night and some stars may appear the second night that was not on the first not or any combination like that, so that is why i have a comparison for first night only, so i can track star1 differences to each night. and here is abit more. i would like to plot with a line following same star for each of the four nights (line from data point on first night to follow data point on second night, etc.)

Thank you for your help Dr. Fanning. I am actually using your book for my learning process in coming to programming in IDL.

Dennis Lamenti

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