
Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??
Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Wed, 06 Jul 2005 13:52:22 GMT
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The bar_plot procedure is attempting to label every bar in your plot.
There is a maximum limit (60) to the number of labels you can show for
an axis.

Might I suggest using the histogram mode of the plot procedure instead?
plot, some_data, PSYM = 10

-Mike

liko wrote:

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??
Posted by [liko2@o2.pl](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 07:27:41 GMT
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Thank You, that solved the problem :)

Can I set colors for this plot?

Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??
Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 09:26:18 GMT
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liko2@o2.pl wrote:

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for the line, use the standard color= keyword for the plot statement. If

this gives you unexpected results then I would read David's website at <http://www.dfanning.com>

As far as I know, to get filled bars you need to use the polyfill procedure. In order to make the first and last "bars" full width, you can pad the x and y arrays:

```
x=[1,2,3,4,5,6]
y=[2,3,4,2,4,2]
```

```
x_pad=[0,x,7]
y_pad=[0,y,0]
```

```
plot, x_pad, y_pad, xstyle=1, psym=10
```

HTH,

Ben

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by liko2@o2.pl on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:15:16 GMT

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:20:18 GMT

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In addition to the polyfill routine mentioned before, you can use plots to draw lines.

Use

plot, , psym=10

to draw the plot, then run a for loop on plots to draw the lines between bins. You could probably do something a bit more efficient than a for loop with shift and rebin if you had time on your hands.

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by liko2@o2.pl on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:31:26 GMT

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psym=10 is a histogram option for PLOT what I have mentioned about...It doesn't work for two or more values which are the same and come one after another...

Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:48:38 GMT

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Haje

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:51:12 GMT

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liko2@o2.pl wrote:

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> doesnt work for two or more values which are the same and come one
> after another...
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Yes, I meant that that is an easy way to get the overall shape of the line, then you can put in vertical lines using plots (not plot!) to draw lines which distinguish the bars.

If you don't mind not having the bars next to each other you could also do the padding operation I mentioned before to put a zero between each bar - something like:

```
x=[1,2,3,4,5]  
y=[3,4,5,5,2]
```

```
new_x=[0.5,1,1.5,2,2.5,3,3.5,4,4.5,5,5.5]  
new_y=[0,3,0,4,0,5,0,5,0,5,0,2,0]
```

```
plot, new_x, new_y, psym=10, yr=[0,6]
```

HTH,

Ben

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Benjamin Luethi](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:52:36 GMT

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another possibility:

1. plot, data, psym=10
2. set every second element equal to 0 (data[0*:2]=0)
3. oplot, data, psym=10

On Thu, 07 Jul 2005 16:15:16 +0200, liko2@o2.pl <liko2@o2.pl> wrote:

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by liko2@o2.pl on Fri, 08 Jul 2005 08:02:39 GMT

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2005 09:22:16 GMT

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liko2@o2.pl wrote:

> I cant change data because Its very important to me to see how much
> space ist between each bar... I should use PLOTS then, but Im beginner
> in IDL...
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OK. I'm pretty sure there are more elegant ways to do this, but for for a five minute coffee break solution try this:

```
IDL> ;make some sample data longer than 80 elements
IDL> x=findgen(80)
IDL> y=hanning(80)
% Compiled module: HANNING.
IDL> ;Make the initial plot
IDL> plot, x, y, psym=10
IDL> ;find midpoints for x ordinate of line
IDL> midpt=x[0:78]+0.5*(x[1:79]-x[0:78])
IDL> ;draw the lines
IDL> for i=0,78 do plots, [midpt[i],midpt[i]], $
IDL> [!y.crange[0],max([y[i],y[i+1]])]
```

Where \$ indicates the expression rolls over to the next line and !y.crange is the bottom of the y-axis. The max(...) bit makes sure that you get the full height of the bin.

To make your code flexible, change the 78,79,80 to variations of numBars=N_ELEMENTS(x)

HTH,

Ben

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2005 11:11:54 GMT

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liko2@o2.pl wrote:

> Did you try this wit array containing several exacly the same values?It
> still creates one bar for this case...

We may be talking at cross purposes, but in my tests it didn't. I can see I was a little too cryptic with n_elements. See the program below for what I meant.

Save and compile the program at the end of this message, and with the same x and y as before try this:

```
IDL> bp_plot_barchart, x,y, title='fred'
IDL> y[10:20]=0.6
IDL> bp_plot_barchart, x,y, title='fred'
```

which certainly draws lines between the 11 bars of the same height.

PROGRAM:

```
PRO bp_plot_barchart, x, y, _extra=e
```

```
;Make the initial plot
```

```
num_bar=n_elements(x)
```

```
plot, x, y, psym=10, _extra=e
```

```
;find midpoints for x ordinate of line
```

```
midpt=x[0:num_bar-2]+0.5*(x[1:num_bar-1]-x[0:num_bar-2])
```

```
;draw the lines
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for i=0,num_bar-2 do plots, [midpt[i],midpt[i]], $
  [!y.crangle[0],max([y[i],y[i+1]])]
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END
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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by liko2@o2.pl on Fri, 08 Jul 2005 12:26:09 GMT

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IT WORKS! :) But.... :P When the first bar >0 it isnt proprly drawn...Why?

Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2005 12:53:13 GMT

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liko2@o2.pl wrote:

> IT WORKS! :) But.... :P When the first bar >0 it isn't properly
> drawn...Why?

Glad it works for you. Try adapting the program to include the padding I mentioned earlier in the thread - that will sort out the first and last bars. `psym=10` only works in the plot range (ie. between the data points). You want to extend that range to include the edges of the first and last bars (which are an extrapolation, which is why you do the padding).

You'll also run into problems if you ever have -ve data, but I'll let you work that one out:)

Ben

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Mon, 11 Jul 2005 06:29:56 GMT

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> bars and `xyouts` to label them.
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You should have a look into our library for `bar_plot2`. I have removed this restriction and have added a lot of features.

; 2003-09-10 : size restriction of 60 bars removed

Based on this there was an addon for our plotlib written too.

cheers

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

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Subject: Re: BAR_PLOT restricted to 60 element ARRAY??

Posted by liko2@o2.pl on Wed, 13 Jul 2005 09:42:13 GMT

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Another question concerning PLOT: how can I add a albels for each bar
(or peak)? Im not using bar_plot.
