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Subject: Re: Add diagonal 1:1 line in a plot?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 08 May 2007 03:33:55 GMT

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DirtyHarry writes:

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> Goodday, Everyone.  
>  
> I am writing a classical scientific paper comparing MODIS-retrieved  
> data with ground measured data. I found several papers on this. Almost  
> all of those papers have figures with 1:1 diagonal lines, and I want  
> to draw this with IDL.  
>  
> I tried this way.  
>  
> pro OneOne ; Display 1:1 line  
>  
> device, decomposed=0, set_font='arial*24*bold'  
> loadct, 30  
>  
> window, xsize=700, ysize=700  
>  
> readcol, 'dat.txt', nws, mod07, format='F, F'  
> n=n_elements(nws)  
>  
> vsym, 24  
> plot, nws, mod07, psym =2, title ='1:1 line - NWS vs MOD07', xtitle =  
> 'NWS', ytitle = 'MOD07', xrange = [-5, 10], yrange = [-5, 10]  
>  
> end  
>  
> Now I got a plot with several dots. However, still I don't know how to  
> add the diagonal 1:1 line. Please give me a suggestion. Thanks.
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OPlot, [-5, 10], [-5, 10]

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Add diagonal 1:1 line in a plot?

Posted by [kim20026](#) on Tue, 08 May 2007 04:57:31 GMT

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Thanks a buuuunch!!!!!!!!!! David!

If you are visiting Korea someday, Just email me. I will introduce you the Soju, Korean style white wine (in my opinion!) You will love it...!!!

Have a nice day!

Harry

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Subject: Re: Add diagonal 1:1 line in a plot?

Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Tue, 08 May 2007 13:54:21 GMT

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On May 7, 11:33 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> OPlot, [-5, 10], [-5, 10]

Be careful with this - the slope of the line depends on the plot range and aspect ratio and the ratios of those to the arguments to oplot. I've found that using

> oplot, !x.crange, !x.crange

more often produces correct plots.

Mike

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Subject: Re: Add diagonal 1:1 line in a plot?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 08 May 2007 13:57:50 GMT

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DirtyHarry writes:

> If you are visiting Korea someday, Just email me. I will introduce you  
> the Soju, Korean style white wine (in my opinion!) You will love  
> it...!!!

Oh, I may have to stop by for that! :-)

My focus at the moment, though, is on Spanish speaking countries. I had a first yesterday. Someone sent me an IDL problem by e-mail, written in Spanish. Not only

could I read the e-mail, but I was able to respond in Spanish. (At least, I \*think\* it was Spanish. I had to make a couple of words up.) Whatever it was, it seemed to work. I have a note this morning that the problem is solved! :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Add diagonal 1:1 line in a plot?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 08 May 2007 14:03:16 GMT

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Mike writes:

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> and aspect ratio and the ratios of those to the arguments to oplot.

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>

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>

> more often produces correct plots.

I had to do an Internet search to see what he meant by a 1:1 line, but it seemed to me that the actual slope didn't matter in this case. It was the ratio that was important.

But, in any case, it would probably be smart to have a plot that had a 1:1 aspect ratio, if only so you don't confuse the casual reader of your paper. You could always use my ASPECT program for this purpose:

```
PLOT, data, POSITION=Aspect(1.0)
```

You can find ASPECT here:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/aspect.pro>

Of course, you can have aspect ratios be whatever  
you want them to be:

Plot, data, POSITION=Aspect(2.0/3.0)

Cheers,

David

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