
Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:32:26 GMT

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Cheers,

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Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:46:10 GMT
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By the way, the error message, "Alright, then YOU do it!"
is being suppressed. It can be reactivated by using the
WIFE keyword on the Plot command.

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:54:00 GMT
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Hi David

unfortunately this does not help, same result ;)

PRO example_bug3

 x = findgen(1000)

 y1 = sin(x)

 extra_axis={xrange:[300.0,840],yrange:[-1.1,1.1]}

 plot, x, y1,\$

 xstyle=1, \$

 ystyle=1, \$

```
position=[0.235690,0.285714,0.760943,0.802381], $
title=title, $
charsize = 1.18942, $
XTICKS = 4, $
XMINOR = 0, $
ytype=0, $
_extra=extra_axis
```

END

Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 18:09:26 GMT
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Reimar Bauer writes:

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Another fabulous theory down the drain. I'm not
having much luck this week. :-(

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Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [lasse](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 12:46:17 GMT
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Hi,

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plot, indgen(11), xticks=5

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So long
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On 29 Aug, 18:09, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

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>     xtick_get = xtg, $
>     ytick_get = ytg, $
>     XTICKS = 2, $
>     XMINOR = 0, $
>     XTICKV = xtickv, $
>     XTICKNAME = xtickname, $
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> ytype=0, \$
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> END
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> cheers
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Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 13:06:08 GMT
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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 13:07:05 GMT
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Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 13:08:48 GMT
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idl6.4 linux seems to have this bug.

cheers
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Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 13:11:54 GMT
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> on Windows. Is this happening in UNIX, too?
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My mac with 6.4 has the behavior as well. So I bet the UNIX will also.

Cheers,

Brian

Brian Larsen
Boston University
Center for Space Physics

Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [Mirko.Vukovic\[1\]](#) on Fri, 31 Aug 2007 20:47:08 GMT
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Much stuff deleted
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Mirko

Subject: Re: new miracle of minor ticks
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 31 Aug 2007 20:51:51 GMT
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Mirko.Vukovic@gmail.com writes:

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Mirko!? It must be a holiday weekend... :-)

Cheers,

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