
Subject: Re: scatter plots make large PostScript files

Posted by [anand](#) on Fri, 02 Jan 2009 08:54:42 GMT

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On Jan 2, 12:35 am, Ed Hyer <ejh...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 02 Jan 2009 13:58:42 GMT

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Note that because NSUM averages, the resulting plot does not represent the original scatter (and it goes without saying that outliers disappear). I find it's often better to randomly sample the original points. If there are noriginal points in the data set and you want to plot nplot of them:

```
randomsort=sort(randomu(seed,noriginal))
plot, x[randomsort[0:nplot-1]], y[randomsort[0:nplot-1]], psym=3
```

-Jeremy.

Subject: Re: scatter plots make large PostScript files
Posted by [pyoachim](#) on Fri, 02 Jan 2009 18:47:38 GMT
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On Jan 1, 1:35 pm, Ed Hyer <ejh...@gmail.com> wrote:

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What I often advocate in these situations is using hist2d and contour to plot the underlying data as a contour plot.
