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Subject: Re: Theie is a small problem about HISTOPLLOT in Coyote's libraries  
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Fri, 16 Oct 2009 14:14:50 GMT

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Posted by [duxiyu@gmail.com](#) on Fri, 16 Oct 2009 15:28:39 GMT

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But it does not appear to influence this problem whether the binsize is set.

Histoplot, Dist(256), binsize=5, xrange=[0, 191]

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jdu

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Subject: Re: There is a small problem about HISTOPLLOT in Coyote's libraries

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Fri, 16 Oct 2009 16:09:43 GMT

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what makes you believe it is erroneous? ... I don't see anything unusual, though I am on 7.0.8.

Also, you might not have the last version of histoplot... it requires the binsize to be of the same type as the data, so 5.0

Jean

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 16 Oct 2009 16:52:11 GMT  
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Me, either, but I think this is a documentation issue.

The text should have read:

The user may also enter any other keywords suitable  
for the PLOT and POLYFILL commands in IDL, except those  
that screw the plot up completely.

You might try this, though:

Histoplot, dist(256), mininput=0, maxinput=187

I'll look into the problem, but I'm at a Starbuck's  
drinking a latte and reading my high school yearbook  
to see if I can figure out who all those old people  
I met last night really are. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Well, I have to admit, I am pretty much at a complete loss as to why this happens. I use the Plot command to set up a plot coordinate system. I use the same range variables for the Plot command in both the correct and incorrect case. But if the XRANGE keyword is set on that plot command (via keyword inheritance, in this case), the the !Y.S system variable (which provides Y scaling) is completely screwed up. Why setting the XRANGE keyword would affect the Y axis like this is a complete mystery to me.

Perhaps we have discovered a deep bug in the IDL code!

Cheers,

David

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