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Subject: Re: Multiple plots in one figure

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 04:01:56 GMT

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Nicki writes:

> I just recently started to use IDL. I'm now having the following  
> problem... i need to get one figure with multiple plots in it. I  
> already know how to do this, but just in a really complicated way...  
>  
> say, i have the following equation:  $y=mx+a$   
>  
> and for  $m=1$  my  $a$  is 1  
>  
> and for  $m=10$  my  $a$  is 2  
> and let's get a third plot, let's say for  $m=5$  and and for that case  
> the  $a$  is equal to 4  
> or something like that... and now i want to have one figure with the 3  
> plots in it...  
>  
> so far i have done it like this:  
>  
>  $m1=1$   
>  $a1=1$   
>  
>  $m2=10$   
>  $a2=2$   
>  
> blaaa and then  $y1=m1*x+a1$  and so on and then plot, overplot etc..... I  
> know this is faar too complicated and there should be something far  
> simpler starting with  
>  
>  $m=[1,5,10]$   
>  $a=[1,4,2]$  or so...  
>  
>  
> i tried to read it up but i don't get it... something with 'if... do  
> begin... else...' isn't it?! :) You see i have no idea...  
>  
> Can somebody help me out??

You are doing it the right way. At least, I *\*think\** you are. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Multiple plots in one figure  
Posted by [Nicki](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 10:55:37 GMT  
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Seriously, i am so lost, since i do not even know what keywords I have to look up in order find a solution for this problem... I mean the multiple plots in one figure are not the problem, the problem is to find the EASIEST way to solve this...(however i don't really know HOW to do the multiple plotting for this case, either)  
if i start saying (note that a[0] should belong to m[0] and a[1] to b[1] and so on, so that I end up with 3(!) plots)

```
x=findgen(10)
m=[1,5,10]
a=[1,4,2]
```

```
y=m[i]*x+a[i]
```

```
if i eq 0 then plot,x,y
else oplot,x,y
```

whaaaa, i don't know it... this does not work...

Please, if you cannot give me the answer, can you maybe at least give me some keywords that i can look up...

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Subject: Re: Multiple plots in one figure  
Posted by [Wout De Nolf](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 11:53:08 GMT  
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On Mon, 12 Oct 2009 03:55:37 -0700 (PDT), Nicki  
<[nickireiter87@yahoo.de](mailto:nickireiter87@yahoo.de)> wrote:

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>
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>
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You are looping over i right? So how is it not working? What do you see?

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 12:43:35 GMT  
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>
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> else oplot,x,y
>
>
> whaaaa, i don't know it... this does not work...
```

Well, it is hard to know if you are typing \*actual\* code or pseudo code. But this works:

```
x=findgen(10)
m=[1,5,10]
a=[1,4,2]
```

```
for j=0,2 do begin
  if j eq 0 $
```

```
    then plot, x, m[j]*x+a[j] $
    else oplot, x, m[j]*x+a[j], linestyle=j
endfor
end
```

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: Multiple plots in one figure

Posted by [Nicki](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 22:39:42 GMT

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Oh, okay, that was pretty easy...

Thanks!

So what if i have another equation where i put the y in and that's the one I want to plot.

so let's say

$g=5*y$

and i want to plot x versus g...

Or maybe I just print my code for my specific problem:

a=70.

nrows=3.

dfov=60.

mu=438.689

r\_tot=1.5

r\_i=[0.1,1.0]

wdet=[25,100]

f=findgen(90)+10.

$r=dfov/2/(\sin(a/2/180*\pi))$

z=r+f

;  
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```

for i=0,1 do begin N=2.*!pi*(r+f)/(1.1*wdet[i])*Nrows

d=sqrt(R_tot^2-(r/f)^2*(R_i[i])^2)/((r/f)+1.)-alog(2)/mu*tan (a/2*!pi/
180)

deffs=sqrt(d^2+2/mu*d*tan(a/2*!pi/180)+2/(mu^2)*(tan(a/2/180 *!pi))^2)

S=N*deffs^2/16/(r^2)*100

endfor
;_____

for i=0,1 do begin
  if i eq 0 $
    then plot, N, S
    also oplot, N, S, linestyle=i
endfor

```

Does not work... I tried to change the N and the d to N[i] and d[i]  
 and then also the following N and d and and also the deffs to deffs[i]  
 and the S to S[i]

and then

```

for i=0,1 do begin
  if i eq 0 $
    then plot, N[i], S[i] $
    else oplot, N[i], S[i], linestyle=i
endfor

```

but that does not work either...

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Subject: Re: Multiple plots in one figure  
 Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 22:59:28 GMT  
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>
> Thanks!
>
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> one I want to plot.
> so let's say
>
> g=5*y

```

>  
> and i want to plot x versus g...

I've no idea what this means. But I can see you are pretty confused yourself. Why don't you take a few minutes to think very clearly about what you are trying to do. Maybe even write the steps down. And then look carefully at the example I sent you so you can see how it works. When you can describe it, in words, perhaps you can see your way clear to making this work.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Multiple plots in one figure  
Posted by [Nicki](#) on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 23:53:26 GMT  
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On Oct 13, 9:59 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Nicki writes:  
>> Oh, okay, that was pretty easy...  
>  
>> Thanks!  
>  
>> So what if i have another equation where i put the y in and that's the  
>> one I want to plot.  
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Yes... I got it.  
Thanks a lot!!!

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