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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [greg.addr](#) on Thu, 29 Sep 2011 14:39:44 GMT  
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When I do this, I plot the image first (with /noerase, as you have) and then the axes.

good luck!  
Greg

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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [greg.addr](#) on Thu, 29 Sep 2011 14:42:07 GMT  
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I mean the axes with /noerase, of course...

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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [greg michael](#) on Thu, 29 Sep 2011 14:47:31 GMT  
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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [Matthew](#) on Thu, 29 Sep 2011 19:19:00 GMT  
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> When I do this, I plot the image first and then the axes.

This just draws the axes on top of the image and hides the fact that the image is in the wrong spot.

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Thanks! You made me realize that I was positioning the plot with fractions of a pixel, which does not work too well. I still have the same problem, but now it is a fixed offset, not a varying one. It seems as though the PLOT procedure draws the bottom and left axes within the plotting window (defined by !x.window and !y.window), whereas the top and right axes are outside the plotting window.

In the code below, I used the floor function to truncate any partial pixels from the plot position, reduce the x- and y-size of the image by 1-pixel (the apparent width of the axes), and shifted it up and to the right by 1 pixel. This works for the display window and for all plot sizes that I have tried so far. Now to try postscripts...

```
position = [x0, y0, x1, y1]           ;position in normal
coordinates
position[0] = floor(position[0] * !d.x_vsize)
position[1] = floor(position[1] * !d.y_vsize)
position[2] = floor(position[2] * !d.x_vsize)
position[3] = floor(position[3] * !d.y_vsize)
xsize = (position[2] - position[0]) - 1
ysize = (position[3] - position[1]) - 1
xstart = position[0] + 1
ystart = position[1] + 1

loadct, 13
plot, time, freq, position=position, /device, /nodata, /noerase
tvscf, congrid(alog(transpose(E_pwr_dens)), xsize, ysize), xstart,
ystart
```

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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 30 Sep 2011 15:34:16 GMT  
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Matthew writes:

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> coordinates
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> xsize = (position[2] - position[0]) - 1
> ysize = (position[3] - position[1]) - 1
> xstart = position[0] + 1
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```

I think these two lines:

```
> position[2] = floor(position[2] * !d.x_vsize)
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should use CEIL instead of FLOOR.

But, I think this is essentially correct. I've changed the way I calculate the image size and start positions in `cglImage` this morning to this, and I like the results very much.

```
; Calculate the image size and start locations.
xsize = Ceil((position[2] - position[0]) * !D.X_VSIZE)-1
ysize = Ceil((position[3] - position[1]) * !D.Y_VSIZE)-1
xstart = Round(position[0] * !D.X_VSIZE)+1
ystart = Round(position[1] * !D.Y_VSIZE)+1
```

You can test the "fit" by typing these commands and resizing the window:

```
Loadct, 0, NColors=20
cglImage, BytScl(Dist(20), TOP=19), /Axes, /Keep, $
      Background='sky blue', /Erase, /Window
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region

Posted by [Matthew](#) on Wed, 05 Oct 2011 17:26:50 GMT

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On Sep 30, 11:34 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Matthew writes:

>> position = [x0, y0, x1, y1] ;position in normal

>> coordinates

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>> position[3] = floor(position[3] \* !d.y\_vsize)

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> David
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Just a quick note... unless the aspect ratio of the postscript file is the same as that of the display (e.g. as is the case when using psCONFIG()), the variable pixel size will make the initial problem here persist. To fix the problem,

```

x_size_old = !d.x_size
y_size_old = !d.y_size
set_plot, 'PS'

```

```

x_size_ps = !d.x_size
y_size_ps = !d.y_size

```

```

px_size_x = x_size_ps / x_size_old
px_size_y = y_size_ps / y_size_old

```

```
position[0] = floor(position[0] * !d.x_vsize)
position[1] = floor(position[1] * !d.y_vsize)
position[2] = ceil(position[2] * !d.x_vsize)
position[3] = ceil(position[3] * !d.y_vsize)
xsize = (position[2] - position[0]) - px_size_x
ysize = (position[3] - position[1]) - px_size_y
xstart = position[0] + px_size_x
ystart = position[1] + px_size_y
```

This has worked so far...

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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 05 Oct 2011 18:06:07 GMT  
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> the same as that of the display (e.g. as is the case when using
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>
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> y_size_ps = !d.y_size
>
> px_size_x = x_size_ps / x_size_old
> px_size_y = y_size_ps / y_size_old
>
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Humm. I don't see how. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: positioning a TV image within plotting region  
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Mon, 10 Oct 2011 23:22:50 GMT  
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On Oct 5, 2:06 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Matthew writes:

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>> the same as that of the display (e.g. as is the case when using  
>> psCONFIG()), the variable pixel size will make the initial problem  
>> here persist. To fix the problem,

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>> x\_size\_old = !d.x\_size

>> y\_size\_old = !d.y\_size

>> set\_plot, 'PS'

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>> x\_size\_ps = !d.x\_size

>> y\_size\_ps = !d.y\_size

>

>> px\_size\_x = x\_size\_ps / x\_size\_old

>> px\_size\_y = y\_size\_ps / y\_size\_old

>

>> position[0] = floor(position[0] \* !d.x\_vsize)

>> position[1] = floor(position[1] \* !d.y\_vsize)

>> position[2] = ceil(position[2] \* !d.x\_vsize)

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>> xsize = (position[2] - position[0]) - px\_size\_x

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>> xstart = position[0] + px\_size\_x

>> ystart = position[1] + px\_size\_y

>

>> This has worked so far...

>

> Humm. I don't see how. :-)

>

> Cheers,  
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> David  
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Me neither :-p Perhaps I did not have my contacts in.

I am using cglImage to do this and it looks great, but the problem keeps bugging me and I keep returning to my own program. In the PS file, the plot still covers the axes, which is bad when I am trying to find synchronous events between plots... Anyway, I will figure it out eventually, but I wanted to ask: Do you find any use for PS anymore? Only the high end printers come equipped with PS processing. Until IDL added the PDF option, I usually ended up converting my PS files to TIFF or PNG to have a file anyone could open.

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