
Subject: IDL log scale issues

Posted by [Phys_Gurl](#) on Sun, 22 Sep 2013 18:51:04 GMT

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Hello All,

Quick issue:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 22 Sep 2013 19:08:02 GMT

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David

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Posted by [Phys_Gurl](#) on Sun, 22 Sep 2013 19:43:49 GMT

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On Sunday, September 22, 2013 3:08:02 PM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:

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Thanks!

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 22 Sep 2013 20:24:03 GMT
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Yes, the log of zero is infinity. It's a math thing. ;-)

Try going from 1 to 16 or 1e-6 to 16, something like that.

You are probably not going to care much for the labeling of log axes.
Here is some reading you can do that might help.

http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics_tips/minorlog.html

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