
Subject: Using thick=2 increases FG plot time by 25x?!?!

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 21 Nov 2013 18:35:56 GMT

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I have the following code to plot some data (~25000 points) using the PLOT() function:

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po = plot(fo, ro, $
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           yrange=[-0.005,0.025], $
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           xtickfont_size = 9, $
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           color = 'red', $
           thick = 1 ) ; <<<--- ****
pn = plot(fn, rn, $
           color='green', $
           symbol = 'diamond', $
           /overplot)
pz = plot(po.xrange,[0,0], $
           linestyle='dashed', $
           /overplot)
pz.order, /send_to_back
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When I run this I get the plot and the following output from toc:

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% Time elapsed: 1.1067200 seconds.
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I then changed *ONLY* the value of thick to "thick = 2", recompiled the procedure, and ran it. I got the following:

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% Time elapsed: 25.625711 seconds.
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Am I doing something stupidly wrong here, or is this a known bug?

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IDL> print, !version
{ x86_64 linux unix linux 8.2.2 Jan 23 2013      64      64}
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cheers,

paulv

p.s. The first time this happened I thought my computer had karked it so I did the ctrl-C dealy after about 10-15 seconds and got the following:

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% Internal error: The Interpreter stack is not empty on exit.
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Subject: Re: Using thick=2 increases FG plot time by 25x?!?
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Fri, 22 Nov 2013 08:17:39 GMT

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Le jeudi 21 novembre 2013 19:35:56 UTC+1, Paul van Delst a écrit :

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I cannot reproduce (1.4s on my Workstation in each case)!
{ x86_64 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 8.2.3 May 3 2013 64 64}

Maybe were you close to some memory limit in your IDL session, then swapping to disk ?

alx.
