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Posted by [limiqt](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2013 13:32:59 GMT

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Subject: Re: second Y axis.

Posted by [limiq](#) on Wed, 18 Dec 2013 20:07:34 GMT

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Hi David, There is a tiny difference between your example at http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/additional_axes_plot.pro and the figure I mentioned: the second Y axis in your example follows the length of the primary Y axis. In the example I mentioned the second Y axis on the right looks like it is independent of the Y axis on the left. Probably I am missing something.

Thanks
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PRO Additional_Axes_Plot

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data_3 = (Findgen(101)+1) / 5

thick = (!D.Name EQ 'PS') ? 4 : 2

; Open a window and draw the plot without either of the Y axes.
cgDisplay, 600, 450
cgPlot, data_1, YStyle=4, Position=[0.15, 0.15, 0.7, 0.820], /NoData

; Draw the first Y axis in red.
cgAxis, YAxis=0.0, /Save, Color='red7', YTitle='Data 1'
cgOPlot, data_1, Color='red7', Thick=thick

; Draw the second Y axis in green.
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cgAxis, YAxis=1.0, /Save, Color='grn7', YTitle='Data 2', $
  YRange=[0,1000]
cgOPlot, data_2, Color='grn7', LineStyle=2, Thick=thick

; Draw the third Y axis in blue.
thisWindow = !D.Window
cgDisplay, !D.X_Size, !D.Y_Size, /Free
cgPlot, data_1, YStyle=4, Position=[0.15, 0.15, 0.7, 0.650], /NoData
WDelete, !D.Window
WSet, thisWindow

cgAxis, 0.85, 0.15, /Normal, YAxis=1.0, /Save, Color='blu7', $
  YTitle='Data 3', YRange=[0.1,100], /YLog
cgOPlot, data_3, Color='blu7', LineStyle=1, Thick=thick

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END ,*****

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The Draw method of the object does *exactly* what the whole pixmap thing is doing. Except that it doesn't work! I really don't know why. I've fooled with it some this morning, but I'm no closer to understanding it. Everything I "test" in the environment is exactly the same, but for some reason the overplot doesn't recognize that it is overplotting onto a log axis, even though the axis is drawn as a log axis in the right place.

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OK, it drove me crazy enough, I thought I would just figure it out. :-)

So, I replaced this:

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With this (initially):

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coord = cgCoord(Position=[0.15, 0.15, 0.7, 0.650])
coord.draw
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The axis is drawn in the right place, but the plot is wrong.

What is happening is that the default ranges are 0 to 1. So that when I overdraw the plot onto the coordinates I set up, I am only seeing that part of the plot from 0 to 1 in X, instead of from 0 to 100. What I should have done is set up the coordinate object like this:

```
coord = cgCoord(Position=[0.15, 0.15, 0.7, 0.650], XRange=[0,100])  
coord.draw
```

This works correctly, as I expected. :-)

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