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Subject: Setting axes range in function graphics  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 26 Feb 2014 19:30:51 GMT  
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I am embarrassed to ask this simple question, especially since I already asked it a couple of years ago (but I can't locate the question/answer in Google groups).

How does one set the axis range in function graphics? I know you can set the xrange property

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IDL> p = plot(indgen(10))  
IDL> p.xrange = [2,6]
```

but how does one do this graphically? If I double click on the plot, or click on the "Properties..." button, I get a list of properties but axis range is not among them. Similarly, if I click on one of the axes I get a list of axis properties but axis range is not among them. There is a "Reset Axis Range" button which is great, if I could ever figure out how to set the axis range in the first place.

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Thanks, --Wayne

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Posted by [Bill Nel](#) on Wed, 26 Feb 2014 21:46:35 GMT  
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I gave in and bought a three-button mouse for mine :-)

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