
Subject: Equivalent of ytick_get() in function graphics?
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2016 17:29:52 GMT
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p = plot(indgen(10),position=[0.1,0.525,0.95,0.95],xtickname=[' '])  
p = plot(indgen(10)+2,position=[0.1,0.1,0.95,0.525],/current)
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Thanks, --Wayne

Subject: Re: Equivalent of ytick_get() in function graphics?
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2016 18:30:00 GMT
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Hello Wayne,

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tn=(p['yaxis']).tickname  
tn[-1]=""  
(p['yaxis']).tickname=tn
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If you are interested in replicating IDL's tick position algorithm, I have two in my wrapper for direct graphics' plot (created to deal with the overlapping labels issue):
http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp_lib/doc/pp_plot.html

One is in the pp_plot_maketicks routine, the other is in pp_plot_decideintervals. I do not remember the difference between them, but the latter is supposed to be better.

Paulo

On Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 10:29:56 AM UTC-7, wlandsman wrote:

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Subject: Re: Equivalent of ytick_get() in function graphics?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 22 Apr 2016 13:39:25 GMT

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On Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 2:30:02 PM UTC-4, Paulo Penteado wrote:

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Thanks! This is as easy as one could hope.

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Subject: Re: Equivalent of ytick_get() in function graphics?

Posted by [penteado](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2016 19:20:33 GMT

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6 years? I did not even think function graphics had been around for that long. They are the new thing...

On Friday, April 22, 2016 at 6:39:28 AM UTC-7, wlandsman wrote:

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