
Subject: plot String data

Posted by [Ali Gamal](#) on Sun, 01 May 2016 17:56:30 GMT

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readf,1,a  
openr,2,'/home/b.dat'  
b=fltarr(49)  
readf,2,b  
plot,a,b  
end
```

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Subject: Re: plot String data

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 02 May 2016 14:27:27 GMT

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So you have a string array X = ['lions','tigers','bears'] and you want to plot Y versus X. I don't think so.

It is possible you want to make a box plot with the X axis labeled with strings.
You can find examples of how to do this in the PLOT help page

http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/PLOT_Procedure.html

or on David Fanning's plot gallery

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/gallery/>

On Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 1:56:34 PM UTC-4, AGW wrote:

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Subject: Re: plot String data

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Mon, 02 May 2016 20:31:45 GMT

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I did this sort of thing using function graphics. In my case, I did a histogram of the frequency with which certain words appeared. I then sorted the words according to their frequency and plotted this in a barplot type histogram. This works however also for a simple plot(). Basically it is something like this:

```
xx = findgen(10)
yy = findgen(10)
pp = plot(xx,yy)
pp['xaxis'].tickInterval = 1
tn = pp['xaxis'].tickname
for i=0,9 do tn[i]=string(byte(i)+97b)
tn[10] = ""
pp['xaxis'].tickname = tn
```

Something like this was shown a few days ago on the newsgroup and I found it really nice. I think it was Pablo P.

Cheers,
Helder
