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Posted by [laura.hike](#) on Wed, 10 May 2017 19:28:39 GMT  
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Posted by [Burch](#) on Wed, 10 May 2017 19:39:29 GMT  
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Posted by [laura.hike](#) on Wed, 10 May 2017 20:37:43 GMT  
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Posted by [laura.hike](#) on Wed, 10 May 2017 22:10:30 GMT  
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On Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 1:37:45 PM UTC-7, laura...@gmail.com wrote:

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Subject: Re: Isotropic keyword in plot (function graphics)  
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 11 May 2017 07:59:02 GMT  
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Le jeudi 11 mai 2017 00:10:33 UTC+2, laura...@gmail.com a écrit :

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Just use ASPECT\_RATIO keyword in the original call.  
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Subject: Re: Isotropic keyword in plot (function graphics)  
Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Thu, 11 May 2017 10:27:10 GMT  
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On 05/11/2017 09:59 AM, alx wrote:

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Should using the ASPECT\_RATIO keyword in the original call not work to your satisfaction, try

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x=[0.:2.:01]*!dpi
y=sin(x)
p_temp=plot(x,y,/buffer)
x0=p_temp.xrange[0]
x1=p_temp.xrange[1]
y0=p_temp.yscale[0]
y1=p_temp.yscale[1]
scale=100

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p=plot(x,y,xrange=[x0,x1],yrange=[y0,y1], $  
      dimension=[x1-x0,y1-y0]*scale+100, $  
      position=[0,0,x1-x0,y1-y0]*scale+50,/device)
```

Depending on your plot, you might want to manually calculate your ranges, that often looks better.

I hope this is what you are looking for, Markus

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Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 11 May 2017 11:32:12 GMT  
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In principle, it should do.

In addition, you can always tune the axis appearance by using RANGE and STYLE keywords, at or after the initial call.

You also can do some final tuning interactively (SHIFT + LEFT mouse), as needed.  
alx.

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