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Subject: 3D scatter plots

Posted by [kawalko](#) on Thu, 16 May 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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I have some irregularly spaced data that I would like to plot as a 3D scatter plot before I grid the data and plot it as a surface. What PV-Wave function do you use? "Plots" looks like it would work but it draws a line between consecutive points.

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Subject: Re: 3D scatter plots

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In article <4nql0s\$rv4@central.blrdoc.gov>, [kawalko@boulder.nist.gov](mailto:kawalko@boulder.nist.gov) (Stephen F. Kawalko) writes:

> In article <DrIKu8.E5o@hpl.hp.com>, [peter@hpl.hp.com](mailto:peter@hpl.hp.com) (Peter Webb) says:

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>> Stephen F. Kawalko ([kawalko@boulder.nist.gov](mailto:kawalko@boulder.nist.gov)) wrote:

>> Use psym=3 (or 2, if you want \*'s at the points)

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> Ok, that works but it is not very intuitive. Why should the choice  
> of the symbol displayed at a data point affect the how points are  
> connected?

Why ask why ...?

That is just the way IDL works in the PLOT and PLOTS commands:

PSYM=0     Draws connecting lines only (default)

PSYM=+n    Draws symbol "n" only

PSYM=-n    Draws symbol "n" and connecting lines

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