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Subject: pv-wave 5.00,scaling  
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Hello there,  
With a square array the resulting contour plot  
on screen and the postscript is a rectangular of  
unequal axes!  
I looked the manuals and it has a default value of  
 $x=17.780\text{cm}(=7\text{inch})$  and  $y=12700(=5\text{ inch})$   
Even the above values don't appear on a ghostscript view.  
I solved the problem by using the `set_screen` command  
so making an equal ratio for x and y for a square plot.  
Another thing I noticed is the `!x.style` doesn't seem to work  
I tried to set it equal to one (which is supposed to give an exact axis style) but no luck!  
Any ideas on doing the scaling any simpler and setting the axis style?  
Many thanks  
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