
Subject: Re: Two quick questions

Posted by [rosentha](#) **on Thu, 08 Oct 1998 07:00:00 GMT**

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On 8 Oct 1998 15:35:54 GMT,

Colin Rosenthal <rosentha@asp.hao.ucar.edu> wrote:

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Ok, found both at

<http://www.astro.washington.edu/deutsch/idl/htmlhelp/index.h tml>

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You can check out my function sym.pro (attached below).

Usage: plot,x,y,psym=sym(N)

Martin.

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; NAME:
;   SYM
;
; PURPOSE:
;   define a standard sequence of plotting symbols
;
; CATEGORY:
;   utility
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   SYM, NUMBER
;
; INPUTS:
;   NUMBER  -> symbol number
;
;      0 : dot
;      1 : filled circle
;      2 : filled upward triangle
;      3 : filled downward triangle
;      4 : filled diamond
;      5 : filled square
;      6 : open circle
;      7 : open upward triangle
;      8 : open downward triangle
;      9 : open diamond
;     10 : open square
;     11 : plus
;     12 : X
;     13 : star
;     14 : filled rightfacing triangle
;     15 : filled leftfacing triangle
;     16 : open rightfacing triangle
;     17 : open leftfacing triangle
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   function returns the symbol number to be used with PSYM= in the
;   PLOT command
;
; SUBROUTINES:
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; REQUIREMENTS:  
;  
; NOTES:  
; This function produces a side effect in that the USERSYM procedure  
; is used to create a symbol definition. It's meant for usage within  
; the PLOT, OPLOT, etc. command  
;  
; EXAMPLE:  
; PLOT,X,Y,PSYM=SYM(0),SYMSIZE=3  
; produces a plot with dots (standard symbol 3)  
; FOR I=0,17 DO OPLOT,X+I,Y,PSYM=SYM(I),COLOR=I  
; overplots 17 curves each with its own symbol  
;  
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:  
; mgs, 22 Aug 1997: VERSION 1.00  
;  
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; please contact the author to arrange payment.  
; Bugs and comments should be directed to mgs@io.harvard.edu  
; with subject "IDL routine sym"  
;----- --
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function sym,number  
  
on_error,2 ; return to caller  
  
if(n_elements(number) eq 0) then return,1 ; default  
  
  
result=8 ; default: return psym=8, i.e. user defined symbol  
  
; define some help variables for  
; circle :  
phi=findgen(32)*(!PI*2/32.)  
phi = [ phi, phi(0) ]  
  
case number of
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0 : result = 3 ; dot

1 : usersym, cos(phi), sin(phi), /fill
; filled circle

2 : usersym, [ -1, 0, 1, -1 ], [ -1, 1, -1, -1 ], /fill
; filled upward triangle

3 : usersym, [ -1, 0, 1, -1 ], [ 1, -1, 1, 1 ], /fill
; filled downward triangle

4 : usersym, [ 0, 1, 0, -1, 0 ], [ 1, 0, -1, 0, 1 ], /fill
; filled diamond

5 : usersym, [ -1, 1, 1, -1, -1 ], [ 1, 1, -1, -1, 1 ], /fill
; filled square

6 : usersym, cos(phi), sin(phi)
; open circle

7 : usersym, [ -1, 0, 1, -1 ], [ -1, 1, -1, -1 ]
; open upward triangle

8 : usersym, [ -1, 0, 1, -1 ], [ 1, -1, 1, 1 ]
; open downward triangle

9 : usersym, [ 0, 1, 0, -1, 0 ], [ 1, 0, -1, 0, 1 ]
; open diamond

10 : usersym, [ -1, 1, 1, -1, -1 ], [ 1, 1, -1, -1, 1 ]
; open square

11 : result = 1 ; plus

12 : result = 7 ; X

13 : result = 2 ; star

14 : usersym, [ -1, 1, -1, -1 ], [ 1, 0, -1, 1 ], /fill
; rightfacing triangle, filled

15 : usersym, [ 1, -1, 1, 1 ], [ 1, 0, -1, 1 ], /fill
; leftfacing triangle, filled

16 : usersym, [ -1, 1, -1, -1 ], [ 1, 0, -1, 1 ]
; rightfacing triangle, open

17 : usersym, [ 1, -1, 1, 1 ], [ 1, 0, -1, 1 ]

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; leftfacing triangle, open

else : begin
    print,'invalid symbol number - set to 1'
    result = 1
end

endcase

return,result
end
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File Attachments

1) [sym.pro](#), downloaded 77 times
