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Double-Density Graphing On The O.S.I.C1P

When analyzing data or trying to understand an algebraic equation, a quick X,Y plot is often an invaluable first step. The O.S.I. C1P, despite its extensive graphics character set, doesn't particularly lend itself to graphing because of its cramped 24 x 24 video format.

One way to ease the crowding and double the resolution of a plot is to make use of graphics symbols that divide each square into quarters. I've written a program in BASIC that does this quickly and neatly (Fig. 1). As written it can stand by itself or, with slight modifications, function as a subroutine called up by a number-crunching main program. The effective display is increased to 40 x 40 bringing it into the range of usefulness for many scientific and business applications.

The program is designed first to scale the input data array, DA(I), between 0 and 40 (lines 5260 -5332) and put the results into array DY(I). Datasets with a difference between maximum and minimum values of more than 40 are condensed and smaller ones expanded on the graph. Both positive and negative values now will be plotted above the X-axis. Actual high (YH) and low (YL) values are saved and printed by line 5900 to give an idea of absolute as well as relative magnitudes. Next, 40 locations on the video display are computed for the scaled points. This must be done two points at a time because several symbols can be used to represent the pair, depending on whether they are equal, different by \pm 1, or neither. Lines 5340 - 5780 code for the selection of the correct symbols. Figure 2 shows a decision tree that depicts how the choice is made. Since the first point of the pair automatically has an odd X-value $(1,3,5,\ldots 39)$ and the second an even value

(2,4,6,...40), only Y-values need be evaluated as odd or even. Based on the following table of possible X,Y coordinates, the correct quadrants are chosen for each square:

QUADRANT	STATUS	EXAMPLE
LEFT BOTTOM =	X ODD, Y ODD	(1,1)
LEFT TOP =	X ODD, Y EVEN	(1,2)
RIGHT BOTTOM =	X EVEN, Y ODD	(2,1)
RIGHT TOP =	X EVEN, Y EVEN	(2,2)

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Line 5800 computes the video display locations rounded to the nearest integer.

The axes are drawn by lines 5210 - 5252. I also include a background grid (lines 5100 - 5130) to help read the plotted curve, but this may be deleted easily if not needed. The purpose of lines 6000 - 6030 is to check for a "return" that when found causes a recycling to the start.

None of this would be any good without a curve to plot. Line 210 is where the user enters his equation (or READ statement for data input) before running the program. DA(I), the data array, remains unaltered in case it is needed elsewhere. Any number of variables supplied by the user and/or program may be used so long as they are assigned before line 210. Figure 3 shows a graph of DA(I) = SIN(I/X)-COS(I/Y) where X = 3, Y = 6.3, and I goes from 1 to 40. Note that the scaled value of the 34th point is zero and that a blank spot is placed on the X-axis under the previous point.

The program occupies about 1700 bytes of RAM, but by dropping all the extras -- remarks, header, instructions, etc. -- it can fit into about 1 K of memory. Running time is around 8 seconds, much of it spent scaling and drawing the background; the curve plots out rapidly.

Four extensions of this routine come to mind which you may want to make to adapt it for your own purposes:

- 1. adjust axes to show negative plot quadrants
- 2. overplot more than one curve on the same graph
- 3. extend the X-axis with a second plot showing points 41 - 80
- 4. fill in below the curve to make a bar chart

In conclusion, this routine takes a big step toward relieving the C1P's small display problems when graphing. It is compact and quick, leaving plenty of memory to use for other things.

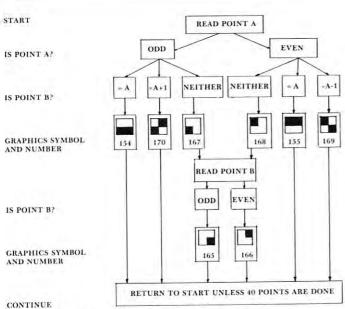
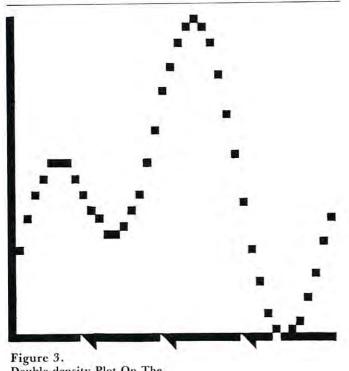


Fig. 2. Decision tree for selecting correct graphics symbols.



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- 10 REM--DOUBLE-DENSITY GRAPHING ON THE CIP
- 20 REM--BY G. BODEN; 9 DEC 1980
- 30 REM--ENTER YOUR EQUATION ON LINE 210
- 40 REM--THE Y-AXIS IS AUTOMATICALLY SCALED FROM Ø TO 40
- REM--AND 40 POINTS ARE PLOTTED ON THE 50 Y-AXIS
- 60 FORI=1TO25:PRINT:NEXT
- 70 PRINT"DOUBLE-DENSITY PLOTTING"
- 72 PRINT"ON THE O.S.I. CHALLENGER"
- :PRINT

TO BEGINNING": PRINT: PRINT

- 100 DIMDA(50):DIMDX(50):DIMDY(50)
- INPUT"ENTER X";X 120
- 130 INPUT"ENTER Y";Y
- 200 FORI=1TO40 210 DA(I) = SIN(I/X) - COS(I/Y)
- 220 NEXT

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- 4900 REM--DRAW THE GRAPH AXES AND REFERENCE POINTS
- 5000 FORI=1TO25:PRINT:NEXT
- 5100 G2=53446:FORJ=1TO20
- 5120 FORI=1TO20
- 5125 POKEG2+1,207:NEXTI
- 5130 G2=G2+32:NEXTJ 5210 FORG=53446T054054STEP32
- 5220 POKEG, 157:NEXT
- 5230 G=54086:FORI=1TO20 5240 POKEG+1,155:NEXT
- 5250 POKEG,166
- 5252 T=177: POKEG+5, T: POKEG+10, T: POKEG+15, T
- 5255 REM--SCALE THE DATA
- 5260 YH=DA(1):YL=YH
- 5270 FORI=1TO40
- 528Ø IFDA(I)>YH THENYH=DA(I) IFDA(I) <YL THENYL=DA(I) 5290
- 5292 NEXT
- 5300 YR=YH-YL
- 5305 NF=0:IFYL<0 THENNF=ABS((YL/YR)*40)
- FORI=1TO40 5310
- 5320 DX(I)=I
- 5330 DY(I)=INT((DA(I)/YR)*40+NF+.5)
- 5332 NEXT 5335 REM--PLOT OF CURVE
- 534Ø I=1
- IFINT(DX(I)/2)*2>=DX(I) GOTO5670 5500
- IFINT(DY(I)/2)*2=DY(I) GOTO5600 5510 5520 IFDY(I) <> DY(I+1) GOTO5550
- 5530 SY=154:GOSUB5800
- 5540 GOTO5750
- 5550 IFDY(I) <>DY(I+1)-1 GOTO5580
- 5560 SY=170:GOSUB5800
- 5570 GOTO5750
- 5580 SY=167:GOSUB5800
- 5590 GOTO5670 5600 IFDY(I) <> DY(I+1) GOTO5630
- 5610 SY=155:GOSUB5800
- 5620 GOTO5750
- 5630 IFDY(I) <>DY(I+1) GOTO5660
- 5640 SY=169:GOSUB5800
- 5650 GOTO5750
- 5660 SY=168:GOSUB5800
- 5670 DY(I)=DY(I+1)
- 5680 IFINT(DY(I)/2)*2=DY(I) GOTO5710 5690 SY=165:GOSUB5800
- 5700 GOTO5750
- 5710 SY=166:GOSUB5800
- 5750 IFINT(DX(I)/2)*2>=DX(I) GOTO5770
- 5760 I=I+1
- 5770 I=I+1:IFI>40 GOTO5900
- 5780 GOTO5500
- 5800 POKEG+INT((DX(I)/2)+.5)-32*
- INT((DY(I)/2)+.5),SY:RETURN 5900 GOSUB6000
- 5910 PRINT"HI="YH;"LO="YL
- 5920 GOSUB6000
- 5930 GOTO120
- 5990 REM--LOOK FOR <CR> 6000 POKE530,1:K=57088
- POKEK, 223: IFPEEK(K)=247THEN6030 6010
- 6020 GOTO6010
- 6030 POKE530,0:RETURN 6040 END

80 PRINT"HIT 'RETURN' AFTER PLOT TO RECYCLE