



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

chips_label

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Synopsis

Adds a label to a drawing area.

Syntax

```
Integer_Type chips_label(x,y,text)
Integer_Type chips_label(x,y,text,color)
Integer_Type chips_label(x,y,text,color,size)
Integer_Type chips_label(x,y,text,color,size,rotationAngle)
```

Description

This is a S-Lang version of the ChIPS LABEL command. It adds the text to the current pane at the specified location (x,y), and the optional parameters control the color, size, and rotation angle of the label.

Arguments for chips_label

Name	Type	Default	Comment
x	Numeric		location of bottom left of text
y	Numeric		location of bottom left of text
text	String_Type		may contain TeX syntax
color	Integer_Type	_chips-> defcolor	
size	Numeric	1.0	
rotationAngle	Numeric	0	degrees

The rotationAngle parameter specifies the counter-clockwise rotation of the text from the horizontal. The rotation occurs about the point specified by the x and y parameters.

The function returns a 0 on success and -1 on failure. If used with the wrong number of arguments, it prints a usage message:

```
chips> chips_label(1)
Usage: chips_label(x,y,text[,color[,rotationAngle,[size]])
chips_label(1);
```

Quoting the text

Since the backslash character (`\`) is used in S-Lang as a delimiter (as do `printf` and related functions in the C/C++ stdio library), remember to use a double backslash for embedded TeX commands or font specifications. For example,

```
chips> chips_label(0.5,0.5,"\\it {HELLO}")
```

will draw the label "HELLO" in italic when SM is the underlying plot engine. Similarly, the command

```
chips> chips_label(0.2,0.2,"\"myLabel\"")
```

ensures that the label will be enclosed by double quotes. Make sure that both sets of quotes are closed at the end.

Example 1

```
chips> clear
chips> chips_label(0.5,0.5,"A label")
0
```

Here we mix ChIPS and S-Lang commands. The `CLEAR` command is used to remove any previous plots and set the axis limits to 0 and 1. Then we use the S-Lang command to add a label to the plot at (0.5,0.5).

Example 2

```
chips> chips_label(0.7,0.7,"A label",_chips->red,2,180)
0
```

This time the label is placed upside-down (i.e. rotated by 180), written in red, and has a size of 2.

Example 3

```
chips_clear();
() = chips_label(0.2,0.5, "x = \\frac{y+z/2}{y^{2}+3}");
```

This part of a S-lang script would clear the screen and then add the label to it. Note the use of a double backslash, as discussed in the "Quoting the text" section, above.

Example 4

```
chips> () = chips_label(0.2,0.2,"\\oe This \\rm is \\gr Greek");
```

Here we use more TeX syntax in order to achieve mixed fonts in the same label. This command produces a label where the "This" text is in Old English font, the "is" text is in Roman font, and the "Greek" text is in the Greek font. See the ChIPS `FONT` command for more information on the available fonts.

Bugs

See the [bugs page for ChIPS](#) on the CIAO website for an up-to-date listing of known bugs.

See Also

chips

[chips auto redraw](#), [chips clear](#), [chips color name](#), [chips color value](#), [chips get pane](#),
[chips get xrange](#), [chips get xscale](#), [chips get yrange](#), [chips get yscale](#), [chips get zrange](#),
[chips get zscale](#), [chips line](#), [chips pickpoints](#), [chips redraw](#), [chips set pane](#), [chips set xrange](#),
[chips set xscale](#), [chips set yrange](#), [chips set yscale](#), [chips set zrange](#), [chips set zscale](#),
[chips split](#), [chips version](#)

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