COMMENT

PURPOSE

Designates the current line to be a comment line (i.e., it is not executed).

DESCRIPTION

The COMMENT command is used to put descriptive remarks into a DATAPLOT program (or simply to delineate sections of code). It is equivalent to a C in FORTRAN and a REM in BASIC. The COMMENT comment is identical to the "." command, with the latter being the preferred way to enter comment lines. As with all DATAPLOT commands, the command must be separated from any other text on the line by at least one space.

SYNTAX

COMMENT <text>

where <text> is all the characters after COMMENT.

EXAMPLES

COMMENT STRESS ANALYSIS
COMMENT 10/7/79
COMMENT ANALYSIS OF SPECIMENT 4

NOTE 1

By default, data files are not checked for comment characters. The COMMENT CHECK command can be used to specify that data files should be checked for comment characters.

NOTE 2

The COMMENT CHARACTER command can be used to define an additional character to be used as a comment. Although this command is intended primarily for data files, it applies to commands as well.

NOTE 3

The prescence of the separator character (a semi-colon by default) and the continuation character ("..." by default) are checked before a command is interpreted. This means that comment lines should not contain semi-colons (all characters after the semi-colon are treated as a separate command) or the character sequence "..." (the next command line is treated as part of the current comment line).

DEFAULT

None

SYNONYMS

. (period)

RELATED COMMANDS

COMMENT CHARACTER   =   Define a character to be used as a comment character.

APPLICATIONS

Macros

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Pre-1987