
Subject: Re: Trouble with IDL 5.0.2 (filled contours) unsolved?
Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Tue, 03 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

- > Is this the same Andy Loughe who used to work at NOAA!?
- > I'd say RSI must finally be getting their act together to
- > get this kind of comment from THAT Andy Loughe. :-)

Now how many "Andy Loughes" do you run across in your travels!?
I still have my moments of frustration, but I like to think I call
a spade a spade, and some problems--not all-- have been fixed by RSI.
I believe, for example, that map_continents, /fill is greatly improved
in v5.0.3.

- > P.S. Did you see Scott Lett's comments yesterday that there
- > would be MEAN, VARIANCE, STDEV, etc. routines in IDL 5.1?
- > Is it just my imagination or is RSI really starting to
- > pay closer attention to what customers want and need?

Yes, and I was surprised by the return email address.
For whom does Scott Lett work... (hello, Scott)?

If RSI were to take *any* old routines out of IDL it would affect
backward compatability, so I hope they do not remove stdev as was
earlier announced. What are we supposed to do, replace all occurrences
of stdev with sqrt((moment(array))(1))? I am still unable to use my
routines that require the !map.out system variable that was removed
in version 5 of IDL. What am I to do, add a call to map_set_ll_box?
That is exactly what I have done... with mixed success. Help!

- > By the way, I've been writing object-oriented programs
- > this week and I am absolutely blown away by how powerful,
- > flexible, and simple these programs can be. This is the best
- > thing RSI has EVER added to IDL with the exception of widgets.
- > If you haven't yet tried to write an OOP program, give it
- > a go. I guarantee you will be impressed with it.

I'll try and find some time for OOP!
With 3-1/3 kids at home I am an expert at GOOP and SLOP. ;-)

If I could increase our IDL user base here at NOAA, we could have you
down for a PAID performance to teach us OOP.

Good luck with the newly expanded teaching role you announced this weekend.

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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us
with
sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use."
-Galileo
