
Subject: Re: Trouble with IDL 5.0.2 (filled contours) unsolved?

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Andy Loughe (afl@cdc.noaa.gov) writes:

- > My experience is that RSI has addressed many of these problems
- > in their most recent version, which I believe to be 5.0.3.

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. :-)

Cheers,

David

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?

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'm not talking about the object graphics class library, which is much more difficult to learn. But just writing programs as objects with their own methods, etc. I spent the last two days writing a plot object that uses direct graphics calls. It does things that I didn't think were possible in IDL! And every time I make it do something else, I get about 10 new ideas for something ELSE it can do. I like it.)

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