Subject: Re: a plea for more reliable mathematical routines
Posted by davidf on Mon, 13 Sep 1999 07:00:00 GMT

Arno (fruncan@zedat.fu-berlin.de) writes:

> so let us discuss strategies to migrate from IDL to something reasonable
> (almost everything without common blocks and childish attempts to be object
> oriented).

Oh, come on. I'll be the first to admit that IDL is not
perfect. But it's a hell of a lot better than most of the
alternatives. And after seeing the kinds of programs I
can write with objects, I find your characterization of
objects as "childish" to be ridiculous.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Just for the record, I agree completely with Richard
French that some kind of consolidation of what is already
in IDL to make it work correctly is badly overdue. I would
be happy (as I'm sure many of you would be) to forgo six
months of new features to have the NLEVELS keyword to the
CONTOUR command actually compute N levels. :-)

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