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Subject: Re: polar contour plots  
Posted by [air\\_jlin](#) on Fri, 03 Aug 2001 19:45:08 GMT  
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hi Ann,

the coarseness of the grid should only affect the smoothness of the contours, i would think. what does your program look like? are you trying to do a polar (as in not-cartesian) plot, or a polar (an in polar stereographic map projection) plot? if the former, you'll may want to look at David Fanning's page on the polar plots in general:

[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/polar\\_plot.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/polar_plot.html)

if the latter, you should be able to get what you want with a call to MAP\_SET (with the appropriate map projection specifications) followed by CONTOUR.

best,  
-Johnny

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ahw199@soton.ac.uk (Ann Webber) wrote in message  
news:<b73826cc.0108030658.42afbe2@posting.google.com>...  
> I am a relatively new user of IDL and I am trying to make a ploar  
> plot. I have written a programme which does exactly that but does not  
> give me the expected pattern. I only have data for every 10 degrees  
> around the circle, could this be my problem? i.e. do I need data for  
> every degree around the plot for the contours to be accurate?  
> thanks  
> Ann Webber

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