
Subject: Re: strange things in CONTOUR

Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Mon, 14 Feb 2005 17:34:10 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> I keep telling myself that sooner or later
> I am going to see why a scientist will want to use these
> rather than the good ol' direct graphics. :-)
>

After having discovered no more than five percent of their features, I find the iTools really useful for creating a quick plot where I can add annotations, change axis ranges, arrange multiple images on a page etc. easily. Also, very importantly, I can print with a mouseclick (and adjust the size on the paper interactively) rather than using ten direct graphics commands to create a plot on the screen, starting over again ten times till all parameters are correct, then switching to the PS device, repeating my 10 commands, checking the file in Ghostview and finally printing from there. Also, you can save your data along with the plot in an .isv file, which I find useful.

By the way 1-- I have received only one tutorial so far, and that's been three weeks ago. Did they forget about me?

By the way 2 -- I managed to get started on iTools with the iTools User's Guide, even though it's not very clear at the beginning what Windows, Views, Visualizations, Data Spaces etc. are and how they are connected. The tutorial(s) definitely help to get started.

Cheers,
Benjamin
