
Subject: Re: how to draw vector field and potential field?

Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 20:46:54 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

lixiaoyao wrote:

> hey
> In fact,I have spend a long time for this question by reading
> reference,but for a beginner,it is not easy to work it out.Thanks

For a beginner, the manuals which come with IDL are not the best material to start with. Again, I recommend either David Fanning's or Liam Gumley's book. David's is more tutorial-style, Liam's more reference-style in my opinion. Spend a few days going through the introductory chapters of one of them (and type the examples yourself!). Then you should understand the greater picture of how IDL works, and you'll be able to work out the details from the IDL help system or by asking specific questions here on the newsgroup.

Benjamin

> Haje Korth wrote:

>
>> I do not want to sound rude, but I am starting to wonder whether you
>
> are
>
>> using the right software package for your purpose. With IDL you WILL
>
> HAVE TO
>
>> do some programming yourself which requires actually reading some of
>
> the
>
>> user guides, book and tutorials you were directed to in other posts.
>
> If you
>
>> are not willing to do this you might want to try Origin, Sigmaplot,
>
> Surfer,
>
>> IGOR, or any of the other software packages that do not require
>
> programming.
>
>> Cheers,

>> Haje
>>
>>
>> "lixiaoyao" <lixiaoyao5880@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:1113933167.352659.13250@l41g2000cwc.googlegroups.com...
>>
>>> I have a file,it has five columns,the first two columns represent
>
> the
>
>>> position (x,y),the third column represents the potential energy
>
> and
>
>>> the last two columns
>>> represent the force in the (x,y) direction.how to draw a vector
>
> field
>
>>> and also draw
>>> the contour for the potential field?
>>> Thanks
>>>
>
>
