Subject: Re: crazy contour Posted by news.qwest.net on Wed, 02 May 2007 20:18:02 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message news:MPG.20a296d7788d155a989f7d@news.frii.com...

> R.G. Stockwell writes:

- >> So, do you think the 78 mb /cell file is a normal result for a contour
- >> plot like this?

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- > Well, I think CELL FILL produces a LOT of polygons. Even with
- > your FILL method I got a warning about lots of polygons. So
- > it is probably not out of the question. Have you tried to make
- > a PDF file from it? Maybe that will be smaller. Most printers
- > will accept that now.

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Cheers,

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> David

- > David Fanning, Ph.D.
- > Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
- > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/
- > Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

I always get the 'too many polygons' message. I just figured that was a leftover from when IDL ran on IBM 386SX computers and you were only allowed 12 polygons and four colors. Seriously, this is not an unusual array to plot, and it only had 12 contours. It's not like i was trying to calculate googol factorial or something like that.

I'll look into the z buffer and pdf solutions when I run into this problem again. The file is for inclusion into latex, which can handle these other types of files now.

Cheers, bob