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Subject: Re: Spherical surface plot  
Posted by [Mrunmayee](#) on Mon, 04 May 2009 03:42:03 GMT  
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On May 4, 3:20 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:  
> Mrunmayee writes:  
>> If I am not beating the dead horse here, what \*kind\* of surface am I  
>> trying to display? I thought I was trying to do a straight forward  
>> surface plot!  
>  
> I think you are trying to display a 3D surface. The IDL Surface  
> command is designed to display a 2D surface in a 3D representation  
> (I.e, a 2.5D surface). You might have more luck in direct graphics  
> if you represented your 3D surface as a volume and tried to display  
> an isosurface of that. (If that is what you want, it is not clear  
> to me.)  
>  
>> Actually, I haven't tried to iSurface, forgot about it. I don't like  
>> to use it, because it invariably crashes my x-server.  
>  
> Yeah, well, there is that. :^)  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
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> --  
> 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.")

How is it a 3D surface? It's only specified by \theta and \phi  
coordinates, so shouldn't it be 2D?

Will see what happens with displaying it as an isosurface.

-Gauri.  
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