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Subject: volume visualization and isosurface of axisymmetric data

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Hi guys, I have a hydrodynamic simulation of an axisymmetric system of gas.

Of course the computation (I use ZEUS2D) is made in cylindrical coordinates (R,phi,z) so, computationally speaking, the simulation is 2D, and in IDL I have a matrix, eg `density[i,j]` where the first index refer to z axis and second index refer to R axis. Physically speaking this is a section of a 3D space with  $\phi = \text{constant}$ , ie a meridional plane.

Until now I made maps with contour (David Fanning will forgive me, I saw `FSC_Contour` only last week!) on meridional plane, but now I should make some 3D isosurface, but I have a 2D array, and I don't know a way to tell to iVolume that the system is axisymmetric.

iVolume (or the counterpart in direct graphics) accept only 3D matrix in cartesian coordinates, right? Because if iVolume accept a matrix in cylindrical coordinates, eg `[phi,z,R]` instead of `[x,y,z]`, I can build a 3D matrix of density like this:

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density3D[i,*,*]=density2D[*,*]
```

where i go on the phi dimension of the space.

This trick is possible or I have to move on another program, like `tecplot`? I want use IDL as long as possible, since my analyzing program is written in IDL.

Thanks a lot for help.  
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