
Subject: Re: EPS to PDF contour plots

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 05 Apr 2011 15:18:00 GMT

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Matt writes:

- > Thanks Heinz. That's really strange, because when I issue the same
- > command on my mac, I'm still getting the stripes (same file size
- > though). The appearance is slightly different if I view the pdf in
- > Preview, Safari or in Acrobat. But they all have stripes.
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- > I just tried the same thing on Linux, and then went and used Distiller
- > on a Windows machine. Same deal. How can different people be getting
- > different results with the same file? Maybe my eyes are the problem?!

The only thing that can possibly make sense here is that this is a version problem in the software we are using to convert the PostScript file to a PDF file.

I am using Adobe Acrobat Pro, version 9 to do the conversion. I've tried the conversion with several different combinations of settings and I always get a clear PDF file.

Of course, there is always the possibility that the software we are using to *view* the PostScript and PDF files are screwing it up. We are not, after all, looking at the original data, but the representation of the data as presented on the display. The proof, I suppose, is what happens when we print the file, since this is the purpose of PostScript output.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
