
Subject: Re: Contour dimension problem

Posted by [Mat](#) on Sat, 26 Nov 2011 20:40:47 GMT

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On Nov 27, 2:57 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

> In article <f717fe01-26a2-47db-b9f8-1a1157eac...@a2g2000prb.googlegroups .com > ,

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> Mat <m...@waikato.ac.nz> wrote:

>> On Nov 26, 5:02 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

>>> In article

>>> <cca14042-fbbd-40da-a693-70828da8c...@s17g2000pra.googlegroup s.com > ,

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>>> Mat <m...@waikato.ac.nz> wrote:

>>>> I'm trying to create a contour plot of temperature, depth and time.

>>>> Right now I have the temperature at 13 depths and 30169 date/times as

>>>> "temp" FLOAT [13, 30169], "depths" Int[13], and "time" FLOAT[30169].

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>>>> I don't have my dimensions right for the following command:

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>>>> IDL> contour, temp, time, depths

>>>> % CONTOUR: Array must have 2 dimensions: TEMP.

>>>> % Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

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>>>> Does anyone know the command to contour this data with one degree

>>>> contours?

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>>>> Thanks for your help

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>>> Try

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>>> HELP, temp, time, depths

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>>> If temp = temp(depth, time)

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>>> Then you should call

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>>> CONTOUR, temp, depth, time

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>>> I hope your data is very smooth in the time dimension.

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>>> Ken Bowman
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>> Hi Ken,
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>> Thanks for your help. My data is in 15 min intervals. I would think a
>> matrix is 2d but it still gives me the same error when I create a
>> matrix of temperature and depth! Is there an ideal way to format the
>> data to make this easier. What if I put all the data into a matrix of
>> time, depth, temp. OR separate into 3 vectors?
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> What is the result when you do this?
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> HELP, temp, time, depths
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> It sounds like you think that temp is a 2-D array, but it is not.
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> Ken
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Hi Ken,

I thought depth_time was 2d but I see its not. Anyway here is the result of help:

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IDL> help, temp, time, depth
TEMP      STRUCT  = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
TIME      STRUCT  = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
DEPTH     STRUCT  = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
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I thought this would work for vectors but I get:

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IDL> contour, temp,time,depth, /Irregular
% CONTOUR: Struct expression not allowed in this context: TIME.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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One thing to note is that this is a very large dataset, with depth, time, and temp all FLOAT[392197].

Cheers,

Mat
