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Subject: Re: Orientation of Contour Labels

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 28 Feb 2014 14:23:23 GMT

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Chris Torrence writes:

> You could also use the LABEL\_THRESHOLD property that was added to IDLgrContour in IDL 8.3. For some reason we didn't expose it on the Contour function...

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> IDL> c = contour(/test)

> IDL> c.setproperty, label\_threshold=0.5,/undoc

Thanks, Chris. I'm curious, though. Why is the default behavior of the Contour command to display contour labels upside down? It's a curious choice. I honestly can't think how this default feature might be to some advantage. Maybe if you are a spy and have to read documents upside down.

Cheers,

David

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

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