
Subject: about contour

Posted by [tom](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2001 00:49:34 GMT

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Hi,I will plot a contour for $Z=f(X,Y)$,
contour,Z,X,Y

I hope only area in which $Z<0$ to be filled, how to do that?

thanks,

Tom.

Subject: Re: about contour

Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 09:22:26 GMT

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In article <ecccc805.0310282257.1de74ee3@posting.google.com>, "Park Kyung Won" <parkkw@mail1.pknu.ac.kr> wrote:

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If you do want a non-spherical triangulation, use TRIANGULATE and TRIGRID, the help file can tell you how to use them much better than I can.

Chris.

Subject: Re: about contour
Posted by [Chris\[1\]](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 20:56:10 GMT
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"Christopher Lee" <cl@127.0.0.1> wrote in message
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something like that; plus play around with levels, etc.
I don't have IDL up and running right now, so I don't remember :(

(another) Chris

Subject: Re: about contour
Posted by [parkkw](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2003 05:03:40 GMT
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Thanks relpy.
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example

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I want to use mecartor map projection and draw contour map in korea region.

Thanks

Park

Subject: Re: about contour

Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2003 09:06:58 GMT

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In article <oGVnb.4174\$Nm6.241992@news20.bellglobal.com>, "Chris" <not@this.address> wrote:

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Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2003 09:13:48 GMT

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> region. Thanks
> Park
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Range...ok, just change the ranges I gave from 'whole world' to 126-130 long, 36-38 lat, or whatever the data really is, change GS=[10,5] to GS=[0.1,0.05] or something, depends on the resolution YOU want.

Ah, fun with maps..

```
map_set, /mercator, limit=[lower_long, lower_lat, upper_long, upper_lat]
contour,r,x,y, /over
```

; you will have to play with the contour and the map_set to get the image
; you want, check the helpfile for continent and lat-long lines plotting.

Whether you use the SPH_SCAT or the /irregular keyword on contour, the map projection method is the same.

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Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2003 14:08:27 GMT
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Hi,

A couple of other options:

Use the newish GRID_INPUT/GRIDDATA functions that appeared with IDL5.5 These functions provide many features for sampling the data onto a grid before contouring.

Use the new iTools contour tool that provides a nice GUI to the GRIDDATA function.

Ben
