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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 15:55:21 GMT
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Posted by [Steven Lord](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 16:36:26 GMT
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It sounds like you want either a contour plot or an isosurface plot, or
something along those lines. See `HELP CONTOUR` and `HELP ISOSURFACE`, and look
at the examples in the Volume Visualization Techniques chapter of the Using
MATLAB Graphics manual.

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Steve Lord
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Subject: Re: creating elliptically shaped images
Posted by [Matt Feinstein](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 17:15:00 GMT
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wrote:

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Matt Feinstein

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There is no virtue in believing something that can be proved to be true.

Subject: Re: creating elliptically shaped images
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 17:32:05 GMT
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In article <a9116224.0311240712.618f4088@posting.google.com>,
mruschin@hotmail.com (mark) wrote:

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I think this does the trick.

Ken Bowman

```
nx = 300  
ny = 300
```

```
a = 0.75  
b = 0.50
```

```
x = 2.0*((FINDGEN(nx)+0.5)/nx - 0.5)  
y = 2.0*((FINDGEN(ny)+0.5)/ny - 0.5)
```

```
xx = REBIN(x, nx, ny, /SAMPLE)  
yy = REBIN(REFORM(y, 1, ny), nx, ny, /SAMPLE)
```

```
ellipse = 255*(xx^2/a + yy^2/b LT 1.0)
```

```
WINDOW, XSIZE = 300, YSIZE = 300  
TV, ellipse
```

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 24 Nov 2003 17:37:23 GMT

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You really have two questions. One is, how do I make a 2D function, and the other is, how do I mask it to an elliptical shape? The answers are close to the same for both. Making a 2D function is usually very simple, as long as you expand your X and Y vectors to be 2D as well.

Let's say you have an N X-pixels and M Y-pixels, so your desired array is `IMG = fltarr(N,M)`. You would have a N-vector called X which labels the X pixels, and an M-vector called Y which labels the y pixels.

Further suppose you have a

```
; Expand X and Y to full 2D arrays
```

```
XX = X # (fltarr(m)+1)
```

```
YY = (fltarr(n)+1) # Y
```

```
; Define ellipse
```

```
A = ... ;; semi-major axis
```

```
B = ... ;; semi-minor axis
```

```
U = (XX/A)^2 + (YY/B)^2
```

```
;; Ellipse 'radius' function is simply U
```

```
F_ELLIPSE = U
```

```
;; Make mask - any point inside the ellipse
```

```
MASK = F_ELLIPSE LT 1
```

```
;; Make your own user function
```

```
F_USER = F(XX,YY)
```

```
;; Finally, mask it so only points inside the ellipse are there
```

```
F_USER = F_USER * MASK
```

Now, anticipating your question, if you want an arbitrary position angle and/or centroid, then you need to do a little extra work, but not much. You would replace the `U = ...` line above with the following:

```
C = cos(theta) & S = sin(theta)
```

```
XP = XX - XCENTROID & YP = YY - YCENTROID
```

```
U = ( (XP * (C/A) - YP * (S/A))^2 + (XP * (S/B) + YP * (C/WIDY))^2 )
```

and then continue.

Good luck!

Craig

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Subject: Re: creating elliptically shaped images
Posted by [mruschin](#) on Tue, 25 Nov 2003 08:28:29 GMT
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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.1a2bf24fe8dc9551989757@news.frii.com>...

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Thanks for the tip!
