# Subject: Re: problems with contouring in a for loop Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 02 Sep 2004 02:32:31 GMT

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David

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## Subject: Re: problems with contouring in a for loop Posted by maarten on Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:45:28 GMT

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A simple contour( reform(array[i,*,*]) ) should do the trick.
good luck, maarten
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