
Subject: Re: how to draw three-dimension graph using IDL
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 14:51:19 GMT
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y=4*pi*findgen(101)/100

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shade_surf,sin(xx)*sin(yy),xx,yy
```

--Paolo

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Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 15:11:59 GMT
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Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 15:54:15 GMT
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Well, of course you have to try to understand the code
for yourself, the best way to do it is to try out with
a simple example:
```

```
x=[1,2,3]
y=[1,2,3]
```

```
xx=rebin(x,n_elements(x),n_elements(y))
yy=rebin(transpose(y),n_elements(x),n_elements(y))
```

```
IDL> print,xx
  1  2  3
  1  2  3
  1  2  3
```

```
IDL> print,yy
  1  1  1
  2  2  2
  3  3  3
```

(you see why I had to transpose to get yy?)

```
IDL> z=xx+yy
IDL> print,z
  2  3  4
  3  4  5
```

Now $z[i,j]$ is equal to $x[i]+y[j]$, and the "rebin" call was used to inflate the x and y array in order to avoid the need of writing two nested for loops over i and j to fill out the values of $z[i,j]=x[i]+y[j]$.

Paolo

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```

Subject: Re: how to draw three-dimension graph using IDL
 Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 19:23:27 GMT
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... or for even more fun, as your last command, use this:

```
iSurface, sin(xx)*sin(yy),xx,yy
```

or

```
iSurface, sin(xx)*sin(yy),xx,yy, /Isotropic
(for isotropic or equally-scaled X, Y and Z axes)
```

Cheers,

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-Dick

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"Paolo Grigis" <pgrigis@astro.phys.ethz.ch> wrote in message
 news:42651ae7\$1@news1.ethz.ch...

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Posted by [lixiaoyao](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 21:42:14 GMT
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thanks

Subject: Re: how to draw three-dimension graph using IDL
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Wed, 20 Apr 2005 06:14:05 GMT
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"lixiaoyao" <lixiaoyao5880@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:1113946934.318245.263170@l41g2000cwc.googlegroups.com.. .
> how to set the contour to a wanted point? for example contour =0.1

Online Help for "ISURFACE procedure" gives this:

Insert a contour onto the surface by clicking the Surface Contour button on the toolbar, then clicking and dragging on the surface to position the contour at the desired height.

But I found that I couldn't get any contours with:

```
iSurface, sin(xx)*sin(yy),xx,yy  
... I had to just use:  
iSurface, sin(xx)*sin(yy)
```

I think that if you look in Online Help:Using IDL iTools:Working with Surfaces (or Contours) you will find more of what you are looking for.

Cheers,

--

-Dick

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