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Subject: Contouring of data in polar coordinates  
Posted by [jennifer](#) on Mon, 30 Jan 1995 21:24:29 GMT  
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1) interpolate irregularly spaced data expressed in polar coordinates to  
obtain a grid of data  
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Any help would be appreciated.

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Subject: Re: Contouring of data in polar coordinates  
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In article [epd@news.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:epd@news.arc.nasa.gov), [jennifer@gaia.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:jennifer@gaia.arc.nasa.gov) (Jennifer Dungan) writes:  
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If you have IDL rather than PV-WAVE you can use MAP\_SET to produce polar  
stereographic plots. This is MUCH faster than interpolating.

- William.

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Subject: Re: Contouring of data in polar coordinates  
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In article <[3gjled\\$epd@news.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:3gjled$epd@news.arc.nasa.gov)>, [jennifer@gaia.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:jennifer@gaia.arc.nasa.gov)  
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If your data are in polar coordinates (i.e.  $r$  and  $\theta$ ), which is equivalent to co-latitude and longitude on an azimuthal projection, just use MAPSET and the AZIMUTHAL projection.

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