
Subject: Re: Fill intersection of two contours
Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 15:22:56 GMT
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contour, dist(100), /fill, nlevels=20
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loadct, 12
contour, mask*100, /over, /fill, nlevels=1
end
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Cheers,

Brian

Brian Larsen
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Subject: Re: Fill intersection of two contours
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 15:50:38 GMT
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Brian Larsen writes:

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I'm pretty sure a more elegant solution would involve the ISOCONTOUR command, but actually writing the darn thing is more in the nature of a research project than a friendly

conversation in a newsgroup. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Fill intersection of two contours

Posted by [burkina](#) on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 09:23:58 GMT

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On Aug 22, 5:22 pm, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hi Brian,

thanks for the reply.

The method you are suggesting me is the one I was thinking about. Unfortunately, it does not work as I wish, because the 'mask' is not coincident with the contours' region. It must be the way the contour

procedure works. The two regions are similar, of course, but the difference is not acceptable for my plot.

I guess the solution should be a graphical one, in the sense that the contours produced by the contour procedure should be treated as polygons, with their coordinates, and then, in some way, their intersection should be found in this way, not in an analytical way.

I hoped this problem had been solved by someone else, since it could be quite useful in this kind of plots...

Stefano
