Subject: Re: problem of contour

Posted by wfzhao on Sat, 22 Mar 2008 04:30:00 GMT

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thanks wenfang

Subject: Re: problem of contour Posted by ben.bighair on Sun, 23 Mar 2008 20:35:04 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverse_distance_weighting

Cheers, Ben

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