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Posted by [OUWxGuesser](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 15:32:20 GMT

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Posted by [Brian McNoldy](#) on Thu, 11 Aug 2016 17:24:54 GMT

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I see this post is about 6 years old, but I'm wondering if there has ever been a remedy?? I am using 8.4 and am having exactly the same problem.

I have a filled contour plot with a reverse ylog axis (1000 up to 50), and then overplot line contours with their labels. The labels get plotted, but some of them are upside-down, some are correct,

and some are very distorted. I have an example of a plot at [http://andrew.rsmas.miami.edu/bmcnoldy/tmp/contour\\_labels.png](http://andrew.rsmas.miami.edu/bmcnoldy/tmp/contour_labels.png)

I'm guessing that the labeling doesn't like the ylog part (distortion) and REALLY doesn't like the reverse ylog part (upside-down).

Thanks!  
Brian

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Posted by [Brian McNoldy](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 14:00:53 GMT

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Posted by [louiesun2016](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2016 18:24:10 GMT

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