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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 18:39:28 GMT

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 20:04:27 GMT
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Posted by [Gray](#) on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 01:30:41 GMT
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What does the contour plot look like by itself?
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It's a bit slow though - use it on small arrays

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