
Subject: Re: Contour dimension problem

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Fri, 25 Nov 2011 16:02:06 GMT

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In article <cca14042-fbbd-40da-a693-70828da8c455@s17g2000pra.googlegroups.com>, Mat <mga1@waikato.ac.nz> wrote:

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HELP, temp, time, depths

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CONTOUR, temp, depth, time

I hope your data is very smooth in the time dimension.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: Contour dimension problem

Posted by [Mat](#) on Fri, 25 Nov 2011 22:18:38 GMT

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On Nov 26, 5:02 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Sat, 26 Nov 2011 13:57:58 GMT
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In article <f717fe01-26a2-47db-b9f8-1a1157eac29c@a2g2000prb.googlegroups.com>, Mat <mga1@waikato.ac.nz> wrote:

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What is the result when you do this?

HELP, temp, time, depths

It sounds like you think that temp is a 2-D array, but it is not.

Ken

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Posted by [Mat](#) on Sat, 26 Nov 2011 20:40:47 GMT

On Nov 27, 2:57 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:
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Hi Ken,

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IDL> help, temp, time, depth
TEMP      STRUCT  = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
TIME      STRUCT  = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
DEPTH     STRUCT  = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
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I thought this would work for vectors but I get:

```
IDL> contour, temp,time,depth, /Irregular
% CONTOUR: Struct expression not allowed in this context: TIME.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

One thing to note is that this is a very large dataset, with depth, time, and temp all FLOAT[392197].

Cheers,

Mat

Subject: Re: Contour dimension problem
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Sat, 26 Nov 2011 21:23:57 GMT
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CONTOUR is expecting an array, and you are giving it a structure. The data you want is probably inside the structure TEMP.

Try

```
HELP, temp, time, depth, /STR
```

to find out what is inside your structures.

Then you need to do something like

```
CONTOUR, temp.something, time.something, depth.something
```

where "something" is the name of the array inside each structure.

Also, it sounds like you are an IDL beginner. I recommend you get an IDL book (like mine, which is aimed at beginners). Go to Amazon and search for "bowman idl"

Ken

Subject: Re: Contour dimension problem
Posted by [Mat](#) on Sat, 26 Nov 2011 21:55:36 GMT
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Hi Ken,

Thanks for your help that's done the trick. You are right I'm a beginner, I'm buying your book for kindle right now!

```
CONTOUR, temp.FIELD1, time.FIELD1, depth.FIELD1, /irregular,
nlevels=10
```

Subject: Re: Contour dimension problem
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Sun, 27 Nov 2011 18:09:35 GMT

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I don't think you need the /IRREGULAR keyword.

Ken
