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Posted by [sean](#) on Fri, 23 Feb 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Cheers

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Posted by [Mike Mayer](#) on Mon, 26 Feb 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Posted by [Mike Mayer](#) on Mon, 26 Feb 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Sean,

Not sure if you are using IDL or PV-WAVE. If PV-WAVE, check out the routines CONV_TO_RECT and CONV_FROM_RECT. They allow you to convert back and forth between cartesian, spherical, polar, and cylindrical coordinates. For doing spherical surfaces, you could convert to cartesian and do a regular surface plot, similar to your example above (except that the lines will still be drawn rectilinearly insted of radially/concentrically).

Some of WAVE's advanced rendering techniques let you render a spherical surface, from spherical data. Check out POLY_SPHERE GRID_SPHERE, POLYSHADE, SPHERE, and RENDER. There are several useful related routines, but these should get you started.

I hope this helps.

Mike

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Subject: Re: polar surface plots
Posted by [Sergei Senin](#) on Tue, 27 Feb 1996 08:00:00 GMT
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Mike Mayer <mayer@boulder.vni.com> wrote:
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Don't be, we, kids, do like wise guys hanging around :-)

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It is always a good idea to post your reply to the newsgroup - as you say it might help others.

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