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Subject: Re: contour and IDL 5.0?

Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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Philippe Peeters writes:

- > I have just upgraded from IDL 4.0.1 (linux) to IDL 5.0. I have an IDL
- > program that makes a filled contour plot of some data over a map
- > projection. With IDL 4, I used
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- > `contour,data,lon,lat,/cell_fill,levels=lev,c_color=colors,/o ver`
- >
- > I used `cell_fill` because, `/fill` fails to do a decent contour over a map.
- > It was slow, produces huge PS files but at least it works and it was
- > easy.
- > The same command on IDL 5 only produces garbages.
- > The IDL 5 contour does not seems to support the `cell_fill` keyword
- > anymore.
- > The online help still warns you about the use of `/fill` with several map
- > projections but do not gives any alternatives.

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Cheers,

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Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Mon, 28 Jul 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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You bet he will! ;-)

I have received \*no\* information about fixes to the contour routine.  
My problem was using contour on top of an existing map that was drawn  
using map\_set. RSI was quick to identify that the problem was real,  
but after about two months has not yet responded to my bug report with  
a viable fix.

Is this kind of response typical with RSI?

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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us  
with  
sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use."  
-Galileo

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