
Subject: creating pattern filled polygons from image data
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Been thinking about this all afternoon and having NOT found a solution that i am happy with at all i have decided to just ask other peoples opinions basically to find out if i am on to a dead looser of an idea!

I have a colour image (a map of various sea ice types, cloud types and land) and it turns out that most of the shipping users still use fax machines so i need to turn a (quit complex) image into black and white.

I am thinking of turning each colour "layer" into seperate vectors (can't find anything IDL to do this tho) and just POLYFILL with a defined pattern. I can do the latter but it is the former (time and processing wise) which may make this hardly worth the effort.

My data is quite complex looking (already done some operations to create more homogeneous looking areas) and i am just wondering whether i should forget the the whole thing (one suggestion was make them all light (as in pale) colours and some one can hand write over the output in black pen and fax it off!!)

Any advice, suggestions etc. would be most welcome.

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