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Subject: extracting contours from IDL meshes

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I am having problems (in IDL6.0) efficiently extracting contours from a mesh where clipping the mesh would generate more than one contour (e.g. if a torus were clipped in the plane containing the axis of symmetry the contours would be two circles). Using the function `mesh_clip` I can extract the vertices in the clipped plane, but the method I use to get the contours (dialating the vertices to create objects, separating the objects using `label_region` and then creating contours from these separate objects) is computationally expensive. Is there a simpler way of getting the contours?

Thanks in Advance

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