
Subject: Re: Polygon Clipping Algo in IDL
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raval.chintan@gmail.com wrote:

> Dear All,
>
> Does any one has written code for the polygon clipping (Cohen
> Sutherland or Liang Baskey) in IDL? or is there any direct function
> available in IDL?
>
> Regards
> Chintan
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Attached, based on code from JD Smith. These are part of my Motley library and may well require other routines in same. See

<http://www.dfanning.com/hadfield/idl/README.html>

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; NAME:  
; MGH_POLYCLIP  
;  
; PURPOSE:  
; Clip an arbitrary polygon on the X-Y plane to a line parallel  
; to the X or Y axis using the Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm.  
;  
; CATEGORY:  
; Graphics, Region of Interest, Geometry  
;  
; CALLING SEQUENCE:  
; result = MGH_POLYCLIP(clip, dir, neg, polin, COUNT=count)  
;  
; RETURN VALUE  
; The function returns the clipped polygon as a [2,n] array. The  
; second dimension will equal the value of the COUNT argument, except  
; where COUNT is 0 in which case the return value is -1.  
;  
; POSITIONAL PARAMETERS  
; cval (input, numeric scalar)  
; The value of X or Y at which clipping is to occur  
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; dir (input, integer scalar)
;   Specifies whether clipping value is an X (dir = 0) or Y (dir =
;   1) value.
;
; neg (input, integer scalar)
;   Set this argument to 1 to clip to the negative side, 0 to clip to
;   the positive side.
;
; polin (input, floating array)
;   A [2,m] vector defining the polygon to be clipped.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS
;   COUNT (output, integer)
;     The number of vertices in the clipped polygon.
;
; PROCEDURE:
;   The polygon is clipped using the Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm.
;
;   This function is based on JD Smith's implementation of the
;   Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm in his POLYCLIP function. He can
;   take all of the credit and none of the blame.
;
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; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   Mark Hadfield, 2001-10:
;   Written, based on JD Smith's POLYCIIP.
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function mgh_polyclip, cval, dir, neg, poly, COUNT=count
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  compile_opt DEFINT32
  compile_opt STRICTARR
  compile_opt STRICTARRSUBS

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compile_opt LOGICAL_PREDICATE
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if n_elements(poly) eq 0 then $  
    message, BLOCK='mgh_mblk_motley', NAME='mgh_m_undefvar', 'poly'
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;; If the polygon argument is a scalar then return a scalar to  
;; to indicate that the polygon has no vertices.
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count = 0
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if size(poly, /N_DIMENSIONS) eq 0 then return, -1
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;; Vector "in" specifies whether each vertex is inside  
;; the clipped half-plane
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case dir of
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    0B: in = neg ? reform(poly[0,*] lt cval) : reform(poly[0,*] gt cval)  
    else: in = neg ? reform(poly[1,*] lt cval) : reform(poly[1,*] gt cval)  
endcase
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;; Calculate number of points in polygon--it is a little  
;; more efficient to get it from the size of "in" than  
;; from the dimensions of "poly"
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np = n_elements(in)
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;; Vector "inx" specifies whether an intersection with the clipping line  
;; is made by the segment joining each vertex with the one before.
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inx = in xor shift(in, 1)
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;; Precalculate an array of shifted vertices, used in calculating  
;; intersection points in the loop.
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pols = shift(poly, 0, 1)
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;; Loop thru vertices
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for k=0,np-1 do begin
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    ;; If this segment crosses the clipping line, add the intersection  
    ;; to the output list. I tried calculating the intersection points  
    ;; outside the loop in an array operation but it turned out slower.
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    if inx[k] then begin  
        s0 = pols[0,k]  
        s1 = pols[1,k]  
        p0 = poly[0,k]
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    p1 = poly[1,k]
    case dir of
      0B: ci = [cval,s1+(p1-s1)/(p0-s0)*(cval-s0)]
      else: ci = [s0+(p0-s0)/(p1-s1)*(cval-s1),cval]
    endcase
    polout = count eq 0 ? [ci] : [[polout],[ci]]
    count ++
  endif

;; If this vertex is inside the clipped half-plane add it to the list

if in[k] then begin
  polout = count eq 0 ? [poly[*],k] : [[polout],[poly[*],k]]
  count ++
endif

endfor

return, count gt 0 ? polout : -1

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end

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;+
; NAME:
;   MGH_POLYCLIP2
;
; PURPOSE:
;   Clip an arbitrary polygon on the X-Y plane to a line of arbitrary
;   orientation using the Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm.
;
; CATEGORY:
;   Graphics, Region of Interest, Geometry
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   result = MGH_POLYCLIP2(clip, poly, COUNT=count)
;
; POSITIONAL PARAMETERS
;   poly (input, floating array)
;     A [2,m] vector defining the polygon to be clipped.
;
;   clip (input, 3-element numeric vector)
;     This parameter describes the line to be clipped to. The polygon is
;     clipped to the half-plane (clip[0] x + clip[1] y + clip[2]) < 0.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS
;   COUNT (output, integer)
;     The number of vertices in the clipped polygon.
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; RETURN VALUE
; The function returns the clipped polygon as a [2,n] array. The
; second dimension will equal the value of the COUNT argument, except
; where COUNT is 0 in which case the return value is -1.
;
;
; PROCEDURE:
; The polygon is clipped using the Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm.
;
; This function is similar to MGH_POLYCLIP, which was written first
; & clips to vertical or horizontal lines only. It turns out that
; MGH_POLYCLIP2 is competitive with MGH_POLYCLIP in terms of speed
; so the former may supersede the latter.
;
; Both polygon-clipping functions are based on JD Smith's
; implementation of the Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm in his POLYCLIP
; function. He can take most of the credit and none of the blame.
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; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; Mark Hadfield, 2002-08:
; Written.
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```
function mgh_polyclip2, poly, clip, COUNT=count
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compile_opt DEFINT32
compile_opt STRICTARR
compile_opt STRICTARRSUBS
compile_opt LOGICAL_PREDICATE

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if size(poly, /N_ELEMENTS) eq 0 then $
    message, BLOCK='mgh_mblk_motley', NAME='mgh_m_undefvar', 'poly'

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if size(clip, /N_ELEMENTS) ne 3 then $
    message, BLOCK='mgh_mblk_motley', NAME='mgh_m_wrgnumelem', 'clip'

;; If the polygon argument is a scalar then return a scalar to
;; to indicate that the polygon has no vertices.

count = 0

if size(poly, /N_DIMENSIONS) eq 0 then return, -1

;; Precalculate an array of shifted vertices, used in calculating
;; intersection points in the loop.

pols = shift(poly, 0, 1)

;; Vector "pp" is the position of each vertex along the
;; perpendicular to the clipping line. Vector "ps" is the same for
;; the shifted vertices

pp = reform(clip[0]*poly[0,*]+clip[1]*poly[1,*]+clip[2])
ps = shift(pp, 1)

;; Vector "in" specifies whether each vertex is inside the clipped
;; half-plane. Vector "inx" specifies whether an intersection with
;; the clipping line is made by the segment joining each vertex
;; with the one before.

in = pp lt 0
inx = in xor (ps lt 0)

;; Loop thru vertices

np = n_elements(in)

for k=0,np-1 do begin

    ;; If this segment crosses the clipping line, add the
    ;; intersection to the output list.

    if inx[k] then begin
        ap = ps[k]/(ps[k]-pp[k])
        ci = ap*poly[* ,k] + (1-ap)*pols[* ,k]
        polout = count eq 0 ? [ci] : [[polout],[ci]]
        count ++
    endif

    ;; If this vertex is inside the clipped half-plane add it to the
    ;; list

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```
if in[k] then begin
  polout = count eq 0 ? [poly[*],k] : [[polout],[poly[*],k]]
  count ++
endif
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endfor
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```
return, count gt 0 ? polout : -1
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end
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File Attachments

- 1) [mgh_polyclip.pro](#), downloaded 148 times
 - 2) [mgh_polyclip2.pro](#), downloaded 147 times
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