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Subject: Re: finding cluster boundary  
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Thanks, Ken. You are right. I was thinking of setting a threshold, if the edge is bigger in length than the threshold we remove the edge and detour to an interior point. However, I am not sure if this is the best way to do it. If I wanted to do it this way, now the question is given a set of triangles and boundary B returned by TRIANGULATE,

IDL>TRIANGULATE, X, Y, Triangles, B

What is the most efficient way of finding the matching triangle from Triangles that contains the edge to be removed? i.e. if  $\text{Distance}(B[i], B[i+1]) > \text{threshold}$ , the immediate detouring point will be in the matching triangle  $[B[i], B[i+1], \text{Detour}]$ . This process will go iteratively until all boundary edges are shorter than the threshold. I don't know how the indices are organized in the output from TRIANGULATE. Is there a faster way than looping through all indices to find the matching triangle? Preferably an "IDL way" would be cool. :)

Cheers,  
BP

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> I don't think there is a unique definition of the 'boundary points'  
> in the way you are asking. How do you decide whether the boundary  
> should detour to an interior point or not?

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> Ken Bowman

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