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Subject: clip polyhedron mesh

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Dear all,

I have a 3-dimensional polyhedron mesh where two polyhedrons are overlapped. I want to clip the polyhedron to make new polyhedrons where one portion belong the overlapping region and other non-overlapping region. If somebody knows how to do this, please let me know.

2nd option: I saw IDL's 'mesh\_clip' but it is a clip using a planar surface. I don't prefer to clip using a plane, but in case if I have to use it, how I can get the coordinates of the overlapping portion?

3rd option: I also saw some discussions like polygon union/intersection (

[https://groups.google.com/forum/#!searchin/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/polygon\\$20intersection/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/uVplUkvt-94/Sd3NwjH-BxEJ](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!searchin/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/polygon%20intersection/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/uVplUkvt-94/Sd3NwjH-BxEJ)) where Mati

Maeron suggested shape\_overlap.pro. But I cannot find his library and the script. I checked in this link <http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/htmlhelp/slibrary23.html>. Does anyone know where I can get his library and script?

Anyway my script/polyhedron is something like this. Dick helped me to create polyhedrons, but here I used iplot, and ipolygon.

;;1st polyhedron

```
x=randomu(seed,4)
y=randomu(seed,4)
z=randomu(seed,4)
xyz=[transpose(x),transpose(y),transpose(z)]
iPLOT,xyz,LINestyle=6,AXIS_STYLE=2,identifier='1'
QHULL,xyz,Vert
conn=[REPLICATE(3,[1,N_ELEMENTS(Vert)/3]),Vert]
iPOLYGON,xyz,/DATA,CONNECTIVITY=conn,visualization='1',transparency=50,/FILL_BACKGROUND,FILL_COLOR='SKY BLUE'
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;;2nd polyhedron

```
x=randomu(seed,12)
y=randomu(seed,12)
z=randomu(seed,12)
xyz=[transpose(x),transpose(y),transpose(z)]
iPLOT,xyz,LINestyle=6,/OVERPLOT,identifier='2'
QHULL,xyz,Vert
conn=[REPLICATE(3,[1,N_ELEMENTS(Vert)/3]),Vert]
iPOLYGON,xyz,/DATA,CONNECTIVITY=conn,visualization='2',transparency=50,/FILL_BACKGROUND,FILL_COLOR='red'
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Thanks,  
Guni

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