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Subject: Re: polygon intersection routine in IDL  
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Dear Mati,

I appreciate your contribution and your prompt reply.

I've downloaded your lib and gonna have a try ...

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pro test\_polygon\_overlap

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shape1[0,3] = 0.2
shape1[1,0] = 0.2
shape1[1,1] = 0.15
shape1[1,2] = 1.1
shape1[1,3] = 1.2
```

```
shape2[0,0] = 0.5
shape2[0,1] = 1.5
shape2[0,2] = 1.6
shape2[0,3] = 0.4
shape2[1,0] = 0.5
```

```
shape2[1,1] = 0.6
shape2[1,2] = 1.7
shape2[1,3] = 1.5
```

```
shape3 = shape_overlap (shape1, shape2, exists = exs)
```

```
print, exs
```

```
shape1 = fltarr(2,17)
shape1 [*,0] = [116.44991,41.441910]
shape1 [*,1] = [116.57357,41.374821]
shape1 [*,2] = [116.64723,41.312994]
shape1 [*,3] = [116.57488,41.002544]
shape1 [*,4] = [116.36967,40.928878]
shape1 [*,5] = [116.16840,40.984128]
shape1 [*,6] = [116.21576,41.053847]
shape1 [*,7] = [116.06185,41.099889]
shape1 [*,8] = [116.10263,41.168293]
shape1 [*,9] = [116.13683,41.214334]
shape1 [*,10] = [116.16577,41.264322]
shape1 [*,11] = [116.18156,41.319572]
shape1 [*,12] = [116.22891,41.344565]
shape1 [*,13] = [116.31442,41.357720]
shape1 [*,14] = [116.29337,41.387976]
shape1 [*,15] = [116.34468,41.422178]
shape1 [*,16] = [116.44991,41.441910]
```

```
shape2 = fltarr(2,6)
shape2 [*,0] = [116.21839,41.528731]
shape2 [*,1] = [116.61698,41.524784]
shape2 [*,2] = [116.72748,41.141984]
shape2 [*,3] = [116.30916,41.203810]
shape2 [*,4] = [116.13552,41.289316]
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xrange = [116.06185 ,116.72748]
yrange = [40.928879 ,41.528732]
```

```
plot, shape1[0,*], shape1[1,*], xrange = xrange , yrange = yrange
oplot, shape2[0,*], shape2[1,*]
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end
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>
> end
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```

Well, thank you. I didn't use this routine for nearly a decade, didn't notice that it has a bug. OK, go to line 72 of the routine, the one which has a statement starting with

```
if Shape_area....
```

And replace it with

```
if Shape_area(sec) lt 0 then sec = reverse(sec,2)
```

Should work now, let me know if it doesn't

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