## Subject: Re: Is there a quick way to find the intersection of two lines? Posted by ben.bighair on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 00:33:39 GMT

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I got carried away and made something with Ben's suggestion. Maybe
there's a better way, but it's a start.
function segmentintersect,L1x,L1y,L2x,L2y,xy=xy
: code:
; 0: not intersecting
; 1: intersect in 1 point
; 2: parallel
: 3: coincident
denom=float(L2y[1]-L2y[0])*(L1x[1]-L1x[0])-(L2x[1]-L2x[0])*( L1y[1]-L1y[0])
numa = (L2x[1]-L2x[0])*(L1y[0]-L2y[0])-(L2y[1]-L2y[0])*(L1x[0]-L2x[0])
numb = (L1x[1]-L1x[0])*(L1y[0]-L2y[0])-(L1y[1]-L1y[0])*(L1x[0]-L2x[0])
if denom eq 0 then code= (numa eq 0 and numb eq 0)+2$
else begin
ua = numa / denom
ub = numb / denom
code= ua ge 0 and ua le 1 and ub ge 0 and ub le 1
if code then
xy=[L1x[0]+ua*(L1x[1]-L1x[0]),L1y[0]+ua*(L1y[1]-L1y[0])]
endelse
return,code
end;function segmentintersect
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window
plot,x1,y1,psym=-2
oplot,x2,y2,psym=-2
n=n_elements(x2)
y2_1=interpol(y1,x1,x2)
b=y2_1 gt y2
interval=where(b[0:n-2]-b[1:*],ct)
if ct ne 0 then begin
xy=fltarr(2,ct)
for i=0,ct-1 do begin
j=interval[i]
L2x=x2[i:i+1]
L2y=y2[i:j+1]
j=value_locate(x1,L2x)
k=0
repeat begin
 L1x=x1[j[k]:j[k]+1]
 L1y=y1[j[k]:j[k]+1]
 code=segmentintersect(L1x,L1y,L2x,L2y,xy=tmp)
 b=code eq 1
 if b then begin
 xy[*,i]=tmp
 plots,[tmp[0],tmp[0]],[0,tmp[1]],/data
 endif
 k++
endrep until b or (k eq 2)
endfor
endif
end;pro segtest
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I think the routines you are looking for might be found in the pb.zip

collection I shared. You might need to work them in a sequence testing each segment of polyline A against polyline B, but the functions are all there.

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