

# geometry + xml

An XML file with the following structure is given as input:

```
<?xml
version="1.0"?>
<geometry>
  <shape id="shape1">
    <point
      x="0" y="0"/>
    <point x="10
      y="0"/>
    <point x="10
      y="10"/>
    <point x="0"
      y="10"/>
  </shape>
</geometry>
>
```

## notes about the XML

The `point` nodes represent points on a two dimensional coordinate plane. These nodes are also ordinal in that their order defines how the shape is logically drawn. In other words, the first node is connected by a line to the second node while the second node is connected to the third and so on. The last node is implicitly connected to the first node. The sample above defines a simple square. You can also assume:

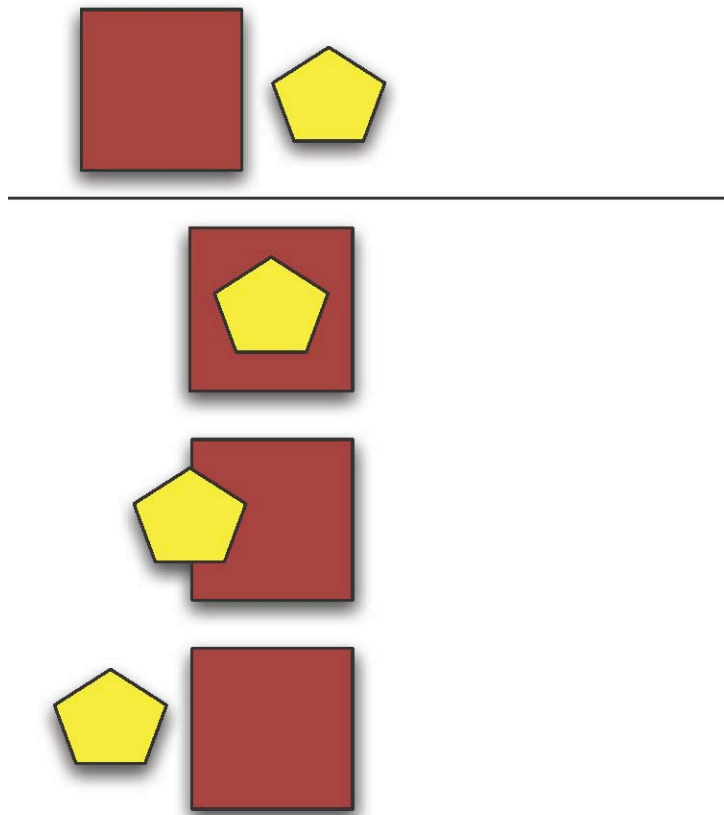
- the XML will be well-formed
- the `id` attribute of the `shape` node will be a unique string
- there will be at least three `point` children of the `shape` node
- each `point` child will always have an `x` and `y` attribute that will be an integer
- there is no need to account for chords (curved lines)
- there will be at least one `shape` child of the `geometry` node, but there is an unlimited maximum

## the program

The program must be written in Ruby or Java with either a command-line or web-based interface that will accept the XML file as its only argument. In the command-line case, the first argument to the program will be the path to the XML file. If a web-based interface is chosen, a form must be provided to upload a file for processing.

Upon reading the XML file, the program must validate that the shape defined by each of the points in each `shape` node represents a polygon. In order to be valid, the shape has to be a strictly convex polygon ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convex\\_polygon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convex_polygon)). If an invalid shape is detected, a non-fatal error should be displayed to the user describing the problem (please refer to the *example program execution* below). Shapes should be referred to by their `id` attribute.

After examining the `shape` nodes, if there are two or more valid polygons available, the program must compare the polygons to each other and describe their relationship in one of three ways (“A” and “B” are the `id`’s of shapes):



## design

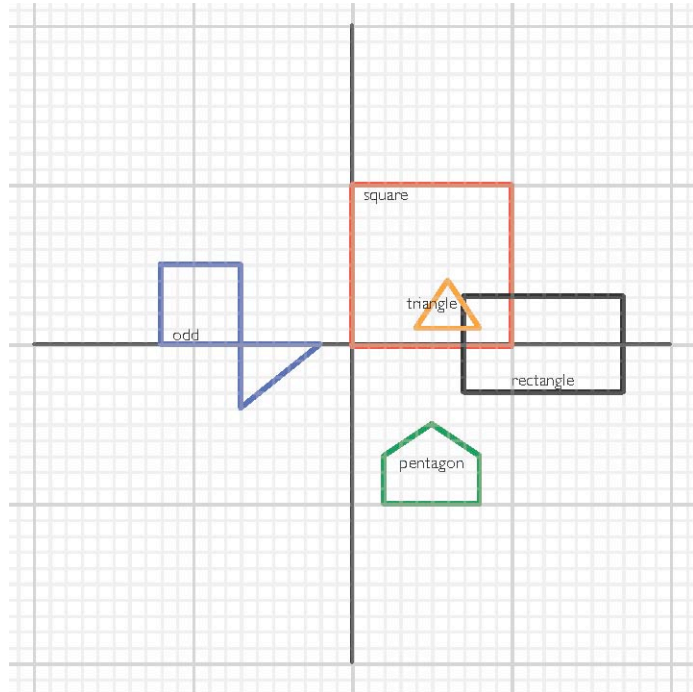
The program should make use of good object-oriented design. Although the concept is simple, one should consider possible extensions to the architecture. For example:

- What other kinds of things might one want to do with shapes besides relate them to each other?
- What kinds of operations might be performed on shapes?
- Are there different ways that one may want to specify shapes?

The goal is an elegant solution. Remember that elegance is the combination of power and simplicity. You are free to use any built-in PHP functions including the DOM and/or SimpleXML functions. Otherwise, please use original code.

## example input

```
<?xml
version="1.0"?>
<geometry>
  <shape id="square"> <point
    x="0" y="0"/> <point
    x="10" y="0"/> <point
    x="10" y="10"/> <point
    x="0" y="10"/>
  </shape>
  <shape id="odd"> <point
    x="-2" y="0"/> <point x="-
    12" y="0"/> <point x="-12"
    y="5"/> <point x="-7"
    y="5"/> <point x="-7" y="-
    4"/>
  </shape>
  <shape id="triangle">
    <point x="4" y="1"/>
    <point x="8" y="1"/>
    <point x="6" y="4"/>
  </shape>
  <shape id="rectangle">
    <point x="7" y="3"/>
    <point x="17" y="3"/>
    <point x="17" y="-3"/>
    <point x="7" y="-3"/>
  </shape>
  <shape id="pentagon">
    <point x="2" y="-7"/>
    <point x="2" y="-10"/>
    <point x="8" y="-10"/>
    <point x="8" y="-7"/>
    <point x="5" y="-5"/>
  </shape>
</geometry>
>
```



## example program execution

```
$ /usr/local/bin/php5 geometry.php sample.xml
```

"odd" is not a polygon

"square" surrounds "triangle" "square"  
intersects "rectangle" "square" is  
separate from "pentagon" "triangle" is  
inside "square" "triangle" intersects  
"rectangle" "triangle" is separate  
from "pentagon" "rectangle" intersects  
"square" "rectangle" intersects  
"triangle" "rectangle" is separate  
from "pentagon" "pentagon" is separate  
from "square" "pentagon" is separate  
from "triangle" "pentagon" is separate  
from "rectangle"