
Subject: Re: Center of mass???

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 11 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Anders Wennerberg (anders@mrc.ks.se) writes:

> Thanks for the help!

> David Fanning wrote:

>

>> Paul Hick (pphick@ucsd.edu) writes:

>>

>>> Reasoning by analogy to the 2D case, this should work, I think:

>>>

>>> xcm = Total(Total(Total(array,3),2) * Indgen(s[0])) / totalMass

>>> ycm = Total(Total(Total(array,3),1) * Indgen(s[1])) / totalMass

>>> zcm = Total(Total(Total(array,2),1) * Indgen(s[2])) / totalMass

Well, I'll say this for the simple-minded approach:
it apparently works. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I'm still scratching my head
and getting a headache sorting through JD's more
general approach to the problem. I wish I would
have paid more attention in those math classes
way back when. I was still trying to get through
the Alice in Wonderland required reading. :-(

--

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting

Phone: 970-221-0438 E-Mail: davidf@dfanning.com

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Toll-Free IDL Book Orders: 1-888-461-0155
