
Subject: Re: ROT is ROTTEN (a solution)

Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 20:59:05 GMT

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"William Thompson" <thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov> wrote in message news:9tgojk\$g7t\$1@skates.gsfc.nasa.gov...

> "Martin Downing" <martin.downing@ntlworld.com> writes:

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>> Hi All,

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>> This was an interesting problem - I certainly hadn't noticed it before.

The

>> reason for the behaviour is precision error in the arithmetic which works

>> out the poly2d coefficients. It can be corrected effectively by modifying

>> line 128 of rot.pro:

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>> from:

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>> theta = -angle/!rdeg ;angle in degrees CLOCKWISE.

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>> to:

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>> theta = (-angle MOD 360) *acos(0.0d)/90 ;angle in degrees CLOCKWISE.

(mod

>> MRD 21/11/2001 to correct for precision error)

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> As others have said, great job! Can I make one small suggestion, though.

> Instead of acos(0.0d)/90, can I suggest !dpi/180?

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> theta = (-angle MOD 360) * !dpi/180

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Sure, it just seemed kind of fun the other way!

Martin
