
Subject: Re: the fastest way to find number of points in sphere(radius r)

Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 08:31:41 GMT

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PYJ wrote:

- to use a loop because I have a lot of positions of centers of
- > spheres that I should examine.
- > I want to find the # of points inside each sphere.
- > Now, I use a where function in order to find points inside the cube,
- > then I compute distances of all. Next, I use where function again to
- > examine # of distances less than radius of sphere.
- > I think it is fairly slow when large data is considered.
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- > Is there any faster way?
- > The fastest way to find the number of points in sphere(radius r)

If you have the radius R in terms of voxels then the number of voxels in the sphere will be $\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$, surely? Seems so simple I suspect that my not having had a coffee yet has caused me to miss something obvious...

Pete.

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