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Subject: Re: find a plane in a 3D plot  
Posted by [Nicola](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2008 16:20:43 GMT  
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On Sep 12, 4:47 pm, Wox <nom...@hotmail.com> wrote:  
> On Fri, 12 Sep 2008 02:54:09 -0700 (PDT), Nicola  
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> <nicola.viane...@gmail.com> wrote:  
>> I have to find a  
>> way to identify this plane and the direction perpendicular to this  
>> plane in the more accurate way as possible.  
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> The code below is one way of doing things. The resulting plane is  
> defined with a normal vector and a point.  
>  
> pro test  
> x=[1.,0,1,2,3,4]  
> y=[0.,1,1,2,3,4]  
> z=[2.,2,2,2,2,2]  
>  
> ; Orthogonal distance regression  
> ; check e.g.<http://mathforum.org/library/drmath/view/63765.html>  
>  
> ; Centroid: orthogonal distance  
> ; regression plane goes through it  
> n=n\_elements(x)  
> data=transpose([x],[y],[z])  
> centroid=total(data,2)/n  
>  
> data[0,\*]-=centroid[0]  
> data[1,\*]-=centroid[1]  
> data[2,\*]-=centroid[2]  
>  
> SVDC, data, W, U, V  
>  
> smallest\_singularvalue=min(W[ind])  
> plane\_normal=reform(V[ind,\*])  
>  
> print,'Orthogonal distance regression plane'  
> print,'1. goes through: ',centroid  
> print,'2. has normal: ',plane\_normal  
> end;pro test

Thank you all. This was something I was thinking about, essentially similar to what is called Minimum variance Method which is a method used for Cluster data satellite. Now I have a perhaps smallest problem, which is the graphics..... How I put the found plane on the same 3D box? I know perhaps this is a stupid question but my knowledge

of IDL 3D plotting is quite scarce....  
regards to all of you for your quick reply  
Nicola

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