
Subject: Re: Quaternion spherical interpolation in PV-Wave
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 07:34:10 GMT
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On Nov 11, 5:18 pm, ez5...@gmail.com wrote:

> I have been a user of PV-Wave for the last seven years. Let me
> say here that without this newsgroup's help, I probably wouldn't have
> lasted seven months. I've learned a great deal from all the valuable
> posts and been inspired to implement many routines. It's time to
> donate back.
> PV-Wave doesn't have any quaternion routines. Craig Markwardt does.
> I've implemented his routines, but the only one that needed some
> tweaking was QTERP. Thanks to Craig for validating my results.

Hello, I think I recognize you, based on the subject of your post.
Thanks for your contribution! I'm glad the general algorithm could
work for PV-WAVE, and you contributed your results back to the
community. In a way, though, I'm kind of sad that the function was
completely re-written, when only a few lines really changed. A few
comments below.

Craig

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> function qterp, t0,q0,t1,qdiff=qdiff,reset=reset,slerp=slerp
> ; This function has been modified for implementation
> ; in PV-Wave from the original written by Craig Markwardt.
> ; Many thanks to him for his help verifying this implementation.
> ; All other quaternion routines are as originally written.
> nq=n_elements(q0)/4
> if nq eq 0 then begin
>   print,'no q input, stopping...'
>   return, -1
> endif
> if nq eq 1 then return, rebin(reform(q0,4,1),4,n_elements(t1))
> if keyword_set(slerp) then begin
>   if n_elements(qdiff)/4 ne nq-1 or keyword_set(reset) then begin
>     qdiff=qtmult(q0(*,0:nq-2),/inv,q0(*,1:*))
;; QTMULT actually has /INV1 and /INV2 keywords, should be /INV1
>     wh=where(qdiff(3,*) lt 0,ct)
>     if ct gt 0 then qdiff(*,wh)=qdiff(*,wh)
;; Above line was mis-translated, should be,
;; if ct gt 0 then qdiff(*,wh)=-qdiff(*,wh)
>   endif
>   ii=floor(mgh_locate(t0,xout=t1)) < (nq-2) > 0 ; mark hadfield
>   hh=(t1-t0(ii))/(t0(ii+1)-t0(ii))
>   return,qtmult(q0(*,ii),qtpow(qdiff(*,ii),hh))
> endif
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> q1=(q0(*,0)#t1)*0
> for i=0,3 do q1(i,*)=spline(t0,q0(i,*),t1)
> tot=sqrt(total(q1^2,d=0))
> for i=0,3 do q1(i,*)=q1(i,*)/tot
> return,q1
> end
>
> Regards,
> SpinMan
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