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Subject: Re: point inside/outside of 3D object.  
Posted by [Junum](#) on Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:22:14 GMT  
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On Jun 21, 10:18 am, Karl <karl.w.schu...@gmail.com> wrote:  
> On Jun 21, 3:24 am, Wox <s...@nomail.com> wrote:  
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>> On Sat, 18 Jun 2011 11:34:42 -0700 (PDT), Junum <junshi...@gmail.com>  
>> wrote:  
>  
>>> Thanks Karl.  
>>> I wanted know whether IDLanROI::ContainsPoints can be applied to 3D  
>>> case.  
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>> I'd guess the answer is no. You should implement this yourself (as  
>> Karl suggested) or you could do something like below. I'm not sure  
>> whether this is the best way, but it seems to work.  
>  
>> ; Generate vertices  
>> v=TetrahedronVertices(r=10,phideg=-20)  
>  
>> ; Connectivity list: [n,i[0],...,i[n-1],n,j[0],...,j[n-1],...]  
>> ; n: number of vertices for each face  
>> ; i[0],...,i[n-1]: vertices for face 1, ordered so that the normal  
>> ; points outwards (right-hand rule)  
>> ; j[0],...,j[n-1]: vertices for face 2, ordered so that the normal  
>> ; points outwards (right-hand rule)  
>> conn=[3,0,3,1, 3,0,1,2, 3,0,2,3, 3,1,3,2]  
>  
>> ; Remark: if the number of vertices > 4 then you could generate  
>> ; the list like this:  
>> ;Qhull, v, tr, /delaunay  
>> ;conn=tetra\_surface(v, tr)  
>  
>> ; Point  
>> p=[0,0,0.]  
>  
>> ; Volume of the polyhedron  
>> volume=tetra\_volume(v,conn)  
>  
>> ; Expanded polyhedron (including your point)  
>> ; vertices and connectivity list  
>> v2=[[v],[p]]  
>> Qhull, v2, tr, /delaunay

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>> conn2=tetra_surface(v2, tr)
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>> ; Volume of the expanded polyhedron
>> volumeexp=tetra_volume(v2,conn2)
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>> ; If the "expanded volume" is larger, the point lies outside
>> if volumeexp gt volume then print,'Exterior' else print,'Interior'
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> Right. Although not explicitly stated, I think that most of the anROI
> support is for 2D ROI's even though you can specify points in 3D
> space. The ROI's were intended for image analysis, I think. I
> understand that ROI's can be 1D and 3D as well, but I think that the
> algorithms in anROI are intended for 2D. Note that there are methods
> to compute such things as area and perimeter, but not volume and
> surface area. I also recall that some of the anROI algorithms will go
> ahead and try to do things like compute areas for non-planar ROI's
> even though the result may be questionable. Other algorithms might
> actually go ahead and do a planarity check and throw an error if the
> data wasn't planar.
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> The expanding polyhedron approach is clever! I like it.
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Thank you very much, Wox and Karl.

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