
Subject: Re: Finding distance with longitude and latitude

Posted by [gpeterso](#) on Mon, 15 Apr 2013 01:17:41 GMT

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On Sunday, April 14, 2013 4:49:07 PM UTC-7, wlandsman wrote:

> On Sunday, April 14, 2013 7:45:40 PM UTC-4, wlandsman wrote:

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>> On Sunday, April 14, 2013 7:22:44 PM UTC-4, gpet...@ucsc.edu wrote:

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>>> a=sqrt((cos(lat2)*sin(dlon))^2 + (cos(lat1)*sin(lat2)-sin(lat1)*cos(lat2)*cos(dlon))^2)/(sin(lat1)*sin(lat2)+cos(lat1)*cos(lat2)*cos(dlat))

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>> c= atan(a)

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>> The Wikipedia article you quote says

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>> "When programming a computer, one should use the atan2() function rather than the ordinary arctangent function (atan()), in order to simplify handling of the case where the denominator is zero, and to compute $\Delta\widehat{\sigma}$;! unambiguously in all quadrants"

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> I accidentally hit SEND too soon, but you want to use the two argument form of ATAN, e.g.

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> c = atan(numerator, denominator)

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> --Wayne
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When ever i tried to use atan2() it said that the variable was undefined. I dont know why that would happen
