
Subject: Re: point inside/outside of 3D object.

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On Tuesday, 21 June 2011 11:24:01 UTC+2, Wox wrote:

> On Sat, 18 Jun 2011 11:34:42 -0700 (PDT), Junum <junshikum@gmail.com>

> wrote:

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>> Thanks Karl.

>> I wanted know whether IDLanROI::ContainsPoints can be applied to 3D

>> case.

>

> 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.

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>

> ; 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

> conn2=tetra_surface(v2, tr)

>

> ; 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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Hi Wox,

I am using this approach to find out points inside or outside of a 3d polyhedron. It is working and I used it in some of my analysis. Can you please give me a reference or literature where I can find some more details of this?

Thanks,

Guni
