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Subject: Re: 3D images

Posted by [jnettle1](#) on Sun, 20 Jun 2004 06:54:30 GMT

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Subject: Re: 3D images

Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 13:31:32 GMT

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On 18.06.04 at 13:49 -0700, Aleks wrote:

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:: Calculate image of filled circle
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:: Extend circle into third dimension
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:: "Cap" cylinder with zero slice on top and bottom
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Timm

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Timm Weitkamp <<http://people.web.psi.ch/weitkamp>>

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 13:39:26 GMT

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Or, a little more succinctly, you could do it in one call to MESH\_OBJ. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: 3D images

Posted by [siliconcube](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 16:46:31 GMT

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Hi Jeff,

thank you very much that solved my problem.

Aleks

jnettle1@utk.edu (Jeff) wrote in message

news:<330af58b.0406192254.62eefa2f@posting.google.com>...

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Posted by [jnettle1](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 19:00:02 GMT  
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Timm Weitkamp <dont.try@this.address> wrote in message  
news:<Pine.LNX.4.44.0406211459060.1292-100000@localhost.localdomain>...

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 19:01:54 GMT

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Last time I looked it was called "geometry". But  
I'm probably quite a bit older than you. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: 3D images

Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Tue, 22 Jun 2004 11:54:22 GMT

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Jeff:

Do you mean, how do I do manage to do things in a complicated way that  
take only little more than a one-liner when done properly, as David has  
just pointed out? :-(

But seriously: I guess the only "resource" is the \*need\* to solve a given  
problem, and some very basic geometry knowledge. Like in this case:  $x^2 + y^2 < r^2$  defines a filled circle. No need to be a math pro for that,  
thank goodness. I'm sorry, but I really can't point you to any book or web  
page [1].

Cheers,  
Timm

[1] Except, of course, JD Smith's dimension-juggling tutorial for IDL,  
which helps you to get arrays into shape. But you know where to find that,  
I hope.

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