
Subject: evenly spaced vector
Posted by [sivan](#) on Tue, 21 Aug 2012 18:21:44 GMT
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hi all.

i encountered an internet problem so i'll send the post again.

i have x and y points that describe an open curve in 2D space but this curve doesn't be represented by functions. lets say it is a random curve.

what i wanted to do is to place evenly spaced points along this curve.

to do this, i modified the arcsample (<http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/arcsample.pro>) procedure for open curves but it did not exactly work. this procedure doesn't create points evenly spaced.

if you pleased, i'll send you my code and data.

by the way, sorry for my english.

kind regards,
sivan.

Subject: Re: evenly spaced vector
Posted by [sivan](#) on Sun, 02 Sep 2012 12:33:21 GMT
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i'm still waiting.

Subject: Re: evenly spaced vector
Posted by [sivan](#) on Sun, 02 Sep 2012 14:27:46 GMT
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Subject: Re: evenly spaced vector
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sun, 02 Sep 2012 20:46:55 GMT
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On Sunday, September 2, 2012 10:27:47 AM UTC-4, sivan wrote:
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Posted by [sivan](#) on Thu, 06 Sep 2012 11:22:21 GMT
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