

Useful Links:

Mesh Demolisher on GitHub: <https://github.com/hanzemeng/MeshDemolisher>

Mesh Demolisher on Unity Asset Store: <https://assetstore.unity.com/packages/slug/288927>

Mesh Demolisher's online documentation: [Menu Mesh Demolisher Documentation](#)

Setup:

TextMeshPro is required to view the examples.

The operating system must be 64-bit Windows or 64-bit/ARM macOS.

When installing Mesh Demolisher, Mac users may encounter something like:

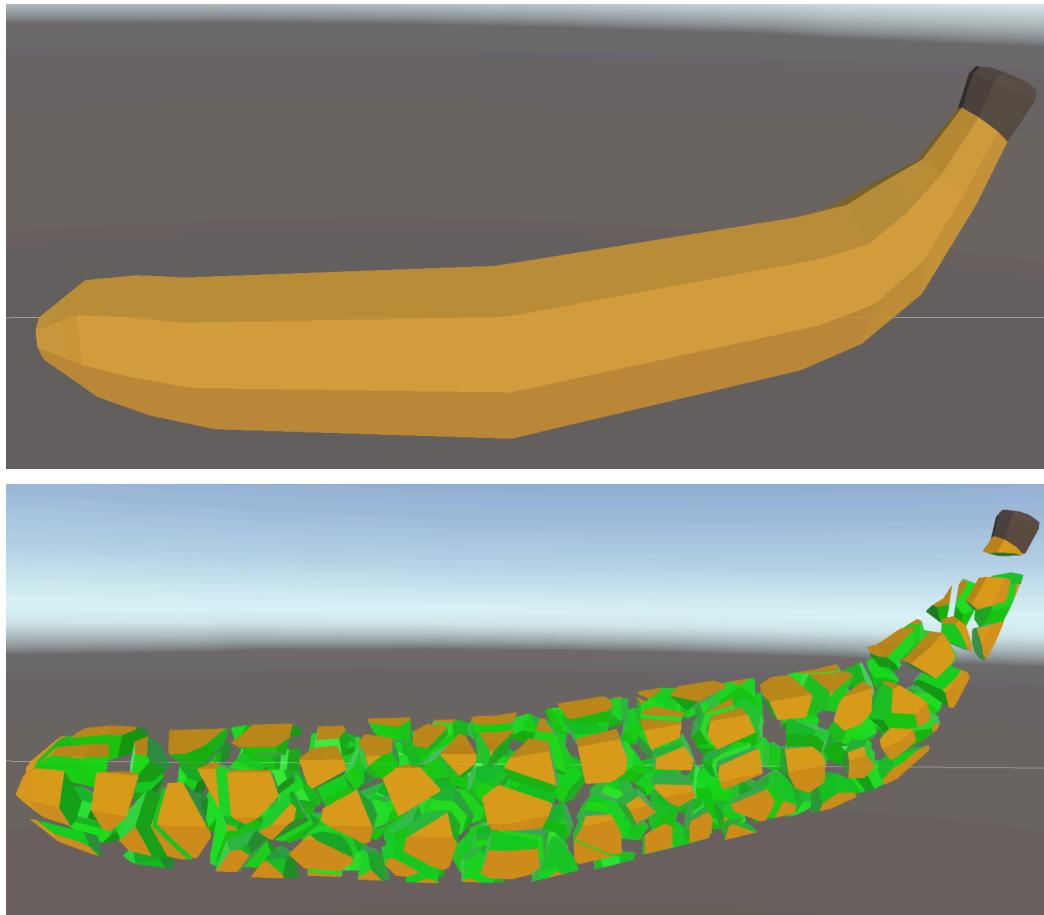
“IndirectPredicates_Mac can't be opened because Apple cannot check it for malicious software.”

To solve this, open Finder and open the file at

“MeshDemolisher/Scripts/Internal/IndirectPredicates_Mac.dylib.”

Purpose:

Mesh Demolisher demolishes meshes into smaller pieces. Below is an example that demonstrates Mesh Demolisher's feature:



However, Mesh Demolisher has many requirements on the input mesh, so please read the next section carefully.

The Mesh Demolisher Class:

The `MeshDemolisher` class is used to demolish meshes. It can be created by:

```
MeshDemolisher meshDemolisher = new MeshDemolisher();
```

To demolish a mesh, call the following function:

```
meshDemolisher.Demolish(targetGameObject, breakPoints, interiorMaterial);

// targetGameObject is of type GameObject. targetGameObject is assumed to
// have a MeshFilter and a MeshRenderer attached.

// breakPoints is of type List<Transform>. The world position of every
// Transform in breakPoints is used to break the targetGameObject.

// interiorMaterial is of type Material. interiorMaterial fills the new
// faces created in the demolishing process.
```

After the `Demolish` call, `meshDemolisher` returns:

```
List<GameObject> brokenGameObjects = meshDemolisher.Demolish(...);

// Every GameObject in brokenGameObjects has 4 components attached:
// the GameObject component;
// the Transform component;
// the MeshRenderer component with the original material from
// targetGameObject and the interiorMaterial supplied by the users;
// the MeshFilter with the broken mesh.

// The targetGameObject is not modified in the Demolish call.
// In fact, breakPoints and interiorMaterial are not modified either.
```

Before making the `Demolish` call, the users may want to verify if the input is valid.

They can do so by calling:

```
bool isValid = meshDemolisher.VerifyDemolishInput(targetGameObject,
breakPoints);
```

`VerifyDemolishInput` checks whether all of the following properties are met:

- The world position of every `Transform` in `breakPoints` is not too far (see the Troubleshooting section) from the world origin.
- `targetGameObject`'s `Transform` does not have a negative scale (negative positions and rotations are fine).
- The world position of every vertex in `targetGameObject`'s mesh is not too far (see the Troubleshooting section) from the world origin.
- `targetGameObject`'s mesh has only one sub mesh.
- `targetGameObject`'s mesh encloses at least one volume.
- `targetGameObject`'s mesh does not have a triangle that intersects another triangle in the mesh (a triangle may intersect another triangle at their shared vertex or shared edge).

However, there are a few more things that `VerifyDemolishInput` does not check that the users should check to ensure correct demolish result:

- `targetGameObject`'s mesh must not contain parts that are flat.
- `targetGameObject`'s mesh must enclose only one volume.
- `targetGameObject`'s mesh's UV layout must be that every face of the mesh corresponds to one continuous chunk of UV. If a face corresponds to two or more chunks of UV, the broken game objects will have wrong UV.

Algorithm Overview:

The `MeshDemolisher` class works by:

1. Construct a Delaunay tetrahedralization from the `breakPoints`.
2. Break `targetGameObject`'s mesh into a set of tetrahedrons via constrained Delaunay tetrahedralization.
3. Extract the Voronoi diagram from the Delaunay tetrahedralization in step 1; calculate the intersection of the Voronoi diagram with the set of tetrahedrons from step 2.

Step 1 and step 2 are carried out by the `DelaunayTetrahedralization` class. Step 3 is carried out by the `ClippedVoronoi` class.

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Troubleshooting:

If `MeshDemolisher` encounters a bug or does not terminate, it is almost always caused by step 2.

To solve the problem, first call `VerifyDemolishInput` to make sure the input mesh is valid.

If the `VerifyDemolishInput` call resulted in a message about “A input point is too far from the world space origin”, either move the `targetGameObject` closer to the world space origin, or go to `CDT_Field.cs` and increase the `RANGE`.

This is because the algorithm used in step 1 and 2 (see the Algorithm Overview section) assumes every input vertex is strictly inside a big tetrahedron. The big tetrahedron is defined as:

```
float RANGE = 2000f;
int p0 = CreateNewPoint(new Vector3(-RANGE, -RANGE, -RANGE));
int p1 = CreateNewPoint(new Vector3(0, -RANGE, RANGE));
int p2 = CreateNewPoint(new Vector3(RANGE, -RANGE, -RANGE));
int p3 = CreateNewPoint(new Vector3(0, RANGE, 0));

// details in CDT_Field.cs
```

If the `VerifyDemolishInput` call resulted in a message about “Input triangles do not enclose a volume” or “Input triangles intersect”, then `targetGameObject`’s mesh is too complex for `MeshDemolisher` to demolish

Note that `targetGameObject`’s mesh may appear to be closed and not self-intersecting, but this may be an illusion.

A mesh in Unity almost always contains more vertices than what the geometric object appears to have. For example, Unity’s built-in mesh for a cube has 24 vertices, but the cube only appears to have 8 vertices.

The extra vertices store additional information for rendering purposes, but `MeshDemolisher` must remove the duplicate vertices to function correctly. The following is how duplication is detected:

```
public int Compare(Vector3 a, Vector3 b)
{
    if((a-b).magnitude < Constant.EPSILON_F)
    {
        return 0;
    }
    ...
}

// the compare function is defined in CustomComparator.cs
// Constant.EPSILON_F is defined in GeometricObject.cs
```

If the duplication detection is malfunctioning, either manipulate the mesh or adjust `Constant.EPSILON_F`. Note that `MeshDemolisher` does not round the vertices’ positions.

Also note that `MeshDemolisher` uses the vertices’ world positions (so position, rotation, scale of the `targetGameObject` could affect the result).

Even if the `VerifyDemolishInput` call passes and the users manually checked other requirements (see the Mesh Demolisher Class), the `MeshDemolisher` may still misbehave.

If `MeshDemolisher` terminates with an error, then there is a bug in the algorithm (it is unlikely to be fixed).

If `MeshDemolisher` does not appear to terminate, then the input mesh is too complex. In general, reduce curves in `targetGameObject`'s mesh as much as possible.

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References:

The following is a selected list of papers that are referenced (in fact, the 3 steps in Algorithm Overview corresponds to the 3 papers):

- H. Ledoux, "Computing the 3D Voronoi Diagram Robustly: An Easy Explanation," 4th International Symposium on Voronoi Diagrams in Science and Engineering (ISVD 2007), Glamorgan, UK, 2007, pp. 117-129, doi: 10.1109/ISVD.2007.10.
- Lorenzo Diazzi, Daniele Panozzo, Amir Vaxman, and Marco Attene. 2023. Constrained Delaunay Tetrahedrization: A Robust and Practical Approach. ACM Trans. Graph. 42, 6, Article 181 (December 2023), 15 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3618352>
- Dong-Ming Yan, Wenping Wang, Bruno Lévy, Yang Liu. Efficient Computation of 3D Clipped Voronoi Diagram. Geometric Modeling and Processing, University of Cantabria, Jun 2010, Castro Urdiales, Spain. pp.269-282, [ff10.1007/978-3-642-13411-1_18](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-13411-1_18).
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The following is a selected list of GitHub repositories that are referenced (by quite a lot):

- <https://github.com/MarcoAttene/CDT>
- https://github.com/MarcoAttene/Indirect_Predicates

Many solutions from Stack Overflow, Mathematics Stack Exchange, Unity Forum, Microsoft Learn, Unity Documentation are referenced (I don't remember the details).