



**treeIDW** is a Python library for performing **Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW)** interpolation using an efficient **KD-tree-based selection strategy**.

It is designed to be easy to use for newcomers while offering fine-grained control and performance-oriented options for advanced users in numerical methods and spatial data analysis.

## Key Features

- Efficient IDW interpolation using KD-tree nearest-neighbor selection
- Automatic exclusion of boundary nodes with negligible contribution
- Optimized numerical kernels powered by `numba`
- Scalable to large datasets (millions of interpolation points)
- Simple API with expert-level tunable parameters

## Installation

**treeIDW** is available on PyPI.

```
pip install treeIDW
```

## Development installation (from source)

```
git clone https://github.com/Dorian210/treeIDW
cd treeIDW
pip install -e .
```

## Dependencies

The core dependencies are:

- `numpy`

- `scipy`
- `numba`

These are automatically installed when using `pip`.

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## Package Structure

- **`treeIDW.treeIDW`**

Core IDW interpolation engine.

Uses a KD-tree to select only boundary nodes with significant influence, improving both accuracy and performance.

- **`treeIDW.helper_functions`**

Low-level, performance-critical routines for IDW weight computation.

Implemented with `numba`, including vectorized and parallelized variants.

- **`treeIDW.weight_function`**

Definition of the IDW weight function.

The default implementation uses inverse squared distance, but custom weight laws can be implemented if needed.

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## Examples

Example scripts are provided in the `examples/` directory:

- **Graphical demonstration**

Interpolation of a rotating vector field inside a square domain.

- **Large-scale computation**

Propagation of a scalar field from 1,000 boundary nodes to 1,000,000 internal points, highlighting scalability.

- **Logo generation**

The generation process of the *treeIDW* logo itself, where the letters “IDW” are encoded as a vector field and interpolated on a 2D grid.

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## Documentation

- Online documentation: <https://dorian210.github.io/treeIDW/>

- API reference is also available in the `docs/` directory of the repository.

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## Contributions

This project is currently not open to active development contributions.

However, bug reports and suggestions are welcome via the issue tracker.

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## treeIDW.weight\_function



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```
@nb.njit(cache=True)
def compute_weight(dist_squared: float) -> float:
```

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Compute the IDW weight. Can be changed but is usually `1/dist_squared`.

### Parameters

- **dist\_squared** (float): Squared distance between the interior node and the boundary node.

### Returns

- **weight** (float): IDW weight.

# treeIDW.treeIDW



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```
def treeIDW(  
    boundary_nodes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],  
    boundary_field: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],  
    internal_nodes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],  
    neglectible_threshold: float = 0.2,  
    bisect_rtol: float = 0.001,  
    parallel: bool = False  
) -> numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]]:
```

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Performs IDW interpolation using a KD-tree to select relevant boundary nodes for each internal node. Only boundary nodes with significant weights are included in the interpolation.

## Parameters

- **boundary\_nodes** (NDArray[np.floating]): Boundary nodes where the data is known. Must be of shape (`n_interp`, `space_dim`).
- **boundary\_field** (NDArray[np.floating]): Known data. Must be of shape (`n_interp`, `field_dim`).
- **internal\_nodes** (NDArray[np.floating]): Internal nodes where the interpolator is evaluated. Must be of shape (`n_eval`, `space_dim`).
- **neglectible\_threshold** (float, optional): Relative weight threshold below which boundary nodes are ignored, by default 0.2
- **bisect\_rtol** (float, optional): Relative tolerance for bisection convergence, by default 1e-3
- **parallel** (bool, optional): Whether to use parallel implementation, by default False

## Returns

- **internal\_field** (NDArray[np.floating]): Interpolated data. Should be of shape (`n_eval`, `field_dim`).

# treeIDW.helper\_functions



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```
@nb.njit(cache=True)
def inv_dist_weight(
    boundary_nodes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],
    boundary_field: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],
    internal_nodes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],
    relevant_nodes_inds_flat: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.integer]],
    relevant_nodes_inds_sizes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.integer]]
) -> numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]]:
```

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Performs the Inverse Distance Weighting interpolation method using only provided boundary nodes indices in the weighted sum. This function is designed to be used after selecting the relevant nodes through a KD-tree method.

## Parameters

- **boundary\_nodes** (NDArray[np.floating]): Boundary nodes where the data is known. Must be of shape (`n_interp`, `space_dim`).
- **boundary\_field** (NDArray[np.floating]): Known data. Must be of shape (`n_interp`, `field_dim`).
- **internal\_nodes** (NDArray[np.floating]): Internal nodes where the interpolator is evaluated. Must be of shape (`n_eval`, `space_dim`).
- **relevant\_nodes\_inds\_flat** (NDArray[np.integer]): Boundary nodes indices that weight in the IDW interpolator for each internal node. Must contain `n_eval` concatenated lists of indices between 0 and `n_interp` excluded.
- **relevant\_nodes\_inds\_sizes** (NDArray[np.integer]): Sizes of each of the `n_eval` lists concatenated in `relevant_nodes_inds_flat`.

## Returns

- **internal\_field** (NDArray[np.floating]): Interpolated data. Should be of shape (`n_eval`, `field_dim`).

```
@nb.njit(parallel=True, cache=True)
def inv_dist_weight_parallel(
    boundary_nodes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],
    boundary_field: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],
    internal_nodes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]],
    relevant_nodes_inds_flat: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.integer]],
    relevant_nodes_inds_sizes: numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.integer]]
) -> numpy.ndarray[typing.Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.floating]]:
```

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Performs the Inverse Distance Weighting interpolation method using only provided boundary nodes indices in the weighted sum. This function is designed to be used after selecting the relevant nodes through a KD-tree method.

## Parameters

- **boundary\_nodes** (NDArray[np.floating]): Boundary nodes where the data is known. Must be of shape (`n_interp`, `space_dim`).
- **boundary\_field** (NDArray[np.floating]): Known data. Must be of shape (`n_interp`, `field_dim`).
- **internal\_nodes** (NDArray[np.floating]): Internal nodes where the interpolator is evaluated. Must be of shape (`n_eval`, `space_dim`).
- **relevant\_nodes\_inds\_flat** (NDArray[np.integer]): Boundary nodes indices that weight in the IDW interpolator for each internal node. Must contain `n_eval` concatenated lists of indices between 0 and `n_interp` excluded.
- **relevant\_nodes\_inds\_sizes** (NDArray[np.integer]): Sizes of each of the `n_eval` lists concatenated in `relevant_nodes_inds_flat`.

## Returns

- **internal\_field** (NDArray[np.floating]): Interpolated data. Should be of shape (`n_eval`, `field_dim`).

```
@nb.njit(cache=True)
def bisect_weight_elem(
    dist_squared_a: float,
    dist_squared_b: float,
    weight_threshold: float,
    rtol: float
) -> float:
```

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Compute the squared distance that correspond to a specific weight threshold using a bisection approach.

#### Parameters

- **dist\_squared\_a** (float): Left boundary of the interval containing the looked for weight threshold preimage.
- **dist\_squared\_b** (float): Right boundary of the interval containing the looked for weight threshold preimage.
- **weight\_threshold** (float): Image of the looked for squared distance by the weight function of the IDW algorithm.
- **rtol** (float, optional): The relative tolerance is used to compute the necessary number of bisection iterations, by default 1e-3

#### Returns

- **dist\_squared\_c** (float): Weight threshold preimage found through bisection.

**bisect\_weight** = <numba.\_GUFunc 'bisect\_weight'>

Vectorized version of `bisect_weight_elem` that finds squared distances corresponding to weight thresholds.

#### Parameters

- **dist\_squared\_a** (float): Left boundary of interval containing weight threshold preimage
- **dist\_squared\_b** (float): Right boundary of interval containing weight threshold preimage
- **weight\_threshold** (float): Target weight threshold value
- **rtol** (float): Relative tolerance for bisection convergence
- **out** (ndarray): Output array for storing computed squared distance

**bisect\_weight\_parallel** = <ufunc 'bisect\_weight\_parallel'>

Vectorized version of `bisect_weight_elem` that finds squared distances corresponding to weight thresholds.

Parallelized version of the function.

#### Parameters

- **dist\_squared\_a** (float): Left boundary of interval containing weight threshold preimage
- **dist\_squared\_b** (float): Right boundary of interval containing weight threshold preimage
- **weight\_threshold** (float): Target weight threshold value
- **rtol** (float): Relative tolerance for bisection convergence
- **out** (ndarray): Output array for storing computed squared distance

**compute\_weight\_vectorized** = <numba.\_GUFunc 'compute\_weight\_vectorized'>

Vectorized version of `compute_weight` function for IDW calculations.

#### Parameters

- **dist\_squared** (float): Squared distance between interior and boundary nodes.
- **out** (ndarray): Output array containing the computed IDW weights.

**compute\_weight\_vectorized\_parallel** = <ufunc 'compute\_weight\_vectorized\_parallel'>

Vectorized version of `compute_weight` function for IDW calculations. Parallelized version of the function.

#### Parameters

- **dist\_squared** (float): Squared distance between interior and boundary nodes.
- **out** (ndarray): Output array containing the computed IDW weights.