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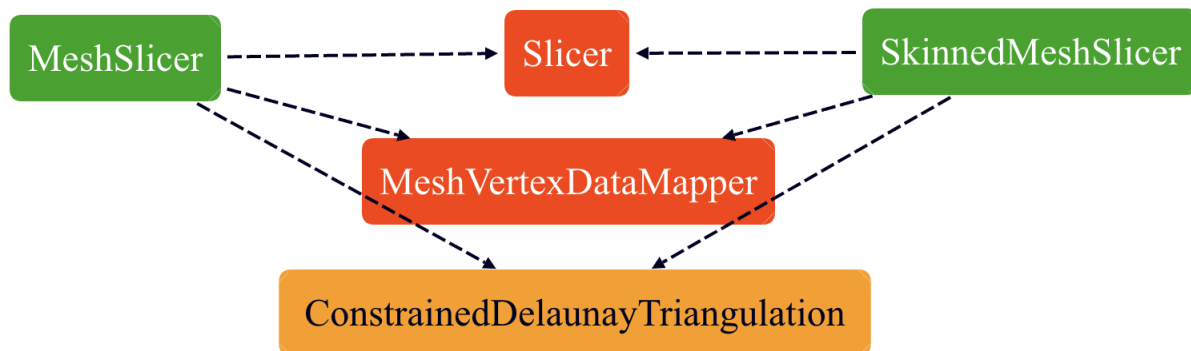
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Roadmap:

The picture below describes the relationship between the major classes in Mesh Slicer Free.



The users are intended to directly use the green classes. The users can also directly use the orange class, although this is unintended. The red classes are intended for internal use only and are not documented.

The Mesh Slicer Class:

A MeshSlicer object can be created by:

```
MeshSlicer meshSlicer = new MeshSlicer();
```

A slice can be performed by:

```
(GameObject, GameObject) res =  
meshSlicer.Slice(targetGameObject, slicePlane, intersectionMaterial);  
  
/*
```

res contains the two sliced game objects. res == (null, null) if the slice plane does not intersect the targetGameObject.

targetGameObject is the game object to be sliced. targetGameObject is assumed to have a MeshFilter and MeshRenderer attached.

targetGameObject is duplicated twice during the slice, so it is recommended to remove irrelevant scripts before slicing targetGameObject.

slicePlane is of type (Vector3,Vector3,Vector3). slicePlane contains the 3 points (in world position) that form the slice plane. The 3 points must not be collinear or the result is undefined.

intersectionMaterial is the material to fill the intersection. If intersectionMaterial == null, then the intersection will be filled using the last material in the MeshRenderer.

*/

A slice can be performed asynchronously by:

```
(GameObject, GameObject) res = await  
meshSlicer.SliceAsync(targetGameObject,slicePlane,intersectionMaterial);  
  
// parameters are the same as the synchronous version
```

A slice can be performed at a lower level without creating gameobjects:

```
(Mesh, Mesh) res = meshSlicer.Slice(slicePlane, targetMesh,  
targetTransform, createSubmeshForIntersection);
```

/*

res contains the two sliced meshes. res == (null, null) if the slice plane does not intersect the targetMesh.

slicePlane is of type (Vector3,Vector3,Vector3). slicePlane contains the 3 points (in world position) that form the slice plane. The 3 points must not be collinear or the result is undefined.

targetMesh is the mesh to be sliced.

targetTransform is the transform that calculates the world positions of targetMesh's vertices. Usually targetTransform is the transform of the MeshFilter that contains targetMesh.

If createSubmeshForIntersection is true, then each of the sliced mesh will have a new submesh corresponding to the intersection face. If false, then the intersection face is combined with the last submesh from targetMesh.

*/

A slice can be performed asynchronously at a lower level without creating gameobjects:

```
(Mesh, Mesh) res = await meshSlicer.SliceAsync(slicePlane, targetMesh, targetTransform, createSubmeshForIntersection);
```

```
// parameters are the same as the synchronous version
```

The MeshSlicer class has a constant member:

```
public const int MAX_SUBMESH_COUNT = 16;
```

```
/*
```

Must be **strictly** less than the number of submeshes in the target game object, even if not creating a new submesh for the intersection face. Value defined in MeshSlicer.cs.

```
*/
```

The Skinned Mesh Slicer Class:

A SkinnedMeshSlicer object can be created by:

```
SkinnedMeshSlicer skinnedMeshSlicer = new SkinnedMeshSlicer();
```

A slice can be performed by:

```
(GameObject, GameObject) res = skinnedMeshSlicer.Slice(targetGameObject, skinnedMeshRendererIndex, rootIndex, slicePlane, intersectionMaterial);
```

```
/*
```

res contains the two sliced game objects. res == (null, null) if the slice plane does not intersect the targetGameObject.

targetGameObject is the direct parent of the game object that contains the SkinnedMeshRender, and the game object that contains the bones.

skinnedMeshRenderIndex is the child index of the game object that contains the SkinnedMeshRender.

rootIndex is the child index of the game object that contains the bones (this game object should have dozens of nested children).

slicePlane is of type (Vector3,Vector3,Vector3). slicePlane contains the 3 points (in world position) that form the slice plane. The 3 points must not be collinear or the result is undefined.

intersectionMaterial is the material to fill the intersection. If intersectionMaterial == null, then the intersection will be filled using the last material in the MeshRenderer.

*/

A slice can be performed asynchronously by:

```
(GameObject, GameObject) res = await skinnedMeshSlicer.Slice  
(targetGameObject, skinnedMeshRenderIndex, rootIndex,  
 slicePlane, intersectionMaterial);
```

```
// parameters are the same as the synchronous version
```

The SkinnedMeshSlicer class has a constant member:

```
public const int MAX_SUBMESH_COUNT = 16;
```

```
/*
```

Must be **strictly** less than the number of submeshes in the target game object, even if not creating a new submesh for the intersection face. Value defined in SkinnedMeshSlicer.cs.

```
*/
```

The Constrained Delaunay Triangulation Class:

A ConstrainedDelaunayTriangulation object can be created by:

```
ConstrainedDelaunayTriangulation cdt = new
```

```
ConstrainedDelaunayTriangulation();
```

A constrained Delaunay triangulation can be performed by:

```
List<int> res = cdt.Triangulate(vertices, edges);

/*
res is the list of triangles produced by triangulation. Every 3
elements describe each of the triangles (if i%3==0, then res[i+0],
res[i+1], res[i+2] is a triangle).

vertices is a list of Vector2 that describes the position of each
vertex.

edges is a list of int that describes the edges that should be
preserved in triangulation. Every 2 elements describe each of the
edges (if i%2==0, then edges[i+0], edges[i+1] is an edge).
If edges is an empty list or is null, then Delaunay triangulation is
performed.
*/
```

The result of constrained Delaunay triangulation can be stored in a user-supplied list:

```
cdt.Triangulate(vertices, edges, res);
/*
res is cleared and then has the triangulation result stored in it.

All other parameters are the same.
*/
```

The ConstrainedDelaunayTriangulation class has a constant member:

```
public const float INPUT_VERTICES_RANGE = 10000f;
/*
Due to the algorithm used in triangulation, every vertex in vertices
must be strictly inside a large triangle. The large triangle is
defined by:
(-INPUT_VERTICES_RANGE, -INPUT_VERTICES_RANGE)
( INPUT_VERTICES_RANGE, -INPUT_VERTICES_RANGE)
( 0f, INPUT_VERTICES_RANGE)
```

```
The value is defined in ConstrainedDelaunayTriangulation/Public.cs.  
*/
```

Other Notes:

To slice a mesh, Mesh Slicer Free needs to read the mesh data; this permission can be granted by checking Read/Write when importing the mesh.

The game object to be sliced should have a positive scale in every axis.

The hardware performing floating-point operations must conform with IEEE 754.

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- Many solutions from Stack Overflow, Unity Forum, Microsoft Learn, Unity Documentation are referenced.

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Slicer Usage:

You want to use this namespace:

```
using Hanzzz.MeshSlicerFree;
```

You want to create a Slicer object by:

```
Slicer slicer = new Slicer();
```

You want to slice the object by:

```
slicer.Slice(objectToSlice, slicePlane, intersectionMaterial);
```

objectToSlice is of type GameObject and has a Mesh Filter and Mesh Renderer component attached. **Make sure the mesh in the Mesh Filter component has the read/write option enabled.**

slicePlane is of type Plane. **Make sure this plane is defined using world space coordinates.**

intersectionMaterial is of type Material. The slicer will fill the intersections with this material.

If the slicer operates correctly, it returns:

```
Slicer.SliceReturnValue sliceReturnValue
```

The definition of SlicerReturnValue is:

```
public class SliceReturnValue
{
    public GameObject topGameObject;
    public GameObject bottomGameObject;
}
```

topGameObject is part of the original object that was on top of the slice plane. topGameObject has exactly 4 components attached: GameObject, Transform, Mesh Filter, Mesh Renderer. Notably, the Transform is at the root of the hierarchy and has the same position, rotation, scale as the original game object;
the Mesh Filter uses the sliced mesh;
the Mesh Renderer uses the original material(s) in addition to the intersection material.

Same story for bottomGameObject.

Note that the slicer does not modify any of the input parameters. If you need to destroy the original game object after the slice, you need to do it yourself (you got this).

The slice operation can be performed asynchronously:

```
Slicer.SliceReturnValue sliceReturnValue = await slicer.SliceAsync(originalGameObject, plane, intersectionMaterial);
```

Skinned Slicer Usage:

Mesh Slicer Free offers the SkinnedSlicer class to slice skinned meshes. Its syntax is similar to that of the Slicer class.

You want to create a SkinnedSlicer object by:

```
SkinnedSlicer slicer = new SkinnedSlicer();
```

You want to slice the object by:

```
slicer.Slice(originalGameObject, skinnedMeshRendererIndex, rootIndex, plane, intersectionMaterial);
```

originalGameObject is of type GameObject and is the parent of the object to be sliced.

skinnedMeshRendererIndex is of type int and should be the index of the child game object that has the mesh renderer component.

rootIndex is of type int and should be the index of the child game object that has the root bone.

SkinnedSlicer's SlicerReturnValue is identical to that of the Slicer.

Things That Should Work, But I Have Not Tested Them:

Should be able to slice meshes with multiple sub meshes.

Should be able to slice meshes with vertices that have all 8 UV channels.

Should be able to slice meshes with vertices that have color.

Things That Should Not Work:

If the mesh is weird (like having triangles clipping into each other, or having triangles that only form a plane), then do not expect Mesh Slicer Free to slice correctly.

Possible Extensions:

I would like to add the following extension to this product, but need help and incentive:

Need a better way to give uv coordinates to intersection vertices (right now all intersection vertices have uv coordinates of (0,0)).

Multithreading?

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