

# Supplementary Materials of “The Mean Shape under the Relative Curvature Condition”.

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This document provides R code documentation related to the Supplementary Materials of the manuscript titled “The Mean Shape under the Relative Curvature Condition”.

For additional information, please visit the corresponding author’s GitHub repository:  
[https://Github.com/MohsenTaheriShalmani/Elliptical\\_Tubes](https://Github.com/MohsenTaheriShalmani/Elliptical_Tubes).

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# 1 Description

The primary script file is `main.R`, which is supported by two additional scripts in the `Functions` folder: `ETRep_Functions.R`, containing functions specific to ETRep analysis, and `ETRep_MathFunctions.R`, which includes general mathematical functions. An ETRep encapsulates the characteristics of an *elliptical tube* (e-tube), including the size and orientation of its elliptical cross-sections, positioned according to the material frames along the spine, as illustrated in Figure 1.

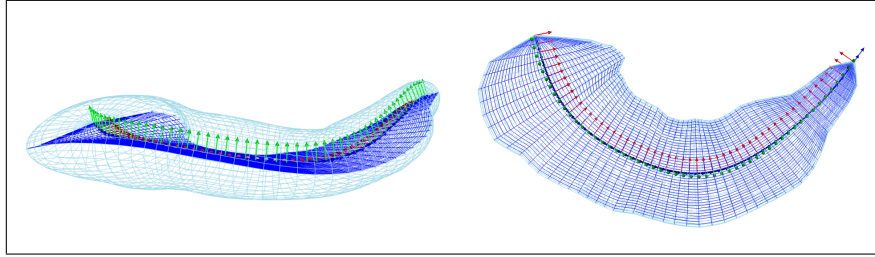


Figure 1: ETRep representation of the left hippocampus with 53 cross-sections. Arrows highlight material frames aligned along the spine.

The `main.R` script is divided into two main sections: 1. Transformation and 2. Simulation. The Transformation section provides examples for calculating both intrinsic and non-intrinsic means using intrinsic and non-intrinsic transformations between two e-tubes, represented by their corresponding *elliptical tube representations* (ETReps), as discussed in the main manuscript. The simulation section provides an example of ETRep simulation, as discussed in the article's Supplementary Materials.

The required libraries for running the `main.R` script are: `shapes`, `rgl`, `Morpho`, `matlib`, `RiemBase`, `doBy`, `plotrix`, `Directional`, `RSpincalc`, `rotations`, `SphericalCubature`, `Rvcg`, `fields`, `Matrix`, `pracma`, `truncnorm`, `ggplot2`, `reshape2`, and `dplyr`.

## 2 Functions

The functions essential for ETRep analysis are outlined below, covering transformation calculations, mean computation, ETRep size estimation, simulation, and plotting.

### 2.1 Create a Discrete Elliptical Tube

The function `create_Elliptical_Tube` constructs a discrete e-tube and represents it as an ETRep.

#### Input Parameters

- **numberOfFrames**: Integer, specifies the number of consecutive material frames.
- **method**: String, either "basedOnEulerAngles" or "basedOnMaterialFrames", determining whether the material frames are defined by Euler angles or given material frames.

- **EulerAngles\_Matrix**:  $\text{numberOfFrames} \times 3$  matrix, with each row containing three Euler angles to define a material frame.
- **materialFramesBasedOnParents**: Array of dimensions  $3 \times 3 \times \text{numberOfFrames}$ , defining the pre-determined material frames.
- **ellipseResolution**: Integer, specifies the boundary resolution of the elliptical cross-sections (default is 10).
- **ellipseRadii.a**: Real vector with  $\text{numberOfFrames}$  elements, defining the primary radii of the cross-sections.
- **ellipseRadii.b**: Real vector with  $\text{numberOfFrames}$  elements, defining the secondary radii of the cross-sections.
- **connectionsLengths**: Real vector with  $\text{numberOfFrames}$  elements, defining the lengths of the spinal connection vectors.
- **plotting**: Logical, enables plotting of the ETRep (default is TRUE).

## Output

- **ETRep**: A list containing the generated tube's details, including:
  - Orientation of material frames based on **materialFramesBasedOnParents**,
  - Twisting angles **theta\_angles**,
  - Curvature angles **phi\_angles\_bend**,
  - Principal radii of the cross-sections **ellipseRadii.a** and **ellipseRadii.b**,
  - Projection lengths, **r\_project\_lengths**, according to Equation (1) in the main article,
  - Lengths of the spinal connection vectors **connectionsLengths**,
  - Boundary points of the cross-sections, stored as **boundaryPoints** for the ETRep-PDM.

## Example

```

numberOfFrames<-15
ellipseResolution<-10
EulerAngles_alpha<-c(rep(0,numberOfFrames))
EulerAngles_beta<-c(rep(-pi/20,numberOfFrames))
EulerAngles_gamma<-c(rep(0,numberOfFrames))
EulerAngles_Matrix =cbind(EulerAngles_alpha,EulerAngles_beta,EulerAngles_gamma)
ellipseRadii_a<-rep(3,length.out=numberOfFrames)
ellipseRadii_b<-rep(2,length.out=numberOfFrames)
connectionsLengths<-rep(4,numberOfFrames)
tube<-create_Elliptical_Tube(numberOfFrames=numberOfFrames,
                             EulerAngles_Matrix =EulerAngles_Matrix,
                             method="basedOnEulerAngles",
                             ellipseResolution=ellipseResolution,
                             ellipseRadii_a=ellipseRadii_a,
                             ellipseRadii_b=ellipseRadii_b,
                             connectionsLengths=connectionsLengths,
                             plotting=TRUE)

```

## 2.2 Plotting

The `plot_Elliptical_Tube` function plots an ETRep.

### Input Parameters

- `tube`: A list containing the information of an ETRep.
- `plot_boundary`: Logical, enables plotting of the boundary (default is TRUE).
- `plot_frames`: Logical, enables plotting the material frames (default is TRUE).
- `frameScaling`: Real value for scaling the frames.
- `plot_r_project`: Logical, enables plotting of the projection of the cross-sections along the normals based on Equation (1) of the main article (default is TRUE).
- `plot_r_max`: Logical, enables plotting of the maximum possible size of the projection of the cross-sections along the normals, i.e.,  $\frac{x_i}{v_i}$  based on Equation (1) of the main article (default is FALSE).

### Output

- Just a graphical output.

### Example

```
plot_Elliptical_Tube(e_tube = tube_A)
```

## 2.3 Check the validity of a tube

The `check_Tube_Legality` function checks the RCC and the validity of the principal radii  $\forall a_i > b_i$ .

### Input Parameters

- `tube`: A list containing the information of an ETRep.

### Output

- Logical (TRUE as valid and False as invalid)

### Example

```
check_Tube_Legality(tube = tube)
```

## 2.4 Transformations

The `nonIntrinsic_Transformation_Elliptical_Tubes` and `intrinsic_Transformation_Elliptical_Tubes` functions perform non-intrinsic and intrinsic transformations from one ETRep to another. Both ETReps must have the same number of spinal points.

### Input Parameters

- `tube1`: A list containing the details of the first ETRep.
- `tube2`: A list containing the details of the second ETRep.
- `numberOfSteps`: Integer, specifying the number of transformation steps.
- `plotting`: Logical, enables visualization during transformation (default is TRUE).

## Output

- **tubes**: A list containing **numberOfSteps** intermediate ETReps.

## Example

```
# Non-intrinsic transformation example
nonIntrinsic_Transformation_Elliptical_Tubes(tube1 = tube1,
                                              tube2 = tube2,
                                              numberOfSteps = 7,
                                              plotting = TRUE)

# Intrinsic transformation example
intrinsic_Transformation_Elliptical_Tubes(tube1 = tube1,
                                           tube2 = tube2,
                                           numberOfSteps = 7,
                                           plotting = TRUE)
```

## 2.5 Mean calculation

The **nonIntrinsic\_mean\_tube** and **intrinsic\_mean\_tube** functions calculate the non-intrinsic and intrinsic mean of a set of ETReps, respectively. All ETReps must have the same number of spinal points.

### Input Parameters

- **tubes**: A list of ETReps.
- **type**: String, either "ShapeAnalysis" and "sizeAndShapeAnalysis" for calculating the mean with or without scaling (default is "sizeAndShapeAnalysis").
- **plotting**: Logical, enables visualization of the mean (default is TRUE).

## Output

- **tube**: An ETRep as a list representing the mean ETRep.

## Example

```
# Non-intrinsic mean
nonIntrinsic_mean_tube(tubes = tubes, plotting = TRUE)
nonIntrinsicMeanTube

# Intrinsic mean
intrinsic_mean_tube(tubes = tubes, plotting = TRUE)
intrinsicMeanTube
```

## 2.6 Simulation

The **simulate\_etube** function generates a set of ETReps based on a reference tube by adding variation to the tube elements, as discussed in the article's Supplementary Materials.

## Input Parameters

- **referenceTube**: A list consists of the information of an ETRep as the reference e-tube.
- **numberOfSimulation**: Number of random samples.
- **sd\_v**: Standard deviation for the  $\mathbf{v}_i$  vectors.
- **sd\_psi**: Standard deviation for the roll angles  $\psi_i$ .
- **sd\_x**: Standard deviation for the length of the spinal connection vectors  $x_i$ .
- **sd\_a**: Standard deviation for the first principal radii  $a_i$ .
- **sd\_b**: Standard deviation for the second principal radii  $b_i$ .
- **rangeSdScale**: A range for adding random scaling to the generated samples.
- **plotting**: Logical, enables visualization of the sample (default is FALSE).

## Output

- **tubes**: A list containing **numberOfSimulation** of random ETReps.

## Example

```
#create a reference tube
numberOfFrames<-15
ellipseResolution<-10
EulerAngles_alpha<-c(rep(0,numberOfFrames))
EulerAngles_beta<-c(rep(-pi/20,numberOfFrames))
EulerAngles_gamma<-c(rep(0,numberOfFrames))
EulerAngles_Matrix<-cbind(EulerAngles_alpha,EulerAngles_beta,EulerAngles_gamma)
ellipseRadii_a<-rep(3,length.out=numberOfFrames)
ellipseRadii_b<-rep(2,length.out=numberOfFrames)
connectionsLengths<-rep(3,numberOfFrames)
referenceTube<-
  create_Elliptical_Tube(numberOfFrames=numberOfFrames,
                        EulerAngles_Matrix =EulerAngles_Matrix,
                        method="basedOnEulerAngles",
                        ellipseResolution=10,
                        ellipseRadii_a=ellipseRadii_a,
                        ellipseRadii_b=ellipseRadii_b,
                        connectionsLengths=connectionsLengths,
                        plotting=TRUE)

# Generate random samples
simulate_etube(referenceTube = referenceTube,
              numberOfSimulation=5,
              sd_v=0.1,
              sd_psi=0.001,
              sd_x=0.01,
              sd_a=0.01,
              sd_b=0.01,
              rangeSdScale=c(1,2),
              plotting=TRUE)
```