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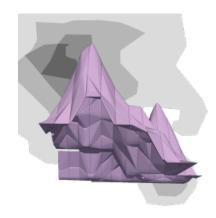
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LET'S MAKE 3-D MODELS WITH PYTHON!





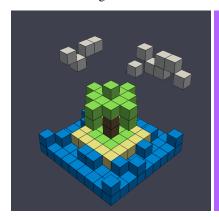


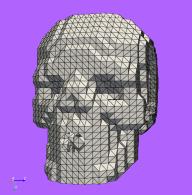
Ever wanted to make simple 3-D models from numpy arrays? Now you can do that with voxelmap! **Voxelmap** is a Python library for making voxel and three-dimensional models from NumPy arrays. It was initially made to streamline 3-D voxel modeling by assigning each integer in an array to a voxel. Now, methods are being developed for mesh representations, voxel-to-mesh transformation and vice-versa.

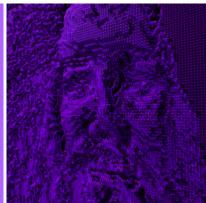
Check out the *Usage* section for further information, including how to *Installation* the project. For some quick examples / templates, check out the next section.

1.1 Clickable examples

Click on the images below for their source code.







1.2 Colab Notebook

We also offer an interactive tutorial through a Colab notebook, click below:



Note: This project is under active development.

CHAPTER

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2.1 Usage

2.1.1 Installation

It is recommended you use voxelmap through a virtual environment. You may follow the below simple protocol to create the virtual environment, run it, and install the package there:

```
$ virtualenv venv
$ source venv/bin/activate
(.venv) $ pip install voxelmap
```

To exit the virtual environment, simply type deactivate. To access it at any other time again, enter with the above source command.

2.1.2 Draw voxels from an integer array

Voxelmap was originally made to handle third-order integer arrays of the form np.array((int,int,int)) as blueprints to 3-D voxel models.

While "0" integers are used to represent empty space, the non-zero integer values are used to define a distinct voxel type and thus, they are used as keys for such voxel type to be mapped to a specific color and alpha transparency. These keys are stored in a map (also known as "dictionary") internal to the voxelmap. Model class called hashblocks.

The voxel color and transparencies may be added or modified to the hashblocks map with the hashblocksAdd method.

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```
'yellow', '#0000000', 'white', 'k', '#c745f8']
for i in range(9):
   model.hashblocksAdd(i+1, colors[i])

#draw array as a voxel model with `custom` coloring scheme
model.draw('custom', background_color='#fffffff')
```

```
>>> [Out]
[[[3 8 5]
        [0 2 6]
        [2 2 7]]
[[8 3 6]
        [7 2 0]
        [2 2 1]]
[[9 2 4]
        [8 5 7]
        [8 9 8]]]
```



With particles geometry and user-defined alpha transparencies

The new version of voxelmap now has a geometry kwarg for the Model.draw() method where the voxel geometry can be chosen between *voxels* and *particles* form. Below we change it to *particles* to represent the voxels above as spherical objects. In addition, we declare different transparencies of the different voxel-item types:

```
alphas = [0.8,1,0.5,1,0.75,0.5,1.0,0.8,0.6]
for i in range(9):
model.hashblocksAdd(i+1,colors[i],alphas[i])
model.draw('custom', geometry='particles', background_color='#fffffff')
```



2.1.3 Draw voxels from coordinate arrays

Voxelmap may also draw a voxel model from an array which defines the coordinates for each of the voxels to be drawn in x y and z space.

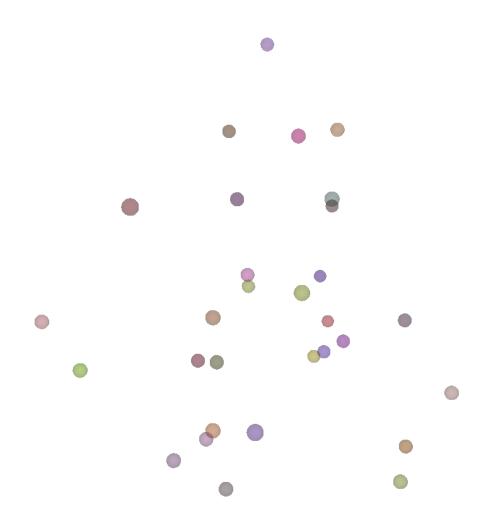
The internal variable data.xyz will thus take a third-order array where the rows are the number of voxels and the columns are the 3 coordinates for the x,y,z axis. Another internal input, data.rgb, can be used to define the colors for each of the voxels in the data.xyz object in 'xxxxxx' hex format (i.e. 'fffffff' for white).

The algorithm will also work for negative coordinates, as it is shown in the example below.

```
import voxelmap as vxm
import numpy as np
cubes = vxm.Model()
num\_voxels = 30
cubes.XYZ = np.random.randint(-1,1,(num_voxels,3))+np.random.random((num_voxels,3))
      # random x,y,z locs for 10 voxels
cubes.RGB = [ hex(np.random.randint(0.5e7,1.5e7))[2:] for i in range(num_voxels) ]
                                                                                     #__
→define random colors for the 10 voxels
cubes.sparsity = 5
                                                   # spaces out coordinates
cubes.load(coords=True)
cubes hashblocks
for i in cubes.hashblocks:
   cubes.hashblocks[i][1] = 0.30
                                     # update all voxel alphas (transparency) to 0.3
# print(cubes.XYZ)
                                                 # print the xyz coordinate data
cubes.draw('custom',geometry='particles', background_color='#ffffff',window_size=[416,__
                                   # draw the model from that data
→416])
```



The sparsity variable will extend the distance from all voxels at the expense of increased memory.

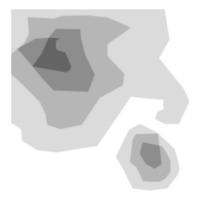


2.1.4 Get images for below examples

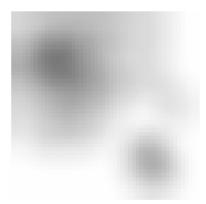
Click on the links below to save the images in the same directory you are running these examples: land.png dog.png argisle.png

2.1.5 3-D Mapping of an Image

Here we map the synthetic topography image land.png we just downloaded to 3-D using the map3d method from the voxelmap.Image class.



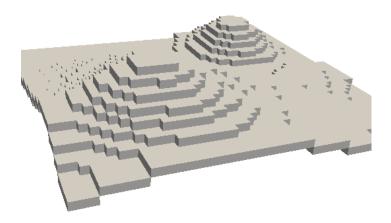
The image is then resized for the voxel draw with the matplotlib method i.e. Model().draw_mpl. This is done with cv2.resize, resizing the image from 1060x1060 to 50x50. After resizing, we convolve the image to obtain a less sharp color shift between the different gray regions with the cv2.blur method:



After this treatment, the resized and blurred image is mapped to a 3-D voxel model using the *ImageMap* method from the *Image* class:

```
mapped_img = img.ImageMap(12)  # mapped to 3d with a depth of 12 voxels
print(mapped_img.shape)
model = vxm.Model(mapped_img)
model.array = np.flip(np.transpose(model.array))

model.alphacm = 0.5
model.draw('none',background_color='#fffffff')
```

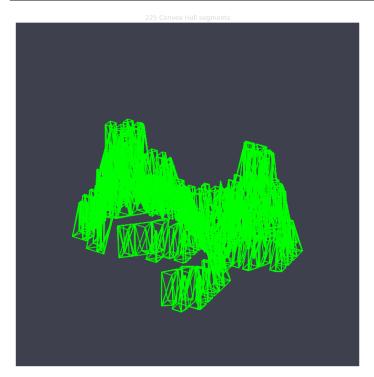


2.1.6 ImageMesh: 3-D Mesh Mapping from Image

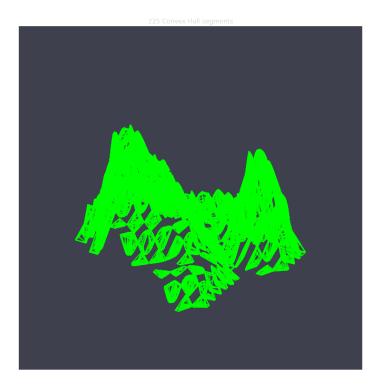
This method creates a low-poly mesh model from an Image using an algorithm developed by Andrew Garcia where 3-D convex hull is performed on separate "cuts" or sectors from the image.

This can decrease the size of the 3-D model and the runtime to generate it significantly, making the runtime proportional to the number of sectors rather than the number of pixels. Sectors are quantified with the L_sectors kwarg, which is the length scale for the number of sectors in the grid.

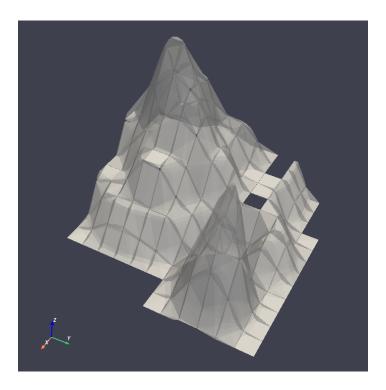
We can see that the mesh model can be calculated and drawn with matplotlib plot=mpl option even from a large image of 1060x1060 without resizing:



This ImageMesh transformation is also tested with a blurred version of the image with cv2.blur. A more smooth low-poly 3-D mesh is generated with this additional treatment. The topography seems more realistic:



For a more customizable OpenGL rendering, img.MeshView() may be used on the above image:



2.1.7 Process a 3-D Model .txt file

The downloaded dog.txt file is a 3-D Model .txt file which was exported from a Goxel project, where a simple dog was drawn. Here we process that file to an np.array using the importdata method from the voxelmap.Data class and then draw it on 3-D voxels with the draw method from the voxelmap.Model class.



In addition, an argisle.txt file was also processed to draw a Goxel-made model of an island in Python

```
import voxelmap as vxm
import numpy as np

""process dog.txt from Goxel"'
Dog = vxm.Model()
Dog.load('dog.txt')
Dog.array = np.transpose(Dog.array,(2,1,0))  #rotate dog
Dog.draw_mpl('voxels',figsize=(5,5))

""process argisle.txt from Goxel"'
theIsland = vxm.Model()
theIsland.load('argisle.txt')
theIsland.array = np.transpose(theIsland.array,(2,1,0))  #rotate dog
theIsland.draw_mpl('voxels',figsize=(5,5))
```





Re-color with custom colors

using the hashblocksAdd() method

```
theIsland.hashblocksAdd(1,'yellow',1)
theIsland.hashblocksAdd(2,'#333333',0.2)
theIsland.hashblocksAdd(3,'cyan',0.75)
theIsland.hashblocksAdd(4,'#000000')

theIsland.draw_mpl('voxels',figsize=(5,5))

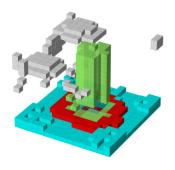
Dog.hashblocks = theIsland.hashblocks
print('black dog, yellow eyes, cyan tongue')
Dog.draw_mpl('voxels',figsize=(5,5))
```





defining them directly in the hashblocks dictionary

```
theIsland.hashblocks = {
    1: ['cyan', 1],
    2: ['#0197fd', 0.25],
    3: ['#98fc66', 0.78],
    4: ['#eeeeee', 1],
    5: ['red', 1]}
theIsland.draw_mpl('voxels',figsize=(7,7))
```



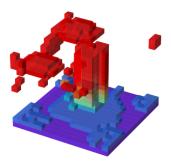
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Re-color with the rainbow colormap

```
from matplotlib import cm

'draw with nuclear fill and rainbow colormap'
theIsland.colormap = cm.rainbow
theIsland.alphacm = 0.7

print('rainbow island')
theIsland.draw_mpl('linear',figsize=(7,7))
```



Save and Load Methods for voxelmap Model objects

Save the ghost dog model

If you'd like to save an array with customized color assignments, you may do so now with the Model().save() method. This method saves the array data as a DOK hashmap and integrates this DOK hashmap with the Model.hashblocks color information in a higher-order JSON file format:

```
#re-define colors for a ghost dog
Dog.hashblocks = {
    1: ['cyan', 1],
    2: ['#0197fd', 0.25],
    3: ['#98fc66', 0.78],
    4: ['#eeeeee', 1]}

#save
Dog.save('ghostdog.json')
```

Load ghost dog model

The Model().load() method processes the array and color information to a blank Model object. To load this data into a "blank slate" and re-draw it, type the following:

```
# defines a blank model
blank = vxm.Model()
print(blank.array)
print(blank.hashblocks)

blank.load('ghostdog.json')

print(blank.array[0].shape)
print(blank.hashblocks)
blank.draw_mpl('voxels',figsize=(7,7))
```



2.2 API Reference

2.2.1 Global Methods

As the methods are several, below are only listed the most pertinent global methods of voxelmap, in order of the lowest level to highest level of applications to 3-D modeling operations and classified in sub-sections:

Load and Save

```
class voxelmap.load_array(filename)
    Loads a pickled numpy array with filename name

class voxelmap.save_array(array, filename)
    Saves an array array with filename name using the pickle module

class voxelmap.tojson(filename, array, hashblocks={})
    Save 3-D array and hashblocks color mapping as JSON file

class voxelmap.load_from_json(filename)
    Load JSON file to object
```

Array Manipulation

class voxelmap.resize_array(array, mult=(2, 2, 2))

Resizes a three-dimensional array by the three dim factors specified by *mult* tuple. Converts to sparse array of 0s and 1s

Parameters

array

[np.array(int,int,int)] array to resize

mult: tuple(float,float,float)

depth length width factors to resize array with. e.g 2,2,2 resizes array to double its size in all dims

class voxelmap.roughen(array, kernel level=1)

Makes a 3d array model rougher by a special convolution operation. Uses voxelmap.random_kernel_convolve.

Parameters

array

[np.array(int,int,int)] array to roughen up

kernel_level: int

length scale (size) of random kernels used. The smallest scale (=1) gives the roughest transformation.

class voxelmap.random_kernel_convolve(array, kernel, random_bounds=(-10, 10))

Applies a three-dimensional convolution with a randomly-mutating *kernel* on a 3-D *array* which changes for every array site when random_bounds are set to tuple. If random_bounds are set to False, convolution occurs in constant mode for the specified kernel.

Parameters

array

[np.array(int,int,int)] array to convolve

kernel: np.array(int,int,int)

kernel to use for convolution. If random_bounds are set to tuple, only the kernel's shape is used to specify the random_kernels

random_bounds

[tuple(int,int) OR bool] see above explanation.

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Mapping

Marching cubes on sparse 3-D integer *voxelmap* arrays (GLOBAL)

Parameters

array: np.array((int/float,int/float,int/float))

3-D array for which to run the marching cubes algorithm

out file

[str] name and/or path for Wavefront .obj file output. This is the common format for OpenGL 3-D model files (default: model.obj)

level

[float, optional] Contour value to search for isosurfaces in *volume*. If not given or None, the average of the min and max of vol is used.

spacing

[length-3 tuple of floats, optional] Voxel spacing in spatial dimensions corresponding to numpy array indexing dimensions (M, N, P) as in *volume*.

gradient_direction

[string, optional] Controls if the mesh was generated from an isosurface with gradient descent toward objects of interest (the default), or the opposite, considering the *left-hand* rule. The two options are: – 'descent': Object was greater than exterior – 'ascent': Exterior was greater than object

step_size

[int, optional] Step size in voxels. Default 1. Larger steps yield faster but coarser results. The result will always be topologically correct though.

allow_degenerate

[bool, optional] Whether to allow degenerate (i.e. zero-area) triangles in the end-result. Default True. If False, degenerate triangles are removed, at the cost of making the algorithm slower.

method: str, optional

One of 'lewiner', 'lorensen' or '_lorensen'. Specify which of Lewiner et al. or Lorensen et al. method will be used. The '_lorensen' flag correspond to an old implementation that will be deprecated in version 0.19.

mask

[(M, N, P) array, optional] Boolean array. The marching cube algorithm will be computed only on True elements. This will save computational time when interfaces are located within certain region of the volume M, N, P-e.g. the top half of the cube-and also allow to compute finite surfaces-i.e. open surfaces that do not end at the border of the cube.

plot: bool

plots a preliminary 3-D triangulated image if True

Triangulated mesh view with PyVista (GLOBAL)

Parameters

objfile: string

.obj file to process with MeshView [in GLOBAL function only]

wireframe: bool

Represent mesh as wireframe instead of solid polyhedron if True (default: False).

color

[string / hexadecimal] mesh color. default: 'pink'

alpha

[float] opacity transparency range: 0 - 1.0. Default: 0.5

background color

[string / hexadecimal] color of background. default: 'pink'

viewport

[(int,int)] viewport / screen (width, height) for display window (default: 80% your screen's width & height)

2.2.2 Local Methods (to Model class)

```
class voxelmap.Model(array=[])
```

```
MarchingMesh(level=0, spacing=(1.0, 1.0, 1.0), gradient_direction='descent', step_size=1, allow_degenerate=True, method='lewiner', mask=None, plot=False, figsize=(4.8, 4.8))
```

Marching cubes on 3D mapped image

Parameters

voxel_depth

[int] depth of 3-D mapped image on number of voxels

level

[float, optional] Contour value to search for isosurfaces in *volume*. If not given or None, the average of the min and max of vol is used.

spacing

[length-3 tuple of floats, optional] Voxel spacing in spatial dimensions corresponding to numpy array indexing dimensions (M, N, P) as in *volume*.

gradient_direction

[string, optional] Controls if the mesh was generated from an isosurface with gradient descent toward objects of interest (the default), or the opposite, considering the *left-hand* rule. The two options are: – 'descent': Object was greater than exterior – 'ascent': Exterior was greater than object

step_size

[int, optional] Step size in voxels. Default 1. Larger steps yield faster but coarser results. The result will always be topologically correct though.

allow_degenerate

[bool, optional] Whether to allow degenerate (i.e. zero-area) triangles in the end-result. Default True. If False, degenerate triangles are removed, at the cost of making the algorithm slower.

method: str, optional

One of 'lewiner', 'lorensen' or '_lorensen'. Specify which of Lewiner et al. or Lorensen et al. method will be used. The '_lorensen' flag correspond to an old implementation that will be deprecated in version 0.19.

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mask

[(M, N, P) array, optional] Boolean array. The marching cube algorithm will be computed only on True elements. This will save computational time when interfaces are located within certain region of the volume M, N, P-e.g. the top half of the cube-and also allow to compute finite surfaces-i.e. open surfaces that do not end at the border of the cube.

plot: bool

plots a preliminary 3-D triangulated image if True

MeshView(wireframe=False, color='pink', alpha=0.5, background_color='#333333', viewport=[1024, 768])
Triangulated mesh view with PyVista

Parameters

objfile: string

.obj file to process with MeshView [in GLOBAL function only]

wireframe: bool

Represent mesh as wireframe instead of solid polyhedron if True (default: False).

color

[string / hexadecimal] mesh color. default: 'pink'

alpha

[float] opacity transparency range: 0 - 1.0. Default: 0.5

background color

[string / hexadecimal] color of background. default: 'pink'

viewport

[(int,int)] viewport / screen (width, height) for display window (default: 80% your screen's width & height)

build()

Builds voxel model structure from python numpy array

```
draw(coloring='none', geometry='voxels', scalars='', background_color='#cccccc', wireframe=False,
    window_size=[1024, 768], voxel_spacing=(1, 1, 1))
```

Draws voxel model after building it with the provided array with PYVISTA

Parameters

coloring: string

voxel coloring scheme

'custom' -> colors voxel model based on the provided keys to its array integers, defined in the *hashblocks* variable from the *Model* class 'none' -> no coloring ELSE: coloring == cmap (colormap) 'cool' cool colormap 'fire' fire colormap and so on...

geometry: string

voxel geometry. Choose voxels to have a box geometry with geometry='voxels' or spherical one with geometry='particles'

scalars

[list] list of scalars for cmap coloring scheme

background_color

[string / hex] background color of pyvista plot

window size

[(float,float)] defines plot window dimensions. Defaults to [1024, 768], unless set differently in the relevant theme's window_size property [pyvista.Plotter]

voxel spacing

[(float,float,float)] changes voxel spacing by defining length scales of x y and z directions (default:(1,1,1)).

draw_mpl(coloring='nuclear', edgecolors=None, figsize=(6.4, 4.8), axis3don=False)

DRAW MATPLOTLIB. VOXELS Draws voxel model after building it with the provided array.

Parameters

coloring: string

voxel coloring scheme

'nuclear' colors model radially, from center to exterior 'linear' colors voxel model vertically, top to bottom. 'custom' colors voxel model based on the provided keys to its array integers, defined in the *hashblocks* variable from the *Model* class

edgecolors: string/hex

edge color of voxels (default: None)

figsize

[(float,float)] defines plot window dimensions. From matplotlib.pyplot.figure(figsize) kwarg.

axis3don: bool

defines presence of 3D axis in voxel model plot (Default: False)

hashblocksAdd(key, color, alpha=1)

Make your own 3-D colormap option. Adds to hashblocks dictionary.

Parameters

key

[int] array value to color as voxel

color

[str] color of voxel with corresponding *key* index (either in hexanumerical # format or default python color string)

alpha

[float, optional] transparency index (0 -> transparent; 1 -> opaque; default = 1.0)

load(filename='voxeldata.json', coords=False)

Load to Model object.

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Parameters

filename: string (.json or .txt extensions (see above))

name of file to be loaded (e.g 'voxeldata.json')

coords: bool

loads and processes self.XYZ, self.RGB, and self.sparsity = 10.0 (see Model class desc above) to Model if True. This boolean overrides filename loader option.

save(filename='voxeldata.json')

Save sparse array + color assignments Model data as a dictionary of keys (DOK) JSON file

Parameters

filename: string

name of file (e.g. 'voxeldata.json') Data types: .json -> voxel data represented as (DOK) JSON file .txt -> voxel data represented x,y,z,rgb matrix in .txt file (see Goxel .txt imports)

2.2.3 Local Methods (to Image class)

```
class voxelmap.Image(file=")
```

ImageMap(depth=5)

Map image to 3-D array

Parameters

depth

[int] depth in number of voxels (default = 5 voxels)

ImageMesh(out_file='model.obj', L_sectors=4, rel_depth=0.5, trace_min=5, plot=True, figsize=(4.8, 4.8), verbose=False)

3-D triangulation of 2-D images with a Convex Hull algorithm (Andrew Garcia, 2022)

Parameters

out_file

[str] name and/or path for Wavefront .obj file output. This is the common format for OpenGL 3-D model files (default: model.obj)

L sectors: int

length scale of Convex Hull segments in sector grid, e.g. L_sectors = 4 makes a triangulation of 4 x 4 Convex Hull segments

rel_depth: float

relative depth of 3-D model with respect to the image's intensity magnitudes (default: 0.50)

trace_min: int

minimum number of points in different z-levels to triangulate per sector (default: 5)

plot: bool / str

plots a preliminary 3-D triangulated image if True [with PyVista (& with matplotlib if plot = 'img')

MarchingMesh(voxel_depth=12, level=0, spacing=(1.0, 1.0, 1.0), gradient_direction='descent', step_size=1, allow_degenerate=True, method='lewiner', mask=None, plot=False, figsize=(4.8, 4.8))

Marching cubes on 3D-mapped image

Parameters

voxel depth

[int] depth of 3-D mapped image on number of voxels

level

[float, optional] Contour value to search for isosurfaces in *volume*. If not given or None, the average of the min and max of vol is used.

spacing

[length-3 tuple of floats, optional] Voxel spacing in spatial dimensions corresponding to numpy array indexing dimensions (M, N, P) as in *volume*.

gradient_direction

[string, optional] Controls if the mesh was generated from an isosurface with gradient descent toward objects of interest (the default), or the opposite, considering the *left-hand* rule. The two options are: * descent : Object was greater than exterior * ascent : Exterior was greater than object

step_size

[int, optional] Step size in voxels. Default 1. Larger steps yield faster but coarser results. The result will always be topologically correct though.

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MeshView(wireframe=False, color='pink', alpha=0.5, background_color='#333333', viewport=[1024, 768])
MeshView: triangulated mesh view with PyVista

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Parameters

objfile: string

.obj file to process with MeshView [in GLOBAL function only]

wireframe: bool

Represent mesh as wireframe instead of solid polyhedron if True (default: False).

color

[string / hexadecimal] mesh color. default: 'pink'

alpha

[float] opacity transparency range: 0 - 1.0. Default: 0.5

background_color

[string / hexadecimal] color of background. default: 'pink'

viewport

[(int,int)] viewport / screen (width, height) for display window (default: 80% your screen's width & height)

make()

Turn image into intensity matrix i.e. matrix with pixel intensities

resize(res=1.0, res_interp=3)

Resize the intensity matrix of the provided image.

Parameters

res

[float, optional] relative resizing percentage as x times the original (default 1.0 [1.0x original dimensions])

res_interp: object, optional

cv2 interpolation function for resizing (default cv2.INTER_AREA)

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