

DEEP

Dual-space Expansion for Estimating Penetration Depth between convex polytopes

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Application Manual

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INTRODUCTION

Penetration depth (PD) is defined as the minimum translational distance to make the interiors of two inter-penetrating objects disjoint. DEEP is an incremental penetration depth algorithm to estimate the PD between *convex* polytopes. It is designed and implemented on top of SWIFT++ system, which you can obtain freely at <http://gamma.cs.unc.edu/SWIFT++/>. Hence, DEEP's API is essentially the same as that of SWIFT++. This manual will cover DEEP's basic functionality and its usage. For more technical information about DEEP, we refer the readers to the related publications available at <http://gamma.cs.unc.edu/DEEP>.

LICENSE AGREEMENT

The DEEP library is Copyright 2002 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The LICENSE file that accompanies the distribution gives in detail what this means along with the restrictions on other source codes that was originally written by T. Wang

and J. O'Rourke. DEEP is written in Visual C++ and all the source code is included in the distribution. The LICENSE file also covers redistribution and code modifications.

BUILD

1. FILES

First of all, you will need to download SWIFT++ 1.1 library and other necessary library files that SWIFT++ requires as specified in its manual. Once you unzip DEEP.zip, you will find the following files in each directory:

```
./include  
SWIFT.h  
SWIFT_common.h  
SWIFT_convconv.h  
SWIFT_front.h  
SWIFT_hash.h  
SWIFT_linalg.h  
SWIFT_mesh.h  
SWIFT_pqueue.h
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./src  
convconv.cpp  
hash.cpp  
mesh.cpp  
pair.cpp  
scene.cpp
```

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./example  
pdtest.cpp  
sphere100.tri  
sphere100_xz.tri  
DEEP.doc  
DEEP.pdf
```

You need to overwrite the header files and source files in SWIFT++ directory appropriately with the above files. Test sample files are also provided to give an example of the usage of DEEP library.

2. COMPILATION

The compilation process of DEEP is the same as that of SWIFT++. However, DEEP is written under Visual Studio environment, thus you will need to compile it under Visual C++. You need to turn on the following compilation switches to use DEEP in SWIFT++:

SWIFT_PD_EST
SWIFT_FRONT_TRACKING

API

Basically DEEP uses the same API in SWIFT++, and its semantics is also the same. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to get familiarized with SWIFT++ and its API's before using DEEP.

When the user does not need PD computation, he/she can use all the functions that SWIFT++ provide. However, when it comes to computing PD using DEEP, the user will use the following two API's most of time: *Add_General_Object* and *Query_Contact_Determination*.

1. *Add_General_Object* has the same usage as SWIFT++, except that you must use only **convex** objects to be used in DEEP (note: You can also use *Add_Convex_Object* too).
2. *Query_Contact_Determination* is the essence of DEEP library. In fact, *Query_Contact_Determination* is the only query API that is supported in DEEP. In other words, the other query methods explained in SWIFT++ manual Sec 6.5 have no meaning as far as the PD computation is concerned. In DEEP, *Query_Contact_Determination* has the following meaning:
 - **early_exit**: needs to be turned off.
 - **tolerance**: same as SWIFT++.
 - **nearest_pts**: meaningless in DEEP.
 - **num_pairs, oids, num_contacts**: same as SWIFT++.
 - **distances**: PD value.
 - **normals**: same as SWIFT++. The normals are normal vectors associated with *feature_ids* explained next. In DEEP, you can think of this vector as penetration direction for each convex polytope.
 - **feature_types, feature_ids**: types and ids of features that realize the returned PD. More specifically, there exist a supporting plane on each convex polytope that is normal to the features (*feature_types* and *feature_ids*). For more information, refer to the DEEP paper.

INPUT

You can use any convex object that is supported by SWIFT++ library in TRI, POLY or DCP format. However, for non-convex objects, either DEEP will crash or it will report meaningless results.