

Predicting the Shape of Arbitrary 2-dimensional Drums

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For this project, random convex shapes were generated according to the efficient algorithm presented by Valtr (1995). Concave shapes were individually generated using a set of n random cartesian products, centred around the origin, connected to their closest neighbours according to $\arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$. The dataset itself was formed around a Bernoulli distribution of these two algorithms. Given that the latter algorithm, used to create concave shapes, has a measurable probability of also returning a convex shape (Valtr, 1995), we can assume that the distribution of n sided convex drums will be equivalent to

$$p_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\binom{2n-2}{n-1}}{n!} \right)^2$$

where n is determined by a uniform distribution ranging from 3 to ∞ .

References

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