

TP : 3D Modelling

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Objectives

- Implement RANSAC algorithm and analyse its behaviour.

A. RANdOm SAmple Consensus

There are several ways to define a plane, here we will use a point and a normal for convenience.

- 1) In `RANSAC.py` write the function `compute_plane` that computes the plane passing through the three points. You just have to choose one of the three points and compute the normal.

Hint: use `np.cross` for cross product. Remember to normalize your normal vector.

- 2) Implement the function `in_plane` that takes as input a list of points, a plane, and a threshold value and returns the indices of the points whose distance to the plane are smaller than `threshold_in`.

Hint: use `np.dot` for scalar product.

The RANSAC algorithm follows a very simple concept of trial and errors. In our case, we want to use it to find the prominent plane in a point cloud. Each iteration consists of two simple steps:

- Randomly sample 3 points from the cloud. Compute the plane they define.
- Count how many points from the cloud are in range of this plane as votes.

The plane that has the most votes is kept as the prominent plane.

- 3) Write the function `RANSAC` returning the prominent plane in a point cloud, given a number of tries and a threshold distance.

Hint: use `np.dot` for scalar product.

Question 1: What does the prominent plane represent in the cloud? How many points does it count?

Question 2: How many tries do you need to get 99% chance of finding this plane.

We may want to extract more than one plane from a cloud. This can be achieved quite easily by applying RANSAC multiple times on the cloud. The points from the found planes just need to be removed between each new RANSAC call.

- 4) Write a function `multi_RANSAC` that apply RANSAC m times on a point cloud. Try with $m=5$ on `indoor_scan.ply`,

Question 3: Show a screenshot of the extracted planes. Are you satisfied with the extraction? Explain what produces this behaviour.