Scoliomorph: A Spatial Orientation Analysis Library for Vertebral Body Point Cloud

This library provides tools to load STL files, compute pitch, roll, and yaw angles based on the principal axes, and visualize the results.

Data

The example stl files are extracted using Auto3DSeg extension for 3D Slicer using the example dataset. The segmentation was exported as .stl and the files were inspected and extra vertices were cleaned up using Blender.

Results

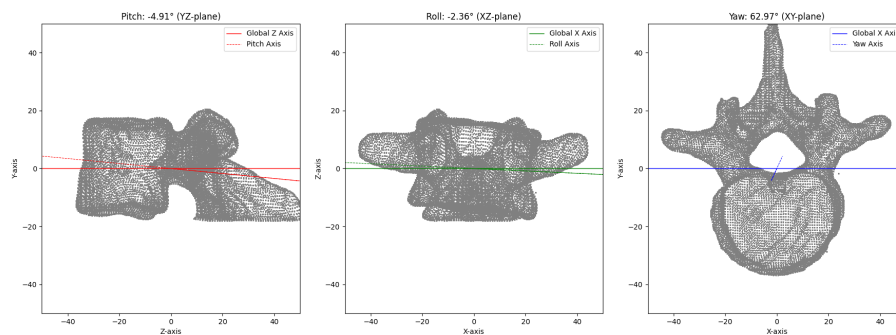To interpret the rotational angles, see Rotational Reference.

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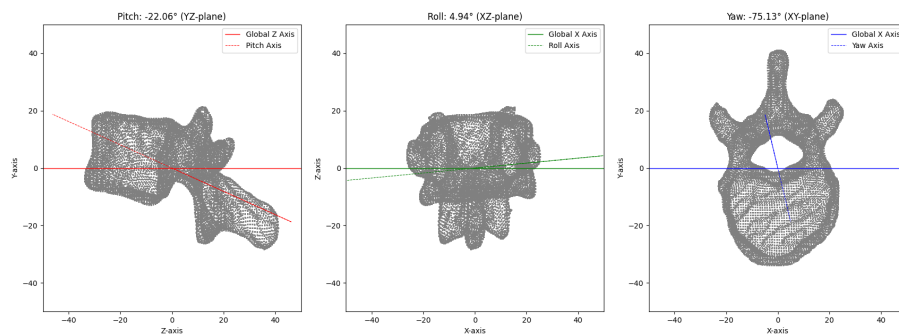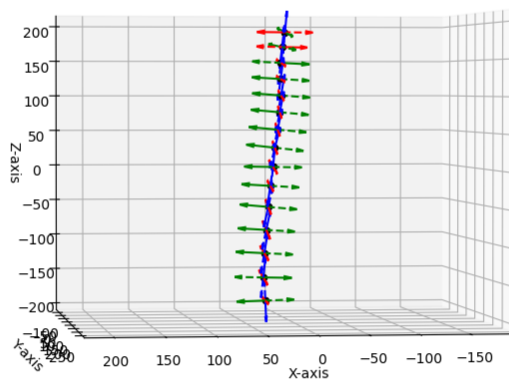

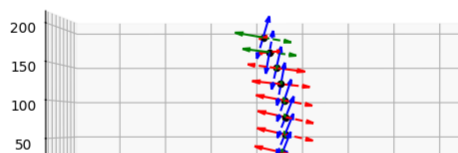
Figure 1: Vertebral Body Example 1

Figure 2: Vertebral Body Example 2
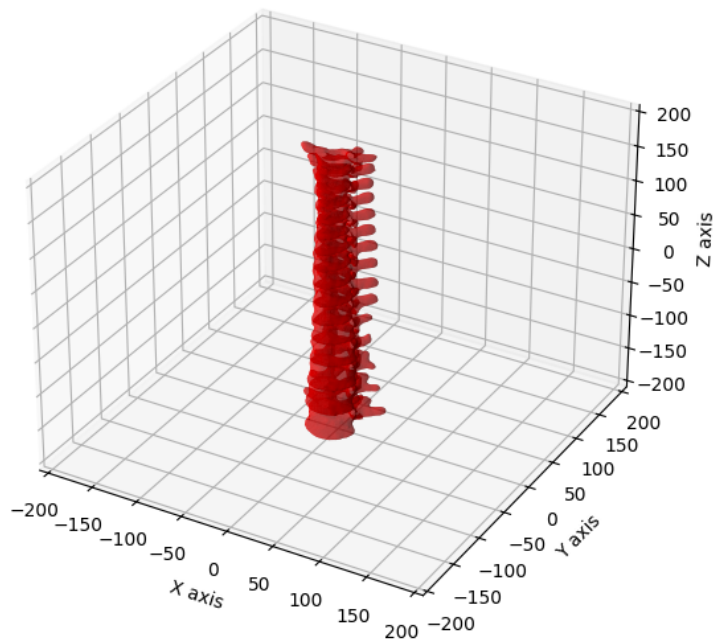
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Aligned STL Files

Installation

Option 1: Install Directly from GitHub

You can install Scoliomorph directly from the GitHub repository using `pip`:

```
pip install git+https://github.com/raviumadi/scoliomorph.git
```

Option 2 - Git clone and Install

1. Clone the Repository

```
git clone git@github.com:raviumadi/scoliomorph.git
cd scoliomorph/
pip install -e .
```

2. Setup a virtual environment (optional but recommended)

If you don't already have a virtual environment set up:

```python
# Create virtual environment
python3 -m venv .venv

# Activate virtual environment
source .venv/bin/activate  # On Linux/macOS
# .\.venv\Scripts\activate  # On Windows
```

3. Install the package

```
pip install -e .
```

Usage

1. Load STL Files and Perform Analysis

You can use the scoliomorph package to load STL files, calculate pitch, roll, and
yaw, and plot the results. Here's an example:

```python
from scoliomorph.analysis import load_stl_file, calculate_principal_axes, plot_2d_angles_wit
import os

# Path to the STL file (assumes 'stl' directory is at the same level as your script)
stl_file_path = os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), '..', 'stl', 'example.stl')

# Load the STL file
points = load_stl_file(stl_file_path)

# Calculate pitch, roll, and yaw
pitch, roll, yaw, centroid, centered_points, principal_axes = calculate_principal_axes(point

# Plot the results
plot_2d_angles_with_labels(pitch, roll, yaw, principal_axes, centered_points)
```

2. Running Examples

There are example scripts provided in the examples/ folder. To run them, follow
these steps:

```
cd examples
python example_X.py
```

Library Functions

- `load_stl_file()`
  - Load STL file and extract the points from the mesh.
- `calculate_principal_axes()`
  - Calculate pitch, roll, yaw based on the principal axes of the point
    cloud.

- `calculate_vbc_profile()`
  - Calculate the vertebral column geometric properties for each STL file in the folder.
- `plot_2d_angles_with_labels()`
  - Plot the pitch, roll, yaw along with the point cloud projections.
- `plot_point_cloud_fixed_axes()`
  - Plot the point cloud with fixed global coordinate system and angular lines.
- `plot_stl_files()`
  - Function to load STL files from a folder, align points to (x, y) = (0, 0), and plot them.
    Parameters:
    * folder_path : str
      · Path to the folder containing STL files.
    * plot_type : str
      · Type of plot ('pointcloud' or 'mesh'). Default is 'pointcloud'.
    * color : str
      · Color for the plot (e.g., 'red', 'blue'). Default is 'blue'.
    * alpha : float
      · Transparency level for the plot (0.0 to 1.0). Default is 1.0 (opaque).
- `plot_vbc_profile()`
  - Plot the point cloud centroids of the vertebral column units with pitch, roll, and yaw vectors
- `normalize_angles()`
  - Normalize pitch, roll, and yaw to stay within the range [-90°, +90°] by converting them to their complementary angles if they exceed 90° or -90°.
- `set_axes_equal()`
  - Set 3D plot axes to equal scale.
- `normalize_angle()`
  - Normalize an individual angle to stay within [-90°, 90°].

Cite as

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Contributing

If you'd like to contribute, feel free to open issues or submit pull requests.

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