# **Numpy stl Documentation**

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# CHAPTER 1

numpy-stl

Simple library to make working with STL files (and 3D objects in general) fast and easy.

Due to all operations heavily relying on *numpy* this is one of the fastest STL editing libraries for Python available.

# 1.1 Links

- The source: https://github.com/WoLpH/numpy-stl
- Project page: https://pypi.python.org/pypi/numpy-stl
- Reporting bugs: https://github.com/WoLpH/numpy-stl/issues
- Documentation: http://numpy-stl.readthedocs.org/en/latest/
- My blog: https://wol.ph/

# 1.2 Requirements for installing:

- · numpy any recent version
- python-utils version 1.6 or greater

# 1.3 Installation:

pip install numpy-stl

# 1.4 Initial usage:

- stl2bin your\_ascii\_stl\_file.stl new\_binary\_stl\_file.stl
- stl2ascii your\_binary\_stl\_file.stl new\_ascii\_stl\_file.stl
- stl your\_ascii\_stl\_file.stl new\_binary\_stl\_file.stl

# 1.5 Contributing:

Contributions are always welcome. Please view the guidelines to get started: https://github.com/WoLpH/numpy-stl/blob/develop/CONTRIBUTING.rst

### 1.6 Quickstart

```
import numpy
from stl import mesh
# Using an existing stl file:
your_mesh = mesh.Mesh.from_file('some_file.stl')
# Or creating a new mesh (make sure not to overwrite the `mesh` import by
# naming it `mesh`):
VERTICE COUNT = 100
data = numpy.zeros(VERTICE_COUNT, dtype=mesh.Mesh.dtype)
your_mesh = mesh.Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
# The mesh normals (calculated automatically)
your_mesh.normals
# The mesh vectors
your_mesh.v0, your_mesh.v1, your_mesh.v2
# Accessing individual points (concatenation of v0, v1 and v2 in triplets)
assert (your_mesh.points[0][0:3] == your_mesh.v0[0]).all()
assert (your_mesh.points[0][3:6] == your_mesh.v1[0]).all()
assert (your_mesh.points[0][6:9] == your_mesh.v2[0]).all()
assert (your_mesh.points[1][0:3] == your_mesh.v0[1]).all()
your_mesh.save('new_stl_file.stl')
```

# 1.7 Plotting using matplotlib is equally easy:

```
from stl import mesh
from mpl_toolkits import mplot3d
from matplotlib import pyplot

# Create a new plot
figure = pyplot.figure()
axes = mplot3d.Axes3D(figure)

# Load the STL files and add the vectors to the plot
```

```
your_mesh = mesh.Mesh.from_file('tests/stl_binary/HalfDonut.stl')
axes.add_collection3d(mplot3d.art3d.Poly3DCollection(your_mesh.vectors))

# Auto scale to the mesh size
scale = your_mesh.points.flatten(-1)
axes.auto_scale_xyz(scale, scale, scale)

# Show the plot to the screen
pyplot.show()
```

# 1.8 Modifying Mesh objects

```
from stl import mesh
import math
import numpy
# Create 3 faces of a cube
data = numpy.zeros(6, dtype=mesh.Mesh.dtype)
# Top of the cube
data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                   [1, 0, 1],
                                   [0, 0, 1]])
data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 1],
                                   [0, 1, 1],
                                   [1, 1, 1]])
# Right face
data['vectors'][2] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                   [1, 0, 1],
                                   [1, 1, 0]])
data['vectors'][3] = numpy.array([[1, 1, 1],
                                   [1, 0, 1],
                                   [1, 1, 0]])
# Left face
data['vectors'][4] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                   [1, 0, 0],
                                   [1, 0, 1]])
data['vectors'][5] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                   [0, 0, 1],
                                   [1, 0, 1]])
# Since the cube faces are from 0 to 1 we can move it to the middle by
# substracting .5
data['vectors'] -= .5
# Generate 4 different meshes so we can rotate them later
meshes = [mesh.Mesh(data.copy()) for _ in range(4)]
# Rotate 90 degrees over the Y axis
meshes[0].rotate([0.0, 0.5, 0.0], math.radians(90))
# Translate 2 points over the X axis
meshes[1].x += 2
```

```
# Rotate 90 degrees over the X axis
meshes[2].rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
# Translate 2 points over the X and Y points
meshes[2].x += 2
meshes[2].y += 2
# Rotate 90 degrees over the X and Y axis
meshes[3].rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
meshes[3].rotate([0.0, 0.5, 0.0], math.radians(90))
# Translate 2 points over the Y axis
meshes[3].y += 2
# Optionally render the rotated cube faces
from matplotlib import pyplot
from mpl_toolkits import mplot3d
# Create a new plot
figure = pyplot.figure()
axes = mplot3d.Axes3D(figure)
# Render the cube faces
for m in meshes:
   axes.add_collection3d(mplot3d.art3d.Poly3DCollection(m.vectors))
# Auto scale to the mesh size
scale = numpy.concatenate([m.points for m in meshes]).flatten(-1)
axes.auto_scale_xyz(scale, scale, scale)
# Show the plot to the screen
pyplot.show()
```

# 1.9 Extending Mesh objects

```
from stl import mesh
import math
import numpy
# Create 3 faces of a cube
data = numpy.zeros(6, dtype=mesh.Mesh.dtype)
# Top of the cube
data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                   [1, 0, 1],
                                   [0, 0, 1]])
data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 1],
                                   [0, 1, 1],
                                   [1, 1, 1]])
# Right face
data['vectors'][2] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                   [1, 0, 1],
                                   [1, 1, 0]])
data['vectors'][3] = numpy.array([[1, 1, 1],
                                   [1, 0, 1],
```

```
[1, 1, 0]])
# Left face
data['vectors'][4] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                   [1, 0, 0],
                                   [1, 0, 1]])
data['vectors'][5] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                   [0, 0, 1],
                                   [1, 0, 1]])
# Since the cube faces are from 0 to 1 we can move it to the middle by
# substracting .5
data['vectors'] -= .5
cube_back = mesh.Mesh(data.copy())
cube_front = mesh.Mesh(data.copy())
\# Rotate 90 degrees over the X axis followed by the Y axis followed by the
# X axis
cube_back.rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
cube_back.rotate([0.0, 0.5, 0.0], math.radians(90))
cube_back.rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
cube = mesh.Mesh(numpy.concatenate([
   cube_back.data.copy(),
    cube_front.data.copy(),
1))
# Optionally render the rotated cube faces
from matplotlib import pyplot
from mpl_toolkits import mplot3d
# Create a new plot
figure = pyplot.figure()
axes = mplot3d.Axes3D(figure)
# Render the cube
axes.add_collection3d(mplot3d.art3d.Poly3DCollection(cube.vectors))
# Auto scale to the mesh size
scale = cube_back.points.flatten(-1)
axes.auto_scale_xyz(scale, scale, scale)
# Show the plot to the screen
pyplot.show()
```

# 1.10 Creating Mesh objects from a list of vertices and faces

```
import numpy as np
from stl import mesh

# Define the 8 vertices of the cube
vertices = np.array([\
    [-1, -1, -1],
    [+1, -1, -1],
```

```
[+1, +1, -1],
    [-1, +1, -1],
    [-1, -1, +1],
    [+1, -1, +1],
    [+1, +1, +1],
    [-1, +1, +1]]
# Define the 12 triangles composing the cube
faces = np.array([\
   [0,3,1],
   [1,3,2],
   [0,4,7],
   [0,7,3],
   [4,5,6],
   [4,6,7],
   [5,1,2],
   [5,2,6],
   [2,3,6],
    [3,7,6],
    [0,1,5],
    [0,5,4]])
# Create the mesh
cube = mesh.Mesh(np.zeros(faces.shape[0], dtype=mesh.Mesh.dtype))
for i, f in enumerate(faces):
    for j in range(3):
        cube.vectors[i][j] = vertices[f[j],:]
# Write the mesh to file "cube.stl"
cube.save('cube.stl')
```

# 1.11 Evaluating Mesh properties (Volume, Center of gravity, Inertia)

# 1.12 Combining multiple STL files

```
import math
import stl
from stl import mesh
import numpy
```

```
# find the max dimensions, so we can know the bounding box, getting the height,
# width, length (because these are the step size)...
def find_mins_maxs(obj):
   minx = maxx = miny = maxy = minz = maxz = None
    for p in obj.points:
        # p contains (x, y, z)
        if minx is None:
           minx = p[stl.Dimension.X]
           maxx = p[stl.Dimension.X]
           miny = p[stl.Dimension.Y]
           maxy = p[stl.Dimension.Y]
           minz = p[stl.Dimension.Z]
           maxz = p[stl.Dimension.Z]
        else:
           maxx = max(p[stl.Dimension.X], maxx)
           minx = min(p[stl.Dimension.X], minx)
           maxy = max(p[stl.Dimension.Y], maxy)
           miny = min(p[stl.Dimension.Y], miny)
           maxz = max(p[stl.Dimension.Z], maxz)
           minz = min(p[stl.Dimension.Z], minz)
    return minx, maxx, miny, maxy, minz, maxz
def translate(_solid, step, padding, multiplier, axis):
   if 'x' == axis:
       items = 0, 3, 6
   elif 'y' == axis:
       items = 1, 4, 7
   elif 'z' == axis:
       items = 2, 5, 8
   else:
        raise RuntimeError ('Unknown axis %r, expected x, y or z' % axis)
    \# _solid.points.shape == [:, ((x, y, z), (x, y, z), (x, y, z))]
   _solid.points[:, items] += (step * multiplier) + (padding * multiplier)
def copy_obj(obj, dims, num_rows, num_cols, num_layers):
   w, l, h = dims
   copies = []
   for layer in range(num_layers):
        for row in range(num_rows):
            for col in range(num_cols):
                # skip the position where original being copied is
                if row == 0 and col == 0 and layer == 0:
                    continue
                _copy = mesh.Mesh(obj.data.copy())
                # pad the space between objects by 10% of the dimension being
                # translated
                if col != 0:
                    translate(\_copy, w, w / 10., col, 'x')
                if row != 0:
                    translate(_copy, 1, 1 / 10., row, 'y')
                if laver != 0:
                    translate(_copy, h, h / 10., layer, 'z')
```

```
copies.append(_copy)
    return copies
# Using an existing stl file:
main_body = mesh.Mesh.from_file('ball_and_socket_simplified_-_main_body.stl')
# rotate along Y
main_body.rotate([0.0, 0.5, 0.0], math.radians(90))
minx, maxx, miny, maxy, minz, maxz = find_mins_maxs(main_body)
w1 = maxx - minx
11 = maxy - miny
h1 = maxz - minz
copies = copy_obj(main_body, (w1, 11, h1), 2, 2, 1)
# I wanted to add another related STL to the final STL
twist_lock = mesh.Mesh.from_file('ball_and_socket_simplified_-_twist_lock.stl')
minx, maxx, miny, maxy, minz, maxz = find_mins_maxs(twist_lock)
w2 = maxx - minx
12 = maxy - miny
h2 = maxz - minz
translate(twist_lock, w1, w1 / 10., 3, 'x')
copies2 = copy_obj(twist_lock, (w2, 12, h2), 2, 2, 1)
combined = mesh.Mesh(numpy.concatenate([main_body.data, twist_lock.data] +
                                    [copy.data for copy in copies] +
                                    [copy.data for copy in copies2]))
combined.save('combined.stl', mode=stl.Mode.ASCII) # save as ASCII
```

# CHAPTER 2

tests and examples

# 2.1 tests.stl\_corruption module

```
from __future__ import print_function
import numpy
import pytest
import struct
from stl import mesh
_STL_FILE = '''
solid test.stl
facet normal -0.014565 0.073223 -0.002897
 outer loop
   vertex 0.399344 0.461940 1.044090
   vertex 0.500000 0.500000 1.500000
   vertex 0.576120 0.500000 1.117320
 endloop
endfacet
endsolid test.stl
'''.lstrip()
def test_valid_ascii(tmpdir, speedups):
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write(_STL_FILE)
       fh.seek(0)
       mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
def test_ascii_with_missing_name(tmpdir, speedups):
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
```

```
# Split the file into lines
        lines = _STL_FILE.splitlines()
        # Remove everything except solid
        lines[0] = lines[0].split()[0]
        # Join the lines to test files that start with solid without space
        fh.write('\n'.join(lines))
        fh.seek(0)
       mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
def test_ascii_with_blank_lines(tmpdir, speedups):
   _stl_file = '''
   solid test.stl
      facet normal -0.014565 0.073223 -0.002897
       outer loop
          vertex 0.399344 0.461940 1.044090
         vertex 0.500000 0.500000 1.500000
         vertex 0.576120 0.500000 1.117320
       endloop
      endfacet
   endsolid test.stl
    '''.lstrip()
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
       fh.write(_stl_file)
        fh.seek(0)
       mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
def test_incomplete_ascii_file(tmpdir, speedups):
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write('solid some_file.stl')
        fh.seek(0)
        with pytest.raises (AssertionError):
            mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
   for offset in (-20, 82, 100):
        with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
            fh.write(_STL_FILE[:-offset])
            fh.seek(0)
            with pytest.raises(AssertionError):
                mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
def test_corrupt_ascii_file(tmpdir, speedups):
```

```
tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
    with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write(_STL_FILE)
        fh.seek(40)
        print('####\n' * 100, file=fh)
        fh.seek(0)
        with pytest.raises(AssertionError):
            mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
    with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write(_STL_FILE)
        fh.seek(40)
        print(' ' \star 100, file=fh)
        fh.seek(80)
        fh.write(struct.pack('<i', 10).decode('utf-8'))</pre>
        fh.seek(0)
        with pytest.raises(AssertionError):
            mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
def test_corrupt_binary_file(tmpdir, speedups):
    tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
    with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write('########\n' \star 8)
        fh.write('#\0\0\0')
        fh.seek(0)
        mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
   with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write('########\n' \star 9)
        fh.seek(0)
        with pytest.raises(AssertionError):
            mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
   with tmp_file.open('w+') as fh:
        fh.write('########\n' \star 8)
        fh.write('#\0\0\0')
        fh.seek(0)
        fh.write('solid test.stl')
        mesh.Mesh.from_file(str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)
def test_duplicate_polygons():
    data = numpy.zeros(3, dtype=mesh.Mesh.dtype)
    data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 1, 1.]])
    data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [2, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 2, 1.]])
    data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [3, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 3, 1.]])
    assert not mesh.Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False).check()
```

# 2.2 tests.test commandline module

```
import sys
from stl import main
def test_main(ascii_file, binary_file, tmpdir, speedups):
   original_argv = sys.argv[:]
   args_pre = ['stl']
   args_post = [str(tmpdir.join('output.stl'))]
   if not speedups:
       args_pre.append('-s')
   try:
       sys.argv[:] = args_pre + [ascii_file] + args_post
       main.main()
       sys.argv[:] = args_pre + ['-r', ascii_file] + args_post
       main.main()
       sys.argv[:] = args_pre + ['-a', binary_file] + args_post
       sys.argv[:] = args_pre + ['-b', ascii_file] + args_post
       main.main()
    finally:
        sys.argv[:] = original_argv
def test_args(ascii_file, tmpdir):
   parser = main._get_parser('')
   def _get_name(*args):
       return main._get_name(parser.parse_args(list(map(str, args))))
   assert _get_name('--name', 'foobar') == 'foobar'
   assert _get_name('-', tmpdir.join('binary.stl')).endswith('binary.stl')
   assert _get_name(ascii_file, '-').endswith('HalfDonut.stl')
   assert _get_name('-', '-')
def test_ascii(binary_file, tmpdir, speedups):
   original_argv = sys.argv[:]
   try:
        sys.argv[:] = [
            'stl',
            '-s' if not speedups else '',
           binary_file,
            str(tmpdir.join('ascii.stl')),
        1
        try:
           main.to_ascii()
        except SystemExit:
           pass
    finally:
        sys.argv[:] = original_argv
```

### 2.3 tests.test convert module

```
# import os
import pytest
import tempfile
from stl import stl
def _test_conversion(from_, to, mode, speedups):
    for name in from_.listdir():
        source_file = from_.join(name)
        expected_file = to.join(name)
        if not expected_file.exists():
            continue
        mesh = stl.StlMesh(source_file, speedups=speedups)
        with open(str(expected_file), 'rb') as expected_fh:
            expected = expected_fh.read()
            # For binary files, skip the header
            if mode is stl.BINARY:
                expected = expected[80:]
            with tempfile.TemporaryFile() as dest_fh:
                mesh.save(name, dest_fh, mode)
                # Go back to the beginning to read
                dest_fh.seek(0)
                dest = dest_fh.read()
                # For binary files, skip the header
                if mode is stl.BINARY:
                    dest = dest[80:]
                assert dest.strip() == expected.strip()
def test_ascii_to_binary(ascii_path, binary_path, speedups):
   _test_conversion(ascii_path, binary_path, mode=stl.BINARY,
```

# 2.4 tests.test\_mesh module

```
import numpy
from stl.mesh import Mesh
from stl.base import BaseMesh
from stl.base import RemoveDuplicates
from . import utils
def test_units_1d():
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
    data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 0],
                                       [2, 0, 0]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   mesh.update_units()
   assert mesh.areas == 0
   utils.array_equals(mesh.normals, [0, 0, 0])
   utils.array_equals(mesh.units, [0, 0, 0])
def test_units_2d():
   data = numpy.zeros(2, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 1, 0]])
    data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 1, 0],
                                       [1, 1, 0]])
    mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   mesh.update_units()
```

```
assert numpy.allclose(mesh.areas, [.5, .5])
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.normals, [[0, 0, 1.], [0, 0, -1.]])
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.units, [[0, 0, 1], [0, 0, -1]])
def test_units_3d():
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                      [1, 0, 0],
                                      [0, 1, 1.]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   mesh.update_units()
   assert (mesh.areas - 2 ** .5) < 0.0001
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.normals, [0, -1, 1])
   units = mesh.units[0]
   assert units[0] == 0
    # Due to floating point errors
   assert (units[1] + .5 * 2 ** .5) < 0.0001
   assert (units[2] - .5 * 2 ** .5) < 0.0001
def test_duplicate_polygons():
   data = numpy.zeros(6, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[2, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][2] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][3] = numpy.array([[2, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][4] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][5] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]
   mesh = Mesh (data)
   assert mesh.data.size == 6
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=0)
   assert mesh.data.size == 6
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=False)
   assert mesh.data.size == 6
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=None)
   assert mesh.data.size == 6
```

```
mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=RemoveDuplicates.NONE)
   assert mesh.data.size == 6
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=RemoveDuplicates.SINGLE)
    assert mesh.data.size == 3
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=True)
   assert mesh.data.size == 3
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors[0], numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0]]))
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors[1], numpy.array([[2, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0]]))
    assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors[2], numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0]]))
    mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=RemoveDuplicates.ALL)
    assert mesh.data.size == 3
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors[0], numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0]]))
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors[1], numpy.array([[2, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0]])
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors[2], numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0],
                                                         [0, 0, 0])
def test_remove_all_duplicate_polygons():
   data = numpy.zeros(5, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][2] = numpy.array([[2, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
    data['vectors'][3] = numpy.array([[3, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   data['vectors'][4] = numpy.array([[3, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 0]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=False)
   assert mesh.data.size == 5
   Mesh.remove_duplicate_polygons (mesh.data, RemoveDuplicates.NONE)
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_duplicate_polygons=RemoveDuplicates.ALL)
```

```
assert mesh.data.size == 3
   assert (mesh.vectors[0] == numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                            [0, 0, 0],
                                            [0, 0, 0]])).all()
   assert (mesh.vectors[1] == numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                             [0, 0, 0],
                                            [0, 0, 0]])).all()
   assert (mesh.vectors[2] == numpy.array([[2, 0, 0],
                                            [0, 0, 0],
                                            [0, 0, 0]])).all()
def test_empty_areas():
   data = numpy.zeros(3, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                      [1, 0, 0],
                                      [0, 1, 0]])
   data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                      [0, 1, 0],
                                      [1, 0, 0]]
   data['vectors'][2] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                      [0, 1, 0],
                                      [1, 0, 0]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   assert mesh.data.size == 3
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=True)
   assert mesh.data.size == 1
def test_base_mesh():
   data = numpy.zeros(10, dtype=BaseMesh.dtype)
   mesh = BaseMesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
    # Increment vector 0 item 0
   mesh.v0[0] += 1
   mesh.v1[0] += 2
    # Check item 0 (contains v0, v1 and v2)
   assert (mesh[0] == numpy.array(
        [1., 1., 1., 2., 2., 2., 0., 0.], dtype=numpy.float32)
   ).all()
   assert (mesh.vectors[0] == numpy.array([
            [1., 1., 1.],
            [2., 2., 2.],
            [0., 0., 0.]], dtype=numpy.float32)).all()
   assert (mesh.v0[0] == numpy.array([1., 1., 1.], dtype=numpy.float32)).all()
   assert (mesh.points[0] == numpy.array(
       [1., 1., 1., 2., 2., 2., 0., 0.], dtype=numpy.float32)
   ).all()
   assert (
       mesh.x[0] == numpy.array([1., 2., 0.], dtype=numpy.float32)).all()
   mesh[0] = 3
   assert (mesh[0] == numpy.array(
        [3., 3., 3., 3., 3., 3., 3., 3.], dtype=numpy.float32)
```

```
assert len(mesh) == len(list(mesh))
assert (mesh.min_ < mesh.max_).all()
mesh.update_normals()
assert mesh.units.sum() == 0.0
mesh.v0[:] = mesh.v1[:] = mesh.v2[:] = 0
assert mesh.points.sum() == 0.0</pre>
```

# 2.5 tests.test\_multiple module

```
from stl import mesh
from stl.utils import b
_STL_FILE = b('''
solid test.stl
facet normal -0.014565 0.073223 -0.002897
 outer loop
   vertex 0.399344 0.461940 1.044090
   vertex 0.500000 0.500000 1.500000
   vertex 0.576120 0.500000 1.117320
 endloop
endfacet
endsolid test.stl
'''.lstrip())
def test_single_stl(tmpdir, speedups):
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('wb+') as fh:
        fh.write(_STL_FILE)
        fh.seek(0)
        for m in mesh.Mesh.from_multi_file(
                str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups):
            pass
def test_multiple_stl(tmpdir, speedups):
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('wb+') as fh:
       for _ in range(10):
            fh.write(_STL_FILE)
        for i, m in enumerate(mesh.Mesh.from_multi_file(
                str(tmp_file), fh=fh, speedups=speedups)):
            assert m.name == b'test.stl'
        assert i == 9
def test_single_stl_file(tmpdir, speedups):
   tmp_file = tmpdir.join('tmp.stl')
   with tmp_file.open('wb+') as fh:
        fh.write(_STL_FILE)
```

# 2.6 tests.test\_rotate module

```
import math
import numpy
import pytest
from stl.mesh import Mesh
from . import utils
def test_rotation():
    # Create 6 faces of a cube
   data = numpy.zeros(6, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
    # Top of the cube
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                       [1, 0, 1],
                                       [0, 0, 1]])
   data['vectors'][1] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 1],
                                       [0, 1, 1],
                                       [1, 1, 1]])
    # Right face
   data['vectors'][2] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 1],
                                       [1, 1, 0]])
   data['vectors'][3] = numpy.array([[1, 1, 1],
                                       [1, 0, 1],
                                       [1, 1, 0]])
    # Left face
    data['vectors'][4] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 1]])
```

```
data['vectors'][5] = numpy.array([[0, 0, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 1],
                                       [1, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
    # Since the cube faces are from 0 to 1 we can move it to the middle by
    # substracting .5
   data['vectors'] -= .5
    \# Rotate 90 degrees over the X axis followed by the Y axis followed by the
    # X axis
   mesh.rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
   mesh.rotate([0.0, 0.5, 0.0], math.radians(90))
   mesh.rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
    # Since the cube faces are from 0 to 1 we can move it to the middle by
    # substracting .5
   data['vectors'] += .5
    # We use a slightly higher absolute tolerance here, for ppc64le
    # https://github.com/WoLpH/numpy-stl/issues/78
    assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 0]],
        [[0, 1, 0], [1, 0, 0], [1, 1, 0]],
        [[0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 0], [1, 1, 1]],
        [[1, 1, 0], [0, 1, 0], [1, 1, 1]],
        [[0, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 0]],
        [[0, 0, 1], [0, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0]],
   ]), atol=1e-07)
def test_rotation_over_point():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                      [0, 1, 0],
                                       [0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   mesh.rotate([1, 0, 0], math.radians(180), point=[1, 2, 3])
   utils.array_equals(
       mesh.vectors,
        numpy.array([[[1., 4., 6.],
                      [0., 3., 6.],
                      [0., 4., 5.]]]))
   mesh.rotate([1, 0, 0], math.radians(-180), point=[1, 2, 3])
   utils.array_equals(
       mesh.vectors,
        numpy.array([[[1, 0, 0],
                      [0, 1, 0],
                      [0, 0, 1]]]))
   mesh.rotate([1, 0, 0], math.radians(180), point=0.0)
```

```
utils.array_equals(
       mesh.vectors,
        numpy.array([[[1., 0., -0.],
                      [0., -1., -0.],
                      [0., 0., -1.]]))
   with pytest.raises(TypeError):
       mesh.rotate([1, 0, 0], math.radians(180), point='x')
def test_double_rotation():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                      [0, 1, 0],
                                      [0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   rotation_matrix = mesh.rotation_matrix([1, 0, 0], math.radians(180))
   combined_rotation_matrix = numpy.dot(rotation_matrix, rotation_matrix)
   mesh.rotate_using_matrix(combined_rotation_matrix)
   utils.array_equals(
       mesh.vectors,
        numpy.array([[[1., 0., 0.],
                      [0., 1., 0.],
                      [0., 0., 1.]]))
def test_no_rotation():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                      [1, 0, 1],
                                      [0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   # Rotate by 0 degrees
   mesh.rotate([0.5, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(0))
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
    # Use a zero rotation matrix
   mesh.rotate([0.0, 0.0, 0.0], math.radians(90))
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]))
def test_no_translation():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                      [1, 0, 1],
```

```
[0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
    # Translate mesh with a zero vector
   mesh.translate([0.0, 0.0, 0.0])
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
def test_translation():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                      [1, 0, 1],
                                      [0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
    # Translate mesh with vector [1, 2, 3]
   mesh.translate([1.0, 2.0, 3.0])
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[1, 3, 4], [2, 2, 4], [1, 2, 4]]]))
def test_no_transformation():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                       [1, 0, 1],
                                       [0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
   # Transform mesh with identity matrix
   mesh.transform(numpy.eye(4))
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.areas, 0.5)
def test transformation():
    # Create a single face
   data = numpy.zeros(1, dtype=Mesh.dtype)
   data['vectors'][0] = numpy.array([[0, 1, 1],
                                       [1, 0, 1],
                                      [0, 0, 1]])
   mesh = Mesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
   assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
        [[0, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1]]]))
```

```
# Transform mesh with identity matrix
tr = numpy.zeros((4, 4))
tr[0:3, 0:3] = Mesh.rotation_matrix([0, 0, 1], 0.5 * numpy.pi)
tr[0:3, 3] = [1, 2, 3]
mesh.transform(tr)
assert numpy.allclose(mesh.vectors, numpy.array([
       [[0, 2, 4], [1, 3, 4], [1, 2, 4]]]))
assert numpy.allclose(mesh.areas, 0.5)
```

# CHAPTER 3

stl package

### 3.1 stl.Mesh

```
calculate_normals=True,
class stl.Mesh(data,
                                                                                                                                                                                           remove_empty_areas=False,
                                                            move_duplicate_polygons=<RemoveDuplicates.NONE: 0>, name=u", speedups=True,
                                                            **kwargs)
                Bases: stl.stl.BaseStl
                areas
                               Mesh areas
                attr
                check()
                classmethod debug (msg, *args, **kwargs)
                               Log a message with severity 'DEBUG' on the root logger.
                dtype = dtype([('normals', '<f4', (3,)), ('vectors', '<f4', (3, 3)), ('attr', '<u2', (3, 3)), 
                classmethod error (msg, *args, **kwargs)
                               Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger.
                classmethod exception (msg, *args, **kwargs)
                               Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger, with exception information.
                classmethod from_file (filename,
                                                                                                                                                                      calculate_normals=True,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               fh=None,
                                                                                                        mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, speedups=True, **kwargs)
                               Load a mesh from a STL file
                                           Parameters
                                                        • filename (str) – The file to load
                                                        • calculate_normals (bool) - Whether to update the normals
                                                        • fh (file) – The file handle to open
```

• \*\*kwargs (dict) - The same as for stl.mesh.Mesh

```
classmethod from multi file (filename,
                                                         calculate normals=True,
                                                                                          fh=None,
                                       mode=<Mode.ASCII: 1>, speedups=True, **kwargs)
     Load multiple meshes from a STL file
         Parameters
              • filename (str) – The file to load
              • calculate_normals (bool) - Whether to update the normals
              • fh (file) – The file handle to open
              • **kwargs (dict) - The same as for stl.mesh.Mesh
get (k[,d]) \rightarrow D[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.
get_mass_properties()
     Evaluate and return a tuple with the following elements:
           · the volume
           • the position of the center of gravity (COG)

    the inertia matrix expressed at the COG

                              be
     Documentation
                       can
                                     found
                                              here:
                                                           http://www.geometrictools.com/Documentation/
     PolyhedralMassProperties.pdf
classmethod info(msg, *args, **kwargs)
     Log a message with severity 'INFO' on the root logger.
items () \rightarrow list of D's (key, value) pairs, as 2-tuples
iteritems () \rightarrow an iterator over the (key, value) items of D
iterkeys () \rightarrow an iterator over the keys of D
\textbf{itervalues} \ () \ \rightarrow \text{an iterator over the values of } D
keys () \rightarrow list of D's keys
classmethod load (fh, mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, speedups=True)
     Load Mesh from STL file
     Automatically detects binary versus ascii STL files.
         Parameters
              • fh (file) – The file handle to open
              • mode (int) – Automatically detect the filetype or force binary
classmethod log(lvl, msg, *args, **kwargs)
     Log 'msg % args' with the integer severity 'level' on the root logger.
logger = <logging.Logger object>
max
     Mesh maximum value
min
     Mesh minimum value
normals
points
classmethod remove_duplicate_polygons (data, value=<RemoveDuplicates.SINGLE: 1>)
```

### classmethod remove\_empty\_areas(data)

```
rotate (axis, theta=0, point=None)
```

Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)

Uses the rotation\_matrix() in the background.

**Note:** Note that the *point* was accidentaly inverted with the old version of the code. To get the old and incorrect behaviour simply pass *-point* instead of *point* or *-numpy.array(point)* if you're passing along an array.

### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use math.radians to convert degrees to radians if needed.
- point (numpy.array) Rotation point so manual translation is not required

rotate\_using\_matrix (rotation\_matrix, point=None)

### classmethod rotation\_matrix (axis, theta)

Generate a rotation matrix to Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)

Uses the Euler-Rodrigues formula for fast rotations.

#### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- **theta** (float) Rotation angle in radians, use *math.radians* to convert degrees to radians if needed.

**save** (*filename*, *fh=None*, *mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC*: 0>, *update\_normals=True*) Save the STL to a (binary) file

If mode is AUTOMATIC an ASCII file will be written if the output is a TTY and a BINARY file otherwise.

### **Parameters**

- filename (str) The file to load
- **fh** (file) The file handle to open
- mode (int) The mode to write, default is AUTOMATIC.
- update normals (bool) Whether to update the normals

### transform (matrix)

Transform the mesh with a rotation and a translation stored in a single 4x4 matrix

**Parameters matrix** (numpy.array) – Transform matrix with shape (4, 4), where matrix[0:3, 0:3] represents the rotation part of the transformation matrix[0:3, 3] represents the translation part of the transformation

#### translate (translation)

Translate the mesh in the three directions

**Parameters** translation (numpy.array) – Translation vector (x, y, z)

#### units

Mesh unit vectors

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```
update_areas()
update_max()
update_min()
update_normals()
    Update the normals for all points
update_units()
\mathbf{v}^0
v1
v2
values () \rightarrow list of D's values
vectors
classmethod warning(msg, *args, **kwargs)
    Log a message with severity 'WARNING' on the root logger.
х
У
z
```

### 3.2 stl.main module

```
stl.main.main()
stl.main.to_ascii()
stl.main.to_binary()
```

### 3.3 stl.base module

```
stl.base.AREA_SIZE_THRESHOLD = 0
```

When removing empty areas, remove areas that are smaller than this

Mesh object with easy access to the vectors through v0, v1 and v2. The normals, areas, min, max and units are calculated automatically.

### **Parameters**

- data (numpy.array) The data for this mesh
- calculate\_normals (bool) Whether to calculate the normals
- **remove\_empty\_areas** (bool) Whether to remove triangles with 0 area (due to rounding errors for example)

### Variables

```
• data (numpy.array) - Data as BaseMesh.dtype()
         • points (numpy.array) - All points (Nx9)
         • normals (numpy.array) - Normals for this mesh, calculated automatically by default
           (Nx3)
         • vectors (numpy.array) – Vectors in the mesh (Nx3x3)
         • attr (numpy.array) - Attributes per vector (used by binary STL)
         • x (numpy.array) - Points on the X axis by vertex (Nx3)
         • y (numpy.array) - Points on the Y axis by vertex (Nx3)
         • z (numpy.array) – Points on the Z axis by vertex (Nx3)
         • v0 (numpy.array) – Points in vector 0 (Nx3)
         • v1 (numpy.array) – Points in vector 1 (Nx3)
         • v2 (numpy.array) - Points in vector 2 (Nx3)
>>> data = numpy.zeros(10, dtype=BaseMesh.dtype)
>>> mesh = BaseMesh(data, remove_empty_areas=False)
>>> # Increment vector 0 item 0
>>> mesh.v0[0] += 1
>>> mesh.v1[0] += 2
>>> # Check item 0 (contains v0, v1 and v2)
>>> mesh[0]
array([1., 1., 1., 2., 2., 2., 0., 0., 0.], dtype=float32)
>>> mesh.vectors[0]
array([[1., 1., 1.],
       [2., 2., 2.],
       [0., 0., 0.]], dtype=float32)
>>> mesh.v0[0]
array([1., 1., 1.], dtype=float32)
>>> mesh.points[0]
array([1., 1., 1., 2., 2., 2., 0., 0., 0.], dtype=float32)
>>> mesh.data[0]
([0., 0., 0.], [[1., 1., 1.], [2., 2., 2.], [0., 0., 0.]], [0])
>>> mesh.x[0]
array([1., 2., 0.], dtype=float32)
>>> mesh[0] = 3
>>> mesh[0]
array([3., 3., 3., 3., 3., 3., 3., 3.], dtype=float32)
>>> len(mesh) == len(list(mesh))
True
>>> (mesh.min_ < mesh.max_).all()
>>> mesh.update_normals()
>>> mesh.units.sum()
>>> mesh.v0[:] = mesh.v1[:] = mesh.v2[:] = 0
>>> mesh.points.sum()
0.0
```

• name (str) - Name of the solid, only exists in ASCII files

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```
\rightarrow \rightarrow mesh.v0 = mesh.v1 = mesh.v2 = 0
>>> mesh.x = mesh.y = mesh.z = 0
>>> mesh.attr = 1
>>> (mesh.attr == 1).all()
True
>>> mesh.normals = 2
>>> (mesh.normals == 2).all()
True
>>> mesh.vectors = 3
>>> (mesh.vectors == 3).all()
True
>>> mesh.points = 4
>>> (mesh.points == 4).all()
True
areas
    Mesh areas
attr
check()
classmethod debug (msg, *args, **kwargs)
    Log a message with severity 'DEBUG' on the root logger.
dtype = dtype([('normals', '<f4', (3,)), ('vectors', '<f4', (3, 3)), ('attr', '<u2', (</pre>
       • normals: numpy.float32(),(3,)
       • vectors: numpy.float32(),(3,3)
       • attr: numpy.uint16(),(1,)
classmethod error (msg, *args, **kwargs)
    Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger.
classmethod exception (msg, *args, **kwargs)
    Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger, with exception information.
get (k|, d|) \rightarrow D[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.
get_mass_properties()
    Evaluate and return a tuple with the following elements:
          · the volume
          • the position of the center of gravity (COG)
          • the inertia matrix expressed at the COG
    Documentation
                                                       http://www.geometrictools.com/Documentation/
                      can
                            be
                                  found
                                           here:
    PolyhedralMassProperties.pdf
classmethod info(msg, *args, **kwargs)
    Log a message with severity 'INFO' on the root logger.
items () \rightarrow list of D's (key, value) pairs, as 2-tuples
```

```
iteritems () \rightarrow an iterator over the (key, value) items of D
iterkeys () \rightarrow an iterator over the keys of D
itervalues () \rightarrow an iterator over the values of D
keys () \rightarrow list of D's keys
classmethod log(lvl, msg, *args, **kwargs)
     Log 'msg % args' with the integer severity 'level' on the root logger.
logger = <logging.Logger object>
max
     Mesh maximum value
min
     Mesh minimum value
normals
points
classmethod remove_duplicate_polygons (data, value=<RemoveDuplicates.SINGLE: 1>)
classmethod remove_empty_areas(data)
rotate (axis, theta=0, point=None)
     Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)
     Uses the rotation_matrix() in the background.
```

**Note:** Note that the *point* was accidentaly inverted with the old version of the code. To get the old and incorrect behaviour simply pass *-point* instead of *point* or *-numpy.array(point)* if you're passing along an array.

#### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use math.radians to convert degrees to radians if needed.
- point (numpy.array) Rotation point so manual translation is not required

 $\verb"rotate_using_matrix" (\textit{rotation}_matrix, point=None)$ 

```
classmethod rotation matrix(axis, theta)
```

Generate a rotation matrix to Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)

Uses the Euler-Rodrigues formula for fast rotations.

### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use math.radians to convert degrees to radians if needed.

### transform (matrix)

Transform the mesh with a rotation and a translation stored in a single 4x4 matrix

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trix[0:3, 0:3] represents the rotation part of the transformation matrix[0:3, 3] represents the translation part of the transformation translate (translation) Translate the mesh in the three directions **Parameters** translation (numpy.array) – Translation vector (x, y, z) units Mesh unit vectors update\_areas() update\_max() update\_min() update\_normals() Update the normals for all points update\_units()  $\mathbf{v}^0$ v1 v2 **values** ()  $\rightarrow$  list of D's values vectors classmethod warning(msg, \*args, \*\*kwargs) Log a message with severity 'WARNING' on the root logger. x У 7. stl.base.**DIMENSIONS = 3** Dimensions used in a vector class stl.base.Dimension Bases: enum. IntEnum x = 0X index (for example, mesh.v0[0][X]) Y index (for example, *mesh.v0[0][Y]*) z = 2Z index (for example, mesh.v0[0][Z]) class stl.base.RemoveDuplicates Bases: enum. Enum Choose whether to remove no duplicates, leave only a single of the duplicates or remove all duplicates (leaving holes). ALL = 2NONE = 0

Parameters matrix (numpy.array) - Transform matrix with shape (4, 4), where ma-

```
stl.base.VECTORS = 3
     Vectors in a point
stl.base.logged(class_)
3.4 stl.mesh module
class stl.mesh.Mesh(data,
                                   calculate_normals=True,
                                                               remove_empty_areas=False,
                          move_duplicate_polygons=<RemoveDuplicates.NONE:</pre>
                                                                               0>,
                                                                                       name=u".
                          speedups=True, **kwargs)
     Bases: stl.stl.BaseStl
     areas
          Mesh areas
     attr
     check()
     classmethod debug (msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'DEBUG' on the root logger.
     dtype = dtype([('normals', '<f4', (3,)), ('vectors', '<f4', (3, 3)), ('attr', '<u2', (</pre>
     classmethod error (msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger.
     classmethod exception (msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger, with exception information.
     classmethod from file (filename,
                                                      calculate normals=True,
                                                                                        fh=None,
                                  mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, speedups=True, **kwargs)
          Load a mesh from a STL file
              Parameters
                  • filename (str) – The file to load
                  • calculate_normals (bool) - Whether to update the normals
                  • fh (file) – The file handle to open
                  • **kwargs (dict) - The same as for stl.mesh.Mesh
     classmethod from_multi_file (filename,
                                                          calculate_normals=True,
                                                                                        fh=None,
                                         mode=<Mode.ASCII: 1>, speedups=True, **kwargs)
          Load multiple meshes from a STL file
              Parameters
                  • filename (str) – The file to load
                  • calculate_normals (bool) - Whether to update the normals
                  • fh (file) – The file handle to open
                  • **kwargs (dict) - The same as for stl.mesh.Mesh
     \operatorname{qet}(k[,d]) \to \operatorname{D}[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.
```

SINGLE = 1

get\_mass\_properties()

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**Evaluate and return a tuple with the following elements:** 

· the volume • the position of the center of gravity (COG) • the inertia matrix expressed at the COG Documentation found can be here: http://www.geometrictools.com/Documentation/ PolyhedralMassProperties.pdf classmethod info(msg, \*args, \*\*kwargs) Log a message with severity 'INFO' on the root logger. **items** ()  $\rightarrow$  list of D's (key, value) pairs, as 2-tuples **iteritems** ()  $\rightarrow$  an iterator over the (key, value) items of D **iterkeys** ()  $\rightarrow$  an iterator over the keys of D  $\textbf{itervalues} \ () \ \rightarrow \text{an iterator over the values of } D$ **keys** ()  $\rightarrow$  list of D's keys classmethod load (fh, mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, speedups=True) Load Mesh from STL file Automatically detects binary versus ascii STL files. **Parameters** • **fh** (file) – The file handle to open • mode (int) – Automatically detect the filetype or force binary classmethod log(lvl, msg, \*args, \*\*kwargs) Log 'msg % args' with the integer severity 'level' on the root logger. logger = <logging.Logger object> max Mesh maximum value min Mesh minimum value normals points classmethod remove\_duplicate\_polygons (data, value=<RemoveDuplicates.SINGLE: 1>) classmethod remove\_empty\_areas(data)

**Note:** Note that the *point* was accidentally inverted with the old version of the code. To get the old and incorrect behaviour simply pass *-point* instead of *point* or *-numpy.array(point)* if you're passing along an array.

# **Parameters**

rotate (axis, theta=0, point=None)

• axis (numpy.array) - Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)

Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)

Uses the rotation\_matrix() in the background.

- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use *math.radians* to convert degrees to radians if needed.
- point (numpy.array) Rotation point so manual translation is not required

rotate\_using\_matrix (rotation\_matrix, point=None)

```
classmethod rotation matrix(axis, theta)
```

Generate a rotation matrix to Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)

Uses the Euler-Rodrigues formula for fast rotations.

#### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use math.radians to convert degrees to radians if needed.

```
save (filename, fh=None, mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, update_normals=True)
Save the STL to a (binary) file
```

If mode is AUTOMATIC an ASCII file will be written if the output is a TTY and a BINARY file otherwise.

#### **Parameters**

- **filename** (str) The file to load
- **fh** (file) The file handle to open
- mode (int) The mode to write, default is AUTOMATIC.
- update\_normals (bool) Whether to update the normals

# transform (matrix)

Transform the mesh with a rotation and a translation stored in a single 4x4 matrix

**Parameters matrix** (numpy.array) – Transform matrix with shape (4, 4), where matrix[0:3, 0:3] represents the rotation part of the transformation matrix[0:3, 3] represents the translation part of the transformation

```
translate (translation)
```

Translate the mesh in the three directions

```
Parameters translation (numpy.array) – Translation vector (x, y, z)
```

#### units

Mesh unit vectors

**values** ()  $\rightarrow$  list of D's values

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vectors

```
classmethod warning (msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'WARNING' on the root logger.
     x
     У
     z
3.5 stl.stl module
stl.stl.BUFFER SIZE = 4096
     Amount of bytes to read while using buffered reading
class stl.stl.BaseStl(data,
                                    calculate_normals=True,
                                                              remove_empty_areas=False,
                                                                                           re-
                           move_duplicate_polygons=<RemoveDuplicates.NONE: 0>,
                           speedups=True, **kwargs)
     Bases: stl.base.BaseMesh
     areas
         Mesh areas
     attr
     check()
     classmethod debug (msg, *args, **kwargs)
         Log a message with severity 'DEBUG' on the root logger.
     dtype = dtype([('normals', '<f4', (3,)), ('vectors', '<f4', (3, 3)), ('attr', '<u2', (</pre>
     classmethod error (msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger.
     classmethod exception (msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'ERROR' on the root logger, with exception information.
                                                    calculate_normals=True,
                                                                                      fh=None,
     classmethod from_file (filename,
                                 mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, speedups=True, **kwargs)
          Load a mesh from a STL file
              Parameters
                 • filename (str) – The file to load
                 • calculate_normals (bool) - Whether to update the normals
                 • fh (file) – The file handle to open
                 • **kwargs (dict) - The same as for stl.mesh.Mesh
     classmethod from_multi_file (filename,
                                                        calculate_normals=True,
                                                                                      fh=None,
                                        mode=<Mode.ASCII: 1>, speedups=True, **kwargs)
          Load multiple meshes from a STL file
              Parameters
                 • filename (str) – The file to load
                 • calculate_normals (bool) - Whether to update the normals
```

• **fh** (file) – The file handle to open

```
• **kwargs (dict) - The same as for stl.mesh.Mesh
get (k[,d]) \rightarrow D[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.
get_mass_properties()
     Evaluate and return a tuple with the following elements:
           · the volume
           • the position of the center of gravity (COG)
           • the inertia matrix expressed at the COG
     Documentation
                                    found
                                                          http://www.geometrictools.com/Documentation/
                       can
                              be
                                              here:
     PolyhedralMassProperties.pdf
classmethod info(msg, *args, **kwargs)
     Log a message with severity 'INFO' on the root logger.
items () \rightarrow list of D's (key, value) pairs, as 2-tuples
iteritems () \rightarrow an iterator over the (key, value) items of D
iterkeys () \rightarrow an iterator over the keys of D
itervalues () \rightarrow an iterator over the values of D
keys () \rightarrow list of D's keys
classmethod load(fh, mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, speedups=True)
     Load Mesh from STL file
     Automatically detects binary versus ascii STL files.
         Parameters
             • fh (file) – The file handle to open
             • mode (int) – Automatically detect the filetype or force binary
classmethod log(lvl, msg, *args, **kwargs)
     Log 'msg % args' with the integer severity 'level' on the root logger.
logger = <logging.Logger object>
max
     Mesh maximum value
min
     Mesh minimum value
normals
points
classmethod remove_duplicate_polygons (data, value=<RemoveDuplicates.SINGLE: 1>)
classmethod remove_empty_areas(data)
rotate (axis, theta=0, point=None)
     Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)
     Uses the rotation_matrix() in the background.
```

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#### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use math.radians to convert degrees to radians if needed.
- point (numpy.array) Rotation point so manual translation is not required

```
rotate_using_matrix (rotation_matrix, point=None)
```

```
classmethod rotation_matrix(axis, theta)
```

Generate a rotation matrix to Rotate the matrix over the given axis by the given theta (angle)

Uses the Euler-Rodrigues formula for fast rotations.

#### **Parameters**

- axis (numpy.array) Axis to rotate over (x, y, z)
- theta (float) Rotation angle in radians, use math.radians to convert degrees to radians if needed.

```
save (filename, fh=None, mode=<Mode.AUTOMATIC: 0>, update_normals=True) Save the STL to a (binary) file
```

If mode is AUTOMATIC an ASCII file will be written if the output is a TTY and a BINARY file otherwise.

### **Parameters**

- filename (str) The file to load
- **fh** (file) The file handle to open
- **mode** (*int*) The mode to write, default is AUTOMATIC.
- update\_normals (bool) Whether to update the normals

# transform(matrix)

Transform the mesh with a rotation and a translation stored in a single 4x4 matrix

**Parameters matrix** (numpy.array) – Transform matrix with shape (4, 4), where matrix[0:3, 0:3] represents the rotation part of the transformation matrix[0:3, 3] represents the translation part of the transformation

# translate (translation)

Translate the mesh in the three directions

```
Parameters translation (numpy.array) - Translation vector (x, y, z)
```

#### units

Mesh unit vectors

```
update_areas()
update_max()
update_min()
```

```
update_normals()
          Update the normals for all points
     update_units()
     \mathbf{v}0
     v1
     v2
     values () \rightarrow list of D's values
     vectors
     classmethod warning(msg, *args, **kwargs)
          Log a message with severity 'WARNING' on the root logger.
     x
     У
stl.stl.COUNT_SIZE = 4
     The amount of bytes in the count field
stl.stl.HEADER_SIZE = 80
     The amount of bytes in the header field
stl.stl.MAX_COUNT = 100000000.0
     The maximum amount of triangles we can read from binary files
class stl.stl.Mode
     Bases: enum.IntEnum
     ASCII = 1
          Force writing ASCII
     AUTOMATIC = 0
          Automatically detect whether the output is a TTY, if so, write ASCII otherwise write BINARY
     BINARY = 2
          Force writing BINARY
```

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