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Vector math utilities for Python built on [NumPy](#)

Why

The `vectormath` package provides a fast, simple library of vector math utilities by leveraging NumPy. This allows explicit geometric constructs to be created (for example, `Vector3` and `Plane`) without redefining the underlying array math.

Scope

The `vectormath` package includes `Vector3/Vector2` and `Vector3Array/Vector2Array`.

Goals

- **Speed:** All low-level operations rely on NumPy arrays. These are densely packed, typed, and partially implemented in C. The `VectorArray` classes in particular take advantage of this speed by performing vector operations on all Vectors at once, rather than in a loop.
- **Simplicity:** High-level operations are explicit and straight-forward. This library should be usable by Programmers, Mathematicians, and Geologists.

Alternatives

- [NumPy](#) can be used for any array operations
- Many small libraries on PyPI (e.g. [vectors](#)) implement vector math operations but are only built with single vectors in mind.

Connections

- `properties` uses `vectormath` as the underlying framework for `Vector` properties.

Installation

To install the repository, ensure that you have [pip installed](#) and run:

```
pip install vectormath
```

For the development version:

```
git clone https://github.com/3ptscience/vectormath.git
cd vectormath
pip install -e .
```


Examples

This example gives a brief demonstration of some of the notable features of `Vector3` and `Vector3Array`

```
import numpy as np
import vectormath as vmath

# Single Vectors
v = vmath.Vector3(5, 0, 0)
v.normalize()
print(v)                # >> [1, 0, 0]
print(v.x)              # >> 1.0

# VectorArrays are much faster than a for loop over Vectors
v_array = vmath.Vector3Array([[4, 0, 0], [0, 2, 0], [0, 0, 3]])
print(v_array.x)        # >> [4, 0, 0]
print(v_array.length)   # >> [4, 2, 3]
print(v_array.normalize()) # >> [[1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1]]

# Vectors can be accessed individually or in slices
print(type(v_array[1:])) # >> vectormath.Vector3Array
print(type(v_array[2]))  # >> vectormath.Vector3

# All these classes are just numpy arrays
print(isinstance(v, np.ndarray)) # >> True
print(type(v_array[1:, 1:]))     # >> numpy.ndarray
```

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7.1 Basic Vector Math

7.1.1 BaseVector

class `vectormath.vector.BaseVector`

Class to contain basic operations used by all Vector classes

as_length (*value*)

Return a new vector scaled to given length

as_percent (*value*)

Return a new vector scaled by given decimal percent

as_unit ()
 Return a new vector scaled to length 1

cross (*vec*)
 Cross product with another vector

dot (*vec*)
 Dot product with another vector

length
 Length of vector

normalize ()
 Scale the length of a vector to 1 in place

x
 x-component of vector

y
 y-component of vector

7.1.2 BaseVectorArray

class `vectormath.vector.BaseVectorArray`
 Class to contain basic operations used by all VectorArray classes

dims
 Tuple of different dimension names for Vector type

dot (*vec*)
 Dot product with another vector

length
 Array of vector lengths

nV
 Number of vectors

normalize ()
 Scale the length of all vectors to 1 in place

x
 Array of x-component of vectors

y
 Array of y-component of vectors

7.1.3 Vector3

class `vectormath.vector.Vector3`
 Primitive 3D vector defined from the origin

New Vector3 can be created with:

- another Vector3
- length-3 array
- x, y, and z values
- no input (returns [0., 0., 0.])

z
z-component of vector

7.1.4 Vector2

class `vectormath.vector.Vector2`
Primitive 2D vector defined from the origin

New Vector2 can be created with:

- another Vector2
- length-2 array
- x and y values
- no input (returns `[0., 0.]`)

7.1.5 Vector3Array

class `vectormath.vector.Vector3Array`
List of Vector3

A new Vector3Array can be created with:

- another Vector3Array
- x/y/z lists of equal length
- n x 3 array
- nothing (returns `[[0., 0., 0.]]`)

cross (*vec*)
Cross product with another Vector3Array

dims

z
Array of z-component of vectors

7.1.6 Vector2Array

class `vectormath.vector.Vector2Array`
List of Vector2

A new Vector2Array can be created with:

- another Vector2Array
- x/y lists of equal length
- n x 2 array
- nothing (returns `[[0., 0.]]`)

dims

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