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2 Public Class clsBioVolume
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4     ' this VB.Net class contains the algorithms that were used for cell volume calculation
5     ' in the manuscript "A Novel Algorithm for the Determination of Bacterial Cell Volumes
6     ' That is Unbiased by Cell Morphology" by M. Zeder, E. Kohler, L. Zeder, and J. Pernthaler
7     ' for more information see: www.technobiology.ch or contact mzeder@technobiology.ch
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9     Public Function GetBloemVolume(ByVal Perimeter As Double, ByVal Area As Double) As Double
10        ' Algorithm for the calculation of bacterial biovolume by approximating bacteria as rods or cocci (rod-model).
11        ' J. Bloem "Fully Automatic Determination of Soil Bacterium Numbers, Cell Volumes, and Frequencies of Dividing
12        ' Cells by Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy and Image Analysis", Appl Environ Microbiol, 1995
13        ' required input for volume calculation: fiberlength, fiberwidth, perimeter, area
14        Dim Volume As Double
15        Dim FiberLength, FiberWidth, EquDiameter, Radicand As Double
16        Radicand = Perimeter ^ 2 - 16 * Area ' radicand
17        ' check if radicand is positive
18        If Radicand >= 0 Then
19            FiberLength = (Perimeter + Math.Sqrt(Radicand)) / 4
20            FiberWidth = (Perimeter - Math.Sqrt(Radicand)) / 4
21        Else
22            ' calculate equivalent diameter
23            EquDiameter = Math.Sqrt(Area * 4 / Math.PI)
24            FiberLength = EquDiameter : FiberWidth = EquDiameter
25        End If
26        Volume = Math.PI / 4 * FiberWidth ^ 2 * (FiberLength - FiberWidth / 3)
27        Return Volume
28    End Function
29
30    Public Function GetBlackburnVolume(ByVal LongestChord As Double, ByVal Area As Double) As Double
31        ' Algorithm for the calculation of bacterial biovolume by approximating bacteria as rods or cocci (rod-model).
32        ' N. Blackburn "Rapid Determination of Bacterial Abundance, Biovolume, Morphology,
33        ' and Growth by Neural Network-Based Image Analysis", Appl Environ Microbiol, 1998
34        ' required input for volume calculation: area, longest chord
35        Dim Volume, r As Double
36        r = (-LongestChord + Math.Sqrt(LongestChord ^ 2 + Area * (Math.PI - 4))) / (Math.PI - 4)
37        Volume = 4 * Math.PI * r ^ 3 / 3 + Math.PI * r ^ 2 * (LongestChord - 2 * r)
38        Return Volume
39    End Function
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41    Public Function GetFryVolume(ByVal Area As Double, ByVal Perimeter As Double) As Double
42        ' Algorithm for the calculation of bacterial biovolume by approximating bacteria as rods or cocci (rod-model).
43        ' J. C. Fry "An Assessment of Methods for Measuring Volumes of Planktonic Bacteria, with Particular
44        ' Reference to Television Image Analysis", J. Appl. Bacteriol, 1985
45        '
46        ' and
47        '
48        ' J. C. Fry "Direct Methods and Biomass Estimation", Meth. Microbiol, 1990
49        ' required input for volume calculation: length and width are calculated by the area and perimeter solely according to the
50        ' rod-model
51        ' instead of using length l and width d we are using the radius R and length X (= length of cylinder in the rod-model)
52        ' whereas
53        ' R = d / 2 --> see eq. (14) in Fry 1990
54        ' X = l - d --> see eq. (15) in Fry 1990
55        ' The volume is calculated according to eq. (11) in Fry 1990
56
57        Dim Radicand, R, X, Volume As Double
58        Radicand = Perimeter ^ 2 - 4 * Math.PI * Area
59        If Radicand >= 0 Then
60            X = Math.Sqrt(Radicand) / 2
61            R = (Perimeter - Math.Sqrt(Radicand)) / (2 * Math.PI)
62        Else
63            ' use equivalent radius
64            X = 0
65            R = Math.Sqrt(Area / Math.PI)
66        End If
67        Volume = 4 / 3 * R ^ 3 * Math.PI + R ^ 2 * Math.PI * X
68        Return Volume
69    End Function
70
71    Public Function GetSierackiVolume(ByVal OrientedContour As List(Of PointF), ByVal NrBins As Integer, ByRef Segments As List(Of
72    RectangleF)) As Double
73        ' Algorithm for the calculation of bacterial biovolume by approximating bacteria as integrated solids of revolution along a
74        ' straight major axis
75        ' M. Sieracki "Algorithm to Estimate Cell Biovolume Using Image Analyzed Microscopy", Cytometry, 1989
76        ' required input for volume calculation: contour as list of points, oriented with longest chord along the x-axis.
77        ' volume calculation by integration of No of bins (slices)
78        ' (extended for subpixel resolution contours)
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80        Dim i As Integer
81        ' check if contour is closed (i.e. if start and end point are the same, if not, add endpoint)
82        If Not OrientedContour(0) = OrientedContour(OrientedContour.Count - 1) Then
83            OrientedContour.Add(OrientedContour(OrientedContour.Count - 1))
84        End If
85
86        ' find start and end point of the major axis, i.e. min and max x position
87        Dim xMin, xMax As Double
88        xMin = OrientedContour(0).X : xMax = xMin ' init values
89        For Each p As PointF In OrientedContour
90            If p.X < xMin Then xMin = p.X
91            If p.X > xMax Then xMax = p.X
92        Next
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91     ' create bins (i.e. a list of the class clsBin)
92     Dim BinSize As Double = (xMax - xMin) / NrBins
93     Dim Bins As New List(Of Bin)
94     For i = 1 To NrBins
95         Bins.Add(New Bin(xMin + (i - 1) * BinSize, BinSize))
96     Next
97
98     ' check for intersects and fill bins
99     ' walk along the contourpoints p() and check for correct order for each bin in bins (e.g. p(i+1) after p(i))
100    ' then the interpolated y value of p(i), p(i+1) are added to the bins list of y
101    Dim p0 As New PointF ' p(i)
102    Dim p1 As New PointF ' p(i+1)
103    For i = 0 To OrientedContour.Count - 2
104        p0 = OrientedContour(i)
105        p1 = OrientedContour(i + 1)
106        For Each b As Bin In Bins
107            If (p0.X < b.X And p1.X >= b.X) Or (p0.X > b.X And p1.X <= b.X) Then
108                ' linear interpolation of y
109                b.Y.Add(p0.Y + (p1.Y - p0.Y) * ((b.X - p0.X) / (p1.X - p0.X)))
110            End If
111        Next
112    Next
113
114    ' calculate volume
115    Dim Volume As Double = 0
116    For Each b As Bin In Bins
117        ' sum up the volumes of each bin
118        Volume += b.CalcVolume
119        ' save the rectangle for later graphical depiction
120        Segments.Add(New RectangleF(b.X - BinSize / 2, b.yMin, BinSize, b.yMax - b.yMin))
121    Next
122
123    Return Volume
124 End Function
125 Private Class Bin
126     Public Y As New List(Of Double)
127     Public yMax, yMin As Double
128     Public X As Double
129     Dim Size As Double
130     Public Sub New(ByVal Xpos As Double, ByVal BinSize As Double)
131         Size = BinSize
132         X = Xpos
133     End Sub
134     Public Function CalcVolume() As Double
135         Y.Sort()
136         yMin = Y(0)
137         yMax = Y(Y.Count - 1)
138         Return ((yMax - yMin) / 2) ^ 2 * Math.PI
139     End Function
140 End Class
141
142 Public Function GetZederVolume(ByVal Contour As List(Of PointF), ByRef Triangles As List(Of clsTriangle)) As Double
143     ' Algorithm for the calculation of bacterial biovolume by approximating bacteria as solids of revolution along a non-straight
144     ' major axis.
145     ' required input for volume calculation: contour as list of adjacent points. contour is split into triangles.
146     ' the contour is handled as a double linked list of n points thereby allowing to divide the contour into the
147     ' maximal number of subcontours (n-3 triangles) by just adding one new point for each division
148     ' (each cut-out of a triangle requires to insert a new point).
149
150     Dim i, k As Integer
151     Dim D, Dmax As Double
152     Dim Volume As Double
153
154     ' check if first and last contour point are the same - if so, then do not copy the last point (k)
155     If Contour(0) = Contour(Contour.Count - 1) Then k = 1 Else k = 0
156
157     ' create a list of clsPt
158     Dim Pts As New List(Of clsPt)
159     Dim Pt As clsPt
160     ' create a list of clsTriangles
161
162     ' fill all points of the contour into that list
163     For i = 0 To Contour.Count - 1 - k
164         Pt = New clsPt
165         Pt.I = i : Pt.X = Contour(i).X : Pt.Y = Contour(i).Y
166         Pt.nI = i + 1 : Pt.pI = i - 1
167         Pts.Add(Pt)
168     Next
169
170     ' correct the next and previous index (.pI, .nI) for the first and last point in the list
171     Pts(0).pI = Pts.Count - 1 : Pts(Pts.Count - 1).nI = 0
172
173     ' determine the direction of rotation of the polygon to correctly calculate the normal vectors
174     Dim F As Double = 0
175     For Each p As clsPt In Pts
176         F += p.X + Pts(p.nI).Y - p.Y * Pts(p.nI).X
177     Next
178     If F < 0 Then F = 1 Else F = -1
179
180     ' calculate the normal vectors (inwards) on the contour at each point.
181     ' based on previous and next point for each point
182     For Each p As clsPt In Pts
183         CalculateNormVector(p, Pts(p.pI), Pts(p.nI))

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184     p.Xn *= F : p.Yn *= F ' adjust orientation according to rotational direction
185 Next
186
187 ' start recursive processing of the list of points
188 Recursion(Pts, 0, Triangles)
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190 ' process all triangles, calculate volumes and sum it up
191 Volume = 0
192 For Each T As clsTriangle In Triangles
193     Volume += T.CalcVolume
194 Next
195 Return Volume
196 End Function
197
198 Private Sub Recursion(ByRef Pts As List(Of clsPt), ByVal StartIndex As Integer, ByRef Tri As List(Of clsTriangle))
199     Dim MaxDist As Double = 0 : Dim Dist As Double
200     Dim ColinNormVectors As Boolean = False
201     Dim NrGAPS As Integer = 0
202     Dim Index, Index2 As Integer
203     Dim Para, ParaMin As Double
204     Dim I1, I2, I3, I1min, I2min, I3min As Integer
205     Dim NormVectors As New List(Of PointF)
206     Dim NewPoint As clsPt
207     ' check if there are more than 3 points in the list
208     ' respectively in the contour based on the starting point
209     If Pts(Pts(StartIndex).nI).nI = StartIndex Then
210         ' the 4. point in the list is the starting point - create a triangle!
211         Tri.Add(New clsTriangle(New PointF(Pts(StartIndex).X, Pts(StartIndex).Y), New PointF(Pts(Pts(StartIndex).nI).X, Pts(Pts
212 (StartIndex).nI).Y), New PointF(Pts(Pts(Pts(StartIndex).nI).nI).X, Pts(Pts(Pts(StartIndex).nI).nI).Y), False))
213
214     Else
215         ' check if this is an end region or a middle region
216         Index = StartIndex
217         Index2 = StartIndex
218         Do
219             ' go through all points in the (sub)contour and count the gaps
220             ' an end region has exactly one gap
221             If Pts(Index).GAP = True Then NrGAPS += 1
222             ' save the normal vectors of all (sub)contour points into a list for eventual second check.
223             NormVectors.Add(New PointF(Pts(Index).Xn, Pts(Index).Yn))
224         Do
225             ' calculate all distances within the existing subcontour and find the longest one
226             Dist = Math.Sqrt((Pts(Index).X - Pts(Index2).X) ^ 2 + (Pts(Index).Y - Pts(Index2).Y) ^ 2)
227             If Dist > MaxDist Then MaxDist = Dist
228             Index2 = Pts(Index2).nI
229             If Index2 = StartIndex Then Exit Do
230         Loop
231
232         Index = Pts(Index).nI
233         If Index = StartIndex Then
234             Exit Do
235         End If
236     Loop
237     If NrGAPS = 1 Then
238         ' NrGAPS = 1: this subcontour might be an end region.
239         ' Check: if no collinear normal vectors exist, it is an end region
240         ' two normal vectors are assumed to be 'collinear' in this context if their sum is < 0.2
241         For Each V1 As PointF In NormVectors
242             For Each V2 As PointF In NormVectors
243                 If Math.Sqrt((V1.X + V2.X) ^ 2 + (V1.Y + V2.Y) ^ 2) < 0.2 Then ColinNormVectors = True
244             Next
245         Next
246     End If
247     If NrGAPS = 1 And ColinNormVectors = False Then
248         ' if exactly one gap exists and no collinear normal vectors are found, then this is an end region.
249         ' END-REGION
250         ProcessEnd(Pts, StartIndex, Tri)
251
252     Else
253         ' MIDDLE-REGION
254         ' find optimal triangle - calculate the optimization parameter for all possible triangles
255         I1 = StartIndex
256         I2 = Pts(I1).nI
257         I3 = Pts(I2).nI
258         ParaMin = CalcOptimizationParameter(Pts(I1), Pts(I2), Pts(I3), MaxDist)
259         Do
260             Para = CalcOptimizationParameter(Pts(I1), Pts(I2), Pts(I3), MaxDist)
261             If Para <= ParaMin Then
262                 ParaMin = Para
263                 I1min = I1 : I2min = I2 : I3min = I3
264             End If
265             I3 = Pts(I3).nI
266             If I3 = I1 Then
267                 I1 = I2
268                 I2 = Pts(I2).nI
269                 I3 = Pts(I2).nI
270                 If I2 = StartIndex Then Exit Do
271             End If
272         Loop
273         ' create a triangle from I1min, I2min, I3min
274         Tri.Add(New clsTriangle(New PointF(Pts(I1min).X, Pts(I1min).Y), New PointF(Pts(I2min).X, Pts(I2min).Y), New PointF
275 (Pts(I3min).X, Pts(I3min).Y), False))

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276         ' adjust the polygon
277         ' modify Pts(I1min) and create another point
278
279         NewPoint = New clsPt ' create a new point at location I3min
280         With NewPoint ' copy values from actual I3min
281             .X = Pts(I3min).X : .Y = Pts(I3min).Y
282             .Xn = Pts(I3min).Xn : .Yn = Pts(I3min).Yn
283             .nI = I2min : .pI = Pts(I3min).pI ' adjust next index of new point at I3min
284             .GAP = True : .I = Pts.Count ' change GAP-property to true
285         End With
286         Pts.Add(NewPoint)
287         Pts(Pts(I3min).pI).nI = NewPoint.I ' write the new index of the new point into the previous point of I3min
288         Pts(I1min).nI = I3min ' change next index from I1min to I3min
289         Pts(I3min).pI = I1min ' change previous index from I3min to I1min
290         Pts(I1min).GAP = True ' change GAP-property to true
291         Pts(I2min).pI = NewPoint.I
292
293         ' do recursion if more than 2 points are left in each remaining subcontour
294         If Pts(I1min).nI <> I1min And Pts(Pts(I1min).nI).nI <> I1min Then Recursion(Pts, I3min, Tri)
295         If Pts(I2min).nI <> I2min And Pts(Pts(I2min).nI).nI <> I2min Then Recursion(Pts, I2min, Tri)
296     End If
297 End If
298 End Sub
299 Private Sub ProcessEnd(ByRef Pts As List(Of clsPt), ByVal StartIndex As Integer, ByRef Tri As List(Of clsTriangle))
300     ' determine the direction in which the first triangle should be, then add triangles alternatingly.
301     ' the determination of the first triangle is done by measuring the first side of the two possible triangles (S1, S2) and
302     choosing the smaller
303     Dim S1, S2 As Double
304     Dim i, j, k, l As Integer
305     i = StartIndex : j = Pts(i).nI : k = Pts(i).pI : l = Pts(k).pI
306     S1 = Math.Sqrt((Pts(i).X - Pts(l).X) ^ 2 + (Pts(i).Y - Pts(l).Y) ^ 2)
307     S2 = Math.Sqrt((Pts(k).X - Pts(j).X) ^ 2 + (Pts(k).Y - Pts(j).Y) ^ 2)
308     If S1 < S2 Then
309         ' create triangle i, k, l
310         Tri.Add(New clsTriangle(New PointF(Pts(i).X, Pts(i).Y), New PointF(Pts(k).X, Pts(k).Y), New PointF(Pts(l).X, Pts(l).Y),
311 True))
312         k = l ' move k and l towards the end
313         l = Pts(k).pI
314     End If
315     Do
316         If i = j Or j = k Or i = k Then Exit Do ' exit condition
317         ' fill the remaining subcontour with alternating triangles, first is i, j, k
318         Tri.Add(New clsTriangle(New PointF(Pts(i).X, Pts(i).Y), New PointF(Pts(j).X, Pts(j).Y), New PointF(Pts(k).X, Pts(k).Y),
319 True))
320         If l = j Or j = k Or l = k Then Exit Do ' exit condition
321         ' second triangle is k, j, l
322         Tri.Add(New clsTriangle(New PointF(Pts(k).X, Pts(k).Y), New PointF(Pts(j).X, Pts(j).Y), New PointF(Pts(l).X, Pts(l).Y),
323 True))
324         ' move i, j, k, l towards end
325         i = Pts(i).nI : j = Pts(j).nI : k = Pts(k).pI : l = Pts(l).pI
326     Loop
327 End Sub
328 Private Class clsPt
329     ' class contour points
330     Public X As Double ' x coordinates of the pt (point)
331     Public Y As Double ' y coordinates of the pt (point)
332     Public Xn As Double ' normal vector at x on the contour
333     Public Yn As Double ' normal vector at y on the contour
334     Public I As Integer ' index of the point
335     Public pI As Integer ' index of the next point on the contour
336     Public nI As Integer ' index of the previous point on the contour
337     Public GAP As Boolean = False ' a point is a gap if its nI was changed
338 End Class
339 Public Class clsTriangle
340     ' class for triangle
341     Public A, B, C As PointF
342     Public EndRegion As Boolean
343     Public Sub New(ByVal PtA As PointF, ByVal PtB As PointF, ByVal PtC As PointF, ByVal isEndRegion As Boolean)
344         A = PtA
345         B = PtB
346         C = PtC
347         EndRegion = isEndRegion
348     End Sub
349     Public Function CalcVolume() As Double
350         Dim m, h, D1, D2, D3, Min, Mid, Max As Double
351         Dim result As Double
352
353         D1 = Math.Sqrt((A.X - B.X) ^ 2 + (A.Y - B.Y) ^ 2)
354         D2 = Math.Sqrt((B.X - C.X) ^ 2 + (B.Y - C.Y) ^ 2)
355         D3 = Math.Sqrt((A.X - C.X) ^ 2 + (A.Y - C.Y) ^ 2)
356
357         If D1 > D2 Then
358             If D1 > D3 Then
359                 Max = D1
360                 If D2 > D3 Then
361                     Mid = D2 : Min = D3
362                 Else
363                     Mid = D3 : Min = D2
364             End If
365         Else
366             Max = D3
367             Mid = D1
368         End If

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366         Min = D2
367     End If
368 Else
369     If D1 < D3 Then
370         Min = D1
371         If D2 < D3 Then
372             Mid = D2
373             Max = D3
374         Else
375             Mid = D3
376             Max = D2
377         End If
378     Else
379         Mid = D1
380         Min = D3
381         Max = D2
382     End If
383 End If
384 If EndRegion Then
385     m = (Max * Max - Mid * Mid + Min * Min) / (2 * Max)
386     h = Math.Sqrt(Min ^ 2 - m ^ 2)
387     result = ((Max - m) / 2) ^ 2 * Math.PI * h / 2
388 Else
389     result = (Mid / 2) ^ 2 * Math.PI * Min / 2
390 End If
391 Return result
392 End Function
393 End Class
394
395 Private Sub CalculateNormVector(ByRef P As clsPt, ByVal pP As clsPt, ByVal nP As clsPt)
396     ' define vectors
397     Dim pP_P, P_nP, Norm As PointF
398     Dim LNorm As Double
399     pP_P = New PointF(P.X - pP.X, P.Y - pP.Y)
400     P_nP = New PointF(nP.X - P.X, nP.Y - P.Y)
401     Norm = New PointF(pP_P.X + P_nP.X, pP_P.Y + P_nP.Y)
402     LNorm = Math.Sqrt(Norm.X ^ 2 + Norm.Y ^ 2)
403     Norm.X = Norm.X / LNorm : Norm.Y = Norm.Y / LNorm
404     P.Xn = -Norm.Y : P.Yn = Norm.X
405 End Sub
406
407 Private Function CalcOptimizationParameter(ByVal P1 As clsPt, ByVal P2 As clsPt, ByVal P3 As clsPt, ByVal MaxDist As Double) As Double
408     Dim D_AC, r, s As Double
409     Dim V_ACn As PointF
410     D_AC = Math.Sqrt((P1.X - P3.X) ^ 2 + (P1.Y - P3.Y) ^ 2)
411     V_ACn = New PointF((P3.X - P1.X) / D_AC, (P3.Y - P1.Y) / D_AC)
412     r = Math.Sqrt((P1.Xn - V_ACn.X) ^ 2 + (P1.Yn - V_ACn.Y) ^ 2)
413     s = Math.Sqrt((P3.Xn + V_ACn.X) ^ 2 + (P3.Yn + V_ACn.Y) ^ 2)
414     Return (r + s) + D_AC / MaxDist
415 End Function
416 End Class
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