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bone_scan_check	<i>Check if surface model is fully contained within scan volume</i>
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### Description

Check if surface model is fully contained within scan volume

### Usage

```
bone_scan_check(surface_mesh, nifti, return_limits = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

surface_mesh	mesh object (class mesh3d) or numeric matrix/dataframe of vertex coordinates (cols: X, Y, Z)
nifti	NIfTI image object representing CT scan.
return_limits	Logical. If TRUE returns a summary of the bounding boxes of the scan and mesh

### Value

If any vertices lie outside the scan volume, it raises an error.

### Author(s)

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
# Download CT scan
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")
nifti <- import_scan(scan_filepath)
url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
bone_scan_check(surface_mesh, nifti, return_limits = TRUE)
```

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color_bar	<i>Produce stand alone color bar</i>
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## Description

Produce stand alone color bar

## Usage

```
color_bar(  
  colors,  
  mini,  
  maxi,  
  orientation = "vertical",  
  breaks,  
  title = "",  
  text_size = 11,  
  plot = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

colors	String
mini	Numeric
maxi	Numeric
orientation	"horizontal" or "vertical"
breaks	Numeric vector
title	String
text_size	Numeric
plot	Logical

## Value

ggplot object

**Examples**

```
colors <- c("darkblue", "blue", "lightblue", "green", "yellow", "red", "pink")
color_bar(colors, 0, 2000, breaks = c(0, 500, 1000, 1500, 2000))
```

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color\_mapping                    *maps numeric values to a color*

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**Description**

maps numeric values to a color

**Usage**

```
color_mapping(x, maxi, mini, color_sel)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector.
maxi	Numeric. Maximum value. Defaults to maximum value in vector. Can be useful to set this manually if there are outliers in the scan data
mini	Numeric. Minimum value. Defaults to minimum value in vector. Can be useful to set this manually if there are outliers in the scan data
color_sel	Vector. Colors to use for map. Defaults to a scale of "grey", "blue", "green", "yellow", "orange", "red", "pink".

**Value**

Vector of hex color values same length as x

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# Download CT scan
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")
nifti <- import_scan(scan_filepath)
url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
mat_peak <- voxel_point_intersect(surface_mesh, nifti, ct_eqn = "linear",
                                ct_params = c(68.4, 1.106),)
colors <- color_mapping(mat_peak)
```

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color_mesh	<i>Takes a density vector mapped to standardized coordinates and maps it to a surface mesh for visualization.</i>
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### Description

Takes a density vector mapped to standardized coordinates and maps it to a surface mesh for visualization.

### Usage

```
color_mesh(  
  surface_mesh,  
  template_pts,  
  density_vector,  
  maxi = NULL,  
  mini = NULL,  
  export_path,  
  color_sel  
)
```

### Arguments

surface_mesh	Mesh object
template_pts	Matrix
density_vector	Vector
maxi	Numeric
mini	Numeric
export_path	Character
color_sel	String

### Value

mesh3d object with added color dimension

### Author(s)

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

### Examples

```
# Download CT scan  
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.1/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"  
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")  
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")  
nifti <- import_scan(scan_filepath)
```

```
url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.mrk.json",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
mapped_coords <- surface_points_template(surface_mesh, landmarks,
                                         no_surface_sliders = 1000)
dens <- voxel_point_intersect(mapped_coords, nifti,
                              ct_eqn = "linear",
                              ct_params = c(68.4, 1.106))
colored_mesh <- color_mesh(surface_mesh, mapped_coords, dens)
```

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ct\_calibration

*Sigma beta CT calculations*

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## Description

Sigma beta CT calculations

## Usage

```
ct_calibration(ct_nos, calibration_type, params)
```

## Arguments

ct\_nos            Numeric vector. CT numbers from scan  
calibration\_type    String. Currently only linear supported.  
params            Numeric vector. beta and sigma values for calibration eqn

## Value

Vector with estimated density values in mg/cm<sup>3</sup>

## Author(s)

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

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fill_bone_points	<i>Fills bone with orthogonally spaced points for internal analysis</i>
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**Description**

Fills bone with orthogonally spaced points for internal analysis

**Usage**

```
fill_bone_points(surface_mesh, spacing)
```

**Arguments**

surface_mesh	Mesh object
spacing	Numeric

**Value**

Matrix with internal point coordinates

**Examples**

```
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
internal_fill <- fill_bone_points(surface_mesh, 2)
```

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import_lmks	<i>import landmark coordinates</i>
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**Description**

import landmark coordinates

**Usage**

```
import_lmks(landmark_path, x = 1, y = 1, z = 1)
```

**Arguments**

landmark_path	String. File path to landmark data. .json or .fcsv format
x	Integer Value to apply to convert mesh i.e. -1 will mirror x coords
y	Integer Value to apply to convert mesh i.e. -1 will mirror y coords
z	Integer Value to apply to convert mesh i.e. -1 will mirror z coords

**Value**

dataframe. Columns are landmark name, x, y, and z coordinates

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.mrk.json",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
```

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import\_mesh

*import surface mesh*

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**Description**

import surface mesh

**Usage**

```
import_mesh(surface_mesh_filepath)
```

**Arguments**

surface\_mesh\_filepath  
String. File path to bone models. .stl or .ply

**Value**

mesh object

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# Download bone model
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
import_mesh(bone_filepath)
```

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import_scan	<i>import CT scan</i>
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**Description**

import CT scan

**Usage**

```
import_scan(scan_filepath)
```

**Arguments**

scan\_filepath   String. File path to CT scan data. Should be .nii or .nrrd

**Value**

scan object

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# Download CT scan
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")
import_scan(scan_filepath)
```

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landmark_check	<i>Check landmarks are close to the mesh</i>
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**Description**

Check landmarks are close to the mesh

**Usage**

```
landmark_check(surface_mesh, landmarks, threshold = 1)
```

**Arguments**

surface\_mesh    mesh object  
landmarks       Dataframe. Columns are landmark name, x, y, and z coords  
threshold       Numeric. Distance landmark can be from surface without warning being thrown

**Value**

String. Returns a message warning that landmarks are not on bone surface

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# Download bone model
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.fcsv",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
landmark_check(surface_mesh, landmarks, threshold = 1.0)
```

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plot\_cross\_section\_bone

*Plot Cross-Sectional Bone Visualization in 3D*

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**Description**

Visualizes a 3D cross-section of a bone using surface mesh and internal density (fill) points. Clips the surface mesh at a given axis and value, and overlays a 2D projection of internal density.

**Usage**

```
plot_cross_section_bone(
  surface_mesh,
  surface_colors = NULL,
  fill_coords,
  fill_colors,
  slice_axis,
  slice_val,
  slice_thickness = 1,
  IncludeSurface = FALSE,
  title = "Bone Cross-Section",
  userMat = NULL,
  legend = TRUE,
  legend_color_sel = NULL,
  legend_maxi = NULL,
  legend_mini = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

surface_mesh	A 'mesh3d' object representing the outer surface of the bone.
surface_colors	Optional. A vector of colors for each vertex of the surface mesh. If NULL, uses mesh's own material colors.
fill_coords	A numeric matrix of internal fill point coordinates.
fill_colors	A vector of colors corresponding to fill points.
slice_axis	Character. 'x', 'y', or 'z'. Axis along which to slice.
slice_val	Numeric (0 to 1). Relative slice location along selected axis.
slice_thickness	Numeric. Width of the slice (default = 1).
IncludeSurface	Logical. Whether to include the clipped surface mesh.
title	Character. Title for the plot.
userMat	Optional. A 4x4 matrix controlling view orientation.
legend	Logical. Optional color bar.
legend_color_sel	Optional character with color gradient
legend_maxi	Numeric. Maximum bone density.
legend_mini	Numeric. Minimum bone density.

**Value**

Generates an 'rgl' plot

**Examples**

```
# Download CT scan
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.1/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")
nifti <- import_scan(scan_filepath)
url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.mrk.json",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
mapped_coords <- surface_points_template(surface_mesh, landmarks,
                                       no_surface_sliders = 100)
mat_peak <- voxel_point_intersect(mapped_coords, nifti)
colored_mesh <- color_mesh(surface_mesh, mapped_coords, mat_peak)
internal_fill <- fill_bone_points(surface_mesh, 3)
internal_density <- voxel_point_intersect(internal_fill, nifti,
                                          ct_eqn = "linear",
                                          ct_params = c(68.4, 1.106))
internal_colors <- color_mapping(internal_density)
```

```
plot_cross_section_bone(colored_mesh, surface_colors = NULL,
                        internal_fill, internal_colors, slice_axis = 'x',
                        slice_val = 0.5)
```

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plot\_mesh

*plot mesh*


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### Description

plot mesh

### Usage

```
plot_mesh(
  surface_mesh,
  density_color = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  legend = TRUE,
  legend_color_sel = NULL,
  legend_maxi = NULL,
  legend_mini = NULL,
  userMat = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

surface_mesh	Mesh object
density_color	Vector. Colors mapped from density values.
title	String. Plot title.
legend	Logical. Optional color bar.
legend_color_sel	Optional character with color gradient
legend_maxi	Numeric. Maximum bone density.
legend_mini	Numeric. Minimum bone density.
userMat	Optional matrix. Controls graph orientation.

### Value

plot of mesh with color

### Author(s)

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```

# Download CT scan
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.1/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")
nifti <- import_scan(scan_filepath)
url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
vertices <- t(surface_mesh$vb)[, c(1:3)]
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.mrk.json",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
mapped_coords <- surface_points_template(surface_mesh, landmarks,
                                         no_surface_sliders = 5000)
mat_peak <- surface_normal_intersect(surface_mesh, mapped_coords,
                                     normal_dist = 3.0, nifti, rev_y=FALSE)
color_mesh <- color_mesh(surface_mesh, mapped_coords, mat_peak, maxi = 2000,
                          mini = 0)
plot <- plot_mesh(color_mesh)

```

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rm_local_sig	<i>local significance</i>
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**Description**

local significance

**Usage**

```
rm_local_sig(vertices, sig_vals, changes, sig_level = 0.05, dist)
```

**Arguments**

vertices	Matrix
sig_vals	Numeric vector
changes	Numeric vector
sig_level	Numeric. Default 0.05
dist	Numeric. Distance to check for vertices

**Value**

Numeric vector

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

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surface\_normal\_intersect

*Find material properties of bone at surface point using surface normal*

---

### Description

Find material properties of bone at surface point using surface normal

### Usage

```
surface_normal_intersect(
  surface_mesh,
  mapped_coords = NULL,
  normal_dist = 3,
  nifti,
  ct_eqn = NULL,
  ct_params = NULL,
  rev_x = FALSE,
  rev_y = FALSE,
  rev_z = FALSE,
  check_in_vol = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

surface_mesh	Mesh object
mapped_coords	Data frame. 3D coords of remapped surface points. If NULL, surface_mesh vertices will be used
normal_dist	Numeric. Distance surface normal should penetrate surface
nifti	Nifti CT scan image
ct_eqn	String. Equation to use for density calibration. Currently "linear" supported.
ct_params	Numeric vector. Calibration parameters for density calculation. For linear, first value is beta coefficient (y intercept), second value is sigma coefficient (gradient)
rev_x	Logical. Reverses x voxel coordinates
rev_y	Logical. Reverses y voxel coordinates
rev_z	Logical. Reverses z voxel coordinates
check_in_vol	Logical. Include check that model is in scans volume and print dimensions

### Value

Vector. Vector with value for each point on surface

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# Download CT scan
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_hip.nii.gz"
scan_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".nii.gz")
download.file(url, scan_filepath, mode = "wb")
nifti <- import_scan(scan_filepath)
url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.mrk.json",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
mapped_coords <- surface_points_template(surface_mesh, landmarks,
                                       no_surface_sliders = 1000)
mat_peak <- surface_normal_intersect(surface_mesh, normal_dist = 3.0,
                                     nifti = nifti, ct_eqn = "linear",
                                     ct_params = c(68.4, 1.106))
```

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surface\_points\_new      *New mapped surface points from template*

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**Description**

New mapped surface points from template

**Usage**

```
surface_points_new(
  surface_mesh,
  landmarks,
  template,
  mirror = FALSE,
  plot_check = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

surface_mesh	List. Mesh data imported via ply_import function
landmarks	Data frame. Contains 3D coords of landmarks
template	Data frame. 3D coords of remapped surface points
mirror	Logical or character. Set to "x", "y", or "z" to mirror the mesh and landmarks across that axis before remapping.

`plot_check` Logical. If TRUE, generates a 3D plot showing the mirrored mesh, mirrored landmarks, remapped surface points, and original template points to visually verify correct orientation and laterality.

### Value

Data frame. 3D coords of remapped surface points

### Author(s)

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com> Adapted from geomorph

### Examples

```
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/SCAP001.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
scap_001_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "SCAP001_landmarks.fcsv",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
scap_001_lmk <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
template_coords <- surface_points_template(scap_001_mesh, scap_001_lmk,
                                           1000)

url2 <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/SCAP002.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url2, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
scap_002_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "SCAP002_landmarks.fcsv",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
scap_002_lmk <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
scap_002_remapped <- surface_points_new(scap_002_mesh, scap_002_lmk,
                                       template_coords, mirror = "x",
                                       plot_check = FALSE)
```

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surface\_points\_template

*Redefine surface points. Adds additional surface points ("sliders") that are spatially distributed across the mesh surface. Adapted from geomorph*

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### Description

Redefine surface points. Adds additional surface points ("sliders") that are spatially distributed across the mesh surface. Adapted from geomorph

### Usage

```
surface_points_template(surface_mesh, landmarks, no_surface_sliders)
```

**Arguments**

surface\_mesh    Mesh object  
landmarks        Data frame with landmark coordinates (columns: ID, x, y, z)  
no\_surface\_sliders  
                  Numeric. No. of surface points to generate

**Value**

Data frame. 3D coordinates for the combined set of original landmarks and the new surface points

**Author(s)**

Scott Telfer <scott.telfer@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
url <- "https://github.com/Telfer/BoneDensityMapping/releases/download/v1.0.2/test_CT_femur.stl"
bone_filepath <- tempfile(fileext = ".stl")
download.file(url, bone_filepath, mode = "wb")
surface_mesh <- import_mesh(bone_filepath)
landmark_path <- system.file("extdata", "test_femur.mrk.json",
                             package = "BoneDensityMapping")
landmarks <- import_lmks(landmark_path)
mapped_coords <- surface_points_template(surface_mesh, landmarks, 1000)
```

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voxel\_point\_intersect *Finds material properties of bone at any point*

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**Description**

Finds material properties of bone at any point

**Usage**

```
voxel_point_intersect(  
  vertex_coords,  
  nifti,  
  ct_eqn = NULL,  
  ct_params = NULL,  
  rev_x = FALSE,  
  rev_y = FALSE,  
  rev_z = FALSE,  
  check_in_vol = FALSE  
)
```





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