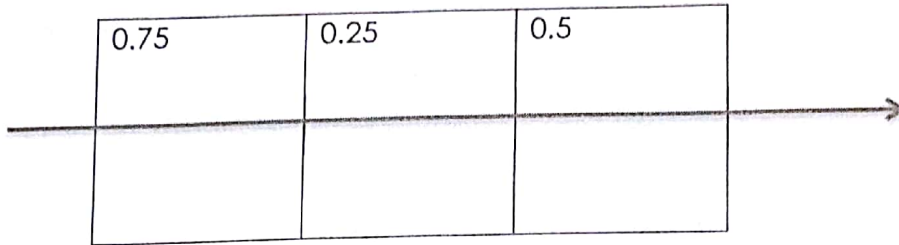


3. Image-Order Volume Visualization

Consider the following ray through a pixel into a volume in which the scalar data are all in $[0,1]$. One particular ray moves through the following 3 cells:



Suppose the transfer function we use is simply $I(s) = (1 - s, 0, s, s)$
Suppose the distance the ray traveled through each cell is 1

a. What is the color produced by a Maximum Intensity Projection?

$$max = 3/4$$

$$I(3/4) = (1/4, 0, 3/4, 3/4)$$

b. What is the color produced by an Average Intensity Projection?

$$avg = 1/2$$

$$I(1/2) = (1/2, 0, 1/2, 1/2)$$

c. How would the color be produced by compositing with the Over operator? Just write out an expression, don't do the computation.

$$(1/4, 0, 3/4, 3/4) \text{ over } ((3/4, 0, 1/4, 1/4) \text{ over } (1/2, 0, 1/2, 1/2)) = 3/4 (1/4, 0, 3/4) + 1/4 (5/8) (1/4 (3/4, 0, 1/4) + 3/4 1/2 (1/2, 0, 1/2))$$

Pre-multiplied alpha

Suppose we use pre-multiplied alpha. A color (r, g, b) and an alpha value α is stored as $(\alpha r, \alpha g, \alpha b, \alpha)$. Compositing of two colors with alpha values can be accomplished using the over operator: $C_A \text{ over } C_B = C_A + (1 - \alpha_A) C_B$

4. Derive a set of expressions using pre-multiplied alpha that allows front to back volume rendering. What advantage in terms of optimizations does this expression have? Can this be done with post-multiplied alpha?

$$\hat{C}_{i+1} = \hat{C}_i + (1 - \hat{A}_i) C_i$$

$$\hat{C}_{i+1} \leftarrow \boxed{C_i} \leftarrow \hat{C}_i$$

$$\hat{A}_{i+1} = \hat{A}_i + (1 - \hat{A}_i) A_i$$