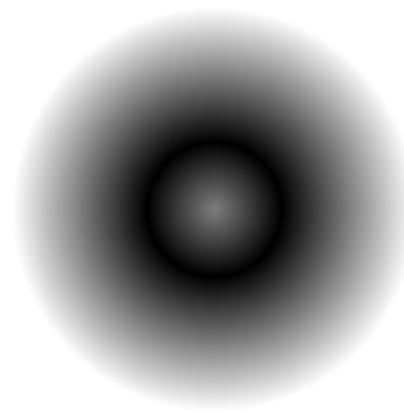


Distance Functions



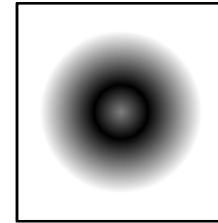
Distance Function – Types

- Gives the distance of a point from a boundary
- Unsigned distance functions
 - Positive outside, 0 inside
- Signed distance functions
 - Decreases in value as point approaches the boundary

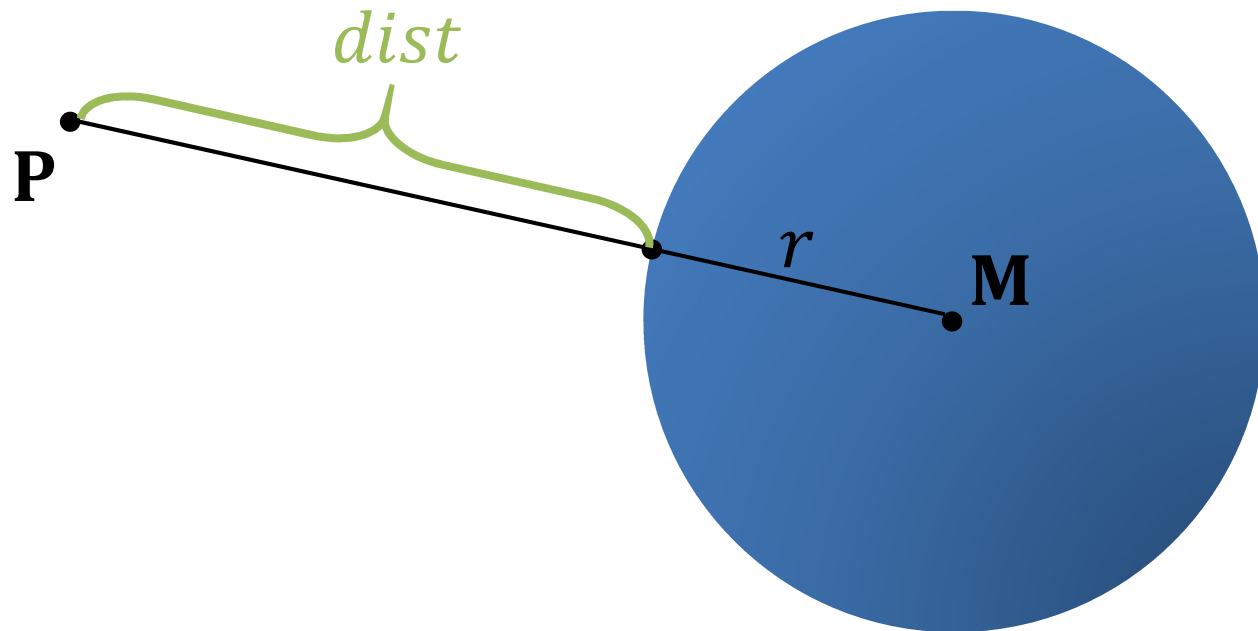
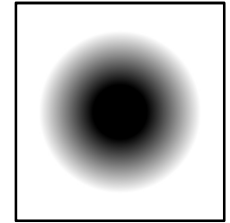


Circle/Sphere

$$\|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{M}\| - r = \textit{dist}_{\textit{signed}}(\mathbf{P}) = \textit{dist}_s(\mathbf{P}) =$$



$$\max(0, \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{M}\| - r) = \textit{dist}_{\textit{unsigned}}(\mathbf{P}) = \textit{dist}_u(\mathbf{P}) =$$

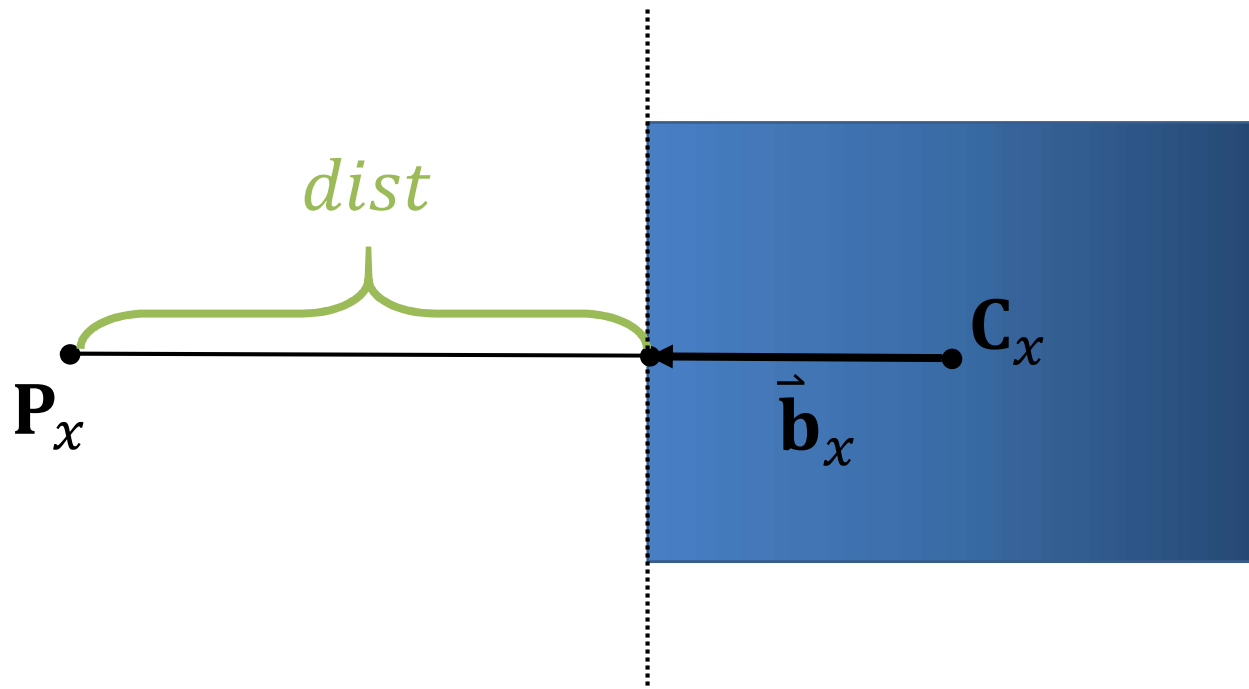


Rectangle/Box

- Unsigned distance function box – x -direction

$$\text{dist}_u(\mathbf{P}_x) = \max(\text{abs}(\mathbf{P}_x - \mathbf{C}_x) - \vec{\mathbf{b}}_x, 0)$$

where $\text{abs}(\vec{\mathbf{x}})$ is the component-wise absolute value of $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$

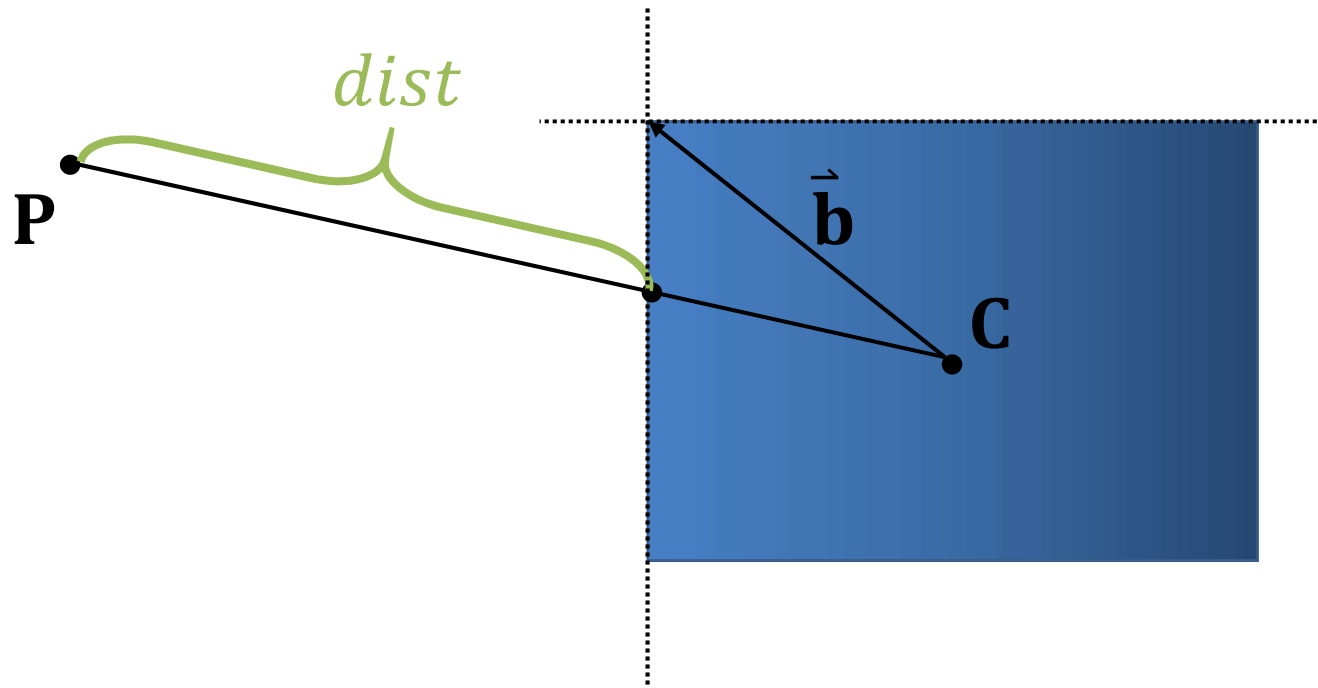


Rectangle/Box

- Unsigned distance function box

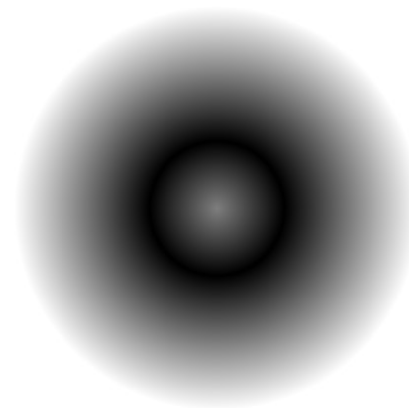
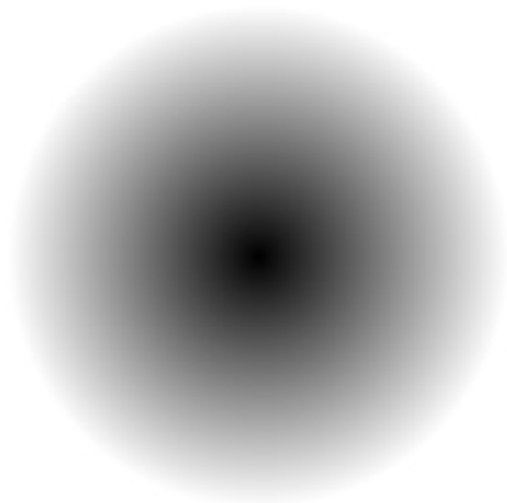
$$\text{dist}_u(\mathbf{P}) = \|\max(\text{abs}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) - \vec{\mathbf{b}}, \vec{\mathbf{0}})\|$$

where $\|\vec{\mathbf{x}}\|$ is the vector absolute value of $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$



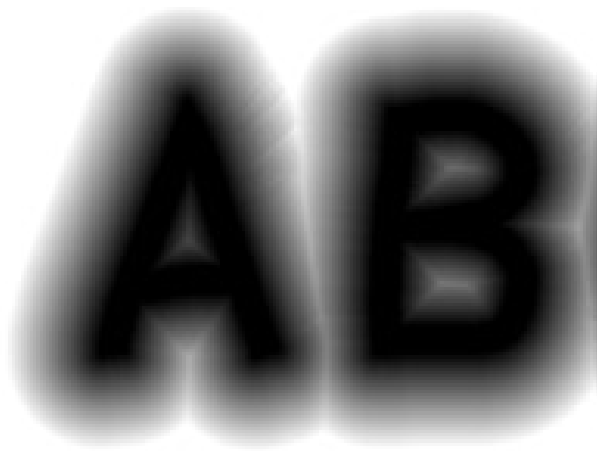
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Distance Fields

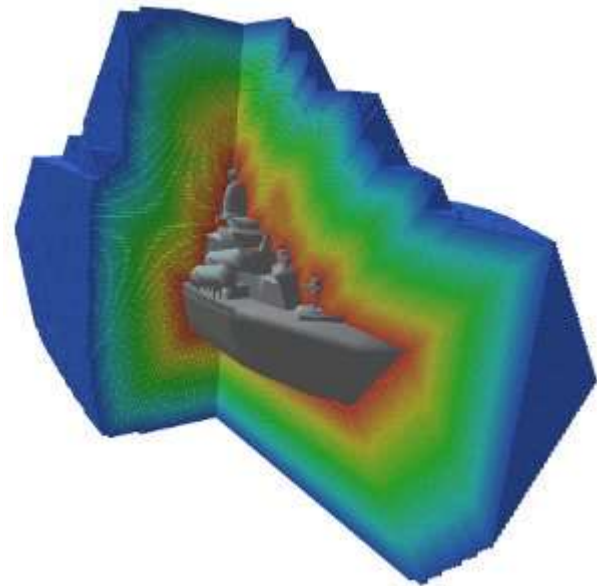


Distance Fields

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{dist}(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

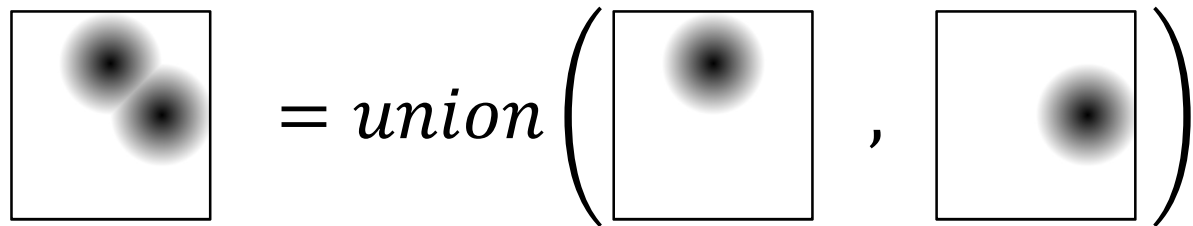


$$\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \text{dist}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

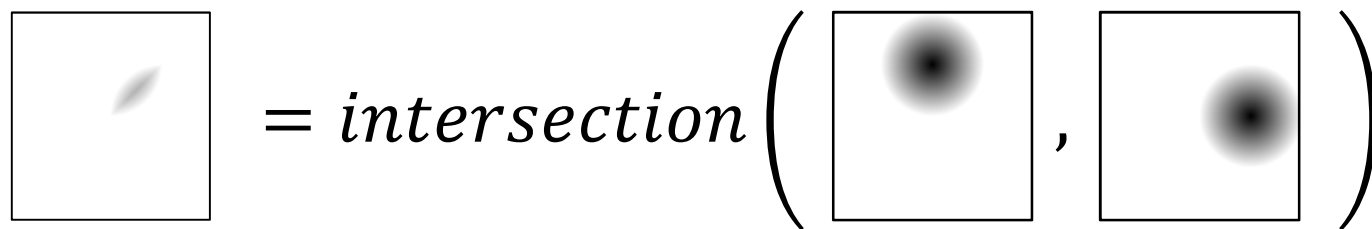


Operations on Distance Fields

- Given $dist_1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and $dist_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$


$$= \text{union} \left(\quad , \quad \right)$$

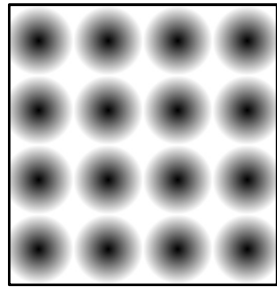
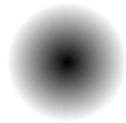
- The union is $\min(dist_1(\mathbb{R}^2), dist_2(\mathbb{R}^2))$


$$= \text{intersection} \left(\quad , \quad \right)$$

- The intersection is $\max(dist_1(\mathbb{R}^2), dist_2(\mathbb{R}^2))$

Operations on Distance Fields

- Given $dist(\mathbb{R}^2) =$



$$= dist(repeat(\mathbb{R}^2))$$

- Repeat is $\text{mod}(\mathbf{P}, \vec{\mathbf{b}}) - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\mathbf{b}}$
 where $\text{mod}(\vec{\mathbf{a}}, \vec{\mathbf{c}})$ is component-wise $\vec{\mathbf{a}}$ modulo $\vec{\mathbf{c}}$