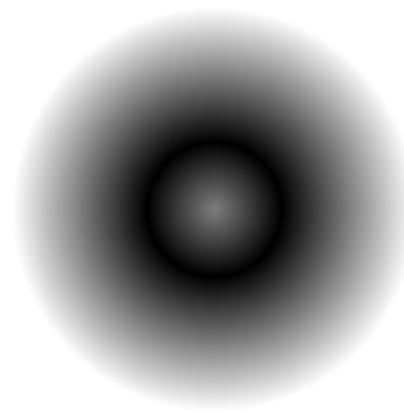


Distance Functions



Distance Function – Types

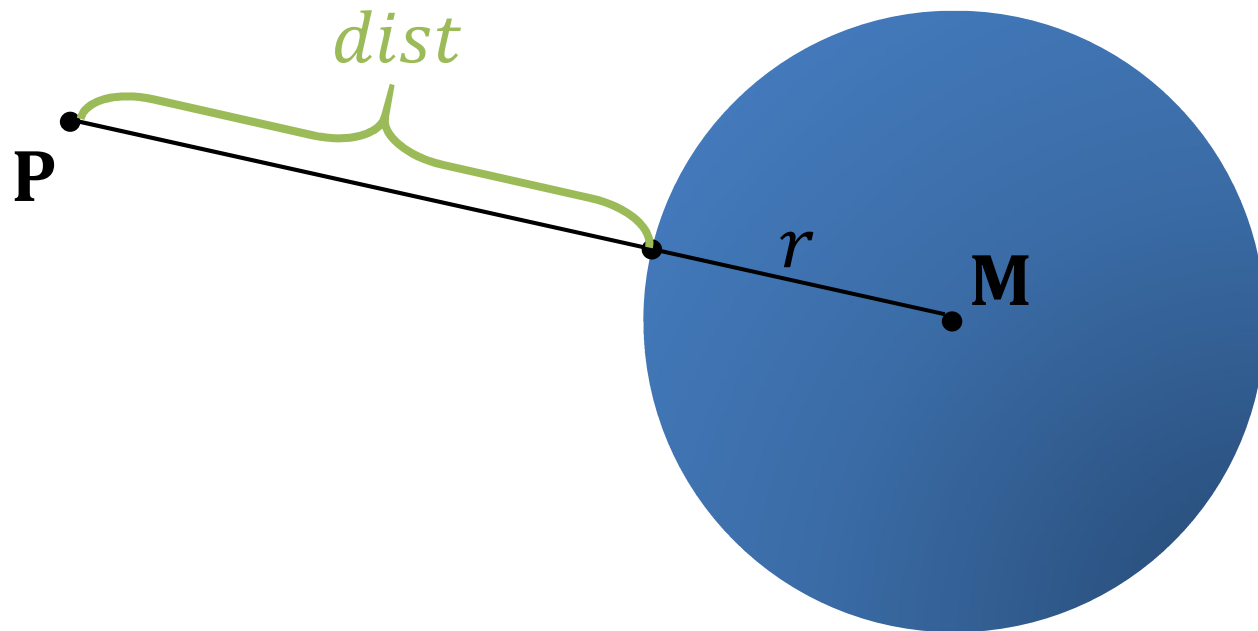
- Gives the distance of a point from a boundary
- Unsigned distance functions
 - Positive outside, 0 inside
- Signed distance functions
 - Decreases in value as point approaches the boundary



Circle/Sphere

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

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

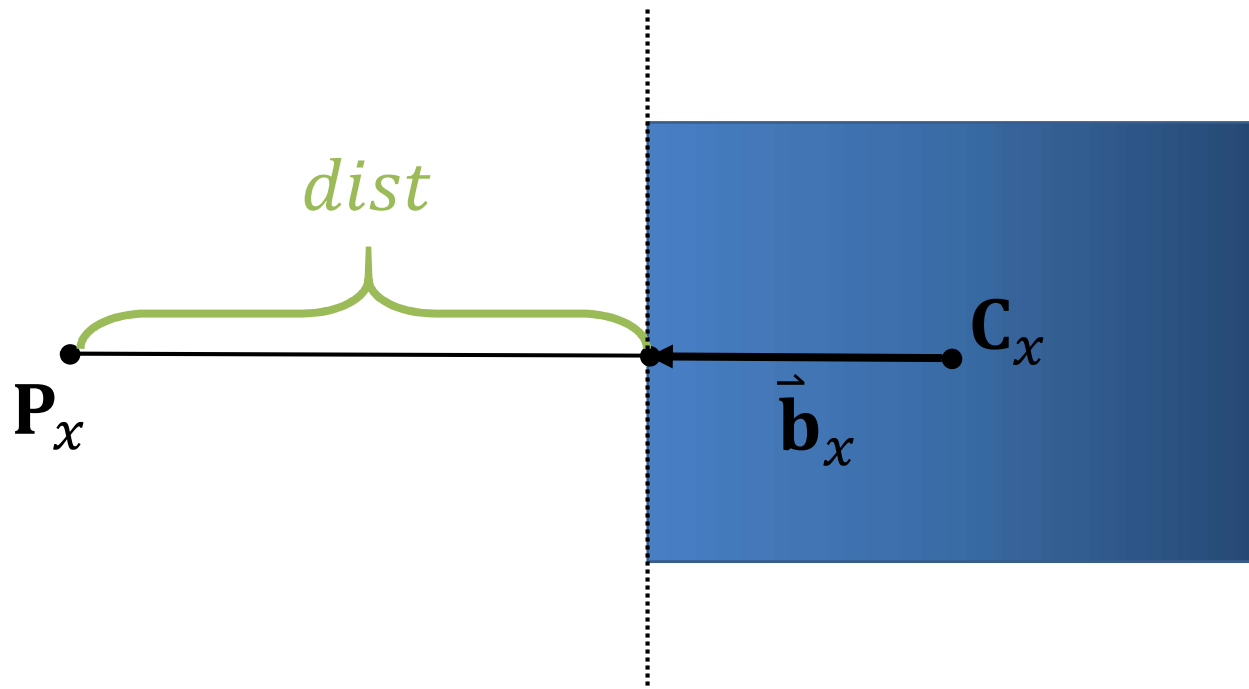


Rectangle/Box

- Unsigned distance function box – x -direction

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

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

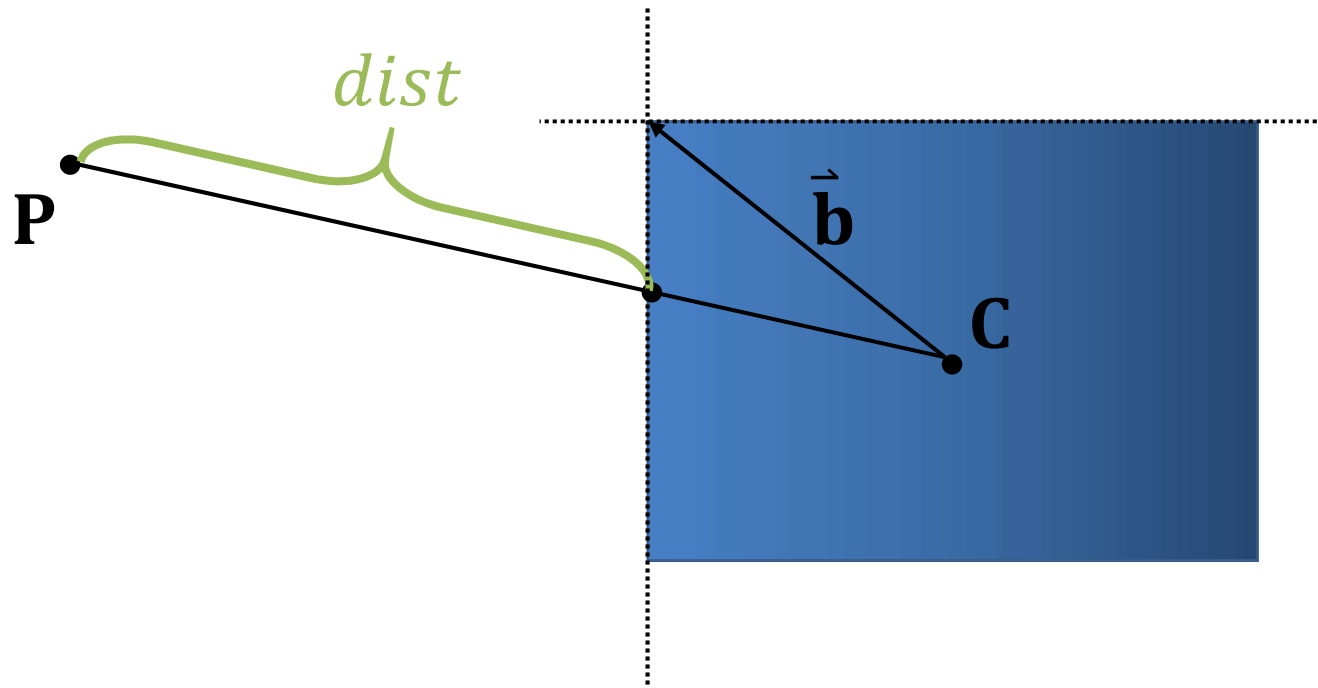


Rectangle/Box

- Unsigned distance function box

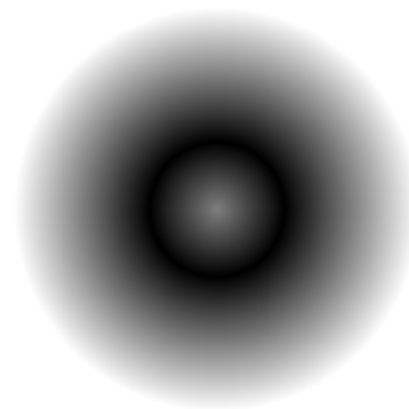
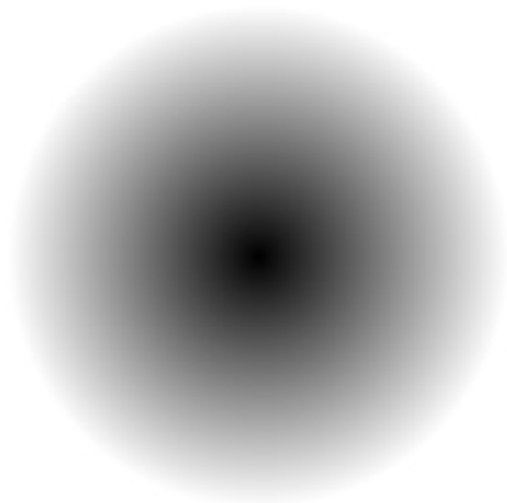
$$\text{dist}_u(\mathbf{P}) = \left\| \max \left(\text{abs}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) - \vec{\mathbf{b}}, \vec{\mathbf{0}} \right) \right\|$$

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



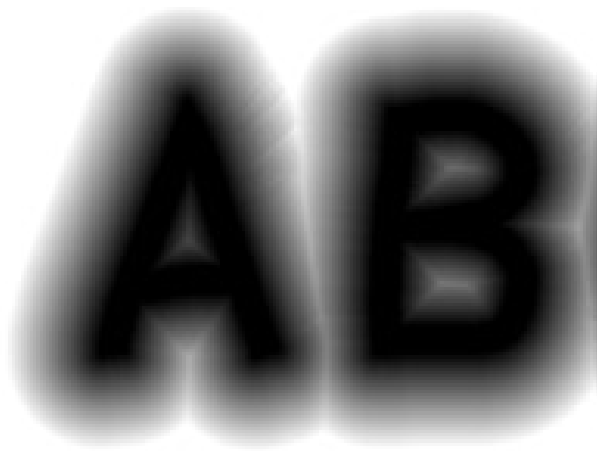
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Distance Fields

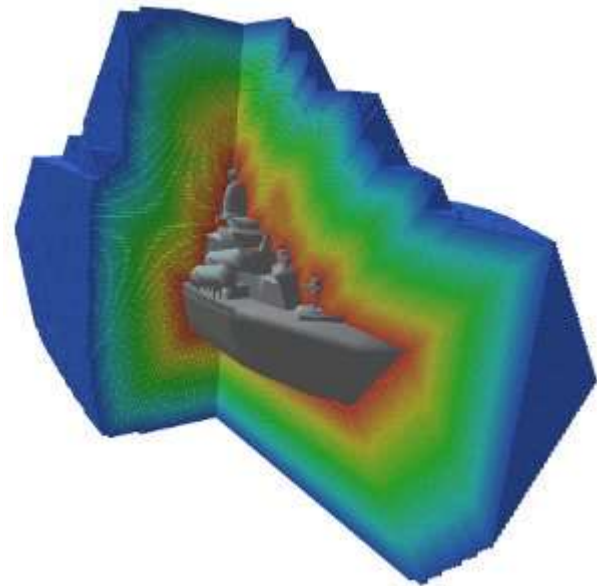


Distance Fields

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

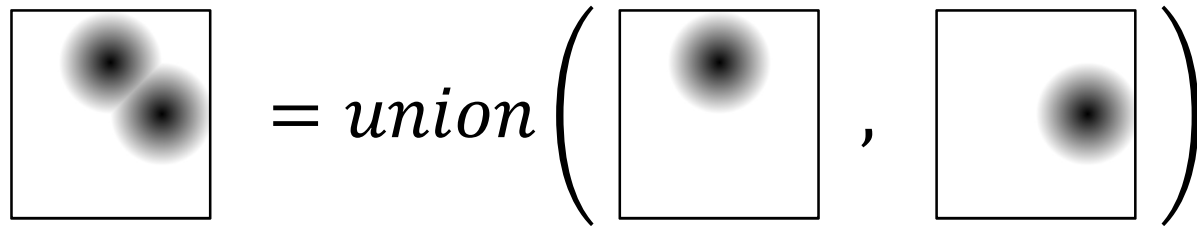


$$\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \text{dist}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

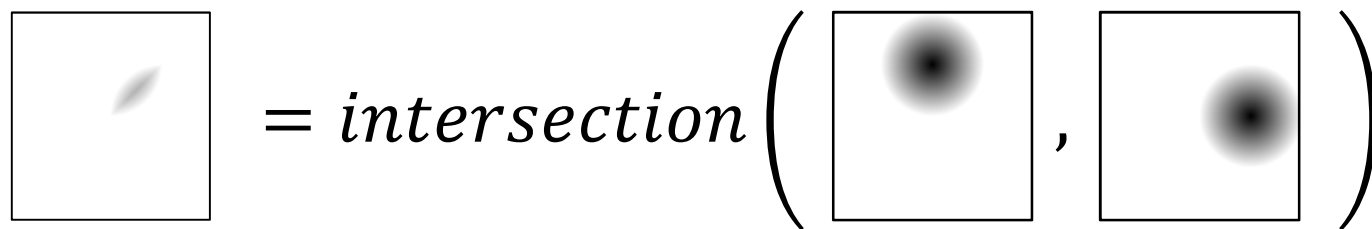


Operations on Distance Fields

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


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

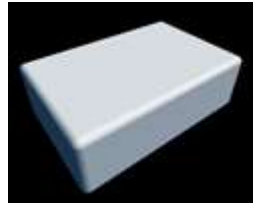
- The union is $\min(dist_1(\mathbb{R}^2), dist_2(\mathbb{R}^2))$


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

- 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 $\vec{\mathbf{c}}$