

Ray Intersection

(aus Vorlesung Ray-Tracing 1)

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- ray definition $r(t) = o + td$ with $o = \begin{pmatrix} o_x \\ o_y \\ o_z \end{pmatrix}$ origin, $d = \begin{pmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \\ d_z \end{pmatrix}$ direction

- ray-sphere-intersection:

sphere-formula: $x^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ (if unit circle radius $r=1$)
insert: $\rightarrow r^2 = p^2$ (say P is point with coord. x, y, z)

insert ray $r(t)$ into P

$$r^2 = (o+td)^2$$

$$1 = o^2 + 2tdo + t^2d^2 \quad | -1$$

$$0 = d^2t^2 + 2dot + o^2 - 1$$

$$\text{mittelnachtsformel: } t_{1,2} = \frac{-2dot \pm \sqrt{(2do)^2 - 4d^2(o^2 - 1)}}{2d^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2do \pm \sqrt{4d^2o^2 - 4d^2o^2 + 4d^2}}{2d^2} = \frac{-2do \pm 2d}{2d^2}$$

$$\rightarrow t_1 = \frac{2d(-o+1)}{2d^2} = \frac{-o+1}{d} \quad \rightarrow t_2 = \frac{2d(-o-1)}{2d^2} = \frac{-o-1}{d} //$$

three options: 1) two different t_s

2) one t

3) can't solve the equat.

two intersection points

only one intersect. point

no intersection

note: if the t_s are negative, then the intersections are behind the origin

- ray-plane-intersection:

plane-equation: $O = p \cdot n - D$ with p point on plane, n plane normal and D distance of plane to origin

insert ray $r(t)$ into p :

$$O = (o+td)n - D$$

$$0 = on + tdn - D$$

$$tdn = -on + D$$

$$t = \frac{D-on}{dn} //$$

to solve: insert given n and d and D, O

- ray-triangle-intersection:

first: check if ray hits plane on which triangle lies

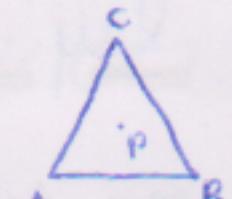
generate plane-equation: $\text{normal} = AB \times AC$ (cross product)

point: choose one point from triangle

calculate intersection point: by inserting ray equation into plane equation, solve for t , insert t into $r(t)$

when ray and plane parallel: the ray direction and plane normal should be perpendicular
(dot-product is 0)

then: check if intersection point inside triangle



1) calculate edges:

$$\text{edge } AB = \overline{AB}, \text{ edge } BC = \overline{BC}, \text{ edge } CA = \overline{CA}$$

2) calculate distance from P to first point of edge:

$$\text{dist } AP = P - A, \text{ dist } BP = P - B, \text{ dist } CP = P - C$$

3) calculate crossproduct between the two

$$\text{cross } 0 = \text{edge } AB \times \text{dist } AP$$

$$\text{cross } 1 = \text{edge } BC \times \text{dist } BP$$

$$\text{cross } 2 = \text{edge } CA \times \text{dist } CP$$

4) check if all crossproducts · normal are positive,
then the point lies in the triangle

inside-
outside-
test

- ray-box-intersection

first: find intersection points with each plane (BD) or line (2D)

definition: a box is defined by its min. and max value in
each dimension



now: check where the ray intersects with the line of the min and max

$$x\text{-dimension: } o_x + t dx = \min_x \rightarrow t_{\min} = \frac{\min_x - o_x}{dx}$$

$$o_x + t dx = \max_x \rightarrow t_{\max} = \frac{\max_x - o_x}{dx}$$

repeat for y and z-dimension

but: we now only know the intersection with these planes, not
if the intersection points lie on the cube

then:

find biggest t_{\min} : $t_{\min} = \max(t_{x\min}, t_{y\min}, t_{z\min})$

find smallest t_{\max} : $t_{\max} = \min(t_{x\max}, t_{y\max}, t_{z\max})$

but check when comparing: if $(t_{\min} > t_{\max} \text{ or } t_{\max} < t_{\min})$
return false

-ray - cylinder - intersection

cylinder-equation: $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ (infinite)

insert ray: $r(t) = o + td$

$$(o_x + tdx)^2 + (o_y + tdy)^2 = 1$$

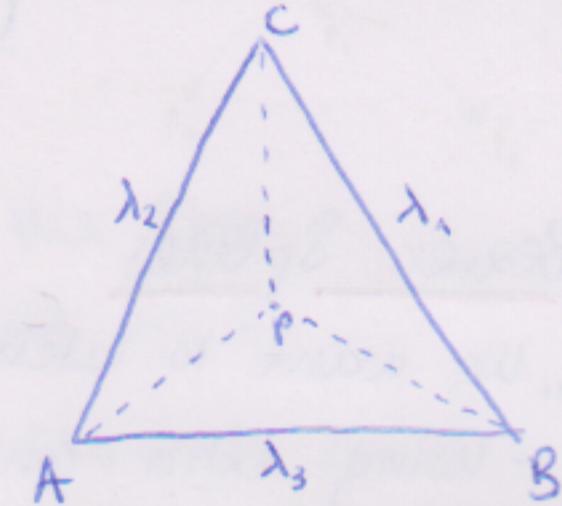
$$0 = (o_x^2 + o_y^2) + 2t(dx + dy) + t^2(dx^2 + dy^2) - 1$$

$$= \underbrace{(dx^2 + dy^2)}_a t^2 + \underbrace{2(dx + dy)}_b t + \underbrace{(o_x^2 + o_y^2 - 1)}_c$$

Solve with mitternachtsformel after inserting d and o
choose nearest t



After finding the correct t , you need to insert it into ray-equation. Then you have the intersection point.



Barycentric Coordinates

- coordinate system to describe a point in an triangle $P = \lambda_1 A + \lambda_2 B + \lambda_3 C$

- important: $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1$

- use to check inside triangle: iff $\lambda_{1,2,3} \geq 0$, point is in triangle

- calculation: $\lambda_2 = \frac{\bar{A}C_x \bar{A}P_y - \bar{A}C_y \bar{A}P_x}{\bar{A}C_x \bar{A}B_y - \bar{A}C_y \bar{A}B_x}$ (section on the AC line)

$\lambda_3 = \frac{\bar{A}P_x \bar{A}B_y - \bar{A}P_y \bar{A}B_x}{\bar{A}C_x \bar{A}B_y - \bar{A}C_y \bar{A}B_x}$ (section on the AB line)

$\lambda_1 = 1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3$ (section on the BC line)