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Torus Primitive

Torus is one of the most important shape in our life. We have bagels, doughnuts and many other things. In order to have a better reconstruction of our daily life scenes in a 3D renderer, the best way to introduce torus as a single primitive instead of a combination of triangles or any other shapes.

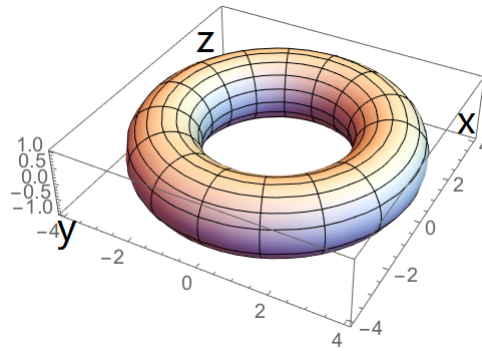


Figure 1: Torus Perspective View

I. Defining a Torus

There are three circles in a torus C_1, C_2, C_3 as shown in the graph below. C_2 is how a torus is defined, because the center of the tube is uniformly lying on it and by utilizing it we can reduce our equation for the torus. Then, we have the radius of C_2 as R and the radius of the tube as r . Therefore, we know that from this graph: $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$.

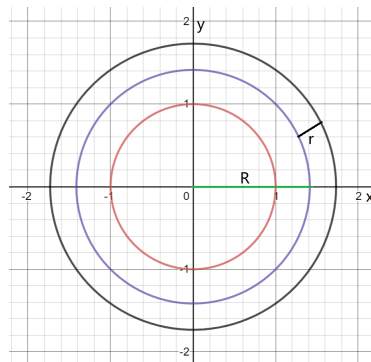


Figure 2: Torus Top View

Then, we just need to obtain the torus from x, y and z . Based on observation, we can see the cross section of a torus as the following graph, and could interpret that the size of

the tube should be a function like the following: $(g(x, y, R))^2 + z^2 = r^2$, where $g(x, y, R)$ defines where the center of a tube should lie on the middle circle.

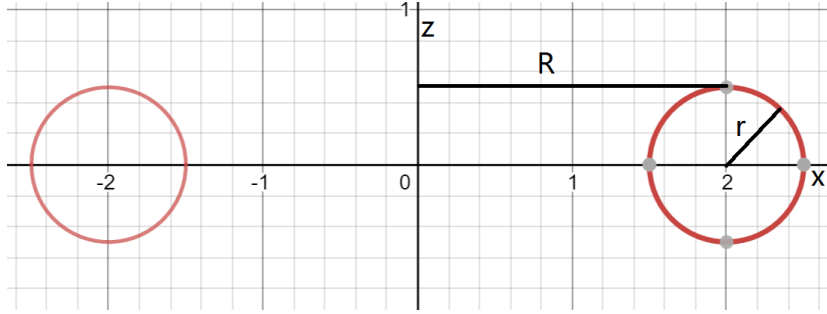


Figure 3: Torus Cross Section

From the previous equation we know that $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$, and we could just sample the point $\begin{pmatrix} (R-r)\sin\pi \\ (R-r)\cos\pi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. This means that we should have $g(x, y, R) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - R$ to achieve the length of the tube. Therefore, the equation of a torus is

$$(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - R)^2 + z^2 = r^2 \quad (1)$$

II. Finding the Intersection With a Ray

In the ray tracer, we see each light and our camera as ray. And we define them as the following:

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{origin} \\ y_{origin} \\ z_{origin} \end{pmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_{direction} \\ y_{direction} \\ z_{direction} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Therefore, when we define an intersection between the ray and the torus, we would have the following five situations, with 0 to 4 intersections on the torus:

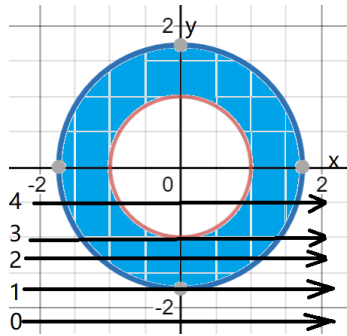


Figure 4: Torus Intersections on the Top View