

3d graphics

③ Ray-object intersection

- ray Sphere intersection

ray $p(t) = e + td$ and an implicit surface $f(p) = 0$
intersection points occur when points on the ray
satisfy the implicit ~~object~~ equation

$$f(p(t)) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f(e + td) = 0$$

sphere with center $c(x_c, y_c, z_c)$ and radius R
can be represented by the implicit equation

$$(x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2 + (z - z_c)^2 - R^2 = 0$$

in vector form

$$(p - c) \cdot (p - c) - R^2 = 0$$

any point p that satisfies this equation is on
the sphere. If we plug points on the ray $p(t) = e + td$
into this equation we get $(e + td - c) \cdot (e + td - c) - R^2 = 0$

rearranging terms $d \cdot d t^2 + 2d \cdot (e - c)t + (e - c) \cdot (e - c) - R^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow At^2 + Bt + C$$

discriminant $B^2 - 4AC$ tells us how many solutions there
are

$D < 0$ don't
intersect

$D > 0$ 1. ray enters sphere ~~and leaves~~
2. it leaves

$D = 0$ ray grazes the sphere

$$t = \frac{-d \cdot (e-c) \pm \sqrt{(d \cdot (e-c))^2 - (d \cdot d) \cdot (e-c) \cdot (e-c)}}{(d \cdot d)}$$

in actual implementation you first check the value of discriminant before computing other terms

the normal vector at point p is given by the gradient $n = 2(p-c)$ unit normal $-(p-c)/R$

Ray triangle intersection
to intersect a ray with a parametric surface we
set up a system of equations where Cartesian coordinates
all match

$$\begin{aligned} x_e + t x_d &= f(u, v) \\ y_e + t y_d &= g(u, v) \quad \text{or} \quad e + t d = f(u, v) \\ z_e + t z_d &= h(u, v) \end{aligned}$$

Parametric equations can be written in vector form
vertices of a triangle are a, b, c and then the intersection
occurs when $e + t d = \alpha p(b-a) + \beta(c-a)$

for some α, β and γ the intersection p will
be at $e + t d$ ~~at the intersection~~

we know the intersection is inside the triangle
if $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta < 1$

to solve for t, β and γ in Equation we expand it from its vector form

$$\begin{aligned}x_e + tx_d &= x_a + \beta(x_b - x_a) + \gamma(x_c - x_a) \\y_e + ty_d &= y_a + \beta(y_b - y_a) + \gamma(y_c - y_a) \\z_e + tz_d &= z_a + \beta(z_b - z_a) + \gamma(z_c - z_a)\end{aligned}$$

fastest classic method to solve is Cramer's rule

$$\beta = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_a - x_e & x_a - x_c & x_d \\ y_a - y_e & y_a - y_c & y_d \\ z_a - z_e & z_a - z_c & z_d \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} \quad \gamma = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_a - x_b & x_a - x_e & x_d \\ y_a - y_b & y_a - y_e & y_d \\ z_a - z_b & z_a - z_e & z_d \end{vmatrix}}{|A|}$$

$$t = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_a - x_b & x_a - x_e & x_a - x_c \\ y_a - y_b & y_a - y_e & y_a - y_c \\ z_a - z_b & z_a - z_e & z_a - z_c \end{vmatrix}}{|A|}$$

where matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_a - x_b & x_a - x_c & x_d \\ y_a - y_b & y_a - y_c & y_d \\ z_a - z_b & z_a - z_c & z_d \end{bmatrix}$ and $|A|$ denotes the determinant of A

linear systems with dummy variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \\ l \end{bmatrix}$$

variables gives us

$$p = \frac{j(ei - hf) + k(gf - di) + l(dh - eg)}{M}$$

$$q = \frac{l(ak - jb) + h(jc - al) + g(bl - kc)}{M}$$

$$t = \frac{f(ak - jb) + c(jc - al) + d(bl - kc)}{M}$$

$$M = a(ei - hf) + b(jf - di) + c(dh - eg)$$

~~the last~~