

# 50.017 Graphics and Visualization

## Quiz 4

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Duration: 30 mins

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### Instructions:

1. This quiz consists of 3 questions and 4 printed pages.
2. This is an Open Book quiz.
3. You may use calculators. Whether or not you choose to use a calculator, you should clearly and systematically write out all steps in your solutions.
4. Draft paper will be provided on request.

**Q1.** Given a ray with origin  $\mathbf{o} = (0,0,0)^T$  and direction  $\mathbf{d} = (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0)^T$ . Given a plane with normal  $\mathbf{n} = (0,1,0)^T$  and point  $\mathbf{c} = (1,1,1)^T$ . Compute the intersection point between the ray and the plane (if any). [4 Points]

**Solution:**

The plane equation is:  $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} - d = 0$ , where  $d = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{c}$ . Hence,  $d = (0,1,0)(1,1,1)^T = 1$ .

Denote the distance between the intersection point and the ray origin as  $t$ , we have:

$$\mathbf{n}^T(\mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d}) - d = 0.$$

This gives us the following equation:

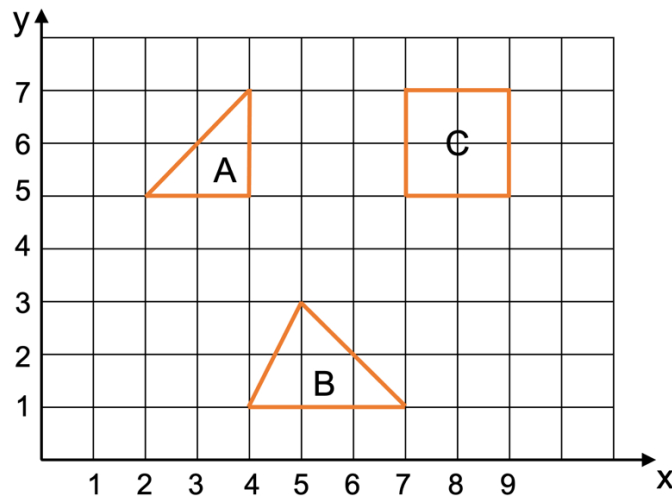
$$(0,1,0) \left( (0,0,0)^T + t \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \right)^T \right) - 1 = 0.$$

Solving this equation gives us

$$t = \sqrt{2}.$$

Hence, the intersection point is:  $\mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d} = (1,1,0)^T$

**Q2.** Given three 2D objects, A, B, and C, as shown in the following figure. Compute the smallest bounding circle (represented as center  $c$  and radius  $r$ ) of each object, and the smallest axis-aligned bounding rectangle (represented as the minimum and maximum vertices:  $V_{\min}$  and  $V_{\max}$ ) of each object. [3 Points]



**Solution:**

Bounding circle of object A:  $c = (3, 6)^T$ ,  $r = \sqrt{2}$

Bounding rectangle of object A:  $V_{\min} = (2, 5)^T$ ,  $V_{\max} = (4, 7)^T$

Bounding circle of object B:

The bounding circle should be the circumcircle of the triangle B. Denoted the circle center as  $(x, y)$ , we have:

$$(x - 4)^2 + (y - 1)^2 =$$

$$(x - 7)^2 + (y - 1)^2 =$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y - 3)^2$$

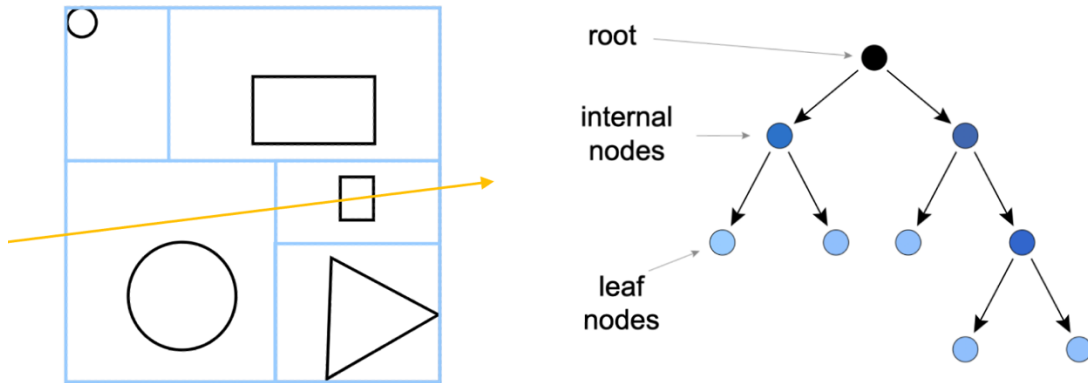
By solving the above equations, we obtain  $(x, y) = (5.5, 1.5)$ ,  $r = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

Bounding rectangle of object B:  $V_{\min} = (4, 1)^T$ ,  $V_{\max} = (7, 3)^T$

Bounding circle of object C:  $c = (8, 6)^T$ ,  $r = \sqrt{2}$

Bounding rectangle of object C:  $V_{\min} = (7, 5)^T$ ,  $V_{\max} = (9, 7)^T$

**Q3.** Given a 3D scene, we build a KD-tree as shown in the following figure. Now, we want to use the KD-tree to speed up the intersection test between a ray (in orange) and objects in the scene. Circle objects in the scene for which a ray-object intersection test is actually performed. Please justify your answer. [3 Points]



**Solution:**

Objects for which a ray-object intersection test is actually performed are:

- 1) large circle at the lower left of the scene;
- 2) small rectangle at the middle right of the scene.

The reason is that the ray intersects with the bounding cell of the object. Hence, we need to perform a ray-object intersection test to see whether the ray really intersects with the object.