

## Creating an orthonormal coordinate frame

Let  $a$  be the viewing direction *eye - center* and let  $b$  be the *up* vector. Assume the camera is centered at the origin.

$$w = \frac{a}{|a|}$$
$$u = \frac{b \times w}{|b \times w|}$$
$$v = w \times u$$

## Creating a ray from the camera

Let  $width, height$  be the screen resolution.

We want to create a ray through the virtual screen, given the  $w$  vector and a pixel position given by  $i, j$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be the screen intersection in the  $u$  direction on  $[-1, 1]$  and  $\beta$  be the screen intersection in the  $v$  direction on  $[-1, 1]$ .

Therefore

$$\alpha = \tan\left(\frac{fov_x}{2}\right) \times \left(\frac{j - (width/2)}{width/2}\right)$$
$$\beta = \tan\left(\frac{fov_y}{2}\right) \times \left(\frac{(height/2) - i}{height/2}\right)$$

with

$$aspect = \frac{width}{height}$$
$$fov_x = 2 * \operatorname{atan}\left(\tan\left(\frac{fov_y}{2}\right) * aspect\right)$$

and

$$ray = eye + \frac{\alpha u + \beta v - w}{|\alpha u + \beta v - w|}$$

## Ray-triangle intersection

Let  $A, B, C$  be the points of a triangle, the normal is then given by:

$$\vec{n} = \frac{(\vec{C}-\vec{A}) \times (\vec{B}-\vec{A})}{|(\vec{C}-\vec{A}) \times (\vec{B}-\vec{A})|}$$

Using ray equation

$$\vec{P} = \vec{P}_0 + \vec{P}_1 t$$

within plane equation

$$\vec{P} \cdot \vec{n} - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

gives

$$(\vec{P}_0 + \vec{P}_1 t) \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{n}$$

Solving for t:

$$t = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{n} - \vec{P}_0 \cdot \vec{n}}{\vec{P}_1 \cdot \vec{n}}$$

## Ray inside triangle

Using barycentric coordinates:

$$\vec{P} = \alpha \vec{A} + \beta \vec{B} + \gamma \vec{C}$$

$$\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, \gamma \geq 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1$$

$$\vec{P} - \vec{A} = \beta(\vec{B} - \vec{A}) + \gamma(\vec{C} - \vec{A})$$

$$0 \leq \beta \leq 1, 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$$

$$\beta + \gamma \leq 1$$