

Intro to RayTracing Pt II

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Generate perspective rays

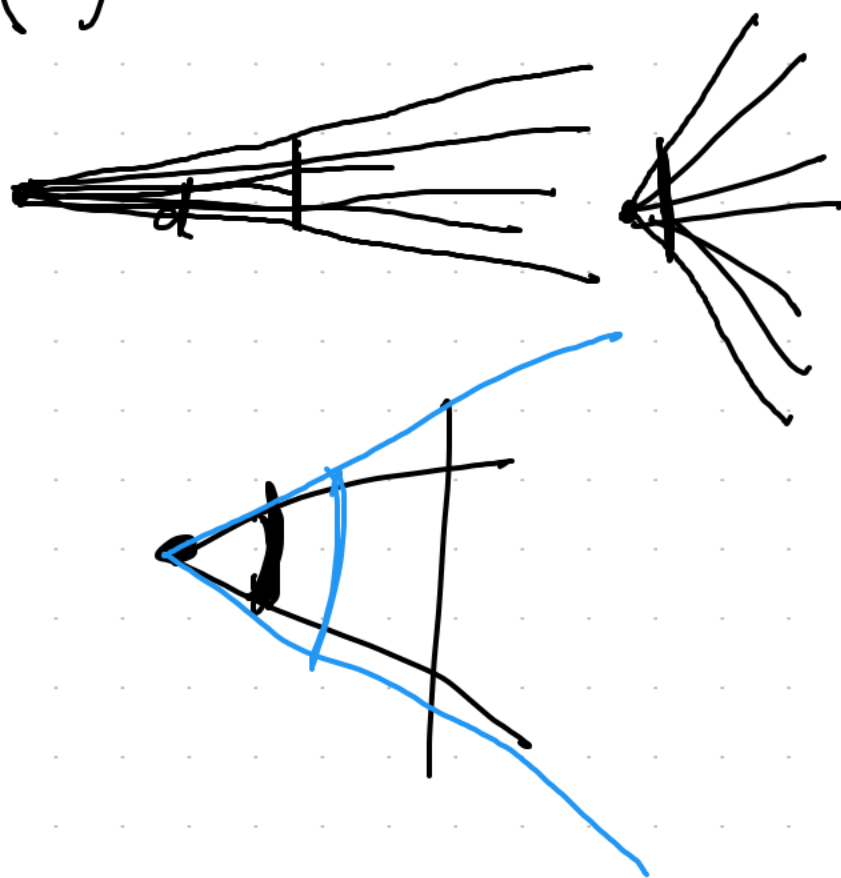
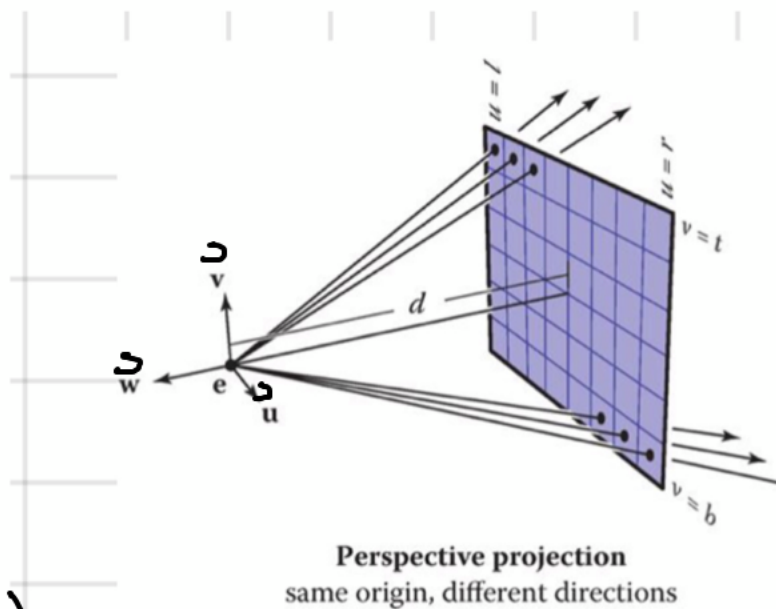
- all rays have the same origin
- directions differ for each pixel

Generate view rays

$$\text{ray.direction} = -d\vec{w} + u\vec{u} + v\vec{v} (*)$$

$$\text{ray.origin} = e$$

(*) note the u & v are from (eq **) in the notes



Implicit surface rep of sphere

Implicit surface in 3D (\mathbb{R}^3)

$$p \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ s.t. } f(p_x, p_y, p_z) = 0$$

a line in 2D

$$2x + 3y + 4 = 0$$

$$f(x, y) = 2x + 3y + 4$$

is $(3, 6)$ on the line

$$f(3, 6) = 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 6 + 4 = 28 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{not on line}$$

is $(-11, 6)$ on the line

$$f(-11, 6) = 2 \cdot (-11) + 3 \cdot 6 + 4 = -22 + 12 = -10 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow (-11, 6)$ is on the line

Sphere as implicit surface

$C = (c_x, c_y, c_z)$ a radius r

$$(p_x - c_x)^2 + (p_y - c_y)^2 + (p_z - c_z)^2 - r^2 = 0$$

rewrite as

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

$$\text{or } p = (x, y, z) = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$$

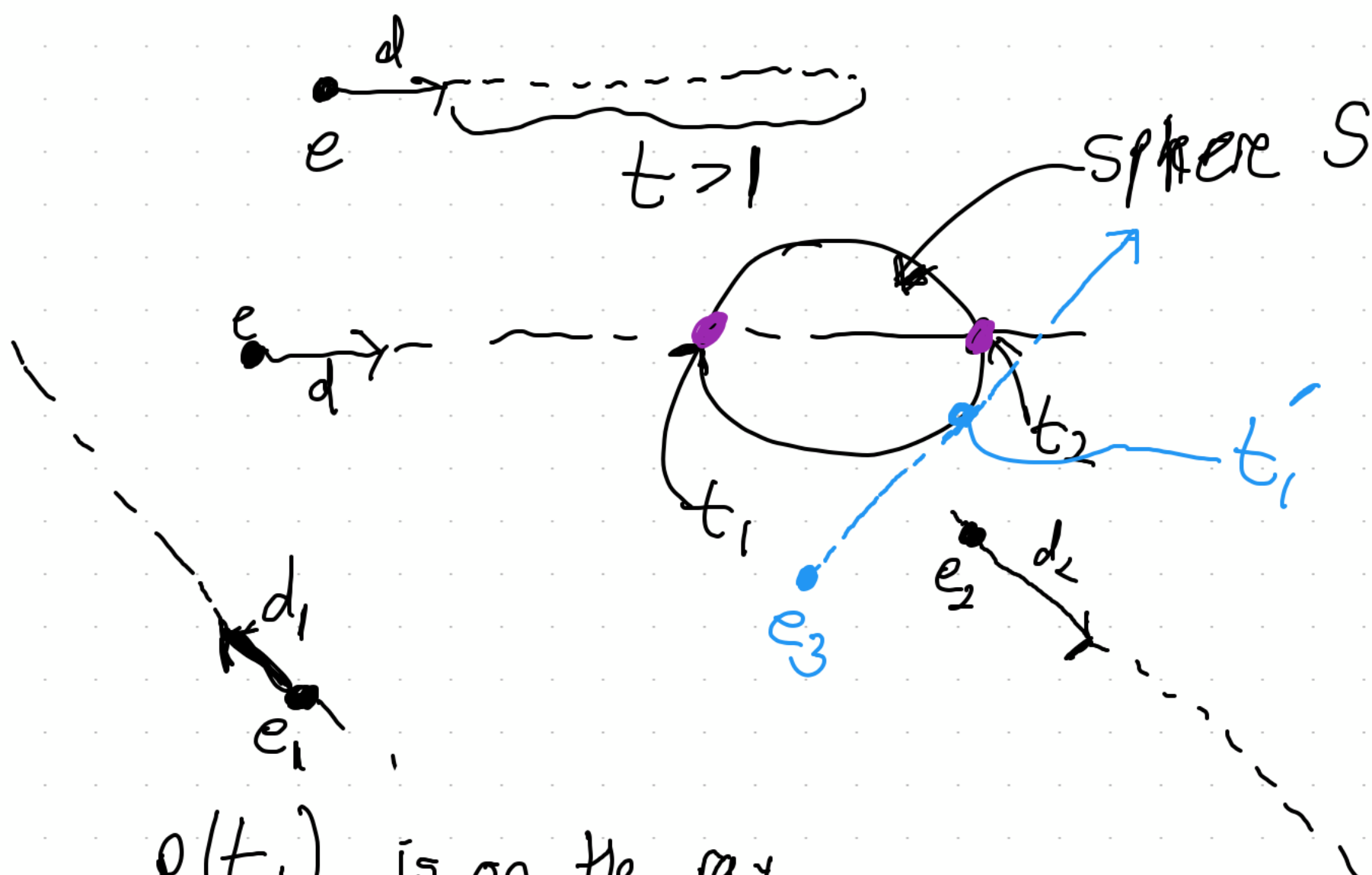
$$\begin{bmatrix} p_x - c_x \\ p_y - c_y \\ p_z - c_z \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_x - c_x \\ p_y - c_y \\ p_z - c_z \end{bmatrix} - r^2 = 0$$

Eq (**)

$$f(p) = (p_x - c_x)^2 + (p_y - c_y)^2 + (p_z - c_z)^2 - r^2$$

any point $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ s.t. $f(p) = 0$
is on the sphere

ray $p(t) = e + td$ w/ e is "eye"
 d is "direction"



$p(t_1)$ is on the ray

$p(t_2)$ is on the ray

$f(p(t_1))$ ray and sphere

$f(p(t_2))$ ray and sphere

$\Rightarrow f(p(t)) = 0$
is on sphere
Goal: find t_i 's

$$f(p(t)) = f(\vec{e} + t\vec{d}) \quad \text{def of our ray}$$

$$e, d \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$((e+td)-c) \cdot ((e+td)-c) - r^2 \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

some alg

$$= \underbrace{(d \cdot d)}_a t^2 + \underbrace{2d \cdot (e-c)}_b t + \underbrace{(e-c) \cdot (e-c) - r^2}_c$$

$(p-c) \cdot (p-c) = r^2$

$\mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{R}$

$$= at^2 + bt + c$$

solve for t (one not numerically good way)

$$t = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Recall: discriminant : $b^2 - 4ac = D$

$D < 0 \Rightarrow$ no real solutions (ray does not intersect)

$D = 0 \Rightarrow$ 1 solution (ray intersects the sphere tangentially)

$D > 0 \Rightarrow$ 2 solutions (ray intersects the sphere 2x)

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Loss of significance

“Numerical Recipes” good explanation of
how to correctly solve
quadratics by a computer