

## Ray Tracing

Week 11

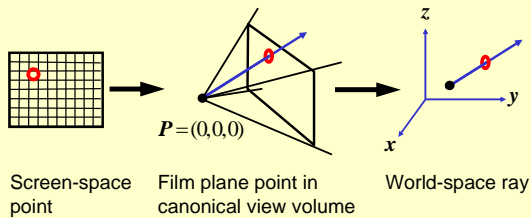
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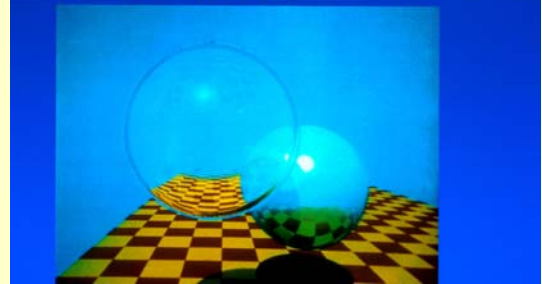
## Ray Tracing

- Classical geometric optics technique
- Extremely versatile
- Historically viewed as expensive
- Good for special effects
- Computationally intensive
- Can do sophisticated graphics

## Ray Tracing



## Ray Tracing Turner Whitted, 1979



## Environment Mapping



## Ray Tracing Implementation<sup>-1</sup>

- Key computation: Must find  
 $ray \cap object$
- This is equivalent to  
 $ray - object = 0$
- This is essentially *root finding*

### Ray Tracing Implementation <sup>-2</sup>

- Ray is often represented parametrically,

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{E}),$$

so we seek,

$$\mathbf{r}(t) \cap \mathbf{F}(x,y,z)$$

- Problem requires intersection of parametric ray with some kind of surface
- Ray Tracing maps easily onto recursion

### Ray Tracing Implementation <sup>-3</sup>

- RT'ing used for spectacular images
- RT'ing maps naturally to recursion
- RT'ing is trivially parallelized
- RT'ing has robustness problems
- RT'ing has aliasing problems

### Ray Tracing <sup>-1</sup>

Three (*nonexclusive*) phenomena follow when ray intersects object:

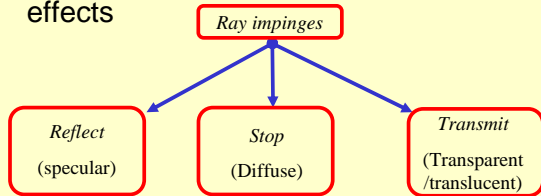
1. *Reflect* (specularity)
2. *Pass through* (transparency)
3. *Stop* (diffuse - look for light vector and calculate proper value)

### Ray Tracing <sup>-2</sup>

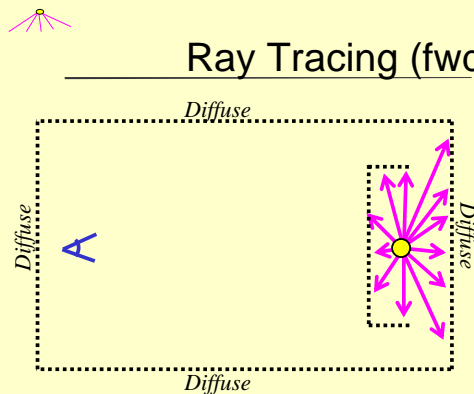
- Forward ray tracing:  $E(S^*)DL$
- Backward ray tracing:  $L(S^*)DE$
- What is the difference?

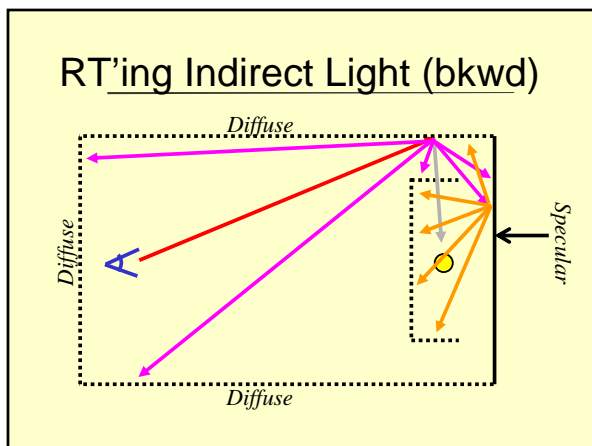
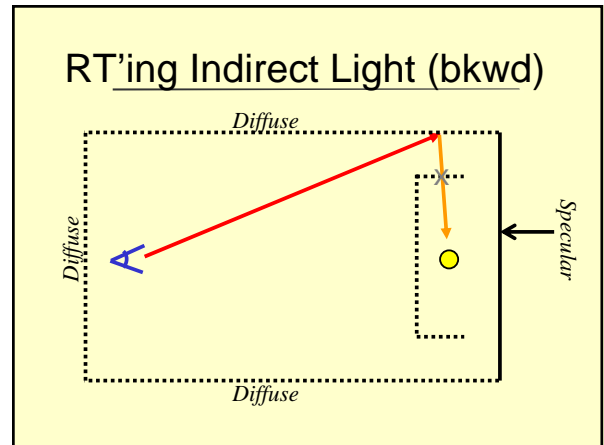
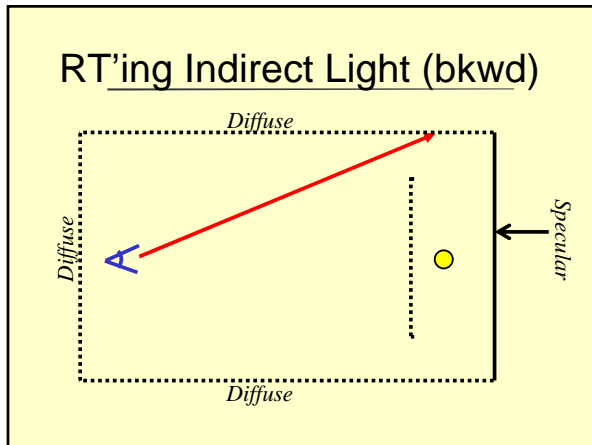
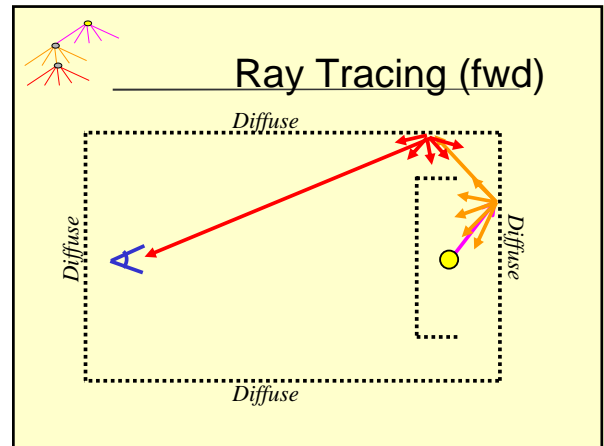
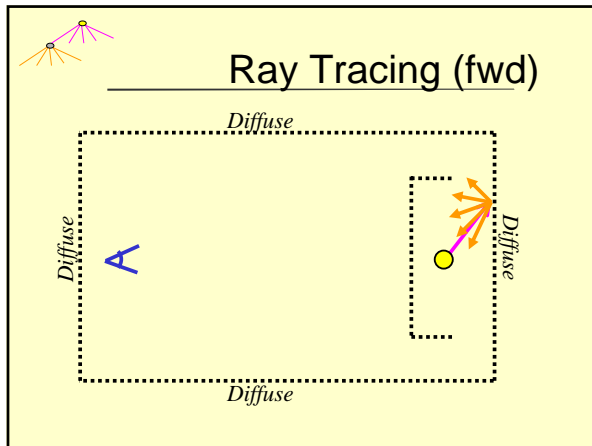
### Ray Tracing (ternary) Tree

Often a combination of all three occur at each node to model sophisticated effects



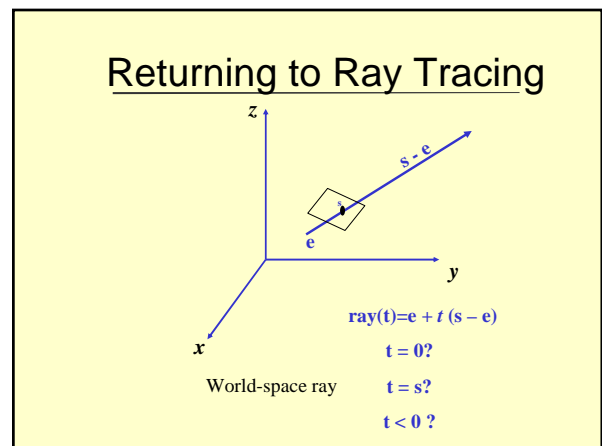
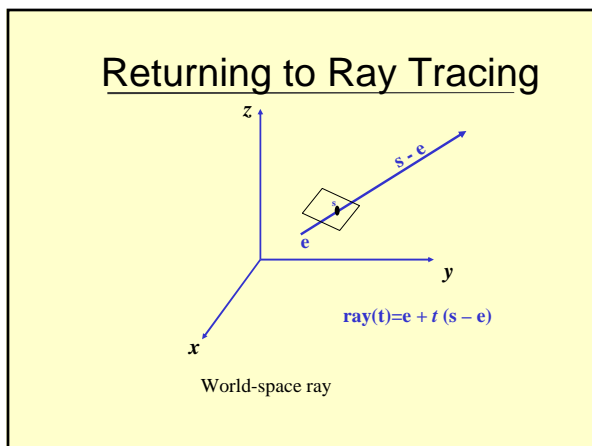
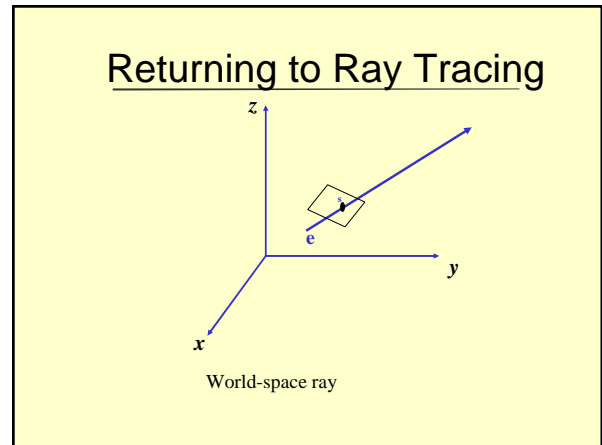
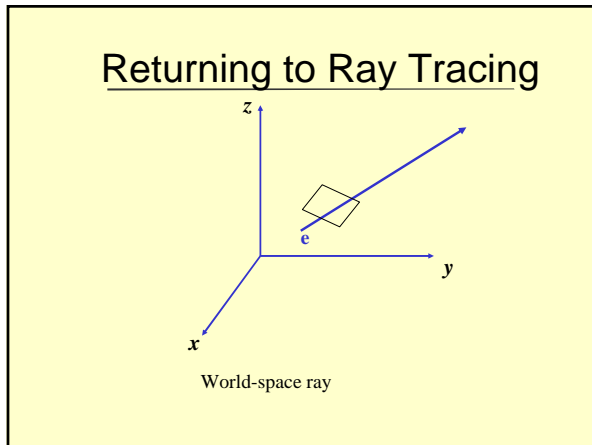
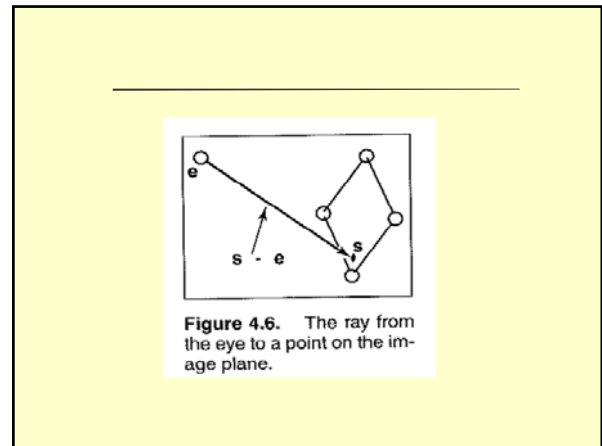
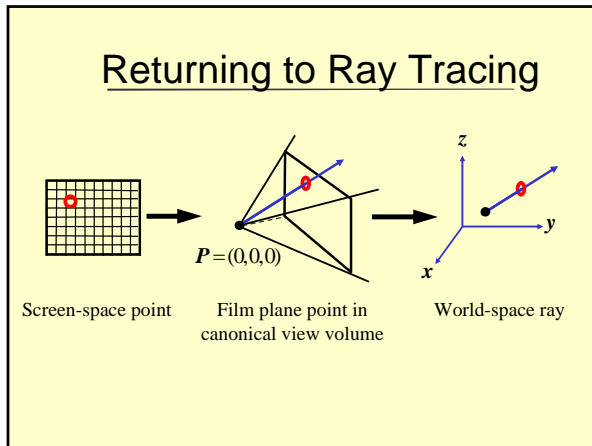
### Ray Tracing (fwd)





### Ray Tracing Growth

- Tree can grow extremely fast, with high exponential fan out
- Fancy rays can have many cross-section geometries; not necessary a line with 0-cross-section
- Need to bound tree depth & fanout



### Returning to Ray Tracing

$ray(t) = e + t(s - e)$   
 $t < 0?$   
 $t_1 < t_2$   
 World-space ray

### How to chose initial ray?

### Rays through the pixels

### Orthographic

**Parallel projection**  
same direction, different origins

### Perspective

**Perspective projection**  
same origin, different directions

### Returning to Ray Tracing

*uvw coordinate system*

Origin is e

$$u_s = l + (r - l) \frac{i + 0.5}{n_x}$$

$$v_s = b + (t - b) \frac{j + 0.5}{n_y}$$

$$w_s = near$$

$ray(t) = e + t(s - e)$   
 World-space ray

### Computing Areas: Recall

$$\text{Area } \square ABDC = AB \times AC$$

$$\text{Area } \square ABC = \frac{1}{2} AB \times AC$$

### Barycentric Coords: Areas

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{Area } \square PBC}{\text{Area } \square ABC}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\text{Area } \square PCA}{\text{Area } \square ABC}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\text{Area } \square PAB}{\text{Area } \square ABC}$$

### Barycentric Coords: Areas

Then,

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

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

and,  $P =$

$$\alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

### Isoparametric lines

constant  $\gamma$

### Extended Barycentric Coords

Then,

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

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

and,  $P =$

$$\alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

$P$  can be *outside* triangle if coord's allowed to go negative.

### Extended Barycentric Coords

Can use  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq 0$  ?

for test of  $P$  outside  $\square ABC$  ?

$P$  can be *outside* triangle, but in it plane, if coord's can be negative.

### Algorithm for Computing Barycentric Coords of $P$ <sup>-1</sup>

1. As indicated, assign an orientation to  $\triangle ABC$

### Algorithm for Computing Barycentric Coords of $P$ <sup>-2</sup>

2. Compute all areas using  $\triangle PAB$ ,  $\triangle PBC$  and  $\triangle PCA$ . Orientation is important!

### Algorithm for Computing Barycentric Coords of $P$ <sup>-3</sup>

Note this works equally for  $P$  outside

### Algorithm for Computing Barycentric Coords of $P$ <sup>-4</sup>

3. Compute all areas using cross products in the following manner,

$$2 * Area_{big} = \| \mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC} \|$$

$$2 * Area_{\alpha} = \| \mathbf{PB} \times \mathbf{BC} \|$$

$$2 * Area_{\beta} = \| \mathbf{PC} \times \mathbf{CA} \|$$

$$2 * Area_{\gamma} = \| \mathbf{PA} \times \mathbf{AB} \|$$

### Algorithm for Computing Barycentric Coords of $P$ <sup>-5</sup>

4. Now compute ratios for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

$$\alpha = \frac{2 * Area_{\alpha}}{2 * Area_{big}} = \frac{\| \mathbf{PB} \times \mathbf{BC} \|}{\| \mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC} \|}$$

$$\beta = \frac{2 * Area_{\beta}}{2 * Area_{big}} = \frac{\| \mathbf{PC} \times \mathbf{CA} \|}{\| \mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC} \|}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{2 * Area_{\gamma}}{2 * Area_{big}} = \frac{\| \mathbf{PA} \times \mathbf{AC} \|}{\| \mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC} \|}$$

### Algorithm for Computing Barycentric Coords of $P$ <sup>-6</sup>

5. Now compute sign of area. *In* or *out*? Look at *dot product* of area vectors!  $P$  is *in* if same *sign*, i.e., positive; *out*, outwise.

$$Sign_{\alpha} = sign\{ (\mathbf{PB} \times \mathbf{BC}) \cdot (\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC}) \}$$

$$Sign_{\beta} = sign\{ (\mathbf{PC} \times \mathbf{CB}) \cdot (\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC}) \}$$

$$Sign_{\gamma} = sign\{ (\mathbf{PA} \times \mathbf{AC}) \cdot (\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{BC}) \}$$

Applet

**Universität Karlsruhe (TH)  
Geometrische Datenverarbeitung:**

<http://133www.fra.uka.de/applets/mocca/html/noplugin/inhalt.html>

Recall Cramer's Rule<sup>-1</sup>

Let, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is,  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$

and, 
$$\|\mathbf{M}\| = \begin{vmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \det(\mathbf{M})$$

Recall Cramer's Rule<sup>-2</sup>

Then,

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|} \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ y_2 & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ y_3 & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{vmatrix}; \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|} \begin{vmatrix} m_{11} & y_1 & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & y_2 & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & y_3 & m_{33} \end{vmatrix};$$

and,

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|} \begin{vmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & y_1 \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & y_2 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Ray Intersect Parametric Object

Let  $S(u, v) = (f(u, v), g(u, v), h(u, v))$   
be a parametrically defined object.

Componentwise, this means,

$$e_x + td_x = f(u, v)$$

$$e_y + td_y = g(u, v)$$

$$e_z + td_z = h(u, v)$$

Ray Tracing

Barycentric Coords: Areas

Then,  
 $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0,$   
 $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1,$   
 and,  $\mathbf{P} = \alpha\mathbf{A} + \beta\mathbf{B} + \gamma\mathbf{C}$



### Solving for $p(t) \cap \square ABC$

$P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$

### Ray Intersect Parametric Object

Let  $S(u, v) = (f(u, v), g(u, v), h(u, v))$  be a parametrically defined object. Componentwise, this means,

$$\begin{aligned} e_x + td_x &= f(u, v) \\ e_y + td_y &= g(u, v) \\ e_z + td_z &= h(u, v) \end{aligned}$$

### Shirley's $ray \cap \square$ Method<sup>-1</sup>

We can think of this form as establishing the origin at  $A$ , and using basis vectors  $\{(B - A), (C - A)\}$  to span the plane of  $\square ABC$ :

$$P(\beta, \gamma) = A + \beta(B - A) + \gamma(C - A)$$

### Shirley's $ray \cap \square$ Method<sup>-2</sup>

Let  $p(t) = e + td$  be a ray, and define the plane as

$$P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C,$$

or,  $P(\beta, \gamma) = \underbrace{(1 - \beta - \gamma)}_{\text{red arrow}} A + \beta B + \gamma C$   
 $= A + \beta(B - A) + \gamma(C - A)$

### Shirley's $ray \cap \square$ Method<sup>-3</sup>

Where do ray  $p(t) = e + td$ , and plane defined as

$$P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C,$$

intersect?

$$\begin{aligned} A + \beta(B - A) + \gamma(C - A) &= e + td \\ A - e &= -\beta(B - A) - \gamma(C - A) + td \\ \beta(A - B) + \gamma(A - C) + td &= A - e \end{aligned}$$

### Shirley's $ray \cap \square$ Method<sup>-4</sup>

In matrix form

$$\beta(A - B) + \gamma(A - C) + td = A - e$$

$$[(A - B) \quad (A - C) \quad d] \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \\ t \end{bmatrix} = A - e$$

### Ray Triangle

$$e + td = a + \beta(b - a) + \gamma(c - a)$$

$$x_e + tx_d = x_a + \beta(x_b - x_a) + \gamma(x_c - x_a)$$

$$y_e + ty_d = y_a + \beta(y_b - y_a) + \gamma(y_c - y_a)$$

$$z_e + tz_d = z_a + \beta(z_b - z_a) + \gamma(z_c - z_a)$$

### Ray Triangle

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_a - x_b & x_a - x_c & x_d \\ y_a - y_b & y_a - y_c & y_d \\ z_a - z_b & z_a - z_c & z_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_a - x_e \\ y_a - y_e \\ z_a - z_e \end{bmatrix}$$

### Shirley's ray $\cap$ $\square$ Method<sup>5</sup>

And,

$$[(A-B) \ (A-C) \ d] \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \\ t \end{bmatrix} = A - e$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{M} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x_a - x_b & x_a - x_c & x_d \\ y_a - y_b & y_a - y_c & y_d \\ z_a - z_b & z_a - z_c & z_d \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_a - x_e \\ y_a - y_e \\ z_a - z_e \end{bmatrix}$$

### By Cramer's Rule<sup>-1</sup>

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|} \begin{vmatrix} (x_a - x_e) & (x_a - x_c) & x_d \\ (y_a - y_e) & (y_a - y_c) & y_d \\ (z_a - z_e) & (z_a - z_c) & z_d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|} \begin{vmatrix} (x_a - x_b) & (x_a - x_e) & x_d \\ (y_a - y_b) & (y_a - y_e) & y_d \\ (z_a - z_b) & (z_a - z_e) & z_d \end{vmatrix}$$

### By Cramer's Rule<sup>-2</sup>

$$t = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|} \begin{vmatrix} (x_a - x_b) & (x_a - x_c) & (x_a - x_e) \\ (y_a - y_b) & (y_a - y_c) & (y_a - y_e) \\ (z_a - z_b) & (z_a - z_c) & (z_a - z_e) \end{vmatrix}$$

### Shirley's ray $\cap$ $\square$ Method

Let  $p(t) = e + td$  be a ray.

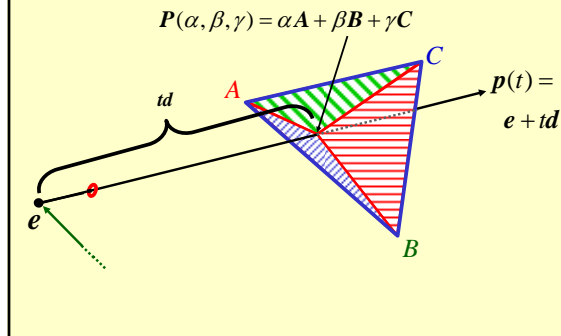
For any object defined by  $f$ ,

we are looking for

$$f(p(t)) = f(e + td) = 0,$$

for intersection points

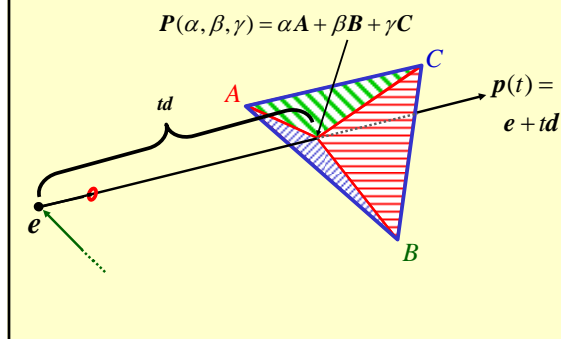
### Solving for $p(t) \cap \triangle ABC$



### What about texturing?

We know the intersection point,  $p$ ,  
what about  $(s, t)$ ?

### Solving for $p(t) \cap \triangle ABC$



### ray $\cap$ implicit \_ object

Let  $p(t) = e + td$  be a ray.  
For any object defined by  
 $f(x, y, z) = 0$ , we are looking for  
 $f(p(t)) = f(e + td) = 0$ ,  
for intersection points

### Shirley's ray $\cap$ Polygon Method

Let  $p(t) = e + td$  be a ray.  
For any object defined by  $f$ ,  
we are looking for  
 $f(p(t)) = f(e + td) = 0$ ,  
for intersection points

### Shirley's ray $\cap$ Polygon Method

$f(p(t)) = f(e + td) = 0$   
Equation to test point in plane:  
 $(p - p_1) \cdot n = 0$   
Plug ray-equ into plane-equ:  
 $(e + td - p_1) \cdot n = 0$

Shirley's ray ∩ Polygon Method

$$\begin{aligned} (e + t\mathbf{d} - p_1) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ (t\mathbf{d} + e - p_1) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ (t\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + (e - p_1) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ t\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{n} &= (p_1 - e) \cdot \mathbf{n} \\ t &= (p_1 - e) \cdot \mathbf{n} / \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{n} \end{aligned}$$

Need to check if p in inside polygon

ray ∩ implicit \_ object

Let  $p(t) = e + t\mathbf{d}$  be a ray.  
 For any object defined by  $f(x, y, z) = 0$ , we are looking for  
 $f(p(t)) = f(e + t\mathbf{d}) = 0$ ,  
 for intersection points

ray ∩ sphere -1

For sphere with center  $\mathbf{c} = (c_x, c_y, c_z)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}) - R^2 &= 0 \\ \text{is a vector eq with } \mathbf{p} &= (p_x, p_y, p_z). \\ \therefore (e + t\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{c}) \cdot (e + t\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{c}) - R^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

ray ∩ sphere -2

Collecting terms,

$$d \cdot d t^2 + 2\mathbf{d} \cdot (\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{c})t + (\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{c}) - R^2 = 0$$

Hence,  $t =$

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

And, unit normal is  $\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}) / R$

ray ∩ sphere

Sign of:  $(\mathbf{d} \cdot (\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{c}))^2 - (d \cdot d)(\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{c}) - R^2$

**if sign < 0 : ray misses sphere**  
**sign = 0: ray is tangent to sphere**  
**sign > 0: 2 intersections**

**Which to use?**

Lecture Week 12 B

**End**  
**Ray Tracing B**