# CS 4300 Computer Graphics 

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## 3D Vectors

What we said about 2D vectors holds for 3D vectors too.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{a}=\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{a}}\right) \quad \mathbf{b}=\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{b}}, \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{b}}, \mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{p}}\right) \\
& \operatorname{Length}(\mathbf{a})=\operatorname{Norm}(\mathbf{a})=\|\mathbf{a}\|=\sqrt{\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{a}}^{2}+\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{a}}^{2}+\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{a}}^{2}} \\
& \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{~b}=\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{b}}+\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{b}}+\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{b}} \\
& \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{~b}=\|\mathrm{a}\| \cdot\|\mathrm{b}\| \cos (\varphi)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathbf{a} \rightarrow \mathbf{b}=\|\mathbf{a}\| \cos (\varphi)=\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}
$$

## Vector Cross Product



$$
\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\|=\|\mathbf{a}\|\|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \varphi
$$

$a x b$ is perpendicular to $a$ and $b$.
Use the right hand rule to determine the direction of axb.


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## Cross Product and Area


$\|\mathrm{a} \times \mathrm{b}\|=$ area of the parallelogram.

## Computing the Cross Product

$$
\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
i & j & k \\
\mathrm{a}_{x} & \mathrm{a}_{y} & \mathrm{a}_{z} \\
\mathrm{~b}_{x} & \mathrm{~b}_{y} & \mathrm{~b}_{z}
\end{array}\right|
$$

$$
=\left(\mathrm{a}_{y} \mathrm{~b}_{z}-\mathrm{a}_{z} \mathrm{~b}_{y}\right) i+\left(\mathrm{a}_{z} \mathrm{~b}_{x}-\mathrm{a}_{x} \mathrm{~b}_{z}\right) j+\left(\mathrm{a}_{x} \mathrm{~b}_{y}-\mathrm{a}_{y} \mathrm{~b}_{x}\right) k
$$

## Linear Interpolation

- LERP: /lerp/, vi.,n.
- Quasi-acronym for Linear Interpolation, used as a verb or noun for the operation. "Bresenham's algorithm lerps incrementally between the two endpoints of the line."

$$
p=(1-t) a+t b=a+t(b-a)
$$



## Lerping



## Triangles



Barycentric coordinates of ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}$ ).

## Triangles



## Computing Barycentric Coordinates



$$
\frac{y-y_{a}}{x-x_{a}}=\frac{y_{b}-y_{a}}{x_{b}-x_{a}}
$$

$$
f_{a b}(x, y)=\left(y-y_{a}\right)\left(x_{b}-x_{a}\right)-\left(y_{b}-y_{a}\right)\left(x-x_{a}\right)
$$

$$
\gamma=\frac{f_{a b}(x, y)}{f_{a b}\left(x_{c}, y_{c}\right)}
$$

## Barycentric Coordinates as Areas



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha=A_{\mathrm{a}} / A \\
& \beta=A_{\mathrm{b}} / A \\
& \gamma=A_{\mathrm{c}} / A
\end{aligned}
$$

where $A$ is the area of the triangle.

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## Wireframe Rendering



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Face
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## Convex Polyhedra



We can see a face if and only if its normal has a component toward us.

$$
\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{V}>0
$$

$\mathbf{V}$ points from the face toward the viewer.

N point toward the outside of the polyhedra.

## Hidden Surface Removal

- Backface culling
- Never show the back of a polygon.
- Viewing frustum culling
- Discard objects outside the camera's view.
- Occlusion culling
- Determining when portions of objects are hidden.
- Painter's Algorithm
- Z-Buffer
- Contribution culling
- Discard objects that are too far away to be seen.


## http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hidden_face_removal

## Painter's Algorithm



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Sort objects back to front relative to the viewpoint.
for each object (in the above order) do draw it on the screen
-- more on this later

## Visible Surface Determination

- If surfaces are invisible, don't render them.
- Ray Tracing
- We only render the nearest object.
- Binary Space Partitioning (BSP)
- Recursively cut up space into convex sets with hyperplanes.
- The scene is represented by a BSP-tree.


## Rendering a Polymesh

- Scene is composed of triangles or other polygons.
- We want to view the scene from different view-points.
- Hidden Surface Removal
- Cull out surfaces or parts of surfaces that are not visible.
- Visible Surface Determination
- Head right for the surfaces that are visible.
- Ray-Tracing is one way to do this.


## Polygon Table

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$A, B, C, D$ of the plane equation shading or color info (e.g. color and N ) in (out) boolean
initialized to false (= out) at start of scanline $z$ - at lowest $y, x$

## Coherence

- Non-penetrating polygons maintain their relative z values.
- If the polygons penetrate, add a false edge.
- If there is no change in edges from one scanline to the next, and no change in order wrt $x$, then no new computations of $z$ are needed.


## Active Edge Table

Keep in order of increasing $x$.

## At (1) $\mathrm{AET} \rightarrow \mathrm{AB} \rightarrow \mathrm{AC} \rightarrow \mathrm{DF} \rightarrow \mathrm{EF}$



## Running the Algorithm 1

If more than one in is true, compute the $z$ values at that point to see which polygon is furthest forward.

If only one in is true, use that polygon's color and shading.


A

## Running the Algorithm 2

## On crossing an edge

 set in of polygons with that edge to not in.At (2) $\mathrm{AET} \rightarrow \mathrm{AB} \rightarrow \mathrm{DF} \rightarrow \mathrm{AC} \mathrm{EF}$

If there is a third polygon, GHIJ behind the other two, after edge AC is passed at level (2) there is no need to evaluate $z$ again - if the polygons do not pierce each other.


## Painter's Algorithm

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## Painter's Problem



## Z-Buffer



A simple three dimensional scene

Z-buffer representation

The Z-Buffer is usually part of graphics card hardware. It can also be implemented in software. The Z-Buffer is a 2D array that holds one value for each pixel. The depth of each pixel is stored in the z-buffer.
An object is rendered at a pixel only if its z-value is higher(lower) than the buffer value. The buffer is then updated.
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## Sorting the Polygons

The first step of the Painter's algorithm is:
Sort objects back to front relative to the viewpoint.
The relative order may not be well defined.
We have to reorder the objects when we change the viewpoint.
The BSP algorithm and BSP trees solve these problems.

## Binary Space Partition

- Our scene is made of triangles.
- Other polygons can work too.
- Assume no triangle crosses the plane of any other triangle.
- We relax this condition later.
following Shirley et al.


## BSP - Basics

- Let a plane in 3-space (or line in 2-space) be defined implicitly, i.e.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
-f(\boldsymbol{P})=f(x, y, z)=0 & \text { in 3-space } \\
-f(\boldsymbol{P})=f(x, y)=0 & \\
\text { in 2-space }
\end{array}
$$

- All the points $\boldsymbol{P}$ such that $f(\boldsymbol{P})>0$ lie on one side of the plane (line).
- All the points $\boldsymbol{P}$ such that $f(\boldsymbol{P})<0$ lie on the other side of the plane (line).
- Since we have assumed that all vertices of a triangle lie on the same side of the plane (line), we can tell which side of a plane a triangle lies on.


## BSP on a Simple Scene

Suppose scene has 2 triangles
$T 1$ on the plane $f(\boldsymbol{P})=0$
$T 2$ on the $f(\boldsymbol{P})<0$ side
$e$ is the eye.

if $f(e)<0$ then<br>draw $T 1$; draw $T 2$<br>else

draw $T 2$; draw $T 1$

## The BSP Tree

Suppose scene has many triangles, $T 1, T 2, \ldots$.
We still assume no triangle crosses the plane of any other triangle.
Let $f_{i}(\boldsymbol{P})=0$ be the equation of the plane containing $T i$.
The BSPTREE has a node for each triangle with $T 1$ at the root.
At the node for $T i$,
the minus subtree contains all the triangles whose vertices have $f_{i}(\boldsymbol{P})<0$
the plus subtree contains all the triangles whose vertices have $f_{i}(\boldsymbol{P})>0$.

## BSP on a non-Simple Scene

function draw(bsptree tree, point $e$ ) if (tree.empty) then

## return

if $\left(f_{\text {tree.root }}(e)<0\right)$ then
draw(tree.plus, $e$ )
render tree.triangle
draw(tree.minus, $e$ )
else
draw(tree.minus, $e$ )
render tree.triangle
draw(tree.plus, $e$ )

## 2D BSP Trees Demo

## http://www.symbolcraft.com/graphics/bsp/index.php

This is a demo in 2 dimensions.
The objects are line segments.
The dividing hyperplanes are lines.

## Building the BSP Tree

We still assume no triangle crosses the plane of another triangle.
tree $=$ node(T1)
for I in $\{2, \ldots, \mathrm{~N}\}$ do tree. $\operatorname{add}(\mathrm{Ti})$
function add (triangle T)
if $(\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{a})<0$ and $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{b})<0$ and $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{c})<0)$ then
if (tree.minus.empty) then tree.minus $=$ node( T )
else
tree.minus.add(T)
else if $(\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{a})>0$ and $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{b})>0$ and $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{c})>0)$ then
if (tree.plus.empty) then
tree.plus $=\operatorname{node}(\mathrm{T})$
else

## Triangle Crossing a Plane



Two vertices, $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$, will be on one side and one, $\mathbf{c}$, on the other side.

Find intercepts, A and B, of the plane with the 2 edges that cross it.

## Cutting the Triangle



Cut the triangle into three triangles, none of which cross the cutting plane.

Be careful when one or more of $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$, and $\mathbf{c}$ is close to or on the cutting plane.

