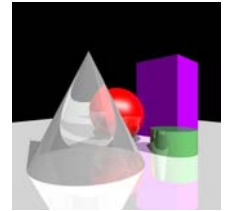


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ray tracing

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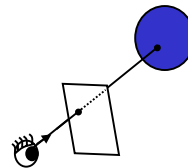


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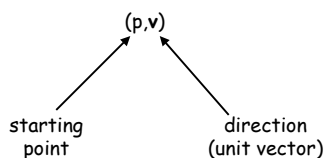
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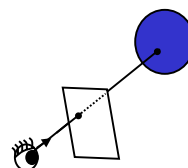
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ray specification

a ray is a half-line defined by a point and a unit vector



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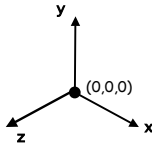


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Construct the ray that starts at the viewpoint and goes through pixel i,j .

world coordinates

in the beginning there was (0,0,0) and x, y, z



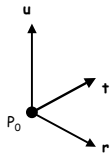
input scene specification

• Viewpoint P_0 and orientation \mathbf{t} , \mathbf{u}

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viewpoint specification: P_0 , \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{t}

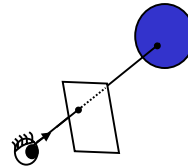
3d world coordinates



- P_0 is the viewpoint
- \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{t} , and $\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{t}\times\mathbf{u}$ are orthogonal unit vectors in the up, toward, and right directions

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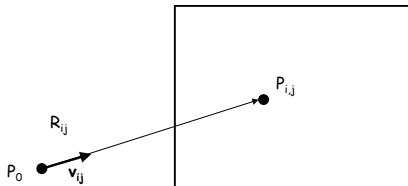
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$(P_0, \text{---})$

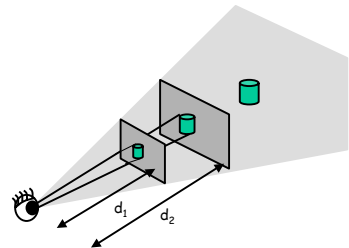
casting rays



$$R_{ij} = (P_0, \mathbf{v}_{ij}) \text{ where } \mathbf{v}_{ij} = (P_{ij} - P_0) / \|P_{ij} - P_0\|$$

Problem: Compute P_{ij} in world coordinates.

Where are the pixels in world coordinates?



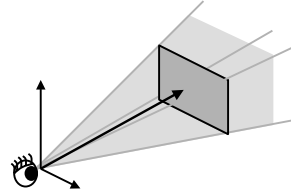
Don't worry ... it won't matter!

input scene specification

- Viewpoint position P_0 and orientation \mathbf{t} , \mathbf{u}
- Image width w and height h in pixels
- Half-height angle θ

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view volume



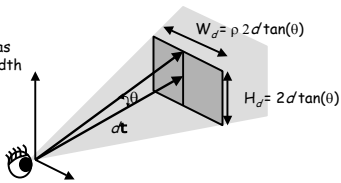
The world that is visible to the viewer is called the *view volume*.

The view volume is a pyramid that is aligned with the toward, up, and right vectors.

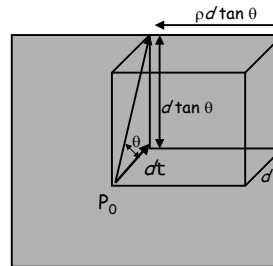
view volume specification: θ , ρ

The view volume is specified by the half-height angle θ and the aspect ratio $\rho = w/h$.

At a distance d from the viewer, the *view window* has height $H_d = 2d \tan(\theta)$ and width $W_d = \rho H_d = \rho 2d \tan(\theta)$.



pixel coordinates



What are the coordinates of the center of the view window at distance d ?

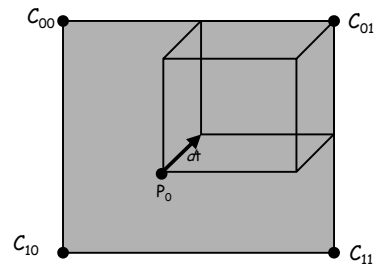
Ans: $P_0 + \mathbf{ct}$

point + vector

$p + \mathbf{v}$ is the point you get to by walking along the vector \mathbf{v} from point p .

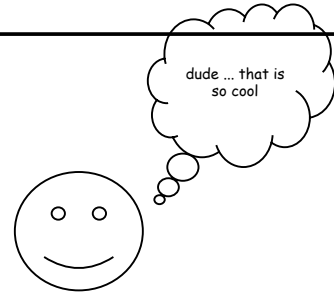
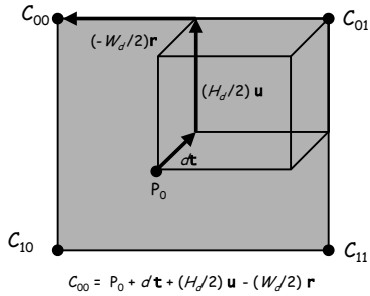
$$q = p + \mathbf{v} = (p_x + v_x, p_y + v_y, p_z + v_z)$$

corner coordinates

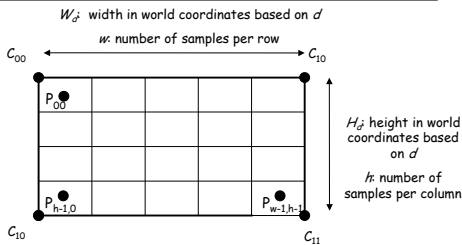


What are the coordinates of C_{00} ?

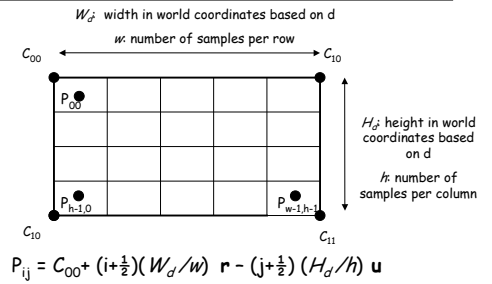
corner coordinates



pixel coordinates



pixel coordinates



choosing d

$$P_{ij} = C_{00} + (i + \frac{1}{2})(W_d/w) \mathbf{r} - (j + \frac{1}{2})(H_d/h) \mathbf{u}$$

Let's choose d so that $H_d = h$.

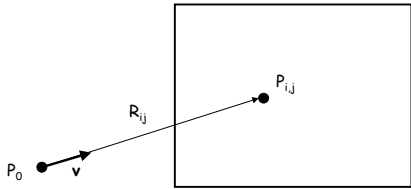
So $d = h / (2 \tan(\theta))$.

Then $W_d = \rho H = \rho h = w$.

specification

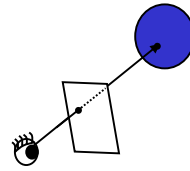
- Input specification
 - Viewpoint position P_0 and orientation \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{u}
 - Image width w and height h in pixels
 - Half-height angle θ
- Compute
 - Right vector $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{u}$
 - Aspect ratio $\rho = w/h$
 - $d = h / (2 \tan \theta)$
 - $H_d = h, W_d = w$

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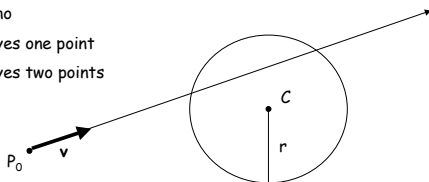
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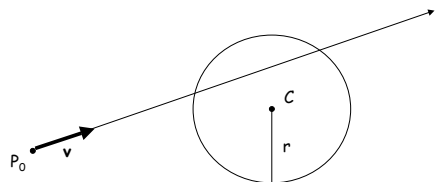
sphere intersection

- Is there a point that lies on the sphere and on the ray (P_0, \mathbf{v}) ?
- Possible answers
 - no
 - yes one point
 - yes two points



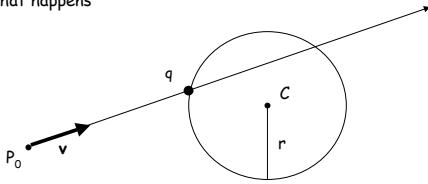
sphere intersection

- Is there a point that lies on the sphere and on the ray (P_0, \mathbf{v}) ?
- If so, choose the one closest to P_0 .



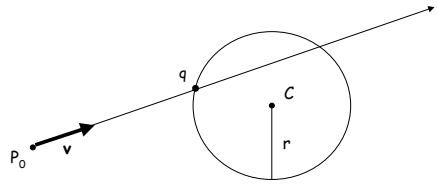
sphere intersection

- Is there a point that lies on the sphere and on the ray (P_0, \mathbf{v}) ?
- To answer this question we'll assume there is a point q and see what happens



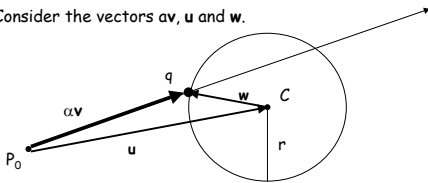
sphere intersection

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- Consider the vectors $\alpha \mathbf{v}$, \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{w} .



Then $\mathbf{w} = \alpha \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}$ and

$$r^2 = \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} = (\alpha \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \cdot (\alpha \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \\ = \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - 2\alpha(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

sphere intersection

Does the ray intersect the sphere?



Does the quadratic (in α)

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \alpha^2 - 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \alpha + \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - r^2$$

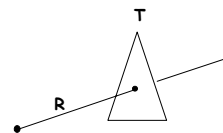
have any real, non-negative roots?

- No: no intersection
- Yes: intersection point is $q = P_0 + r\mathbf{v}$ where r is the smallest non-negative root.

intersection

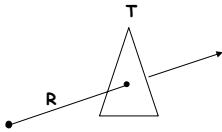
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triangle intersection



- do R and T intersect?
- if so, where?

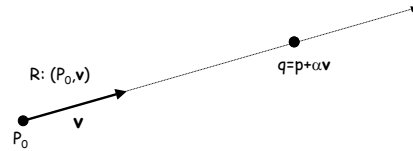
triangle intersection



1. Find the intersection point (if any) of R and the plane containing T.
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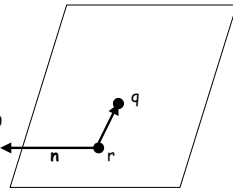
ray: parametric form

a point q lies on $R=(p,v)$ iff $q=p+\alpha v$ for some $\alpha \geq 0$



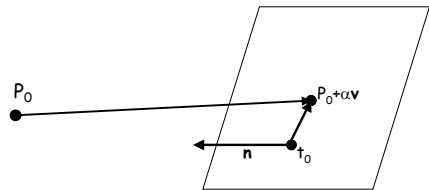
plane

Let n be a normal to the plane.
Let r be a point on the plane.
Let q be an arbitrary point in space.
Then q lies on the plane iff $n \cdot (q-r) = 0$



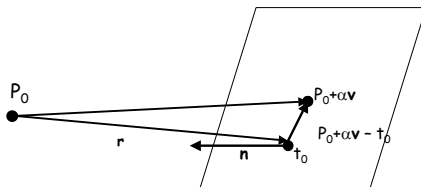
plane intersection

Is there a point $P_0 + \alpha v$, $\alpha \geq 0$, such that $n \cdot (P_0 + \alpha v - t_0) = 0$?



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Assume there is and solve for α .

Then $0 = n \cdot (P_0 + \alpha v - t_0) = n \cdot (\alpha v - r)$ where r is the vector from P_0 to t_0 .

plane intersection

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Is there an α such that $n \cdot (\alpha v - r) = 0$?

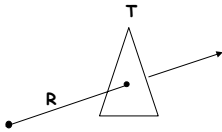
If $n \cdot v = 0$ then R is either parallel to plane or it lies in the plane.

If $n \cdot v \neq 0$ then $\alpha = (n \cdot r) / (n \cdot v)$.

If $\alpha \geq 0$ then R intersects the plane at point $P_0 + \alpha v$.

If $\alpha < 0$ then R does not intersect plane.

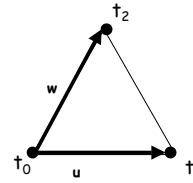
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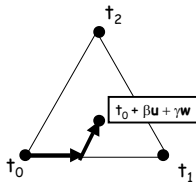
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a point q lies on the plane containing the triangle T iff $q = t_0 + \beta u + \gamma w$ for some β and γ .



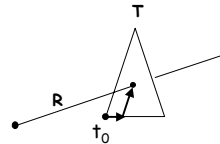
triangle: parametric form

a point q lies on the triangle T iff $q = t_0 + \beta u + \gamma w$ where $\beta \geq 0, \gamma \geq 0, \beta + \gamma \leq 1$



triangle intersection

Find β, γ such that $P_0 + \alpha v = t_0 + \beta u + \gamma w$
 $\beta, \gamma \geq 0$
 $\beta + \gamma \leq 1$



triangle intersection

let $s = P_0 + \alpha v - t_0$

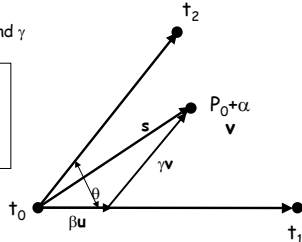
then $s = \beta u + \gamma w$ for some β and γ

To find β and γ solve system of equations:

$$\beta(u \cdot w) + \gamma(w \cdot w) = s \cdot w$$

$$\beta(u \cdot u) + \gamma(w \cdot u) = s \cdot u$$

if $\beta, \gamma \geq 0$ and $\beta + \gamma \leq 1$ then the intersection point lies in the triangle T



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Etc. - you get to do these

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