



Computação Gráfica

Computer Graphics

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Chap. 2 – Geometry Basics



Overview

....:

- Scalar, point, and vector
- Vector space and affine space
- Basic point and vector operations
- Lines, planes, and triangles
- More generic geometric objects
- Rasterization
- Modern OpenGL pipeline

Scalar, point, and vector

Scalar:

- Definition: a quantity, e.g., edge length

Point:

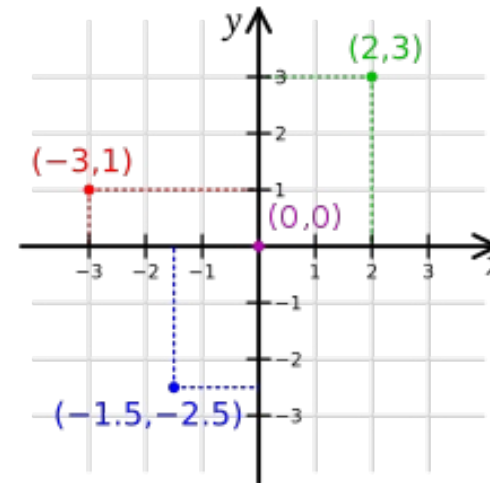
- Definition: a location in space
- specified by an k-tuple
- always given with respect to some coordinate system

Vector:

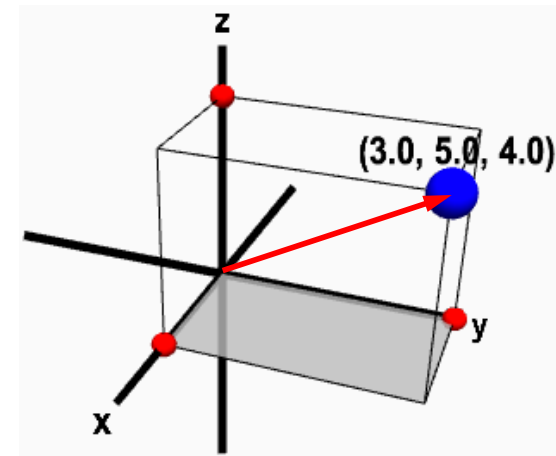
- Definition: a directed line segment between points

Spaces:

- Examples: vector space, affine space, Euclidean space, etc.



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Vector space

Definition:

- A set of vectors with scalar multiplications and vector additions

Operations:

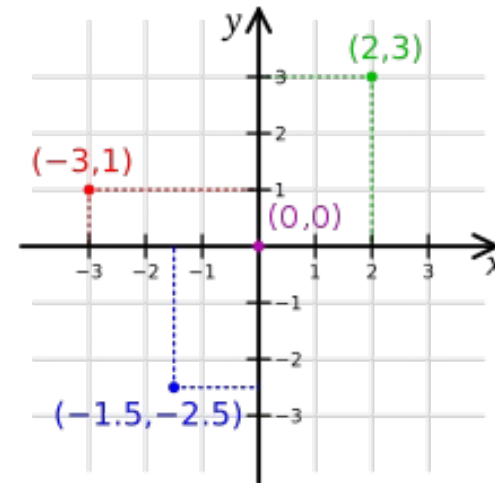
- Scalar-vector multiplication: $\mathbf{u} = \alpha \mathbf{v}$
- Vector-vector addition: $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

Composition:

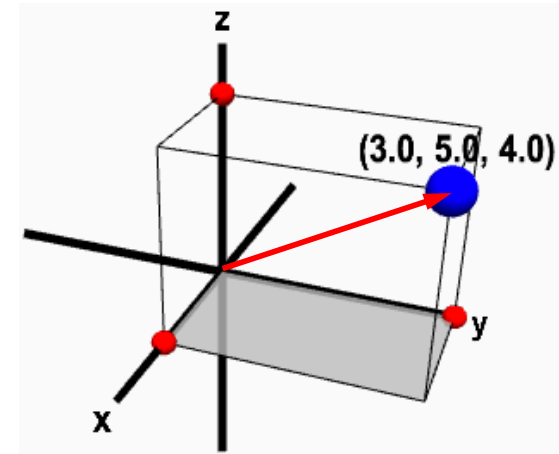
- Expressions like $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$ make sense in a vector space

Issue:

- But vectors lack position.
- Inadequate for representing geometry – we need positions, which are given by points



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

We need points to represent geometric objects

Affine space

Definition:

- a vector space + points.

Operations:

- Scalar-vector multiplication
- Vector-vector addition
- *Point-vector addition*
- *Affine sum of points and convex sums*

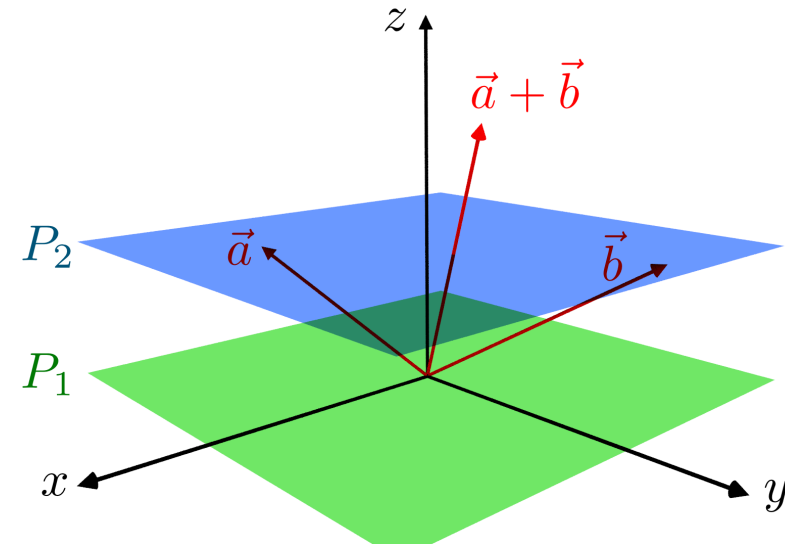
Invariant:

- paralelism

Special affine space:

- Euclidean space: a vector space + distance/norm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Affine_space



While the lower (green) plane P_1 is a vector subspace of \mathbf{R}^3 , this is not true for the upper (blue) plane P_2 : For any two vectors $a, b \in P_2$ we find $a + b \notin P_2$. However, P_2 is an example of an affine space. The difference $a - b$ of two of its elements lies in P_1 and constitutes a displacement vector.

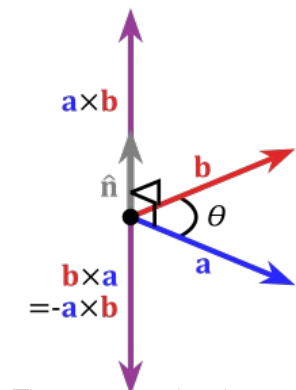
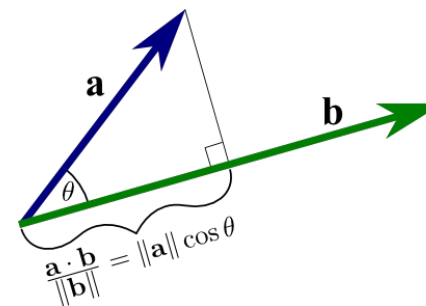
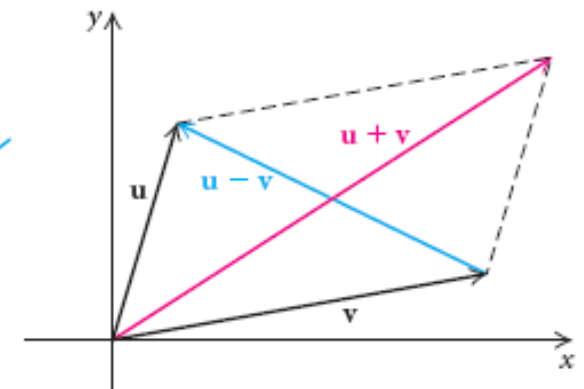
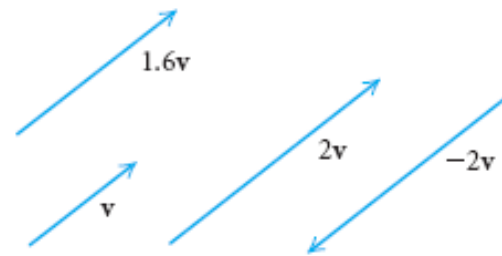
Basic point and vector operations

Mixing operations:

- point – point = vector
- point + vector = point

Vector operations:

- scalar * vector = vector
- vector + vector = vector
- vector · vector = scalar (dot product)
- vector × vector = vector (cross product)

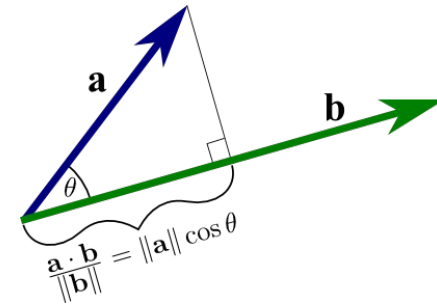


The cross product in respect to a right-handed coordinate system

More on dot product

Expressions:

- $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$
- $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$

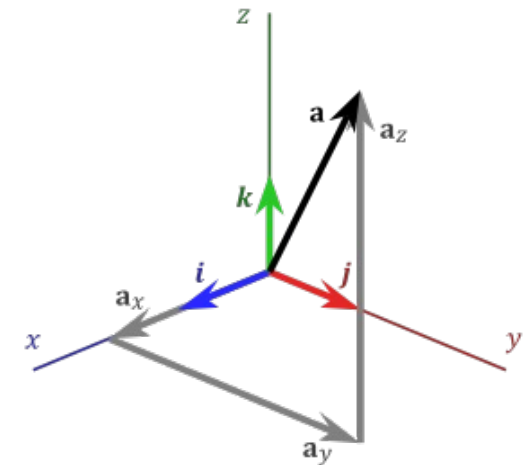


Geometric meanings:

- Two vectors are orthogonal iff $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$
- If \mathbf{b} is normalized ($\|\mathbf{b}\| = 1$), then $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ yields the projection of \mathbf{a} in the direction of \mathbf{b}
- $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2$ is always non-negative

More on cross product

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross_product



Expressions:

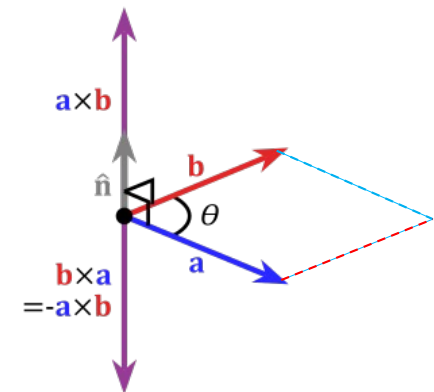
$$- \quad \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$- \quad \|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta = \text{area of the parallelogram}$$

$$- \quad \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$$

Geometric meanings:

- The direction of the cross product is determined by the *right hand rule*
- Cross product $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is a vector perpendicular to \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} – frequently used to compute the *normal to a plane*



Affine and convex sums

Affine sum:

- Addition of two arbitrary points is not defined in an affine space
- However, given two points P_1 and P_2 , we can always find a point P between P_1 and P_2 as follows:

$$P = P_1 + \alpha(P_2 - P_1) \quad \text{or} \quad P = (1 - \alpha)P_1 + \alpha P_2$$

with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

- Thus, *affine sum* (combination) of points can be defined as:

$$\alpha_1 P_1 + \alpha_2 P_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n P_n$$

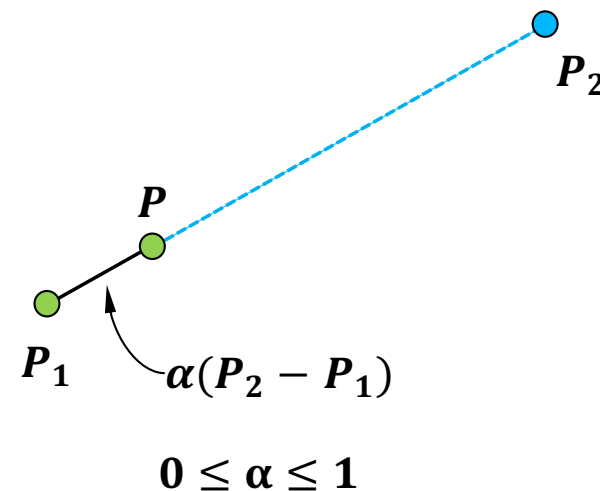
with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n = 1$

Convex sum:

- Thus, *convex sum* (combination) of points can be defined as:

$$\alpha_1 P_1 + \alpha_2 P_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n P_n$$

with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n = 1$ and $\alpha_i \geq 0$ for all i



Triangle and barycentric coordinates

Convex sum of 3 points:

- However, given three points P_1 , P_2 , and P_3 , we can always find a point P in the triangle $\Delta P_1 P_2 P_3$ as follows:

$$P = \alpha_1 P_1 + \alpha_2 P_2 + \alpha_3 P_3$$

with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 1$

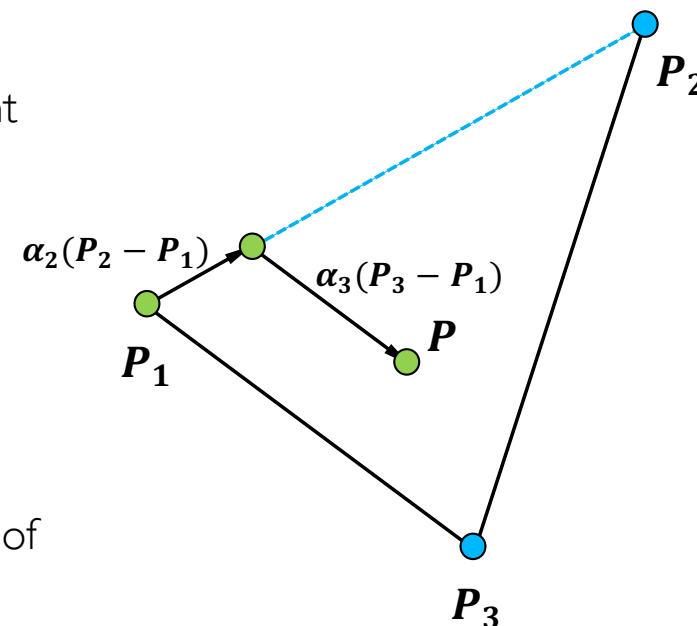
- According to the definition of affine sum (combination), this point P can be defined as follows:

$$P = P_1 + \alpha_2(P_2 - P_1) + \alpha_3(P_3 - P_1)$$

- Example: on right-hand side, we can have the point P generated when

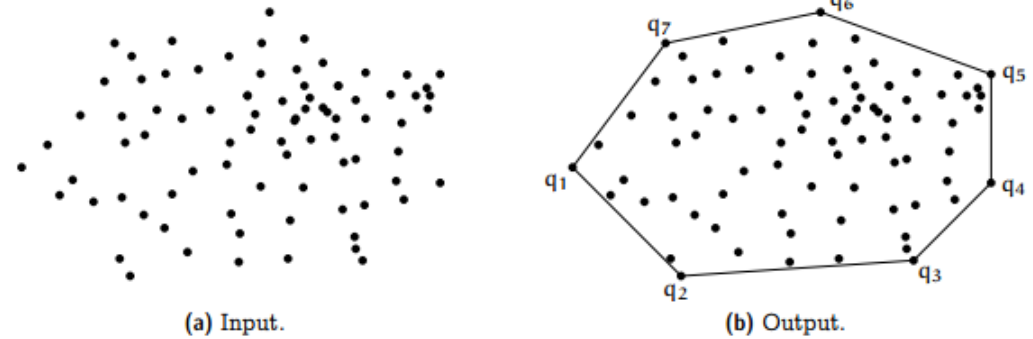
$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

- The weights α_1 , α_2 , and α_3 are called barycentric coordinates of the triangle $\Delta P_1 P_2 P_3$



Convex hull

<https://www.ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/Lehre/CG13/lecture/Chapter%203.pdf>



Definition:

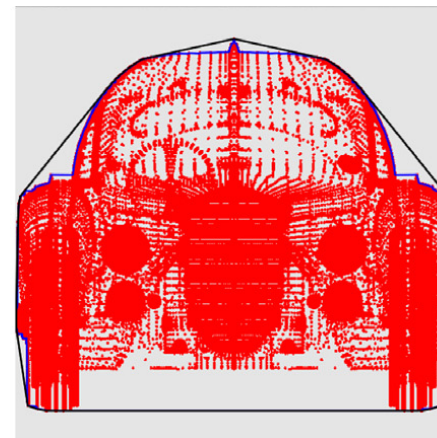
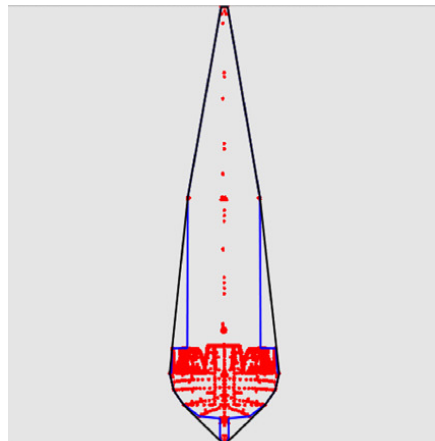
- *Convex hull* of a set of points: set of convex combination of these points

Another definition:

- Alternatively, the *convex hull* is the smallest convex object containing the set of points

Applications:

- Fast collision detection in digital games and robotics.



Straight line representations

Given two points P and Q on the line, we have:

Parametric: (affine sum)

$$p(t) = P + t(Q - P)$$

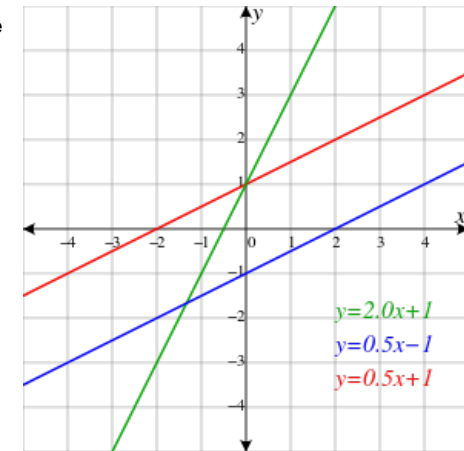
Explicit:

$$y = mx + b$$

Implicit:

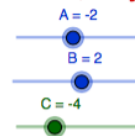
$$Ax + By + C = 0$$

Explicit equation of a straight line



Implicit equation of a straight line

$$A \cdot x + B \cdot y + C = 0$$

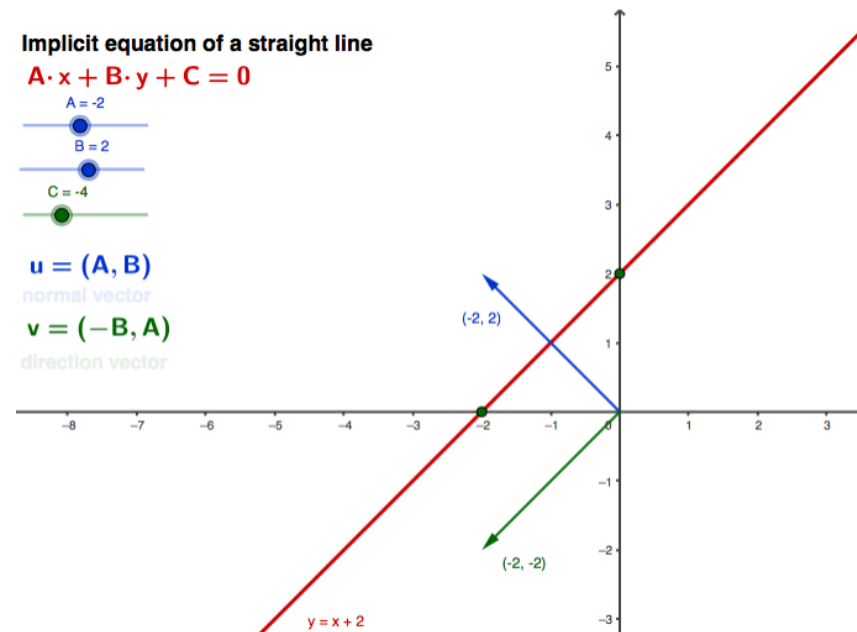


$$u = (A, B)$$

normal vector

$$v = (-B, A)$$

direction vector



Plane representations

Given three points P, Q , and R on the plane, we have:

Parametric: (affine sum)

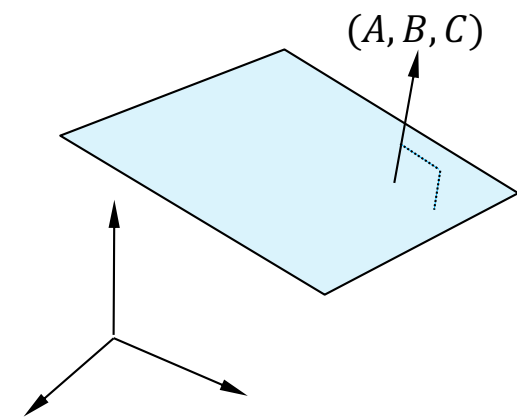
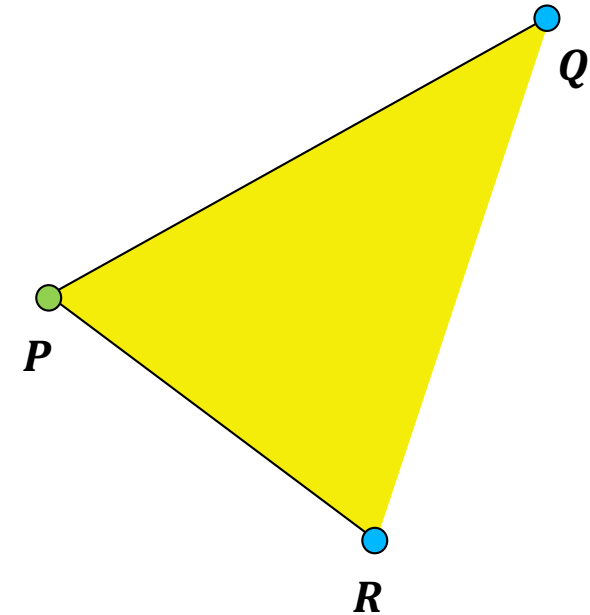
$$\mathbf{p}(t, u) = \mathbf{P} + t(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) + u(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})$$

Implicit:

$$f(x, y, z) = Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$$

- Typically, (A, B, C) is the normal vector of the plane
- If $f(x_0, y_0, z_0) \geq 0$, the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) is above the plane
- If $f(x_0, y_0, z_0) \leq 0$, the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) is below the plane
- The distance from (x_0, y_0, z_0) to the plane is given by

$$d = \frac{||Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 + D||}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$



Implicit surfaces

Definition:

- An implicit surface is a zero set of a function:
- Example: the unit sphere

$$f(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - r^2 = 0$$

Other designations:

- Isosurface / Level set

Unit surface normal:

- It is the normalized gradient vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|}, \text{ where } \nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

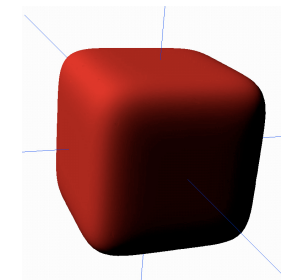
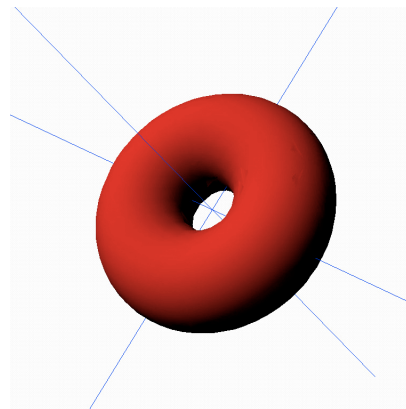
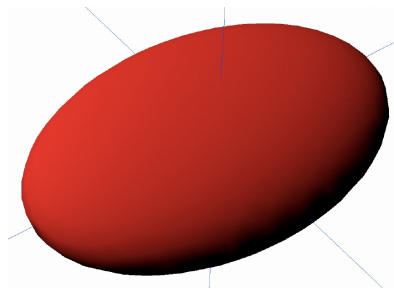
Advantages:

- The entire surface is represented by a single function.
- We can perform interesting operations with this function.
- Example: adding multiple surface functions together where

Implicit as solids

Representation of solids:

- Implicit functions represent important classes of solids.
- Example:
 - Ellipsoid: is a closed, manifold surface that encloses a solid.
- The surface of such a solid is said to be its boundary, which separates the interior from the exterior of the solid.



Quadric surfaces

They are a particular case of implicit surfaces.

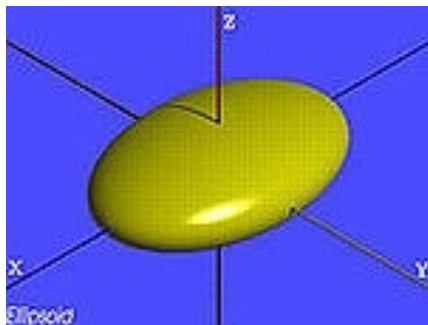
Definition:

- Every quadric surface is defined by the 2nd degree polynomial:

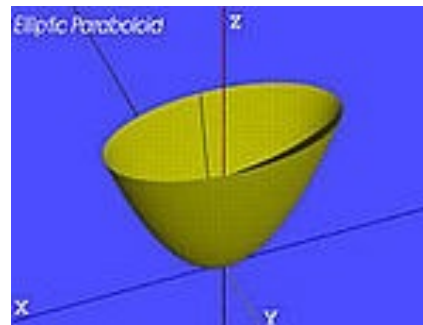
$$f(x,y,z) = Ax^2 + 2Bxy + 2Cxz + 2Dx + Ey^2 + 2Fyz + 2Gy + Hz^2 + 2Iz + J = 0$$

Matrix form:

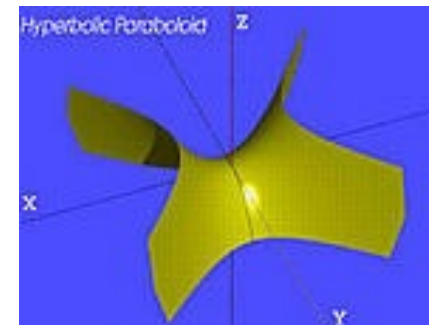
$$f(x,y,z) = v^T M v = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ B & E & F & G \\ C & F & H & I \\ D & G & I & J \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - z = 0$$



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - z = 0$$

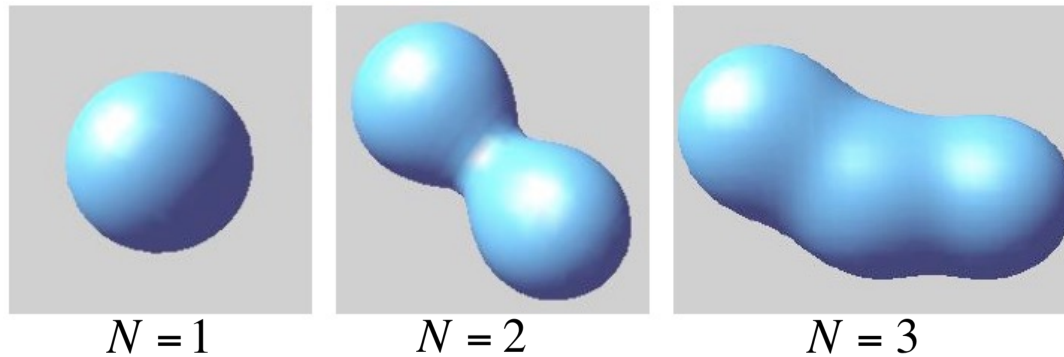
Gaussian blob surfaces

They are another particular case of implicit surfaces.

Definition:

- A Gaussian blob surface is defined by summing up Gaussian functions for a given threshold T , each one of which is associated to a point (e.g., center of an atom) in 3D space

$$- \quad f(x,y,z) = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i - T = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad f_i(x,y,z) = ae^{-\left(\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-y_0)^2}{2\sigma_y^2} + \frac{(z-z_0)^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right)}$$





How is the geometry really rendered on screen?

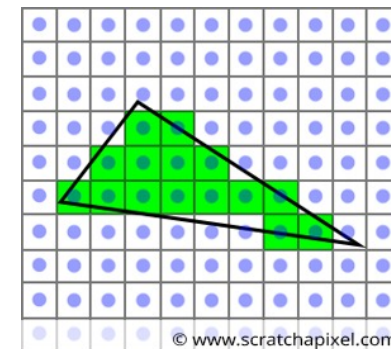
Raster display

Definition:

- Discrete grid of elements (frame buffer of pixels).
 - Shapes drawn by setting the “right” elements
 - Frame buffer is scanned, one line at a time, to refresh the image (as opposed to vector display)

Properties:

- Difficult to draw smooth lines
- Displays only a discrete approximation of any shape
- Refresh of entire frame buffer



Raster terminology

Pixel: Picture Element

- Smallest accessible element in picture.
- Usually rectangular or circular.

Aspect Ratio:

- Ratio between physical dimensions of pixel (not necessarily 1).

Dynamic Range:

- Ratio between minimal (not zero!) and maximal light intensity emitted by displayed pixel

Resolution:

- Number of distinguishable rows and columns on a device measured in:
 - Absolute values (nxm)
 - Relative values (e.g., 300 dpi)
- Usually rectangular or circular.

Screen space:

- Discrete 2D Cartesian coordinate system of screen pixels.

Object space:

- Discrete 3D Cartesian coordinate system of the domain or scene or the objects live in.

Rasterization (or scan conversion)

Definition:

- The process of converting geometry into pixels.
- From screen coordinates (float) to pixels (int)
- Writing pixels into frame buffer.

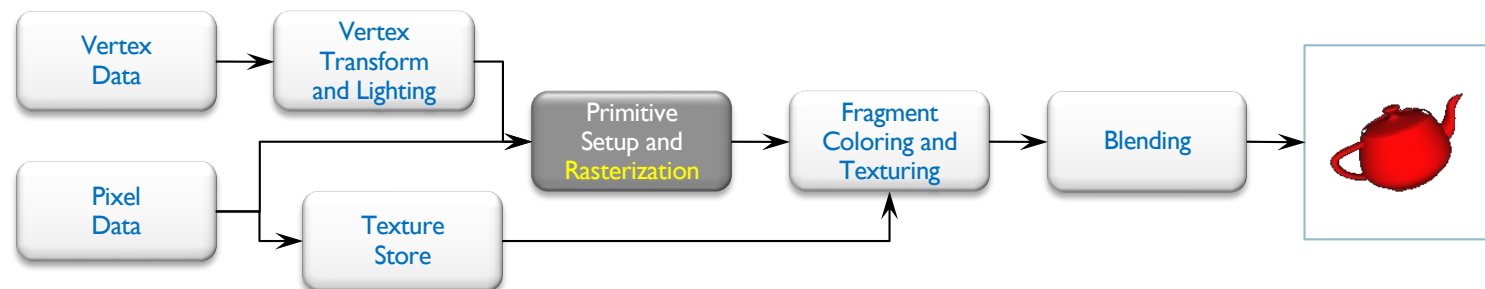
Rasterization:

- Figuring out which pixels to turn on.

Shading:

- Determine a color for each filled pixel.

Modern OpenGL Pipeline:



Graphics primitives

OpenGL Primitive Taxonomy:

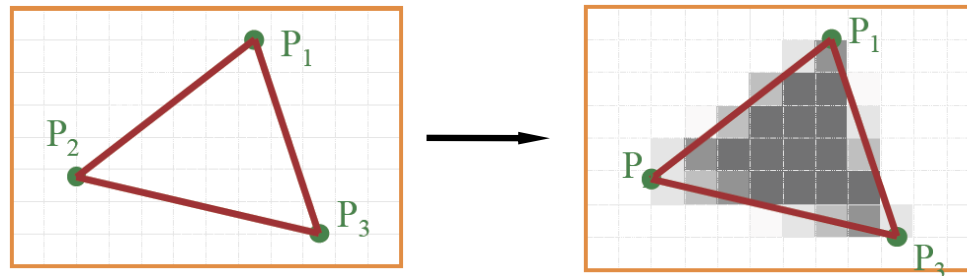
- Point: POINTS
- Line: LINES, LINE_STRIP, LINE_LOOP
- Triangle: TRIANGLES, TRIANGLE_STRIP, TRIANGLE_FAN
- Polygon: QUADS, QUAD_STRIP, POLYGON

Other Primitives:

- Any other geometric object must be discretized somehow into points, lines, triangles, quadrangles, and polygons.

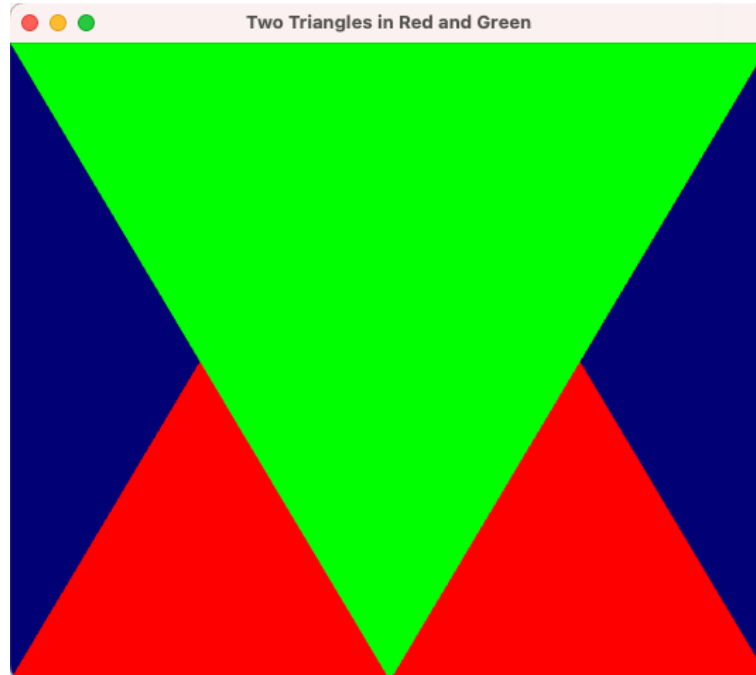
Most used primitive:

- triangle





Example in OpenGL



P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

```
// Include standard headers
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

// Include GLEW
#include <GL/glew.h>

// Include GLFW
#include <GLFW/glfw3.h>
GLFWwindow* window;

// GLM header file
#include <glm/glm.hpp>
using namespace glm;

// shaders header file
#include <common/shader.hpp>

// Vertex array object (VAO)
GLuint VertexArrayID;

// Vertex buffer object (VBO)
GLuint vertexbuffer;

// color buffer object (CBO)
GLuint colorbuffer;

// GLSL program from the shaders
GLuint programID;
```

```
// function prototypes
void transferDataToGPUMemory(void);
void cleanupDataFromGPU();
void draw();
```

P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

```

int main( void )
{
    // Initialise GLFW
    glfwInit();
    // Setting up OpenGL version and the like
    glfwWindowHint(GLFW_SAMPLES, 4);
    glfwWindowHint(GLFW_CONTEXT_VERSION_MAJOR, 3);
    glfwWindowHint(GLFW_CONTEXT_VERSION_MINOR, 3);
    glfwWindowHint(GLFW_OPENGL_FORWARD_COMPAT, GL_TRUE); // To make MacOS happy; should not be needed
    glfwWindowHint(GLFW_OPENGL_PROFILE, GLFW_OPENGL_CORE_PROFILE);
    // Open a window
    window = glfwCreateWindow( 1024, 768, "Two Triangles in Red and Green", NULL, NULL);
    // Create window context
    glfwMakeContextCurrent(window);
    // Initialize GLEW
    glewExperimental = true; // Needed for core profile
    glewInit();
    // Ensure we can capture the escape key being pressed below
    glfwSetInputMode(window, GLFW_STICKY_KEYS, GL_TRUE);
    // Dark blue background
    glClearColor(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.4f, 0.0f);
    // transfer my data (vertices, colors, and shaders) to GPU side
    transferDataToGPUmemory();
    // render scene for each frame
    do{ // drawing callback
        draw();
        // Swap buffers
        glfwSwapBuffers(window);
        // looking for input events
        glfwPollEvents();
    } while (glfwGetKey(window, GLFW_KEY_ESCAPE ) != GLFW_PRESS && glfwWindowShouldClose(window) == 0);
    // Cleanup VAO, VBOs, and shaders from GPU
    cleanupDataFromGPU();
    // Close OpenGL window and terminate GLFW
    glfwTerminate();
    return 0;
}

```

P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

```
void transferDataToGPUmemory(void)
{
    // VAO
    glGenVertexArrays(1, &VertexArrayID);
    glBindVertexArray(VertexArrayID);

    // Create and compile our GLSL program from the shaders
    programID = LoadShaders( "vertexshader.vs", "fragmentshader.fs" );
    // vertices for 2 triangles
    static const GLfloat g_vertex_buffer_data[] = {
        -1.0f, -1.0f, 0.0f,
        1.0f, -1.0f, 0.0f,
        0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
        -1.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
        1.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
        0.0f, -1.0f, 0.0f,
    };

    // One color for each vertex
    static const GLfloat g_color_buffer_data[] = {
        1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
        1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
        1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
        0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
        0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
        0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
    };

    // Move vertex data to video memory; specifically to VBO called vertexbuffer
    glGenBuffers(1, &vertexbuffer);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vertexbuffer);
    glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(g_vertex_buffer_data), g_vertex_buffer_data, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
    // Move color data to video memory; specifically to CBO called colorbuffer
    glGenBuffers(1, &colorbuffer);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, colorbuffer);
    glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(g_color_buffer_data), g_color_buffer_data, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
}
```

P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

```
void cleanupDataFromGPU()
{
    glDeleteBuffers(1, &vertexbuffer);
    glDeleteBuffers(1, &colorbuffer);
    glDeleteVertexArrays(1, &VertexArrayID);
    glDeleteProgram(programID);
}
```

P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

```
void draw (void)
{
    // Clear the screen
    glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT );
    // Use our shader
    glUseProgram(programID);

    // 1st attribute buffer : vertices
    glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vertexbuffer);
    glVertexAttribPointer(
        0,          // attribute 0. No particular reason for 0, but must match the layout in the shader.
        3,          // size
        GL_FLOAT,  // type
        GL_FALSE,  // normalized?
        0,          // stride
        (void*)0   // array buffer offset
    );

    // 2nd attribute buffer : colors
    glEnableVertexAttribArray(1);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, colorbuffer);
    glVertexAttribPointer(
        1,          // attribute. No particular reason for 1, but must match the layout in the shader.
        3,          // size
        GL_FLOAT,  // type
        GL_FALSE,  // normalized?
        0,          // stride
        (void*)0   // array buffer offset
    );

    // Draw the 2 triangles !
    glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 6); // 6 indices starting at 0
    // Disable arrays of attributes for vertices
    glDisableVertexAttribArray(0);
    glDisableVertexAttribArray(1);
}
```

P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

vertexshader.vs

```
#version 330 core

// Input vertex data and color data
layout(location = 0) in vec3 vertexPosition;
layout(location = 1) in vec3 vertexColor;

// Output fragment data
out vec3 fragmentColor;

void main()
{
    // position of each vertex in homogeneous coordinates
    gl_Position.xyz = vertexPosition;
    gl_Position.w = 1.0;

    // the vertex shader just passes the color to fragment shader
    fragmentColor = vertexColor;
}
```

P01, Exercise 1:

Graphics application to draw 2 triangles w/ different colors

fragmentshader.fs

```
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// Interpolated values from the vertex shaders
in vec3 fragmentColor;

// Output data
out vec3 color;

void main()
{
    color = fragmentColor;
}
```



Summary

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- Scalar, point, and vector
- Vector space and affine space
- Basic point and vector operations
- Lines, planes, and triangles
- More generic geometric objects
- Rasterization
- Modern OpenGL pipeline