

Ray vs. Scene Intersections

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Result

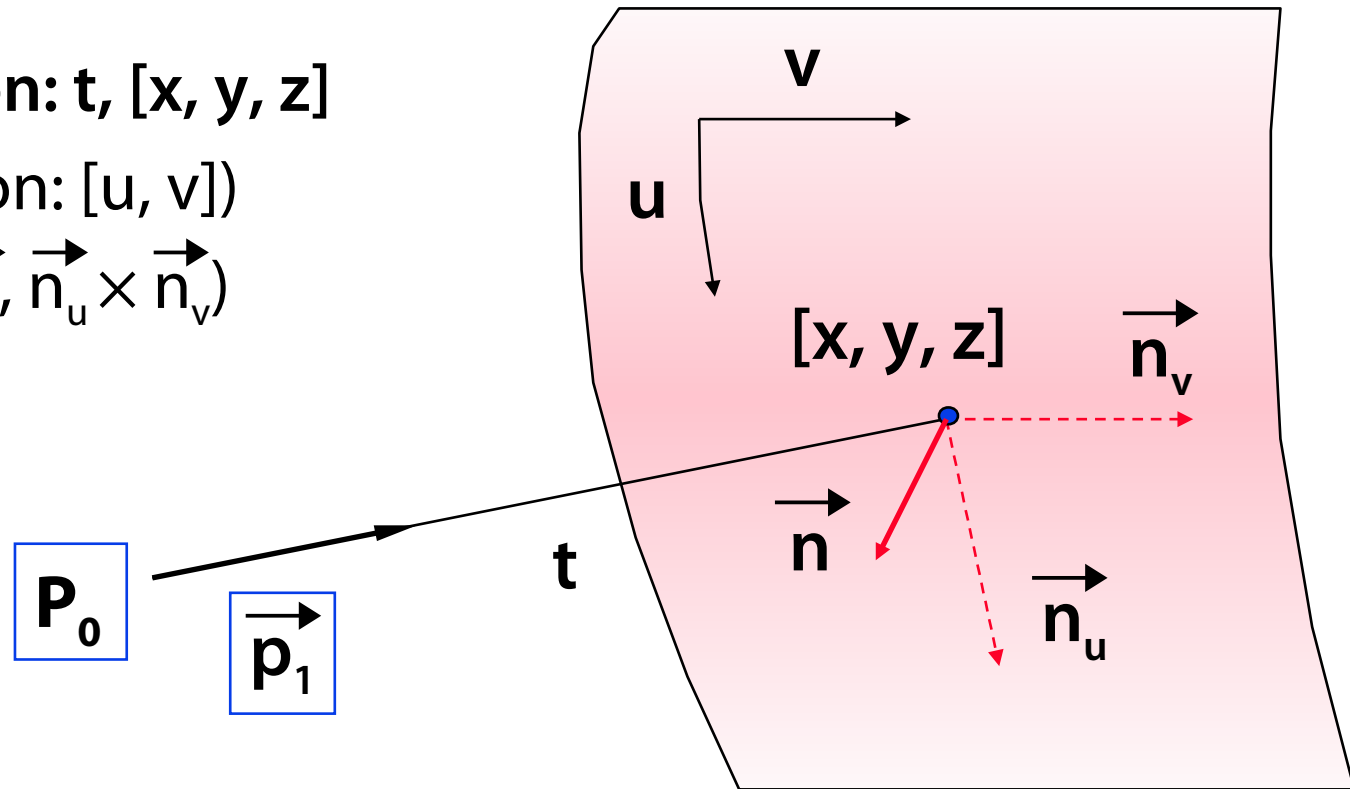
3D position: \mathbf{t} , $[x, y, z]$

(2D position: $[u, v]$)

(Normal: \vec{n} , $\vec{n}_u \times \vec{n}_v$)

Input

Ray: P_0, \vec{p}_1

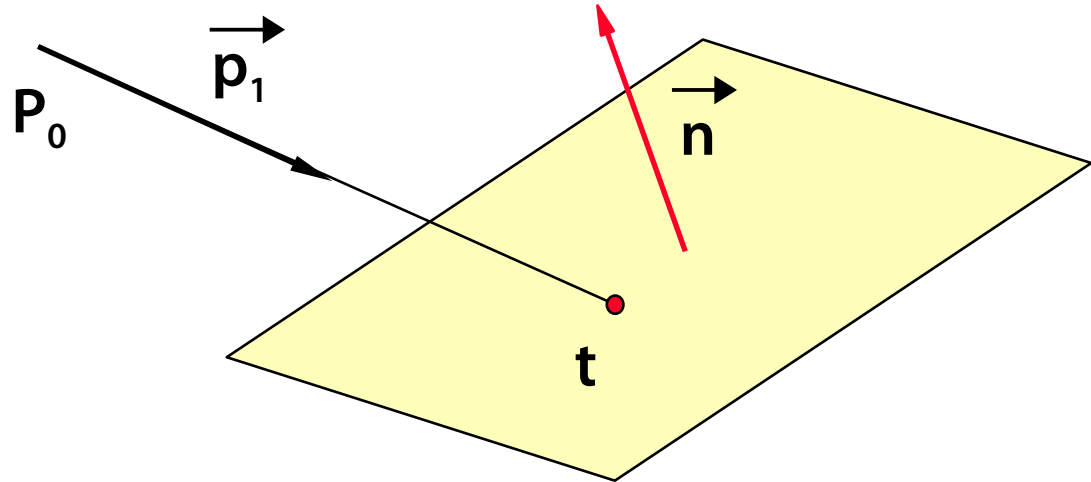




Plane

Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$



Plane

$$\vec{n} = [x_n, y_n, z_n]$$

$$x \cdot x_n + y \cdot y_n + z \cdot z_n + D = 0$$

Intersection $t = -(\vec{n} \cdot P_0 + D) / (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}_1)$

Negative: $2\pm, 3^*$, positive: $5\pm, 6^*, 1/$

Computation of $[x, y, z]$: $3\pm, 3^*$



Inverse transformation on the plane

Plane

$$PI(u,v) = PI_0 + \vec{u} \cdot U + \vec{v} \cdot V$$

$$\vec{U} = [x_u, y_u, z_u], \vec{V} = [x_v, y_v, z_v]$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{U} \times \vec{V}$$

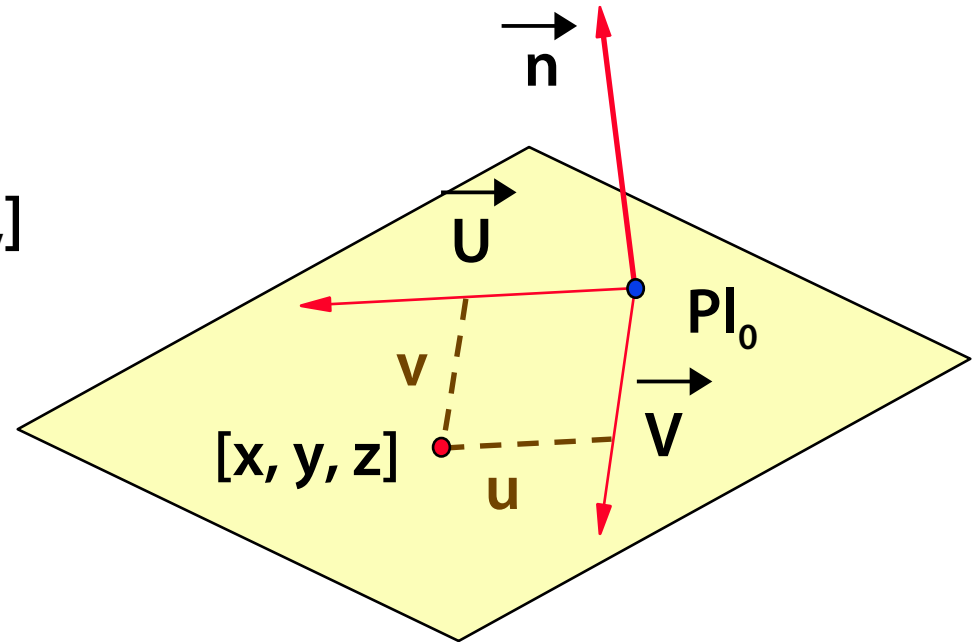
Input $PI_0, \vec{U}, \vec{V}, [x, y, z]$

Result $[u, v]$

Linear system $\underline{u} \cdot x_u + \underline{v} \cdot x_v = x - PI_{0x}$

$$\underline{u} \cdot y_u + \underline{v} \cdot y_v = y - PI_{0y}$$

Solution $[u, v]$: $5\pm, 5^*, 2/$





Parallelogram

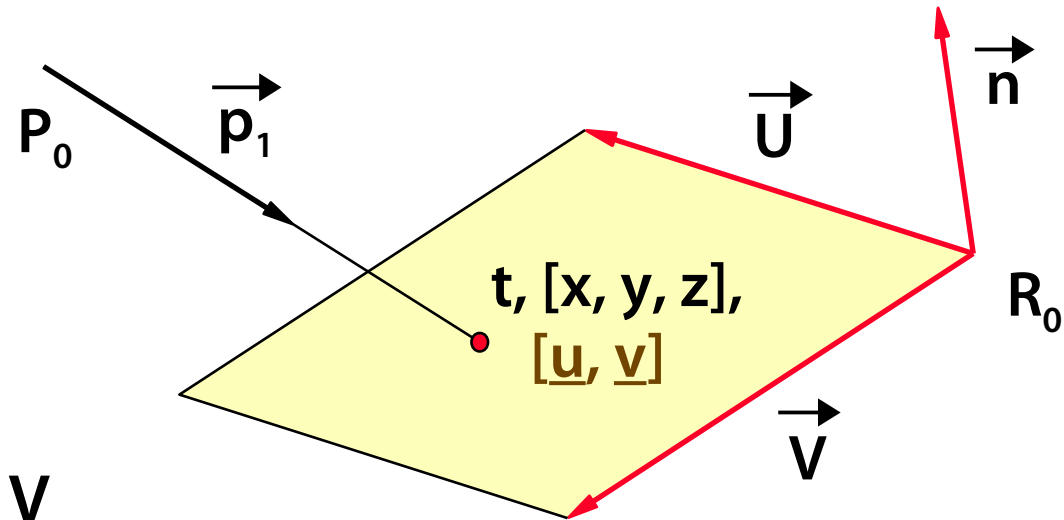
Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$

Parallelogram

$$R(u,v) = R_0 + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{U} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{V}$$

$$0 \leq u, v \leq 1$$



Computing

$t, [x, y, z], [u, v]$, tests of u, v

Positive case total

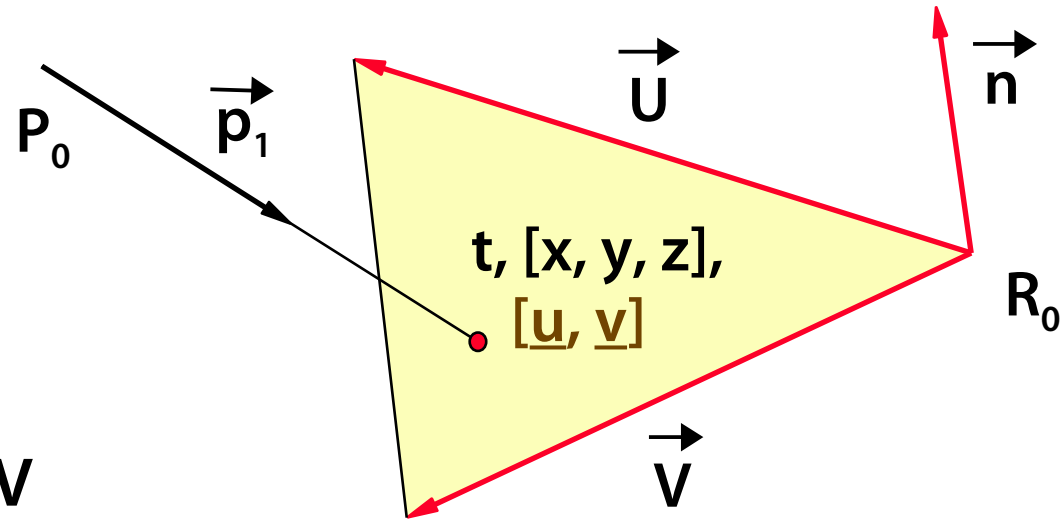
$13\pm, 14^*, 3/, 4\leq$



Triangle

Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$



Triangle

$$R(u,v) = R_0 + \vec{u} \cdot U + \vec{v} \cdot V$$

$$0 \leq u, v, \underline{u+v} \leq 1$$

Computing

$t, [x, y, z], [u, v]$, tests of u, v

Positive case total $14_{\pm}, 14^*, 3/, 3_{\leq}$



General planar polygon

Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$

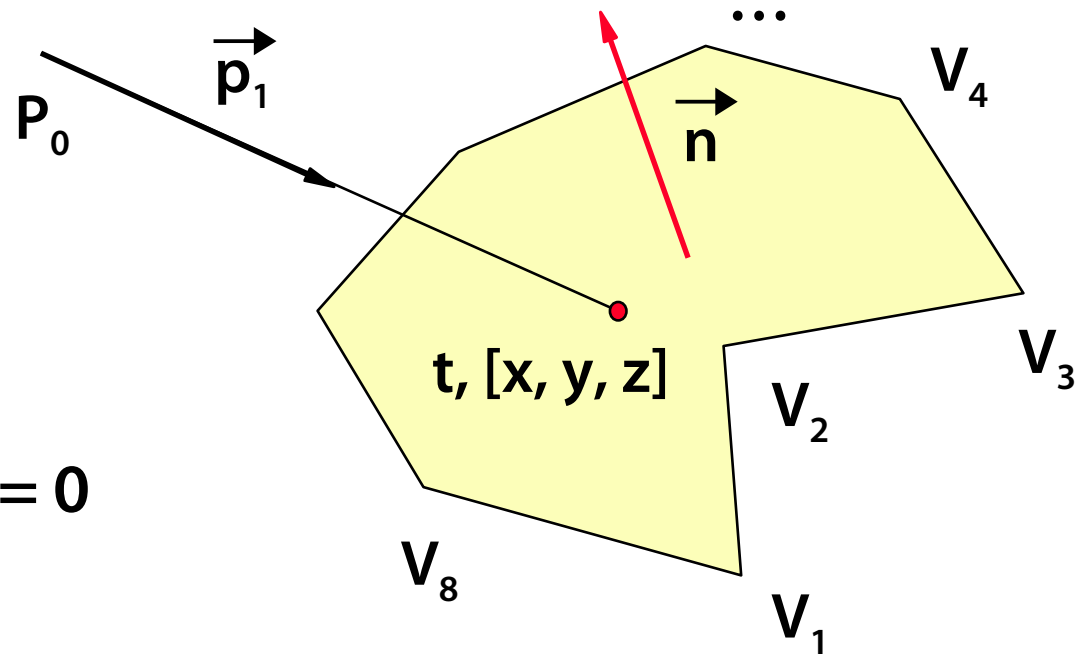
Polygon plane

$$\vec{n} = [x_n, y_n, z_n]$$

$$x \cdot x_n + y \cdot y_n + z \cdot z_n + D = 0$$

Polygon vertices

$$V_1, V_2 \dots V_M$$



Computing $t, [x, y, z]$, planar test: **point \times polygon**

Intersection with the plane: **$8\pm, 9^*, 1/$**



Parallel planes

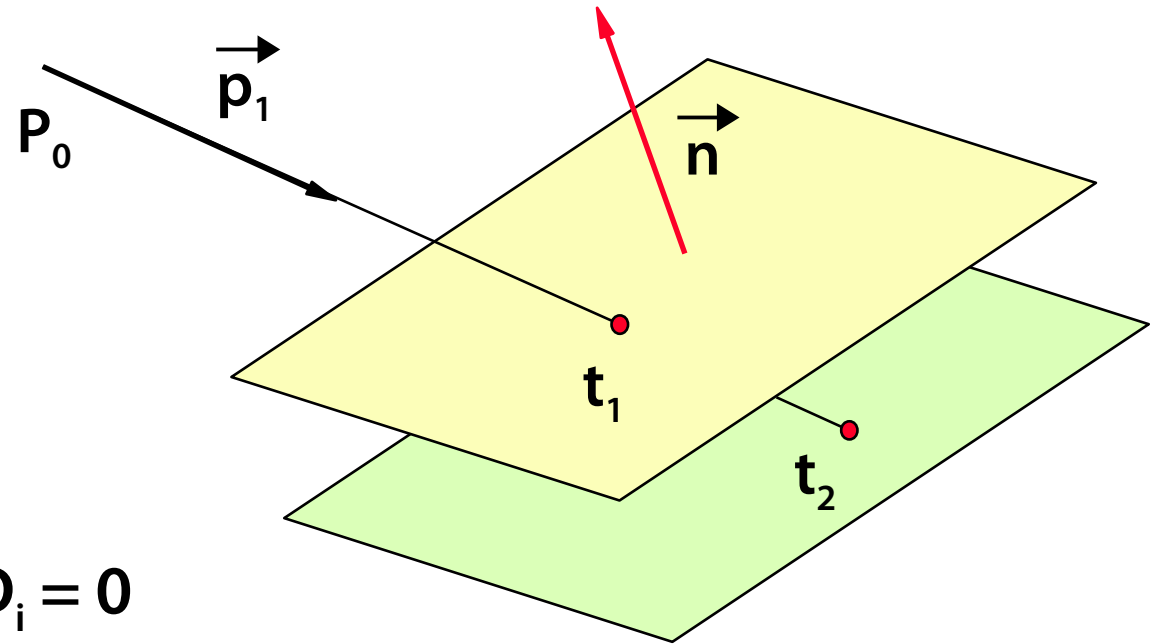
Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$

Parallel planes

$$\vec{n} = [x_n, y_n, z_n]$$

$$x \cdot x_n + y \cdot y_n + z \cdot z_n + D_i = 0$$



Intersections

$$t_i = -(\vec{n} \cdot P_0 + D_i) / (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}_1)$$

The 1st plane

$5 \pm, 6^*, 1/,$ every other plane: $1 \pm, 1/$



Convex polyhedron

Defined as an **intersection of K halfspaces**

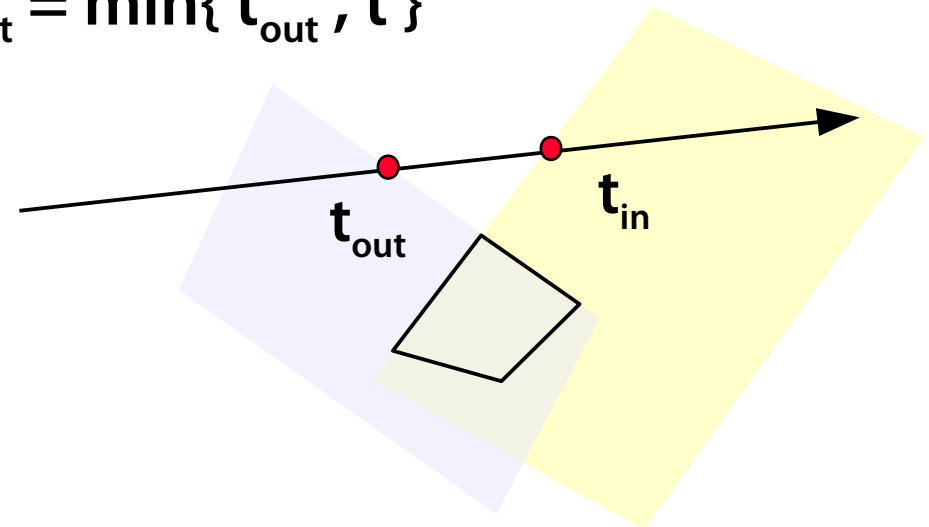
- at most K intersections ray vs. plane
- **parallelism** of planes can be used (cuboid)

Variables $\mathbf{t}_{in}, \mathbf{t}_{out}$ initialized to $0, \infty$

Ray vs. one halfspace: $\langle \mathbf{t}, \infty \rangle$ resp. $\langle -\infty, \mathbf{t} \rangle$

$$\mathbf{t}_{in} = \max\{\mathbf{t}_{in}, \mathbf{t}\} \text{ resp. } \mathbf{t}_{out} = \min\{\mathbf{t}_{out}, \mathbf{t}\}$$

Early exit if $\mathbf{t}_{in} > \mathbf{t}_{out}$





Implicit surface

Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$

Implicit surface

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

Example

$$(c - \cos ax) \cos z + (y + a \sin ax) \sin z + \cos a(x+z) = 0$$

Substitution $P(t)$ into F

$$F^*(t) = 0$$

Finding roots of the function $F^*(t)$

- sometimes only the **smallest positive root** is needed (the 1st intersection), for **CSG** we will need **all roots**



Algebraic surface

Ray

$$P(t) = P_0 + t \cdot \vec{p}_1$$

Algebraic surface of degree d

$$A(x, y, z) = \sum_{i+j+k \leq d} a_{ijk} \cdot x^i y^j z^k = 0$$

Example (toroid with radii a, b)

$$T_{ab}(x, y, z) = \left(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - a^2 - b^2 \right)^2 - 4a^2(b^2 - z^2)$$

After substitution $P(t)$ into A : $A^*(t) = 0$

A^* is a polynomial of degree d (at most)



Quadric (d=2)

General quadric

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} = 0}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ b & e & f & g \\ c & f & h & i \\ d & g & i & j \end{bmatrix}$$

After substitution of $\mathbf{P}(t)$

$$\underline{\mathbf{a}_2 t^2 + \mathbf{a}_1 t + \mathbf{a}_0 = 0,}$$

where $\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{P}_1, \quad \mathbf{a}_1 = 2\mathbf{P}_1^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{P}_0, \quad \mathbf{a}_0 = \mathbf{P}_0^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{P}_0$



Quadric of revolution

Quadric of revolution in standard position

$$\underline{x^2 + y^2 + az^2 + bz + c = 0}$$

Sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0,$$

After substitution of $\mathbf{P}(t)$

$$\underline{t^2(\mathbf{P}_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_1) + 2t(\mathbf{P}_0 \cdot \mathbf{P}_1) + (\mathbf{P}_0 \cdot \mathbf{P}_0) - 1 = 0}$$



Sphere (geometric solution)

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{P}_0 + t \cdot \vec{\mathbf{p}}_1$$

Center of the subtense

$$t_0 = (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{p}}_1)$$

Distance

$$D^2 = (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}) - t_0^2$$

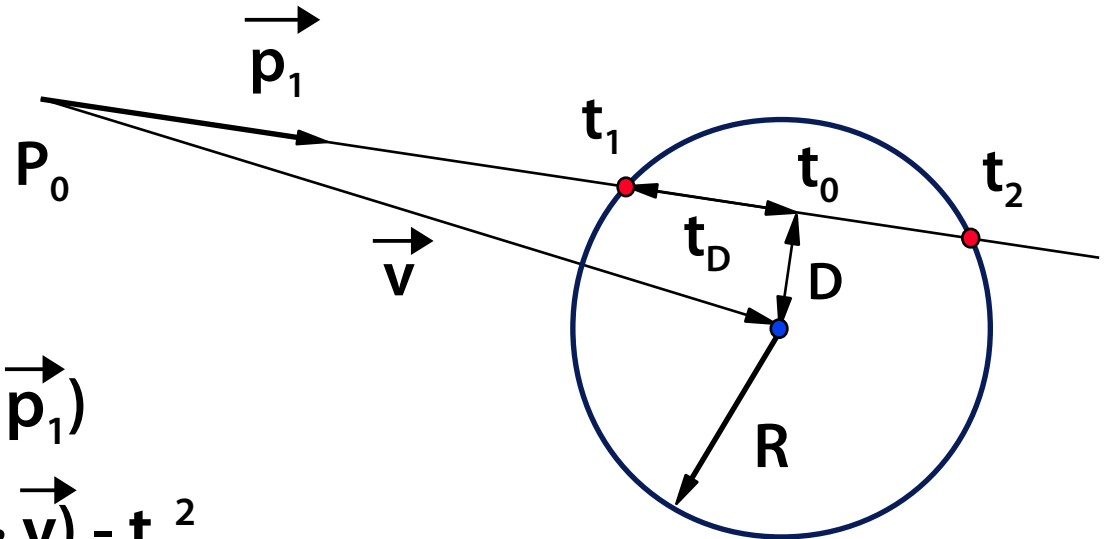
Inclination

$$t_D^2 = R^2 - D^2$$

For $t_D^2 = 0$ there is one tangent point $\mathbf{P}(t_0)$

For $t_D^2 > 0$ two intersections exist: $\mathbf{P}(t_0 \pm t_D)$

Negative case: $9 \pm, 6^*, 1 <$, positive – additional: $2 \pm, 1 \text{ sqrt}$





Inverse transformation on the sphere

Sphere

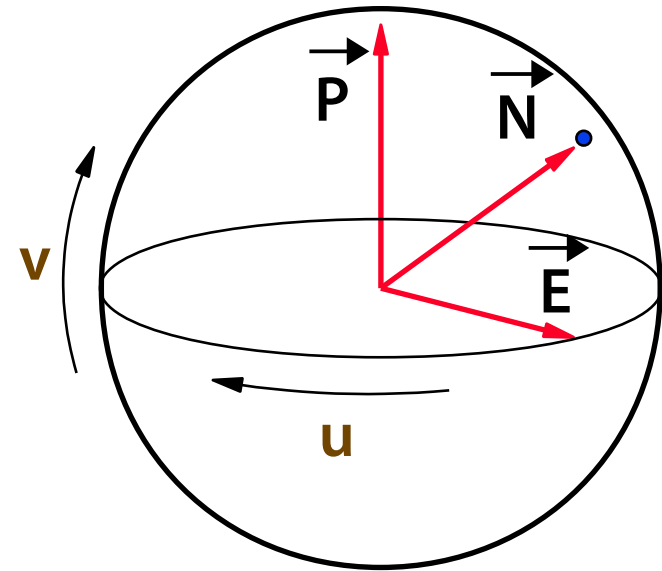
$$(x-x_c)^2+(y-y_c)^2+(z-z_c)^2=R^2$$

Pole dir: \vec{P} , equator dir: \vec{E}

$$(\vec{P} \cdot \vec{E}) = 0$$

Input $\vec{N}, \vec{P}, \vec{E}$

Result $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]$ from $[0,1]^2$



$$\Phi = \arccos(-\vec{N} \cdot \vec{P}), \quad \theta = \frac{\arccos[(\vec{N} \cdot \vec{E}) / \sin \Phi]}{2\pi}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{v}} = \Phi / \pi, \quad (\vec{P} \times \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{N} > 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{u}} = \theta, \quad \text{else } \underline{\mathbf{u}} = 1 - \theta$$



Cylinder and cone

Unit cylinder and unit cone in canonic position

$$\underline{x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0}$$

$$\underline{x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0}$$

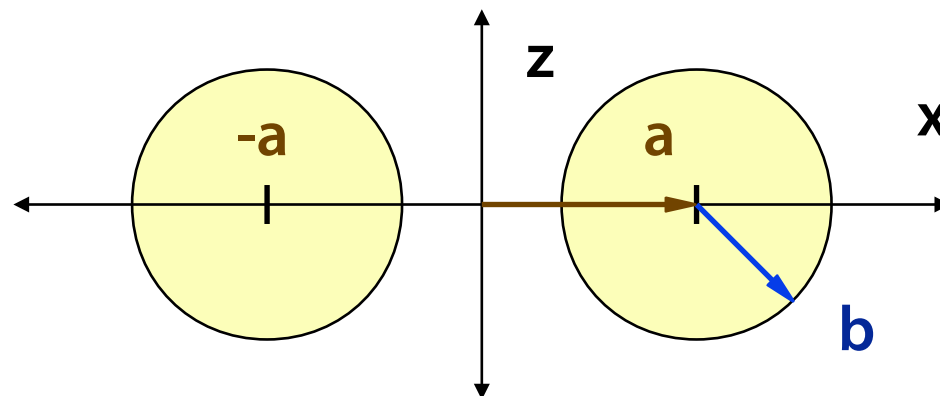
After substitution $P(t)$ for the cylinder

$$\underline{t^2(x_1^2 + y_1^2) + 2t(x_0x_1 + y_0y_1) + x_0^2 + y_0^2 - 1 = 0}$$

After substitution $P(t)$ for the cone

$$\underline{t^2(x_1^2 + y_1^2 - z_1^2) + 2t(x_0x_1 + y_0y_1 - z_0z_1) + x_0^2 + y_0^2 - z_0^2 = 0}$$

Toroid



Two circles in the xz plane

$$\left[(x - a)^2 + z^2 - b^2 \right] \cdot \left[(x + a)^2 + z^2 - b^2 \right] = 0$$

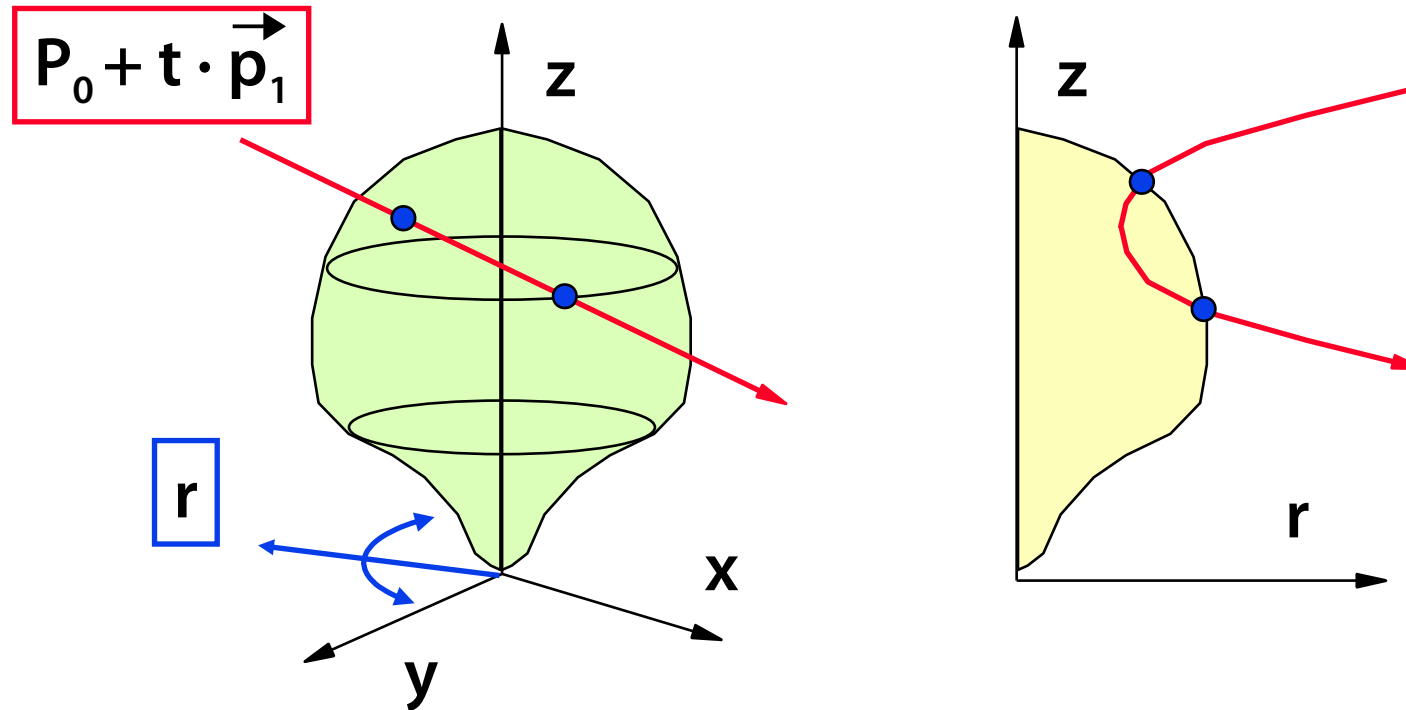
$$\left[x^2 + z^2 - (a^2 + b^2) \right]^2 = 4a^2(b^2 - z^2)$$

After substitution $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ for x^2 – the 4th degree equation

$$\underline{\left(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - a^2 - b^2 \right)^2 - 4a^2(b^2 - z^2) = 0}$$



Surface of revolution



Equation of the ray in the rz plane

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 = (x_0 + x_1 t)^2 + (y_0 + y_1 t)^2$$

$$z = z_0 + z_1 t$$



Ray in the rz plane

After elimination of t $ar^2 + bz^2 + cz + d = 0$ (1)

$$a = -z_1^2$$

$$e = x_0x_1 + y_0y_1$$

$$b = x_1^2 + y_1^2$$

$$f = x_0^2 + y_0^2$$

$$c = 2(z_1e - z_0b)$$

$$d = z_0(z_0b - 2z_1e) + fz_1^2$$

After substitution of parametric curve $K(s)$ into (1)
we get an equation $K^*(s) = 0$

K^* has got a double degree (compared to K)



CSG representation

Primitive solids are easy

- convex objects – only two intersections

Set operations are performed in the 1D ray-space

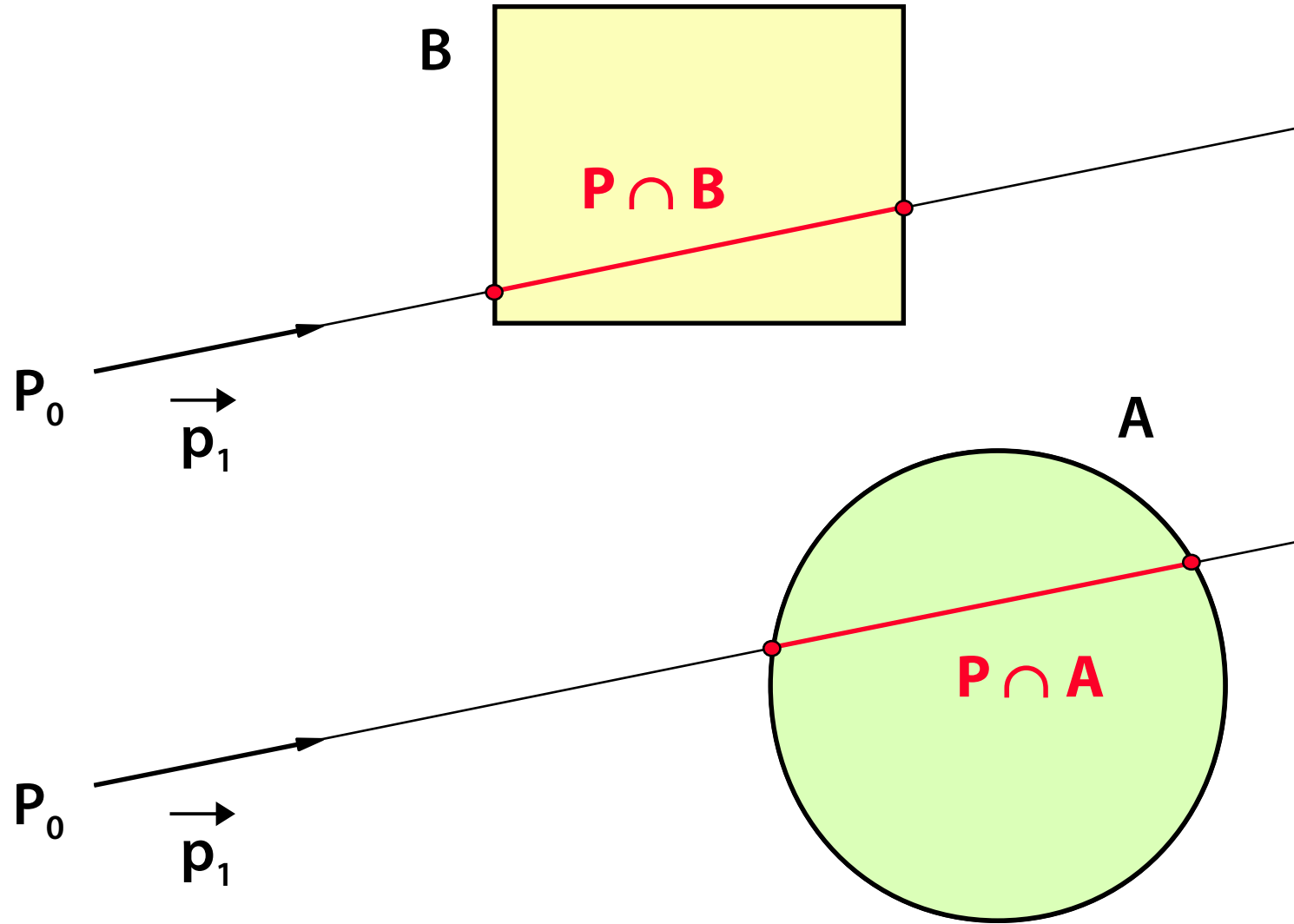
- distributivity: $P \cap (A - B) = (P \cap A) - (P \cap B)$
- general ray-scene intersection is a collection of line segments (intervals in 1D ray-space)

Geometric transformations

- inverse transformation applied to a ray

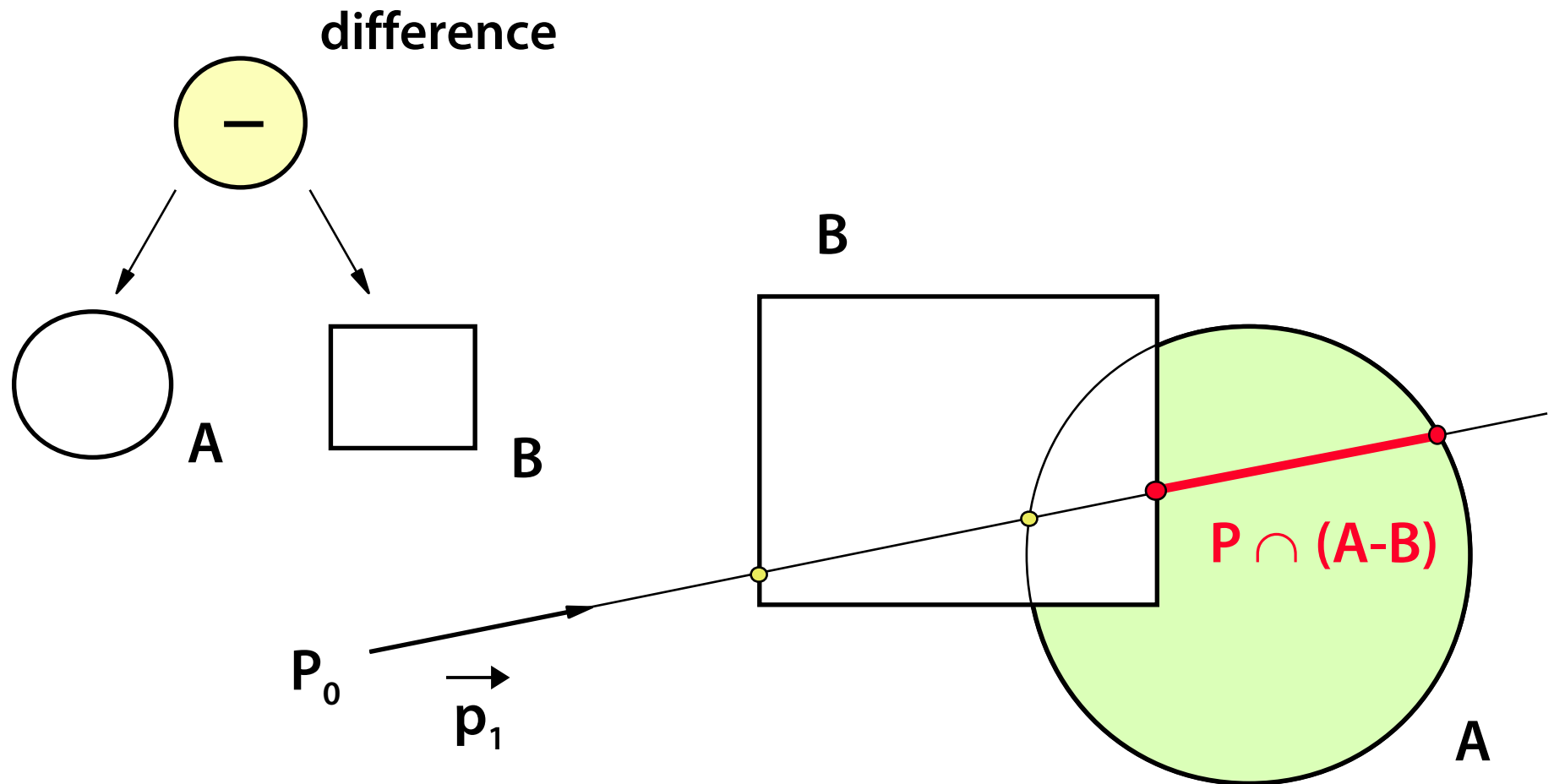


Intersections $P \cap A$, $P \cap B$





Intersection $P \cap (A-B)$





Implementation

Ray

- origin P_0 and direction \vec{p}_1
- transforms with inverse matrices T_i^{-1} (could not be efficient enough ... 1 transformation: **15+**, **18***)

Ray vs. scene intersection (partial & final)

- ordered list of t parameter in ray-space [$t_1, t_2, t_3 \dots$]

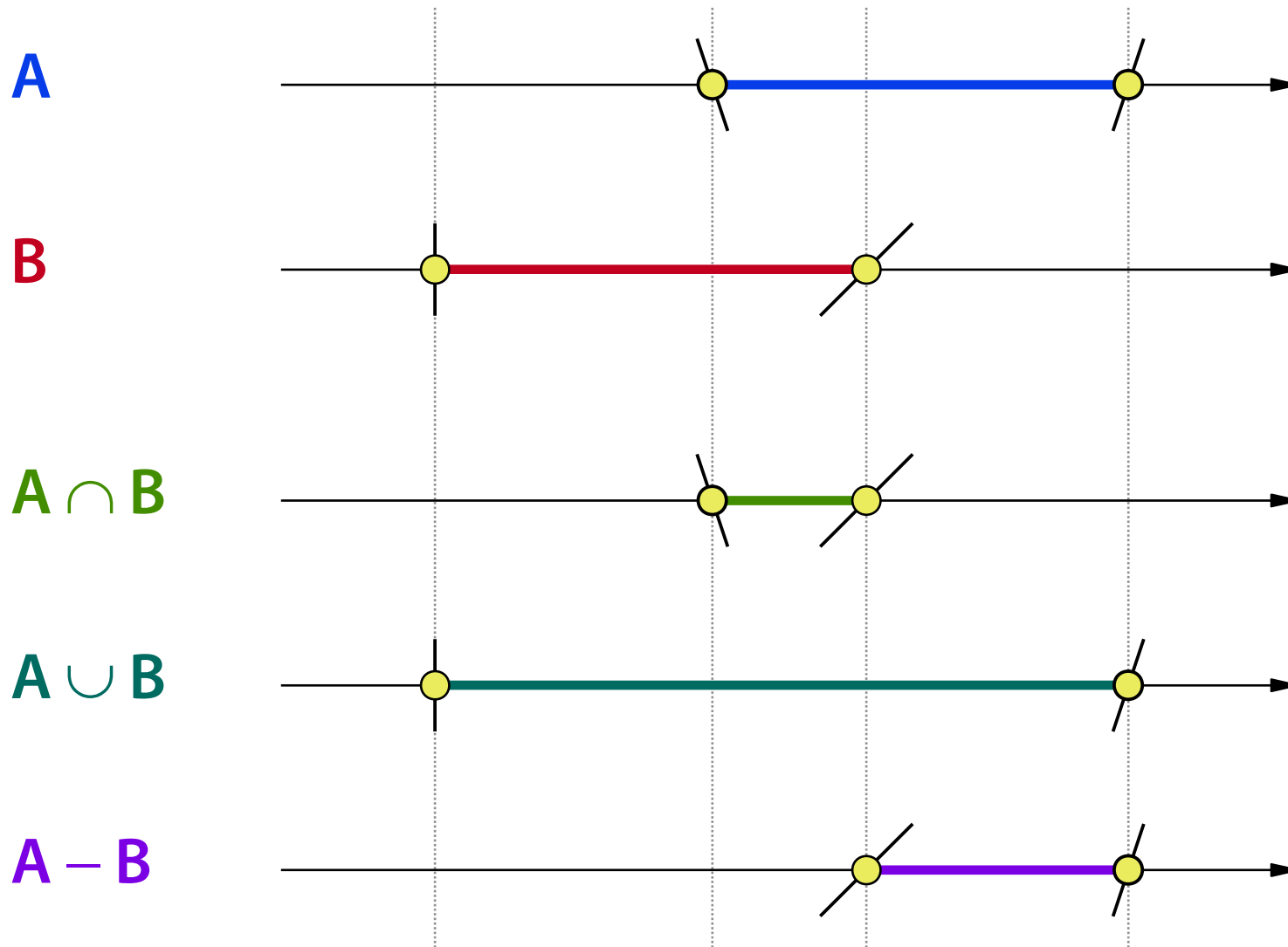
Set operation

- generalized merging of ordered lists [t_i]

Transformation of normal vectors!

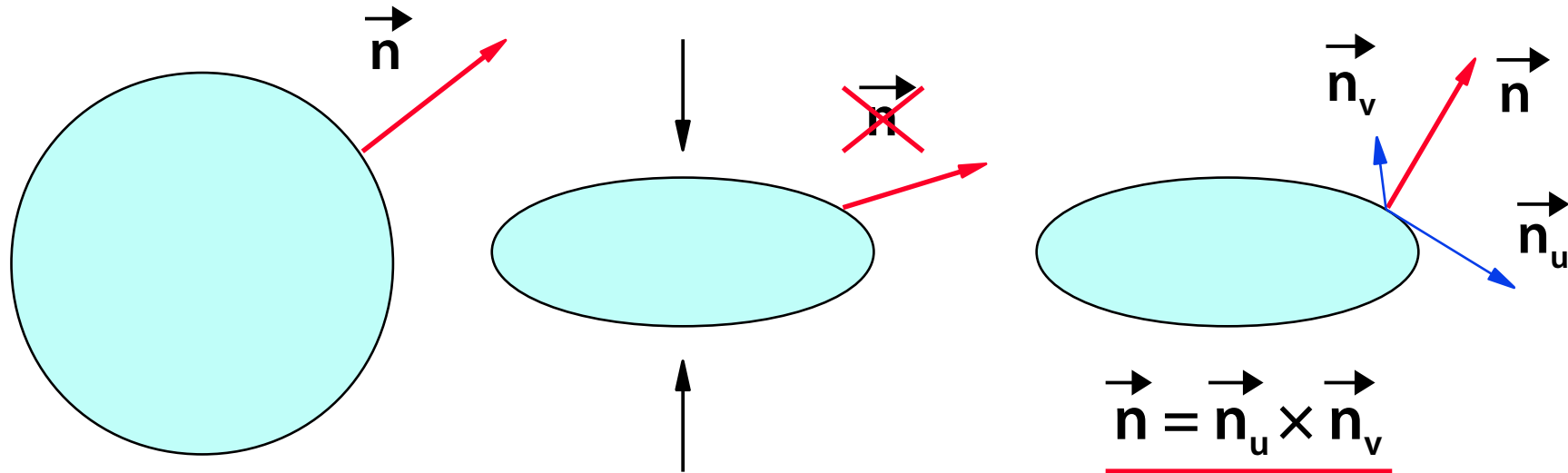


Set operations on the ray





Normal vector transformation



General affine transformation doesn't preserve angles

- two tangent vectors instead a normal
- tangent vectors transformed by 3×3 submatrix only!

Alternative matrix for normal vectors $M_n = (M^{-1})^T$



Literature

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