# Intersecting Simple Surfaces 

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## Types of Surfaces

- Infinite Planes
- Polygons
- Convex
- Ray Shooting
- Winding Number
- Spheres
- Cylinders


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## Point Inside Polygon Test

- Given a point, determine if it lies inside a polygon or not



## Ray Test

- Fire ray from point
- Count intersections
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## Requirements

- Oriented edges
- Edges can be processed in any order



## Computing Winding Number

- Given unit normal $n$
- $\theta=0$
- For each edge ( $p_{1}, p_{2}$ )
$\theta+=\frac{n \cdot\left(\left(p_{1}-x\right) \times\left(p_{2}-x\right)\right)}{\|\left(p_{1}-x\right) \times\left(p_{2}-x\right) \mid} \cos ^{-1}\left(\frac{\left(p_{1}-x\right) \cdot\left(p_{2}-x\right)}{\left|p_{1}-x\right| p_{2}-x \mid}\right)$
- If $|\theta|>\pi$, then inside



## Advantages

■ Extends to 3D!

- Numerically stable
- Even works on models with holes (sort of)
- No ray casting



## Intersecting Spheres

- Three possible cases
- Zero intersections: miss the sphere
- One intersection: hit tangent to sphere
- Two intersections: hit sphere on front and back side

■ How do we distinguish these cases?

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- Solve for $t$ using quadratic equation

$$
t=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a}
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- If $b^{2}-4 a c<0$, no intersection
- If $b^{2}-4 a c=0$, one intersection
- Otherwise, two intersections


## Normals of Spheres

$$
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\nabla F(x)=x-c
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1.Perform an orthogonal projection to the plane defined by $C, A$ on the line $L(t)$ and intersect $\xrightarrow[\hat{L}(t)]{\text { with }}$ circle in 2D


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2. Substitute $t$ parameters
from 2D intersection to
3 D line equation


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3.Normal of 2D circle is the same normal of cylinder at point of intersection



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