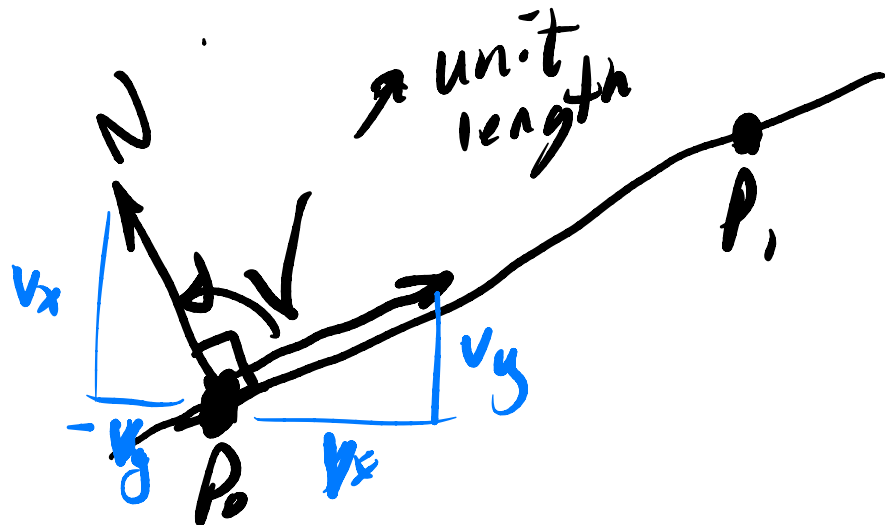


# 14 – raytracing (2)

# Computing Plane Intersection: Implicit Line and Plane Equations

(Ray  $\rightarrow$  Polygon; Ray  $\rightarrow$  Plane)

then see if intersection is in polygon



$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = (v_x, v_y)$$

$$N = (-v_y, v_x)$$

$$V = \frac{P_1 - P_0}{|P_1 - P_0|}$$

substitute  $P_0$  into eq, we can solve for  $c$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= ax + by + c = 0 \\ &= -v_y x + v_x y + c = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Implicit Plane Equation

$$f(x, y, z) = ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

$$E_1 = P_1 - P_0$$

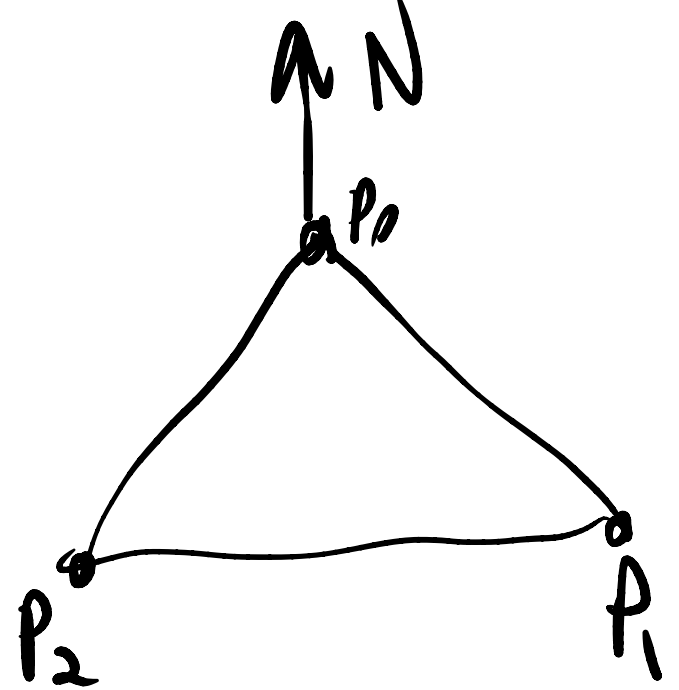
$$E_2 = P_2 - P_0$$

$$N = \frac{E_1 \times E_2}{|E_1 \times E_2|}$$

$$N = (a, b, c)$$

Substitute  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  into  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$   
& solve for  $d$

unit length



line eq:  
 $x(t) = x_0 + t dx$

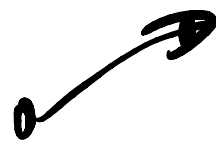
⋮

$$a(x_0 + t dx) + b(y_0 + t dy) + c(z_0 + t dz) + d = 0$$

$$t(a dx + b dy + c dz) + ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d = 0$$

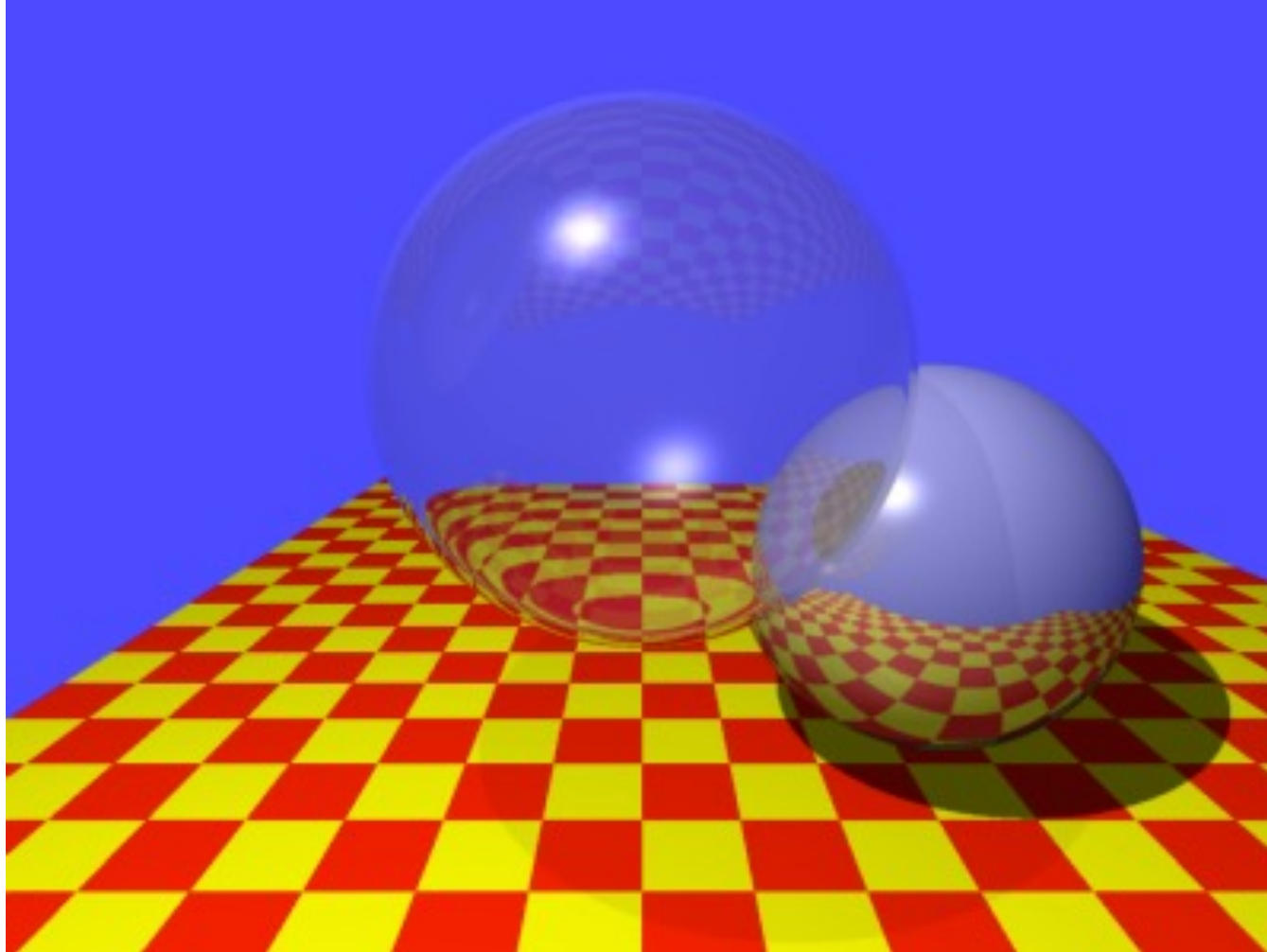
$$t = \frac{-(ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d)}{a \cdot dx + b \cdot dy + c \cdot dz}$$

No d ↗

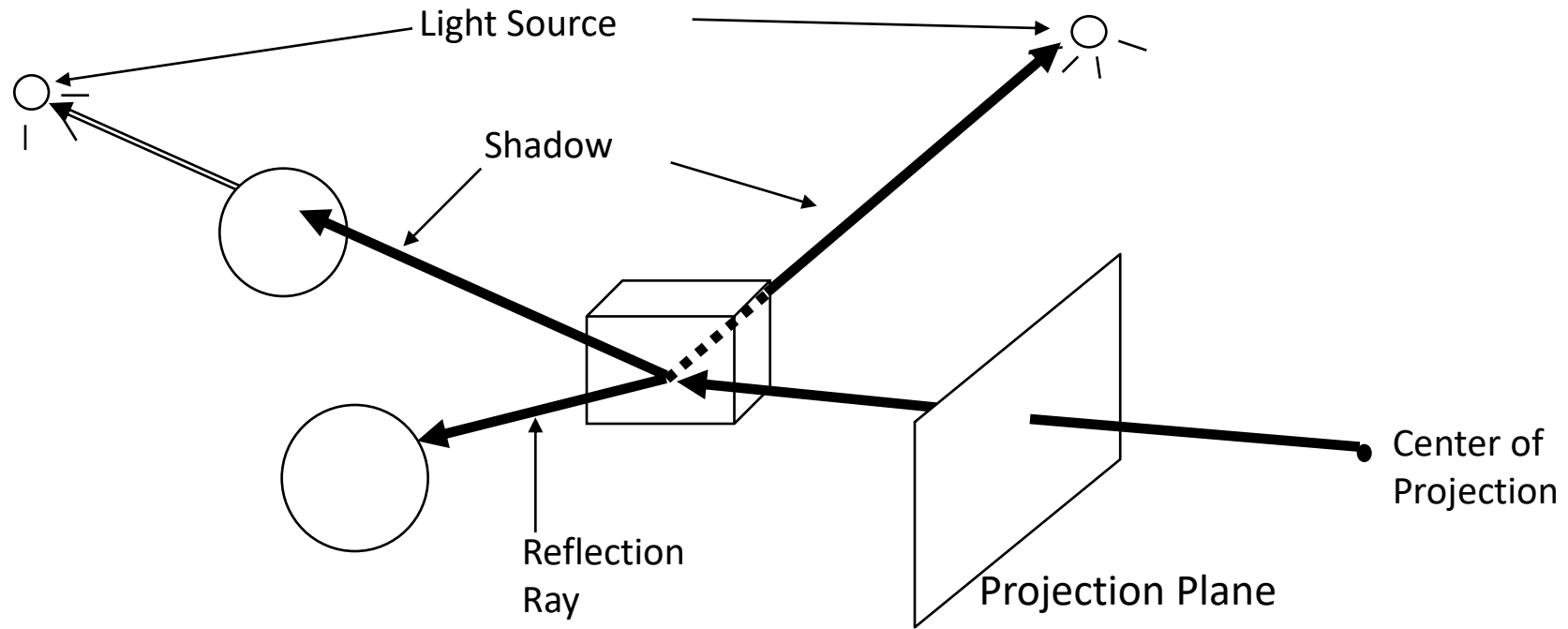




# What about these other rays?



# Basic Idea



# Illumination of a point

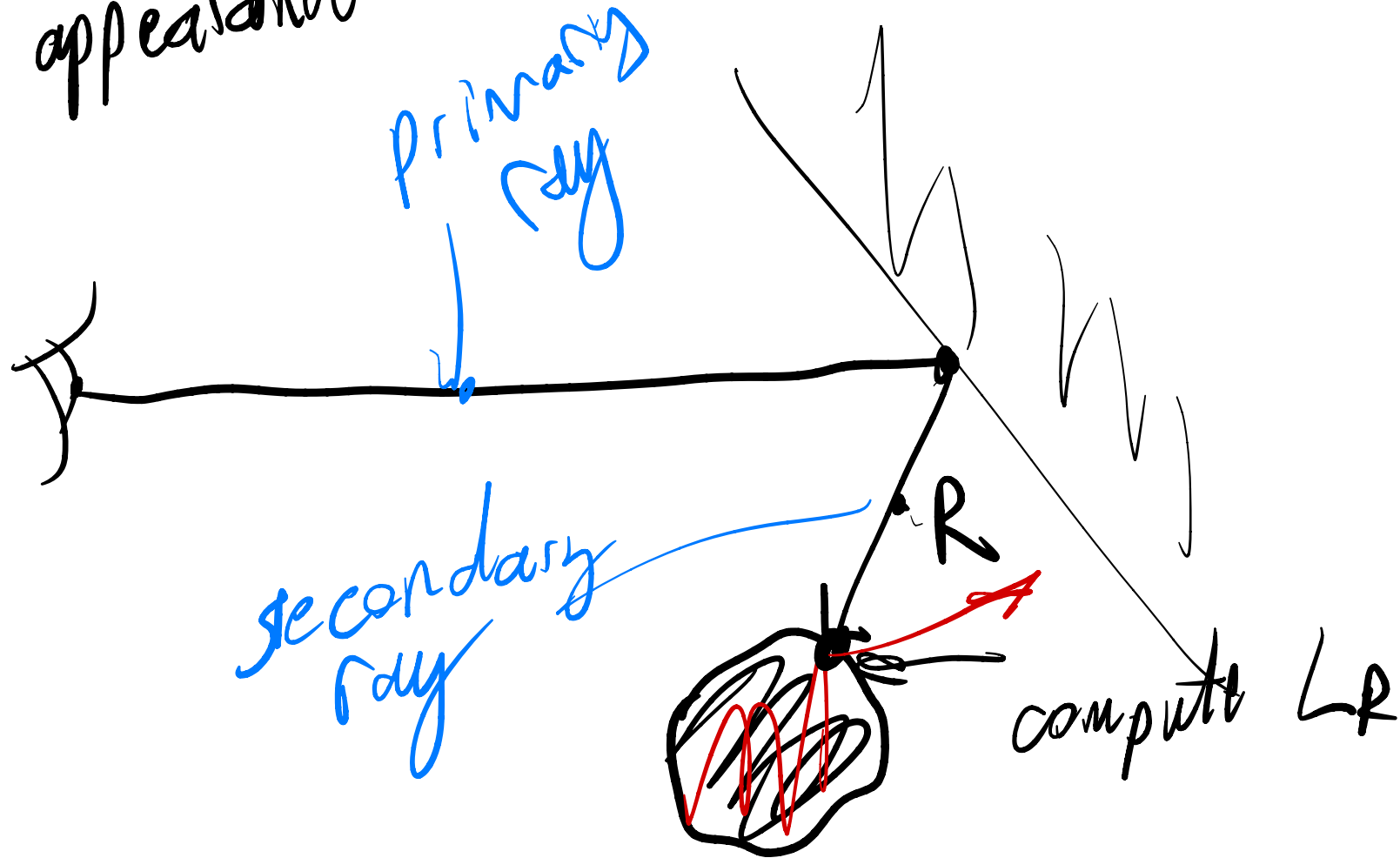
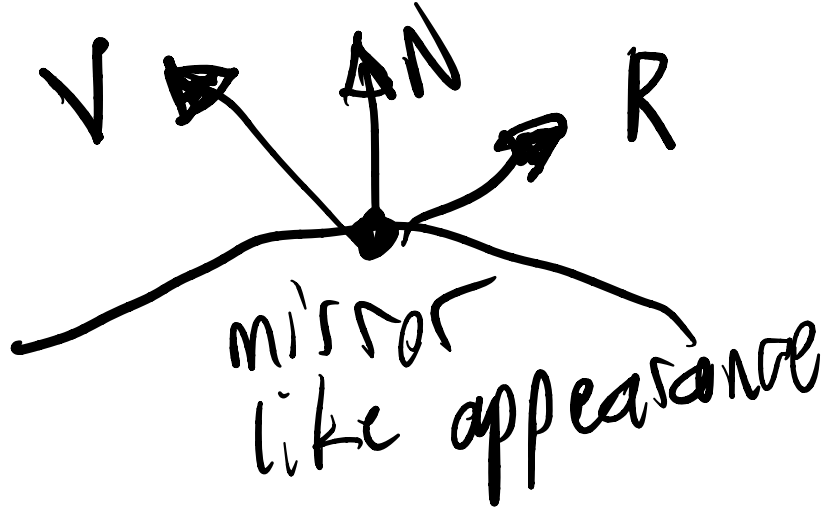
ambient

$$L = k_a I_a + k_s L_r + k_r L + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} S_i I_i [k_d (N \cdot L_i) + k_s (R_i \cdot V)^{p_i}]$$

reflected refracted

previous eq

$S_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if shadow ray (light ray) is blocked} \\ 1 & \text{if not blocked (reached light)} \end{cases}$



ambient + diffuse + specular +  $k_r L_r$  +  $k_t L_t$

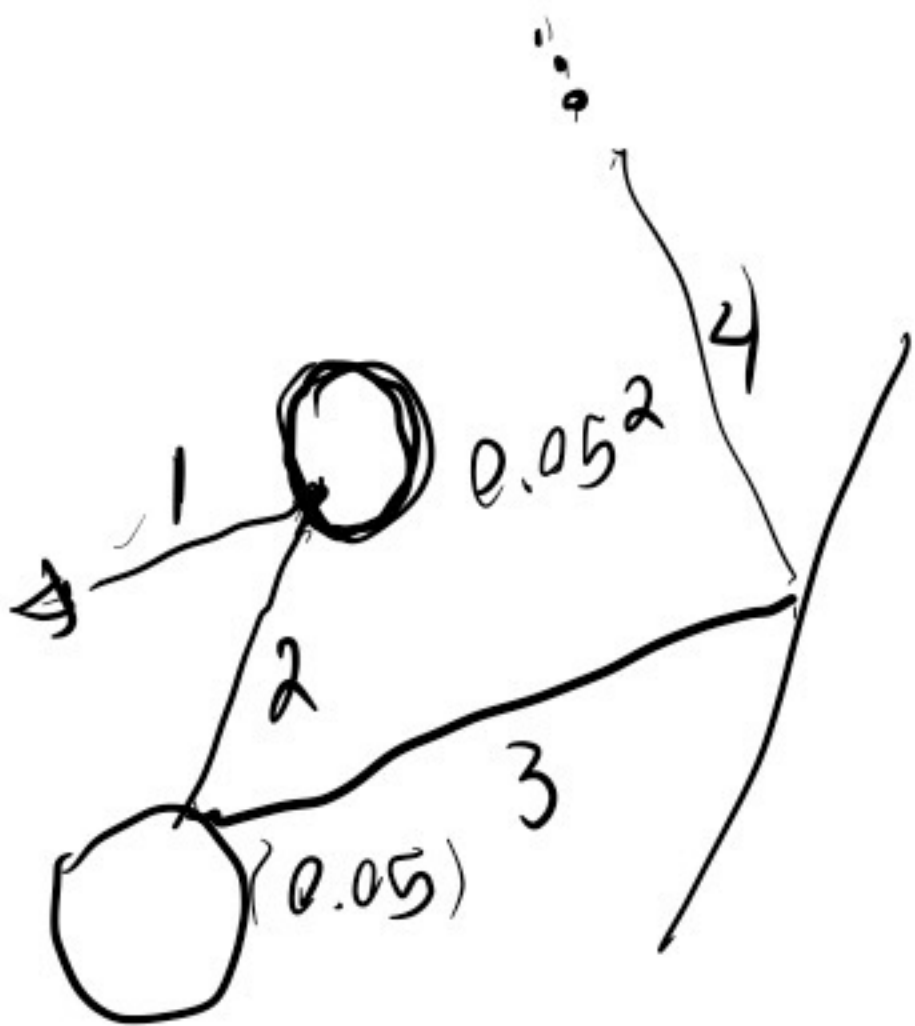
how reflective?

how trans

shoot Ray (R)  $\rightarrow$  L

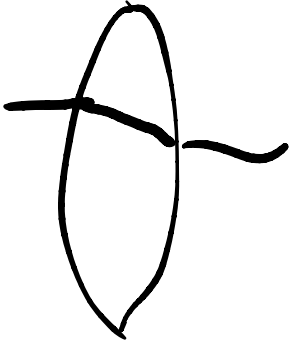
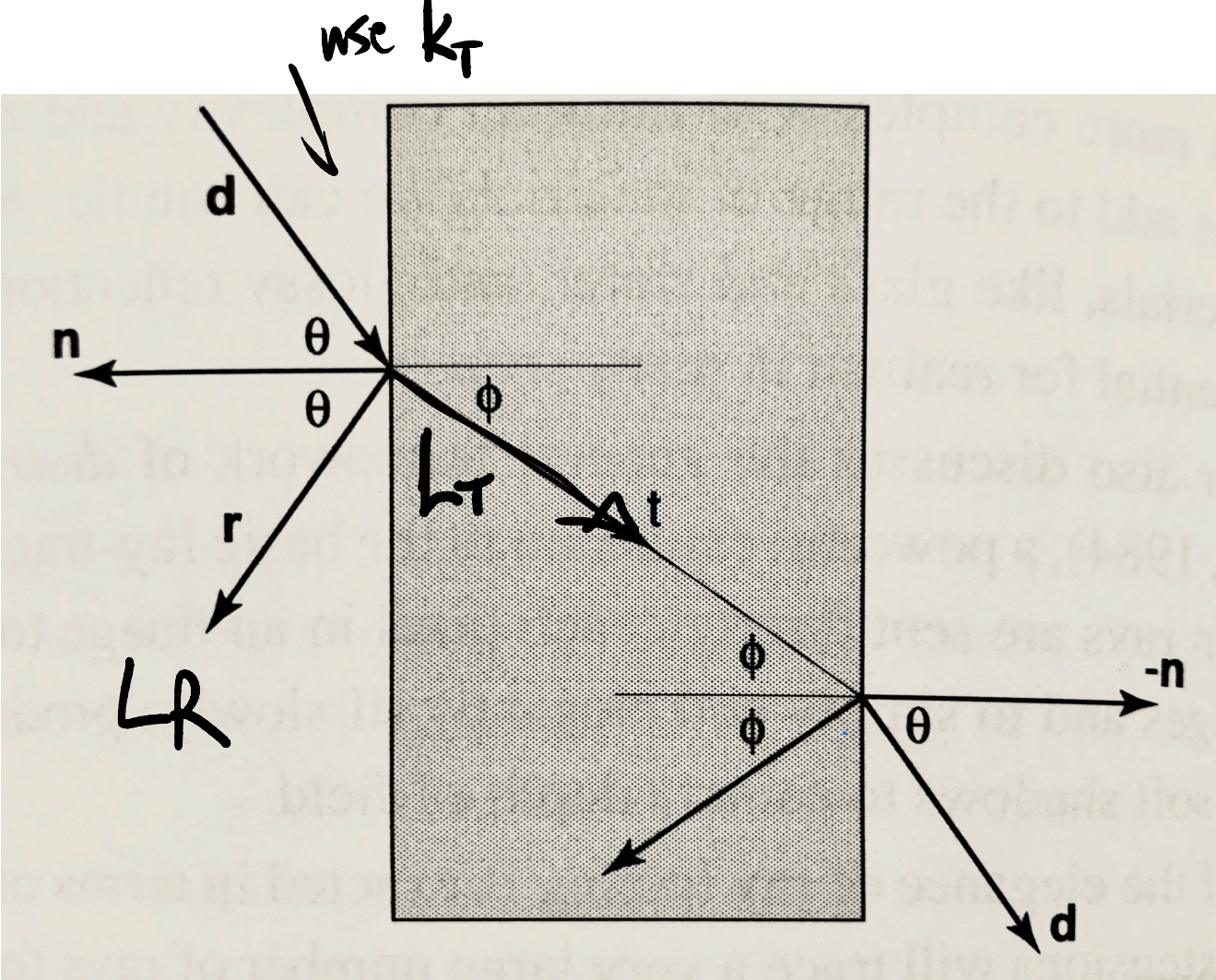
when to stop?

- 1) set max recursive step
- 2) contribution of ray is small





# Diffraction and Reflection



# Transparent Surfaces - (Refraction)

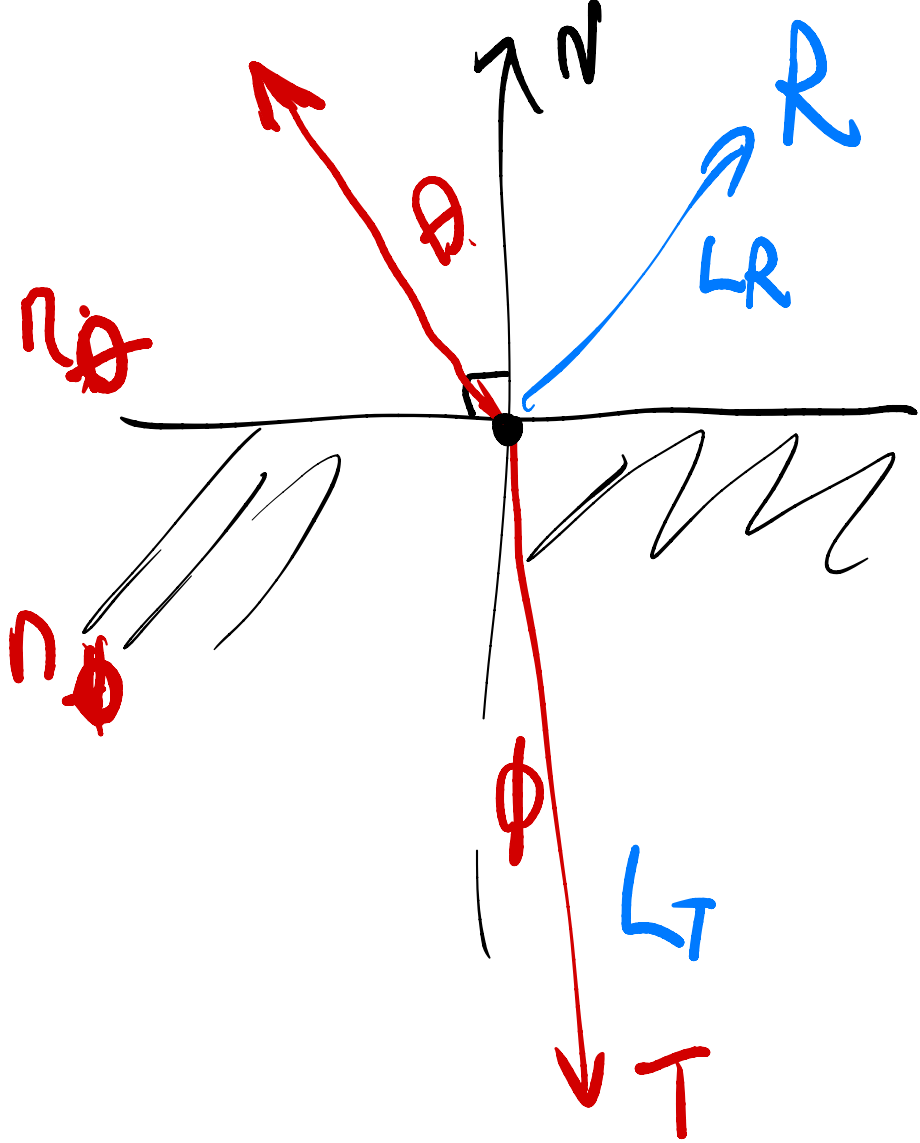
Light travels at different speeds through different materials

Refraction: glasses, mag glasses  
glass of liquid

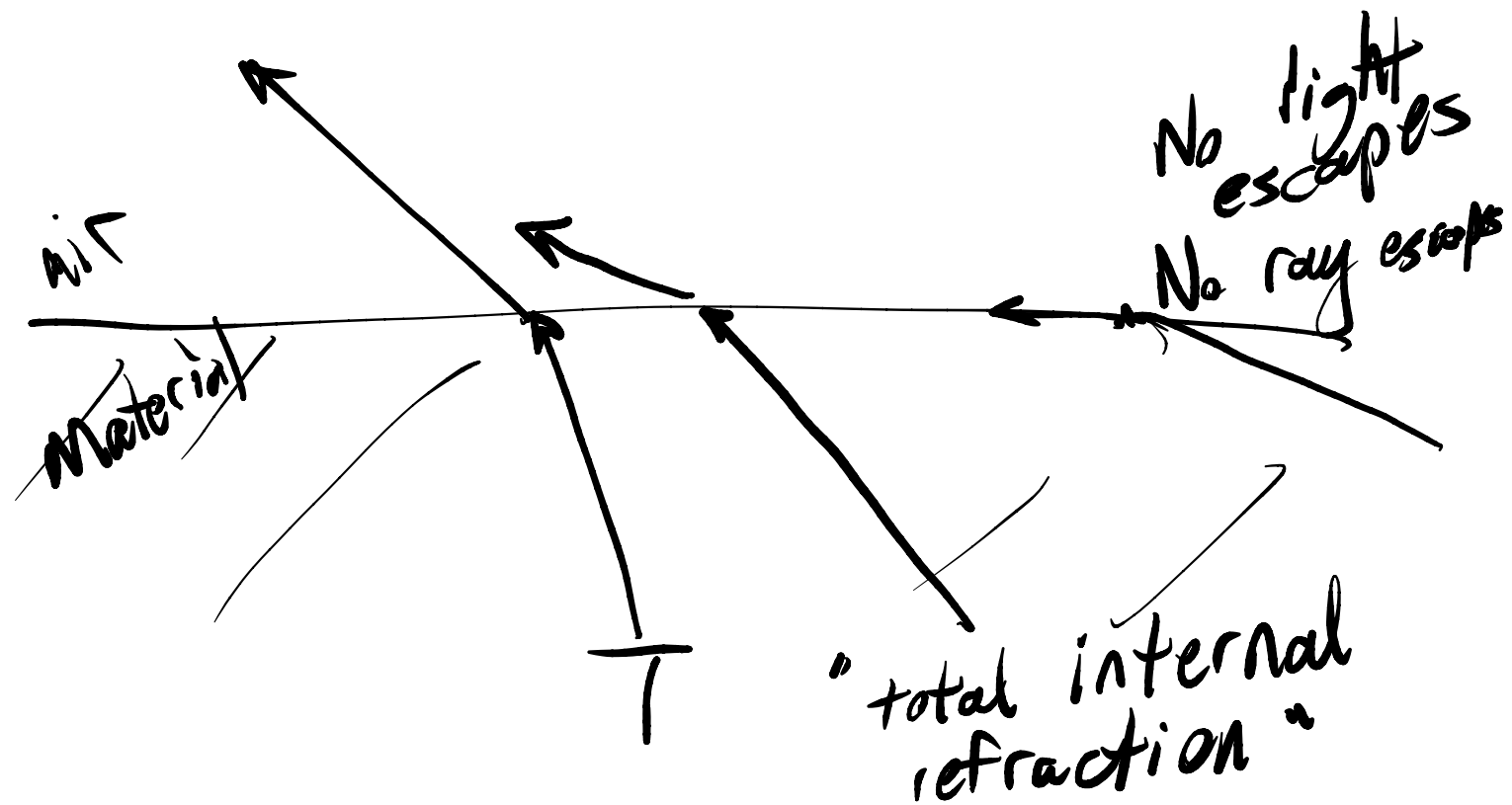
$$\text{Index of refraction} = \frac{\text{speed of light thru vacuum}}{\text{speed of light thru material}}$$
$$\geq 1$$

material	$n$
vacuum	1
air	1.0003
water	1.33
glass	$\sim 1.5$
ice	1.309
quartz	1.544
diamond	2.417





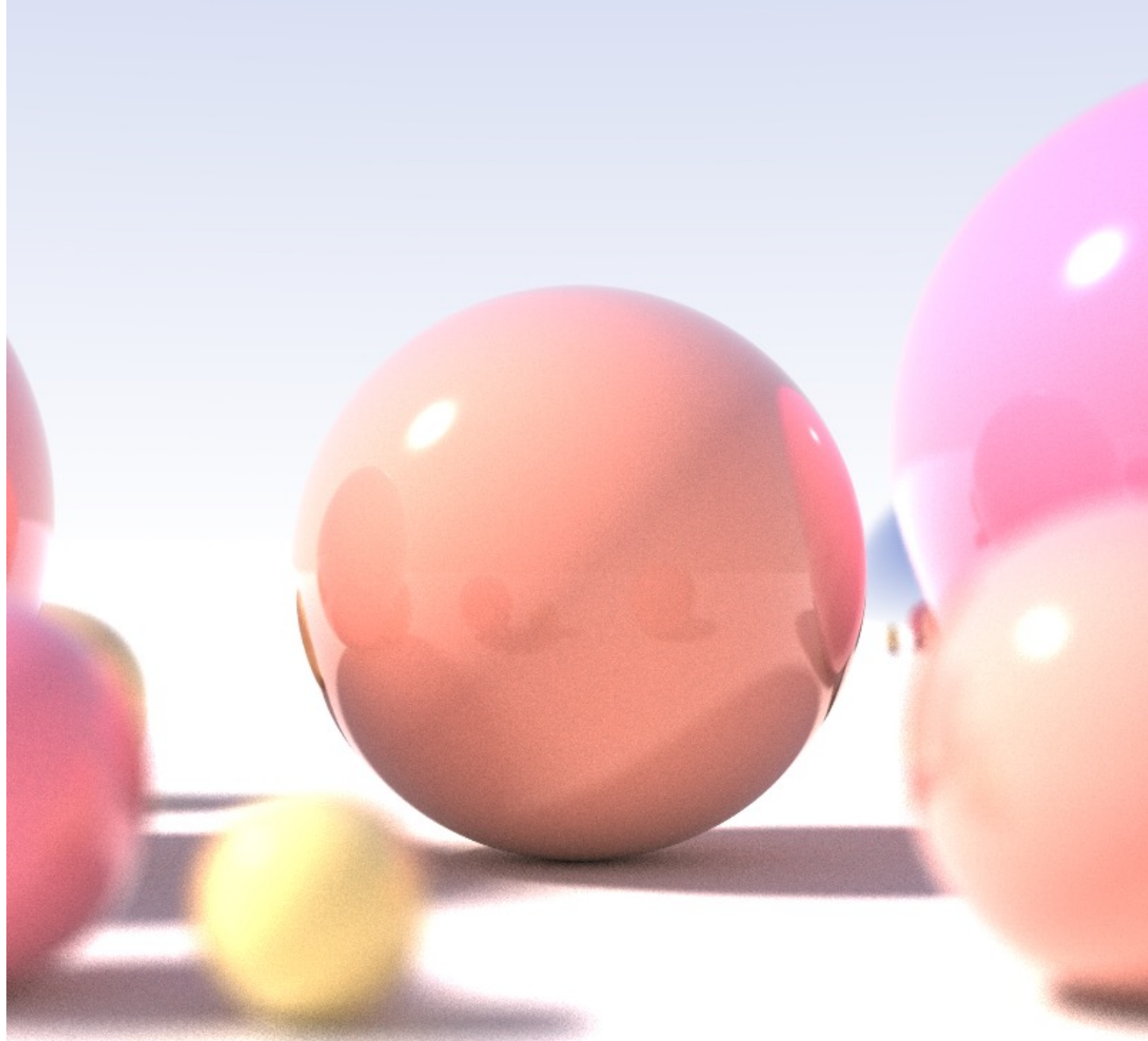
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \phi} = \frac{n_\phi}{n_\theta}$$

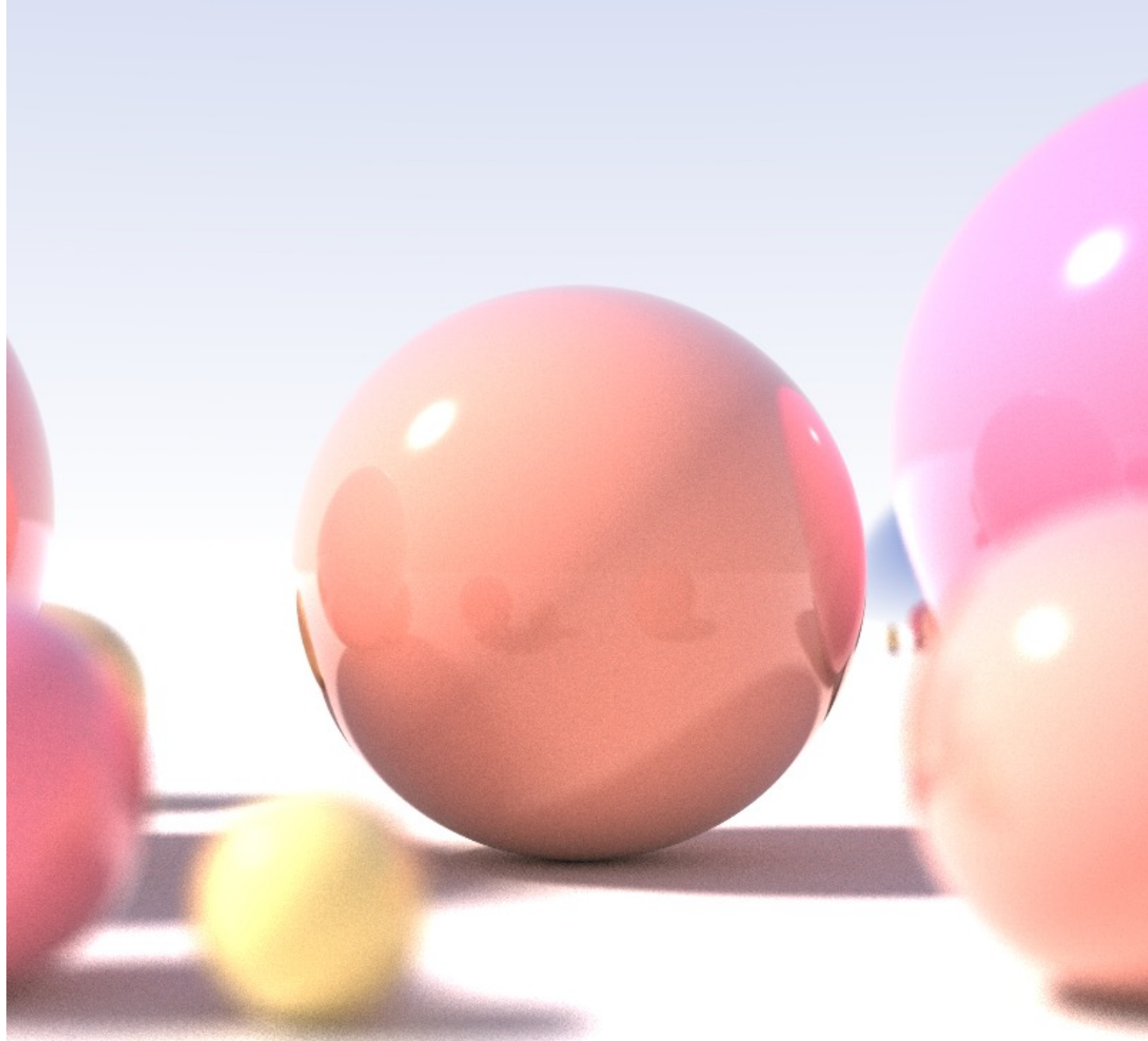








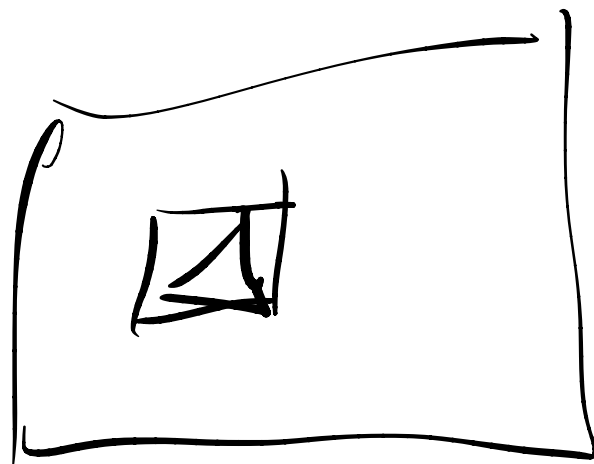




# 2 Rendering Methods

## Rasterization & z-buffering

for each object  
for each pixel in object projection  
test z-value  
shade



## Ray Tracing

for each pixel on screen  
shoot R ray

for each object  
does R hit it?  
(keep track of closest  
shade it)

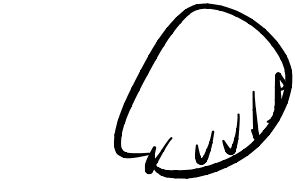


# Ray Tracing Speed Ups

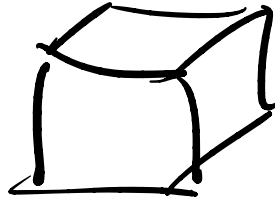


## Fast to Intersect

spheres



box



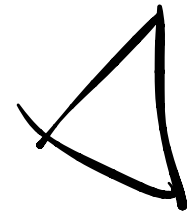
cylinder



ellipsoids



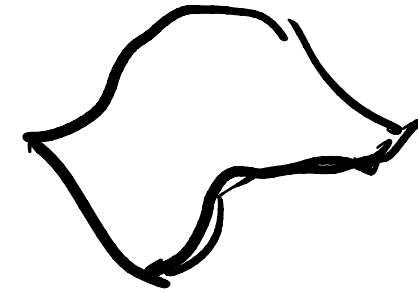
polygons



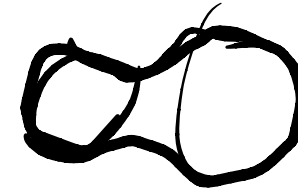
Slow  
torus



surfaces (cubic)



blobby

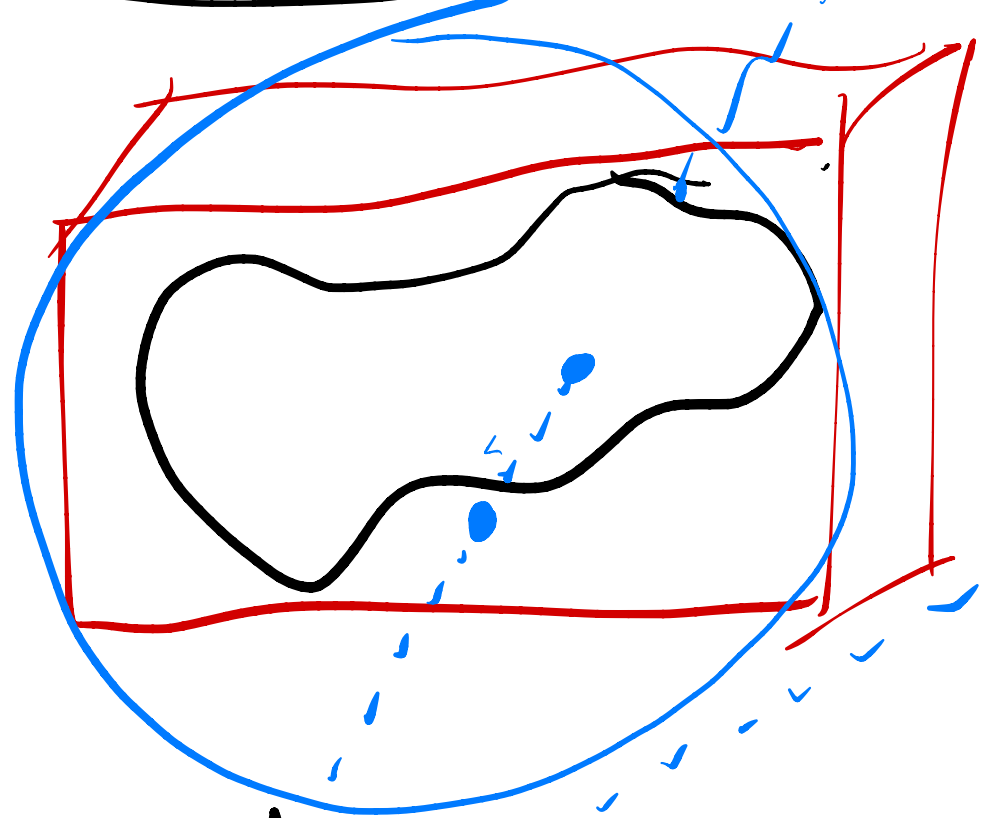


collections of stuff

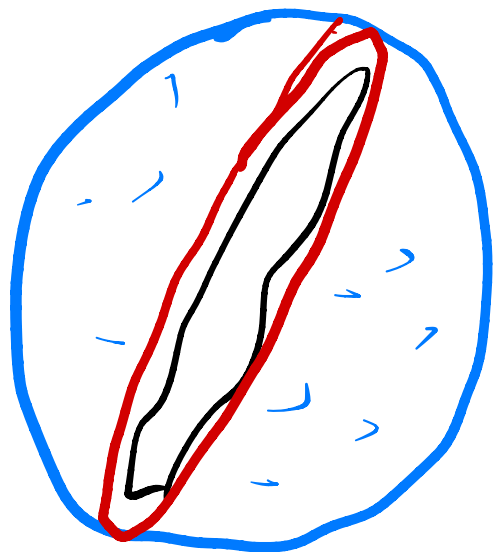
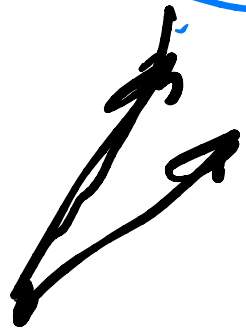
spheres,  
polygons

→ meshes

# Bounding Volumes



sphere  
of  
cube



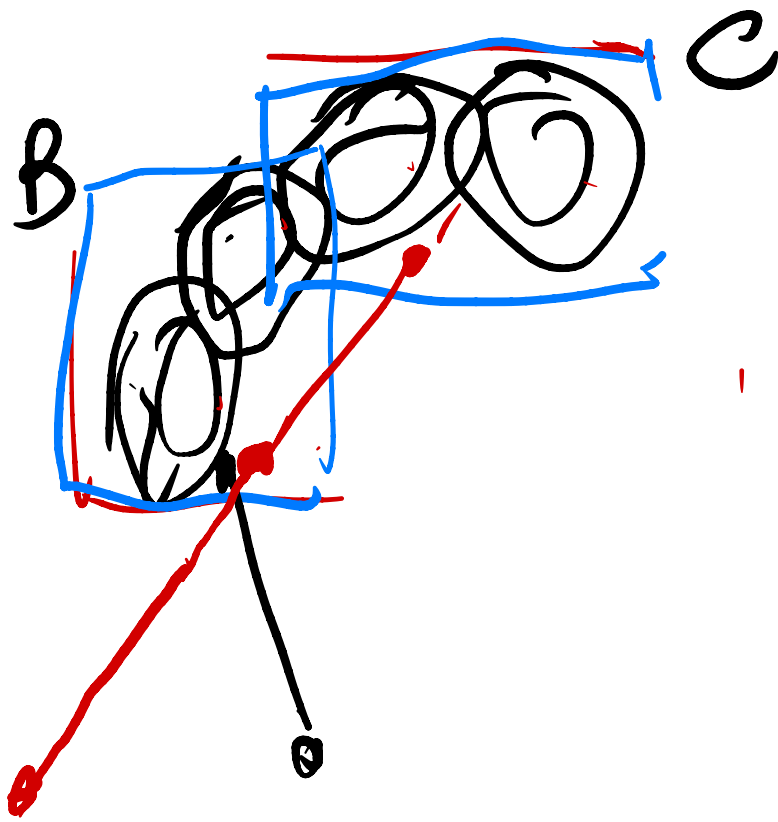
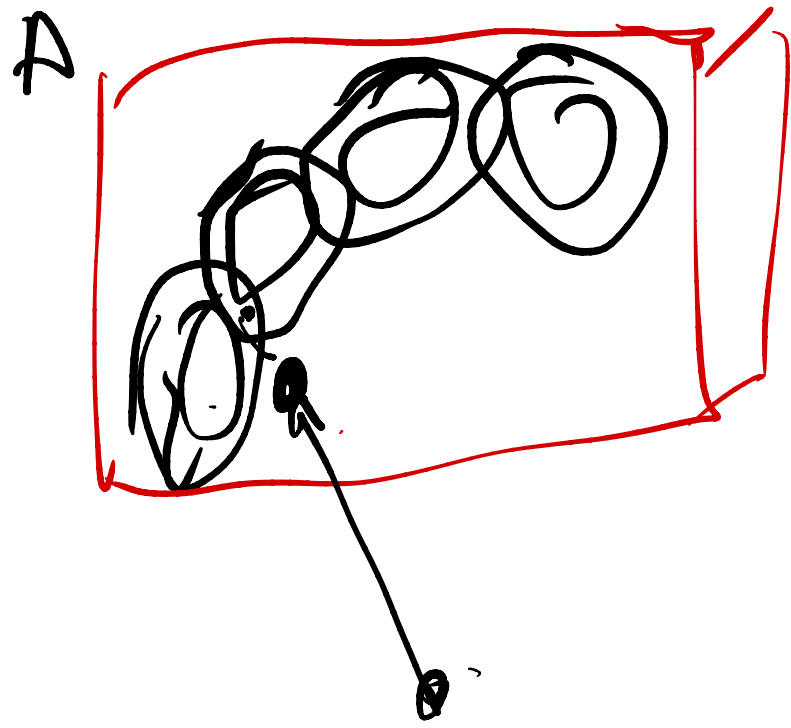
outer volume (sphere or  
cube or ellipse or  
cylinder) is  
efficient to test

vs  
cost of what's  
inside

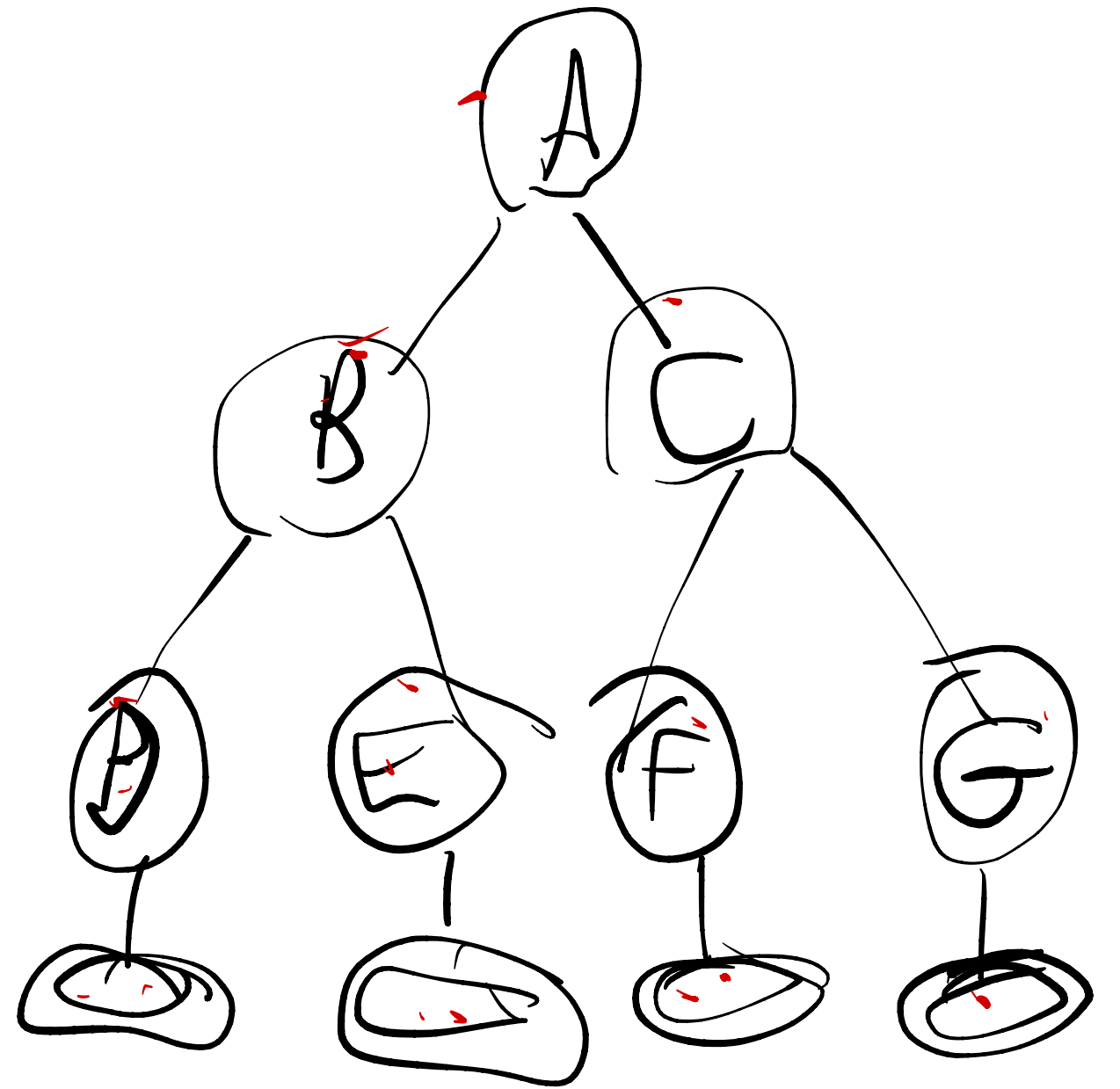
Want

outer volume to be  
as tight as possible





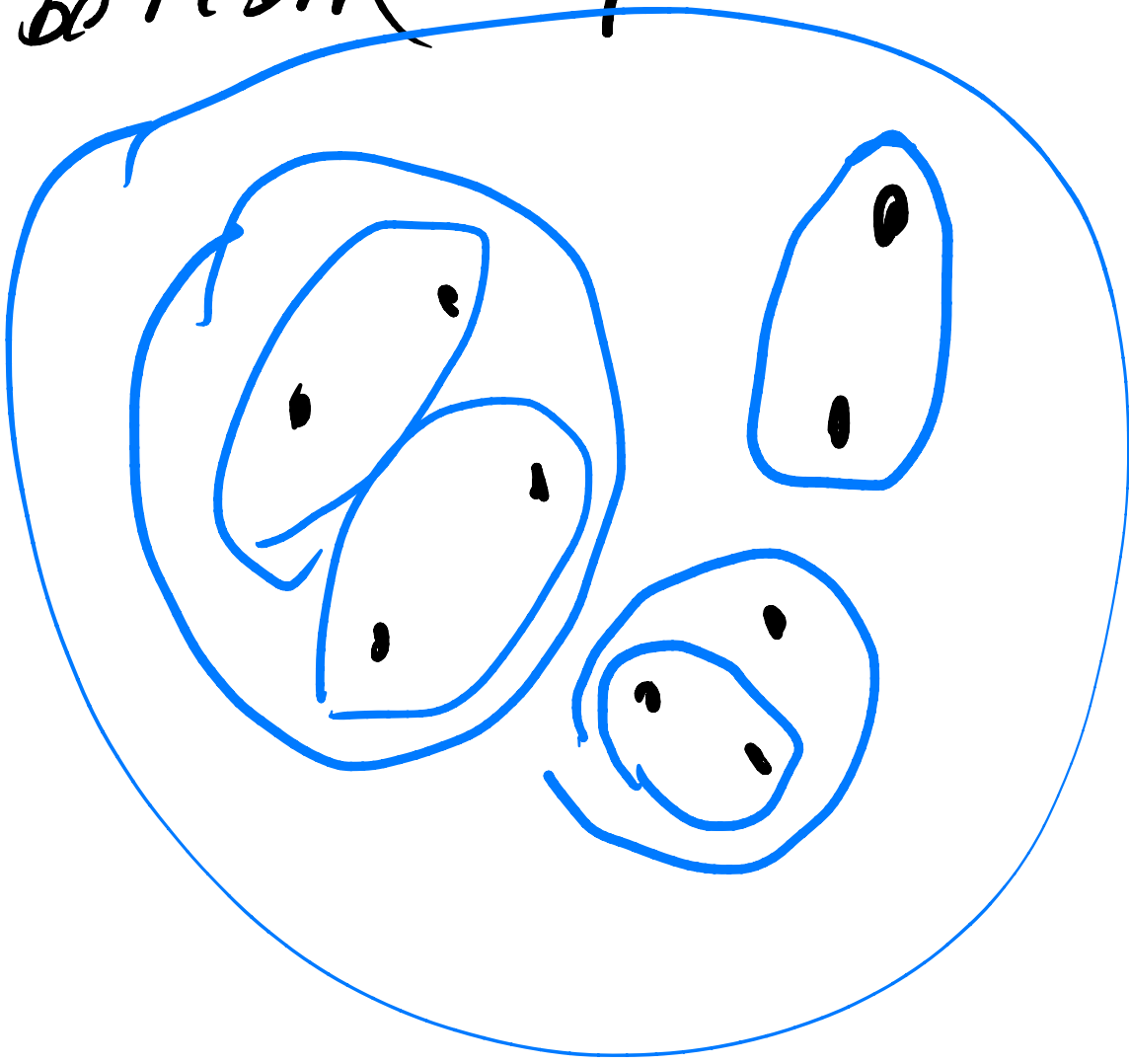
Bounding Volume Hierarchies



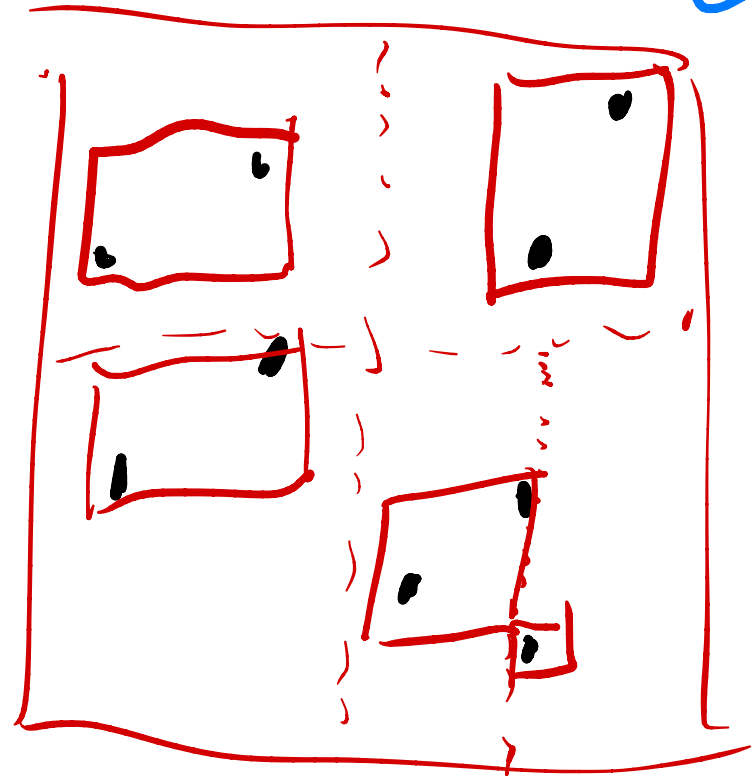
# Build Bounding Hierchies

- small / tight fit between volume & stuff
- balanced tree

bottom-up

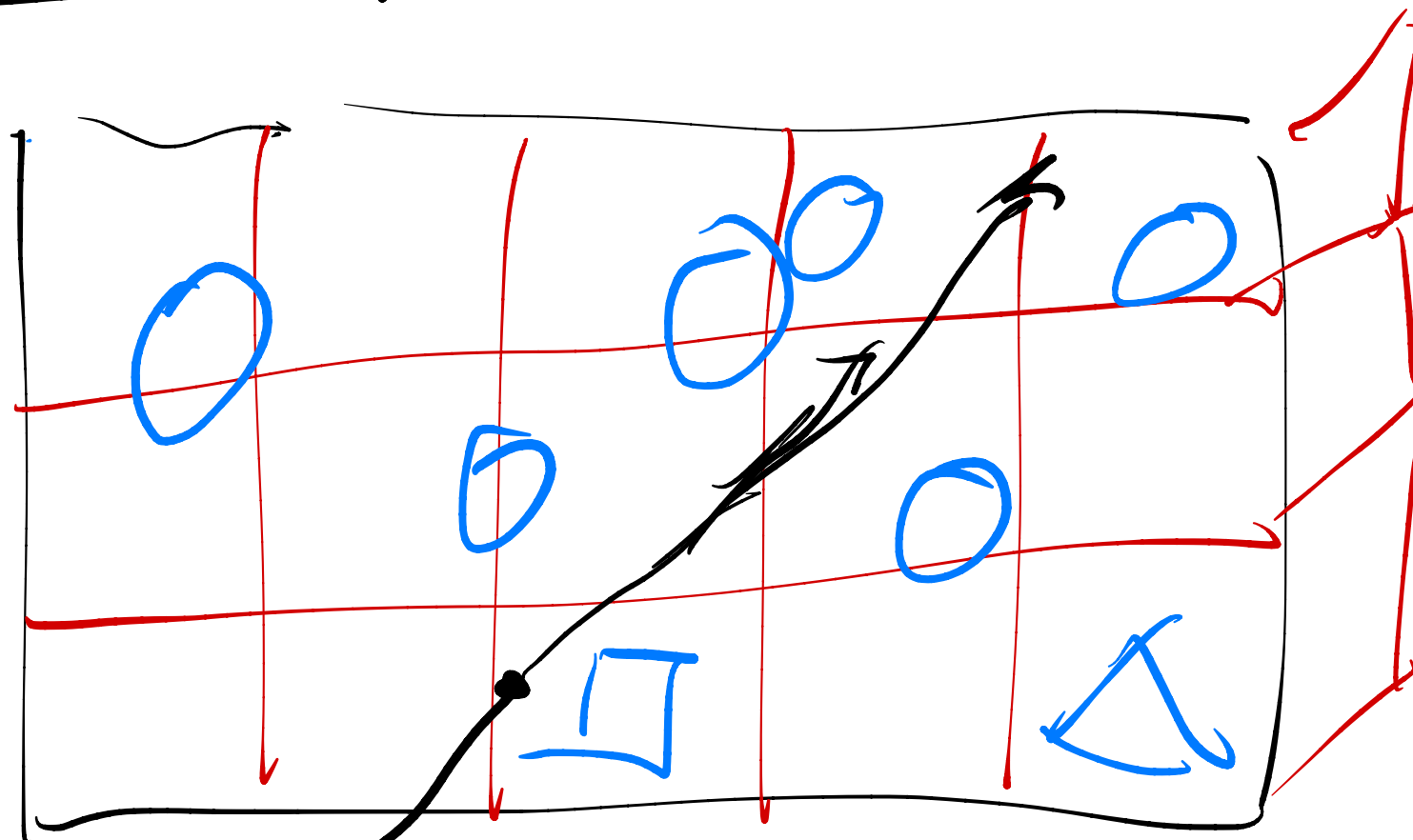


top-down



# Grids - Uniform Spatial Partition

each cell has  
list of objects  
in it



traverse cells (all same size)  
using alg similar to  
rasterization

- good for lots of  
similarly sized  
small objects

KD-tree  $\rightarrow$  book calls this axis-aligned BSP-trees

Idea: use planes to split space into pieces

