

For any T/F question, if you give some reasonable explanation/note, you'll get the point!

1. Answer the following with true (T) or False(F)

1 point each

- F The term "distributed ray tracing" refers to a method for parallel computation of images. *In the midterm already*
- T One of the things that anti-aliasing helps prevent is the stair-step appearance of rasterized lines.
- T The Z-buffer hidden surface algorithm can be modified to account for transparency by simply adding an α -buffer.
- F B-spline curves have both the convex hull property and they interpolate control points. *X The curve having both properties doesn't exist.*
- T Catmull-Clark subdivision is a generalization of B-spline surfaces.
- F Hermite and Bezier bases functions can be used to describe different classes of curves. *They describe the same classes of curves by different forms.*
- F The Bresenham line drawing algorithm only became practical once fast floating point hardware was commonly available. *In the midterm review already.*
- T Rotation about an arbitrary axis can be expressed as a series of axis-aligned rotations.
- F The Phong reflectance model can be used to describe any real surface's reflectance properties. *X*
- F Motion capture is often used for animating smoke, water, and other fluid phenomena. *Obviously absurd.*
- F Ray tracing can be used to compute global illumination phenomena.
- T In a perspective projection, a sphere can have an outline shaped like an ellipse. *In the midterm review already.*

17. I wish to ray-trace a scene containing a complex space station. The image will be 1000x1000, each pixel will be supper sampled on a 10x10 jittered grid. I have two point light sources in the scene (two distant suns). Each bounce will use 10 rays to sample diffuse reflections. I will include shadows. What is the minimum number of rays I will have to trace? Explain why. 3 points

$$\frac{1000 \times 1000 \times 10 \times 10 \times (1 + 2 + 10 + 10 \times 2)}{\text{sub-pixel number}}$$

eye ray
light rays
Rays from diffuse reflectors to lights

Rays to diffuse reflectors

1. Answer the following with true (T) or False(F)
[Continued]

1 point each

F

When applying transformations to a 3D scene, the transformation applied to normal vectors should have any translation part doubled.^X

F

Most useful cubic basis functions have both the interpolation and convex hull properties.

F

The human eye has three types of light receptor.^X

F

Pixel-based image representations have infinite resolution.^X

T

A good scan-conversion algorithm has the property that when given a set of non-overlapping polygons, every pixel "belongs" to at most one single polygon.

T

Non-zero winding number and parity testing will produce the same result for a polygon with non-self-intersecting boundary. *I'm doubting it was covered in the lecture.*

F

A series of transformations which are all 3D rotations can be permuted and the result will not change. *cases in 2D are true.*

T

Bump-mapping will not change an object's silhouette.

Displacement-mapping will change ...

T

Tensor-product surfaces are built by letting the control points of a curve vary according to some other curves.

F

Catmull-Clark subdivision only works on regular meshes.

... irregular meshes as well, with extraordinary vertices.

F

Cubic polynomial basis functions can be used to build interesting C^5 curves.

F

Particle systems simulate objects such as waterfalls by modeling the interactions between individual molecules.

T

Particles can be used to render smoke.

if crossed out, true.

F

Motion graphs are plots showing where joints are located in a figure.

↳ Were Motion graphs covered in the lecture?

F

The result of applying subdivision to a cubic curve is two quadratic curves.

(Cubic still)

T

Raytracing can be accelerated using BSP-Trees or K-D Trees.

1. Answer the following with true (T) or False(F)

1 point each

I

C^0 continuity does not always imply C^1 .

G^1 Continuity: the tangents are the same.

I

C^1 ... and their modes (the speed of change) are the same.
The Bezier basis functions are affine invariant.

I

The Hermite basis functions have local support.

T/F

Cubic spline surfaces can be ray-traced without first polygonizing them.

If we ray-trace the intersection between the rays and the convex hull of the surfaces first, the statement could be true; but anyway, we need to polygonize

F

Key frame animation becomes trivially easy when inverse kinematics are the surface used.

F

Animation of human characters ~~rarely~~^x often done using motion capture.

in the subsequent steps!

F

Generating high-quality animations requires either Arwen ^{joke!} sampling or Aragorn filtering to remove motion blur.

F

Advanced methods for rendering arbitrary images in constant time exist, but we did not cover them in class. *never heard of it, although a great idea!*

I

The fully implicit version of Euler's method (a.k.a. backwards Euler) is unconditionally stable.

F

The singular values of a rotation matrix are the amounts of rotation about the X, Y, and Z axes. \downarrow absolute values of the eigenvalues

F

The human eye is uniformly sensitive to all frequencies of visible light.

Obviously false.

F

Perspective transformations distort straight lines into circles.

Actually, it might be true when the reception planes are distorted :)

I

Radiosity methods are optimized for rendering scenes with diffuse surfaces.

I

Final gathering can be used with both photon mapping and radiosity.

T

Some motion capture systems use magnetic fields to determine the location and orientation of tracker objects.

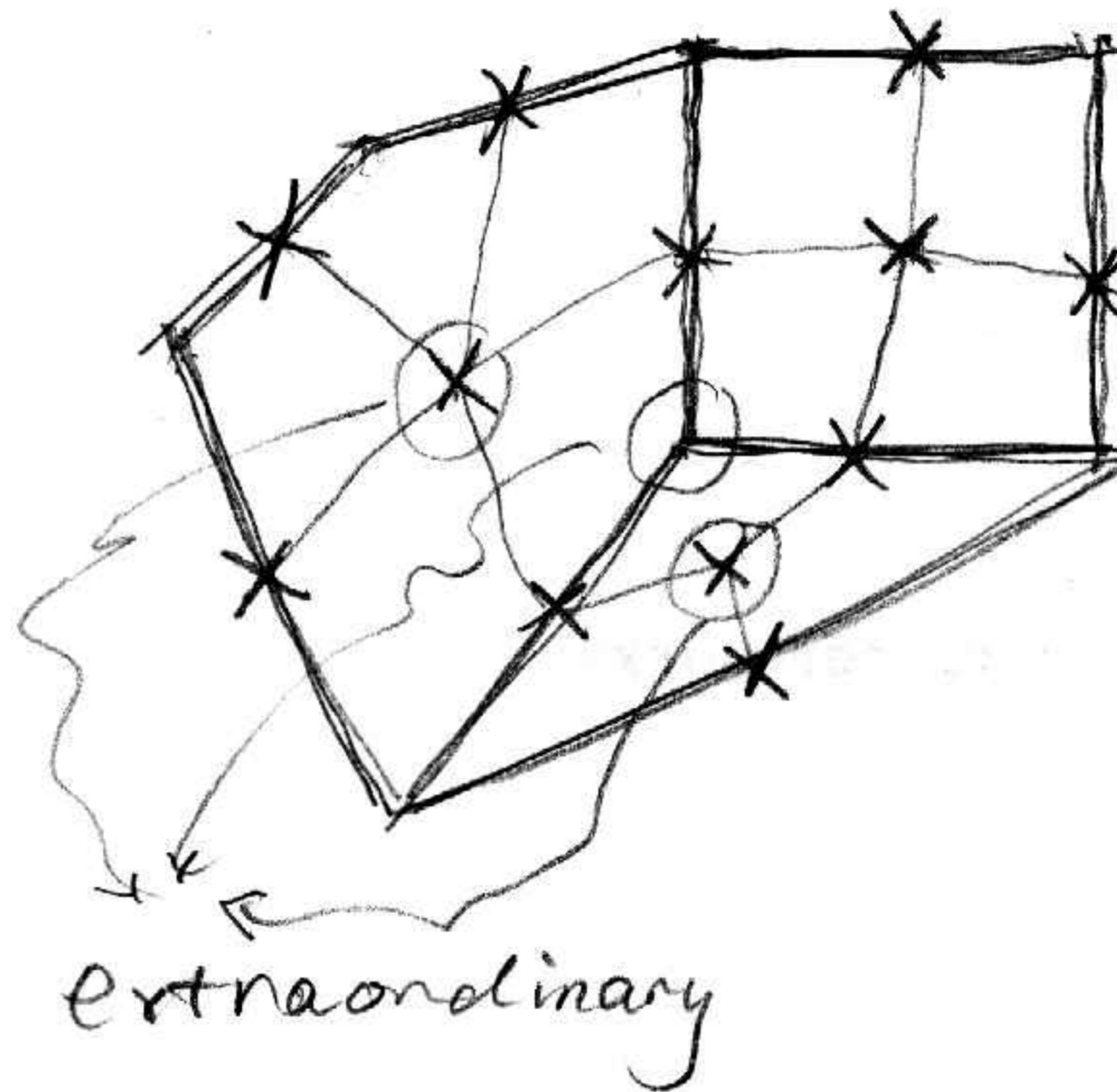
I

Cubic B-Splines can be exactly converted to quartic B-splines.

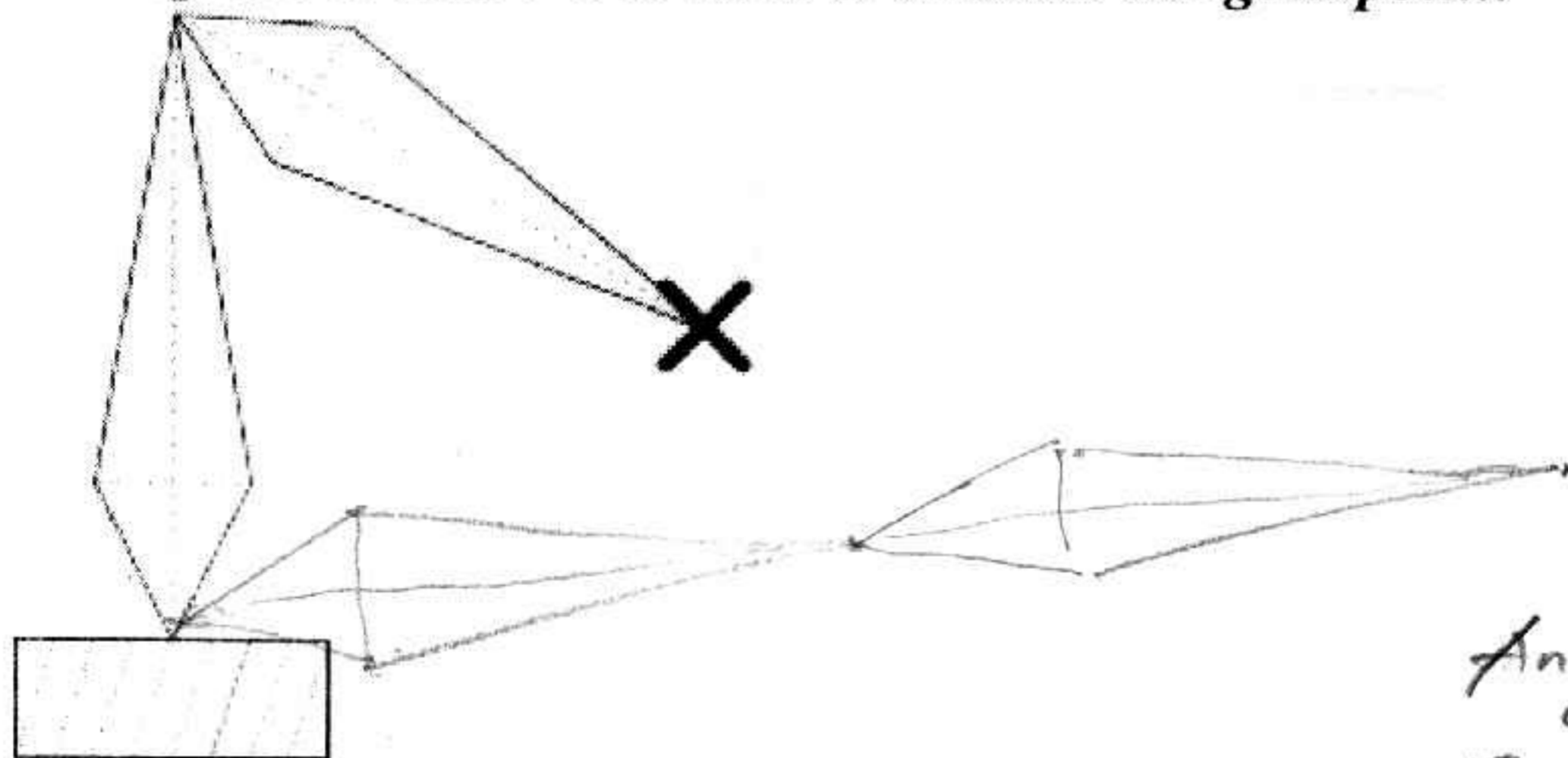
\rightarrow four-degree

For Q8 in final-F04 & Q16 in final-F05: Catmull-Clark subdiv.

1. Count the number of edges around a vertex. if it's not 4, the vertex is extraordinary.
2. Count the number of edges of a polygon. if it's not 4, it will produce an additional extraordinary vertex after subdividing.



8. In the context of doing inverse kinematics problems, when is the Jacobian singular? Draw an example using a two-link arm whose links are connected by a rotation joint and whose root link is attached to ground with a rotation joint. Make sure your diagram is clear. Use an X to indicate the goal point. 4 points



Example figure

X
↓
Any point which can't be reached when the arm stretches straight.