

Re: Circle–line intersection

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Hehe. The equation I wrote is correct, as you said:

$$t^2*(Dx^2 + Dy^2) + t*(2*Ax*Dx + 2*Ay*Dy) - R^2 + Ay^2 + Ax^2 = 0$$

but when I converted it to an equation of the second degree I forgot

an expression $(Dx^2 + Dy^2)$. ;D

It will look like this (sqrt = square root of):

$$t = \frac{Ax*Dx + Ay*Dy \pm \sqrt{(Ax*Dx + Ay*Dy)^2 - (Dx^2 + Dy^2)(Ax^2 + Ay^2 - R^2)}}{Dx^2 + Dy^2}$$

Sigh, sigh. Now I'm glad it is correct thanks to you.

I'm doing this as a hobby programmer. Maybe there are easier ways, but for me it's fun to solve this myself, and the purpose of this equation is to compare two vectors (which has the same angles but different origins). The vector which has the lowest 't' value above 0 is the vector which first intersects the circle.

I'm planning a circle–circle collision–detection algorithm which tells the user where the first collision–point is, and the vectors in this equation has the same angle as the moving vector of the circle, but the origins is at the both sides of the circle, these two are needed because if I'd only one, the actual collision of the circles may miss. But this will not work if I take a bigger circle to collide with a smaller one because of the radius of the smaller one is lesser than the distance between the two vectors at the bigger circle. Therefore I made a rule to always check smaller circles against bigger ones (and not vice versa).

Hope you understand my theory, and thank you for reading through and comment everything.

/Johannes