CMSC 23700 Autumn 2015 Homework 4 Due November 19

For this homework, please read Handout 2.

- 1. Consider the *winged-edge* representation of meshes described in Handout 2. Let's assume that the polygons n the mesh are all triangles (*i.e.*, that it is a trimesh).
 - (a) Write a function (in pseudocode) that returns the unit normal of a face.
 - (b) Write pseudocode that when given a direction vector (*i.e.* a vector pointing toward a viewer or a light) and a silhouette edge (w.r.t. the direction vector), walks the loop of edges that defines the mesh's silhouette.
- 2. Consider a sphere tree with the following representation:

```
struct SphereTree {
    vec3f center; // center of the sphere
    float radius; // radius
    float radius2; // radius*radius
    SphereTree *child1; // children, which are contained in this
    SphereTree *child2; // sphere (or nullptr if this is a leaf)
};
```

- (a) Sketch a function that given two sphere trees, st1 and st2, creates a new sphere tree node with minimum radius that has st1 and st2 as its children.
- (b) Sketch an **efficient** function that when given a ray and a sphere tree, returns true if a ray intersects any of the leaves of the tree. Note that you will first need to define a function that tests ray-sphere intersection.