# Fundamentals of Computer Graphics and Image Processing Raycasting (08) 

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## Computer Graphics

- Image processing
- Representing and manipulation of 2D images
- Modeling
- Representing and manipulation of 2D and 3D objects
- Animation
- Simulating changes over time
- Rendering

Constructing images from virtual models

## How the lectures should look like \#1

- Ask questions, please!!!
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## Towards Photorealism

- light refraction
- mutual object reflection
- caustics
- color bleeding
- (soft) shadows

http://graphics.ucsd.edu/~henrik/


## Refraction \& Caustics



## Global Illumination

## Introduction

Raycasting

## 3D Rendering

- Color of each pixel on the view plane depends on the radiance emanating from visible surfaces



## Ray Casting

- For each sample ...
- Construct ray from eye position through view plane
- Find first surface intersected by ray through pixel
- Compute color sample based on surface radiance



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Eye position

## Ray Casting

- Simple implementation

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2D example
$\Theta=$ frustum half-angle
$d=$ distance to view plane
right $=$ towards $\times$ up

P1 $=\mathrm{P}_{0}+\mathrm{d}^{*}$ towards $-\mathrm{d}^{*} \tan (\Theta) *$ right
P2 $=\mathrm{P}_{0}+\mathrm{d}^{*}$ towards $+\mathrm{d}^{*} \tan (\Theta) *$ right
$\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{P} 1+(\mathrm{i} /$ width +0.5$) *(\mathrm{P} 2-\mathrm{P} 1)$
$=\mathrm{P} 1+(\mathrm{i} /$ width +0.5$) * 2 * \mathrm{~d} * \tan (\Theta) *$ right
$\mathrm{V}=\left(\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}_{0}\right) /\left\|\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}_{0}\right\|$
Ray: $P=P_{0}+t V$

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## Ray-Scene Intersection

- Intersections with geometric primitives
- Sphere
- Triangle
- Groups of primitives (scene)
- Acceleration Techniques
- Bounding volume hierarchies
- Spatial partitions
$\square$ Uniform grids
$\square$ Octrees
$\square$ BSP trees


## Ray-Sphere Intersection

- Ray: $P=P_{0}+t V$
- Sphere: $|P-O|^{2}-r^{2}=0$



## Ray-Sphere Intersection I

- Ray: $P=P_{0}+t V$
- Sphere: $|P-O|^{2}-r^{2}=0$
- Algebraic method:

Substituting for $P$, we get:

$$
\left|P_{0}+t V-O\right|^{2}-r^{2}=0
$$

Solve quadratic equation:

$$
a t^{2}+b t+c=0
$$

where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a=1 \\
& b=2 V \cdot\left(P_{0}-O\right) \\
& c=\left|P_{0}-O\right|^{2}-r^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
P=P_{0}+t V
$$

## Ray-Sphere Intersection II

- Ray: $P=P_{0}+t V$
- Sphere: $|P-O|^{2}-r^{2}=0$

Geometric method:
$\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{P}_{0}$
$\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{ca}}=\mathrm{L} \cdot \mathrm{V}$
if $\left(\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{ca}}<0\right)$ return 0
$d^{2}=L \cdot L-t_{c a}{ }^{2}$
if ( $\mathrm{d}^{2}>\mathrm{r}^{2}$ ) return 0
$t_{\mathrm{hc}}=\operatorname{sqrt}\left(\mathrm{r}^{2}-\mathrm{d}^{2}\right)$
$t=t_{c a}-t_{n c}$ and $t_{c a}+t_{n c}$
$P=P_{0}+t V$


## Ray-Sphere Intersection

- We need normal vector at intersection for lighting calculations

$$
N=(P-O) /\|P-O\|
$$



## Ray-Sphere Intersection

- Multiple possible scenarios



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## Ray-Triangle Intersection

- First, intersect ray with plane
- Then, check if the point is inside triangle



## Ray-Plane Intersection

- Ray: $P=P_{0}+t V$
- Plane: $(P-L) \cdot N=0$
- Algebraic method:

Substituting for P , we get:

$$
\left(P_{0}+t V-L\right) \cdot N=0
$$

Solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& t=\left(\left(L-P_{0}\right) \cdot N\right) /(V \cdot N) \\
& P=P_{0}+t V
\end{aligned}
$$



## Ray-Triangle Intersection

- Check if the point is inside triangle
- Algebraic method:

For each side of triangle $V_{1}=T_{1}-P_{0}$ $V_{2}=T_{2}-P_{0}$ $\mathrm{N}_{1}=\mathrm{V}_{2} \times \mathrm{V}_{1}$ Normalize $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ if $\left(\left(P-P_{0}\right) \cdot N_{1}<0\right)$ return FALSE; end


## Ray-Triangle Intersection II

- Check if the point is inside parametrically

Compute $\alpha, \beta$ :

$$
P=\alpha\left(T_{2}-T_{1}\right)+\beta\left(T_{3}-T_{1}\right)
$$

Check if point inside triangle.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \text { and } 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 \\
& \alpha+\beta \leq 1
\end{aligned}
$$



## Other Ray-Primitive Intersection

- Cone, Cylinder, Ellipsoid
- Similar to sphere
- Box
- Intersect 3 front-facing planes, return closest
- Convex Polygon
- Same as triangle
- Concave polygon
- Same plane intersection
, Complex point-in-polygon test


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## Ray-Scene Intersection

- Find intersection with closest primitive in group
Intersection Findlntersection(Ray ray, Scene scene) \{
min_t $=$ infinity
min_primitive $=$ NULL
For each primitive in scene \{
$\mathrm{t}=$ Intersect(ray, primitive);
if ( $\mathrm{t}>0$ \&\& $\mathrm{t}<$ min_t) \{
min_primitive $=$ primitive
min_t $=\mathrm{t}$
\}
\}
return Intersection(min_t, min_primitive)
\}



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## Bounding Volumes

- Check intersection with simple shape first



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## Bounding Volume Hierarchies

- Build hierarchy of bounding volumes
- Bounding volume of interior node contains all children



## Bounding Volume Hierarchies

- Use hierarchy to accelerate ray intersections
- Intersect node contents only if hit bounding volume



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## Uniform Grid

- Construct uniform grid over scene
- Index primitives according to overlaps with grid cells



## Uniform Grid

- Trace rays through grid cells
- Only intersect with primitives from traversed cells



## Uniform Grid

- Potential problems:
- How to choose grid size ?
- Fine grid => Too computationally expensive
- Coarse grid => Little benefit



## Octree

- Construct adaptive grid over scene
- Recursively subdivide box-shaped cells into 8 octants
- 4 quadrants in 2D (Quadtree)
- Index primitives by overlap with cells



## Octree

- Trace rays through neighbour cells
- Fewer cells
- More complex neighbour finding



## Binary Space Partition (BSP) Tree

- Recursively partition space by planes
- Every cell is a convex polyhedron



## Binary Space Partition (BSP) Tree

- Simple recursive algorithms
- Example: Point finding



## Binary Space Partition (BSP) Tree

- Trace rays by recursion on trees
- BSP construction enables simple front-to-back traversal



## Other Accelerations

- Screen space coherence
- Check last hit first
- Beam tracing
- Pencil tracing
- Memory coherence
- Large screens
- Parallelism
- Ray tracing is "embarrassingly parallelizable"


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## Shading

- Must derive computer models for ...
- Emission at light sources
- Scattering at surfaces
- Reception at camera
- Desirable features ...
- Concise
- Efficient to compute
" "Accurate"


## Overview

- Direct Illumination
- Emission at light sources
- Scattering at surfaces
- Gouraud shading
- Global Illumination
- Shadows
- Refractions
- Inter-object reflections


## Introduction

Raytracing

## Ray Tracing

- Rays are casted and recursively traced
- Secondary reflected, refracted and shadow rays are casted



## Ray Tracing

- Photorealistic rendering
- Global illumination technique



## Local Illumination



## Global Illumination



## Radiosity

- Physically based
- Object hit by light becomes a new light source
- Not only object-light interaction
- But also object-object light interaction
- Energy exchange between objects



## General situation



## Raytracing vs. radiosity


http://www.soe.ucsc.edu/classes/cmps161/Winter04/projects/aames/index.htm

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## NVIDIA RTX

- NVIDIA DLSS

Deep Learning Super Sampling (DLSS)
Neural network + Tensor cores
convolutional auto-encoder neural network

- Raytracing (trained to recognize RT effects)
edge enhancement
spatial anti-aliasing (supersampling to 64 samples per pixel)
Denoising (temporal feedback)
- Upscaling (retaining high frequency data)
- DLSS 2.0
temporal anti-aliasing upsampling (TAAU)
- DLSS 3.0
motion interpolation + Optical Flow Accelerator (OFA)
- DLSS 3.5
multiple denoising algorithms replaced with a single AI model trained on 5x more data


## DLSS inference



## DLSS training



## NVIDIA DLSS

- DLSS (v 3.5)
- New Ray Reconstruction Enhances Ray Tracing with AI
https://youtu.be/sGKCrcNsVzo


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## Questions ?!



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