Advanced Computer Graphics
(Fall 2009)
CS 294-13, Lecture 1: Introduction and History

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Demo

- Precomputed relighting: Vase
- Real-Time complex shading

Overview

- CS 294-13, Advanced Computer Graphics
  - Prerequisite: Done well in CS 184 or equivalent elsewhere
  - Strong interest in computer graphics
- Advanced topics in rendering/geometry/animation
  - Background for modern topics
  - Areas of current research interest
- Goal is background and up to research frontier
  - Aimed at beginning PhD students and advanced ugrads
- Regular lecture class but less rigid than CS 184
- Encourage you to take other CS 28x, 29x in graphics

Administrivia

- Website http://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs294-13/fa09
- Co-Instructors James O’Brien and Ravi Ramamoorthi
  - First half of class mostly on rendering (Prof. Ramamoorthi)
  - Second half of class geometry/animation (Prof. O’Brien)
- Lectures MW 1-2:30pm in Soda 310
- E-mail instructors directly for questions, meetings …
  - ravir@cs.berkeley.edu job@cs.berkeley.edu
  - Talk to us after class re issues, getting off waitlist etc.
- TODO: E-mail us picture (small 120x160), name, e-mail, scribing prefs (at least 3) by tomorrow

Scribing

- No books. Lectures online, reading/refs as needed
- We request each student scribe 1 or 2 lectures as notes, and for future reference
- Your e-mail should include 3 scribing prefs
  - We will assign scribes by this week and let you know

Course Logistics

- Graded on basis of 4 mostly programming homeworks
- Can be done in groups of two
- Turned in by creating website, sending e-mail
  - Do not modify site after deadline
  - May schedule demo sessions
- Can substitute research or implementation project for one or more of assignments (encouraged to do so)
  - With instructor approval of specific plan
  - Allows you to focus on topics of interest and research
- See website for more details
Rendering and Appearance (1st half)

- Core area in computer graphics
- Efficiently and easily create visual appearance
- Long history (1960s to current time): Variety of old and new topics
- From basic visibility and shading, to global illumination, to image-based rendering, to data-driven appearance and light fields
- Many links to physics, math, computer science

Rendering: 1960s (visibility)

- Roberts (1963), Appel (1967) - hidden-line algorithms
- Sutherland (1974) - visibility = sorting

Rendering: 1970s (lighting)

1970s - raster graphics
- Blinn (1974) - curved surfaces, texture

Rendering (1980s, 90s: Global Illumination)

early 1980s - global illumination
- Whitted (1980) - ray tracing
- Goral, Torrance et al. (1984) radiosity
- Kajiya (1986) - the rendering equation

Overview of Course

- Weeks 1-2: Basic ray, path tracing and Monte Carlo global illumination rendering
- Weeks 3-7: Topics of current research interest
- Offline Rendering (efficient sampling): Week 3
- Image-Based Rendering: Week 4
- Real-Time Rendering: Weeks 4, 5
- Data-Driven Appearance Acquisition: Week 6
- Other Topics (Light Fields, Sparse Reconstruction)

First Assignment

- In groups of two (find partners)
- Monte Carlo Path Tracer
- If no previous ray tracing experience, ray tracer first.
- See how far you go. Many extra credit items possible, fast multi-dim. rendering, imp. sampling…
- Second assignment: Choice of real-time, precomputation-based and image-based rendering
- Or a research/implementation project of your choice
Outline

- Basic Ray Tracing
- Global Illumination
- Image-Based Rendering
- Real-Time Rendering

Ray Tracing Basics

Classic Ray Tracing

Greeks: Do light rays proceed from the eye to the light, or from the light to the eye?

Three Ideas about light
1. Light rays travel in straight lines (mostly)
2. Light rays do not interfere with each other if they cross (light is invisible)
3. Light rays travel from the light sources to the eye (but the physics is invariant under path reversal - reciprocity).

Ray Tracing History

Ray Tracing in Computer Graphics

Appel 1966 - Ray casting
1. Generate an image by sending one ray per pixel
2. Check for shadows by sending a ray to the light

Heckbert's Business Card Ray Tracer

Image courtesy Paul Heckbert 1983
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Global Illumination

- Radiosity

Successive Approximation

- \( L_0 \)
- \( K \cdot L_0 \)
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Rendering Equation (Kajiya 86)

- Figure 6. A sample image. All objects are neutral gray. Color on the objects is due to reflection from the green glass ball, and color bleeding from the floor.

Caustics

- Ring - Stencil Routing
- Cornell Box - Bitonic Sort
- Glass Ball - Stencil Routing
- Cornell Box - Increased Search Radius
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Image-Based Rendering

Apple's QuickTime VR

Dual Interpretation of Light Field

- Plenoptic Light Field
- Surface Light Field
- Field radiance
- Surface radiance

UV Array of ST Images
ST Array of UV Images

Acquiring Reflectance Field of Human Face [Debevec et al. SIGGRAPH 00]

Illuminate subject from many incident directions

Example Images
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Precomputed Radiance Transfer

- Better light integration and transport
  - dynamic, area lights
  - self-shadowing
  - interreflections
- For diffuse and glossy surfaces
- At real-time rates
- Sloan et al. 02

Precomputation: Spherical Harmonics

Diffuse Transfer Results

Arbitrary BRDF Results

Relighting as a Matrix-Vector Multiply

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