Computer Graphics III Introduction

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$$L_o = L_e + \int_{\Omega} L_i \cdot f_r \cdot \cos\theta \cdot d\omega$$



Image synthesis (rendering)



Given a scene description

Create an image (that looks like reality)







rendered with Corona Renderer | www.corona-renderer.com

A room with a view

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16 Relaxing

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Image created by *Bertrand Benoit* Rendered in *Corona Renderer*

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Vertex Connection & Merging (VCM)

SIGGRAPH Asia 2012



Robust rendering of volumetric media

SIGGRAPH 2014







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Image synthesis – A gentle intro

Image synthesis (rendering)



Given a scene description

Create an image (that looks like reality)

Scene description

Geometry

- Where is which object and what shape does it have?
- Usually represented by triangular meshes
- Accessed via ray casting

Surface reflectance

- Surface color, glossiness, transparency, etc.
- Mathematical model: the BRDF

Light sources

- Spatial and directional distribution of emitted light
- Radiometric terms are used to describe this

Camera (sensor)

- Position, orientation, type (perspective, spherical), etc.
- Mathematical model: the Measurement Equation

Application of realistic image synthesis

- Movie production
- Entertainment, games
- Industrial design
- Architecture
- Virtual showrooms
- On-line commerce
- Cultural heritage
- Virtual and augmented reality

Light transport simulation



Light transport simulation

 Rendering = sum-up contributions of all light transport paths



What's in the image?



What's in the image?



Image courtesy Eugene d'Eon

Why does skin look the way it does?



Subsurface scattering effects on skin



Global illumination – GI



Direct illumination 🍐



indirect

Globální osvětlení

Direct illumination

 Light reflects only once on its way from the source to the camera



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Global illumination

- Global = Direct + Indirect
- Light transport between surfaces in the scene
- Multiple reflections/refractions

Global illumination effects

- Ideal (mirror) reflection / refraction
- Color bleeding
- Caustics



Modeling: Stephen Duck; Rendering: Henrik Wann Jensen

Ideal (mirror) reflection/refraction

- Glass, mirror, water surface
- E.g. the image we see on a water surface is due to light in a completely different part of the scene (bottom, environment, sky, sun)



Color bleeding



- Light reflected from one diffuse surface onto another
- Important for understanding of the spatial relationships of objects in a given scene (this happens subconsciously)

Color bleeding



Image courtesy Michael Bunnell

"Manual" global illumination



- Manually placed light sources as a proxy for GI
 - E.g. The cyan-ish tint on Mike Wasowski "reflected" from Sulley's belly
- Was used before full GI simulation started to be feasible

Caustics

 Focusing of light as it's reflected or refracted, leading to local increase of intensity



Photograph

Simulation using photon maps

Caustics

 In physics or in computer vision, a caustic refers to a singularity of light intensity (infinite density of light energy)



What do we see when we look at a surface of a swimming pool?



- Reflections + refractions on water surface
- Caustics at the bottom







Realistic image synthesis: Ingredients

- Describe the "amount of light" in space **radiometry**
- Describe light interaction with surfaces BRDF
- Describe equilibrium light distribution rendering equation (RE)
- Image rendering = numerical solution of the RE
 - Find the light distribution in a given scene that fulfils
 - The rendering equation
 - The "boundary conditions " = i.e. the scene model
 - Methods
 - Finite elements (radiosity) obsolete
 - Monte Carlo (stochastic ray tracing) prevalent

Light

Realistic image synthesis



Different approaches to rendering

Phenomenological

- Traditional, "old" computer graphics
- E.g. Phong shading model, colors between 0 and 1, etc.

Physically-based

- Based on a proper mathematical formulation
- Rendering algorithms = numerical methods for solving the rendering equation
- Radiance values between 0 and infinity

Mathematical model

- Image synthesis (rendering) = light transport simulation
- We need a **mathematical model** for light
- Formulation of the model = choice of level of detail
 - No need to model the behavior of every single photon
 - Need simplifying assumptions

Light

EM radiation (an EM wave propagating through space)



Light

 Frequency of oscillations => wavelength => perceived color



Image: Wikipedia

Various kinds of optics

Geometry (ray) optics

- Most useful for rendering
- Describes bulk, macroscopic effects of light
- It is not a complete theory (Does not describe all observed phenomena, such as diffraction, interference etc.)

Wave optics (light = E-M wave)

- Important when describing interaction of light with objects of size on par with the light wavelength
- Interference (soap bubbles), diffraction, dispersion
- Quantum optics (light = photons)
 - Necessary to describe interaction of light with atoms

Effects of the wave nature of light

Interference



Constructive

Destructive

• Causes **iridescence** (structural coloration)

Img: Wikipedia

Img: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iridescence

Iridescence

- Thin-film interference
- Color changes with the observation angle





Iridescence – Structural coloration

Biological tissues can have layers causing interferences



Iridescence – Structural coloration



Iridescence – Structural coloration



Polarization

- Preferential orientation of the E-M waves with respect to the direction of travel
- Unpolarized light many waves with different polarization
- More in the "Predictive rendering" class



Polarization

Skylight is partially polarized



Specular reflections are polarized

