Ray Casting

What is a Ray (half line, 半直線)?



Rasterization vs Ray Casting

Rasterization

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for each triangle
for each pixel (x,y)
if (x,y) is inside triangle
framebuffer[x,y]=shade()
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Ray Casting

for each pixel (x,y)
for each triangle
if ray hits triangle
framebuffer[x,y]=shade()





Ray at Pixel: 3x3 Homography Matrix



$$z' = f$$
, $\frac{x'}{x} = \frac{y'}{y} = \frac{z'}{z}$

$$\begin{cases} x'\\y'\\1 \end{cases} \propto \begin{cases} x''\\y''\\W \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0\\0 & f & 0\\0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} x\\y\\z \end{cases}$$



ray from camera

$$\vec{s} = \begin{cases} 0\\0\\0 \end{cases}, \vec{d} = \begin{cases} x\\y\\f \end{cases}$$

Ray at Pixel: 4x4 Homography Matrix



Rendering Equation [Kajiya 1986]



James T. Kajiya. 1986. The rendering equation. SIGGRAPH Comput. Graph. 20, 4

Environment Map

Far light approximation: $L_i(\vec{p}, \vec{\omega}_i) \simeq L_i(\vec{\omega}_i)$



High Dynamic Range (HDR) Image



Image from PolyHaven: https://polyhaven.com/a/rooitou_park

Ambient Light: Uniform Light

• Omni-directional, uniform color, uniform intensity

(ambient light) + (no occusion) + (Lambertian reflection)
 = constant reflection



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Ambient Occlusion: Occlusion Ratio For Ambient Light

$$A_{\vec{p}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\Omega} V_{\vec{p}}(\vec{\omega})(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega}) \, d\vec{\omega}$$

normalizing constant $A_{\vec{p}} = 1$: no occlusion



Example of Ambient Occlusion

• Ambient occlusion is fully depends on geometry



Monte Carlo Integration

• Integration of a "difficult" function (i.e., we can only evaluate at discrete sample locations)



Acceleration: Importance Sampling

Sample densely where the integrand is large



Probablity Density Function (PDF,確率密度関数)

• PDF is a density, not prbobablity itself so tometime exceed 1

$$pdf(x) > 0 \text{ for all } x \in \Omega$$

$$\int_{\Omega} pdf(x)dx = 1$$

$$P(a \le X \le b) = \int_{a}^{b} pdf(x) dx$$

Inverse Transform Method



Cosine Importance Sampling

Uniform sampling over hemisphere: $pdf(\omega_i) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ $A_{\vec{p}} \simeq \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{V_{\vec{p}}(\vec{\omega})(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega})}{pdf(\omega_i)} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_{\vec{p}}(\vec{\omega})(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega})$

Cosine importance sampling: $pdf(\omega_i) = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega}_i}{\pi}$

$$A_{\vec{p}} \simeq \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{V_{\vec{p}}(\vec{\omega})(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega})}{\text{pdf}(\omega_i)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_{\vec{p}}(\vec{\omega})$$

Strategy for Cosine Importance Sampling

- Polar coodinate heta , ϕ
- the Jacobian for polar coordinate: ${
 m sin} heta$
- $pdf(\theta) = \sin \theta \cos \theta$

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- Cumulative distribution: $cdf(\theta) = \int pdf(\theta)d\theta = cos^2 \theta$
- Inverse cumulative distribution: $cdf^{-1}(x) = cos^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$

Local Illumination vs Global Illumination

Light come only from lighting



Every surface is lightsource



Ray Triangle Collision

Bounding Volume Hierarchy (BVH)

- Near triangles are in the same branch
- Each node has a BV that includes two child BVs





Example of BVH Data Structure in C++

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
left-child index	1	3	4	tri index	tri index	tri index	tri index
Right-child index	2	5	6	-1	-1	-1	-1
BV data							





Evaluation of BVH using Recursion

 Ask question to the root node -> if true the node asks the same question to two child nodes and so on



Top-down Approach to Build BVH

• Use PCA for separating triangles into two groups



Linear BVH: Fully Parallel Construction

- Construct BVH based on Morton code (i.e., Z-order curve)
- Two cells with close Morton codes tends to be near



2D square domain with 2^n edge division



 2^{2n} number of cells



Cell index is size of 2n in binary

Linear BVH: Fully Parallel Construction

• Convert XYZ coordinate into 1D (linear) integer coordinate





Linear BVH: Fully Parallel Construction

• Sort objects by their Morton codes



From Morton Code to BVH Tree

• Divide tree when digits of sorted Morton codes are different



Reference on Linear-BVH

• Thinking Parallel, Part III: Tree Construction on the GPU

by Tero Karras



https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/thinking-parallel-part-iii-tree-construction-gpu/

