

Ray tracing

LECTURE 9

- Can build many nice effects on top of it.

- much more difficult in rasterization framework.

- e.g. , shadows, reflections.

→ look over their ray tracing assignment.

Recall Blinn-Phong ~~Shr~~ Reflectance Model

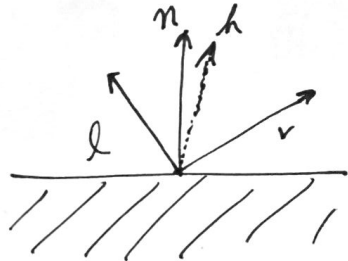
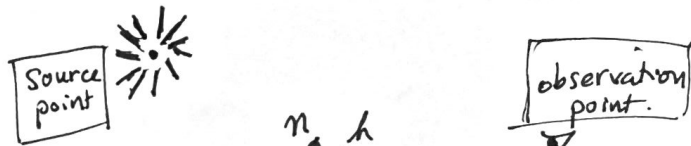
$$L = k_a I_a + k_d I_d \max(0, n \cdot l) + k_s I_s \max(0, n \cdot h)^2$$

$$I^i = L_a^i R_a + L_d^i R_d \max(0, n \cdot l) + L_s^i R_s \max(0, n \cdot h)^2$$

Multiple light sources

$$L = k_a I_a + \sum_{i=1}^N \left(k_d (I_d)_i \max(0, n \cdot l_i) + k_s (I_s)_i \max(0, n \cdot h_i)^2 \right)$$

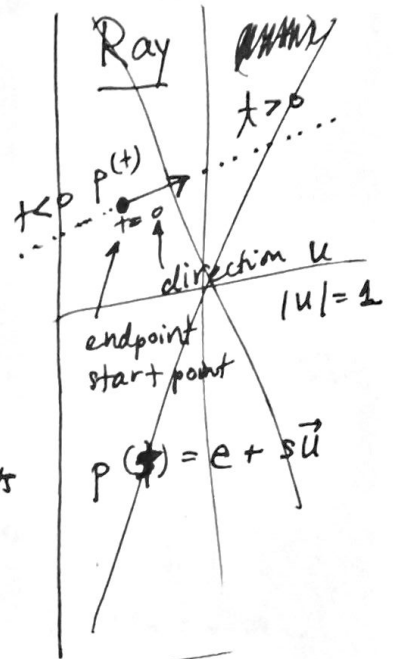
$$I = \sum_i I^i$$



$$h = \frac{v+l}{|v+l|}$$

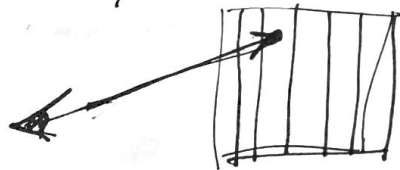
Types of Rays

1. Eye/pixel rays
2. Illumination/shadow rays.
3. Reflection rays
 - specular highlight
 - reflect other objects
4. Transmission/transparency rays.



[1] Eye rays

* automatically get a perspective view when trace from eye.

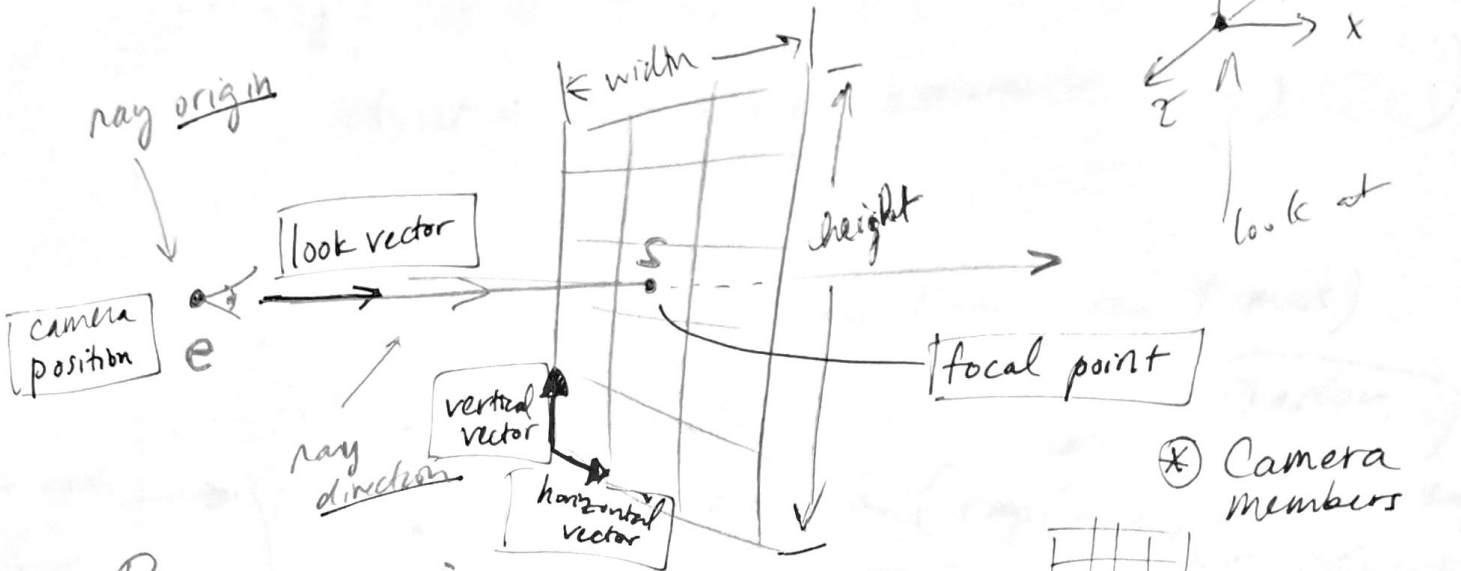


Q. How would you get an ~~orthogonal~~ orthographic view?

Illumination/Shadow Rays.

Computing View Rays.

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Ray equation:

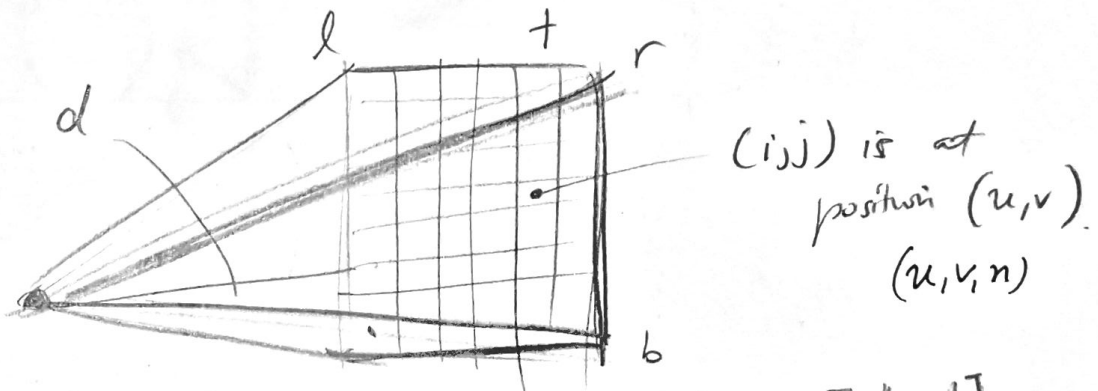
$$p(t) = \underline{e} + t(\underline{s} - \underline{e})$$

$$\underline{v} = \underline{s} - \underline{e}$$

Notes: $p(0) = \underline{e}$

$$p(1) = \underline{s}$$

$p(\alpha)$, $\alpha < 0$ behind the eye.



(i,j)

(position $[0, n_x] \times [0, n_y]$)

$\rightarrow [l, r] \times [b, t]$

$$u = l + \left(\frac{i + \frac{1}{2}}{n_x}\right)(r - l)$$

$$v = b + \left(\frac{j + \frac{1}{2}}{n_y}\right)(t - b)$$

Shadows

[Shirley, 4.7]

$$\vec{e} \xrightarrow{u} \dots$$

$$\text{ray} = \text{ray}(\vec{e}, u, 0, \infty)$$

Cast-Ray (ray, parent-ray)

if (object = ... closest-intersection (ray))

then

$$p = (\vec{e} + \text{ray}.t_{\text{max}} u) = \text{ray}.Point(\text{ray}, t_{\text{max}})$$

$$\text{color} = L_a R_a$$

for each light source

if (! closest-intersection (ray(p, l, ϵ , ∞)) then

$$h = \dots \frac{l + v}{\|l + v\|}$$

avoid spikes

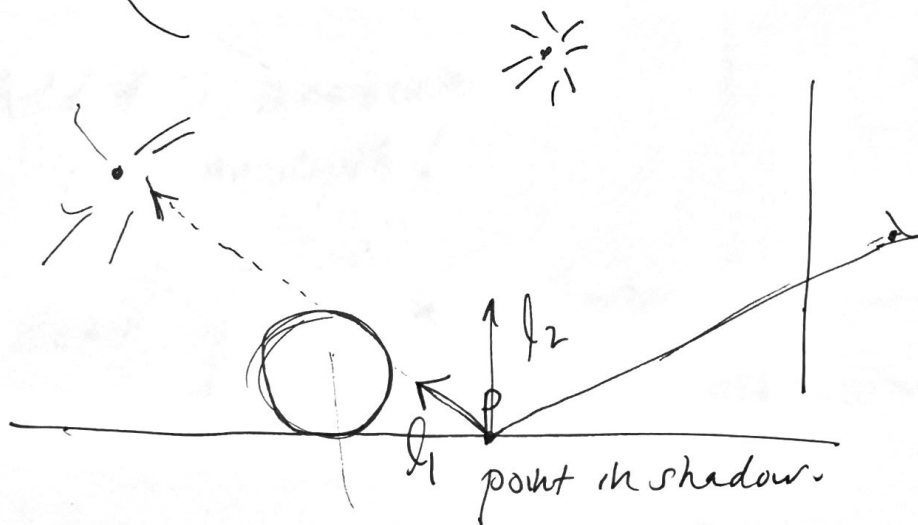
semi-ht = true

$$c = L_d R_d \cdot \max(0, n \cdot l) + L_s R_s (n \cdot h)^e$$

else

return background color.

Shadow ray



Ideal Specular Reflection

[Shirley 4.8]
mirror reflection

$$r = v - 2(v \cdot n)n$$

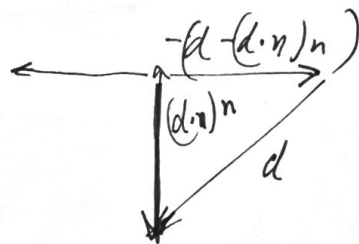
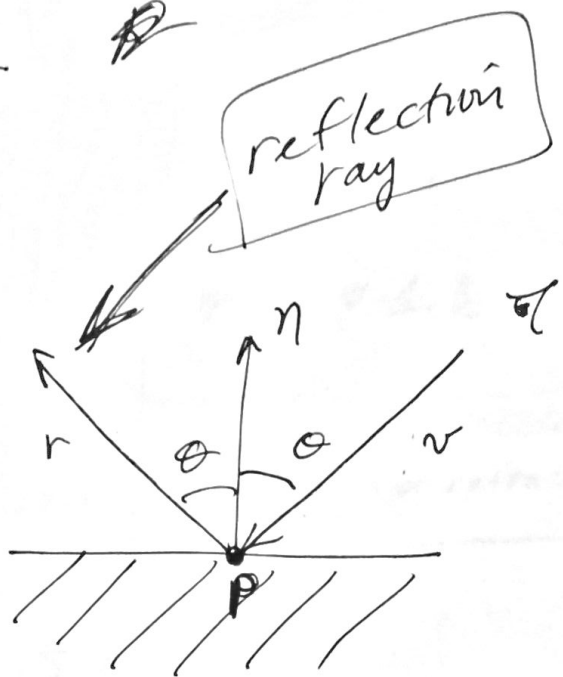
- in my solution

$$\text{Color } c = (1 - k_m) \text{Color} + k_m \text{Ray-Color}(\text{ray}(p, r, \epsilon, \infty))$$

important to avoid intersecting w/ self

- Add ϵ a maximum recursion depth!

- don't generate a reflection if $k_m == 0$ (no reflection)



~~d + r~~

$$r = -d + 2(d - (d \cdot n)n)$$
$$= +d - 2(d \cdot n)n$$

Ray-Object intersection

Find the first intersection with any object where $t > 0$.

$$f(p) = 0$$

Implicit function describing surface

$$\text{Solve } \boxed{f(e + td) = 0} \text{ for } t.$$

E.g., sphere

$$f(p) = (p-c) \cdot (p-c) - r^2 = 0.$$

plugging \otimes into $f(\cdot)$ gives a quadratic equation in t .

discriminant

0

1 solution



< 0

no real solution



> 0

2 solutions



check t values.

valid intersection if $t > 0$.

E.g., ray-plane

$$f(p) = (p-q) \cdot n = 0$$

$$f(p(t)) = (e + td - q) \cdot n = 0$$

$$t(d \cdot n) = (q - e) \cdot n \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{t = \frac{(q - e) \cdot n}{(d \cdot n)}}$$

$$\left(t = \frac{(q - e) \cdot n}{(s - e) \cdot n} \text{ for } d = s - e \right)$$