CS230 : Computer Graphics Lecture 4

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 // e.g., phong shading
 for each light
 add light's ambient component
 compute shadow ray
 if (! shadow ray hits an object)
 add light's diffuse and specular components
 else

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- Reflective_Shader subclass of Phong shader

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for each pixel do
    compute viewing ray
    pixel color = cast_ray(viewing ray)

cast_ray:
    if ( ray hits an object with t in [0, inf] ) then
        compute n
        return color = shade_surface
    else
        return color = to the background color

shade_surface:
    color = ...
    compute reflected ray
    return color = color + k * cast_ray(reflected ray)
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Distribution Ray Tracing

Anti-aliasing





Soft Shadows



Soft Focus





Fuzzy Reflections



Motion Blur

[Shirley and Marschner]

Acceleration Structures

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Bounding boxes



Uniform Spatial Partitioning



Bounding Volume Hierarchy





Graphics Pipeline

Z-buffer Rendering

- •Z-buffering is very common approach, also often accelerated with hardware
- OpenGL is based on this approach



Pipelining operations

An arithmetic pipeline that computes c+(a*b)



By pipelining the arithmetic operation, the **throughput**, or rate at which data flows through the system, has been **doubled**

If the pipeline had more boxes, the latency, or time it takes one datum to pass through the system, would be higher

throughput and latency must be balanced

3D graphics pipeline



Geometry: objects – made of primitives – made of vertices **Vertex processing**: coordinate transformations and color **Clipping and primitive assembly**: output is a set of primitives **Rasterization**: output is a set of fragments for each primitive **Fragment processing**: update pixels in the frame buffer

the pipeline is best when we are doing the same operations on many data sets

-- good for computer graphics!! where we process larges sets of vertices and pixels in the same manner

1. Geometry: objects - made of primitives - made of vertices

2. Vertex processing: coordinate transformations and color

- 3. **Clipping and primitive assembly:** use clipping volume. must be primitive by primitive rather than vertex by vertex. therefore vertices must be assembled into primitives before clipping can take place. Output is a set of primitives.
- 4. **Rasterization:** primitives are still in terms of vertices -- must be converted to pixels. E.g., for a triangle specificied by 3 vertices, the rasterizer must figure out which pixels in the frame buffer fill the triangle. Output is a set of **fragments for each primitive**. A fragment is like a **potential pixel**. Fragments can carry depth information used to figure out if they lie behind other fragments for a given pixel.
- 5. **Fragment processing:** update pixels in the frame buffer. some fragments may not be visible. texture mapping and bump mapping. blending.

3D graphics pipeline

- optimized for drawing 3D triangles with shared vertices
- map 3D vertex locations to 2D screen locations
- shade triangles and draw them in back to front order using a z-buffer
- speed depends on # of triangles
- most operations on vertices can be represented using a 4D coordinate space - 3D position + homogeneous coordinate for perspective viewing
 - 4x4 matrices and 4-vectors

use varying level of detail – fewer triangles for distant objects
 construct shapes from primitives – points, lines, polygons, images, bitmaps, (mathematical descriptions of objects) – specify the model

Primitives and Attributes

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Performance is in **10s millions polygons/sec** -- **portability, hardware support** key

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Other geometric shapes will be built out of these

Two classes of primitives



Geometric : points, lines, polygons **Image** : arrays of pixels

Point and line segment types



Polygons

- Multi-sided planar element composed of edges and vertices.
- Vertices (singular vertex) are represented by points
- Edges connect vertices as line segments



Valid polygons



- Simple
- Convex
- Flat

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OpenGL polygons

• Only triangles are supported (in latest versions)





triangulation

as long as triangles are not collinear, they will be simple, flat, and convex -- easy to render

Sample attributes

- Color
 glClearColor(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
- Point size glPointSize(2.0);
- Line width glLineWidth(3.0);

