Introduction to Computer Graphics

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• 3D animation

– « Disney Effects »
(Luxo Jr (1986)
Pixar animation studios
Director: John Lasseter)





- Special effects
 - Seam-less mix of real & virtual







- Games
 - Immersion through interaction





Simulation : « serious games »
 – Predictability & interaction





- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
 - Virtual prototypes







- Architecture
 - Real-time exploration





- Virtual reality
 - Multi-sensorial immersion
- Augmented reality





- Visualization
 - Visual exploration of results, interaction



- Medical imaging
 - Understanding, planning, on-line monitoring





What you will learn

- Overview of Computer Graphics (including vocabulary)
 - Modeling : create 3D geometry
 - Animation : move & deform
 - Rendering : 3D scene \rightarrow image
- How basic techniques work
- Practice with OpenGL (C++)



- Introduction to research : case studies
 - Choose/combine/extend existing techniques to solve a problem

What you will not learn

- Advanced techniques in detail
- Programming the Graphics Hardware (GPU)
- Artistic skills
- Game design
- Software packages

(CAD-CAM, 3D Studio Max, Maya, Photoshop, etc)

Following up: MOSIG M2 "GVR" & ENSIMAG "IRV"

Text books

- No book **required**
- References
 - 3D Computer Graphics Alan H. Watt
 - 3D Computer Graphics: A Mathematical Introduction with OpenGL (2003) by Buss.



Course schedule (3h a week, A009 or ARV) Marie-Paule Cani & Estelle Duveau

04/02 Introduction + Projective rendering: graphics pipeline, shading 11/02 Parametric modeling : representations + design tools 25/02 Introduction to OpenGL: C + TD

- 04/03 Implicit surfaces 1 + CTD matrices & hierarchies
- 11/03 Implicit surfaces 2 + C OpenGL lighting, materials
- 18/03 Textures, aliasing + TD OpenGL lighting, materials
- 25/03 Textures in OpenGL: C + TD
- 01/04 Procedural & kinematic animation + TD procedural anim
- 08/04 Physics: particle systems + TD physics 1
- 22/04 Physics: collisions, control + TD physics 2
- 29/04 Animating complex objects + Realistic rendering
- 06/05 Talks: results of cases studies

Basic, real-time display? Projective rendering

Done by the graphics hardware via OpenGL or directX

- Input: Scene
 - 3D models (Faces & normals)
- Goal
 - Image from camera
 Made of pixels



Basic, real-time display? Projective rendering

2 ingredients:

Graphics pipeline

From a 3D scene to a 2D image

• based on geometry

Local illumination

Which color in each pixel?

• based on optics



1. Create 3D models

• in local frames, faces = vertices + normals

2. Build the scene

- place instances of models in the "world frame"
- add materials, virtual lights, and a camera



Representation of transformations

- From frame to frame (rotate, translate, scale)?
 - Transformations represented by 4x4 matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p' = M p$$

Why 4x4? Homogeneous coordinates

- w will be used for projective transformations
- Cartesian coordinates: w = 1
- From projective to cartesian: divide by w

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Affine transformation

Affine transformations



Composition of transformations



Multiplication of matrices : p' = T(Sp) = TSp

$$TS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Not commutative !!!

Scale then translate : p' = T(Sp) = TSp(1,1) Scale(2,2) (2,2) Translate(3,1) (3,1)(0.0)Translate, then scale : p' = S(Tp) = STp(8, 4)(1,1) Translate(3,1) (3,1) (4,2) Scale(2,2) (6,2)(0,0)

Graphics pipe-line

- 3. Convert the scene to the camera frame
 - « cull » the faces that look in the opposite direction

Normal \approx vector to the caméra ?



4. Convert to the screen frame (projective transformation!)

- The viewing frustrum becomes a parallelogram
- « clipping » operations to
 - suppress faces outside the frustrum, cut intersecting ones



Perspective projection to image plane?

• Project all points to the z = d plane, eyepoint at the origin



5. Compute the image

- Rasterize each face into pixels (x,y)
- Suppress hidden parts
- Compute a color for each pixel





Rasterize faces into pixels?

- Primitives are continuous; screen is discrete
 - triangles are described by a discrete set of vertices
 - but they describe a continuous area on screen



Rasterize faces into pixels?

- Scan Conversion: approximation into pixels
 - Check pixels in BB wrt the 3 line equations
 - Scanline rasterization: increment from corner vertices



Remove the hidden parts of each triangle? Else the last one will appear « above »







Remove hidden parts of each triangle?

- First method: the painter's algorithm
 - Sort the faces
 - Display triangles starting with the farthest
- Cost n(logn) Problems!







Remonve hidden parts?

- Use a « Z-buffer » (available thanks to memory)
 - A second array, as large as the image
 - Stores the current z value at each pixel

(the associated color being in the image buffer)

Algo

- Init with all pixel at max distance
- For each face, for each pixel P
 - update color and z-value iff (z < current z-value(P))



- Which color should be displayed?
 - Uniform colors would not work!
 - Given by a « local illumination » model





Local illumination

Which color shall we display in each pixel?

- \Rightarrow Depends on the local amount of light coming back to the eyes
- \Rightarrow So it depends on :
 - where the surface element is in 3D
 - its orientation w.r.t. lights & camera
 - the material the surface is made of





Phong's local illumination

- A constant « ambiant » term
- Direct lighting from the sources
 - \succ no shadows
- Opaque objects only





Phong's local illumination

$$I = Ka + \sum Is (Kd L \cdot N + Ks (R \cdot V)^n)$$

ambiant

diffuse

specular





Phong's local illumination





Direct application

- A single normal by face
- Uniform colors!



Gouraud's shading

- A normal by face
- Illumination on each vertex
- Bi-linear interpolation

Better! Some reflexions can be missed





Phong's shading

- A normal by vertex
- Interpolate normal directions
- Illumination at each pixel

Correct!

Still missing:

- Cast shadows
- Extended light sources
- Transparency



Phong's shading

