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Why graphics?

- Presenting an alternative world
- Visual interfaces
- Enhancing our view of the existing world
Presenting an alternative world

- For training
  - Landing expensive aircraft
- For amusement
  - Games; movies
- For aesthetic pleasure
  - Computer art
- For understanding
  - Visualize data sets in an accessible way
Interaction

• Key to the games industry
• Key to most current user interfaces
• Idea dates back to ‘55, at least
• Sketchpad was the first interactive graphics system where user could author what is displayed (‘63 thesis, Ivan Sutherland)
SAGE - aircraft target selection - 1958, from Spalter
Sketchpad, c 1955, from Spalter
Computer Art

• 2D graphics to create and manipulate images
  – Image editing and composition tools
  – Computer paint programs
  – User interfaces are improving - pressure sensitive tablets, etc.

• 3D virtual reality for new ways of expression
Me, My Mom and My Girl at Three, 1992, Michele Turre
You Wish, from Tree Fix, 1997, Michele Turre
Enhancing the existing world

• Mix models with the real world
  – Movies!

• Allow operation planning
  – Neurosurgery
  – Plastic surgery

• Add information to a surgeons view to improve operation
  – Neurosurgery
From Eric Grimson’s research group at MIT
What is graphics?

- Mathematical model of world --> images

- Main technical activities are modeling the world, and rendering

- Modeling may either be in support of artists/actors who provide the content, and/or, physics based models to make things look real.
Rendering takes a model to a picture

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Ray-traced Cornell box, due to Henrik Jensen, http://www.gk.dtu.dk/~hwj
Radiosity Cornell box, due to Henrik Jensen, http://www.gk.dtu.dk/~hwj, rendered with ray tracer
Refraction caustic

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Refraction caustics

Henrik Jensen, http://www.gk.dtu.dk/~hwj
Resources

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Course Outline
(not exactly in order!)

• Intro (1 week)
  – OpenGL intro
  – Math review

• Rendering (6 weeks)
  – Proceeding from a geometrical model to an image Involves understanding
    • Displays
    • Geometry
    • Cameras
    • Visibility
    • Illumination
  – Technologies
    • the rendering pipeline
    • ray tracing

• Modeling (3 weeks)
  – Producing a geometrical, or other kind of model that can be rendered.
  – Involves understanding
    • Yet more geometry
    • A little calculus

• Misc (2-3 weeks)
  – colour
  – animation
  – advanced rendering

• Exam, review (1 week)
Grading, etc.

Bad attendance lowers grade

Assignments will count for a large part of grades

Projects can be substituted for assignments (with permission).

Grad students will do assignments at an accelerated pace and must do a project (preferably research oriented)

Honors students?

Late policy (10% off per day until 5 days late, then 0)

We will check assignments for duplication
Administrative

Please do “Apply”--it is needed for CAT card access to graphics lab.

Graphics lab (BSE 328)

I need your E-mail--check it on the list; if you are not on the list because your paperwork has not yet percolated through the system, add your name and E-mail at the bottom of the list.
Administrative

Unix versus windows: Graphics machines are now all Red Hat. If you want to reboot in windows, use the next available one with the highest number--i.e., make “graphics11” windows before “graphics10”. If “graphics11” is being used, then use “graphics10”, etc.

If you develop on windows, you must check that your code compiles and runs on linux.

Check the class page regularly for announcements. (http://www.cs.arizona.edu/classes/cs433/fall04/index.html)
Possible bad things about this course

It is a relatively heavy course, but may not be so useful towards your degree (because it is not a “core” course)

There is some math

You have to use unix and C/C++

No “reference” implementation

The course targets fundamentals. It is not about any particular “API”. I will introduce OpenGL in the first week, but it is not an OpenGL course (we assume you can read a manual regarding fancy things that OpenGL can do).
Quick Math Review

We will discuss the underlying math further as it comes up. Today we “warm up” and give a flavour.

Math topics relevant to this course:
- Geometry, especially cartesian geometry
  (equations for lines, planes, circles, etc)
- Linear Algebra
  (Matrix representation of transformations)
- Calculus (minimal)
  (Fit smooth curves through points; aliasing)
Quick Math Review

Usual 2D and 3D Euclidian geometry
(Will also use 4D vectors, no difference in linear algebra)

Cartesian coordinates--algebraic representation of points in 2D space (x,y), and 3D space (x,y,z)

Somewhat interchangeably, the point represents a vector from the origin to that point.

A vector is used to define either a direction in space, or a specific location relative to the origin.
Basic Vector Operations

Let \[ \mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \]

Sum \[ \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3) \]

Difference \[ \mathbf{X} \circ \mathbf{Y} = (x_1 \circ y_1, x_2 \circ y_2, x_3 \circ y_3) \]

Scale \[ a \mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) = (ax_1, ax_2, ax_3) \]

Magnitude \[ |\mathbf{X}| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2} \]
Representations for lines and segments

Cartesian
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Cartesian

\[ m = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{y - y_o}{x - x_o} \quad \therefore \quad y = mx + b \]

Question--what is the analogous formula for 3D?
Representations for lines and segments

Vector representation
Representations for lines and segments

Vector representation

$$tX_1 + (1 - t)X_2$$

Works in any dimension
Simplifies representing segments
More Vector Operations

Dot Product (any number of dimensions)
More Vector Operations

Dot Product (any number of dimensions)

\[ \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{Y} = (x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3) = |\mathbf{X}| |\mathbf{Y}| \cos \theta \]

Orthogonal \( \| \) \( \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{Y} = 0 \)
More Vector Operations

Vector (cross) product (3D)

\[
\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}
\]

\[
\mathbf{C} \parallel \mathbf{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{C} \parallel \mathbf{B}
\]

Use Right Hand Rule

\[
|\mathbf{C}| = |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{B}| \sin \theta
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