CS 563 Advanced Topics in Computer Graphics

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PBRT Flow

- Parsing: uses lex and yacc: core/pbrtlex.l and core/pbrtparse.y
- After parsing, a scene object is created (core/scene.*)
- Rendering: Scene::Render() is invoked.



PBRT Architecture



Geometric classes

- Chapter 2: Representation and operations for the basic math:
 - points, vectors and rays.
 - core/geometry.* and core/transform.*
- Chapter 3 (Shapes): Actual scene geometry such as triangles and spheres.
- Chapter 4: Acceleration structures (uniform grid, kd-tree, BVH, etc)

Coordinate system

- Points, vectors and normals:
 - 3 floating-point coordinate values: x, y, z defined under a coordinate system.
- A coordinate system defined by:
 - Origin + frame
- Handedness?



Vector-Point Relationship

 Diff. b/w 2 points = vector

$$\mathbf{v} = Q - P$$

Sum of point and vector = point
 v + P = Q



Vector Operations

Define vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_{1,}a_{2}, a_{3})$$

 $\mathbf{b} = (b_{1,}b_{2}, b_{3})$

Then vector addition:

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = (a_1 + b_{1,a_2} + b_{2,a_3} + b_{3,a_3})$$

and scalar, s



Vector Operations



Magnitude of a Vector

Magnitude of a

$$\mathbf{a} \models \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 \dots + a_n^2}$$

Normalizing a vector (unit vector)

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{vector}{magnitude}$$

Note magnitude of normalized vector = 1. i.e

$$\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2} = 1$$

Vectors

class Vector { public: </vector Public Methods> float x, y, z;

(no need to use selector and mutator)

Dot and cross product

Dot(v, u)
AbsDot(v, u)
Cross(v, u)

$$|v \times u| = ||v|| ||u| \sin q$$

(v, u, v×u) form a
coordinate system
 $(v \times u)_x = v_y u_z - v_z u_y$
 $(v \times u)_y = v_z u_x - v_x u_z$
 $(v \times u)_z = v_x u_y - v_y u_z$

Normalization

• PBRT vector methods

- Length(v) returns length of vector, v
- LengthSquared(v) (returns length of v)²
- Normalize(v) returns a vector, does not normalize in place

Coordinate system from a vector

Construct a local coordinate system from a vector.

•V1 normalized already.

Construct v2: perpendicular vector of v1 by

- Zero out 1 component of v1
- Swap other 2 components
- •V1 x v2 = v3: 3^{rd} vector

Points

Points are different from vectors

explicit Vector(const Point &p);

You have to convert a point to a vector explicitly (no accidents, know what you are doing).

Vector v=p;

Vector v=Vector(p);



(This is only for the operationa p+ß q.)
PBRT supports:
Distance(p,q);
DistanceSquared(p,q);

Normals

 A surface normal (or just normal) is a vector that is perpendicular to a surface at a particular position.



Normals

- Different than vectors sometimes
- Particularly when applying transformations.
- Implementation similar to **Vector**, except
 - Normal cannot be added to a point
 - Cannot take the cross product of two normals.
- **Normal** is not necessarily normalized.
- Conversion between Vector and Normal must be explicit

Rays



Ray differentials

- Used to estimate projected area for a small part of a scene
- Used for texture antialiasing.
 class RayDifferential : public Ray {
 public:

<RayDifferential Methods>

bool hasDifferentials;

Ray rx, ry; }; };

- Avoid intersection tests inside a volume if ray doesn't hit *bounding volume*.
- Benefits depends on:
 - Expense of testing volume *vs* objects inside
 - Tightness of the bounding volume.
- Popular bounding volumes: sphere, axis-aligned bounding box (AABB), oriented bounding box (OBB).



BBox::pMax

class BBox {
 public:
 <BBox Public Methods>
 Point pMin, pMax;
 }
 Point p,q; BBox b; float delta;
 BBox(p,q) // no order for p, q
 Union(b,p) - Given point & Bbox, return new larger bounding box
 containing point (bbox) and Bbox.





Point p,q; BBox b;

b.Expand(delta): Expand old bounding box by factor delta

pMax + delta



Point p,q; BBox b;

- **b.Overlaps(b2):** do two bounding boxes overlap each other in x,y,z
- Returns boolean. True (overlaps) or false (does not overlap)



Point p,q; BBox b;

- **b.Inside(p):** Is point p inside bounding box? Returns boolean (true or false)
- Volume(b): Returns volume of bounding volume (x * y * z)



Point p,q; BBox b;

- **b.MaximumExtent()(** which bounding box axis is the longest; useful for building kd-tree)
- **b.BoundingSphere(c, r)** (returns center and radius of bounding sphere)
 - Example: generate random ray which intersects scene geometry



Transformations

class Transform {

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private:

Reference<Matrix4x4> m, mInv;

save space, but can't be modified after construction

- Transform stores element of 4x4 matrix
- Also computes and stores matrix inverse, mInv (avoid repeatedly computing inverse)

Transformations

- Translate(Vector(dx,dy,dz))
- Scale(sx,sy,sz)
- RotateX(a)

$$T(dx, dy, dz) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & dx \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & dy \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & dz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad R_x(\boldsymbol{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \boldsymbol{q} & -\sin \boldsymbol{q} & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \boldsymbol{q} & \cos \boldsymbol{q} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_{x}(\boldsymbol{q})^{-1} = R_{x}(\boldsymbol{q})^{\mathrm{T}}$$

Question: How does x-roll matrix above differ based on axes handedness?

$$S(sx, sy, sz) = \begin{pmatrix} sx & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & sy & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & sy & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} ax & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Rotation around an arbitrary axis

Rotate(a, Vector(1,1,1))





LookAt Transformation

- Caller specifies:
 - camera (eye position),
 - Look at point
 - Up vector
- Want to compute 4x4 transform matrix that converts from world space to eye space



Look-at

 LookAt(Point &pos, Point look, Vector &up)
 look
 Vector dir=Normalize(look-pos);
 Vector might=Groups(dir, Normalize(ur))

pos





Applying transformations

Point: q=T(p), T(p,&q)
Point: (p, 1)
Vector: (v, 0)
Use homogeneous coordinates implicitly

Vector: u=T(v), T(u, &v)

• Normal: treated differently than vectors because of anisotropic transformations $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{n}^{T} \mathbf{t} = 0$





 $(\mathbf{n}')^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{t}'=0$

 $(\mathbf{Sn})^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{Mt} = 0$

Applying transformations

- Transform Bbox?
 - transform its 8 corners and expand to include all 8 points.

Differential geometry

- DifferentialGeometry: a self-contained representation for a particular point on a surface so that all the other operations in pbrt can be executed without referring to the original shape. Contains
- Position
- Surface normal
- Parameterization
- Parametric derivatives
- Derivatives of normals
- Pointer to shape



Ray-Surface Intersection



ax + by + cz + d = 0

- Solve for intersection
- Substitute ray equation into plane equation $(\vec{\mathbf{P}} - \vec{\mathbf{P}'}) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{N}} = (\vec{\mathbf{O}} + t\vec{\mathbf{D}} - \vec{\mathbf{P}'}) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{N}} = 0$ $t = -\frac{(\vec{\mathbf{O}} - \vec{\mathbf{P}'}) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{N}}}{\vec{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{N}}}$

Sphere

- A sphere of radius *r* at the origin
- Implicit: $x^2+y^2+z^2-r^2=0$
- Parametric: f(? ,?)
 x=rsin? cos?
 y=rsin? sin?
 z=rcos?



Sphere



Algebraic solution

Perform in object space, worldToObject(r, &ray)
Assume that ray is normalized for a while

$$x^{2} + y^{2} + z^{2} = r^{2}$$

$$(o_{x} + td_{x})^{2} + (o_{y} + td_{y})^{2} + (o_{z} + td_{z})^{2} = r^{2}$$

$$At^{2} + Bt + C = 0$$

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$$A = d_{x}^{2} + d_{y}^{2} + d_{z}^{2}$$

$$B = 2(d_{x}o_{x} + d_{y}o_{y} + d_{z}o_{z})$$

$$C = o_{x}^{2} + o_{y}^{2} + o_{z}^{2} - r^{2}$$

Algebraic solution $t_0 = \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \qquad t_1 = \frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$

Step 2 If (B²-4AC<0) then the ray misses the sphere. B²-4AC=0? Step 3 Calculate t_0 and test if $t_0 < 0$

Step 4 Calculate t_1 and test if $t_1 < 0$



Cylinder



Cylinder

- Implicit equation for cylinder $x^2 + y^2 - r^2 = 0$

$$A = d_x^2 + d_y^2$$
$$B = 2(d_x o_x + d_y o_y)$$
$$C = o_x^2 + o_y^2 - r^2$$

Solve for t

Cylinder



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