## LIGHT TRANSPORT

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## Before we start:

- Remember to choose a subject for your presentation soon.
- And your project.
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- Come for a quick talk with me during recess.
- Muddy Cards!


## Light Transport Simulation

- Rendering an image is a matter of "simulating" how light propagates through a virtual scene and lands on a virtual camera film.
- Many algorithms exist, and the best one depends on many factors.
- For a long time, Photon Mapping and Irradiance Caching were extremely popular.
- Trade correctness for speed.
- Will cover these only very briefly.


## Photon Mapping



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## Irradiance Caching


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## Path Tracing

- Path tracing is an algorithm for rendering images.
- Introduced by James Kajiya in 1986 as a numerical solution to the Rendering Equation.
- The algorithm is convergent and unbiased.
- Has long been considered too noisy/slow to be used in industry.
- Today, almost all commercial renderers use some form of unbiased pathtracing (at least optionally).
- Pixar (for example) only switched completely very recently.
-Why the sudden popularity?

Mental Ray (photon mapping) 32s
iRay (path tracing) 32s


Mental Ray (photon mapping) 2m8s
iRay (path tracing) 2m8s
iRay (path tracing) ~1h

Mental Ray 15m, 100M Photons, FG 1.0

## iRay (path tracing) 15m

- Immediate response
- Much easier to parallelize



## Where does an image come from?



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## Light Transport Equation



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Numerical Integration


## Monte Carlo Integration



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L_{o}(\boldsymbol{p}, \omega)=E\left[L_{e}(\boldsymbol{p}, \omega)+\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{f\left(\boldsymbol{p}, \omega, \omega_{i}\right) L_{i}\left(\boldsymbol{p}, \omega_{i}\right) \cos \left(\boldsymbol{n}, \omega_{i}\right)}{p\left(\omega_{i}\right)}\right]
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Sample hemisphere uniformly :
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## Naive Pathtracing



What's so naïve about this?

Surface form of LTE

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& L_{0}\left(p, \omega_{0}\right)= \int_{\Omega} f\left(\omega_{0}, \omega_{i}\right) L_{i}\left(\omega_{i}\right) \cos \left(\theta_{i}\right) d \omega \\
&=\int_{A^{\prime}(\text { all visible surfaces })} f\left(\omega_{i}, \omega_{0}\right) L_{i}\left(\omega_{i}\right) \cos \left(\theta_{i}\right) \frac{\cos \theta^{\prime}}{r^{2}} d A \\
& \begin{aligned}
& d \omega=\frac{d A \cos \theta^{\prime}}{r^{2}}=\int_{A} f\left(p^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow p^{\prime} \rightarrow p\right) L\left(p^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow p^{\prime}\right) V\left(p^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow p^{\prime}\right) \\
& G\left(p^{\prime \prime} \leftrightarrow p^{\prime}\right) d A\left(p^{\prime \prime}\right)
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## Separating Direct And Indirect Illumination



## Importance Sampling

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## Probability Density Function



## Importance Sampling

Monte Carlo Integration

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$$



## Importance Sampling



## Innortancesanning

$$
p(X)=\frac{2}{3}
$$

Monte Carlo Integration

$$
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$$

$$
p(X)=\frac{1}{6}
$$

$$
p(X)= \begin{cases}\frac{1}{6} & 0<X<1 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1<X<2 \\ \frac{1}{6} & 2<X<3\end{cases}
$$

## Importance Sampling



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$$
f(x)=x+0.1 \times \sin \left(x^{3} 17 \pi\right)
$$

$$
1\left\{\begin{array}{l}
p(x) \alpha x \Rightarrow p(x)=k \cdot x \\
\int_{0}^{1} p(x) d x=1 \Rightarrow p(x)=2 x \\
C D F: P(x)=\int_{0}^{x} p\left(x^{\prime}\right) \partial x^{\prime}=x^{2}
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What is prob. of choosing $X_{i}<x$ ?

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\end{aligned}
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P^{-1}(0.2)=0.44
$$

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## Importance Sampling

- When evaluating the Rendering Equation, we do not know the function we want to integrate
- Since it depends on the incoming light over the hemisphere
- But we do know the BRDF, so we importance sample on that


Importance sampling Blinn MF BRDF

$$
f\left(\omega_{0}, \omega_{i}\right)=\frac{F\left(\omega_{0}\right) G\left(\omega_{n}\right) D\left(\omega_{n}\right)}{4 \cos \theta_{0} \cos \theta_{i}}
$$

$D\left(\omega_{n}\right)=((n+2) / 2 \pi)\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right)^{n} \quad$ heed to sample $\omega_{n}$ (and find $\omega_{0}$ from that)
$\phi_{h}$ does not affect $D: \phi_{h}=2 \pi \xi_{2}$
PDF must be normalized: $D\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right)=(n+2)\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right)^{n}$
We know how to sample $\omega_{h}$ with PDF ~ $D\left(\omega_{h}\right)$ need PDF

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{h}\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right)=k D\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right) \\
& {\left[\int k D\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right)=1\right]} \\
& P_{h}\left(\cos \theta_{h}\right)=(n+1) \cos ^{n} \theta_{h}
\end{aligned}
$$

Recall: $\frac{d \omega_{h}}{d \omega_{i}}=\frac{1}{4 \cos \theta_{h}}$

$$
p\left(\theta_{i}\right)=\frac{p\left(\theta_{n}\right)}{4 \cos \theta_{n}} \quad p\left(\omega_{i}\right)=\frac{p\left(\theta_{i}\right)}{2 \pi}
$$

Power distribution in $\left.\cos \theta_{h}\right)$.

$$
\cos \theta_{h}=\sqrt[n+1]{\xi_{1}}
$$

## Multiple Importance Sampling



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## 10Multiple Importance Sampling

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## Multiple Importance Sampling

Need to estimate:

$$
\int f(x) g(x) d x
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## Could Use:

$$
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\end{gathered}
$$




## Multiple Importance Sampling



## Stratified Sampling

- Another standard variance reduction method
- When just choosing samples randomly over the domain, they may "clump" and take a long while to converge



## Stratified Sampling

- Divide domain into "strata"
- Don't sample one strata again until all others have been sampled once.



## Stratified Sampling

- If we know how many samples we want to take, we can get good stratification from "jittering"
- If not, we want any sequence of samples to have good stratification. We can use a Low Discrepancy Sequence






## Are we done yet?

Pathtracing 3m
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## Pathtracing

## Bidirectional Pathtracing



## Bidirectional Path Tracing



Pathtracing 75SPP ( $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$ )


Bidirectional Pathtracing 45SPP ( $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$ )


## Are we done yet?

Metropolis Light Transport


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Bidirectional Path Tracing


Metropolis Light Transport




## Further Reading

Matt Pharr Greg Humphreys

## PHYSICALLY BASED RENDERING

From Theory to Implementation
Second Edition

| Advanced Global Illumination |  |
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