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Before we start:

- Remember to choose a subject for your presentation soon.
- And your project.
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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.



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Photon Mapping





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Irradiance Caching



Pinhole Camera

Interrection

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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

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Mental Ray (photon mapping) 2m8s

iRay (path tracing) 2m8s

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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

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Where does an image come from?





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 $L_o(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) = L_e(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) + \int_{\Omega} f(\boldsymbol{p},\omega,\omega') L_i(\boldsymbol{p},\omega') \cos(\boldsymbol{n},\omega') d\omega'$





















Numerical Integration









4		$F_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(X_i)}{p(X_i)} = \frac{1}{1} 1$.8
		Convergent:]
		As N approaches infinity, F_N approaches $\int_0^X f(x) dx$	
		$f(X_1) = 1.8$	
		Regardless of N, the <i>expected value</i> $E[F_N] = \int_0^X f(x) dx$. Which means that just averaging the results of an infinite number of bad approximations will yield the correct value!	
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(D	$X_1 = 0.27$	1.0






























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Monte Carlo Integration



 $L_o(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) = E[L_e(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) + 2\pi f(\boldsymbol{p},\omega,\omega_i)L_i(\boldsymbol{p},\omega_i)\cos(\boldsymbol{n},\omega_i)]$



 $L_o(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \approx L_e(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) + 2\pi f(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \omega_i) L_i(\mathbf{p}, \omega_i) \cos(\mathbf{n}, \omega_i)$



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What's so naïve about this?

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Surface form of LTE



Separating Direct And Indirect Illumination



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- We want to shoot more samples where the function we are integrating is high!



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Probability Density Function





























- 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

$$L_o(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) = \int_{\Omega} f(\boldsymbol{p},\omega,\omega') L_i(\boldsymbol{p},\omega') \cos(\boldsymbol{n},\omega') \, d\omega'$$











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¹⁰Multiple Importance Sampling





Need to estimate:

 $\int f(x)g(x)dx$

Could Use:

$$0.5\left(\frac{f(X)g(X)}{p_f(X)} + \frac{f(Y)g(Y)}{p_g(Y)}\right)?$$



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Better (MIS): $0.5\left(\frac{f(X)g(X)}{0.5(p_f(X) + p_g(X))} + \frac{f(Y)g(Y)}{0.5(p_f(Y) + p_g(Y))}\right)$



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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

It *will* converge to 0.5 after unlimited time.

But after four samples I still have prob=1/8 that the pixel will be considered all in shadow or completely unshadowed

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*



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Bidirectional Pathtracing 45SPP (~5min)

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