

Ray Tracing

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2 methods:

1) object ordered rendering

for obj in Objects

find all pixels influenced by obj

color/update pixels influenced by obj

ray tracing

(2) image-ordered

for each pixel

find all objects influencing the pixel

update pixel

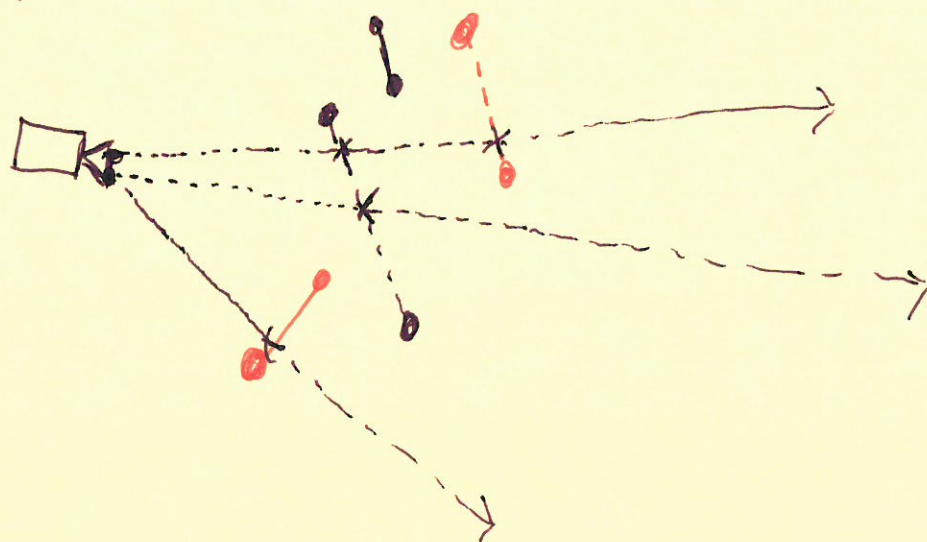
Basic Raytracing algo:

1) ray generation: compute origin & direction
for each pixel from camera

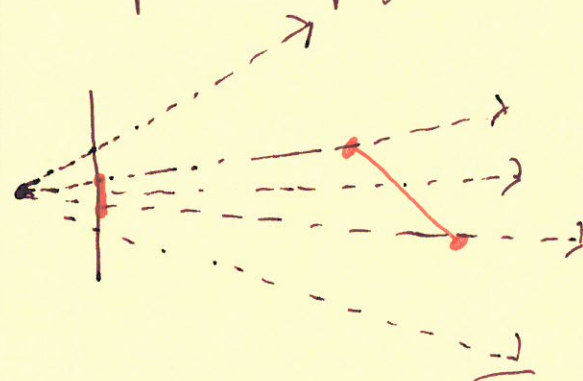
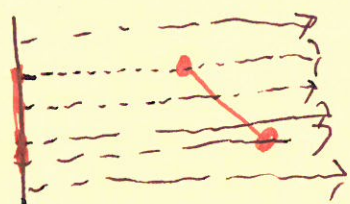
2) ray intersection: finds closest object

3) shading: compute color from ray intersection

A picture of ray tracing



Recall Orthographic projection | Perspective projection



Computing Rays

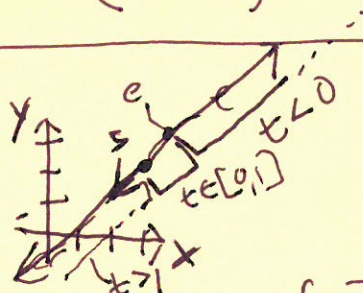
Ray rep:

$$p(t) = e + t(s - e)$$

e

s

Questions:



draw a ray w/ $e = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $s = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

What points are @ $t \in [0, 1]$

- * (a) $t \in [0, 1]$ 40% ON
 * (b) $t \geq 1$ 20% 5N
 * (c) $t < 0$ 0% 15N

- (b) $t \geq 1$
 (c) $t < 0$

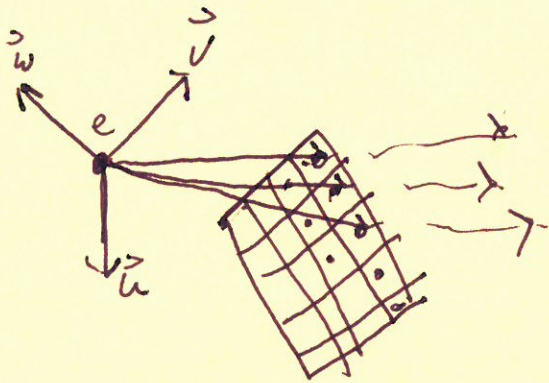
Camera:

\vec{e} : eye

\vec{g} : gaze

\vec{t} : viewer direction up

$$\vec{w} = -\frac{\vec{g}}{\|\vec{g}\|} \quad \vec{u} = \frac{\vec{t} \times \vec{w}}{\|\vec{t} \times \vec{w}\|} \quad \vec{v} = \vec{w} \times \vec{u}$$



Orthographic view

all rays have same direction: $-\vec{w}$

what are the origin of each ray

given:

l = left boundary

r = right boundary

t = top boundary

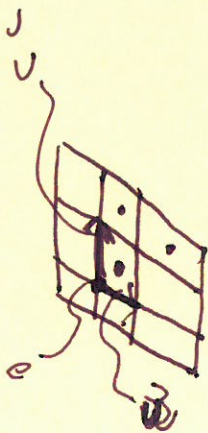
b = bottom boundary

n_x = number of pixels in x

n_y = number of pixels in y

$$l < 0 < r$$

$$b < 0 < t$$



we fit a $n_x \times n_y$ ~~tex~~ image into
an $(r-l) \times (t-b)$ rect

per pixel
horizontal spacing: $(r-l)/n_x$
vertical spacing: $(t-b)/n_y$

a pixel (i, j) for the image

$$\begin{aligned} u &= l + (r-l)(i+0.5)/n_x \\ v &= b + (t-b)(j+0.5)/n_y \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

generate view rays ^{orthographic} for each pixel (i, j)

compute u, v, w $(*)$

$$\text{ray.direction} = -\vec{w}$$

$$\text{ray.origin} = \vec{e} + u\vec{u} + v\vec{v}$$

for perspective
generate view rays \wedge w/ camera at dist d
for each pixel (i, j)

compute u, v, w $(*)$

$$\text{ray.direction} = -d\vec{w} + u\vec{u} + v\vec{v}$$

$$\text{ray.origin} = \vec{e}$$