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Undergraduate Computer Science student passionate about physically-based animation, realistic rendering, signal and image processing.

Education

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

Viterbi School of Engineering

Exchange Program of Computer Science, Cumulative GPA 3.5/4.0 Full Scholarship awarded by the Brazilian Government

Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil

Spring 2013 - Spring 2018

Center of Informatics

Bachelor of Computer Engineering (5-year program), Cumulative GPA 8.32/10.0

Work Experience

Research Intern at USC Computer Graphics Lab

Summer 2016

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

- a. Study State-of-Art techniques on physically-based animation (Continuum Mechanics, Finite Element Method and Model Reduction)
- b. Implement two recent papers in C++ (<u>Projective Dynamics</u> and <u>Towards Real-time</u> Simulation of Hyperelastic Materials)
- c. Develop and assess new optimization-based techniques for simulating deformable objects

Research Assistant at Virtual Reality and Multimedia Group (GRVM)

Spring 2013 – Summer 2015 Fall 2016

Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil

- a. Research on nonlinear optimization problems for computer vision applications
- b. Research on physical modeling for curvature estimation of pipes in offshore oil production
- c. Team development in C++ of software for Brazilian oil industry
- d. Apply Machine Learning algorithms to classify dangerous configurations of oil pipes

Teaching Assistant of Linear Algebra Teaching Assistant of Operating Systems Teaching Assistant of Probability and Statistics Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil Fall 2013 Spring 2014

Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

- a. Teach in discussion sessions
- b. Conceive and grade tests, homework and projects

Personal Projects

See all projects on GitHub

gl-oo-interface in C++

March 2016

An OpenGL 4.0 Object-Oriented wrapper that includes:

- a. Mesh manipulation (automatic VBO, EBO and VAO management for custom attributes)
- b. Shader manipulation and renderer module: wireframe, phong shading, normal mapping
- c. Tools: camera, transformations, useful meshes, GLUT interface
- d. Support for multiple textures on shaders

Ray Tracer in C++ April 2016

Main Features

- a. Gradient-based adaptive anti-aliasing, multi-threading implementation
- b. Reflection and refraction using Snell's Law and Fresnel's Equations
- c. 3D-object loading and rendering, custom camera positioning

Rollercoaster Simulator in C++

March 2016

Main Features

- a. Uses OpenGL 4.0 to render all scene objects from scratch (rollercoaster, sky dome)
- b. The railway model is generated algorithmically from Catmull-Rom splines
- c. The user can edit the spline in real-time to generate new tracks
- d. Provides a realistic implementation of phong shading model

Height map Renderer in C++

March 2016

Main Features

- a. Builds a 3D-surface from an input image in greyscale
- b. Renders the height map as a wireframe mesh or solid mesh using phong shading model

Webphysics in JavaScript

December 2015

An interactive 2D-physics simulator that features:

- a. Multiple particles and strings
- b. Connectors (springs and dampers) between particles and strings
- c. Explicit Euler Integrator for updating the timestep

Skills

Programming Languages C/C++, Python, Matlab, JavaScript, Java

Tools and Libraries OpenGL 4.0, Eigen Library, Ceres-Solver, Matlab, OpenCV

Important Coursework Computer Graphics, Digital Signal Processing,

Linear Systems, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics,
Professional C++, Software Engineering

References

References available on request.