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Worksheet 1

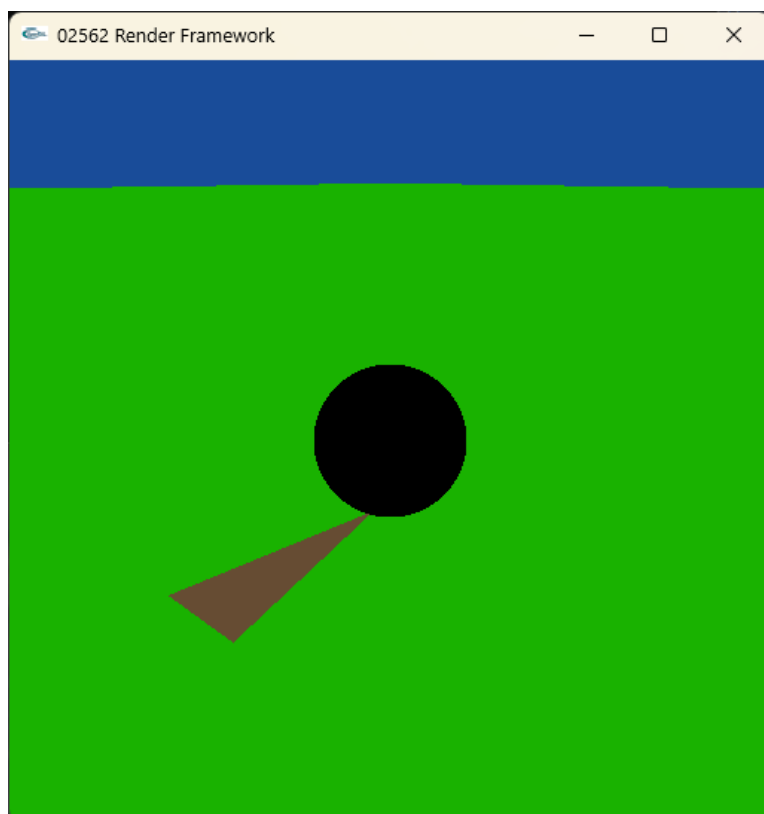


Fig.1 Preview



flat



diffuse
shade

**Fig.2 flat reflectance
shading**

**Fig.3 Diffuse
shading**

As shown in Fig.1-3, ray generation, ray-object intersection and shading of diffuse surfaces all work as expected. Below are some relevant code snippets.

```
float3 RayCaster::compute_pixel(unsigned int x, unsigned int y) const {  
    Ray ray = scene -> get_camera() -> get_ray(make_float2(x, y) * win_to_ip +  
    lower_left);  
    HitInfo hit;
```

```

    if (scene -> closest_hit(ray, hit)) {
        return get_shader(hit) -> shade(ray, hit);
    } else {
        return get_background();
    }
}

```

```

bool Triangle::intersect(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, unsigned int prim_idx) const
{
    const float3 v0_minus_0 = v0 - r.origin;
    const float3 normal = cross((v1 - v0), (v2 - v0));
    const float omega_mul_n = dot(r.direction, normal);

    const float beta = dot(cross(v0_minus_0, r.direction), (v2 - v0)) / omega_mul_n;
    const float gamma = -dot(cross(v0_minus_0, r.direction), (v1 - v0)) /
omega_mul_n;

    if (beta >= 0 && gamma >= 0 && beta + gamma <= 1) {
        const float t = dot(v0_minus_0, normal) / omega_mul_n;
        if (t > r.tmin && t < r.tmax) {
            hit.has_hit = true;
            hit.dist = t;
            hit.position = r.origin + t * r.direction;
            hit.shading_normal = normal;
            hit.geometric_normal = normal;
            hit.material = &material;
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}

```

```

float3 Lambertian::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const {
    const float3 rho_d = get_diffuse(hit);
    float3 result, dir, L = make_float3(0.0f);

    for (int i = 0; i < lights.size(); i++) {
        if (lights[i]->sample(hit.position, dir, L)) {
            const float cos_angle = dot(hit.shading_normal, dir);
            if (cos_angle > 0) result += rho_d * M_1_PIf * L * cos_angle;
        }
    }
    return result + Emission::shade(r, hit, emit);
}

```

Worksheet 2



diffuse shade



mirror shading



Glass ball

Fig.4 Diffuse shading

Fig.5 Mirror ball

Fig.6 Glass ball



Phong ball



Glossy ball

Fig.7 Phong ball

Fig.8 Glossy ball

```
float3 Glossy::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    if (hit.trace_depth >= max_depth)
        return make_float3(0.0f);

    float R;
    Ray reflected, refracted;
    HitInfo hit_reflected, hit_refracted;
    tracer -> trace_reflected(r, hit, reflected, hit_reflected);
    tracer -> trace_refracted(r, hit, refracted, hit_refracted, R);

    return R * shade_new_ray(reflected, hit_reflected) + (1.0f - 2*R) *
        shade_new_ray(refracted, hit_refracted) + R * Phong::shade(r, hit, emit);
}
```

This function above calculates three parts: the reflection of a mirror ball, the refraction of a transparent ball and the highlight of phong model. All the shading are then weighted averaged.

The function `get_ior_out` is used to calculate the Refractive index of the material. if the ray hits the material from outside, then the normal is reversed for later calculation and the ior returned is the Refractive index of air, 1.0. Otherwise the material's Refractive index is returned.

```
bool RayTracer::trace_reflected(const Ray& in, const HitInfo& in_hit, Ray& out,
HitInfo& out_hit) const
{
    const float3 w_in = -normalize(in.direction);
    const float3 normal = in_hit.geometric_normal;

    const float cos = dot(w_in, normal);
    if (in_hit.has_hit) {

        out.direction = 2.0f * cos * normal - w_in;
        out.origin = in_hit.position;
        out.tmax = RT_DEFAULT_MAX;
        out.tmin = 1e-3;

        out_hit.ray_ior = in_hit.ray_ior;
        out_hit.trace_depth = in_hit.trace_depth + 1;

        return trace_to_closest(out, out_hit);
    } else return false;
}
```

```

bool RayTracer::trace_refracted(const Ray& in, const HitInfo& in_hit, Ray& out,
HitInfo& out_hit) const
{
    const float3 w_in = -normalize(in.direction);
    const float w_mul_n = dot(w_in, in_hit.geometric_normal);

    const bool refract_test = optix::refract(out.direction, in.direction,
in_hit.geometric_normal, in_hit.ray_ior);

    if (in_hit.has_hit && refract_test) {
        out.origin = in_hit.position;
        out.tmax = RT_DEFAULT_MAX;
        out.tmin = 1e-3;

        out_hit.ray_ior = in_hit.ray_ior;
        out_hit.trace_depth = in_hit.trace_depth + 1;

        return trace_to_closest(out, out_hit);
    }

    return false;
}

```

```

float3 Phong::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    float3 rho_d = get_diffuse(hit);
    float3 rho_s = get_specular(hit);
    float s = get_shininess(hit);

    float3 dir, L, result = make_float3(0);
    const float3 coef_1 = rho_d * M_1_PIf;
    const float3 coef_2 = rho_s * M_1_PIf * (s + 2) / 2;
    const float3 w_r = r.direction - 2 * dot(r.direction, hit.shading_normal) *
hit.shading_normal;
    const float3 w_0 = normalize(r.origin - hit.position);

    for (int i = 0; i < lights.size(); i++) {
        if (lights[i]->sample(hit.position, dir, L)) {
            const float angle = dot(dir, hit.shading_normal);
            if (angle > 0)
                result += (coef_1 + coef_2 * pow(fmax(dot(dir, w_r), 0.0), s)) * L *
angle;
        }
    }

    return result + Emission::shade(r, hit, emit);
}

```

In the function `get_emission`, if the texture is not set, then it goes to the function `get_emmission` in `Emission.h`, which will return the material's ambient color; Then if there is a texture loaded, the emission will be reduced by being divided by the diffuse parameter of the material. And it will be multiplied with texture color linearly sampled. The reason of the division is that it can balance the overall color of direct and indirect lighting, while this part still requires more thoughts.

In the function `get_diffuse`, if the texture is not set, the material's diffuse value will be returned. If the texture is loaded, the linearly sampled texture color is returned. Then both two of these functions will return value to `Emission.h` and `Lambertian.cpp`.

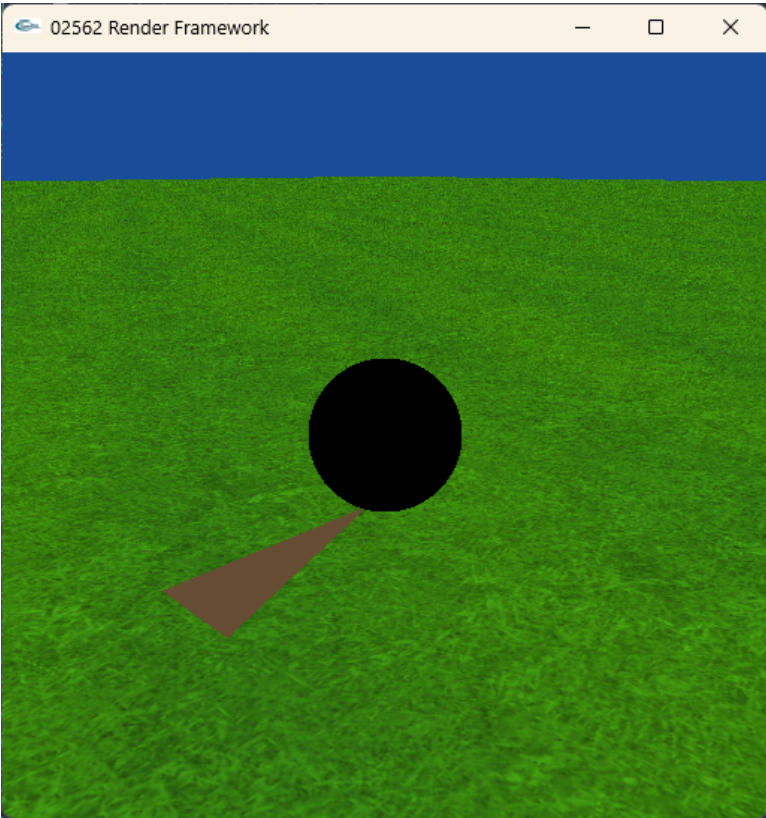


Fig.9 Preview

Fig.10 look-up of
nearest

Fig.11 bilinear
filter

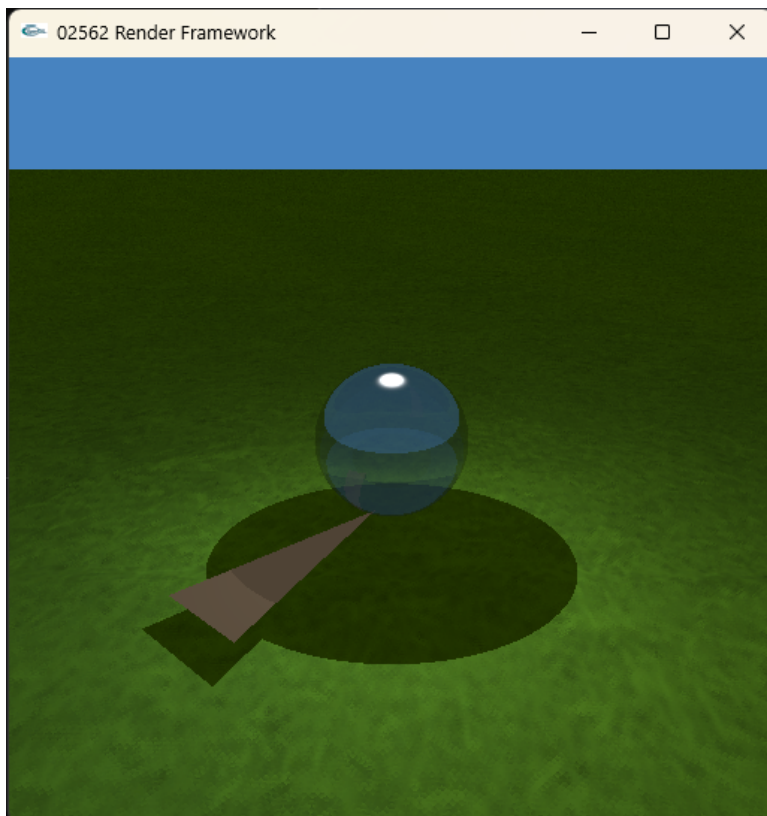


Fig.12 bilinear 10-fold

Fig.13 another
texture-1Fig.14 another
texture-2

texture source: <https://www.textures.com/download/PBR1079/143527>

Compared to preview, the nearest sampler makes the texture more clear as it chooses the color for every pixel.

Compared to nearest sampler, the linear look-up smooth the textures, scaling the textures would cause those close to the eye position to sample more densely. A bigger local patch of pixels would choose close colors, which is not perfect for grassland.

```
void Plane::get_uv(const float3& hit_pos, float& u, float& v) const
{
    // x = x0 + u~b1 + v~b2,
    // u = b1(x-x0)
    // v = b2(x-x0)
    u = dot(get_tangent(), hit_pos - get_origin()) * tex_scale;
    v = dot(get_binormal(), hit_pos - get_origin()) * tex_scale;
}
```

```
float4 Texture::sample_nearest(const float3& texcoord) const
{
    if(!fdata)
        return make_float4(0.0f);

    const float s = texcoord.x - floor(texcoord.x);
```

```
    const float t = texcoord.y - floor(texcoord.y);

    const float a = s * width;
    const float b = t * height;

    const int U = static_cast<int> (a + 0.5f) % width;
    const int V = static_cast<int> (b + 0.5f) % height;
    const int i = U + (height - V - 1) * width;

    return fdata[i];
}

float4 Texture::sample_linear(const float3& texcoord) const
{
    if(!fdata)
        return make_float4(0.0f);

    const float s = texcoord.x - floor(texcoord.x);
    const float t = texcoord.y - floor(texcoord.y);

    const float a = s * width;
    const float b = t * height;

    const int U = static_cast<int> (a);
    const int V = static_cast<int> (b);
    const float c1 = a - U;
    const float c2 = b - V;

    const int i00 = U + (height - V - 1) * width;
    const int i01 = U + (height - (V + 1) % height - 1) * width;
    const int i10 = (U + 1) % width + (height - V - 1) * width;
    const int i11 = (U + 1) % width + (height - (V + 1) % height - 1) * width;

    return bilerp(fdata[i00], fdata[i01], fdata[i10], fdata[i11], c1, c2);
}
```

Worksheet 4

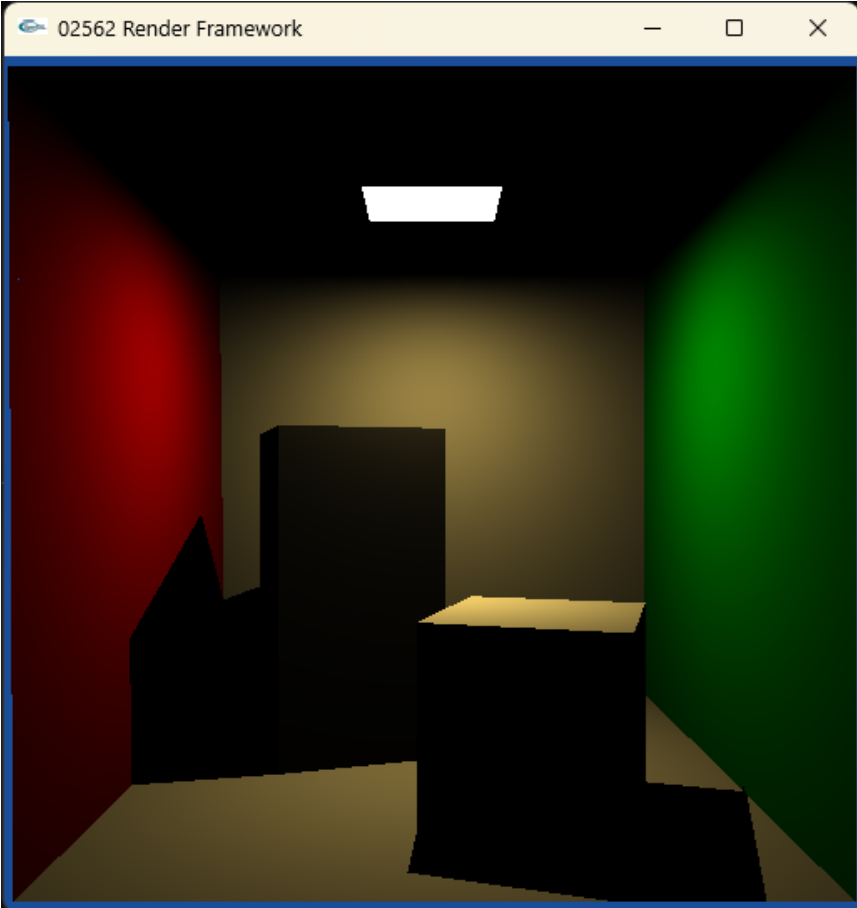


Fig.15 Cornell Box



Teapot



bunny

Fig.16
Teapot

Fig.17 Stanford
bunny

The cornell box works well with mesh intersection and arealight implemented.

In `BspTree.cpp`, for the `closest_hit` function, the closest plane is found first and `tmax` set. Then `intersect_min_max` can determine whether this ray intersects the bounding box of the objects. If intersected, `intersect_node` will use the BSP tree algorithm to find exactly the place of hit if exists. Then the function will return `has_hit`.

For the `any_hit` function, `any_plane` function is called first and return true if there is. Ohterwise, it goes into the same path as the last part.

Models	Number of triangles	Time for looping	Time for BSP
Cornell box and blocks:	36	0.025s	0.01s
Utah teapot:	6320	5.43s	0.019s
Stanford bunny	69451	68.457s	0.032s

When there is no BSP acceleration, the time would be around 0.001 of the number of triangles. When using speed-up, we can clearly see that time is shortened, which is under the effect of $\log(n)$. With helper functions, it is faster.

```
bool TriMesh::intersect(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, unsigned int prim_idx) const
{
```



```

    const uint3& face = geometry.face(prim_idx);

    const float3 v0 = geometry.vertex(face.x);
    const float3 v1 = geometry.vertex(face.y);
    const float3 v2 = geometry.vertex(face.z);
    float3 normal = make_float3(0);
    float t = 0;
    float beta = 0.0, gamma = 0.0;

    const bool test = optix::intersect_triangle(r, v0, v1, v2, normal, t, beta,
gamma);

    if (test) {
        hit.has_hit = true;
        hit.material = &materials[mat_idx[prim_idx]];
        hit.dist = t;
        hit.position = r.origin + hit.dist * r.direction;
        hit.geometric_normal = normalize(normal);

        if (has_normals()) {
            // extract normals
            const uint3& f = normals.face(prim_idx);
            const float3 n1 = normals.vertex(f.x);
            const float3 n2 = normals.vertex(f.y);
            const float3 n3 = normals.vertex(f.z);
            hit.shading_normal = normalize((1 - beta - gamma) * n1 + beta * n2 + gamma *
n3);
        } else {
            hit.shading_normal = normalize(normal);
        }

        return true;
    }

    return false;
}

```

```

bool AreaLight::sample(const float3& pos, float3& dir, float3& L) const {
    const IndexedFaceSet& normals = mesh->normals;
    L = make_float3(0.0f);

    const float3 light_pos = mesh->compute_bbox().center();
    const float3 vec = light_pos - pos;
    dir = normalize(vec);

    float3 l_e = make_float3(0);

    for (int i = 0; i < mesh->get_no_of_primitives(); i++)
    {
        const uint3 face = normals.face(i);
        const float3 face_normal = normalize(normals.vertex(face.x) +

```

```

normals.vertex(face.y) + normals.vertex(face.z));
    l_e += dot(-dir, face_normal) * get_emission(i) * mesh->face_areas[i];
}
L = 1 * l_e / pow(length(vec), 2);

if (shadows) {
    HitInfo hit;
    Ray ray(pos, dir, 0, 1e-3, RT_DEFAULT_MAX);
    return !tracer->trace_to_closest(ray, hit);
}

return true;
}

```

```

bool BspTree::closest_hit(Ray& r, HitInfo& hit) const
{
    closest_plane(r, hit);
    if (intersect_min_max(r)) {
        intersect_node(r, hit, *root);
    }
    return hit.has_hit;
}

bool BspTree::any_hit(Ray& r, HitInfo& hit) const
{
    if (any_plane(r, hit)) return true;
    else if (intersect_min_max(r)) {
        intersect_node(r, hit, *root);
    }
    return hit.has_hit;
}

```

Worksheet 5

- part 1 :

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} \quad E = hf \quad \text{number} = \frac{w * \text{efficiency}}{E} = 1.26e+19$$

- part 2 :

$$\text{radiant\textbackslash reflux: } \phi = 1 * VC = 1.68 \text{ W\textbackslash Radiant\textbackslash intensity: } I = \frac{\phi}{\Omega} = 0.134 \text{ W/sr\textbackslash Radiant\textbackslash exitance : } M = \frac{\phi}{A} = 1337 \text{ W/m}^2 \textbackslash \text{Emitted\textbackslash energy: } Q = \phi t = 504 \text{ J}$$

- part 3 : $E = \frac{\phi}{4\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2} = 0.134 \text{ W/ m}^2$
- part 4 : $I_{\text{rradiance}} = \frac{\phi}{4\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2} = \frac{W * 0.2}{4\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2} = 0.796 \text{ W/m}^2$
 $I_{\text{lluminance}} = I_{\text{rradiance}} * 685 * V(\lambda) = 54.51 \text{ lm/ m}^2$
- part 5 : $I_x = \frac{I_s d_x^2}{d_s^2} = 138.00 \text{ cd}$

- part 6: $B = L \pi = 15707 \text{ W/m}^2 \pi = LA \pi = 157 \text{ W}$
- part 7: $M = L \pi = 18850 \text{ W/m}^2 \pi = LA \pi = 188.50 \text{ W}$

Worksheet 6

When \pm is clicked, the `increment_pixel_subdivs` and `decrement_pixel_subdivs` functions will be called in RayCaster.

What jitter stores is an vector of 2d floats. It constructs the subdivision grid, and randomly sample from those grids in each sub-pixel. Then the values are transformed to the same as what we need in raycaster.

when the pixel subdivision level is s , there are s^2 sub-pixels we get for each pixel.

```
float3 RayCaster::compute_pixel(unsigned int x, unsigned int y) const
{
    float3 result = make_float3(0.0);
    bool isHit = false;

    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < subdivs; ++i) {
        for (unsigned int j = 0; j < subdivs; ++j) {
            Ray ray = scene->get_camera()->get_ray(make_float2(x, y) * win_to_ip +
lower_left + jitter[i * subdivs + j]);
            HitInfo hit;

            if (scene -> closest_hit(ray, hit)) {
                result += get_shader(hit)->shade(ray, hit);
                isHit = true;
            } else {
                result += get_background(ray.direction);
            }
        }
    }

    return result / (subdivs * subdivs);
}
```

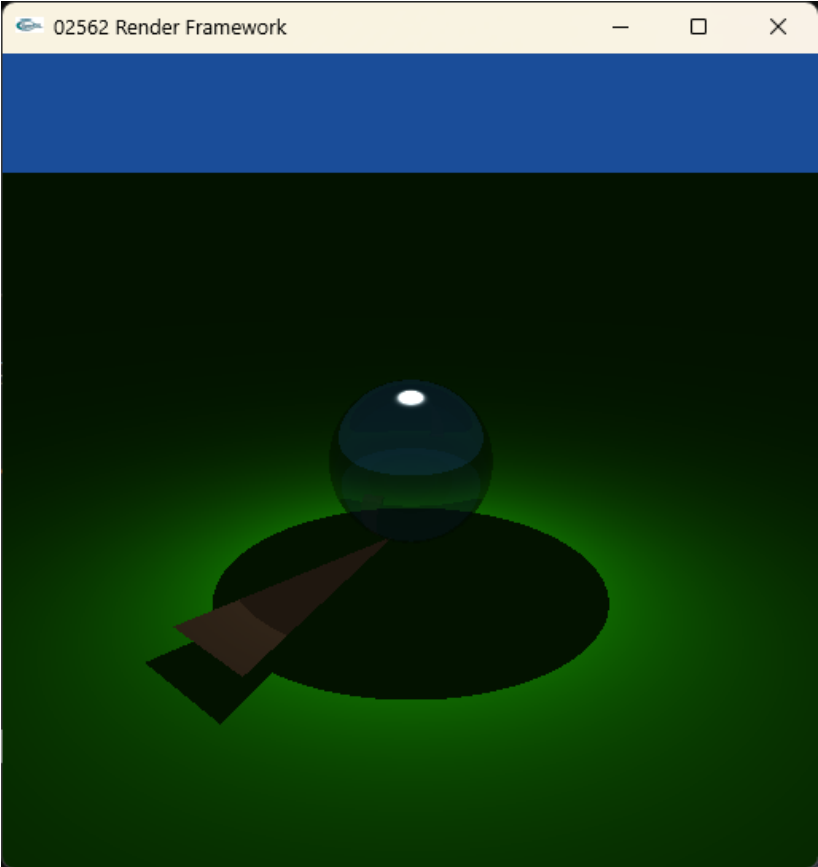


Fig.18 \$s = 1\$

Fig.19
\$s=2\$

Fig.20
\$s=3\$

Fig.21
\$s=4\$

Subdivision level	Samples per pixel	Time
1	1	0.023 s
2	4	0.089 s
3	9	0.18 s
4	16	0.315 s

Clearly, the higher the subdivision level, the longer the render time is, and the less the aliasing error.

Fig.22 Cornell with anti-aliasing Fig.23 Cornell with indirect illumination

The number of samples per pixel stay as 1. The progressive approach will execute `PathTracer::update_pixel`, which traces the rays again and use a monte carlo estimator to progressively reduce the noise.

```
inline optix::float3 sample_cosine_weighted(const optix::float3& normal)ray(hit
{
    const double xi1 = mt_random_half_open();
    const double xi2 = mt_random_half_open();

    const float theta = acos(sqrt(1-xi1));
```

```

    const float phi = 2 * M_PI * xi2;

    const optix::float3 wij_ = optix::make_float3(cos(phi)*sin(theta),
sin(phi)*sin(theta), cos(theta));
    const float sgn_nz = copysign(1.0, normal.z);

    const optix::float3 wij = wij_.x * optix::make_float3(1 - pow(normal.x, 2) / (1
+ abs(normal.z)),
                                                    -normal.x * normal.y / (1
+ abs(normal.z)),
                                                    -normal.x * sgn_nz)
+ wij_.y * optix::make_float3(-normal.x * normal.y / (1
+ abs(normal.z)) / sgn_nz,
                                                    1 - pow(normal.y, 2) / (1
+ abs(normal.z)) / sgn_nz,
                                                    -normal.y)
+ wij_.z * normal;

    return wij;
}

```

```

float3 MCGlossy::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    if(hit.trace_depth >= max_depth)
        return make_float3(0.0f);

    float3 rho_d = get_diffuse(hit);
    float3 result = make_float3(0.0f);

    // Either diffuse reflection or absorption
    const double xi = mt_random_half_open();
    const float p_diffuse = (rho_d.x + rho_d.y + rho_d.z) / 3;
    const float p_absorption = 1 - p_diffuse;

    if (xi < p_diffuse) {
        Ray ray(hit.position, normalize(sample_cosine_weighted(hit.shading_normal)),
0, 1e-4);
        HitInfo hit2;

        if (tracer -> trace_to_closest(ray, hit2)) {
            result += shade_new_ray(ray, hit2, false) * rho_d;
        }
    }
    return result + Lambertian::shade(r, hit, emit);
}

```

Worksheet 7

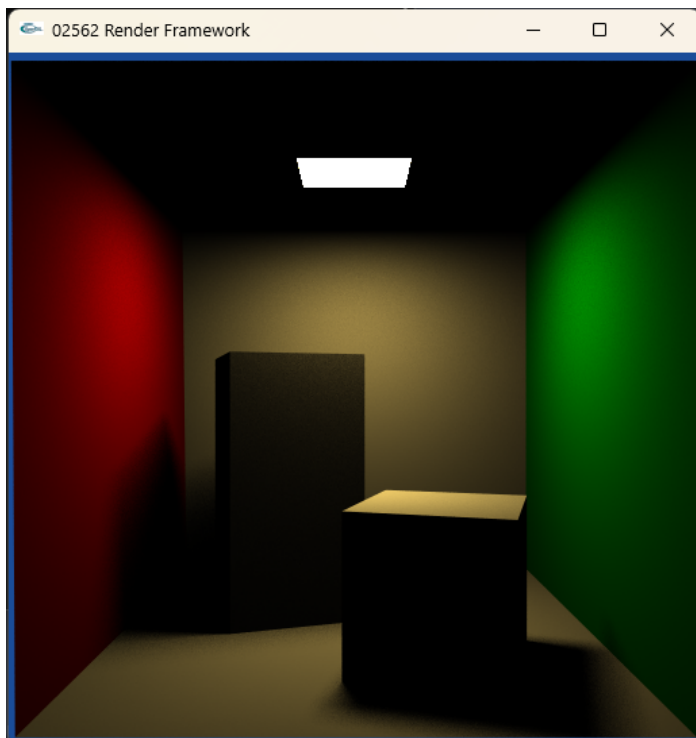


Fig.24 Cornell blocks with soft shadows

Fig.25 Cornell balls with
soft shadowsFig.26 Bunny on
Holdout

```
bool AreaLight::sample(const float3& pos, float3& dir, float3& L) const
{
    const IndexedFaceSet& normals = mesh->normals;
    L = make_float3(0.0f);

    const int item = floor(mesh->get_no_of_primitives() * mt_random_half_open());

    const float xi1 = mt_random_half_open();
    const float xi2 = mt_random_half_open();
    const float u = 1 - sqrt(xi1);
    const float v = (1-xi2) * sqrt(xi1);
    const float w = 1 - v - u;

    // get random position and normal
    const uint3& face = mesh->geometry.face(item);
    const float3 v0 = mesh->geometry.vertex(face.x);
    const float3 v1 = mesh->geometry.vertex(face.y);
    const float3 v2 = mesh->geometry.vertex(face.z);
    const uint3& normal_face = mesh->normals.face(item);
    const float3 n0 = normals.vertex(normal_face.x);
    const float3 n1 = normals.vertex(normal_face.y);
    const float3 n2 = normals.vertex(normal_face.z);

    const float3 x_lj = u * v0 + v * v1 + w * v2;
    const float3 n_lj = normalize(u * n0 + v * n1 + w * n2);

    const float3 w_j = normalize(x_lj - pos);

    L = get_emission(item) * 1 * dot(n_lj, -w_j) / pow(length(x_lj - pos), 2) *
```

```

mesh->face_areas[item] * mesh->get_no_of_primitives();
    dir = w_j;

    if (shadows) {
        HitInfo hit;
        Ray ray(pos, dir, 1, 1e-3, length(x_lj - pos) - 1e-3);
        return !tracer->trace_to_any(ray, hit);
    }

    return true;
}

```

```

float3 Holdout::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    // tracing rays in directions sampled on the hemisphere over each surface point.
    float visible = 0.0;
    for (int i = 0; i < samples; i++)
    {
        const float3 sample_dir = sample_cosine_weighted(hit.shading_normal);

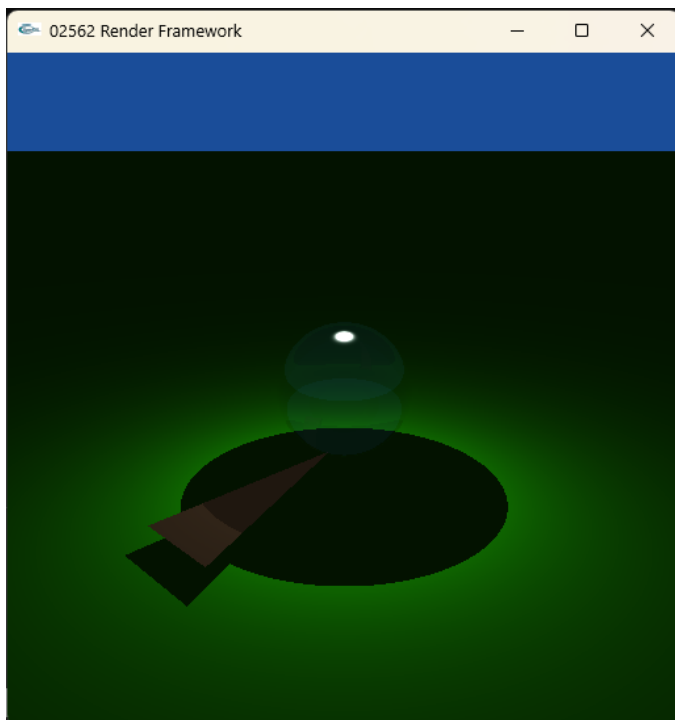
        Ray ray(hit.position, sample_dir, 0, 1e-4, RT_DEFAULT_MAX);
        HitInfo hitinfo;

        const bool result = tracer->trace_to_closest(ray, hitinfo);
        if (!hitinfo.has_hit) visible++;
    }

    return visible/samples * tracer->get_background(r.direction);
}

```

Worksheet 8

Fig.27 $R = 0.1$ Fig.28 Fresnel
reflectanceFig.29 Fresnel reflectance
with absorption

Compared to when R is a fixed value, Fresnel reflectance makes the rendering of the ball more bright and shiny, reflecting more of the environment around it. After using Bouguer's law of exponential attenuation, the absorption rendering shows more of the ball's color.

```
inline float fresnel_r_s(float cos_theta1, float cos_theta2, float ior1, float
ior2)
{
    return (ior1 * cos_theta1 - ior2 * cos_theta2) / (ior1 * cos_theta1 + ior2 *
cos_theta2);
}

inline float fresnel_r_p(float cos_theta1, float cos_theta2, float ior1, float
ior2)
{
    return (ior2 * cos_theta1 - ior1 * cos_theta2) / (ior2 * cos_theta1 + ior1 *
cos_theta2);
}

inline float fresnel_R(float cos_theta1, float cos_theta2, float ior1, float ior2)
{
    return (pow(fresnel_r_s(cos_theta1, cos_theta2, ior1, ior2), 2) +
pow(fresnel_r_p(cos_theta1, cos_theta2, ior1, ior2), 2)) / 2.0;
}
```

```
float3 Volume::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    return get_transmittance(hit);
}
```



```

}

float3 Volume::get_transmittance(const HitInfo& hit) const
{
    float3 T_r = make_float3(0.0);

    if (hit.material)
    {
        // use rho_d as the absorption coef
        const float3 rho_d = make_float3(hit.material->diffuse[0], hit.material->diffuse[1], hit.material->diffuse[2]);
        const float x = rho_d.x != 0 ? 1 / rho_d.x - 1 : 0;
        const float y = rho_d.y != 0 ? 1 / rho_d.y - 1 : 0;
        const float z = rho_d.z != 0 ? 1 / rho_d.z - 1 : 0;

        T_r = optix::expf(-make_float3(x, y, z) * hit.dist);
    }

    return T_r;
}

```

```

float3 GlossyVolume::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    if (hit.trace_depth >= max_depth)
        return make_float3(0.0f);

    float R;
    Ray reflected, refracted;
    HitInfo hit_reflected, hit_refracted;
    tracer->trace_reflected(r, hit, reflected, hit_reflected);
    tracer->trace_refracted(r, hit, refracted, hit_refracted, R);

    const float3 T_r = Volume::shade(r, hit, emit);

    // phong model
    const float3 rho_s = get_specular(hit);
    const float s = get_shininess(hit);

    float3 dir, L, result = make_float3(0);
    const float3 coef_2 = rho_s * M_1_PI * (s + 2) / 2;
    const float3 w_r = r.direction - 2 * dot(r.direction, hit.shading_normal) * hit.shading_normal;
    const float3 w_0 = normalize(r.origin - hit.position);

    for (int i = 0; i < lights.size(); i++) {
        if (lights[i]->sample(hit.position, dir, L)) {
            const float angle = dot(dir, hit.shading_normal);
            if (angle > 0)
                result += (coef_2 * pow(fmax(dot(dir, w_r), 0.0), s)) * L * angle;
        }
    }
}

```

```

    result = result + Emission::shade(r, hit, emit);

    if (dot(r.direction, hit.geometric_normal) > 0)
        return T_r * (R * shade_new_ray(reflected, hit_reflected) + (1 - R) *
            shade_new_ray(refracted, hit_refracted) + R * result);
    else
        return R * shade_new_ray(reflected, hit_reflected) + (1 - R) *
            shade_new_ray(refracted, hit_refracted) + R * result;
}

```

Worksheet 9

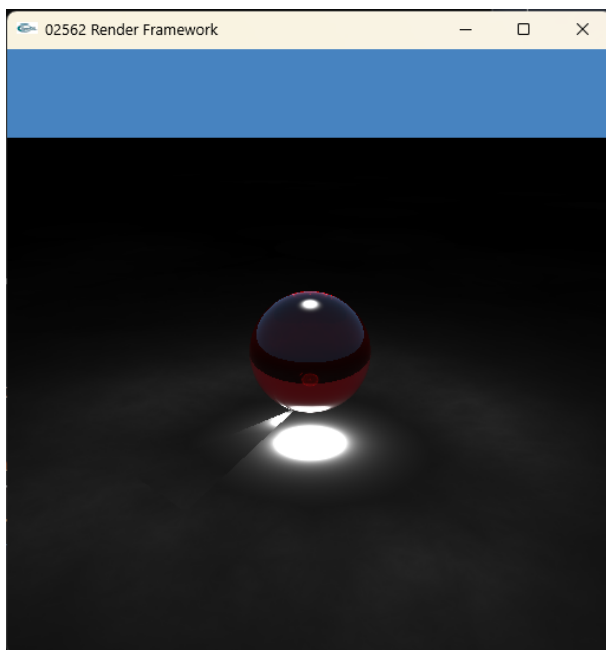


Fig.30 caustics illumination

**Fig.31 with
absorption**

**Fig.32 without
absorption**

**Fig.33 rendering
of the photons**

The number of photons in the map, number of photons in each radiance estimate, and number of samples per pixel are respectively 20007, 50 and 1.

```

bool PointLight::emit(Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, float3& Phi) const
{
    float3 direction = make_float3(0.0);
    do
    {
        direction.x = 2.0f * mt_random() - 1.0f;
        direction.y = 2.0f * mt_random() - 1.0f;
        direction.z = 2.0f * mt_random() - 1.0f;
    } while (dot(direction, direction) > 1.0f);
    direction = normalize(direction);

    r = make_Ray(light_pos, direction, 0, 1e-3, RT_DEFAULT_MAX);
    if (tracer->trace_to_closest(r, hit)) {
        Phi = intensity * 4.0 * M_PI * f;
    }
}

```

```

    return true;
}

return false;
}

```

```

void ParticleTracer::trace_particle(const Light* light, const unsigned int
caustics_done)
{
    if(caustics_done)
        return;

    // Shoot a particle from the sampled source
    Ray r;
    HitInfo hit;
    float3 phi = make_float3(0.0);
    if (!light->emit(r, hit, phi)) return;
    if (!scene->is_specular(hit.material)) return;

    // Forward from all specular surfaces
    while(scene->is_specular(hit.material) && hit.trace_depth < 500)
    {
        switch(hit.material->illum)
        {
            case 3: // mirror materials
            {
                Ray reflected;
                HitInfo reflected_hit;

                const bool res = trace_reflected(r, hit, reflected, reflected_hit);
                if (res == false) return;
                else {
                    r = reflected;
                    hit = reflected_hit;
                }
            }
            break;
            case 11: // absorbing volume
            case 12: // absorbing glossy volume
            {
                // Handle absorption here (Worksheet 8)
                if (dot(r.direction, hit.shading_normal) > 0) {
                    phi *= get_transmittance(hit);
                }
            }
            case 2: // glossy materials
            case 4: // transparent materials
            {
                // Forward from transparent surfaces here
                Ray new_ray;
                HitInfo new_hit;

```

```

    bool res;
    float f = 0.0;

    res = trace_refracted(r, hit, new_ray, new_hit, f);
    if (mt_random() < f) {
        new_hit = HitInfo();
        res = trace_reflected(r, hit, new_ray, new_hit);
    }

    if (new_hit.has_hit == false)    return;
    else {
        r = new_ray;
        hit = new_hit;
    }
}
break;
default:
    return;
}
}
caustics.store(phi, hit.position, -r.direction);
}

```

```

float3 PhotonCaustics::shade(const Ray& r, HitInfo& hit, bool emit) const
{
    const float3 rho_d = get_diffuse(hit);

    const float3 irradiance = tracer->caustics_irradiance(hit, max_dist, photons);
    const float kernel = pow(length(hit.position - r.origin) / 0.3, 2.0) < 1 ?
1/M_PIf : 1 / M_PIf;
    const float3 radiance = rho_d * irradiance * M_PIf * kernel;

    return radiance + Lambertian::shade(r, hit, emit);
    //return irradiance;
}

```

Worksheet 10

Fig.35 Blender Example 2 Fig.35 Parameter of rendering Fig.35 Material parameter of cube

The rendering parameter is set to have more sample and use the denoise provided. The material is set to have metallic and specular outlook and a few explorative adjustments of other parameters. The highly reflective surface seemingly can prevent too much noise, while some attempt of adjusting roughness can lead to much more noise.

The third party software offers more possibilities of artistic adjustments and different backend, while it might be hard to debug it and sometimes slower as it is multi-functional. While a customizable

renderer can be fast for some single task if well implemented. Of course it has much fewer functions. \

In the cycles, we can not separate how the image is rendered, which means we can not try to see some middle results. In our framework, GPU utilization is missing and some extra functions such as denoising.