

Machine Learning for Rendering

Framework Presentation
Python Ray Tracer - PyRT

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A Ray Tracer for Easily Prototyping Monte Carlo-based Rendering

The Framework (4 files)

► *PyRT_Common.py*

- Basic classes such as *Ray*, *Vector3D*, *RGBColor*, etc.
- Useful set of functions mainly related to spherical projections and transforms

► *PyRT_Integrators.py*

- Relies on *PyRT_Common.py*
- Provides a template *Integrator* class (i.e., an Abstract Base Class, ABC)
- Different concrete *Integrator* classes implement different strategies for computing a pixel's color

► *PyRT_Core.py*

- Relies on *PyRT_Common.py*
- Contains the core of the Ray Tracer
- Most important classes: *Scene*, *Primitive* (i.e., shapes), *BRDF* (i.e., material), etc.

► *AppRenderer.py*

- Script which sets-up the
- Create scene, create integrator, launch rendering,...
- Store result to file, show it to the user

AppRender.py

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# -----Main
# Create Integrator
integrator = LazyIntegrator(DIRECTORY + FILENAME)

# Create the scene
scene = sphere_scene(envMap=env_map_path)

# Attach the scene to the integrator
integrator.add_scene(scene)

# Render!
start_time = time.time()
integrator.render()
end_time = time.time() - start_time
print("--- Rendering time: %s seconds ---" % end_time)
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PyRT_Core.py - Scene

class Scene

Camera	Rendered Image	Environment Map
List of Objects	List of Point Lights	Scene's Ambient Light

- ▶ Setters and Getters
- ▶ any_hit(Ray r)
 - ▶ Given a ray r, determine whether or not there exists any intersection between r and the scene's geometry
 - ▶ Returns a Boolean
- ▶ closest_hit(Ray r)
 - ▶ Given a ray r, determine the closest intersection (if it exists) between r and the scene's geometry
 - ▶ Returns a structure (of type HitData) with the details of the closest intersection

PyRT_Core.py - Primitive

class Primitive (Abstract)

Emission (RGB Color)	BRDF (material)
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- ▶ Setters and Getters
- ▶ intersect(Ray r)
 - ▶ Abstract method
 - ▶ Given a ray r, determine the closest intersection (if it exists) between r and the primitive
 - ▶ Returns a structure (of type HitData) with the details of the closest intersection

class Sphere(Primitive)

class InfinitePlane(Primitive)

class Parallelogram(Primitive)

PyRT_Core.py - BRDFs, Point Lights, and Camera

class BRDF (Abstract)

- ▶ getValue(in, out, normal)
 - ▶ Abstract method
 - ▶ Given a pair of directions (in, out) and a normal vector, return the value of the material reflection

class Lambertian(BRDF)

class PointLight

Position	Intensity
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class Camera

Width	Height	Vertical fov	Aspect Ratio
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- ▶ getDirection(x, y)
 - ▶ Given a pixel's coordinates (x, y) return a ray with origin at the camera position, passing through pixel (x, y)

PyRT_Core.py - Scene

- ▶ Useful classes
 - ▶ Vector3D (operator overloading)
 - ▶ RGBColor (operator overloading and other functions)
 - ▶ Ray (origin, direction, t_max, t_min)
 - ▶ HitData (has_hit, hit_point, normal, hit_dist, primitive_index)
- ▶ Other classes
 - ▶ Function, PDF and Environment Map (for later)
- ▶ Useful Functions
 - ▶ OrientNormal, EuclideanToDisk, SampleSetHemishpere, VisualizeSampleSet
 - ▶ OrientHemiDir, RotateAroundY, CenterAroundNormal

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The End

Questions?