

Report

raytracer 306

a simple C++ raytracer

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files

- `vec.cpp` vector and ray classes
- `random.cpp` random sampling of rays
- `mat.cpp` material and UV classes
- `sphere.cpp` self explanatory
- `mesh.cpp` triangle, mesh, BVH tree and tiny `.obj` parser
- `main.cpp` scene, camera classes; rendering

(for grading) `pandoc <(echo "# Report"; cat README.md) -o report.pdf`

features

this raytracer can render:

- diffuse, refractive, reflective and emitting spheres
- meshes, with UV mapping

it does not handle phong reflections nor participating media (smoke, etc.)

details and tricks

parallelism

OpenMP, dynamic scheduling over the lines rendered

monte carlo

- effects like soft shadows are achieved by shooting several rays per pixel and sampling bouncing rays from random distributions
- depth of field is achieved by shooting rays from various positions in the aperture aiming at the focal plane
- for antialiasing, we introduce normal noise when aiming at the focal plane

refraction

We check whether the ray coming in or out. Since we only care about n_1/n_2 (Snell's law), we can simply invert the refractive index depending on the case. To emulate refractive indices of nested objects, one should divide the real refractive index by the ambient one.

parser

expects `f v/vt/vn` and `vn x y z`

external res

- `Models_F0202A090/*` cat model and texture
- `stb_image_write.h` and `stb_image.h` STB library

renders

recursion depth limit set to 5, resolution 600 x 400

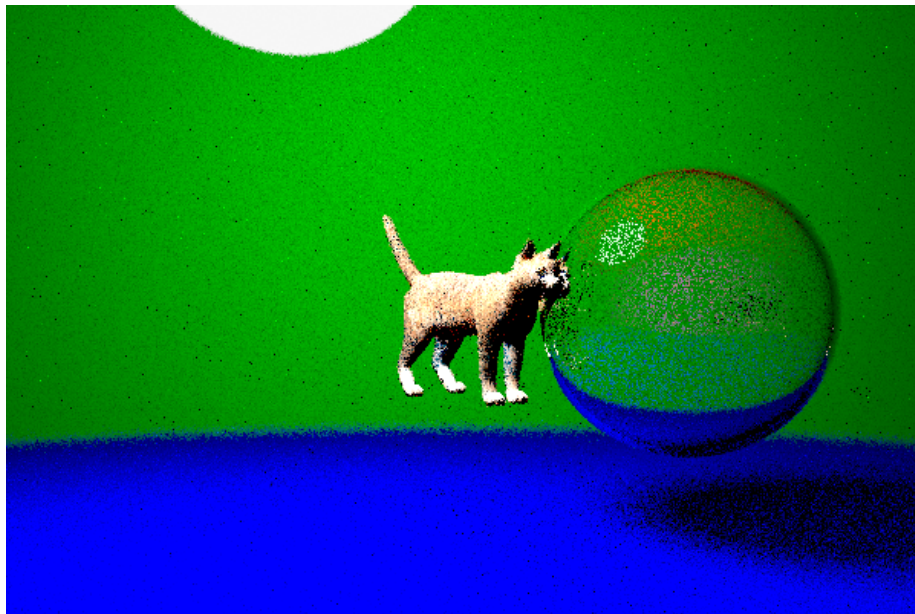


Figure 1: little cat and hollow sphere (5 samples)



Figure 2: big boi (20 samples. 2m53s)

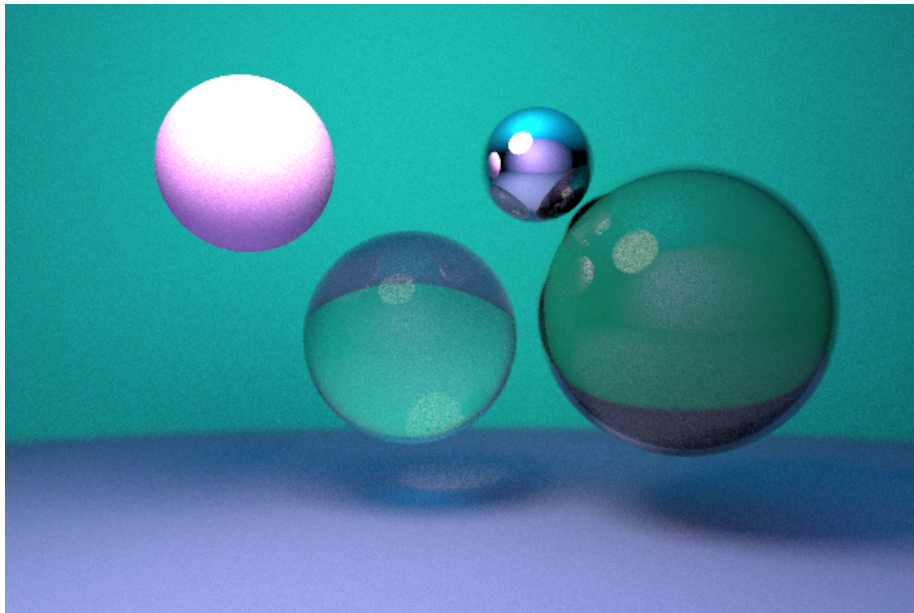


Figure 3: from left to right: spheres showing diffraction, refraction, reflection and a hollow refractive sphere (90 samples, 8.6s)