

Program Sketch for Ray Tracing

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program raytrace
var lsou; (* specular intensity of light source *)
    back; (* background intensity *)
    ambi; (* ambient light intensity *)
    depth; (* depth of ray tree consisting of multiple
            reflection/refraction paths *)

ray = record (* ray          x = a + ti
              point: (a, b, c)      y = b + tj
              unit direction: (i, j, k)  z = c + tk *)
end;
r: ray;

function intensity (r);
    (* intensity = spec + refr + dull
       spec = specular reflection component
       refr = refraction component
       dull = non-reflecting, non refracting
       component *)
L: unit vector pointing to light source
V: unit vector pointing from current position to eye
N: unit surface normal
Objects [1...n] (* list of n objects in scene *)
Ka [1...n] (* ambient reflectivity factor for each object *)
Ks [1...n] (* specular reflectivity factor for each object *)
Kr [1...n] (* refractivity index for each object *)
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Kd [1...n] (* diffuse reflectivity factor for each object *)
S[1...n] (* shininess factor for each object *)
(* Additional Comments: For a transparent object, Kd[j]=0
and Ks[j]+Kr[j]=1 i.e. partly reflecting + partly
refracting. For an opaque object Kr[j]=0, Ks[j] and
Kd[j] can be anything as no simple relation between
them *)

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function intensity(r: ray): rgb
  var flec, frac: ray;    spec, refr, dull: rgb;
  begin
    depth := depth +1
    if depth >5 then intensity :=back
    else
      begin (* label 1 *)
        check ray r for intersection with all objects in scene
        if no intersection
          then if r parallel to L
              then intensity :=lsou
              else intensity :=back
          else
            begin (* label2 *)
              Take closest intersection which is object[j]
              compute normal N at the intersection point
              if Ks[j] >0 (* non-zero specular reflectivity *)
                then begin
                  compute reflection ray flec;
                  spec := Ks[j]*intensity(flec);
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        end
    else spec:=0;
    if(Kr[j]>0)                (* non-zero refractivity *)
    then begin
        compute refraction ray frac;
        refr := Kr[j]*intensity(frac);
    end
    else refr:=0;
    check for shadow;
    if shadow
    then dull:= Ka[j]*ambi
    else dull:= Kd[j]*lsou* N.L
                + Ks[j]*lsou*(flec.L)^S[j]
                + Ka[j]*ambi);
        intensity :=spec +refr +dull;
    end (* label2 *)
    end( *label 1*)
    depth := depth -1
end(* function *)

begin (* raytrace*)
    for each pixel P of projection viewport in raster order
    begin
        r = ray emanating from viewer through P; V = r;
        set intensity(r) to the frame buffer pixel
            corresponding to P
    end
end (*raytrace *)
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