CUDA RAY TRACER (CRT)

Project Abstract

Explore physically based rendering techniques involving ray tracing and accelerate the rendering algorithms with CUDA, and potentially utilize OpenGL. We plan to first follow through a CPU based ray tracing guide Raytracing In One Weekend and implement GPU-accelerated parallelization when possible, and utilize physics concepts to approximate a realistic image render.

Our objective is to implement features that bring us closer to a photorealistic render of an object i.e. a raytraced lighting/shading model, object material features, a camera/viewport to render the image, and post-processing features. We plan to support dielectric and/or metallic materials.

Implement Whitted style ray tracing algorithm to calculate the lighting. We can potentially use tiled matrix multiply for implementing 3D projection like perspective. Post-processing features like anti-aliasing and depth-of-field blur will probably use convolution.

We expect to speed up graphical rendering processes by utilizing the GPU when parallelization is useful/necessary. Hopefully the final product will be able to to perform ray tracing and realistically render simple objects and materials.

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No differentiation in roles is expected. We will simultaneously work on different parts of the implementation if needed, otherwise collaborate on solving one.