

# Ray tracing - extra

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## Recursive ray tracing

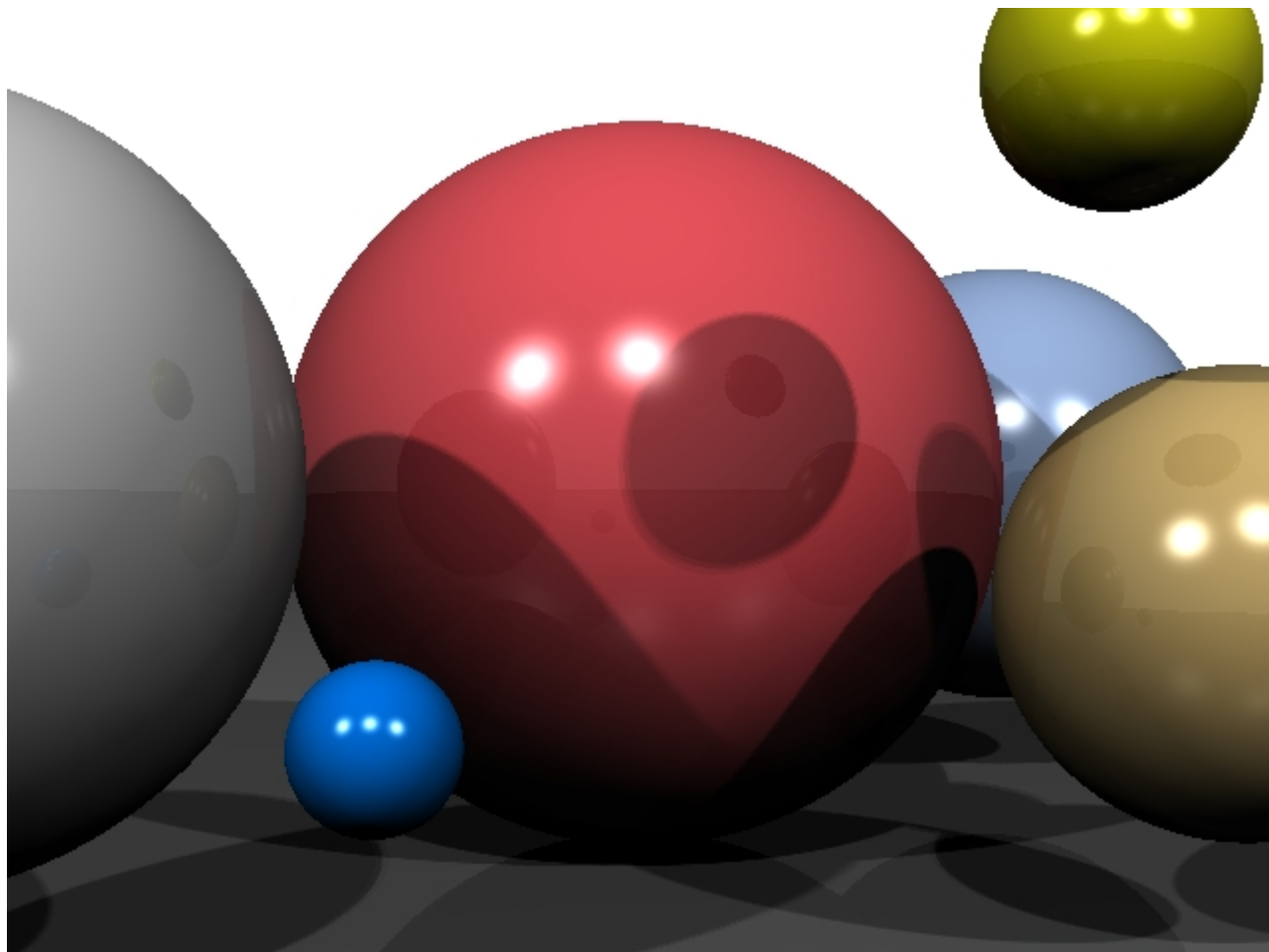
New `trace` function declaration

```
Vector3f trace(  
    const Vector3f &rayOrigin,  
    const Vector3f &rayDirection,  
    const std::vector<Sphere> &spheres,  
    int depth)
```

I use some parameter to ensure the primary ray has the most effect on pixel color:

```
pixelColor = 0.95* pixelColor + 0.05 * trace(hitPoint, R, spheres, depth);
```

I also add property `specular` to class `Sphere` so that we can see the difference. In the result, the blue ball is not specular and does not reflect other balls.



## Area light sources

I add 6 more close light sources to each original light source so that they can be seen as three area lights.

```
std::vector<std::vector<Vector3f>> lightPositions = {
    {
        Vector3f(0.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(1.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(-1.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(0.0, 59, 60),
        Vector3f(0.0, 61, 60),
        Vector3f(0.0, 60, 59),
        Vector3f(0.0, 60, 61)
    },
    {
        Vector3f(-60.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(-59.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(-61.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(-60.0, 59, 60),
        Vector3f(-60.0, 61, 60),
        Vector3f(-60.0, 60, 59),
        Vector3f(-60.0, 60, 61)
    },
    {
        Vector3f(60.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(59.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(61.0, 60, 60),
        Vector3f(60.0, 59, 60),
        Vector3f(60.0, 61, 60),
        Vector3f(60.0, 60, 59),
        Vector3f(60.0, 60, 61)
    }
};
```

In `trace` function, I need to iterate through these new light sources as well. And be careful that colors are not divided by 3 now.

Shadows are softer because of multiple light sources.

