

# Introduction to Computer Graphics

- **L1: Introduction, Application**

- Will Learn
  - Fundamentals of Computer Graphics Algorithms
  - Basics of real-time rendering: Basic OpenGL
  - C++

- **L2: Cubic Curves**

- **Hermite Basis**
- **Cubic Blossom**
- **Bernstein Polynomials**
- **Cubic Control Polygon**
- **Three Bases for Cubic Curves**
  - Monomial basis
  - Hermite basis
  - bernstein basis

- **L3: Curves and Surfaces**

- **Curves**
  - Order of Continuity
    - $C_0$  = continuous
    - $G_1$  = geometric continuity
      - tangents align at the seam
    - $C_1$  = paraMetric continuity
      - same velocity at the seam
    - $C_2$  = curvature continuity
      - tangents and their derivatives are the same
  - Cubic B-Splines
    - Automatically  $C_2$
  - Converting Between Bezier & BSpline
- **Surfaces**
  - Triangle Meshes
    - Simple, rendered directly
    - not smooth, need many triangles to smooth
  - Tensor Product Splines

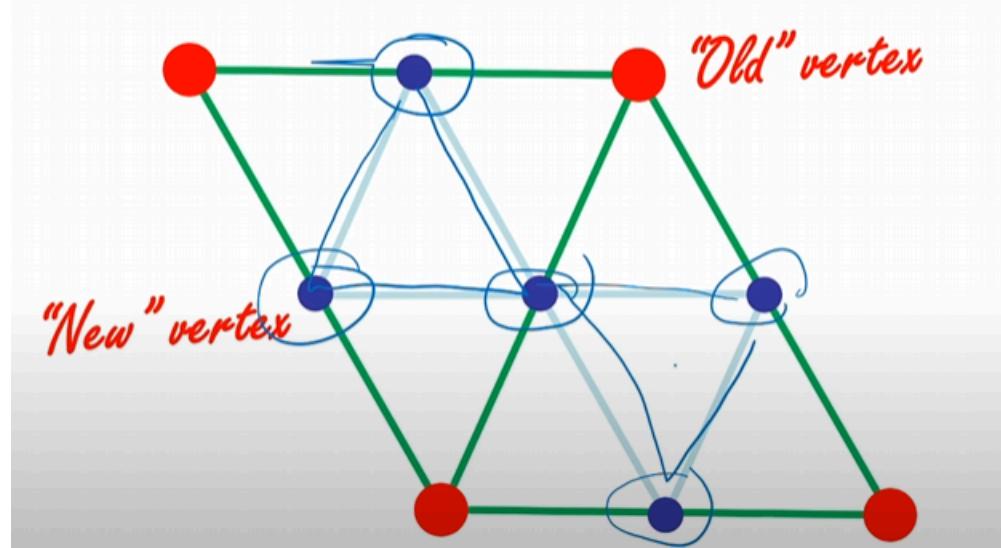
- From Curves to Surfaces

## From Curves to Surfaces

- $P(u, v) = (1-u)^3 + 3u(1-u)^2 + 3u^2(1-u) + u^3$
- Make  $P_i$ 's move along curves!

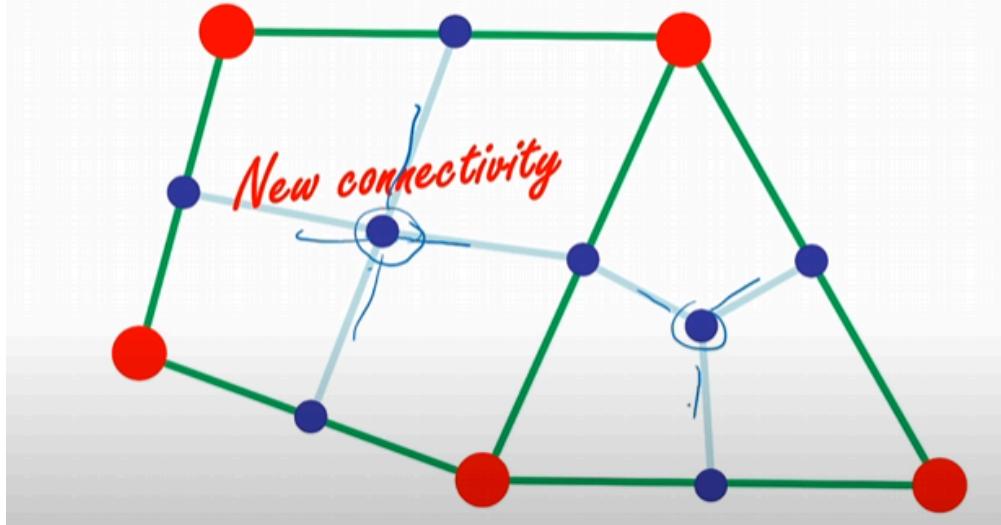
- Subdivision Surfaces
  - Corner Cutting
    - Subdividing Triangles

## Subdividing Triangles



- Catmull-Clark Cubdivision

## Catmull-Clark Subdivision



- Advantages
  - Arbitrary topology
  - Smooth at boundaries
  - Level of detail, scalable
  - Simple representation
  - Numerical stability, well-behaved meshes
  - Code simplicity
- Disadvantage
  - Procedural definition
  - Not parametric
  - Tricky at special vertices
- Implicit Surfaces
  - Surface defined implicitly by a function
    - $f(x, y, z) = 0$  (on surface)
    - $f(x, y, z) < 0$  (inside surface)
    - $f(x, y, z) > 0$  (outside surface)
  - Pros:
    - Efficient check whether point is inside
    - Efficient Boolean operations
    - Can handle weird topology for animation
    - Easy to do sketchy modeling
  - Cons:

- Hard to generate points on the surface
- Procedural

- **L4: Coordinates and transformations**

- Linear algebra notation

- Matrix notation

## Matrix notation

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- Linearity implies

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{v}) = \mathcal{L}\left(\sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i\right) = \sum_i c_i \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_i)$$

- $\mathcal{L}$  is determined by  $\{\mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$

- Algebraic notation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_1) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_2) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_3) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Translation

# Translation

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = (\vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o}) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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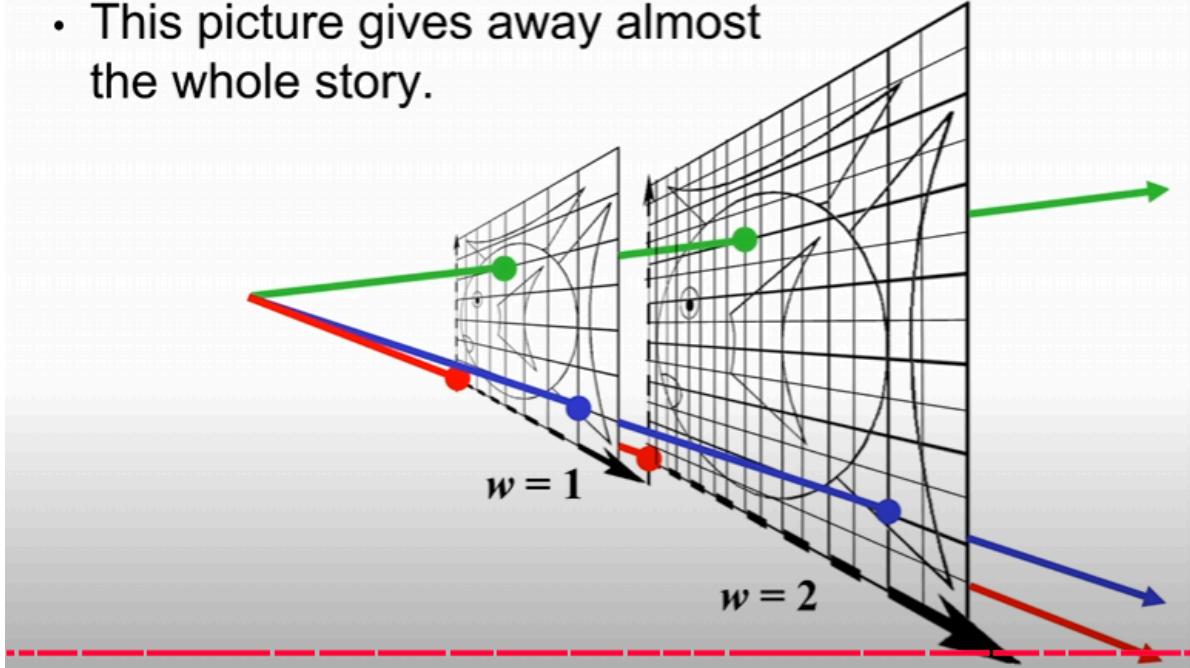
$$\tilde{p} + \tilde{t} = \tilde{o} + \tilde{t} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = (\vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & M_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & M_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & M_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

cords of  $\tilde{t}$   
 $(c_1 + M_{14})$   
 $(c_2 + M_{24})$   
 $(c_3 + M_{34})$

- Homogeneous Coordination

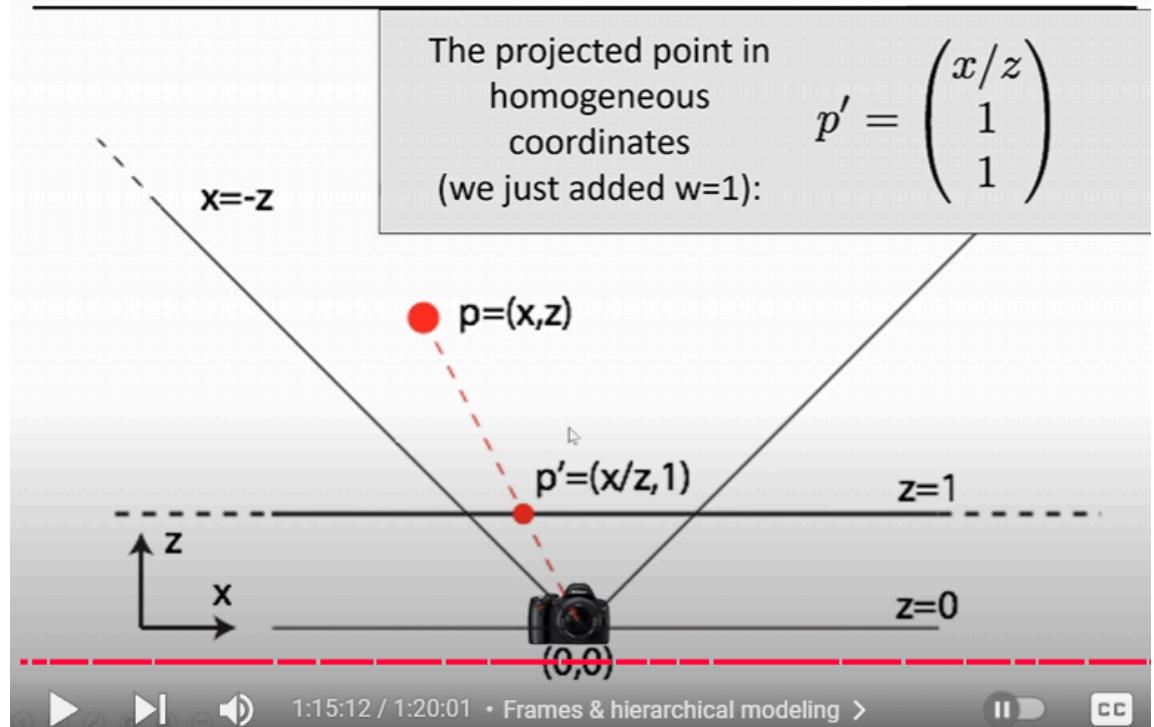
## Why homogeneous?

- This picture gives away almost the whole story.



- For perspective projection

# Perspective in 2D

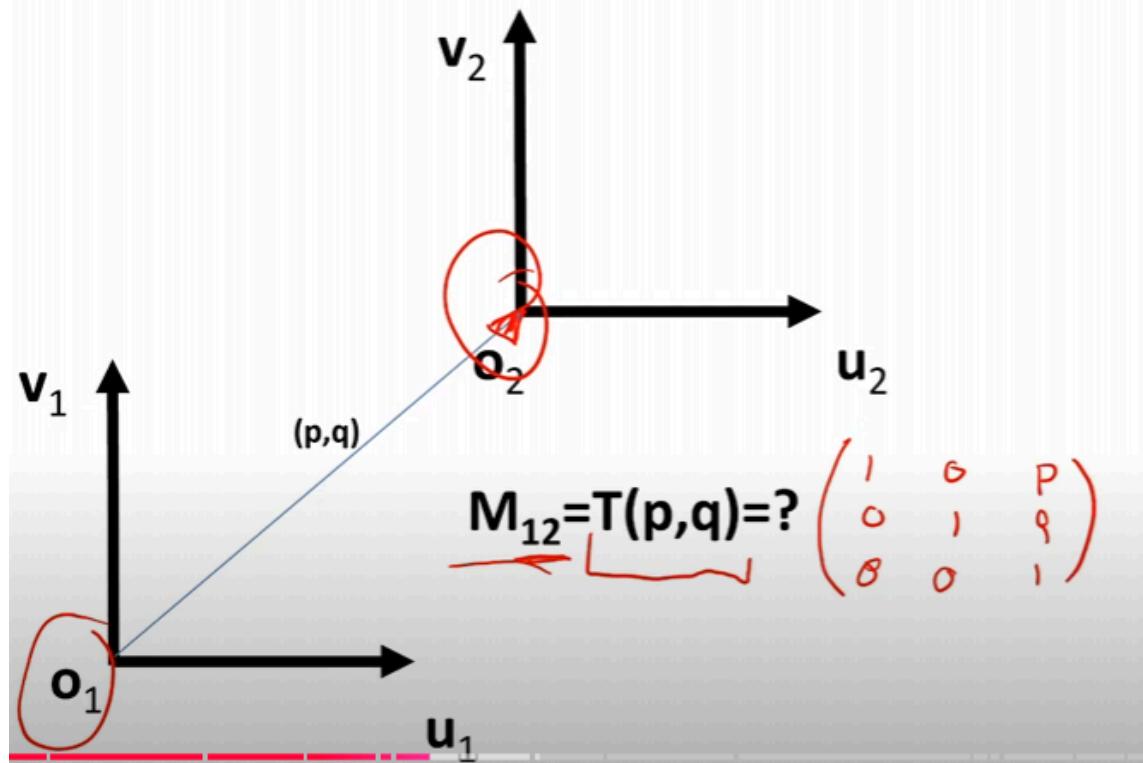


- For ray tracing algorithm
- **L5: Hierarchical modeling and scene graphs**
  - Coordinate System transformation

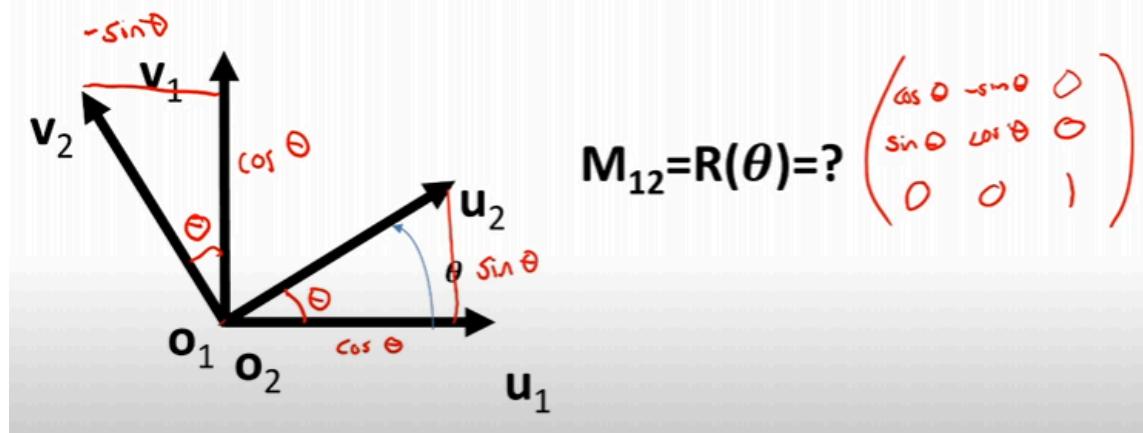
- Translation Matrix

# Translation Matrix

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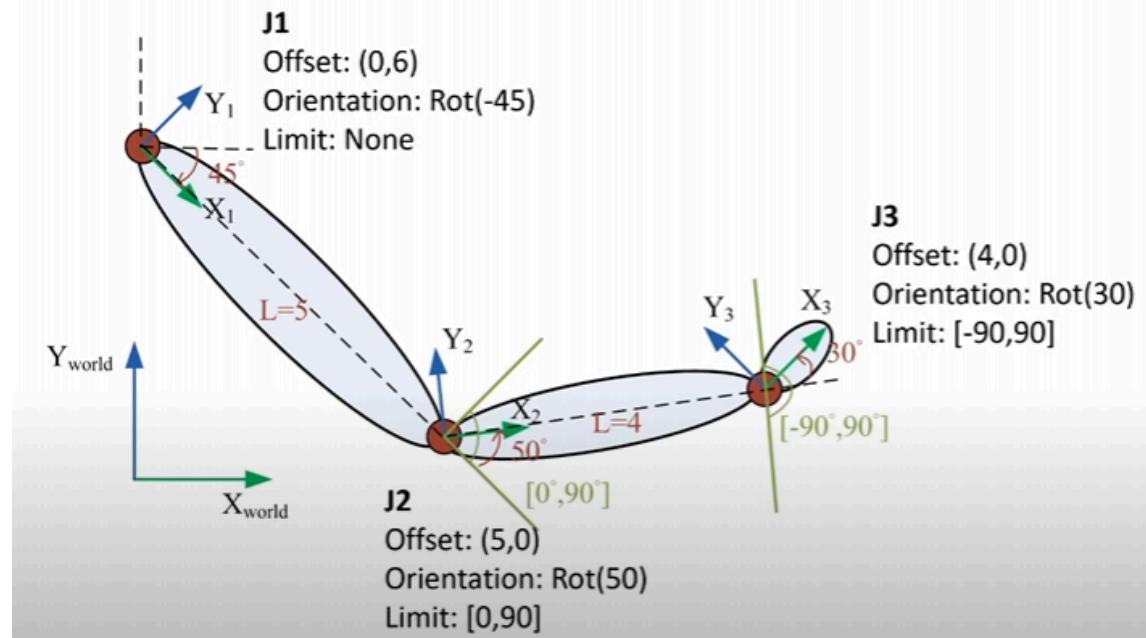
- Rotation Matrix



- Forward and inverse kinematics
  - Joints

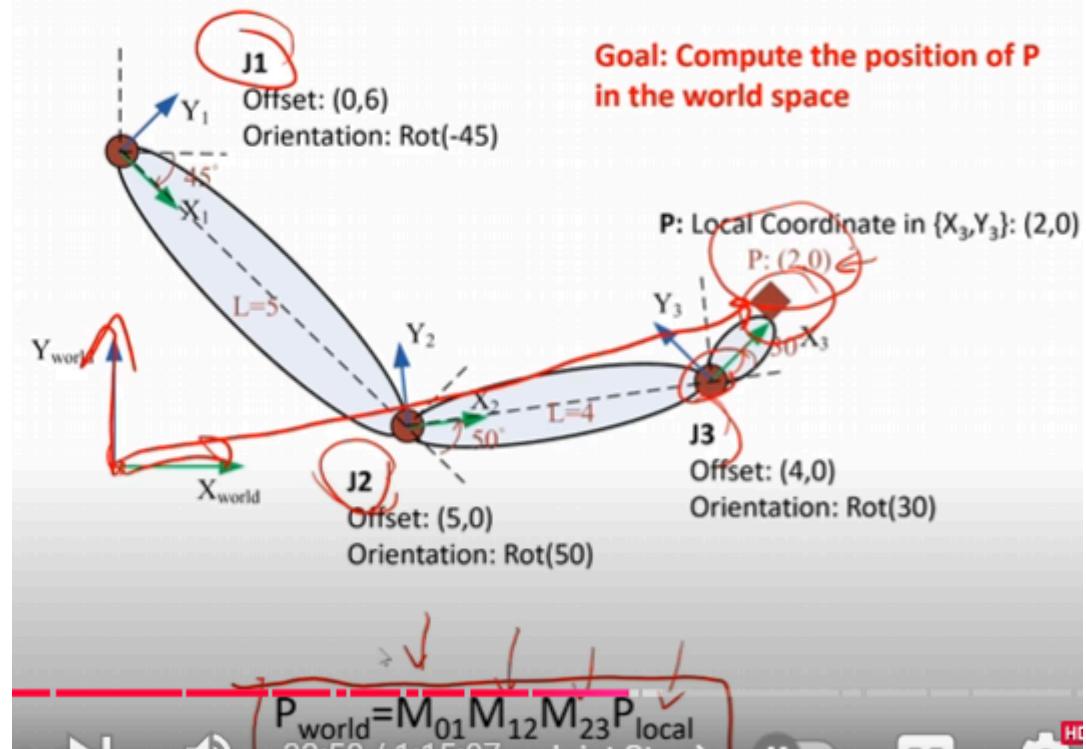
- Joint State Parameters

# Joint State Parameters



- Offset
- Orientation
- Limit
- Forward Kinematics

# Forward Kinematics

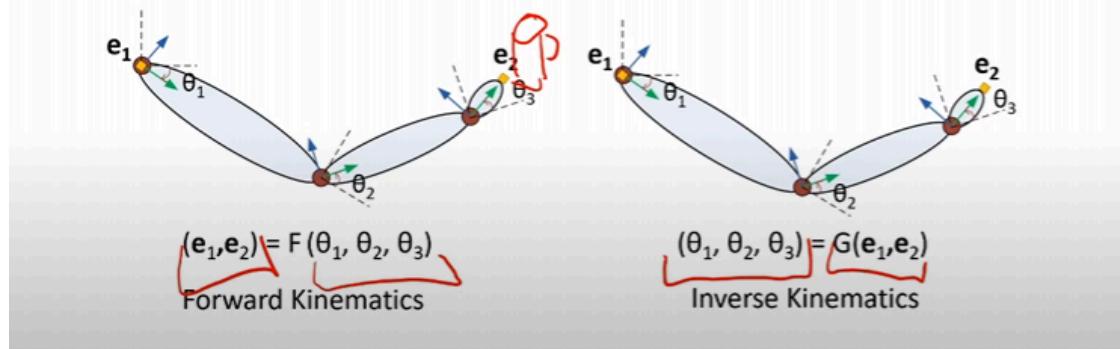


- Inverse Kinematics

# Inverse Kinematics

- Inverse Kinematics

– Given a desired location and orientation of the end effector, what are the required joint angles to put it there?



- Hierarchical tree and scene graph
- **L6: Introduction to Animation and Skinning/Enveloping**
  - Types of Animation:
    - Keyframing
    - Procedural
      - Express animation as a function
    - Physical Based
  - Animation Controls
    - Forward Kinematic
    - Inverse Kinematic
    - Skinning Characters
      - Bind Skin vertices to bone
      - Motion Capture
      - Retargeting
  - Character Animation
    - Skinning/Enveloping
      - Skeletal subspace deformation (SSD)

- Bind vertex to 1 bone or multiple bone

## Examples



- Vertex Weights
- Linear Blend Skinning

## Computing Vertex Positions

- Basic Idea 1:** Transform each vertex  $p_i$  with each bone as if it were tied to it rigidly.
- Basic Idea 2:** Then blend the results using the weights.

$$p'_{ij} = T_j p_i$$

$$p'_i = \sum_j w_{ij} p'_{ij}$$

$p'_{ij}$  is the vertex  $i$  transformed using bone  $j$ .

$T_j$  is the current transformation of bone  $j$ .

$p'_i$  is the new skinned position of vertex  $i$ .

- Bind Pose and weight

## Skinning Pseudocode

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- Do the usual forward kinematics

– get a matrix  $\mathbf{T}_j(t)$  per bone  
(full transformation from local to world)

- For each skin vertex  $\mathbf{p}_i$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{→}} \mathbf{p}'_i = \sum_j w_{ij} \mathbf{T}_j(t) \mathbf{B}_j^{-1} \mathbf{p}_i$$

- Inverse transpose for normals!

$$\xrightarrow{\text{→}} \mathbf{n}'_i = \left( \sum_j w_{ij} \mathbf{T}_j(t) \mathbf{B}_j^{-1} \right)^{-T} \mathbf{n}_i$$

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- L7 Particle System and ODE

## L7: Particle System and ODEs

- Type of Animation: physical Based

- Particle System

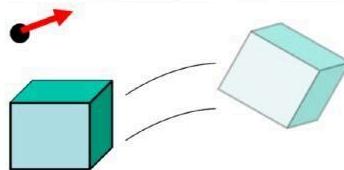
## Recall: Types of Animation

- Keyframing
- Procedural
- Physically-based
  - Particle Systems: **TODAY**
    - Smoke, water, fire, sparks
    - Usually heuristic, but not always
    - Mass-Spring Models (cloth) **NEXT CLASS**
  - Continuum Mechanics (fluids), finite elements
    - Not in this class (**FEM in 6.838!**)
  - Rigid body simulation
    - Not in this class

- Types of Dynamics

## Types of Dynamics

- Point
- Rigid body
- Deformable body (clothes, fluids, smoke, ...)



- Particle System

- Emitter
  - Force
  - ODEs
  - Randomness

e.g. Flocking, Smoke, Fire, Water, Spark

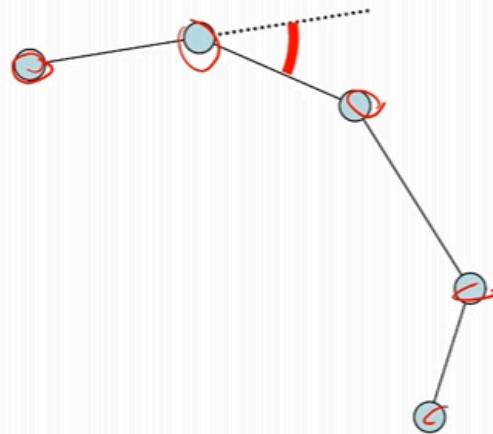
- L8: More ODEs, mass-spring modeling, cloth simulation

- Euler's Method: Not Always Stable
  - Midpoint
  - Trapezoid
  - Runge-Kutta (RK4) Integrator
- Mass-Spring Modeling
  - Hair

## Hair

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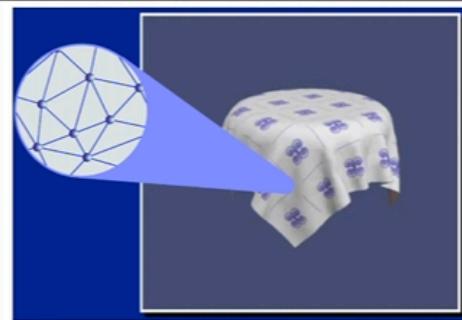
- Linear set of particles
- Length-preserving **structural** springs like before
- **Deformation** forces proportional to the angle between segments
- **External** forces



- Mass-Spring Cloth

## Cloth – Three Types of Forces

- **Structural** forces
  - Try to enforce invariant properties of the system
    - E.g. force the distance between two particles to be constant
  - Ideally, these should be *constraints*, not forces

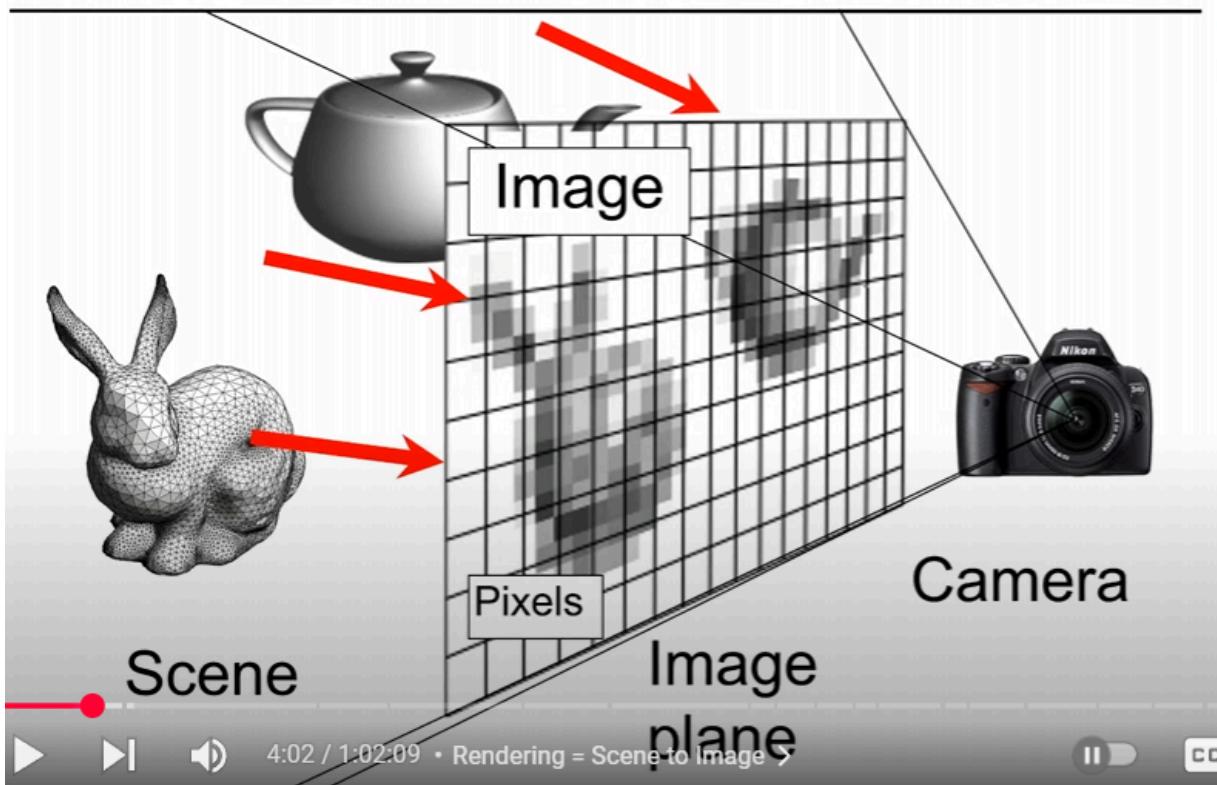


- **Internal deformation** forces
  - E.g. a string deforms, a spring board tries to remain flat
- **External** forces
  - Gravity, etc.

- L9: Introduction to Rendering, Ray Casting

- Rendering

## Rendering = Scene to Image



- Ray Casting

# Ray Casting

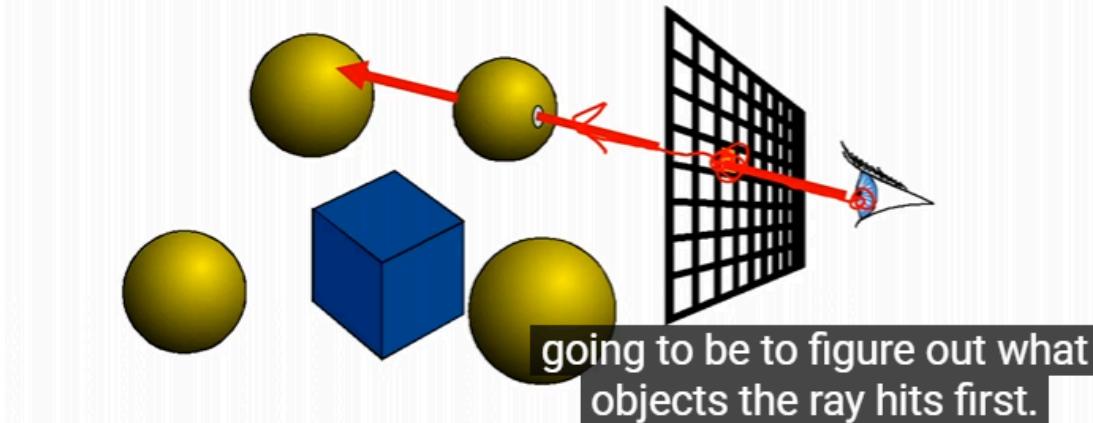
For every pixel

Construct a ray from the eye

For every object in the scene

Find intersection with the ray

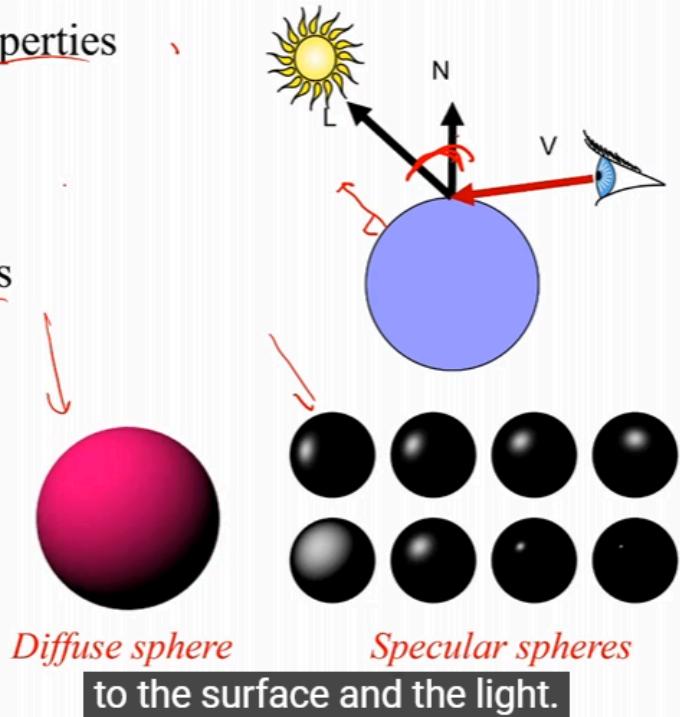
Keep if closest



- Shading

## Shading: What Surfaces Look Like

- Surface/Scene Properties
  - – surface normal
  - – direction to light
  - – viewpoint
- Material Properties
  - Diffuse (matte)
  - Specular (shiny)
  - ...
- Light properties
  - Position
  - Intensity, ...
- Much more!

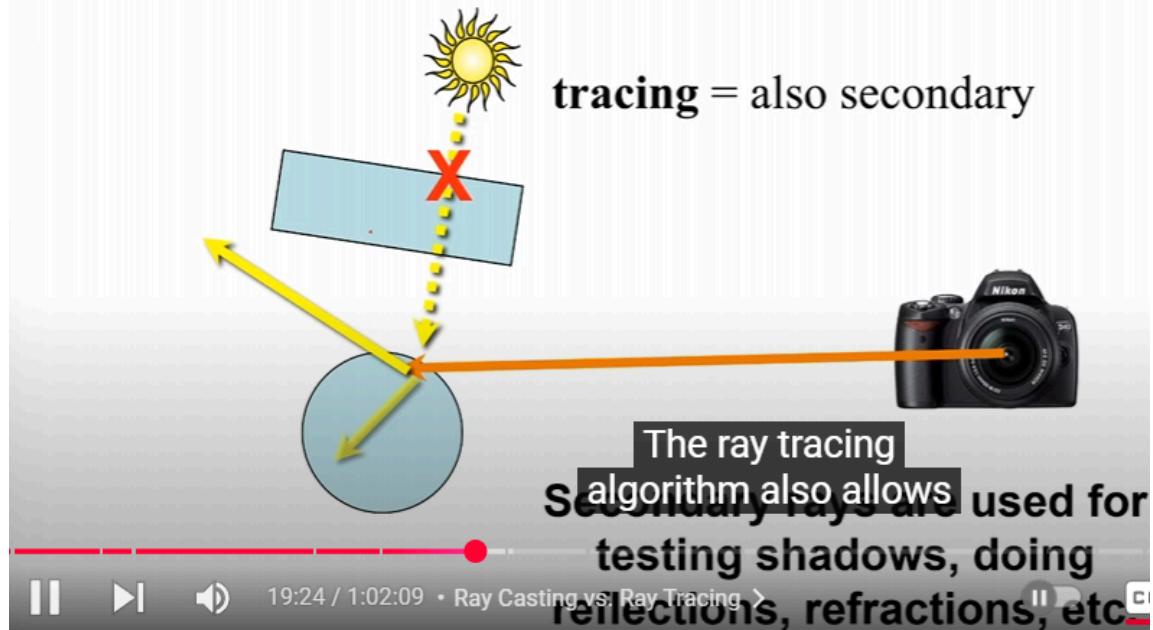


- Surface/Scene Properties

- Material Properties
- Light Properties
- Ray Casting vs. Ray Tracing

## Ray Casting vs. Ray Tracing

- Ray **casting** = eye rays only,

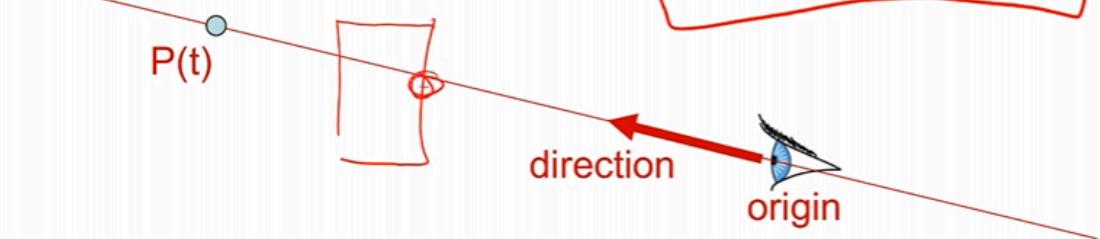


- Ray Representation

# Ray Representation

- Origin – Point
- Direction – Vector
  - normalized can help
- Parametric line
  - $P(t) = \text{origin} + t * \text{direction}$

**Ray casting problem statement:**  
**Find smallest  $t > 0$  such that  $P(t)$  lies on a surface in the scene**



I'd like to find the very first intersection point,  $t$ ,

- Camera Obscura (Pinhole Camera)

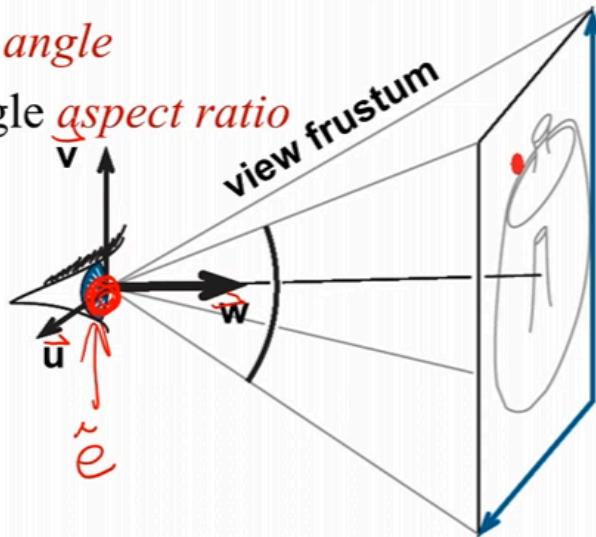


- Camera Description

# Camera Description

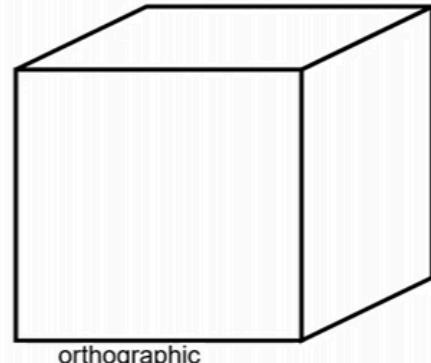
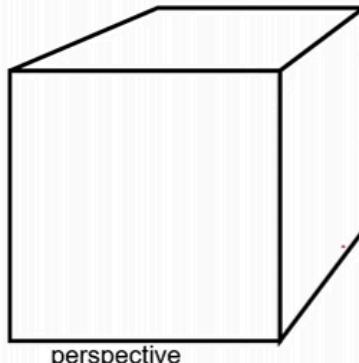
- Eye point  $e$  (*center*)
- Orthobasis  $u, v, w$  (*horizontal, up, direction*)
- Field of view *angle*
- Image rectangle *aspect ratio*

Object  
 coordinates  
 World  
 coordinates  
**View**  
**coordinates**  
 Image  
 coordinates



- Image Coordinates
- Perspective vs. Orthographic

## Perspective vs. Orthographic

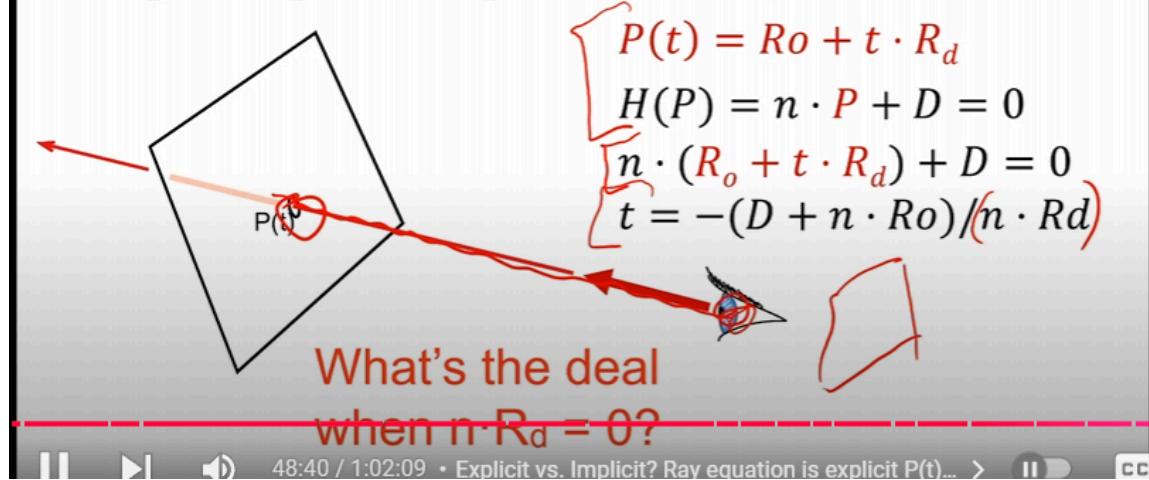


- Parallel projection
- No foreshortening
- No vanishing point

- Ray-Plane Intersection

## Ray-Plane Intersection

- Intersection means both are satisfied
- So, insert explicit equation of ray into implicit equation of plane & solve for t



- Ray-Sphere Intersection

## Ray-Sphere Intersection

- Insert explicit equation of ray into implicit equation of sphere & solve for t

$$P(t) = R_o + t \cdot R_d$$

$$H(P) = P \cdot P - r^2 = 0$$

$$(R_o + tR_d) \cdot (R_o + tR_d) - r^2 = 0$$

$$(R_d \cdot R_d)t^2 + (2Rd \cdot Ro)t + (R_o \cdot Ro - r^2) = 0$$

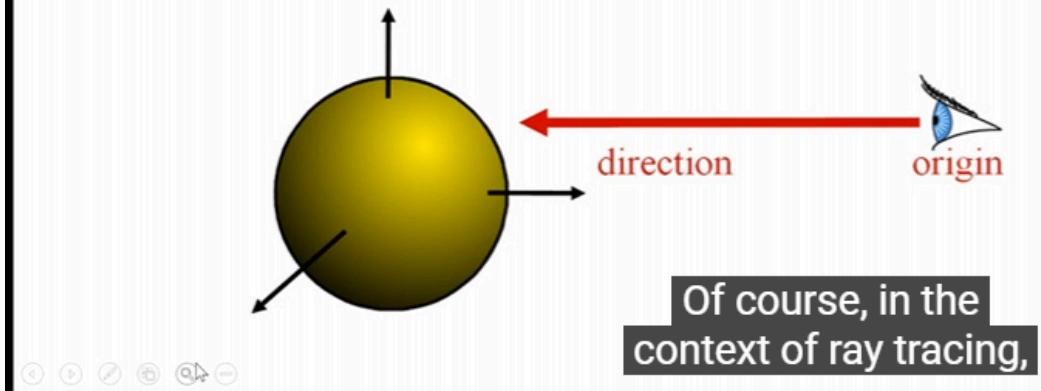
$a$

$b$

$c$

# Ray-Sphere Intersection

- 3 cases, depending on the sign of  $b^2 - 4ac$
- What do these cases correspond to?
- Which root ( $t+$  or  $t-$ ) should you choose?
  - Closest positive!



- L10: Ray Casting II
  - Ray Casting
  - Ray-Triangle Intersection
  - Barycentric coordinates

- Intersection with Barycentric Triangle

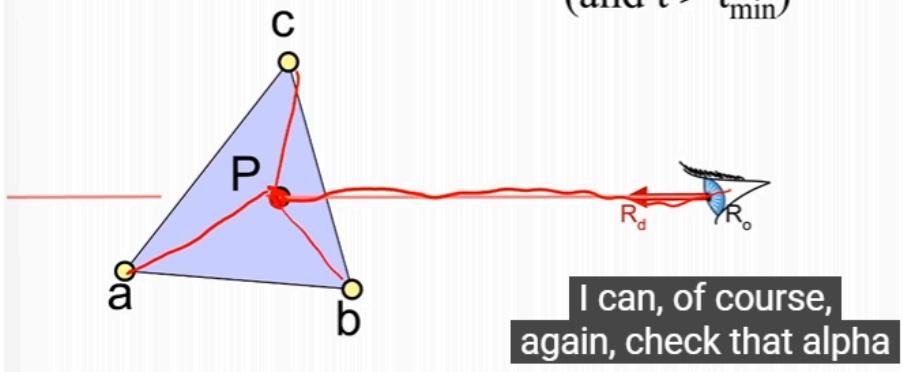
## Intersection with Barycentric Triangle

- Again, set ray equation equal to barycentric equation

$$\text{ray } \mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{P}(\beta, \gamma) \quad \text{barycentric.}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{R}_o + t \mathbf{R}_d = \mathbf{a} + \beta(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}) + \gamma(\mathbf{c}-\mathbf{a})$$

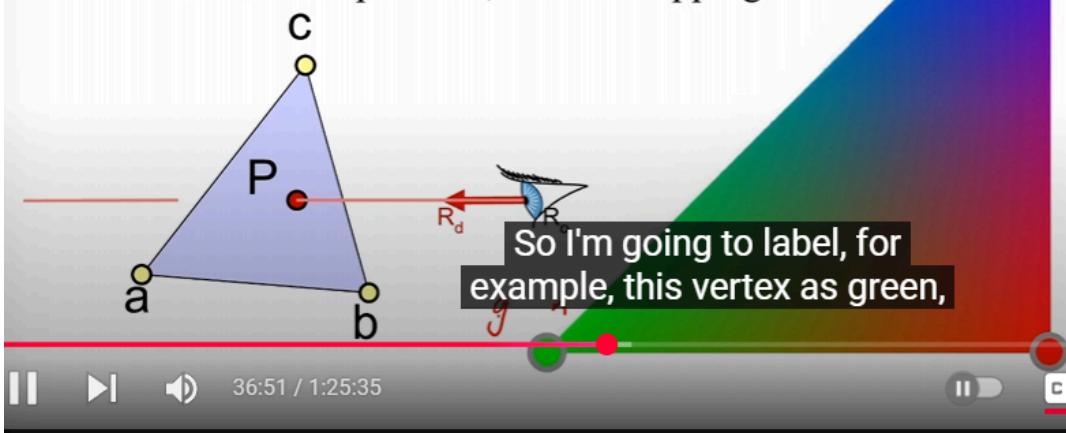
- Intersection if  $\beta + \gamma \leq 1$  &  $\beta \geq 0$  &  $\gamma \geq 0$   
(and  $t > t_{\min}$ )



- Barycentric Intersection Pros

## Barycentric Intersection Pros

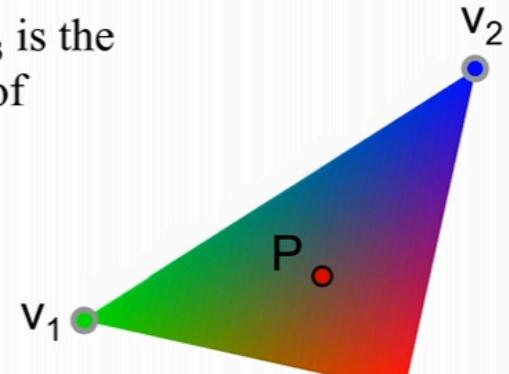
- Efficient
- Stores no plane equation
- Get the barycentric coordinates for free
  - Useful for interpolation, texture mapping



- Barycentric Interpolation

## Barycentric Interpolation

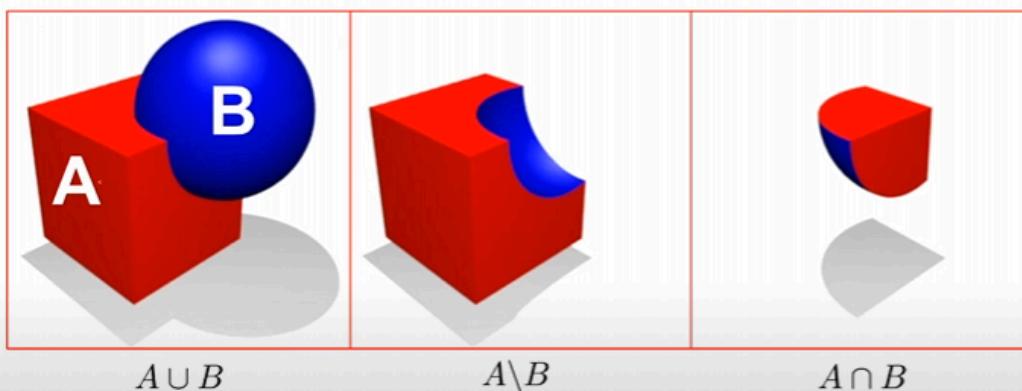
- Values  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  defined at  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  vertices
  - Colors, normal, texture coordinates, or other values
- $\mathbf{P}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha\mathbf{a} + \beta\mathbf{b} + \gamma\mathbf{c}$  is the point
- $v(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha v_1 + \beta v_2 + \gamma v_3$  is the barycentric interpolation of  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  at point  $\mathbf{P}$ 
  - Sanity check:  $v(1, 0, 0) = v_1$



But now I'm going to attach some additional information

- Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)

## Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)



The idea is that you have two different shapes.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constructive\\_solid\\_geometry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constructive_solid_geometry)

- Example

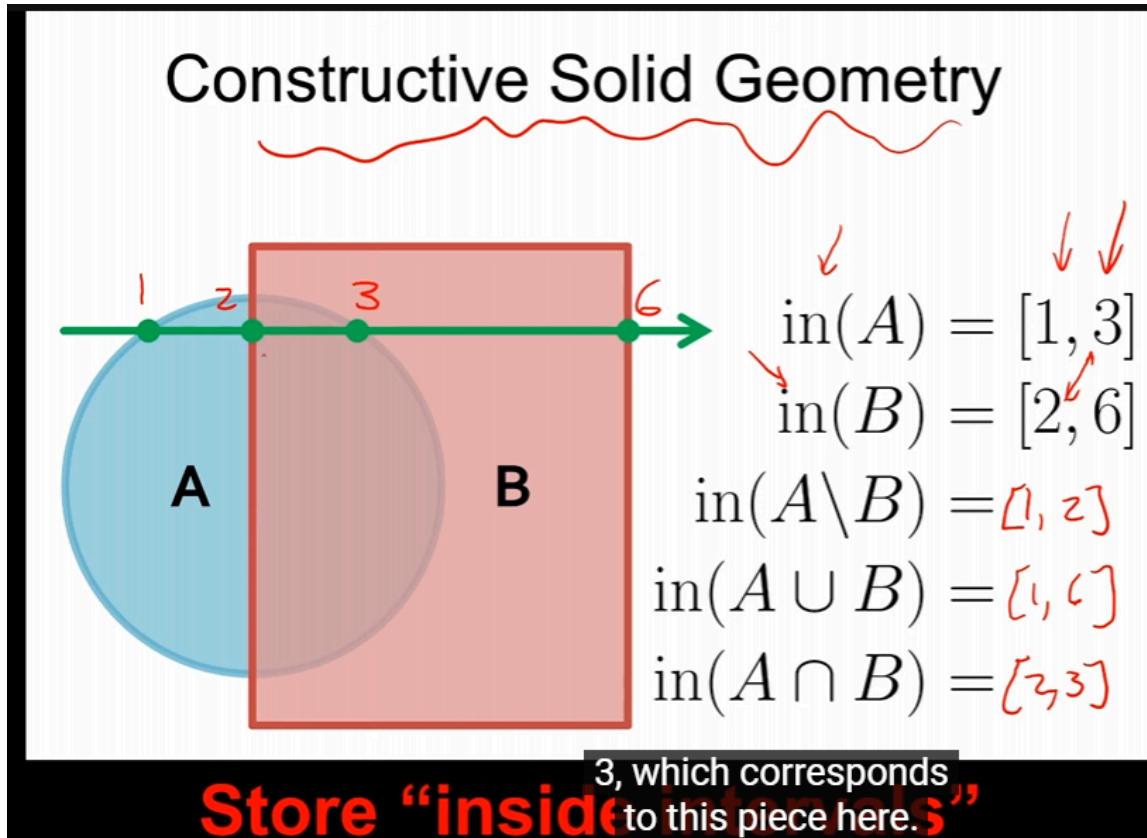
## CSG Examples



On the left-hand side,  
there's some metallic object



- Ray Tracing CSG



- Instancing and Transformations

- Transform Ray

## Transform Ray

- New origin:

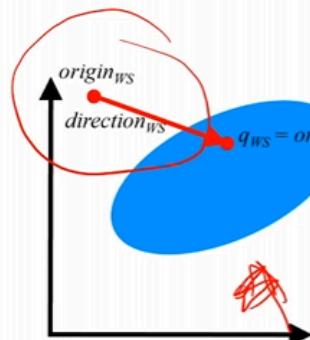
$$\text{origin}_{OS} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \text{origin}_{WS}$$

- New direction:

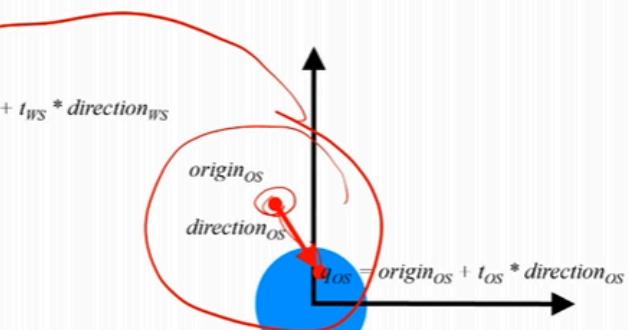
$$\text{direction}_{OS} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \text{direction}_{WS}$$

Note that the w component of direction is 0

$$WS \leftarrow M \leftarrow OS$$



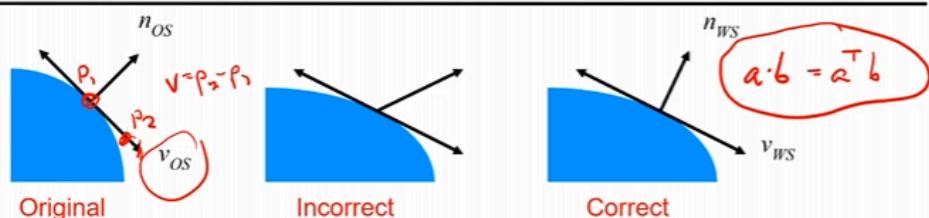
World Space



We don't have a triangle mesh of this transformed object.

- Calculated Normal after transformed

## So How Do We Do It Right?



Pick any vector  $v_{OS}$  in the tangent plane, how is it transformed by matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= n_{OS}^T v_{OS} \xrightarrow{\text{dot product}} v_{WS} = \mathbf{M} v_{OS} \quad \mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{M} = I \\
 0 &= n_{OS}^T M^{-1} (M v_{OS}) = (n^{-T} n_{OS})^T (M v_{OS}) \\
 &\quad \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{product} \\ \text{cancel}}} = (M^{-T} n_{OS})^T v_{WS} \\
 &\quad \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{cancel} \\ n_{WS}!}} v_{WS} \quad \text{to be unit length.}
 \end{aligned}$$

*e Tangent in WS*

- Position, Direction, Normal

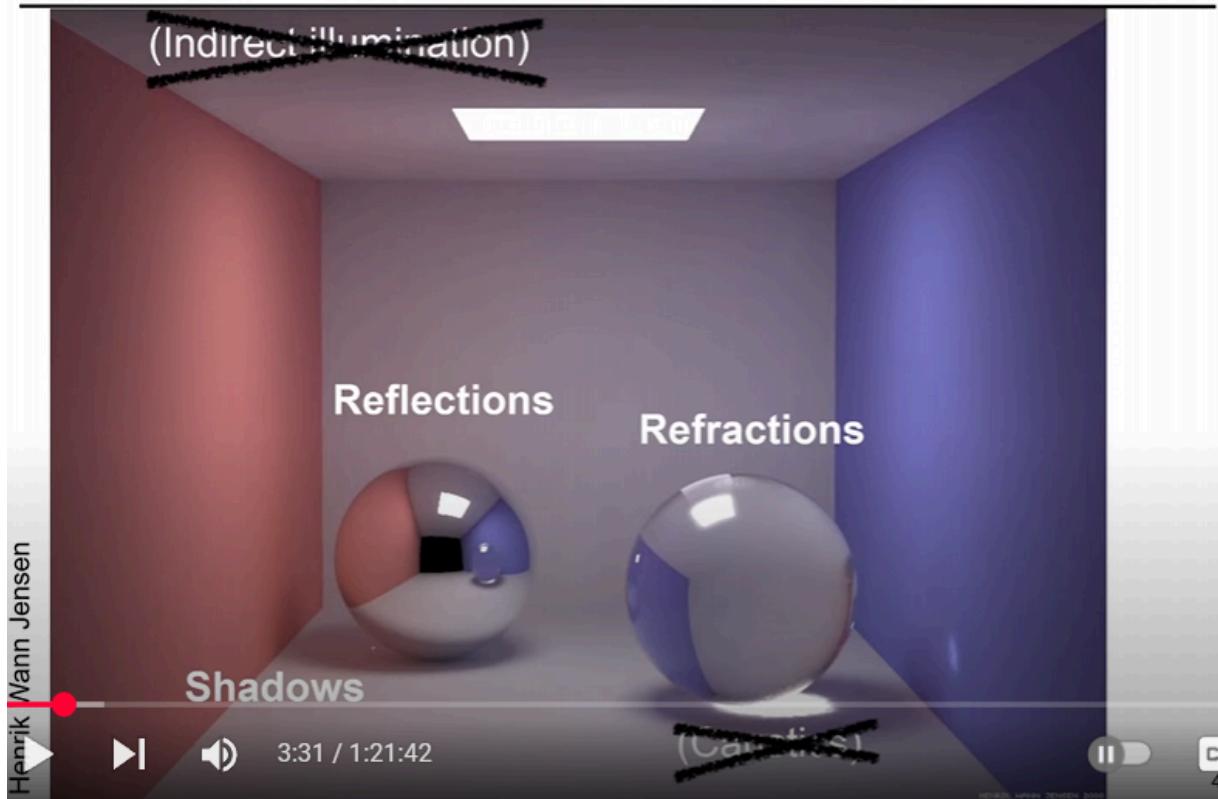
## Position, Direction, Normal

- Position
  - transformed by the full homogeneous matrix  $\mathbf{M}$
- Direction
  - transformed by  $\mathbf{M}$  except the translation component
- Normal
  - transformed by  $\mathbf{M}^{-T}$ , no translation component

- L11: Ray Tracing

- Example

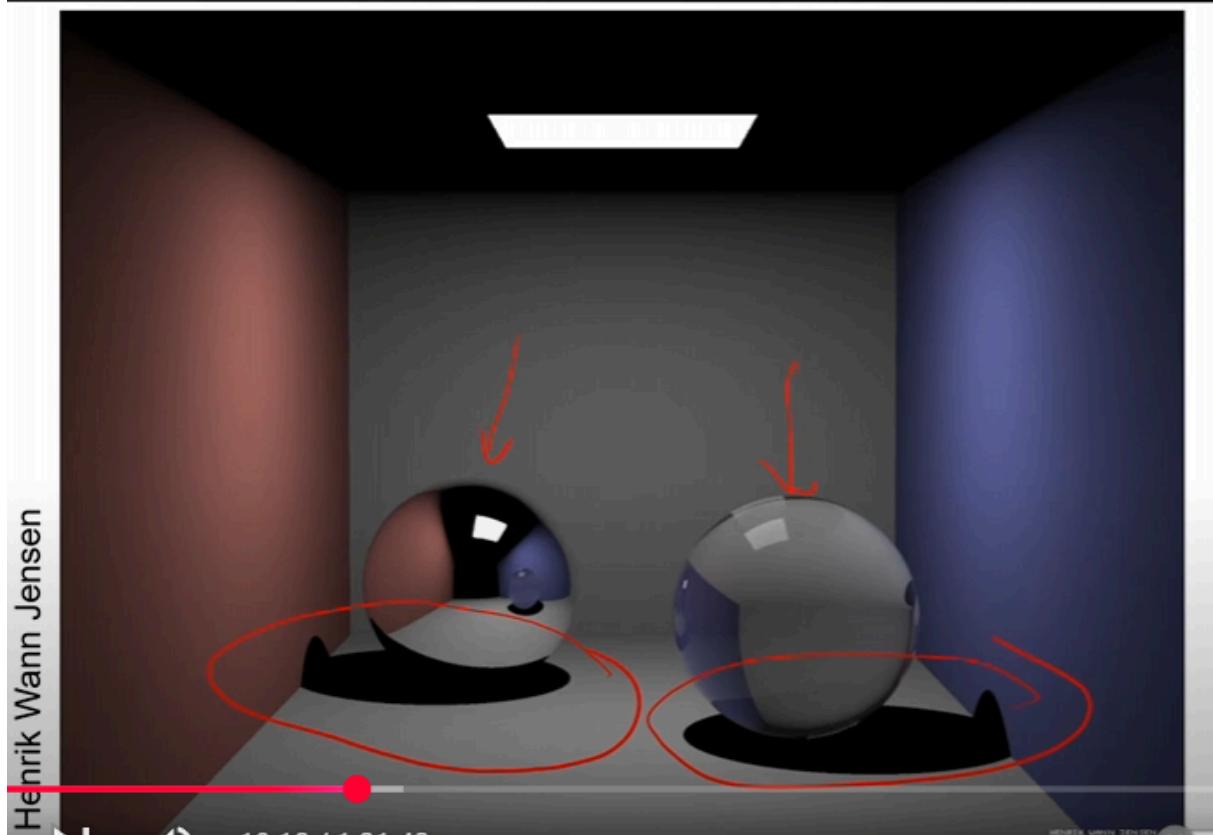
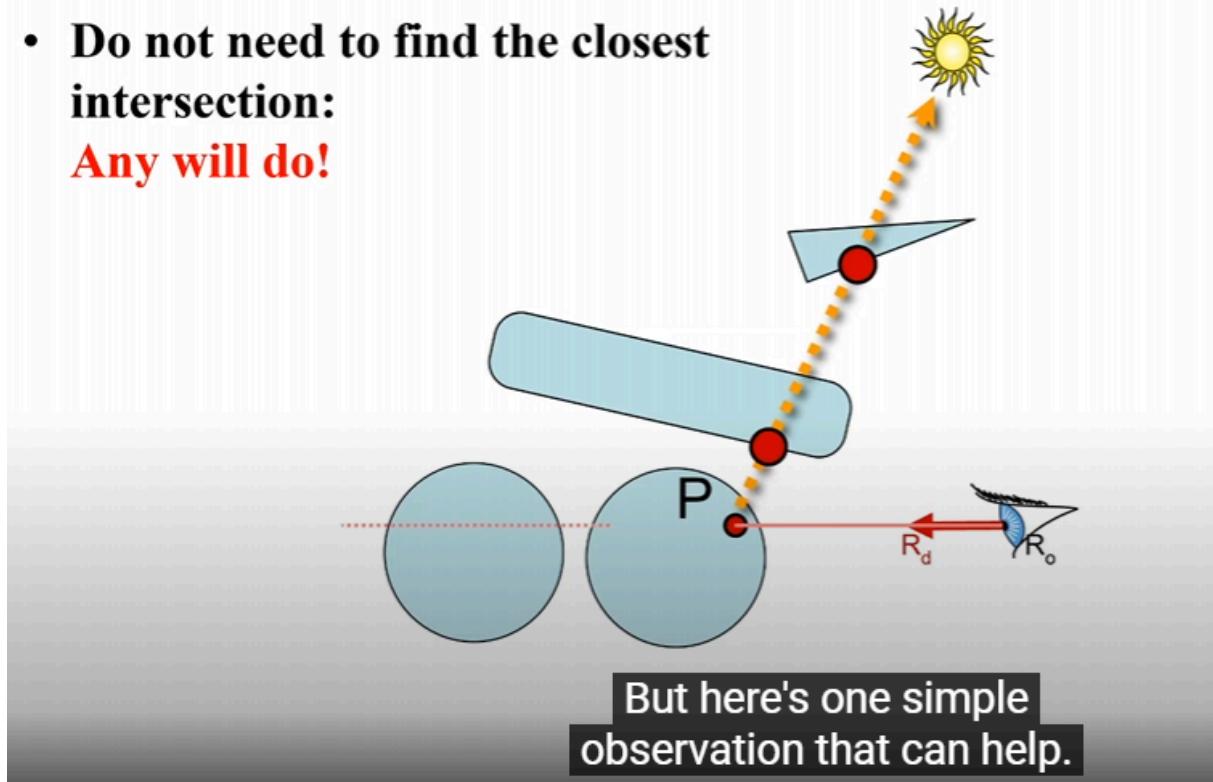
## Today: Ray Tracing



- Shadows

## Let's Think About Shadow Rays

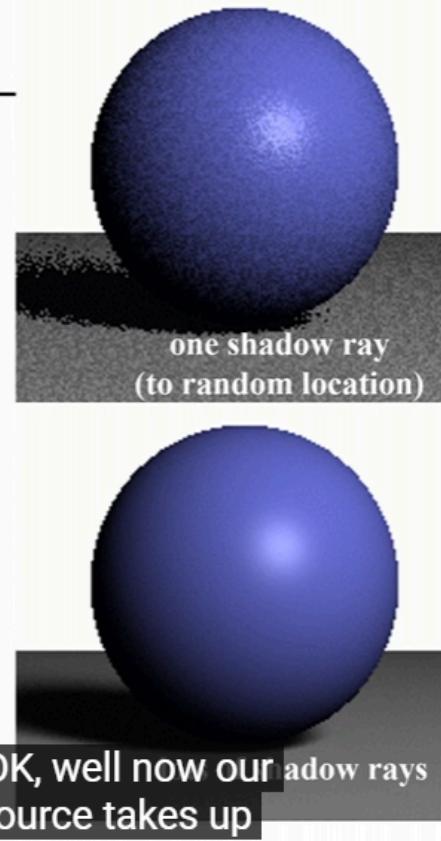
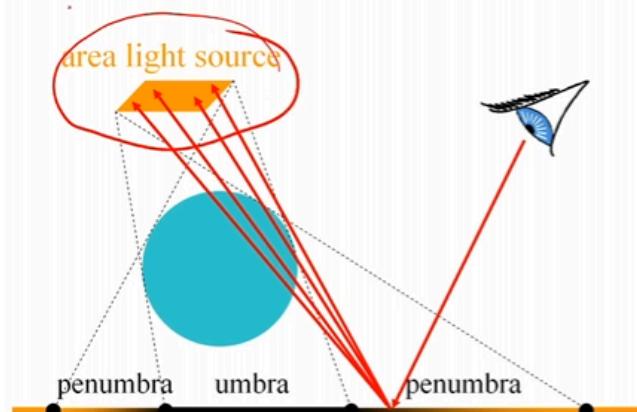
- Do not need to find the closest intersection:  
**Any will do!**



- Soft Shadow

## Soft Shadows

- Multiple shadow rays to sample area light source



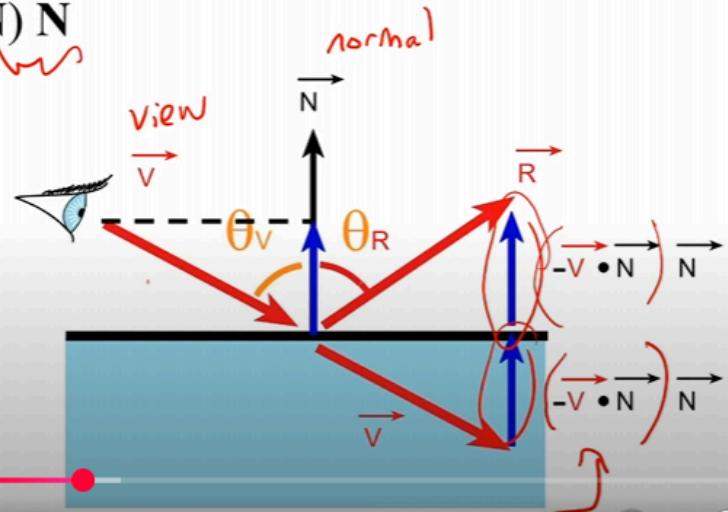
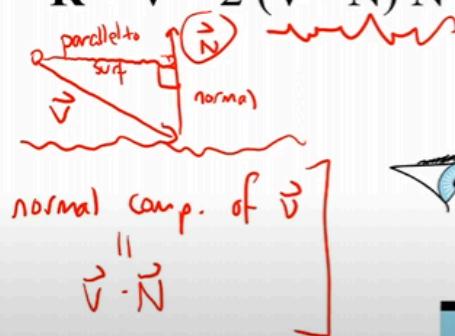
- Reflection
  - Perfect Mirror Reflection

## Perfect Mirror Reflection

- Reflection angle = view angle
  - Normal component is negated

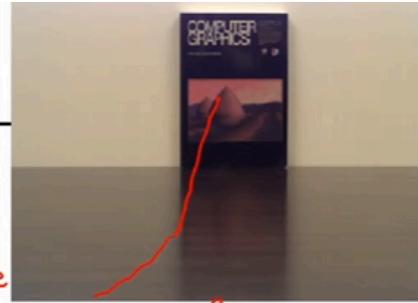
$$\Theta_V = \Theta_R$$

- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{V} - 2 (\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{N}) \mathbf{N}$

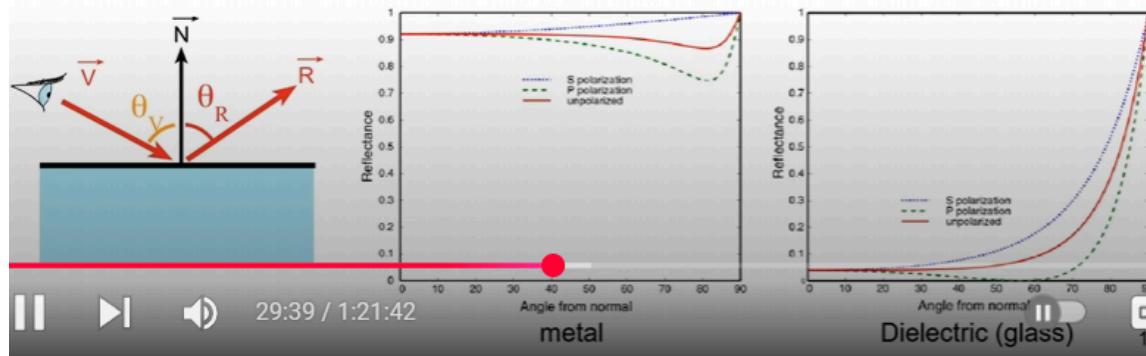


- Amount of Relfection

## Amount of Reflection



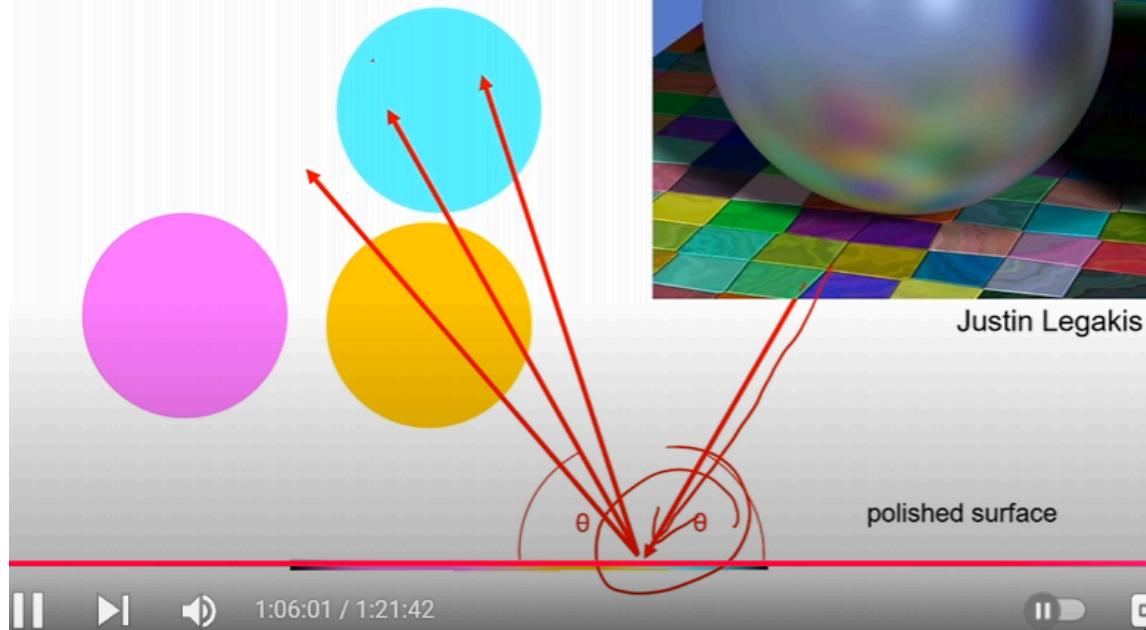
- Traditional ray tracing (hack)
  - Constant  $k_s(\theta)$
- More realistic:
  - Fresnel reflection term (more reflection at grazing angle)
  - Schlick's approximation:  $R(\theta) = R_0 + (1-R_0)(1-\cos \theta)^5$
- Fresnel makes a big difference!



- Glossy Refection

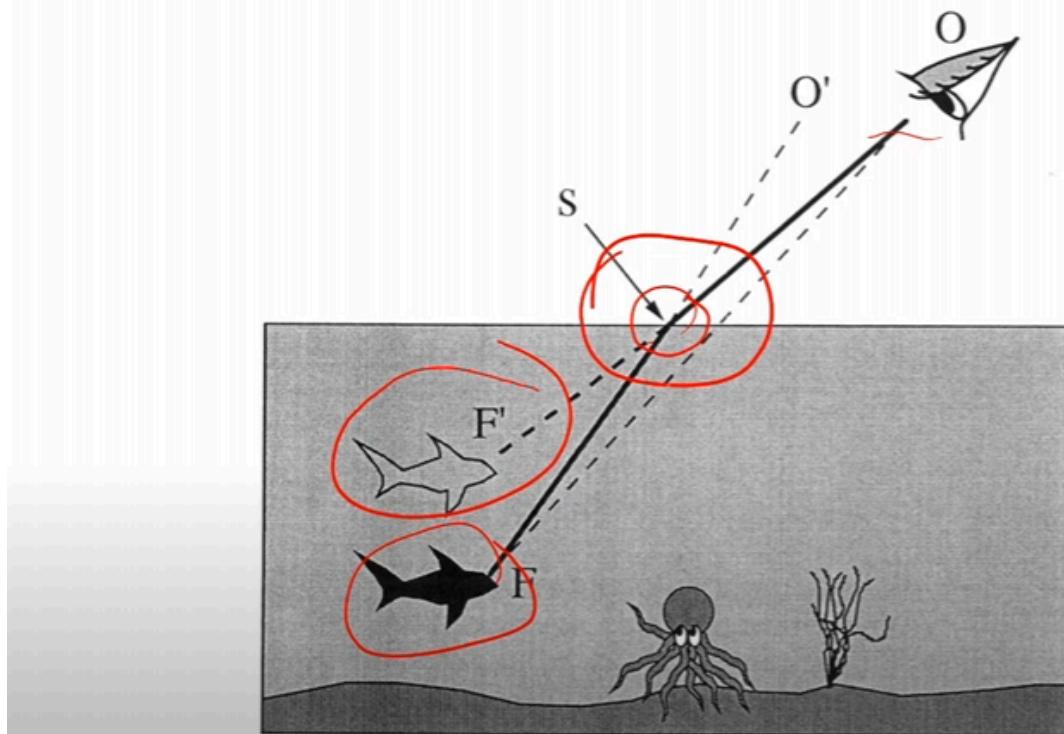
## Glossy Reflection

- Multiple reflection rays



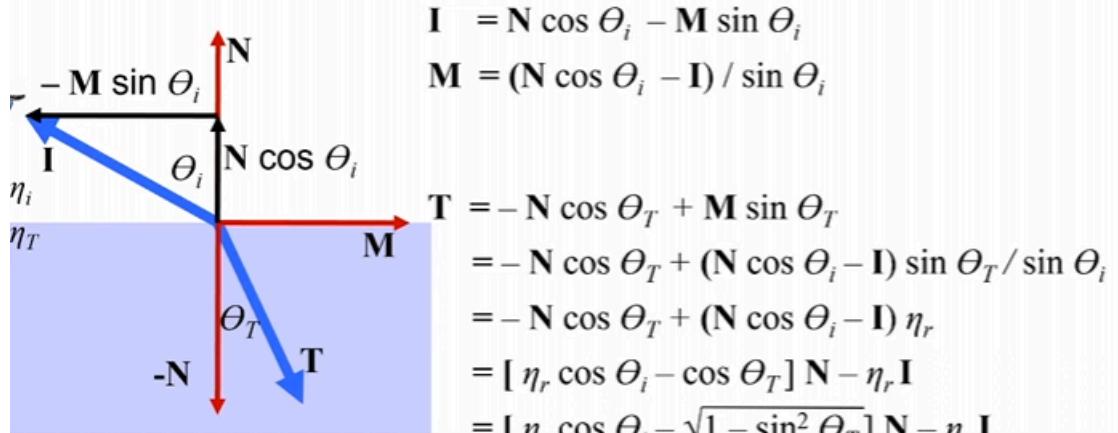
- Refraction

# Qualitative Refraction



From "Color and Light in Nature" by Lynch and Livingston

## Refraction



**Snell-Descartes Law:**

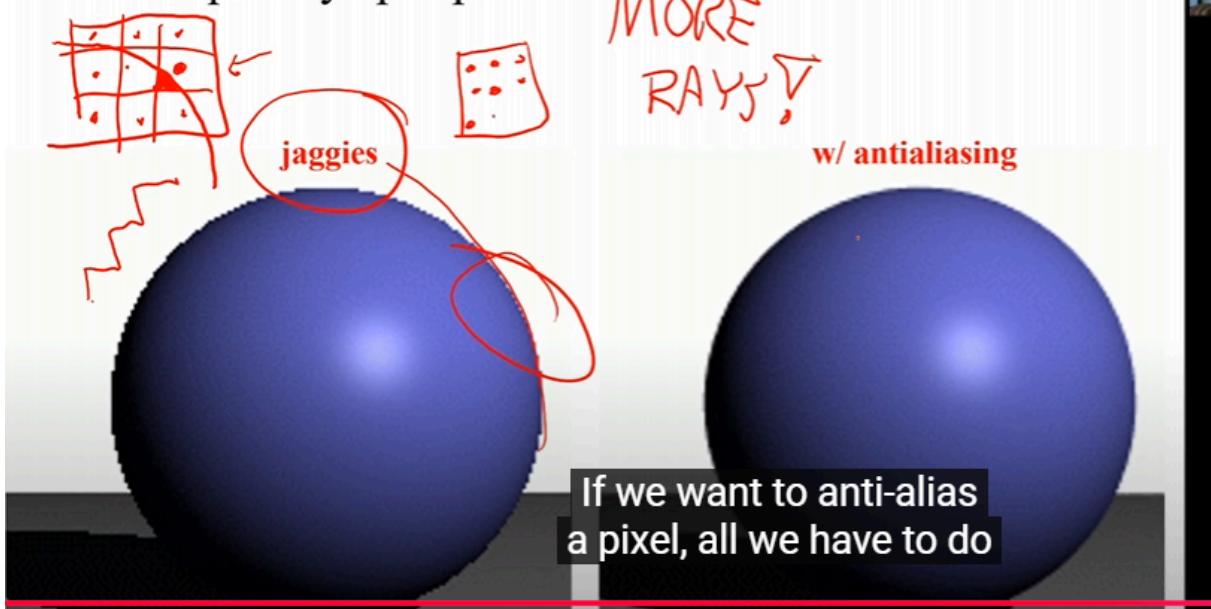
$$n_i \sin \theta_i = n_T \sin \theta_T$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_i} = \frac{n_i}{n_T} = n_r$$

- Antialiasing - Supersampling

## Antialiasing – Supersampling

- Multiple rays per pixel

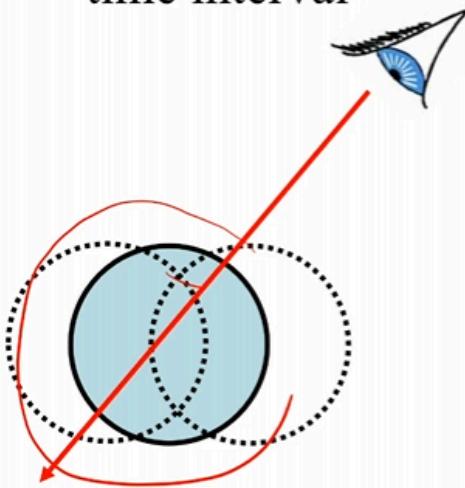


- Send more ray in the pixel, and average them
- Motion Blur

## Motion Blur

*MORE RAYS*

- Sample objects temporally over time interval



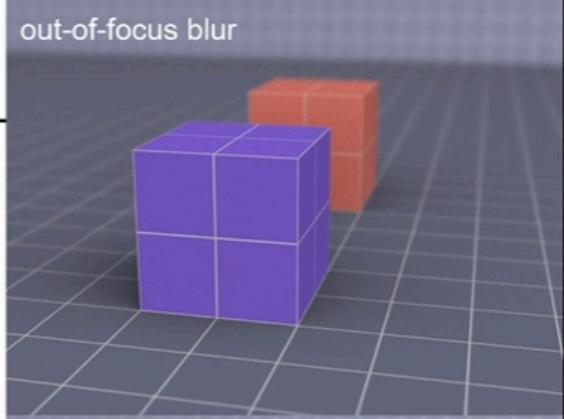
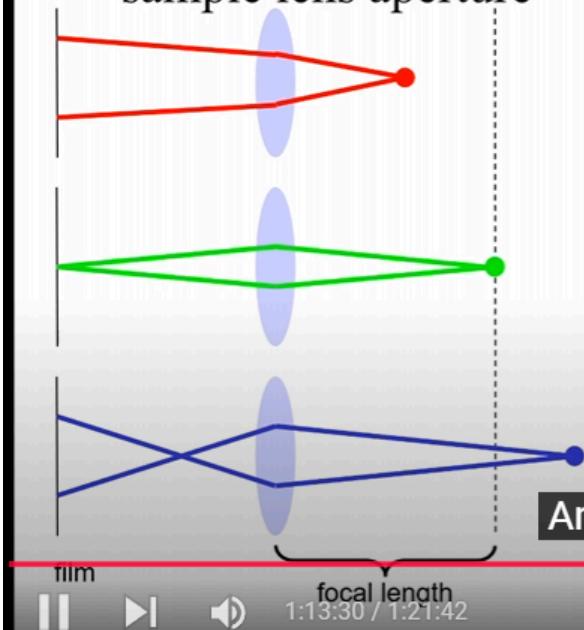
So this is like  
simulating the fact

Rob Cook

- Depth of Field

# Depth of Field

- Multiple rays per pixel:  
sample lens aperture



And so what can we do here?

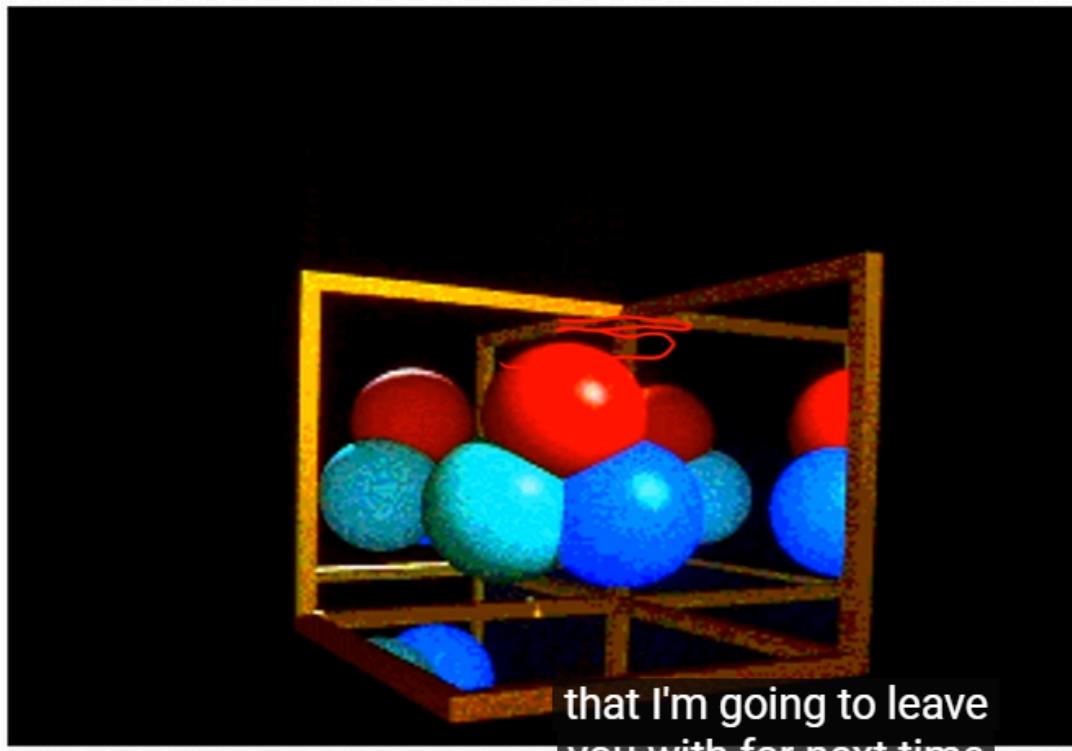
Justin Legakis

- Recursive Ray Tracing

- Hall of mirrors
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## Recursion For Reflection: 2

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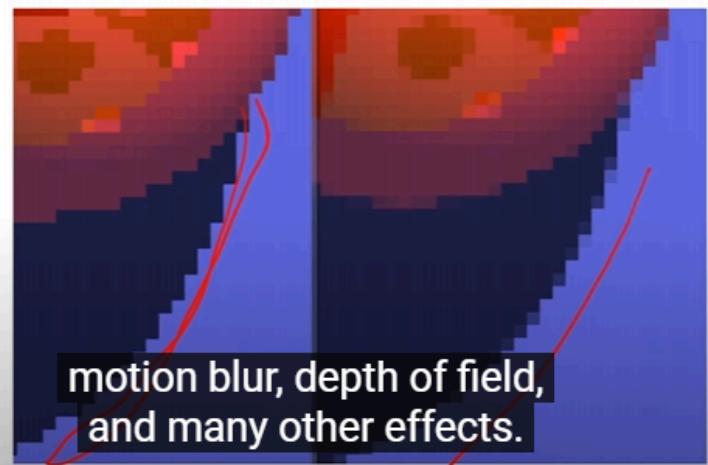
- L12: Accelerating Ray Tracing; bounding volumes, Kd trees

- Distributed Ray Tracing

## Distributed ray tracing

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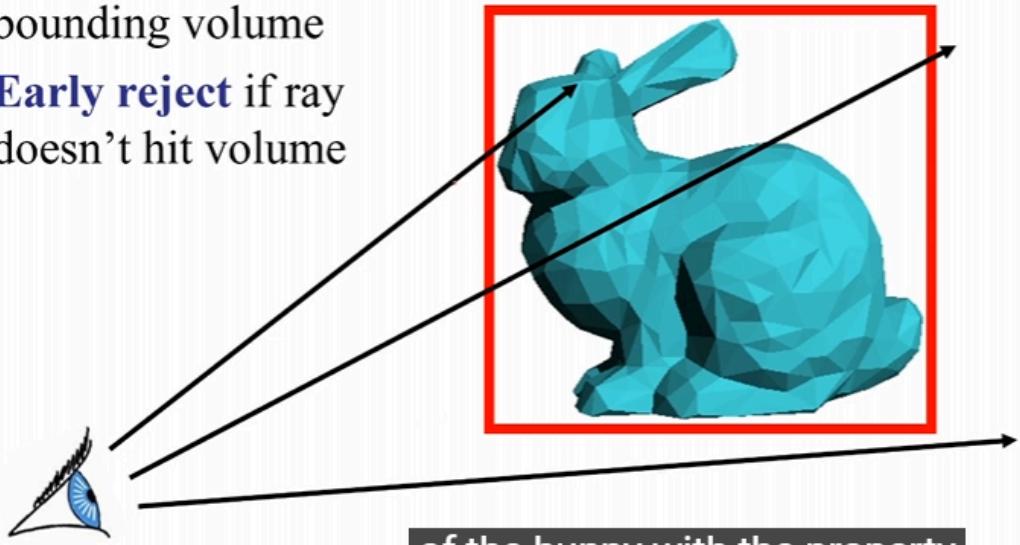
- Distributed Ray Tracing
    - Many rays for non-ideal/non-pointlike phenomena
      - Soft shadows
      - Anti-aliasing
      - Glossy reflection
      - Motion blur
      - Depth of field



- Bounding Volumes
  - Conservative Bounding Volume

## Conservative Bounding Volume

- Check intersection with conservative bounding volume
- **Early reject** if ray doesn't hit volume



of the bunny with the property  
that every single vertex

- Ray-Box Intersection

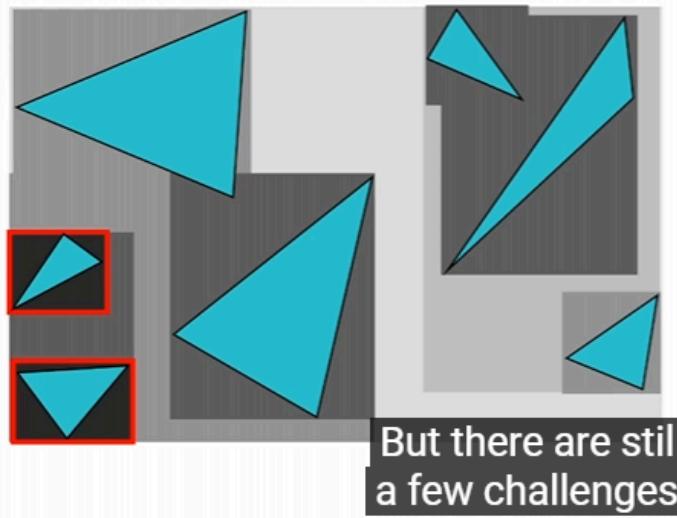
## Ray-Box Intersection Summary

- For each dimension,
  - If  $R_{dx} = 0$  (ray is parallel) AND  $R_{ox} < X_1$  or  $R_{ox} > X_2 \rightarrow \text{no intersection}$
- For each dimension, calculate intersection distances  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ 
  - $t_1 = (X_1 - R_{ox}) / R_{dx}$        $t_2 = (X_2 - R_{ox}) / R_{dx}$
  - If  $t_1 > t_2$ , swap
  - Maintain an interval  $[t_{\text{start}}, t_{\text{end}}]$ , intersect with current dimension
    - If  $t_1 > t_{\text{start}}$ ,  $t_{\text{start}} = t_1$       If  $t_2 < t_{\text{end}}$ ,  $t_{\text{end}} = t_2$
    - If  $t_{\text{start}} > t_{\text{end}}$   $\rightarrow \text{box is missed}$
    - If  $t_{\text{end}} < t_{\text{min}}$   $\rightarrow \text{box is behind}$
    - If  $t_{\text{start}} > t_{\text{min}}$   $\rightarrow \text{closest intersection at } t_{\text{start}}$
    - Else  $\rightarrow \text{closest intersection and the min of the n times.}$

- Bounding Volume Hierarchies (BVH)

# Bounding Volume Hierarchy (BVH)

- Find bounding box of objects/primitives
- Split objects/primitives into two, compute child BVs
- Recurse, build a binary tree



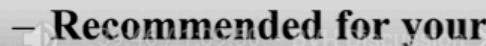
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- Pros and Cons

## BVH Discussion

- Advantages
  - easy to construct
  - easy to traverse
  - binary tree (=simple structure)
- Disadvantages
  - may be difficult to choose a good split for a node
  - poor split may result in minimal spatial pruning
- Still one of the best methods

– Recommended for your first hierarchy!

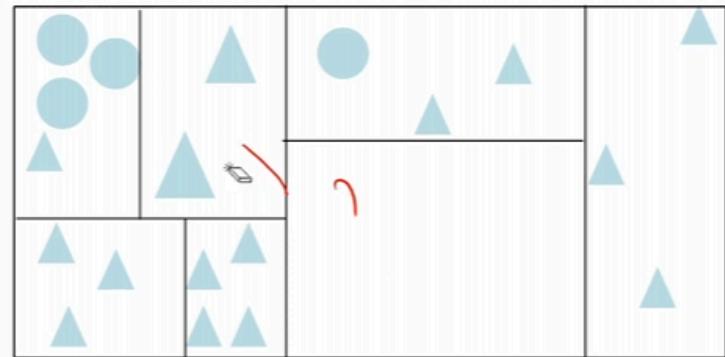


- Kd-trees

# Kd-trees

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- Probably most popular acceleration structure
- Binary tree, axis-aligned splits
  - Each node splits space in half along an axis-aligned plane
- A **space partition**: The nodes do not overlap!
  - This is in contrast to BVHs

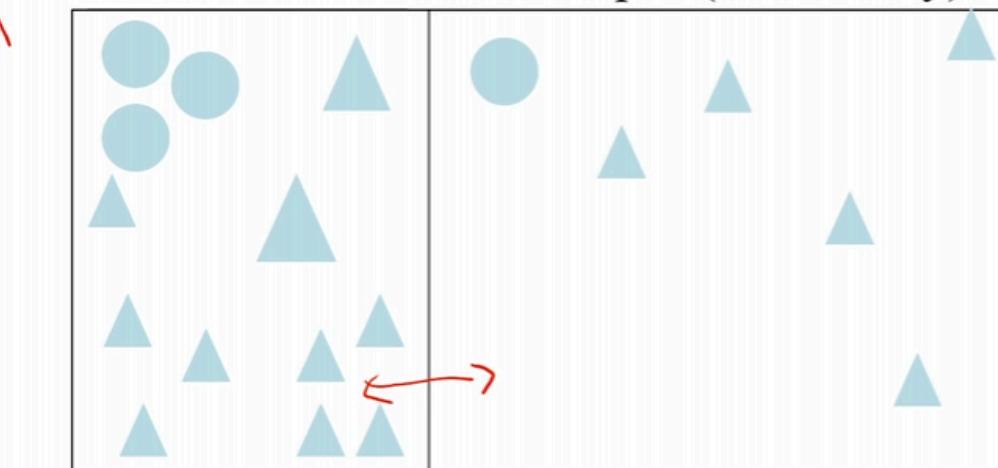


- Construction

## Kd-tree Construction

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- Start with scene axis-aligned bounding box
- Decide which dimension to split (e.g. longest)
  - Decide at which distance to split (not so easy)



- Traversal

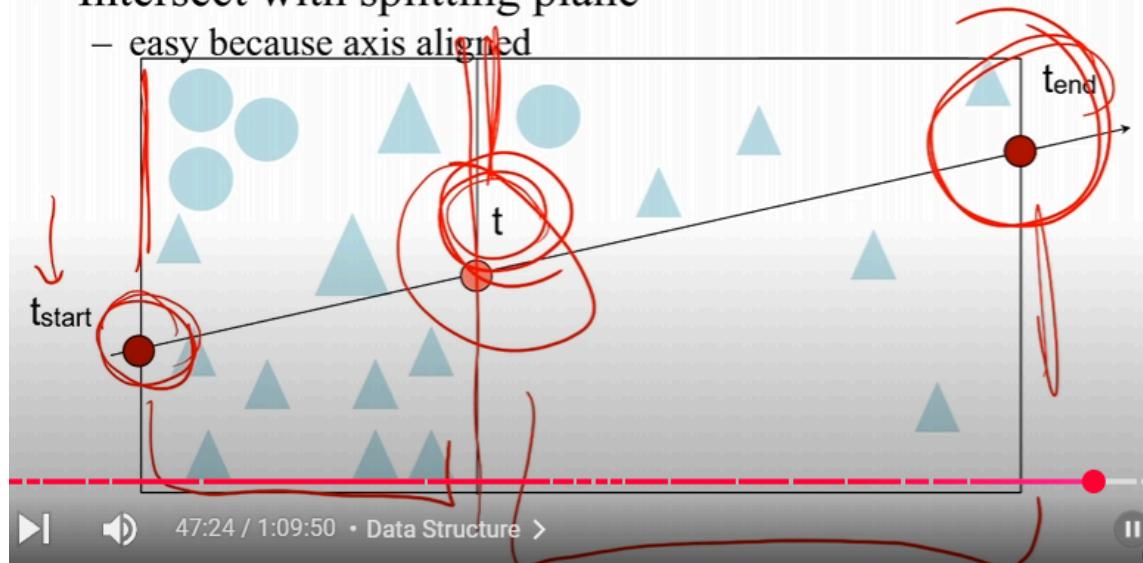
## Kd-tree Traversal, Smarter Version

- Get main bbox intersection from parent

—  $t_{start}, t_{end}$

- Intersect with splitting plane

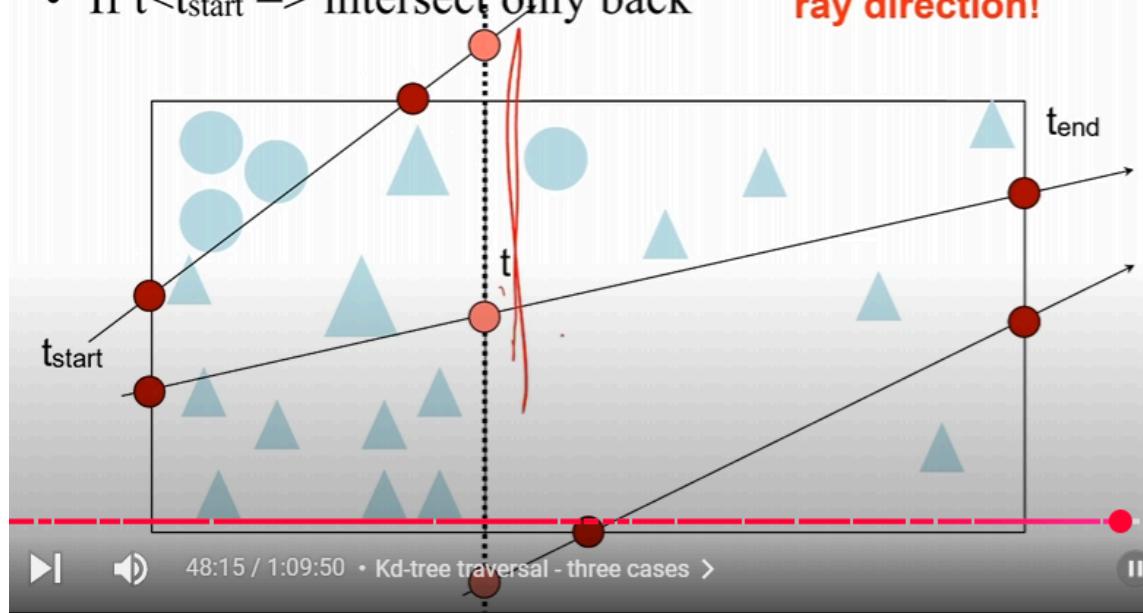
— easy because axis aligned



## Kd-tree traversal - three cases

- If  $t > t_{end} \Rightarrow$  intersect only front
- If  $t < t_{start} \Rightarrow$  intersect only back

**Note: “Back” and “Front” depend on ray direction!**



- Optimizing Splitting Planes

## Optimizing Splitting Planes

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- Most people use the Surface Area Heuristic (SAH)
  - [MacDonald and Booth 1990, “Heuristic for ray tracing using space subdivision”, Visual Computer](#)
- Idea: simple probabilistic prediction of traversal cost based on split distance
- Then try different possible splits and keep the one with lowest cost
- Further reading on efficient Kd-tree construction
  - [Hunt, Mark & Stoll, IRT 2006](#)
  - [Zhou et al., SIGGRAPH Asia 2008](#)

- Pros and Cons

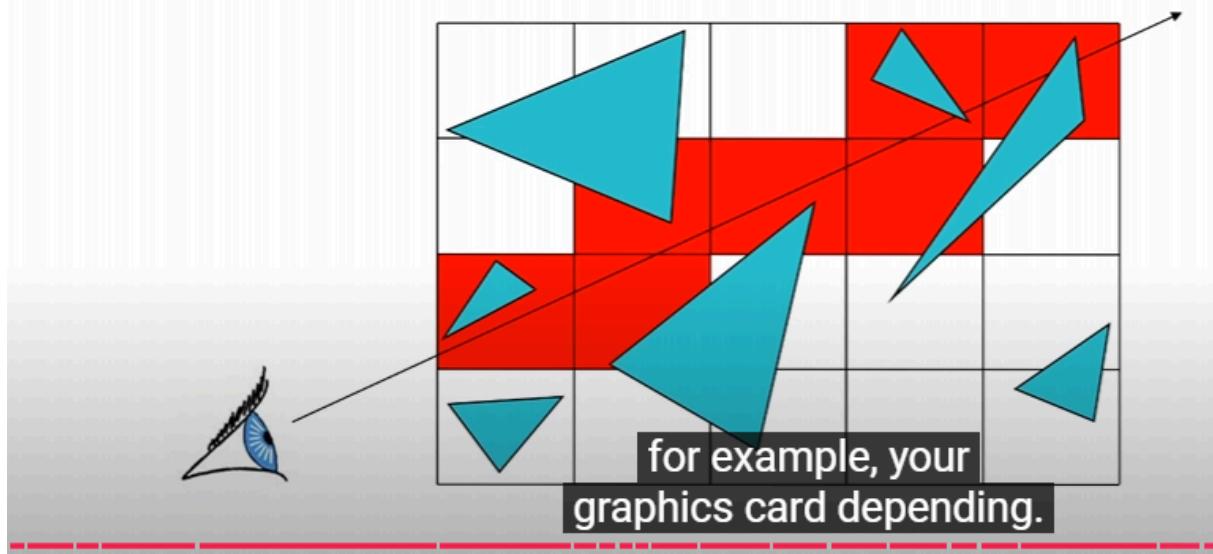
## Pros and Cons of Kd trees

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- Pros
  - Simple code
  - Efficient traversal
  - Can conform to data
- Cons
  - costly construction, not great if you work with moving objects

- Ray Marching: Regular Grid

# Ray Marching: Regular Grid



- Pros and Cons

# Regular Grid Discussion

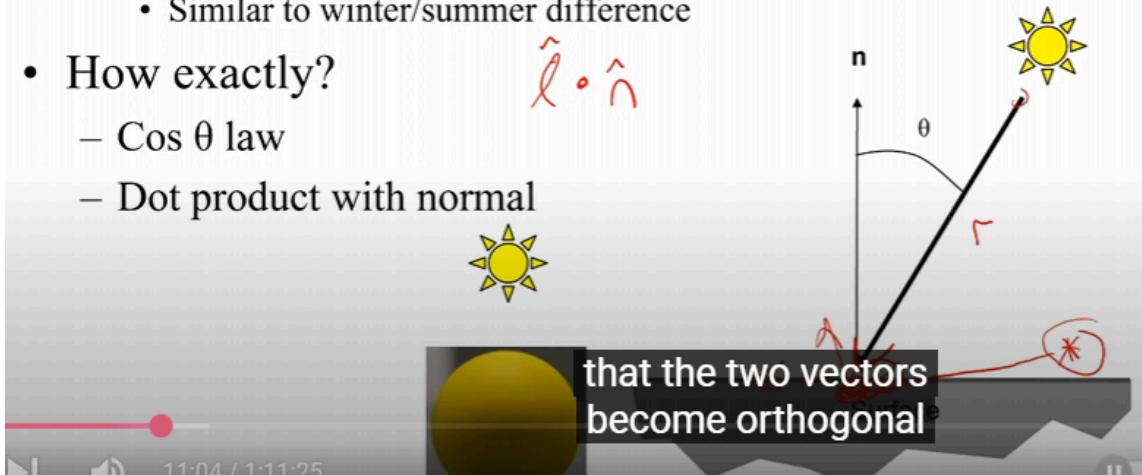
- Advantages?
    - very easy to construct
    - easy to traverse
  - Disadvantages?
    - may be only sparsely filled
    - geometry may still be clumped
  - L13: Shading and Materials
    - Lighting and Material Appearance
      - Input for realistic rendering

- Geometry, lighting and materials
- Material appearance
  - Intensity and shape of highlights
  - Glossiness
  - Color
  - Spatial variation, i.e., Texture
- Light Sources
  - Incoming Irradiance

## Incoming Irradiance

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- The amount of light energy received by a surface depends on incoming angle
  - Bigger at normal incidence, even if distance is const.
    - Similar to winter/summer difference
- How exactly?
  - Cos  $\theta$  law
  - Dot product with normal



# Incoming Irradiance for Pointlights

- Let's combine this with the  $1/r^2$  fall-off:

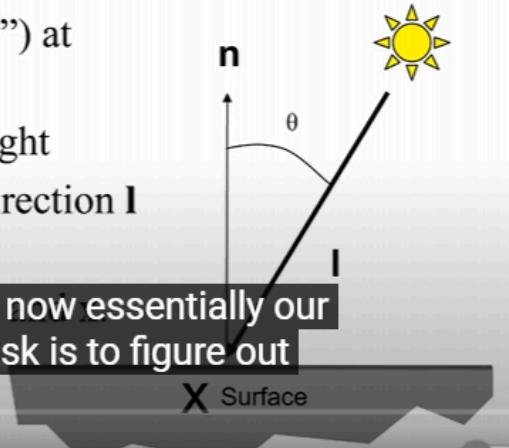
$$I_{in} = I_{light} \cos \theta / r^2$$

–  $I_{in}$  is the irradiance (“intensity”) at surface point  $x$

–  $I_{light}$  is the “intensity” of the light

–  $\theta$  is the angle between light direction  $\mathbf{l}$  and surface normal  $\mathbf{n}$

–  $r$  is the distance between [And now essentially our task is to figure out]



- Directional Lights

## Directional Lights

- “Point lights that are infinitely far”

– No falloff, just one direction and one intensity

$$I_{in} = I_{light} \cos \theta$$

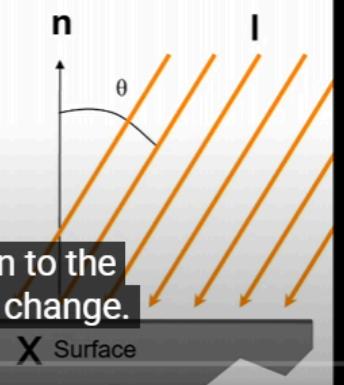
–  $I_{in}$  is the irradiance at surface point  $x$  from the directional light

–  $I_{light}$  is the “intensity” of the light

–  $\theta$  is the angle between light direction  $\mathbf{l}$  and surface normal  $\mathbf{n}$

- Only depends on  $\mathbf{n}$ , not  $\mathbf{x}$ !

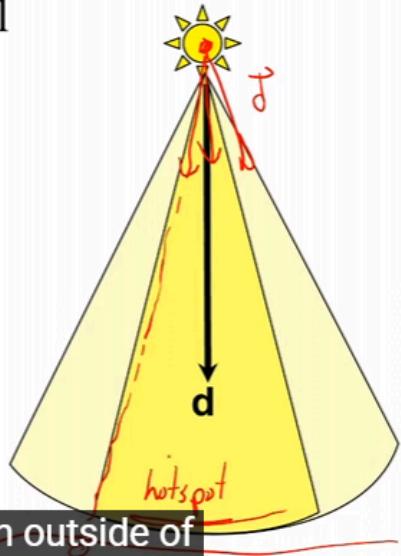
the direction to the light doesn't change.



- Spotlights

# Spotlights

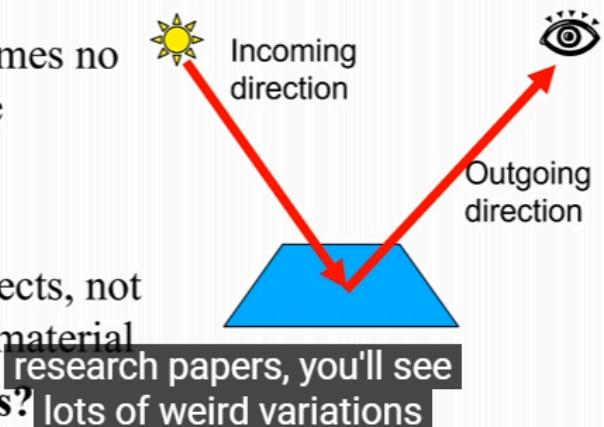
- Point lights with non-uniform directional emission
- Usually symmetric about a central direction  $\mathbf{d}$ , with angular falloff
  - Often two angles
    - “Hotspot” angle: No attenuation within the central cone
    - “Falloff” angle: Light attenuates from full intensity to zero intensity between the hotspot and falloff angles
- Plus your favorite distance And then outside of that hot spot region,



- Quantifying Reflection - BRDF

## Quantifying Reflection – BRDF

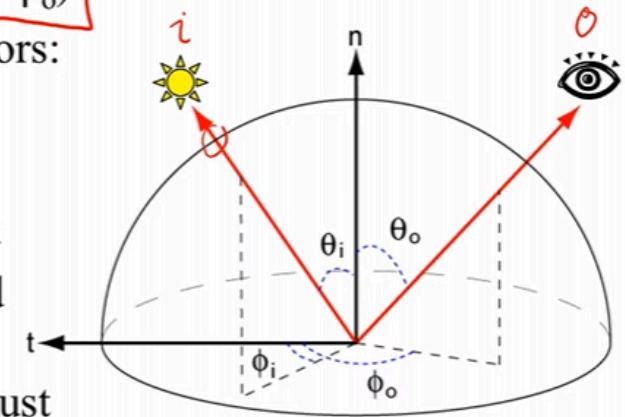
- Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function
- Ratio of light coming from one direction that gets reflected in another direction
  - Pure reflection, assumes no light scatters into the material
- Focuses on angular aspects, not spatial variation of the material
- **How many dimensions?** lots of weird variations



# BRDF $f_r$

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- Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function
  - 4D: 2 angles for each direction
  - BRDF =  $f_r(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_o, \phi_o)$
  - Or just two unit vectors:  
 $\text{BRDF} = f_r(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{v})$ 
    - $\mathbf{l}$  = light direction
    - $\mathbf{v}$  = view direction
  - The BRDF is aligned with the surface;  
the vectors  $\mathbf{l}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  must  
be in a local coordinate system



# BRDF $f_r$

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- Relates incident irradiance from every direction to outgoing light.  
How?

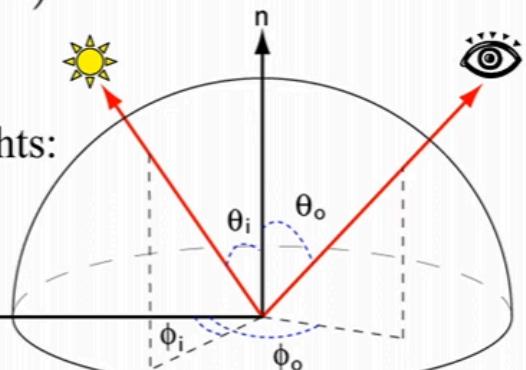
**I = light direction (incoming)**  
**v = view direction (outgoing)**

$$I_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{v}) = I_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{l}) f_r(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{l})$$

- Let's combine with what we know already of pointlights:

$$I_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{v}) =$$

$$\frac{I_{\text{light}} \cos \theta_i}{r^2} f_r(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{l})$$

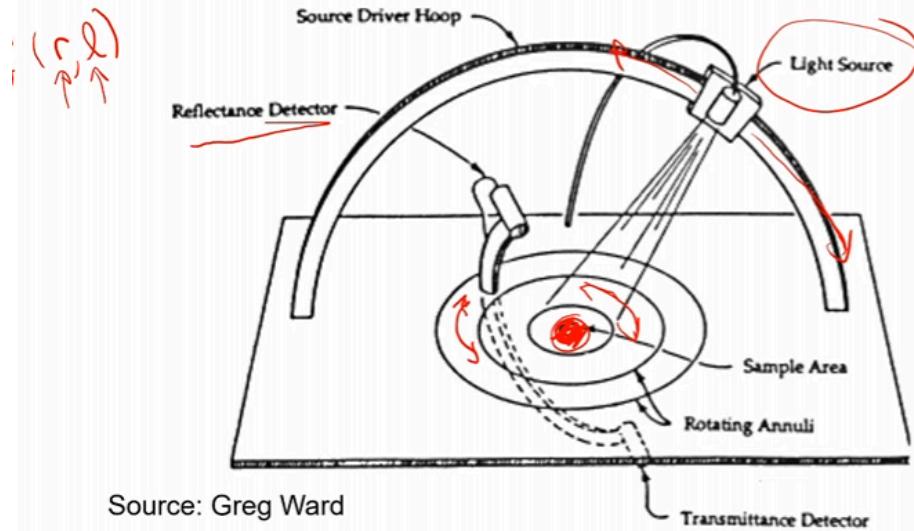


So there are many different ways to visualize and understand

- Obtain BRDF

## How do we obtain BRDFs?

- One possibility: Gonioreflectometer
  - 4 degrees of freedom

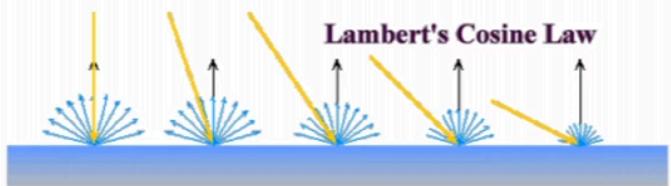
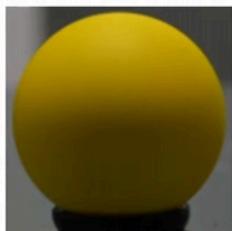


- Parametric BRDFs
  - Ideal Diffuse Reflectance

## Ideal Diffuse Reflectance

- Ideal diffuse reflectors reflect light according to Lambert's cosine law
  - The reflected light varies with cosine even if distance to light source is kept constant

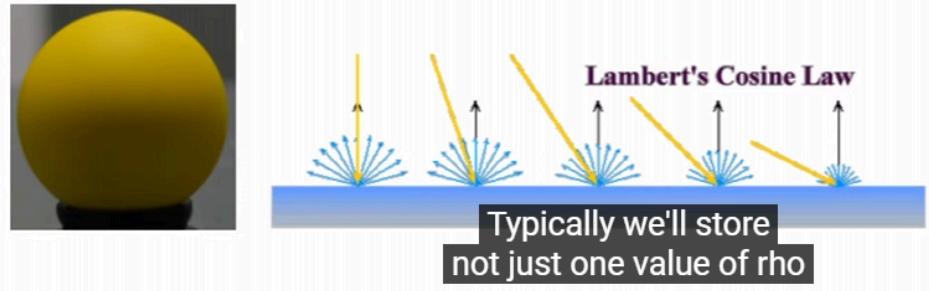
**Remembering that incident irradiance depends on cosine, what is the BRDF of an ideally diffuse surface?**



according to this cosine law.

# Ideal Diffuse Reflectance

- The ideal diffuse BRDF is a constant  $f_r(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{v}) = \text{const.}$ 
  - What constant  $\rho/\pi$ , where  $\rho$  is the *albedo*
    - Coefficient between 0 and 1 that says what fraction is reflected
  - Usually just called “diffuse color”  $k_d$
  - You have already implemented this by taking dot products with the normal and multiplying by the “color”!



- Albedo = 0, Absorb all light, Albedo increase, more light reflected
- Math

## Ideal Diffuse Reflectance Math

- Single Point Light Source
  - $k_d$ : diffuse coefficient (color)
  - $\mathbf{n}$ : Surface normal.
  - $\mathbf{l}$ : Light direction.
  - $L_i$ : Light intensity
  - r: Distance to source
  - $L_o$ : Shaded color

$$L_o = k_d \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

Do not forget  
to normalize  
your  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\mathbf{l}$ !

We do not want light from below the surface!

In lecture, assume that dot products are clamped to zero.

- Non-ideal Reflectors

## Non-ideal Reflectors

- Real glossy materials usually deviate significantly from ideal mirror reflectors
  - Highlight is blurry
- Not ideal diffuse surfaces either



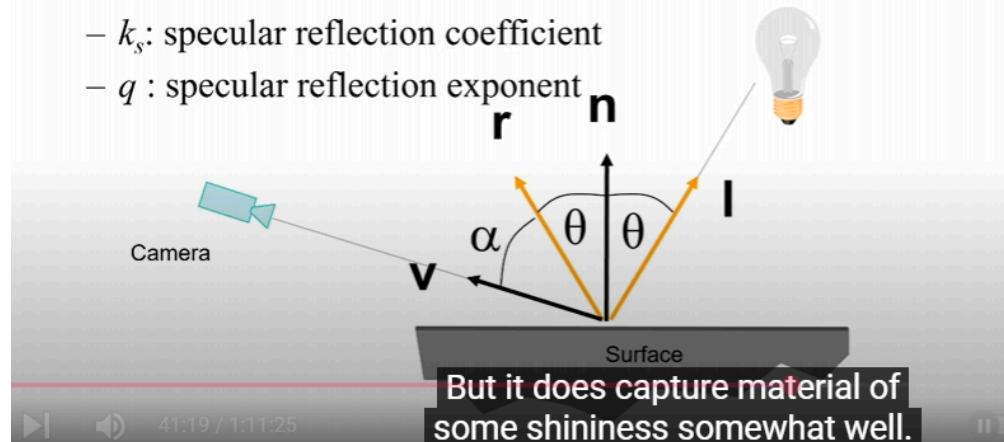
- The Phong Specular Model

## The Phong Specular Model

$$L_o = k_s (\cos \alpha)^q \frac{L_i}{r^2} = k_s (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^q \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

- Parameters

- $k_s$ : specular reflection coefficient
- $q$  : specular reflection exponent

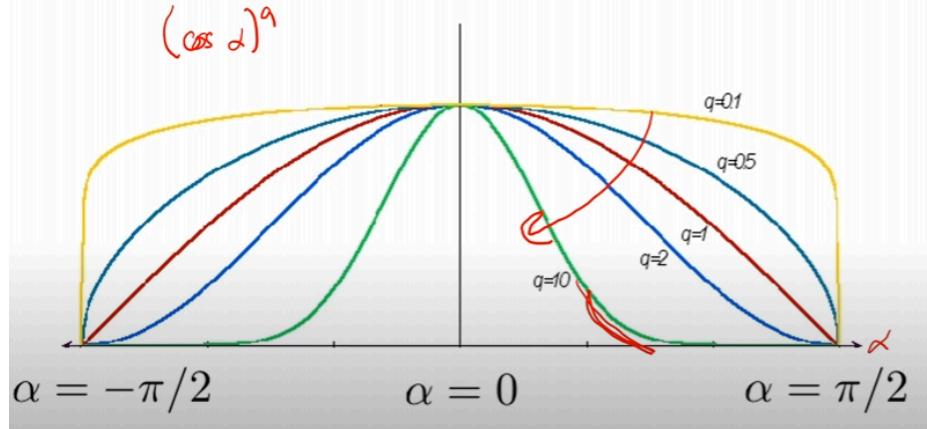


- if  $a = 0$ , then reflect all light

- $q$ : how sharply it drop off

## The Phong Specular Model

- Effect of  $q$  – the specular reflection exponent

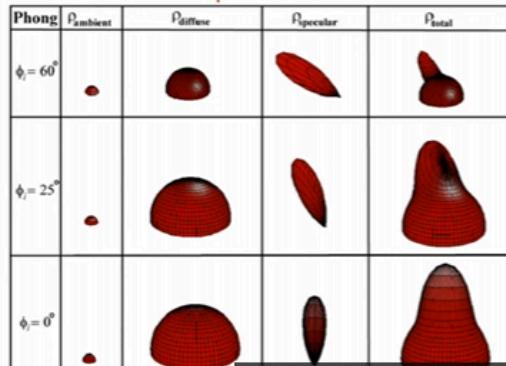


- Ambient Illumination
  - Phong Illumination Model

## Putting It All Together

- Phong Illumination Model

$$L_o = [k_a + k_d (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) + k_s (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^q] \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

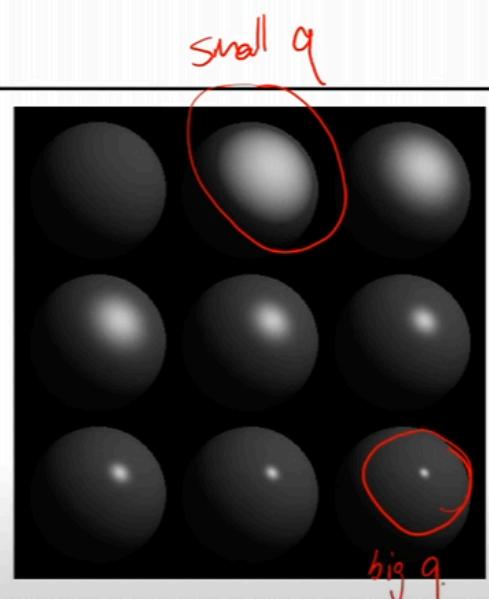


And so the Phong Illumination  
Model essentially

- Phong Example

## Phong Examples

- The spheres illustrate specular reflections as the direction of the light source and the exponent  $q$  (amount of shininess) is varied.



$$L_o = \left[ k_a + k_d (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) + k_s (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^q \right] \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

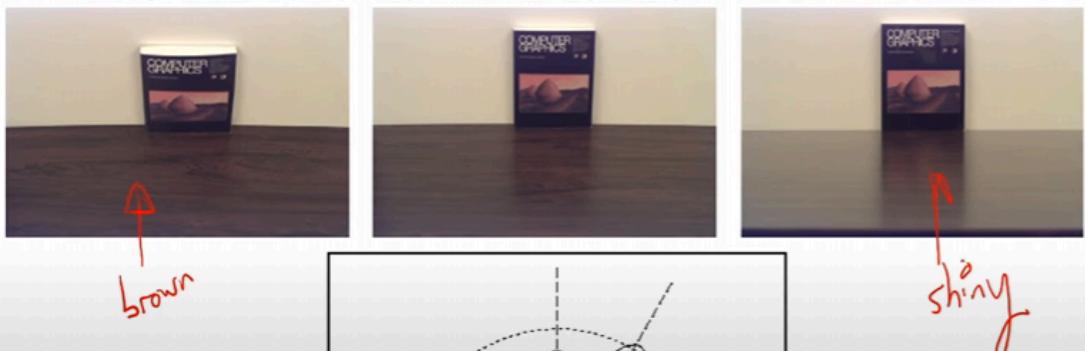
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- Fresnel Reflection

## Fresnel Reflection

- Increasing specularity near grazing angles.
  - Most BRDF models account for this.



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- Blinn-Torrance Half Vector Lobe that support fresnel reflection

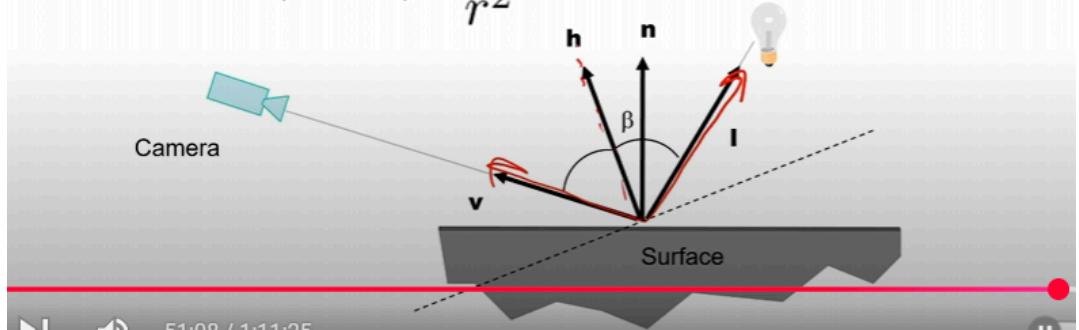
## Blinn-Torrance Variation of Phong

- Uses the “halfway vector”  $\mathbf{h}$  between  $\mathbf{l}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

$$L_o = k_s \cos(\beta)^q \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

$$= k_s (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h})^q \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

$$\mathbf{h} = \frac{\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{v}\|}$$



- Microfacet

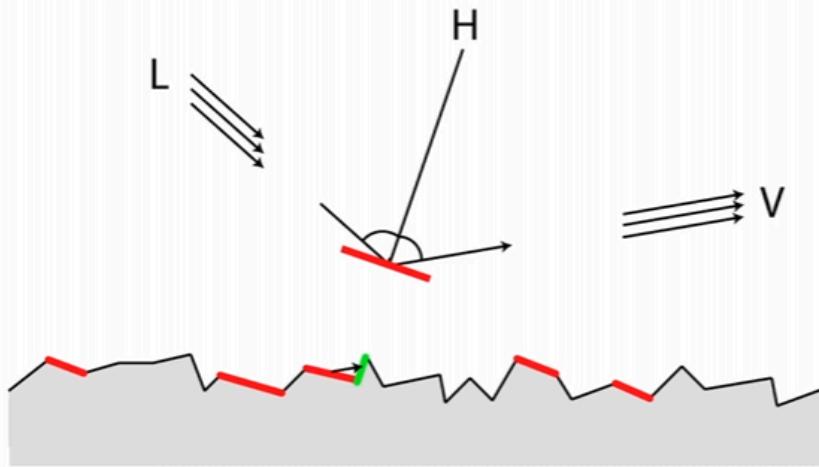
## Microfacet Theory

- Example
  - Think of water surface as lots of tiny mirrors (microfacets)
  - “Bright” pixels are
    - Microfacets aligned with the vector between sun and eye
    - But not the ones in shadow
    - And not the ones that are occluded



# Microfacet Theory

- Value of BRDF at  $(L, V)$  is a product of
  - number of mirrors oriented halfway between  $L$  and  $V$
  - ratio of the un(shadowed/masked) mirrors
  - Fresnel coefficient



- Other BRDF Example

## BRDF Examples from [Ngan et al.](#)

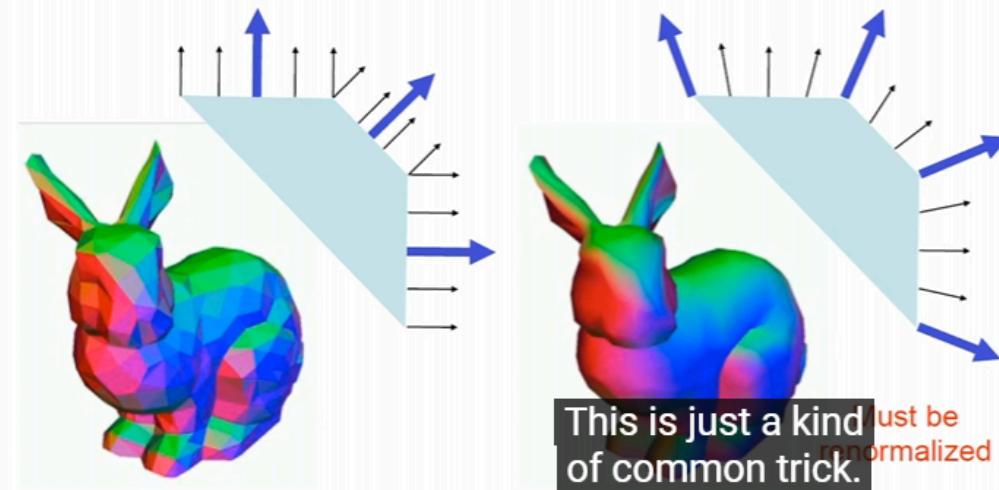


- Phong Normal Interpolation

## Phong Normal Interpolation

(Not Phong  
Shading)

- Interpolate the average vertex normals across the face and use this in shading computations
  - Again, use barycentric interpolation!



- Spatial Variation

## Spatial Variation

- All materials seen so far are the same everywhere
  - In other words, we are assuming the BRDF is independent of the surface point  $x$
  - No real reason to make that assumption
  - More next time

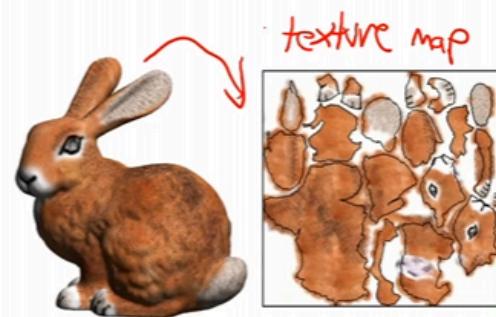


- L14: Textures, parameterization, shaders, Perlin noise

- Spatial Variation

## Two Approaches

- From data: texture mapping
  - color and other information from 2D images

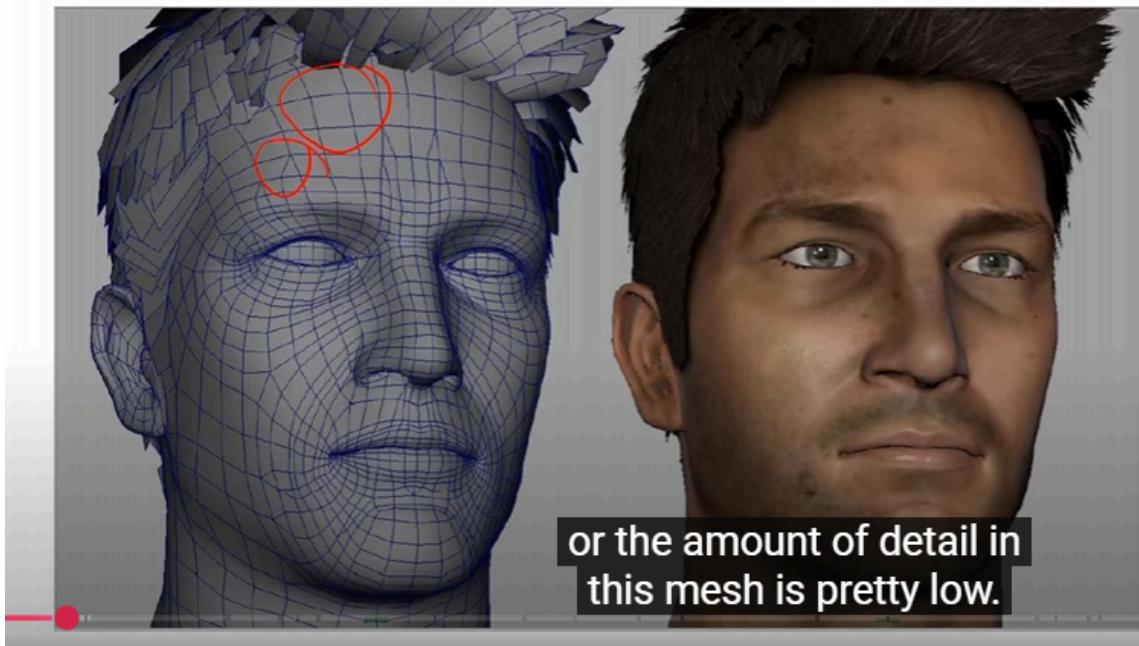


- Procedural: shader
  - little programs that compute info as a function of location

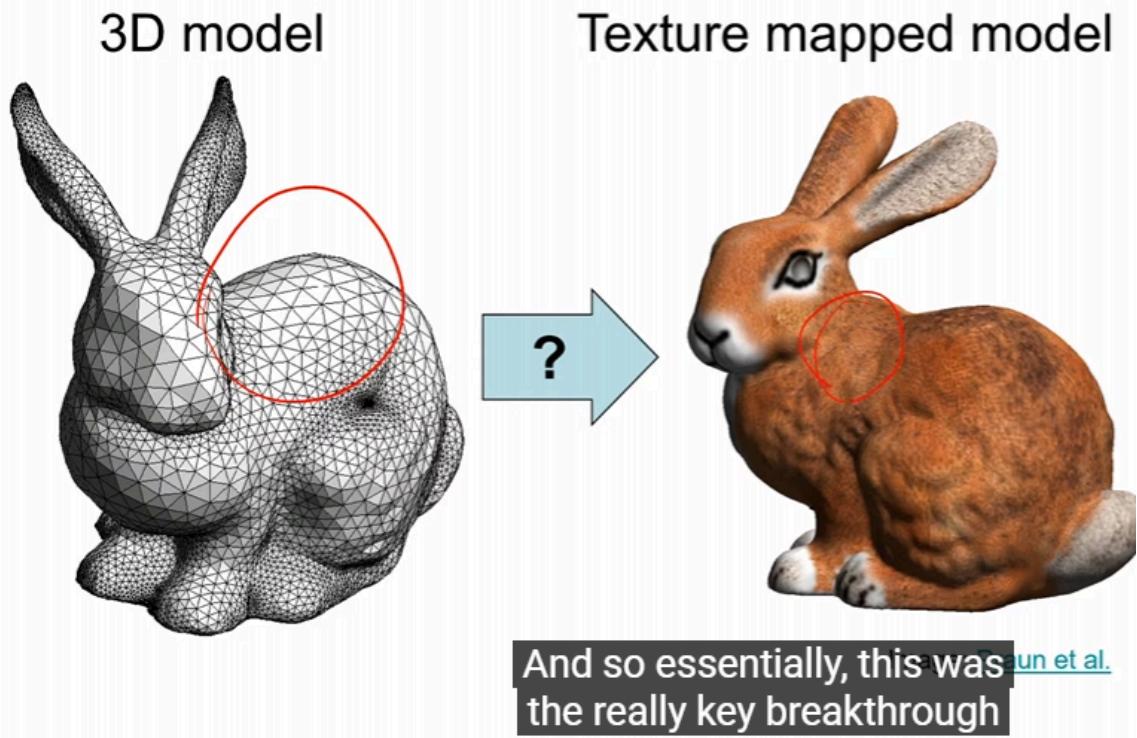


- Texture Mapping

## Effect of Textures



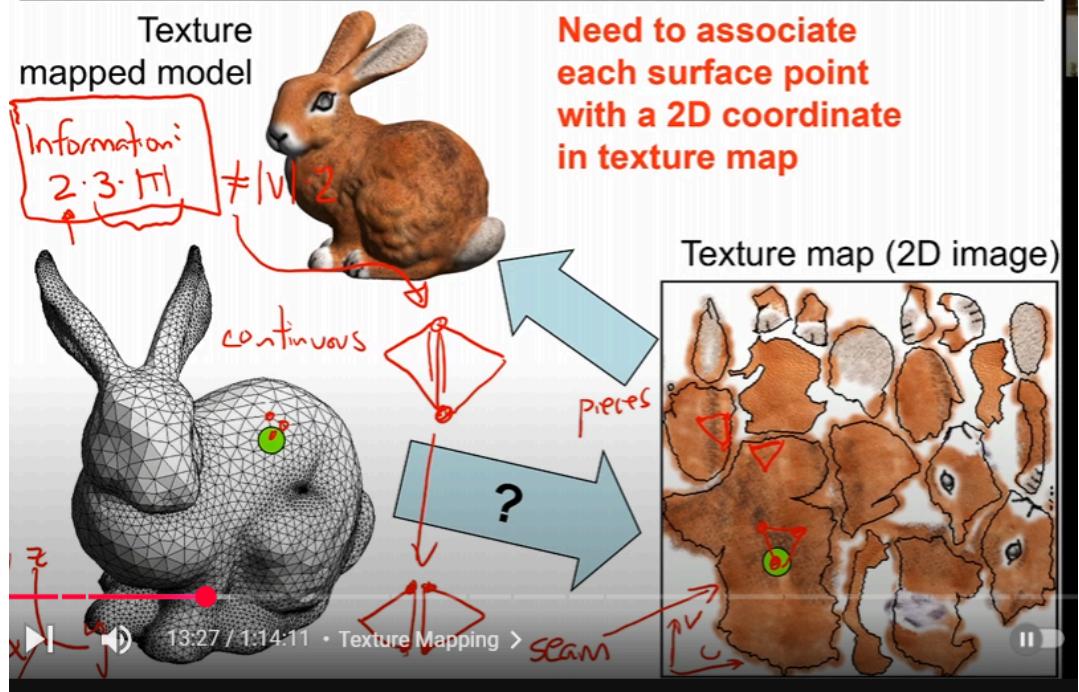
# Texture Mapping



- UV Coordinate

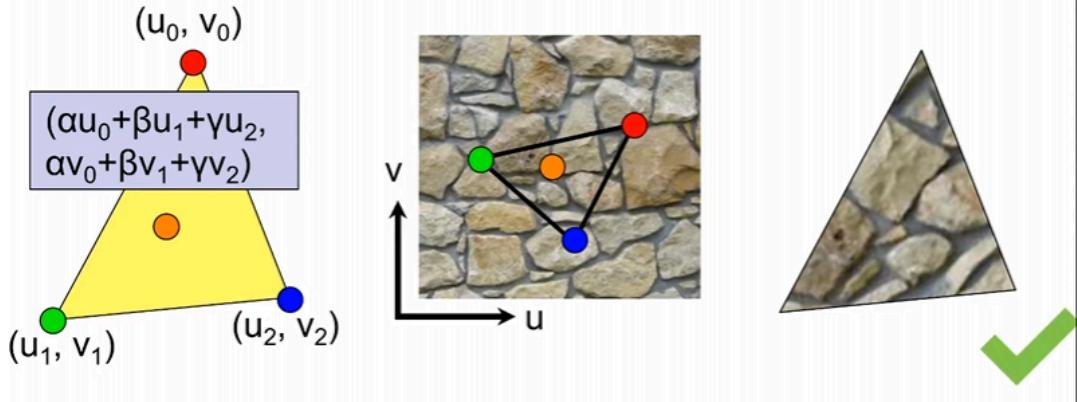
## Texture Mapping

Image: [Praun et al.](#)



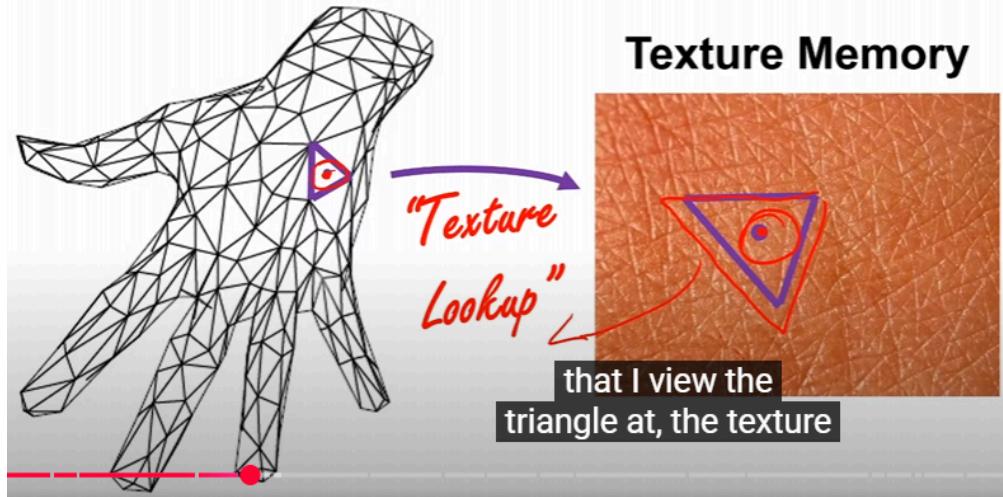
# UV Coordinates

- Each vertex  $P$  stores 2D  $(u, v)$  “texture coordinates”
  - UVs determine the 2D location in the texture for the vertex
  - We will see how to specify them later
- Then we interpolate using barycentric coordinates



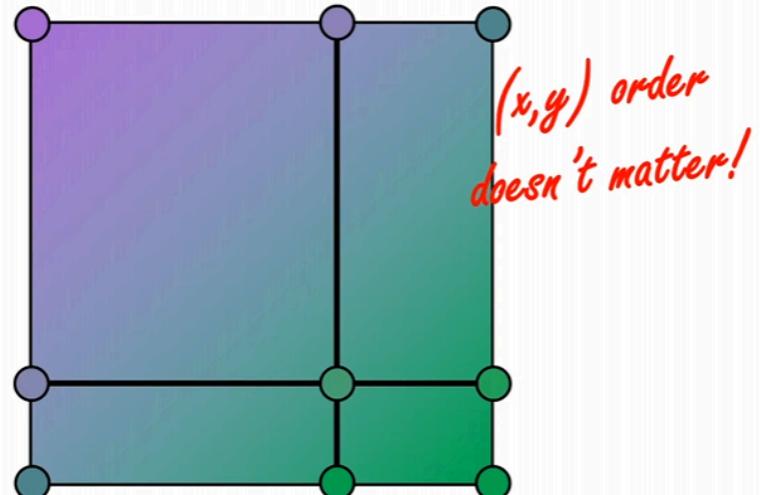
- Rendering Textured Triangles (Texture Lookup)

## Rendering Textured Triangles



- Texture Interpolation

## Texture Interpolation



**Smoother: Bilinear Interpolation** And that is what's creating this nice shading in the background

- Zoom far away, Pixel color too random

## Texture Can Be Too Detailed

**Small image**



**Noise**

**Large texture**



in ray tracing where we send multiple rays.

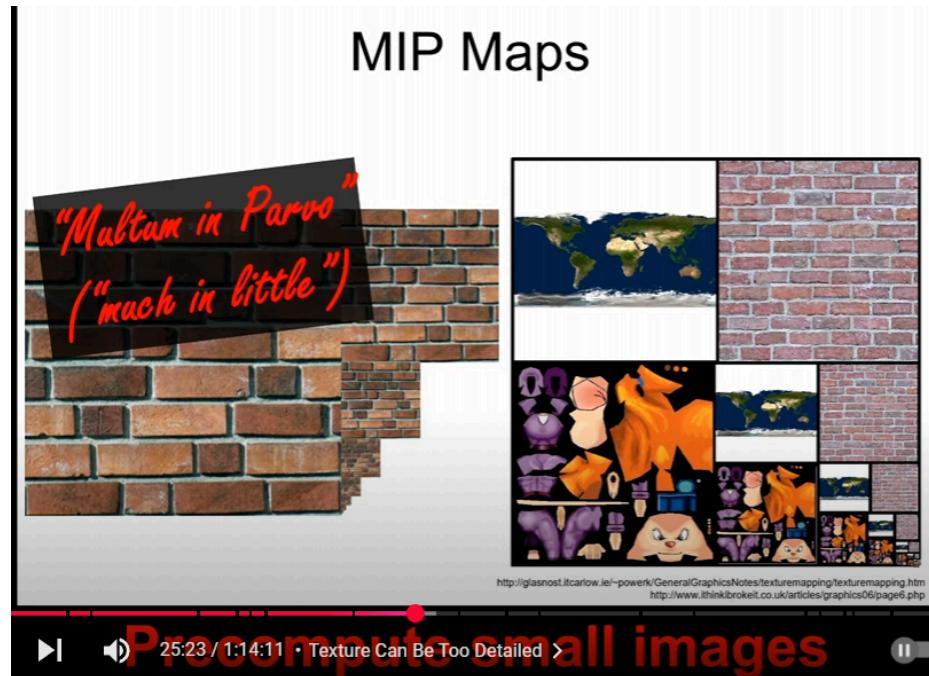
**Adjacent rendered pixels are far apart in texture**



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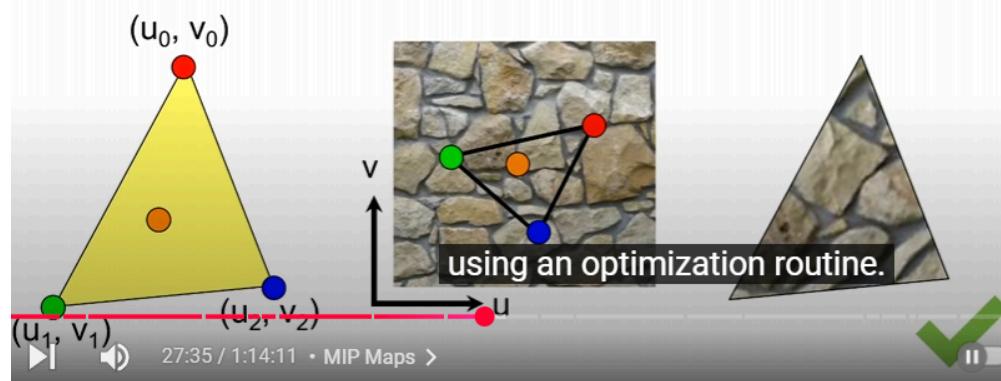
- MIP Maps



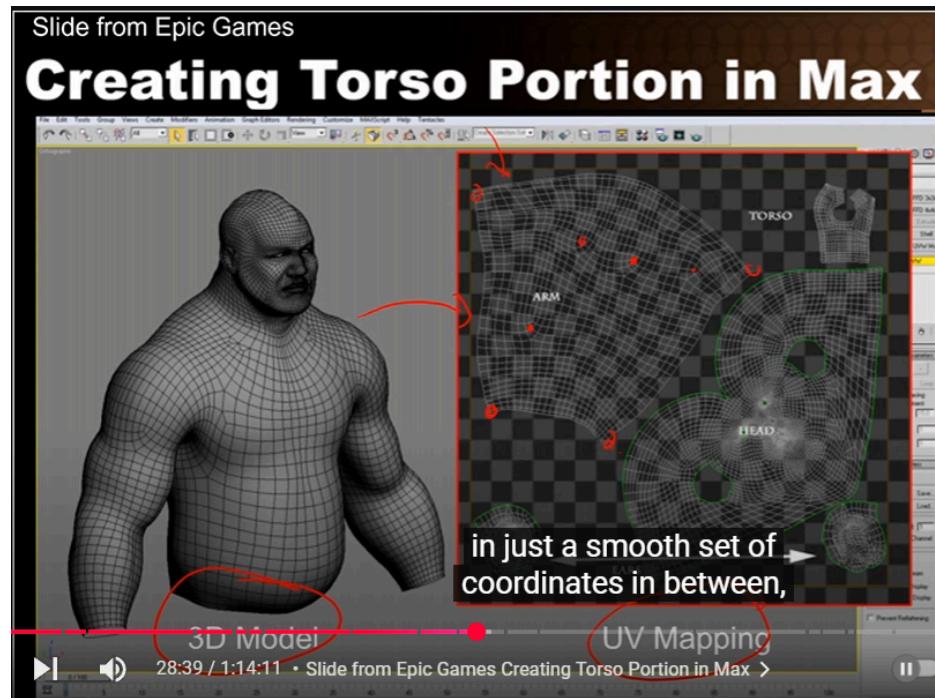
- Precompute small images when it is far away
- How to Obtain UV Coordinates

## How to Obtain UV Coordinates?

- Per-vertex  $(u, v)$  “texture coordinates” are specified:
  - Manually, provided by user (tedious!)
  - Closed-form formulas
  - \* Automatically using parameterization optimization



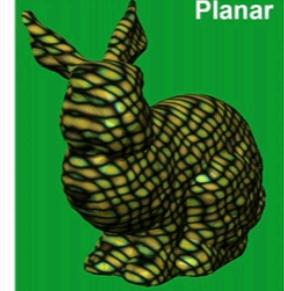
- Manual



- Artist design key point in the texture
- Closed-Form Mapping

## Closed-Form Mapping

- Planar
  - Vertex UVs and linear interpolation is a special case!
- Cylindrical
- Spherical
- Perspective Projection



like spheres and cylinders, there

- Raycast get height and angle, calculate the shape and get UV

- Projective Mappings

## Projective Texture Example

- Image-based rendering: Modeling from photographs
- Using input photos as textures

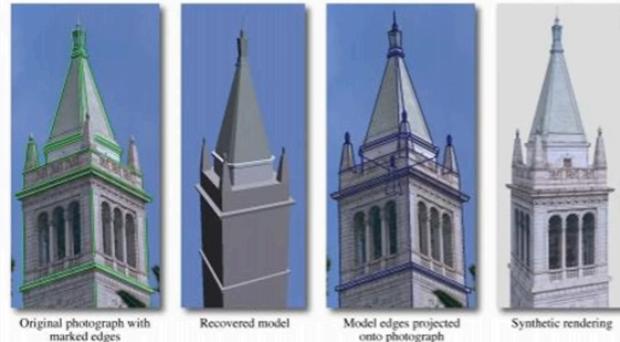


Figure from Debevec et al.  
<http://www.debevec.org/Research>  
 And one nice thing about  
 Berkeley architecture—

- Optimization Approach

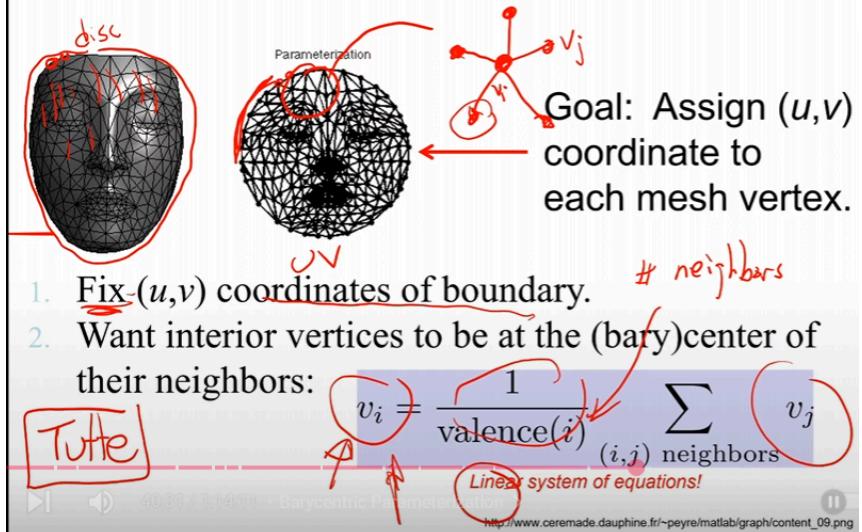
## Optimization Approach

- Goal: “flatten” 3D object onto 2D UV coordinates
- For each vertex, find coordinates U,V such that distortion is minimized
  - distances in UV correspond to distances on mesh
  - angle of 3D triangle same as angle of triangle in UV plane
- Cuts are usually required (discontinuities)



- Barycentric Parameterization

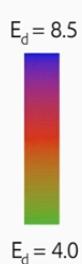
## Barycentric Parameterization *Advanced*



*(aside!!)*

## Research in Parameterization

Octopus    Vertex #: 3002     $b_d = 4.1$



Output:  $E_d = 4.097$ ,  $E_s = 15.319$     Time: 282.7s

Li, Kaufman, Kim, JS, and Sheffer for obtaining a  
Surface Cuts and Parameterization. Optimization of  
texture map, let's, Tokyo.

- Texture Tiling

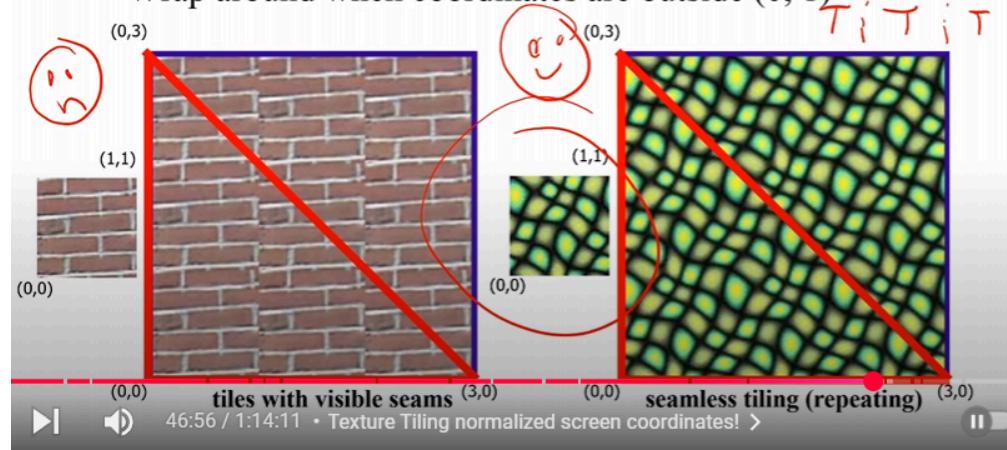
## Texture Tiling

Note the range (0,1) unlike normalized screen coordinates!

- Specify texture coordinates (u,v) at each vertex

- Canonical texture coordinates  $(0,0) \rightarrow (1,1)$

- Wrap around when coordinates are outside  $(0, 1)$



- Texture Mapping & Illumination

## Texture Mapping & Illumination

- Texture mapping can be used to alter some or all of the constants in the illumination equation

- Diffuse color  $k_d$ , specular exponent  $q$ , specular color  $k_s$ ...

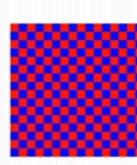
- Any parameter in any BRDF model!

$$L_o = [k_a + k_d(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) + k_s(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^q] \frac{L_i}{r^2}$$

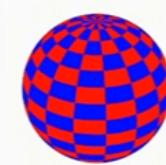
- $k_d$  in particular is often read from a texture map



Constant Diffuse Color



Diffuse Texture Color

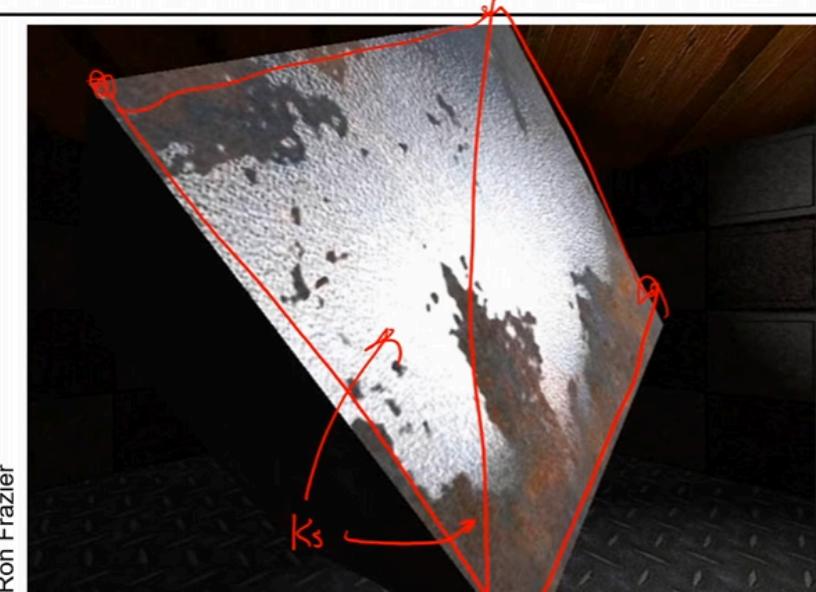


Texture used as Label



Texture used as Diffuse Color

# Gloss Mapping Example

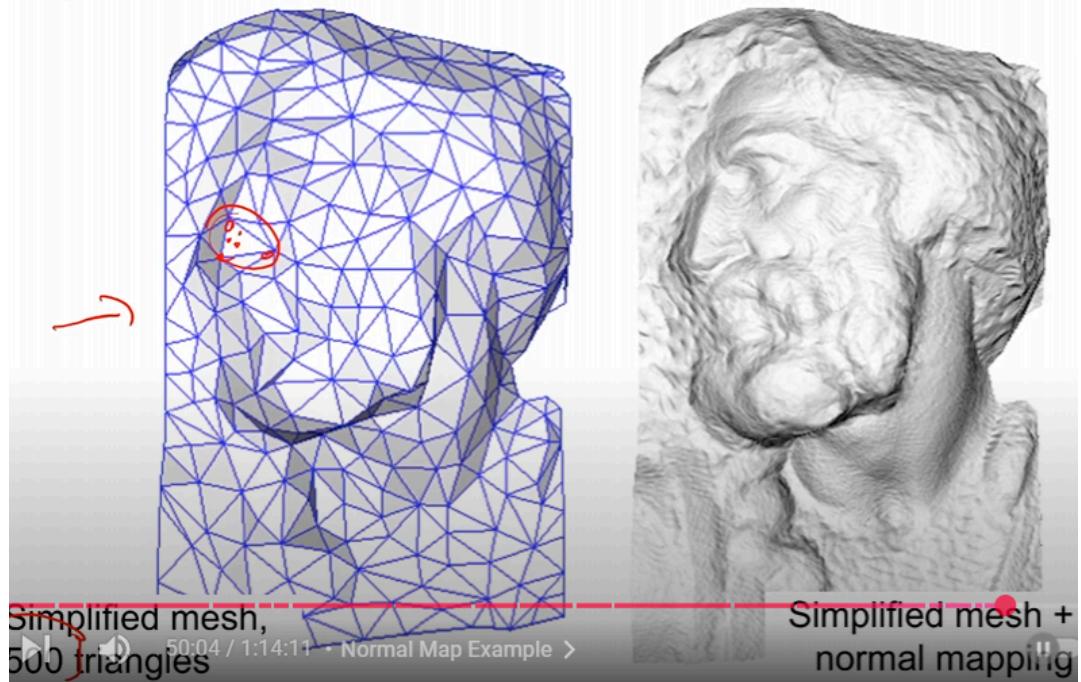


Spatially varying  $k_d$  and  $k_s$

- Normal Mapping

# Normal Map Example

Paolo Cignoni



# Normal Map Example

Models and images: Trevor Taylor



Final render



Diffuse texture  $k_d$

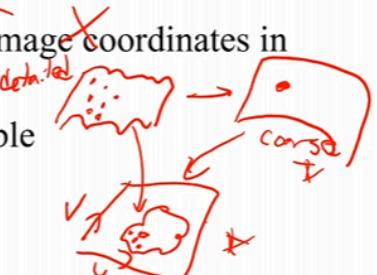


Normal Map

- Generating Normal Maps

## Generating Normal Maps

- Model a detailed mesh
- \*• Generate UV parameterization
  - Need: Each 3D point has **unique** image coordinates in the 2D texture map
  - Difficult problem, but tools available
    - E.g., [DirectX SDK](#)
- \*• Simplify mesh
- \*• Overlay simplified and original model
  - For each **P** on the simplified mesh, **find closest **P'**** on original model (ray casting)
  - **Store normal** at **P'** in the normal map.



1. Make a detailed mesh
2. Generate UV normal map based on detailed mesh
3. Simplify the mesh
4. Use the simplified mesh with normal map

- Procedural Textures: Shader

# Procedural Textures

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- Alternative to texture mapping

- Little program that computes color as a function of  $x,y,z$ :

$$f(x,y,z) \rightarrow \text{color}$$

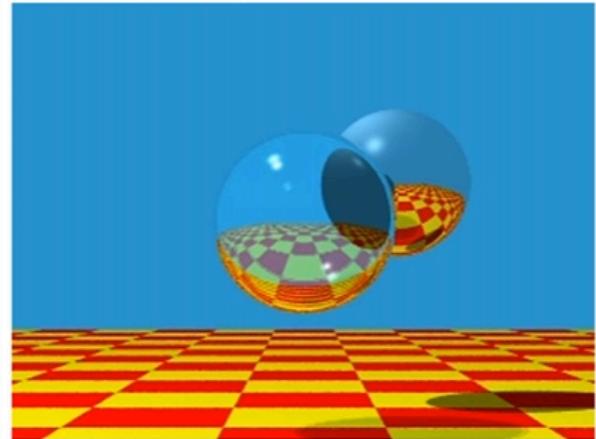


Image by Turner Whitted

And so this can be useful.

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- Shaders

## ★ Shaders ★

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- Functions executed when light interacts with a surface
- Constructor:
  - set shader parameters
- Inputs:
  - Incident radiance
  - Incident and reflected light directions
  - Surface tangent basis (anisotropic shaders only)
  - (Sometimes) texture map
- Output:
  - Reflected radiance

cards, and that  
idea is a shader.

# Shader

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- Initially for production (slow) rendering
  - Renderman in particular
- Now used for real-time (games)
  - Evaluated by graphics hardware
  - More later!
- Often makes heavy use of texture mapping

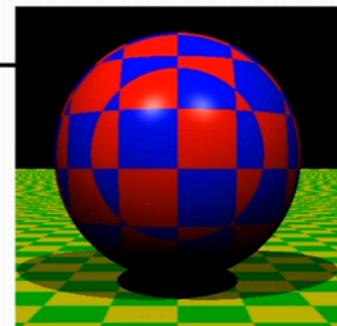
language called GLSL, and your  
graphics hardware actually

- Pros and Cons
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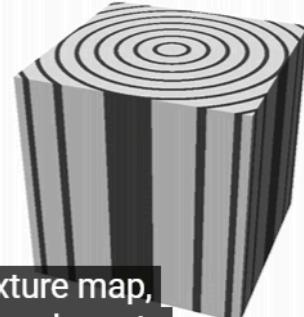
## Procedural Textures

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- Advantages:
  - easy to implement
  - more compact than texture maps (especially for solid textures)
  - infinite resolution



- Disadvantages
  - unintuitive
  - difficult to match existing texture



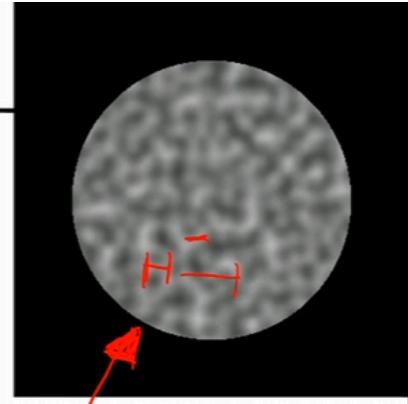
about a texture map,  
but rather, maybe gets

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- Perlin Noise

## Perlin Noise

- Critical component of procedural textures
- Pseudo-random function
  - But continuous
  - **band pass** (single scale)
- Useful to add visual detail



Ken Perlin

the next couple of slides.

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- Requirements
  - Pseudo random
  - For arbitrary dimension
    - 4D is common for animation
  - Smooth at prescribed scale
  - Little memory usage

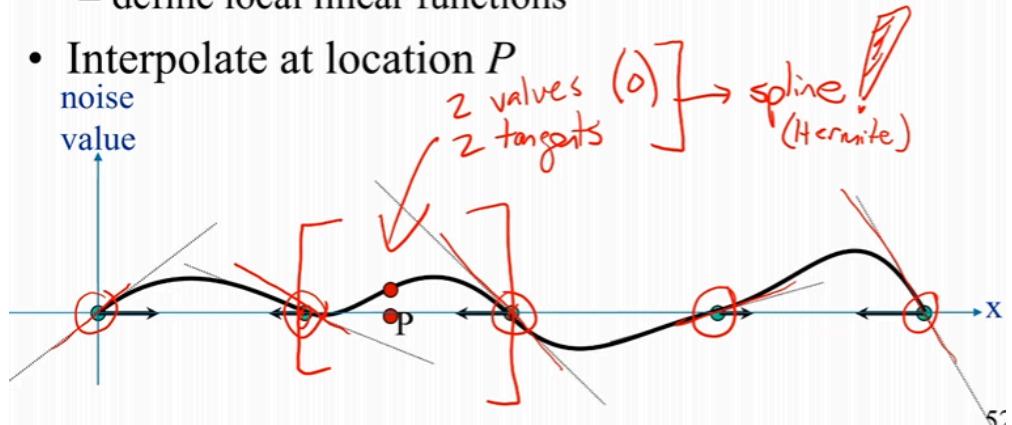
- 1D Noise

## 1D Noise

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- 0 at integer locations
- Pseudo-random derivative (1D gradient) at integer locations
  - define local linear functions

- Interpolate at location  $P$



- Use spline
- Reconstruct at  $P$

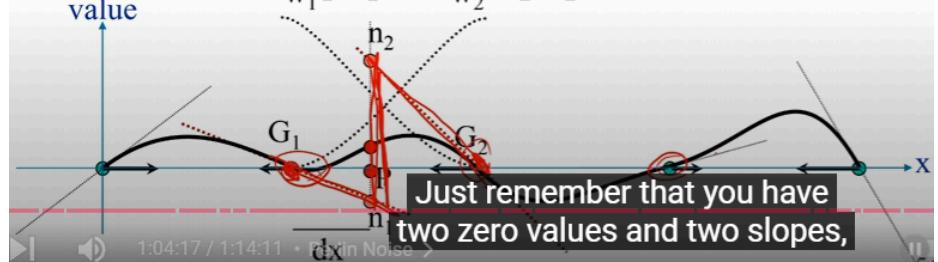
## 1D Noise: Reconstruct at $P$

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- Compute the values from the two neighboring linear functions:  $n_1 = dx \cdot G_1$ ;  $n_2 = (dx - 1) \cdot G_2$
- Weights

$$w_1 = 3dx^2 - 2dx^3 \text{ and } w_2 = 3(1-dx)^2 - 2(1-dx)^3$$

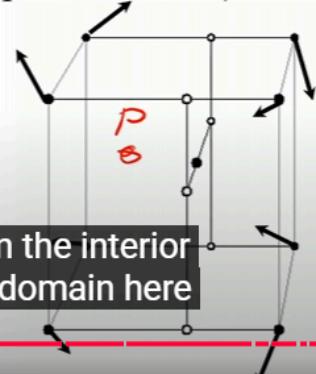
i.e.: noise =  $w_1 G_1 dx + w_2 G_2 (dx - 1)$



- Perlin Noise in 3D

## Algorithm in 3D

- Given an input point  $P$
- For each of its neighboring grid points:
  - Get the "pseudo-random" gradient vector  $G$
  - Compute linear function (dot product  $G \cdot dP$ )
- Take weighted sum, using separable cubic weights



- Compute perlin noise

## Computing Pseudo-random Gradients

- Precompute (1D) table of  $n$  gradients  $G[n]$
- Precompute (1D) permutation  $P[n]$
- For 3D grid point  $i, j, k$  :  

$$G(i,j,k) = G[ ( i + P[ ( j + P[k] ) \text{ mod } n ] ) \text{ mod } n ]$$

- In practice only  $n$  gradients are stored!
  - But optimized so that the Well, let's take a look at some of the magic

- Example

## Noise At One Scale

- A scale is also called an **octave** in noise parlance

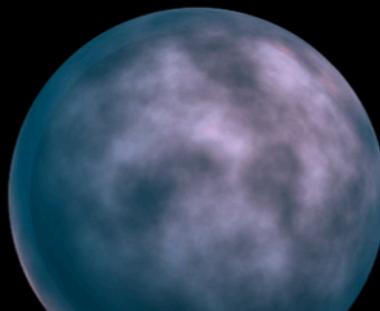
$f(x, y, z)$



we call this an octave.

## Noise At Multiple Scales

- A scale is also called an octave in noise parlance
- Usually use multiple octaves, where scale between octaves is multiplied by 2

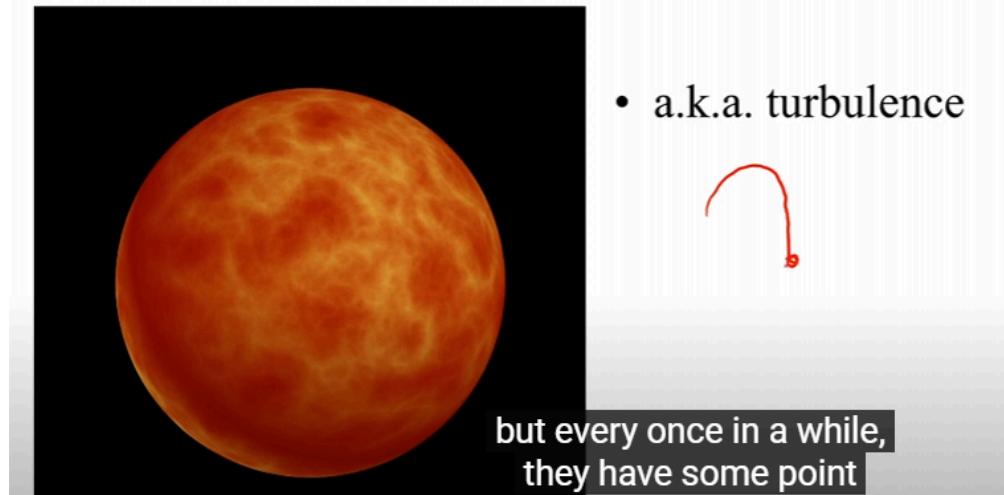


that just showed that this one simple trick for generating

## $\sum 1/f |noise|$

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- Absolute value introduces  $C^1$  discontinuities

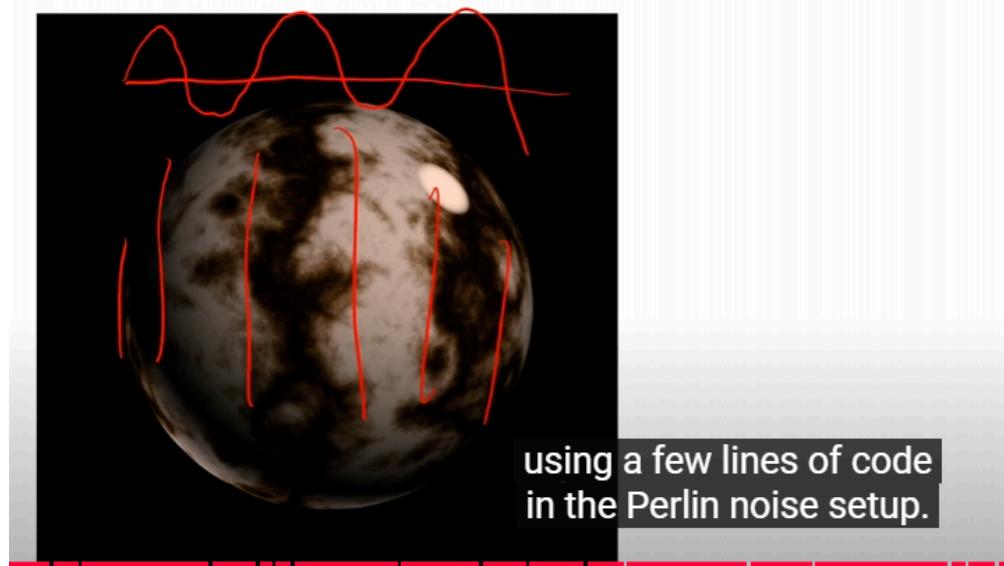


- a.k.a. turbulence

$$\sin(x + \sum 1/f |noise|)$$

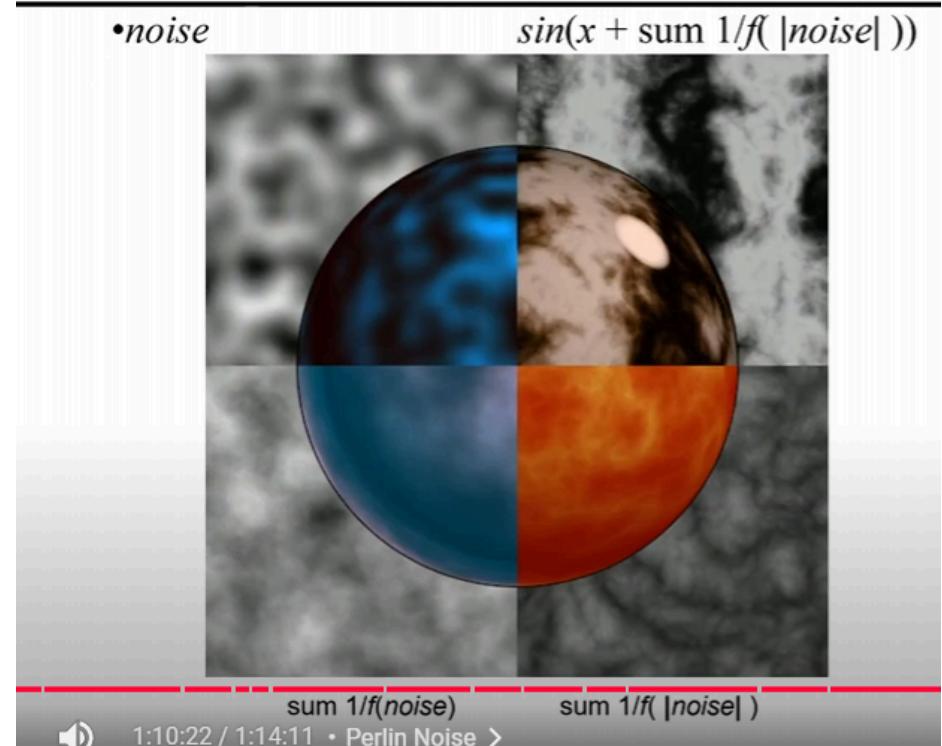
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- Looks like marble!



- Comparison

# Comparison

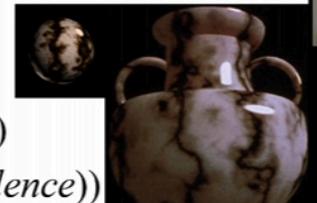


- For solid Textures

## Noise For Solid Textures

- Marble

- recall  $\sin(x[0] + \text{sum } 1/f|\text{noise}|)$
- *BoringMarble* = *colormap*( $\sin(x[0])$ )
- *Marble* = *colormap*( $\sin(x[0]+turbulence)$ )



- Wood

- replace  $x$  (or parallel plane)  
by radius

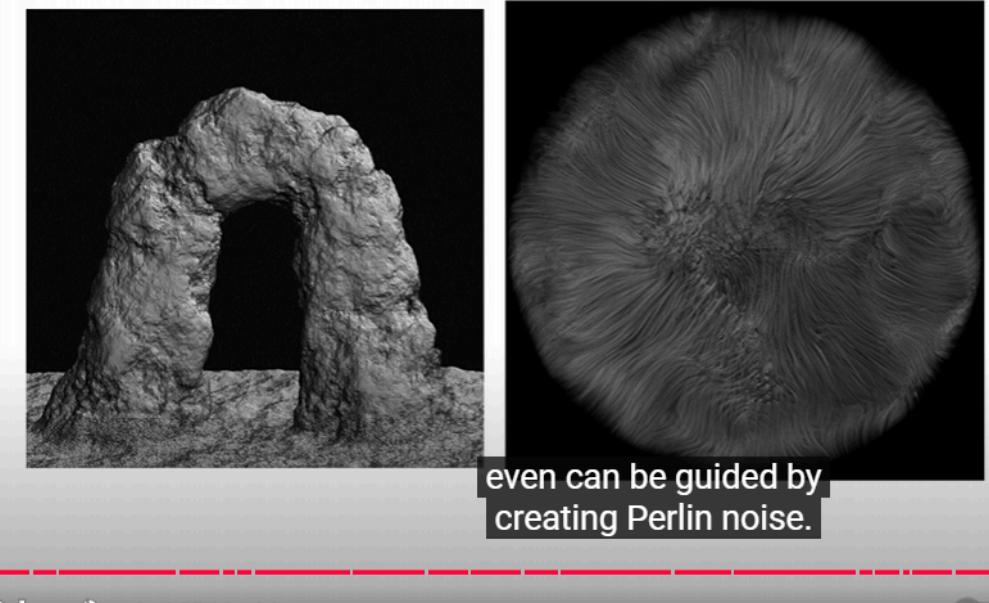
– *Wood* = *colormap*( $\sin(r+turbulence)$ )



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- Fur

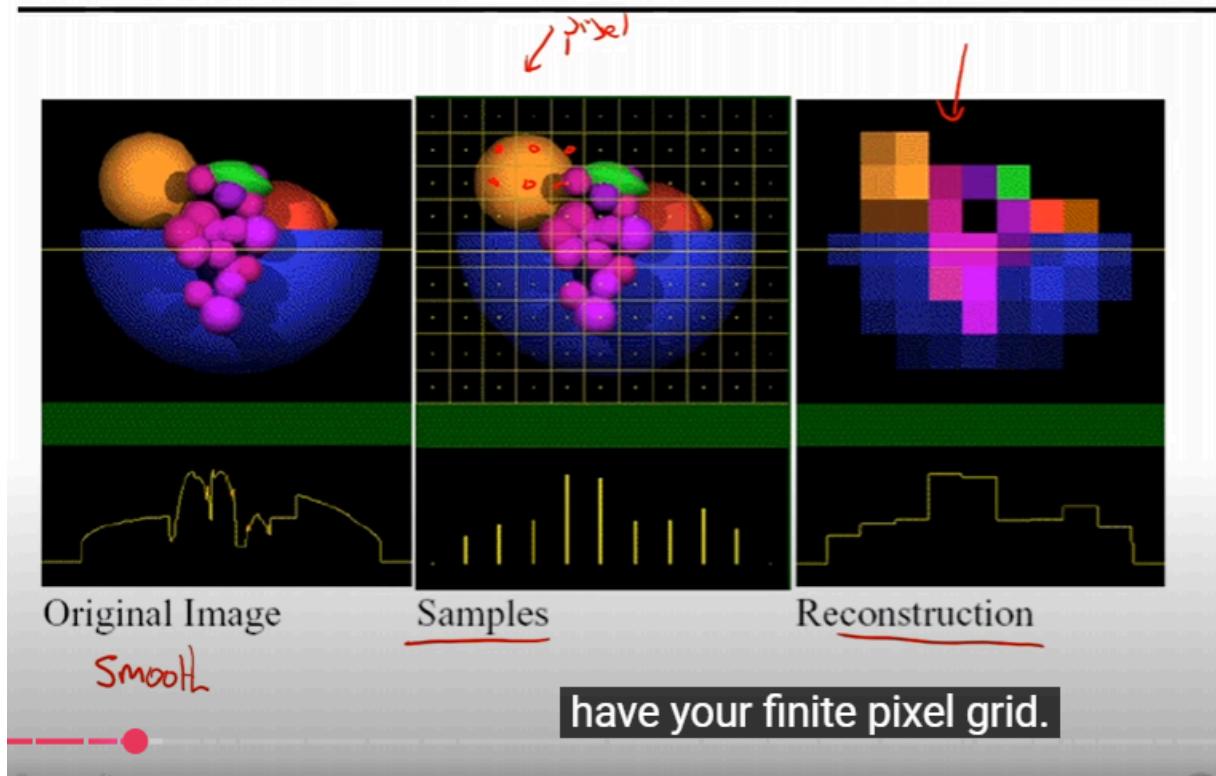
## Other Cool Usage: Displacement, Fur



- L15: Antialiasing; Sampling and Reconstruction

- Example of Aliasing

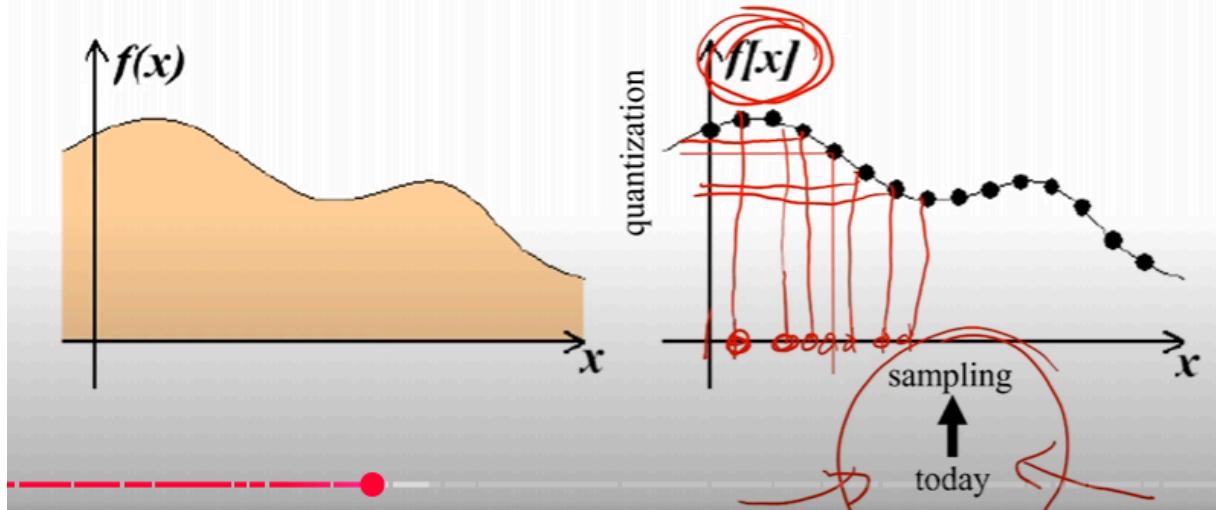
## Examples of Aliasing



- Aliasing appears as jagged edges, moiré patterns, or incorrect details.

- Sampling vs Quantization

# Sampling vs Quantization

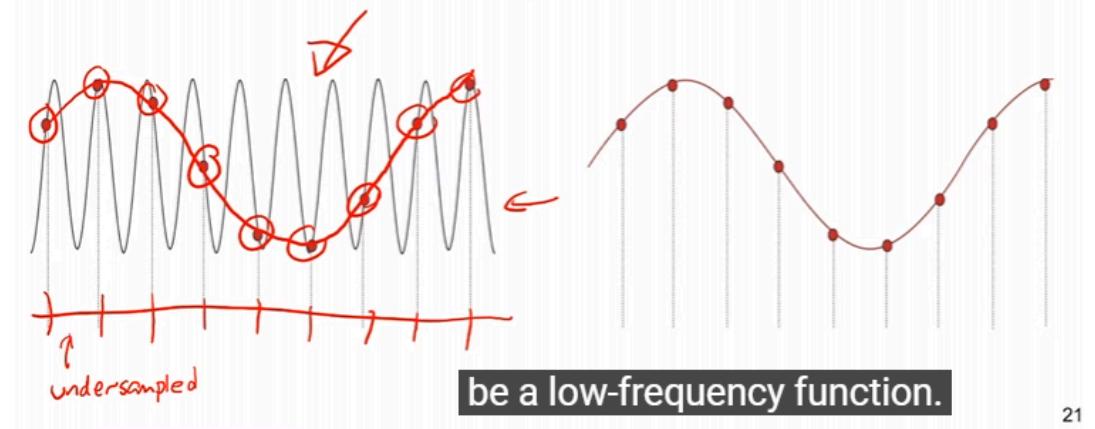


- Sampling
  - Mapping a continuous function to a discrete one

- Sampling Density

## Sampling Density

- Insufficient sampling makes high frequencies look like low frequencies (**“aliasing”**)
- **Origin of name:** the new low-frequency sine wave is an alias/ghost of the high-frequency one

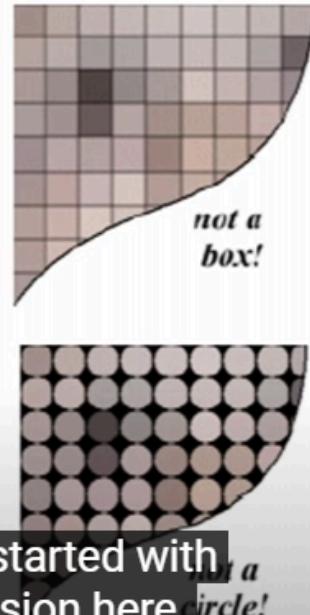


- Quantization
  - Mapping a continuous function to a discrete one

- Pixel

# What is a Pixel?

- A pixel is not:
  - a box
  - a disk
  - a tiny light
- A pixel “looks different” on different display devices
- A pixel is a sample
  - it has no dimension
  - it occupies no area
  - it cannot be seen
  - it has a coordinate
  - it has a value



Now to get started with our discussion here, circle!

- Reason of Aliasing

## Sampling & reconstruction

### 0/ Visible light is a continuous function

#### 1/ Sample it

- with a digital camera or ray tracer
- Gives a finite set of numbers: discrete

*forgot*

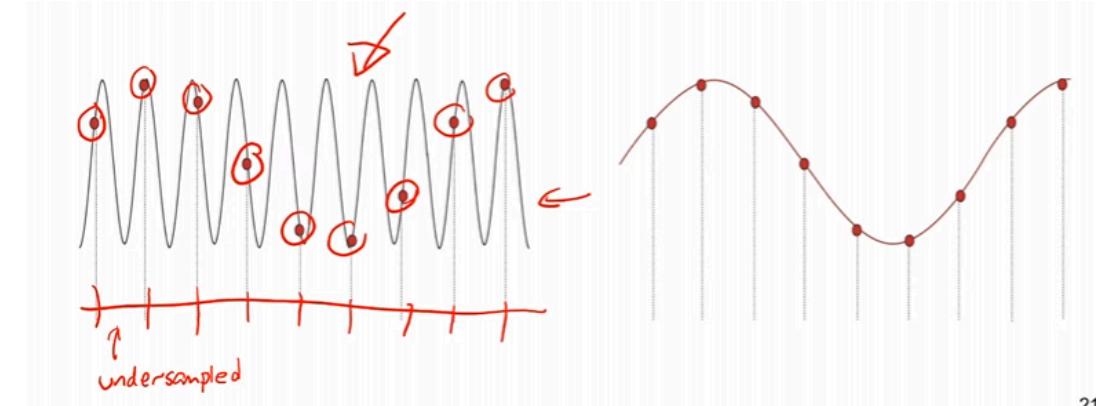
#### 2/ Reconstruct a continuous function

- for example, the point spread of a pixel on a CRT or LCD

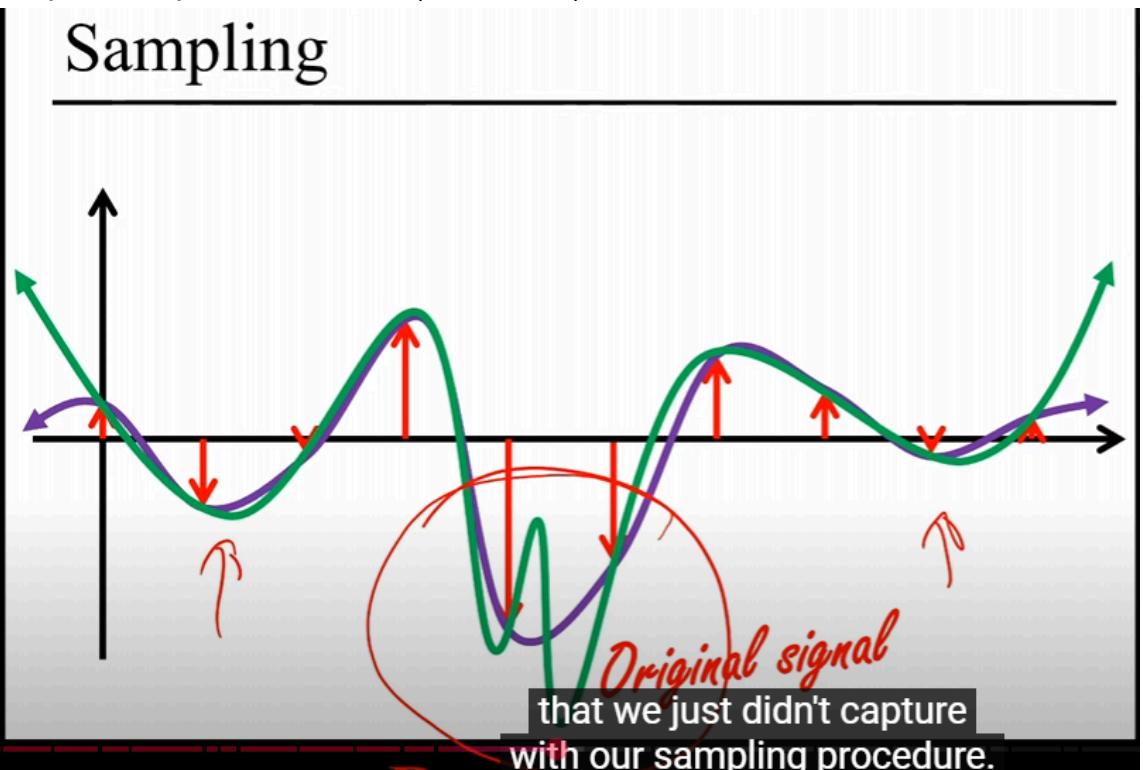
#### • Both steps can create problems

- pre-aliasing caused by sampling
- post-aliasing caused by reconstruction

- Insufficient Sampling
  - Make high frequencies look like low frequencies )Aliasing



- Step 1: Sample the Function (Red Arrow)



- Step 2: Reconstruct a continuous Function (Purple Line)
  - which is different from original green line (data loss)

- Solution

# Solution?

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- How do we avoid that high-frequency patterns mess up our image?
- **Blur or oversample!**
  - Audio: include analog low-pass filter before sampling
  - Ray tracing/rasterization: compute at higher resolution, blur, resample at lower resolution (or multiple rays/pixel)
  - Textures: blur the texture image before doing the lookup
- To understand what really happens, we need serious math



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- Blue or Oversample
  - Theoretical
    - Fourier Transform: For perfect reconstruction

## Fourier Transform

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**THEOREM(-ISH).**

**Most functions**  
**can be written as**  
**combinations of**  
**sines and**  
**cosines.**



**Joseph Fourier**



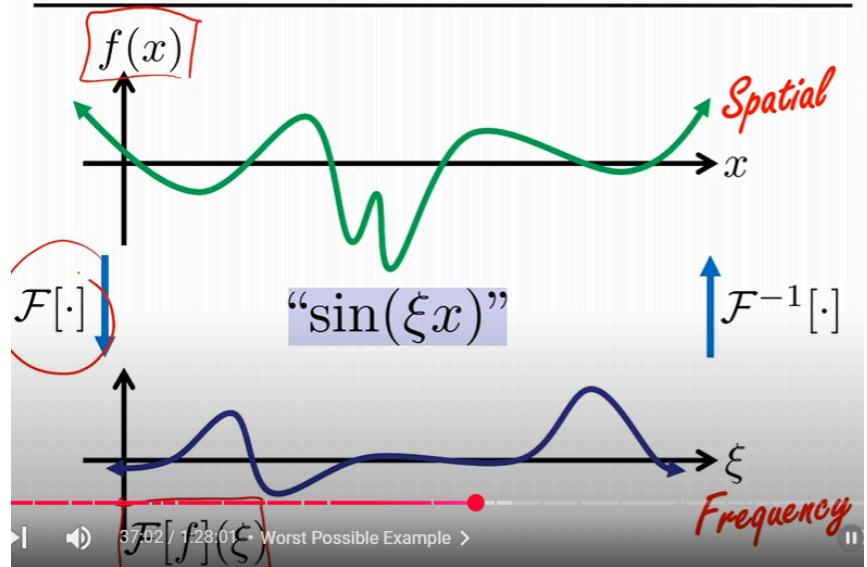
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- Any function can be combination of sin and cosina function

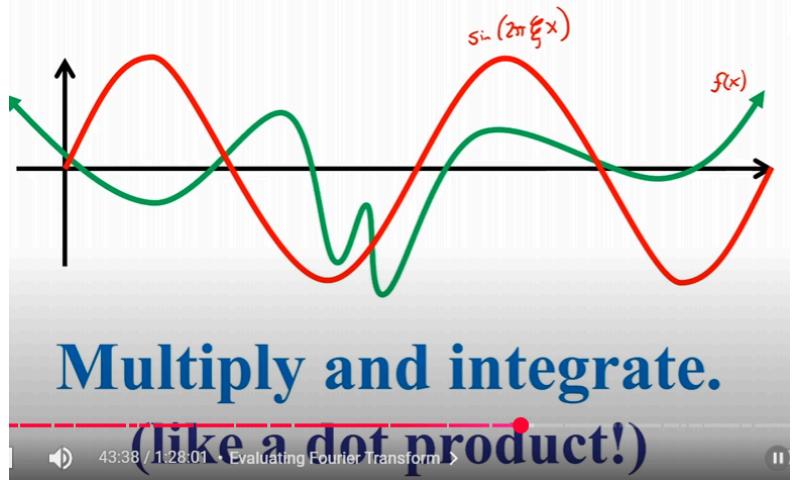
- Transform the Image into the Frequency Domain

## Fourier Transform



- Apply a 2D Fourier Transform (e.g., Fast Fourier Transform, FFT) to the image.
  - This decomposes the image into its frequency components, where low frequencies represent smooth variations and high frequencies represent sharp edges and details.
- Take dot product with the Fourier and the original function

## Evaluating Fourier Transform

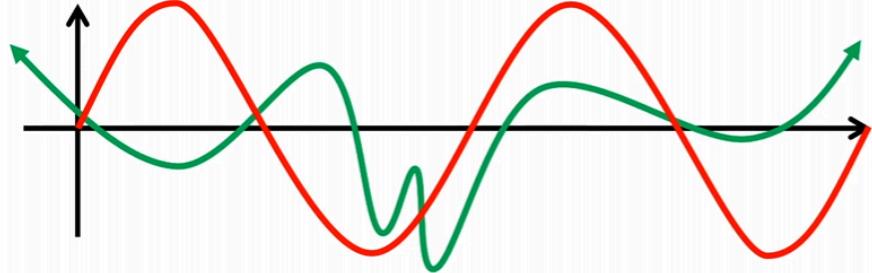


- Tell how common (similarity) are they

- Definition of Fourier Transform

## Definition of Fourier Transform

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}[f](\xi) &:= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{2\pi ix\xi} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)[\cos(2\pi x\xi) + i \sin(2\pi x\xi)] dx\end{aligned}$$



**The value of this integral for all  $\xi$ .**

- How much is the frequency hiding in Original Function  $F(x)$ 
  - By taking dot product  $f(x)[\cos(2\pi x\xi) + i \sin(2\pi x\xi)]$
  - Cosine is the real part of the Fourier
  - Sine is the imaginary part
- Nyquist rate

## Nyquist rate

[nahy-kwist reyt]:

The lowest alias-free sample rate; two times the bandwidth of a band-limited signal.

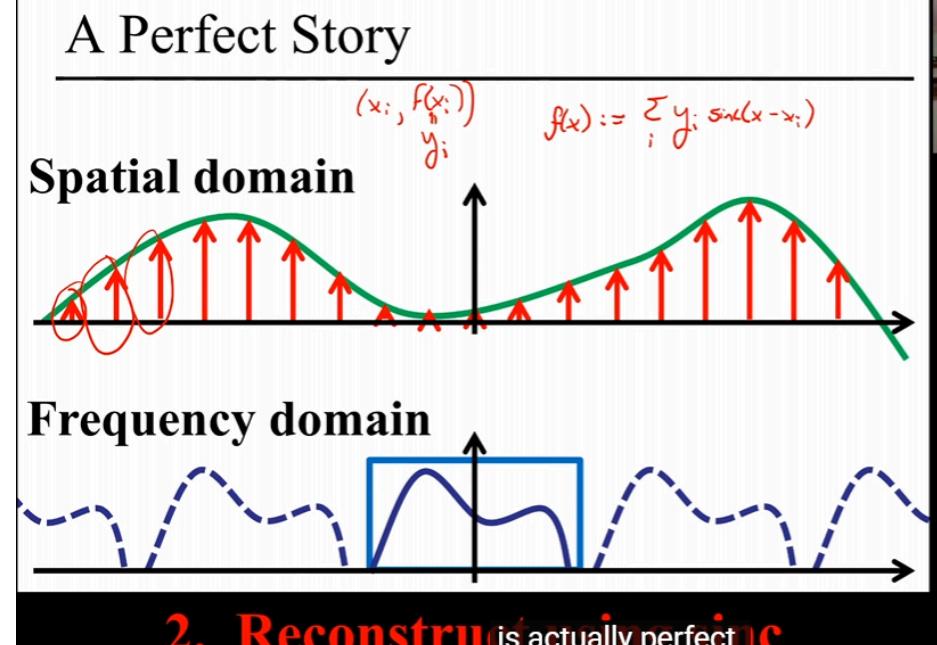
This is the lowest alias-free sample rate.

- Convolution Theorem

## Convolution Theorem

**Multiplication in frequency domain is convolution in spatial domain**

is that multiplication in the frequency domain –



- Not practical
  - because practical signals cannot have finite bandwidth.
  - Negative lobe
  - Infinite extent

- Sharp edges miss (Miss of High Frequency)

## Back to Reality: A third issue

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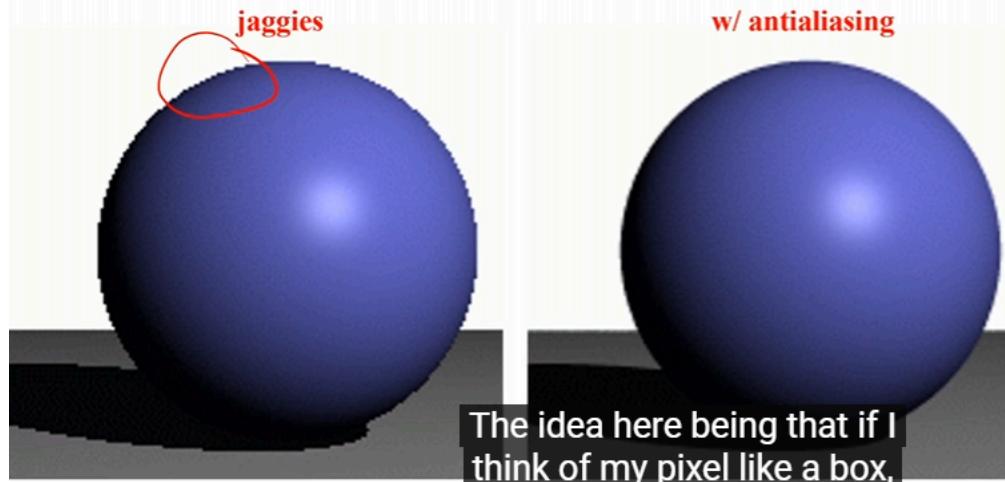
**Sharp edges  
need special  
treatment!**

- In Practice
  - Supersampling Anti-Aliasing (SSAA)

## In practice: Supersampling

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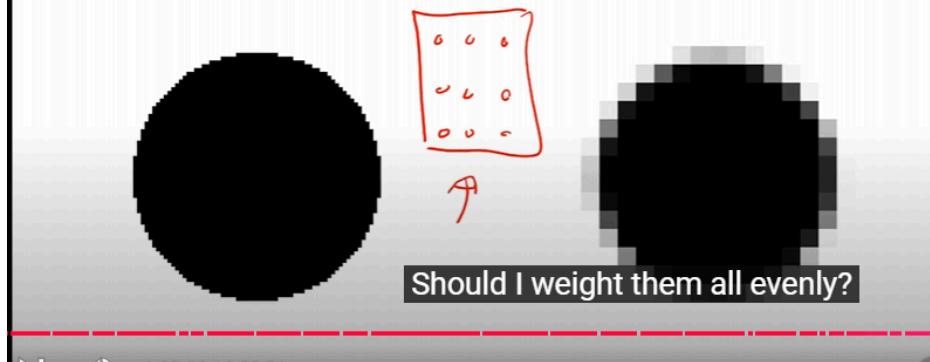
- **Intuitive solution:** compute multiple color values per pixel and average



- Uniform supersampling

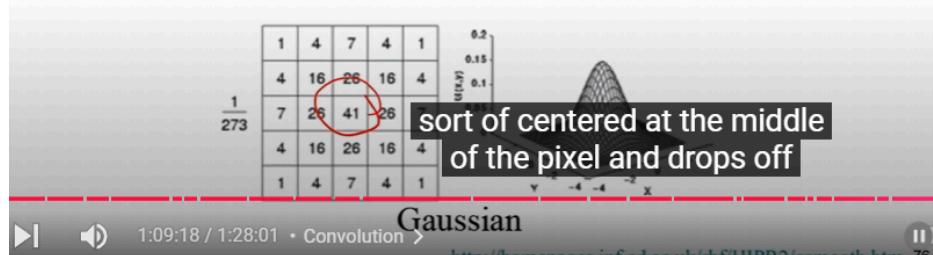
## Uniform supersampling

- Compute image at resolution  $k^*\text{width}$ ,  $k^*\text{height}$
- Downsample using low-pass filter  
(e.g. Gaussian, sinc, bicubic)

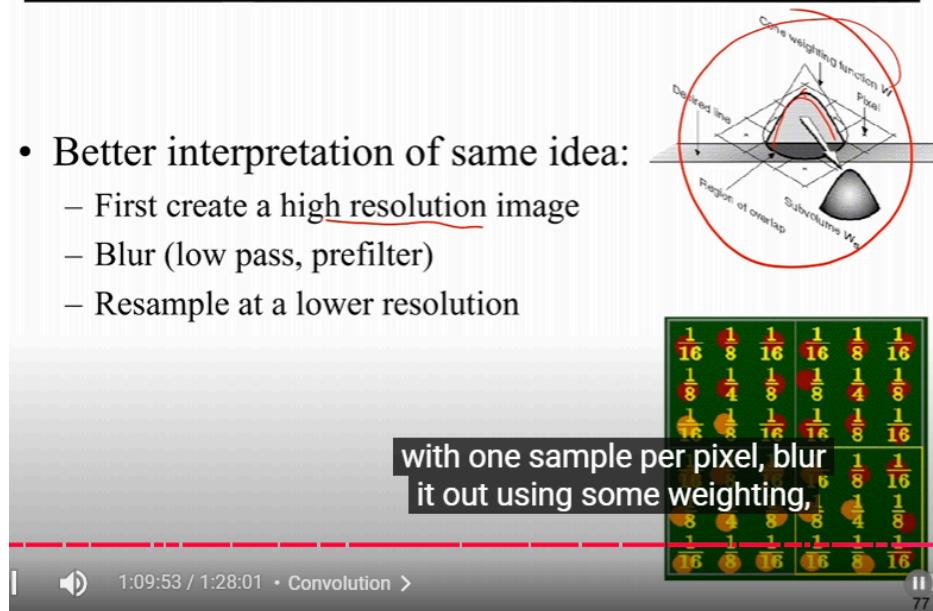


# Low pass / convolution

- Output pixel is weighted average of subsamples
- Weight depends on spatial position
- For example:
  - Gaussian as a function of distance
  - 1 inside a square, zero outside (box)



## In practice: Supersampling

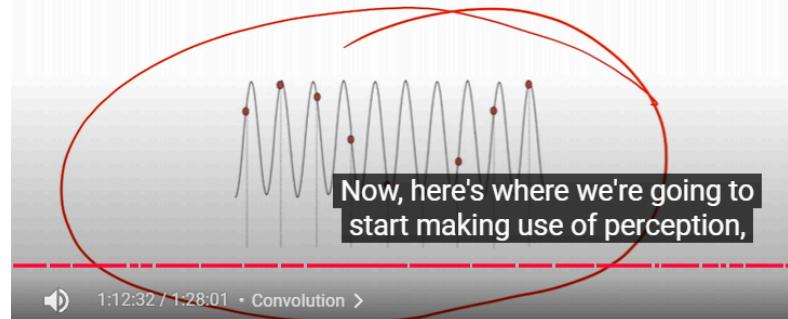


- Recommended filter
  - Bicubic (piecewise polynomial): Sinc approximation
- Advantages:
  - Capture high frequencies
  - Downsampling can use a good filter
  - Works well for edges
- Issues:
  - Frequencies above supersampling limit still aliased

- Not good for repetitive textures

## Uniform supersampling

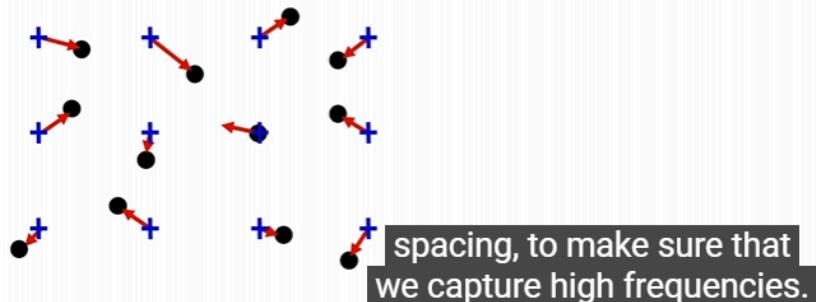
- **Problem:** supersampling only pushes the problem further out; signal is still not bandlimited
- Especially if signal and sampling are regular



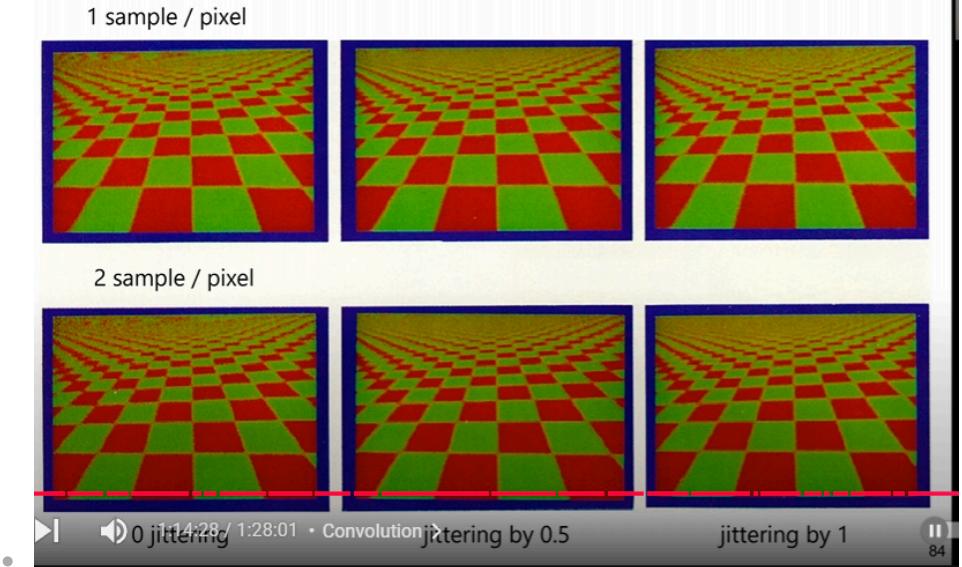
- Jittering

## Jittering

- Uniform sample + random perturbation
- Signal processing gets more complex
- In practice, adds noise
  - But noise is better than aliasing!



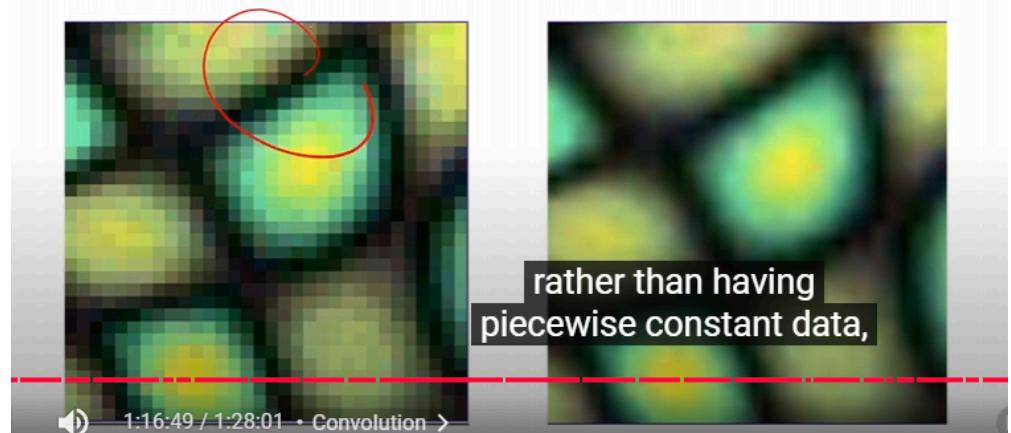
# Jittered supersampling



- Magnification: Linear Interpolation

## Magnification: Linear Interpolation

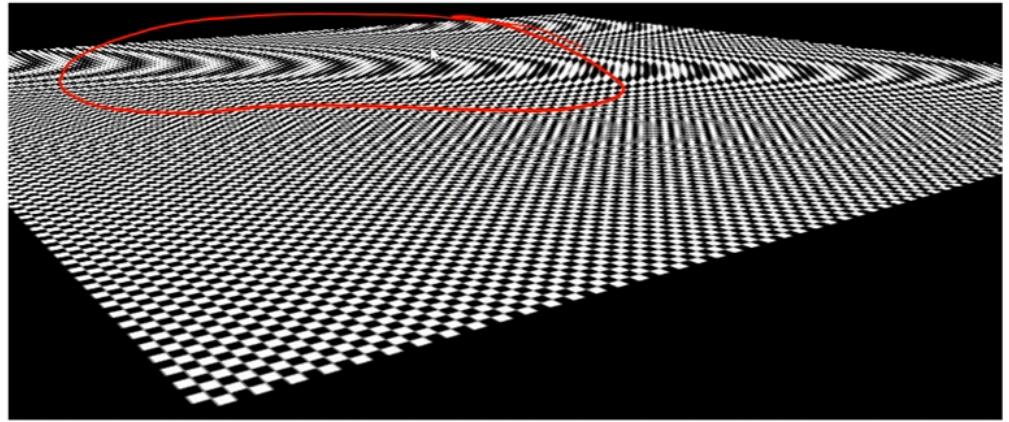
- Use a tent filter instead of a box filter.
- Magnification looks better, but blurry



- Minification

## Minification

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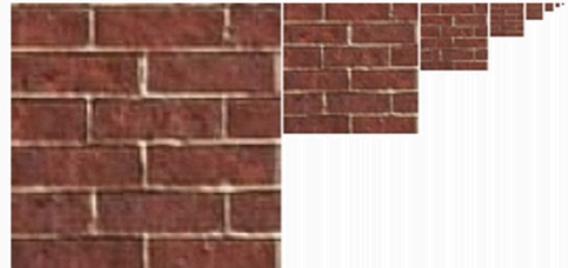


- MIP Mapping

## MIP Mapping

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- Construct pyramid of images that are pre-filtered and re-sampled at  $1/2, 1/4, 1/8$ , etc., of the original sampling
- During rasterization compute index of decimated image sampled at rate closest to desired sampling rate
- MIP stands for *multum in parvo* which means *many in a small place*

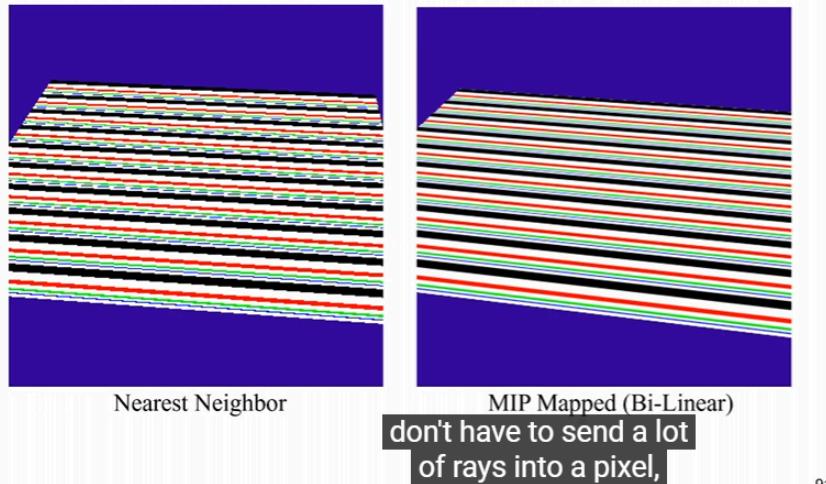


but we also store one  
that's half as wide,

- Example

## MIP Mapping Example

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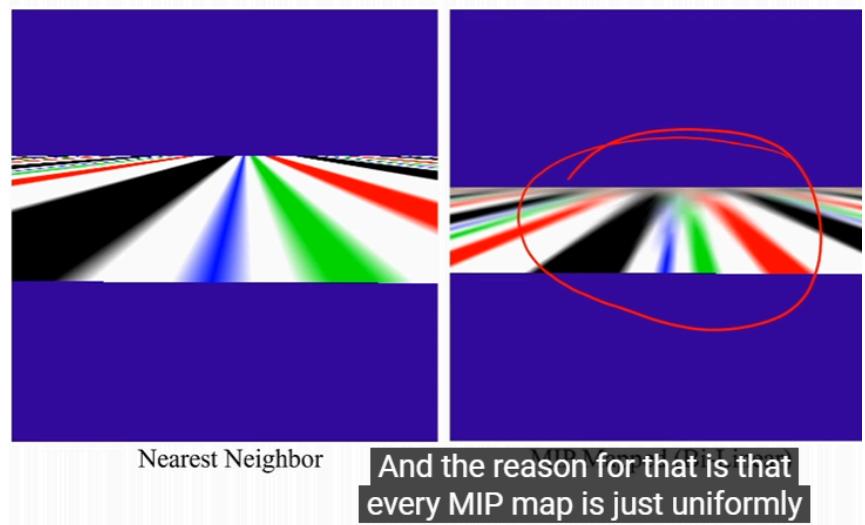
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- Drawback

## Anisotropy & MIP-Mapping

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- What happens when the surface is tilted?



And the reason for that is that every MIP map is just uniformly

- Fix with Elliptical Weighted Average

## Elliptical weighted average

- Isotropic filter wrt screen space
- Becomes anisotropic in texture space
- e.g. use anisotropic Gaussian
- Called Elliptical Weighted Average (EWA)

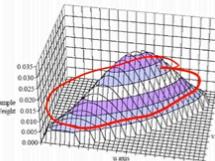
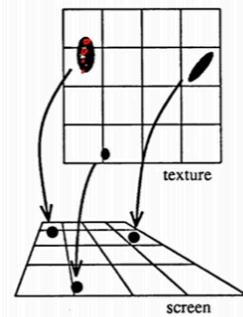


Figure 3: A perspective projection of a Gaussian filter into texture space.

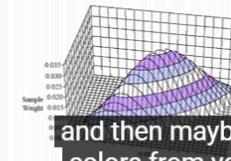


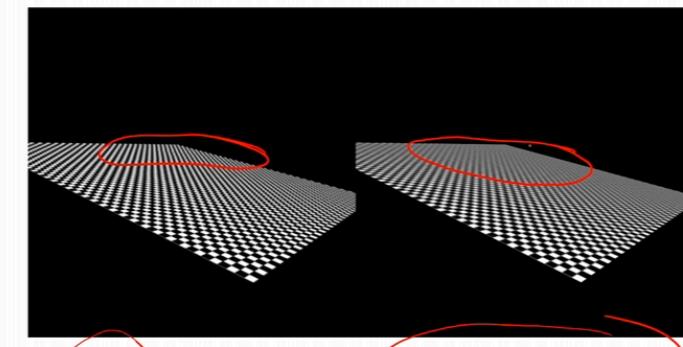
Figure 4: A perspective projection of a Gaussian filter into screen space.

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and then maybe draw a few colors from your MIP map

## Image Quality Comparison

- Trilinear mipmapping

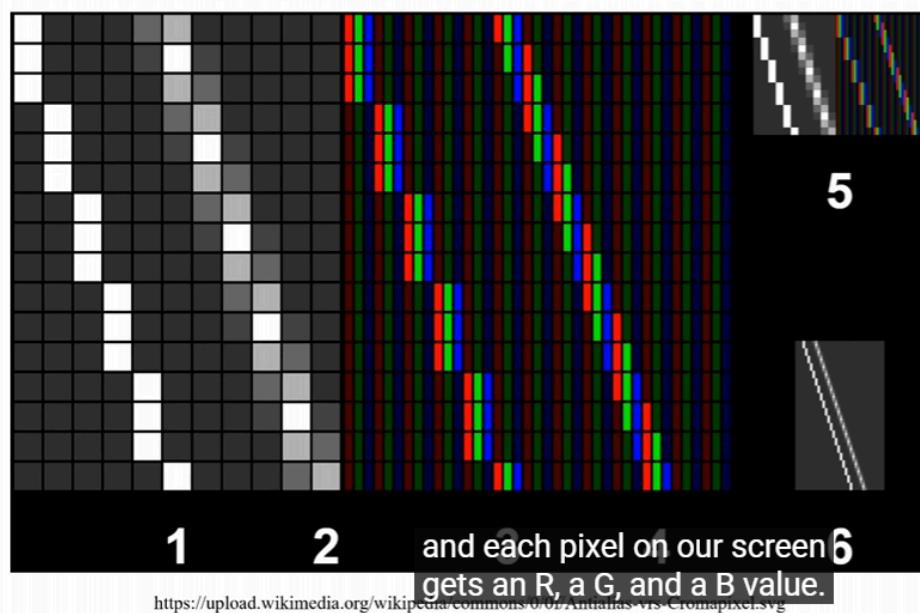


EWA

trilinear mipmapping  
that the elliptical  
weighted average

- Subpixel rendering /ClearType for Text

## Subpixel rendering/ClearType



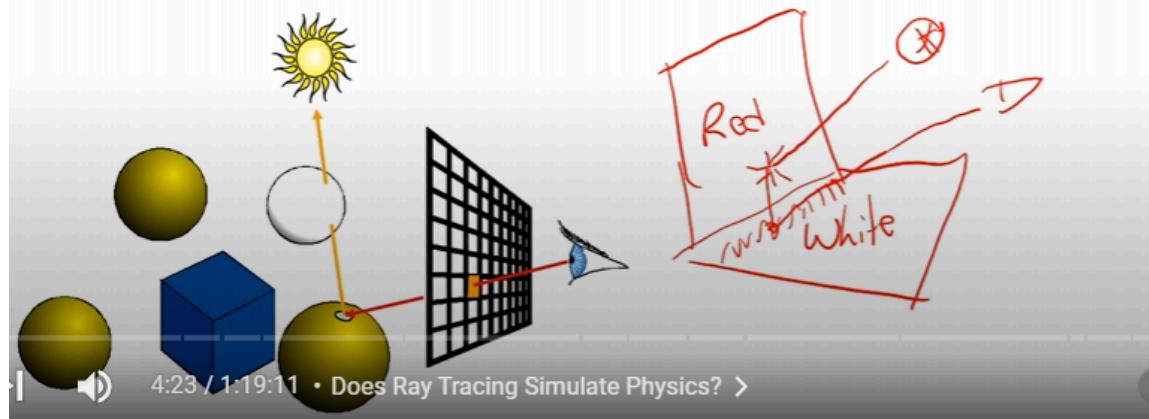
- Control the subpixel (RGB)

- **L16: Global Illumination and Monte Carlo**

- Reason of GI
  - Does Ray Tracing Simulate Physics?

## Does Ray Tracing Simulate Physics?

- Ray tracing is full of tricks and approximations
- For example, shadows of transparent objects
  - Multiply by transparency color?  
(ignores refraction & does not produce caustics)

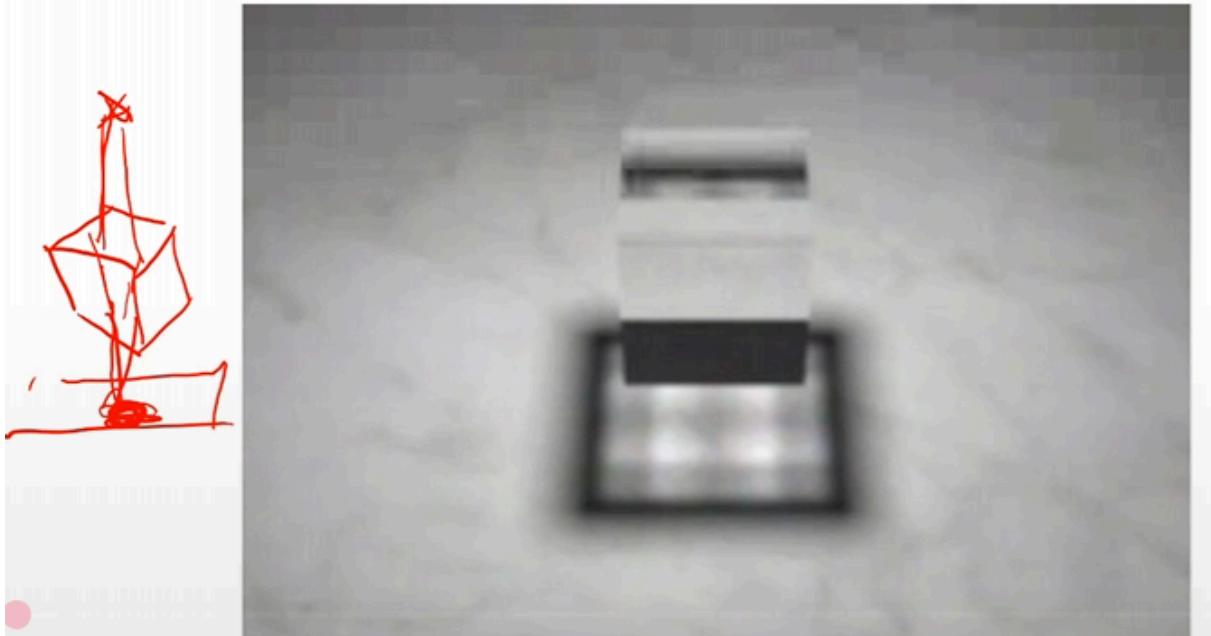


- No, It is backward ray tracing

- lot of physical
- Correct Transparent Shadow

## Correct Transparent Shadow

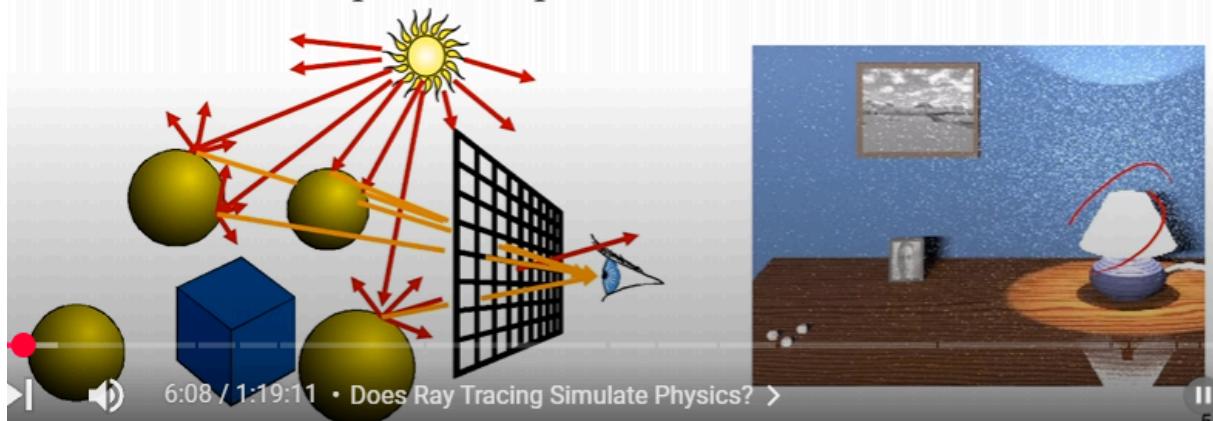
- Using advanced refraction technique  
(photon mapping)



- Forward Ray Tracing

## “Forward” Ray Tracing

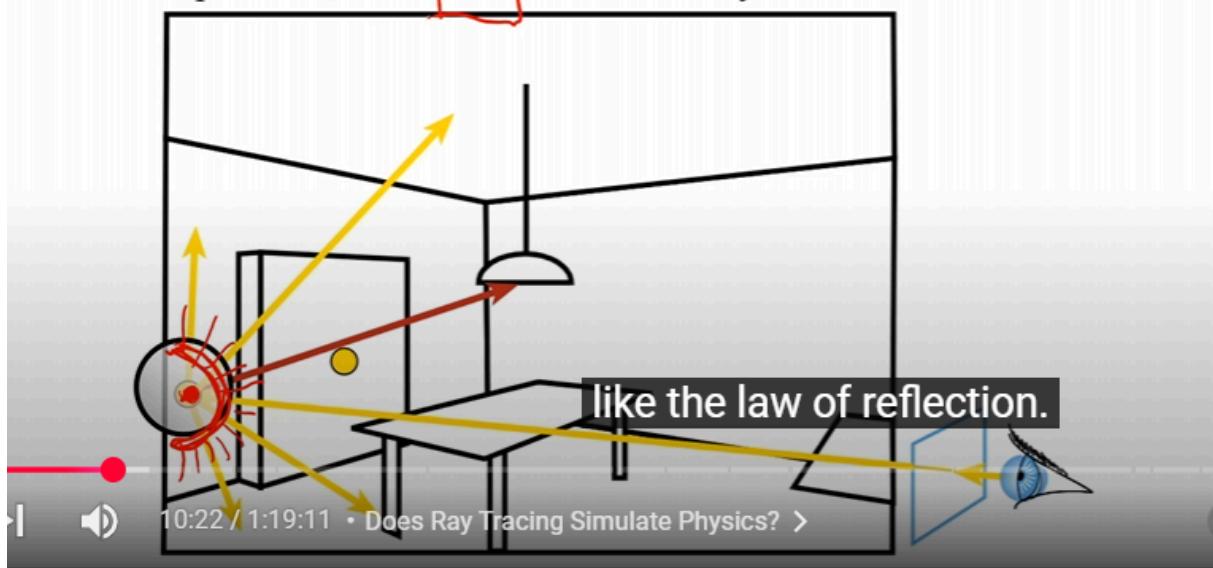
- Start from the light source: Shoot lots of “photons”
  - Very, very low probability to reach the eye/camera!
- What can we do about it?
  - Difficult inverse problem: Where to send photon so that it will reach a particular pixel



- Global Illumination

## Global Illumination

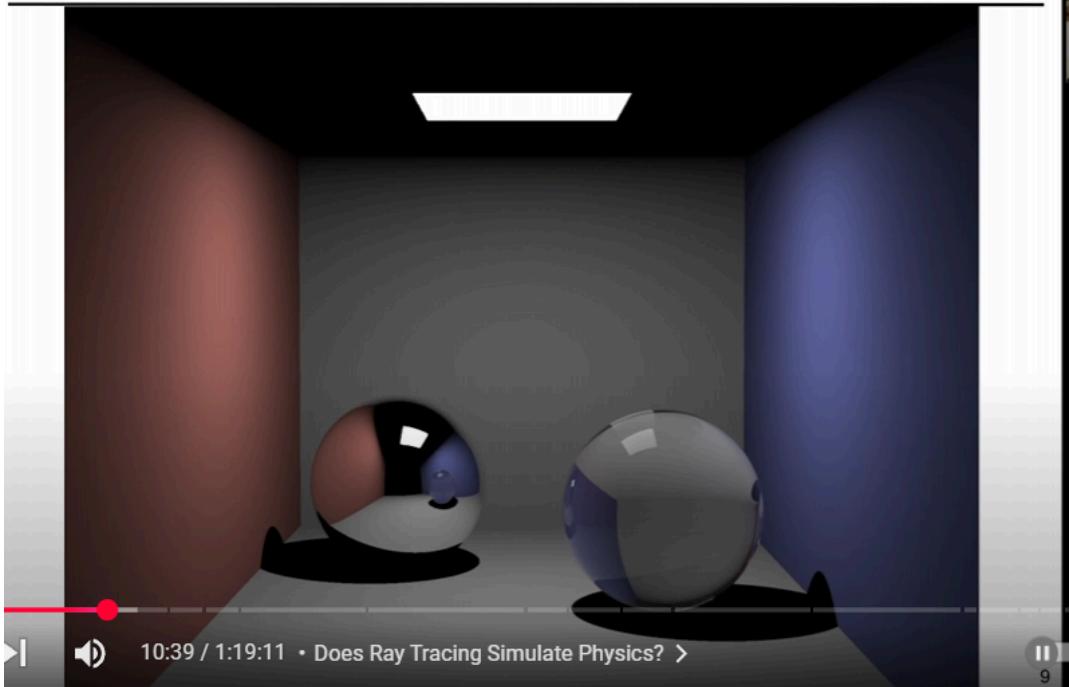
- So far, we've seen only direct lighting (red here)
- We also want indirect lighting
  - Full integral of all directions (multiplied by BRDF)
  - In practice, send tons of random rays



- Example:
  - Current Ray Tracing (Direction Light)

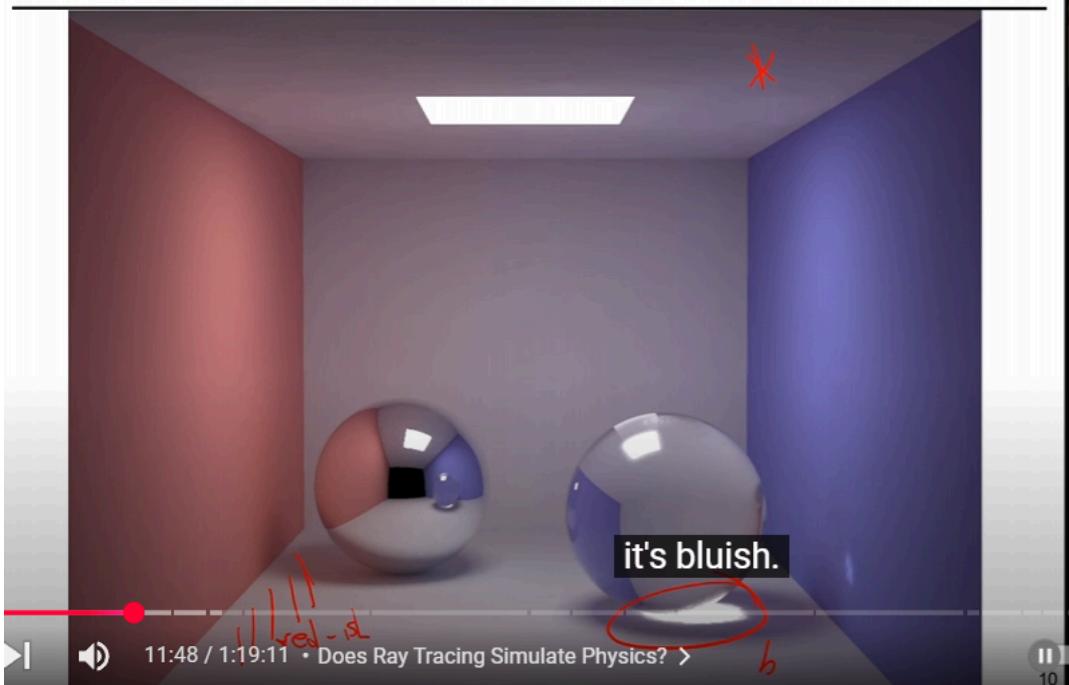
## Direct Illumination

Cornell box



- Global Illumination (Indirect Lighting)

## Global Illumination (with Indirect)



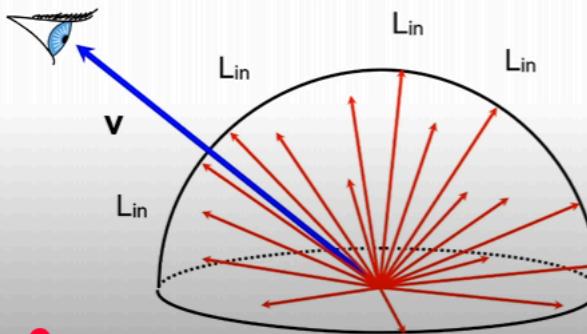
- Rendering Equation

- Reflectance Equation

## Reflectance Equation, Visually

$$L_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} L_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{l}) f_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{v}) \cos \theta d\mathbf{l}$$

outgoing light to direction  $\mathbf{v}$       incident light from direction  $\omega$       the BRDF      cosine term



Sum (integrate) over every direction on the hemisphere, modulate incident illumination by BRDF



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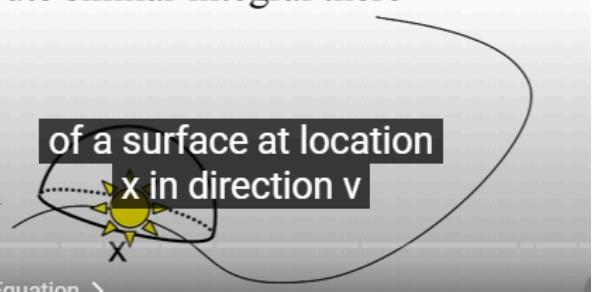
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## The Rendering Equation

$$\cancel{L_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})} = \int_{\Omega} L_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{l}) f_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{v}) \cos \theta d\mathbf{l} + E_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$$

- Where does  $L_{\text{in}}$  come from?

- Light reflected toward  $x$  from the surface point in direction  $\mathbf{l}$ : must compute similar integral there
  - Recursive!
- And if  $x$  happens to be a light source, we add its contribution directly.



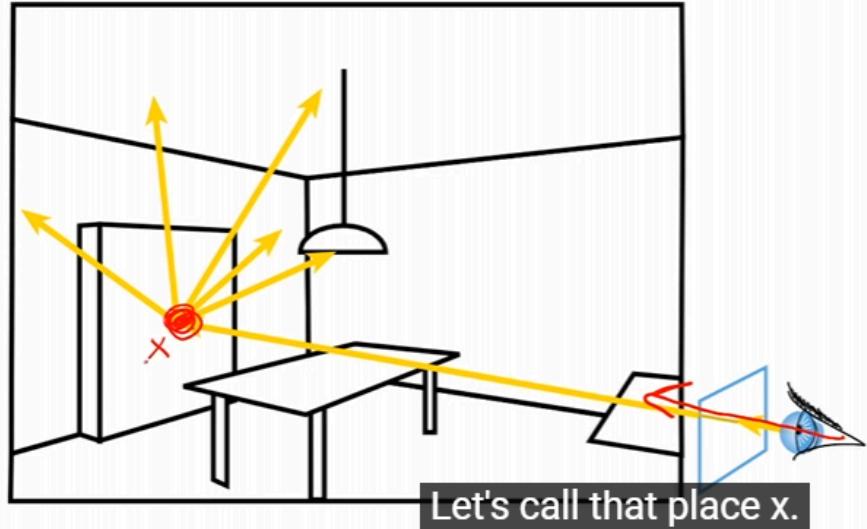
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- Path Tracing
- Monte Carlo integration

- Monte-Carlo Ray Tracing

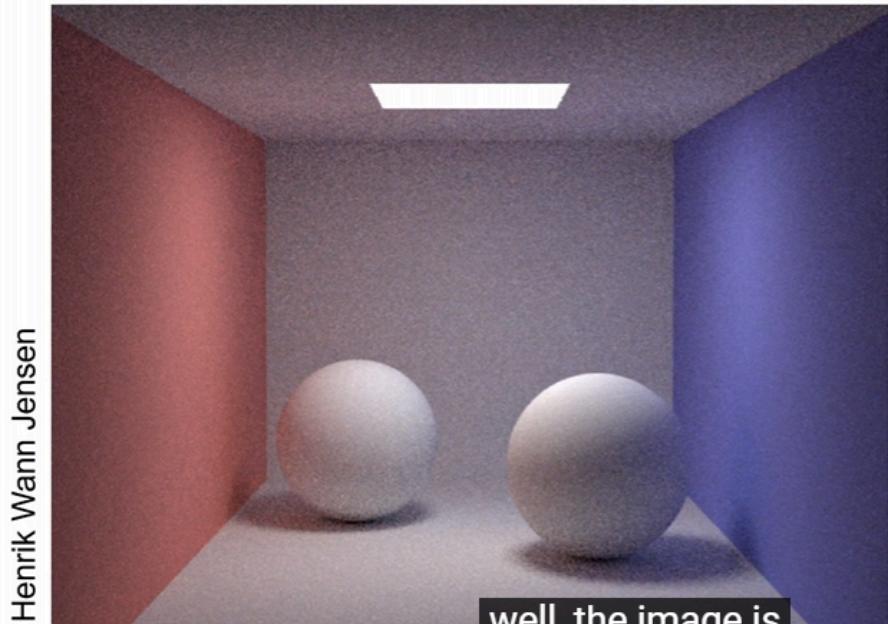
## “Monte-Carlo Ray Tracing”

- Cast a ray from the eye through each pixel
- Cast random rays from the hit point to evaluate hemispherical integral using random sampling



- Result

## Results

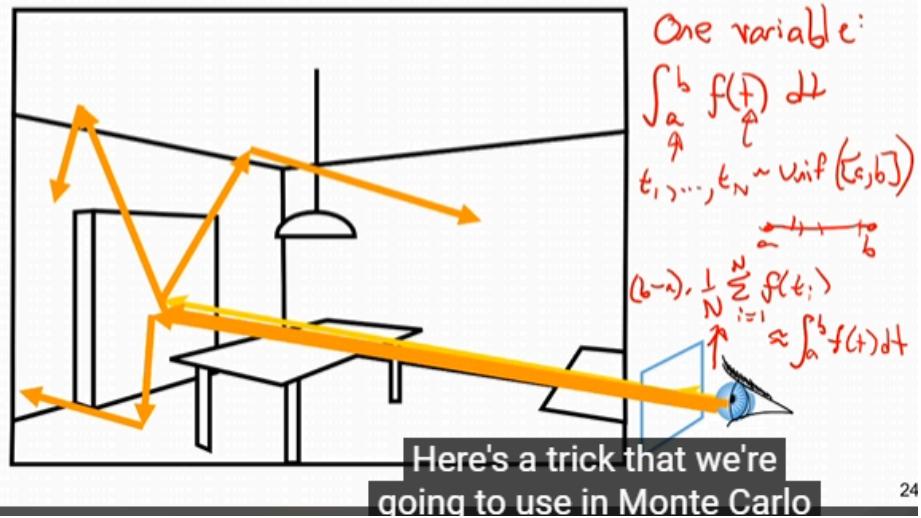


- very noisy

- Monte Carlo Path Tracing

## Monte Carlo Path Tracing

- Trace only one secondary ray per recursion
  - Otherwise number of rays explodes!
- But send many primary rays per pixel (antialiasing)

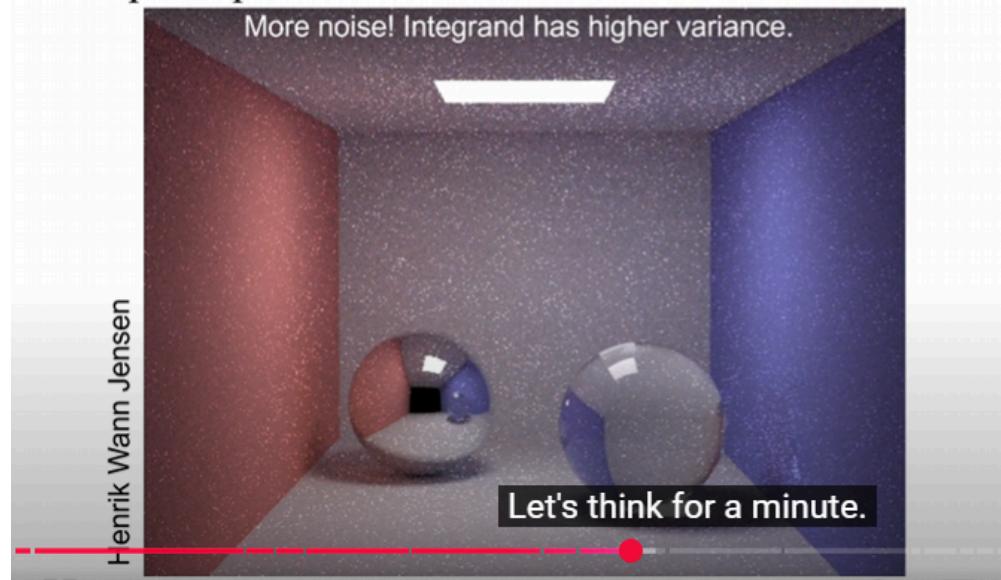


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- Trace only one reflected ray (Random) per time
- And do the Trach Path n times for every pixel, randomize the color
- 10 paths/pixel

## Path Tracing Results: Glossy Scene

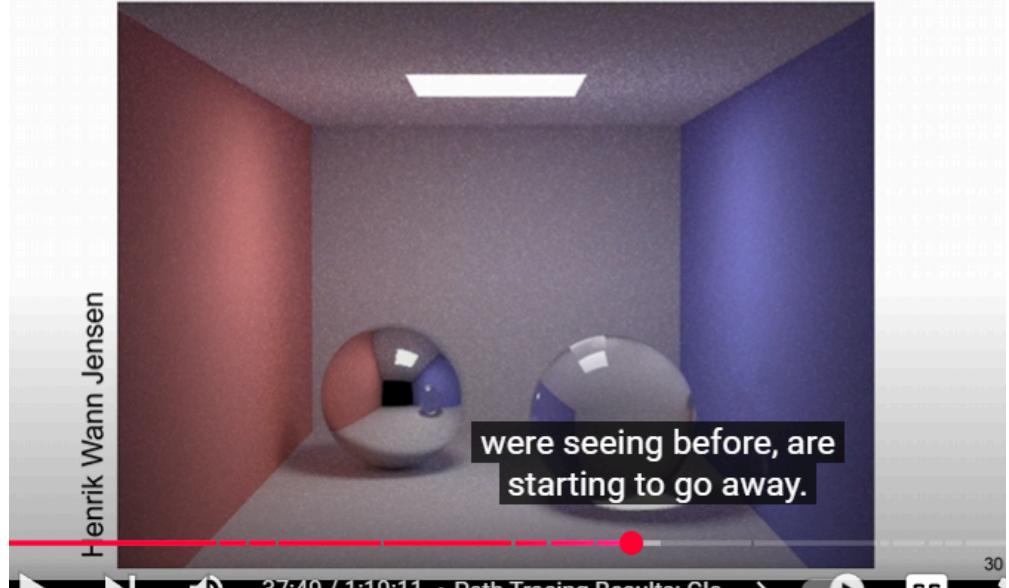
- 10 paths/pixel



- 100 paths/pixel

## Path Tracing Results: Glossy Scene

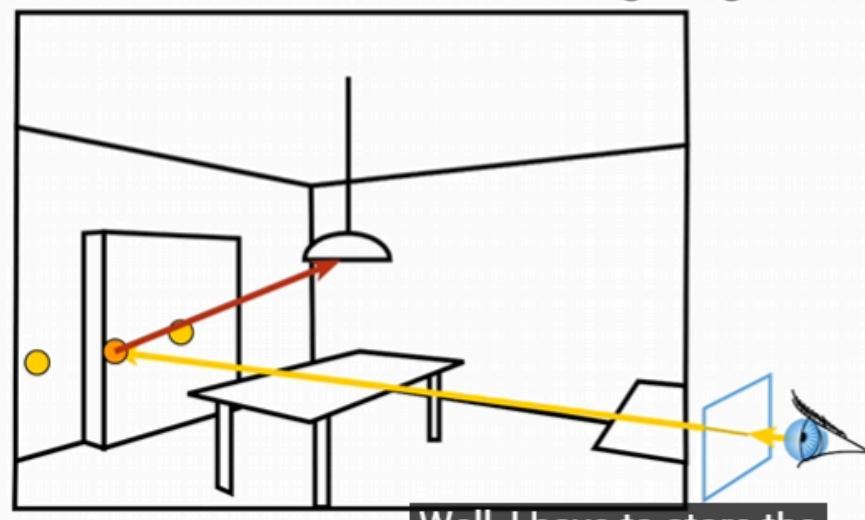
- 100 paths/pixel



- Irradiance Caching

## Irradiance Caching

- Store the indirect illumination
- Interpolate existing cached values
- But do full calculation for direct lighting

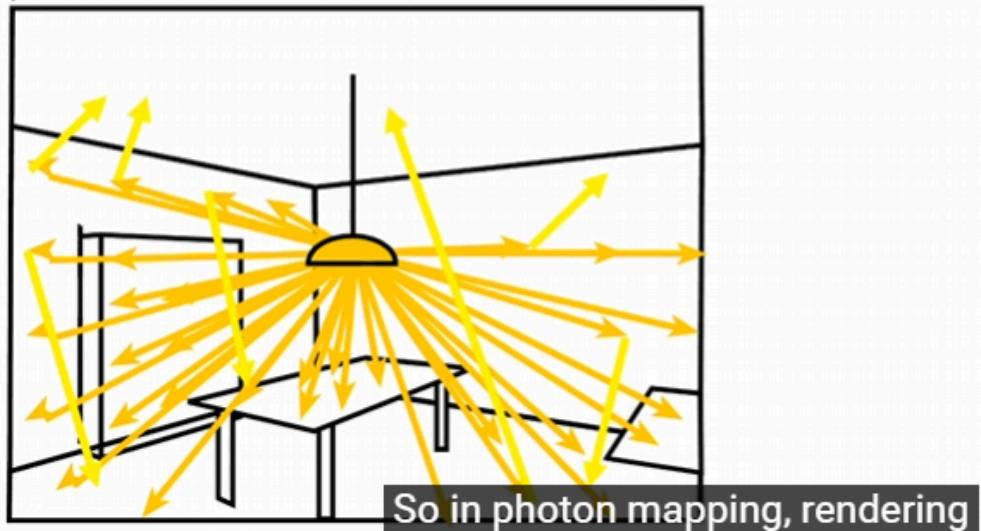


- for better optimization
- Store the value of that point for nearby usage

- Photon Mapping

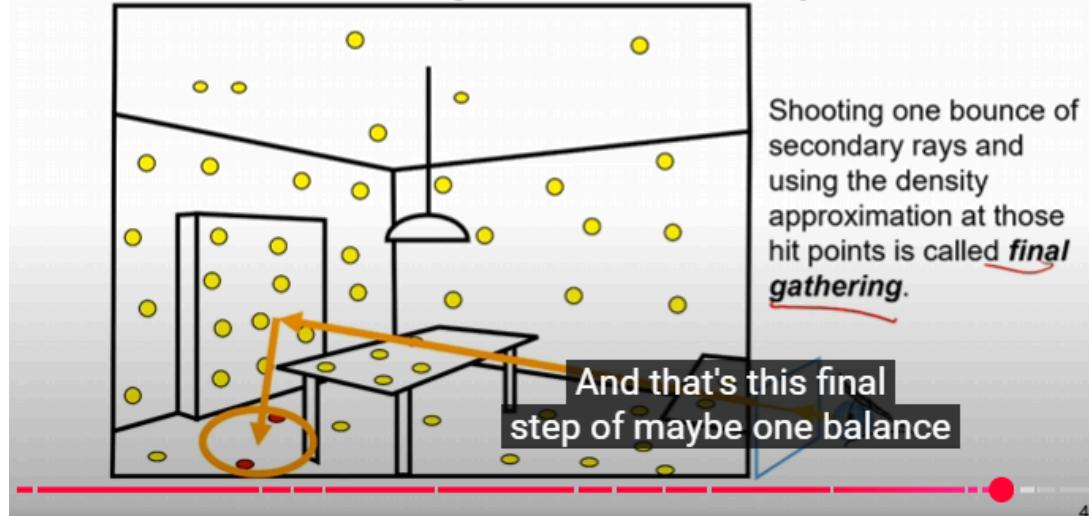
# Photon Mapping

- Preprocess: cast rays from light sources, let them bounce around randomly in the scene
- Store “photons”



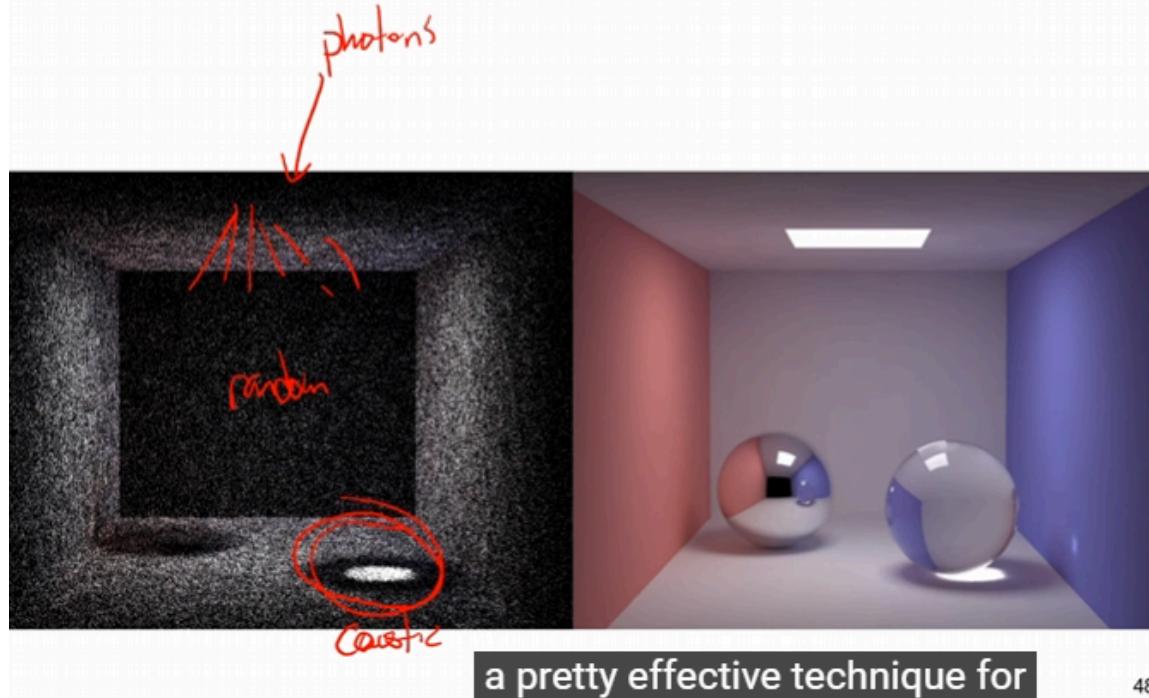
# Photon Mapping - Rendering

- Cast primary rays *← from eye*
- For secondary rays
  - reconstruct irradiance using adjacent stored photon
  - Take the k closest photons
- Combine with irradiance caching and a number of other techniques



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## Photon Map Results



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- More Global Illumination
- Other Topic: Monte Carlo Integration
  - for average the results

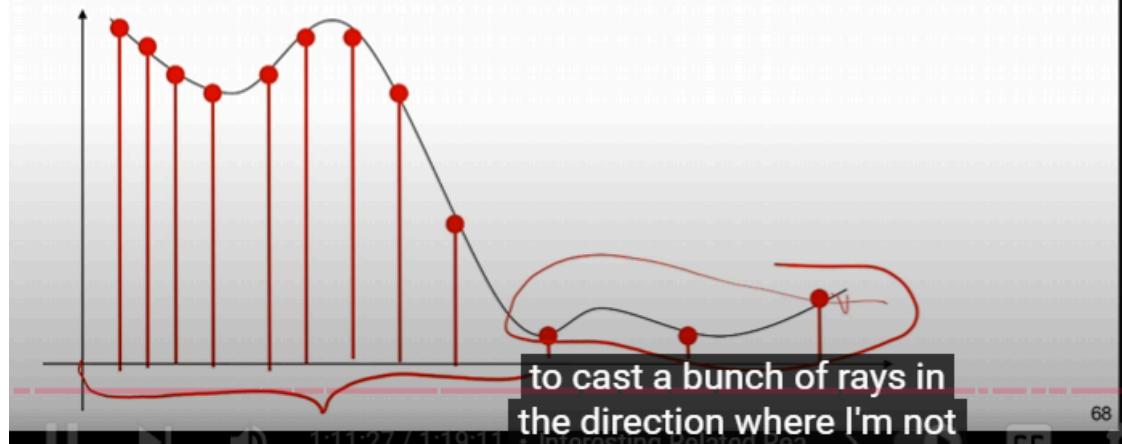
- Better sampling
  - Importance sampling

## Smarter Sampling

Sample a non-uniform probability

Called “importance sampling”

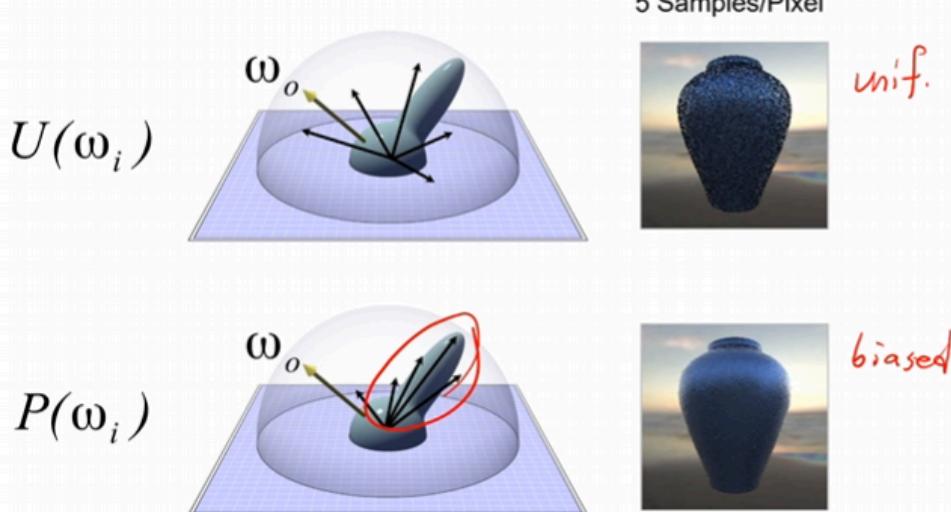
Intuitive justification: Sample more in places where there are likely to be larger contributions to the integral



- biased sampling
- More Sampling at more lighting area

## Sampling a BRDF

Slide courtesy of Jason Lawrence



And one thing that you can see is

- Math

## Importance Sampling Math

$$\int_S f(x) dx \approx \frac{\text{Vol}(S)}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(x_i)}{p(x_i)}$$

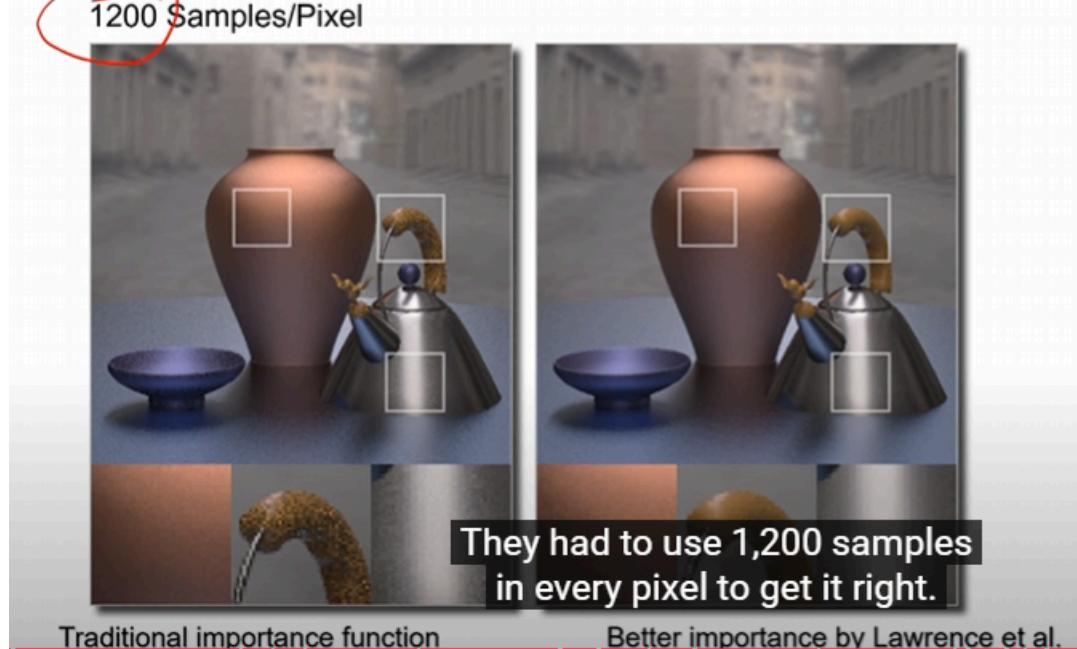
- Like before, but now  $\{x_i\}$  are not uniform but drawn according to a probability distribution  $p$ 
  - Uniform case reduces to this with  $p(x) = \text{const.}$
- The problem is designing  $p$ s that are easy to sample from and mimic the behavior of  $f$

It turns out that if you want  
to do importance sampling,

- Divide by the likelihood  $p(x_i)$
- High probability (for sampling) gonna be low weight because it gonna be averaged together in small space

- Example

### Example



- Stratification

# Stratified Sampling Analysis

- Cheap and effective
- But mostly for low-dimensional domains
  - Again, subdivision of N-D needs  $N^d$  domains like trapezoid, Simpson's, etc.!
- With very high dimensions, Monte Carlo is pretty much the only choice

- L17: Rasterization

- Ray Casting vs. GPUs for triangles

## Ray Casting vs. GPUs for Triangles

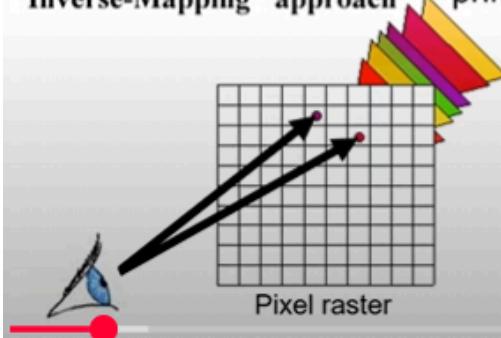
### Ray Casting

```
For each pixel (ray)
  For each triangle
    Does ray hit triangle?
    Keep closest hit
```

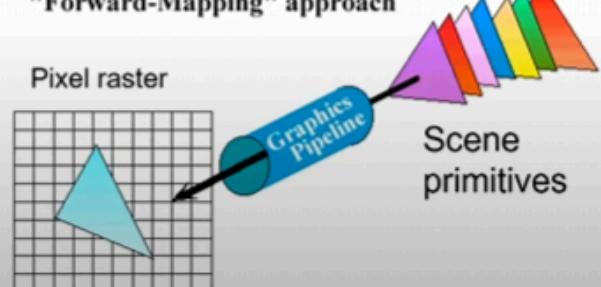
### GPU

```
For each triangle
  For each pixel
    Does triangle cover pixel?
    Keep closest hit
```

#### "Inverse-Mapping" approach



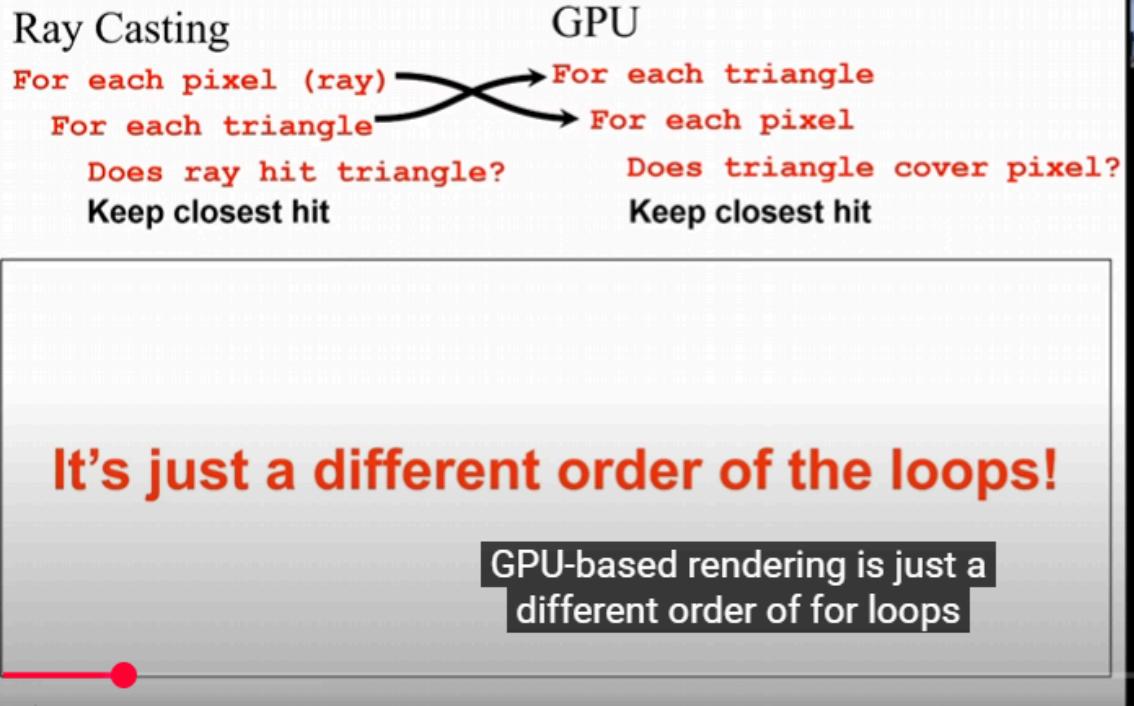
#### "Forward-Mapping" approach



- Ray casting
  - Draw 1 pixel at a time
- GPU
  - Draw 1 triangle at a time

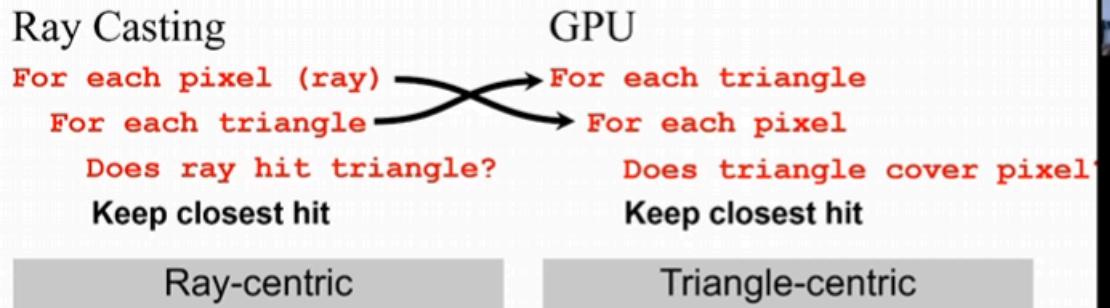
- Different Order

## Ray Casting vs. GPUs for Triangles



- Main Difference

## What are the Main Differences?



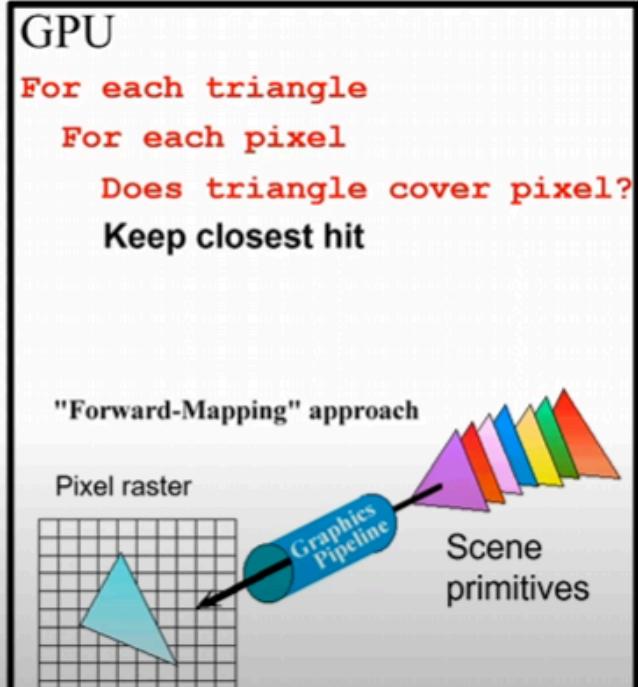
- In this basic form, **ray tracing needs the entire scene** description in memory at once
- Rasterizer only needs one triangle at a time, *plus* the image and depth information for all pixels
- Ray tracing need the entire scene in memory
- Rasterizer only need one triangle at a time, and the image and depth
- Rasterization use less memory

- GPU Rasterization Overview

# GPUs do Rasterization

- The process of taking a triangle and figuring out which pixels it covers is called **rasterization**

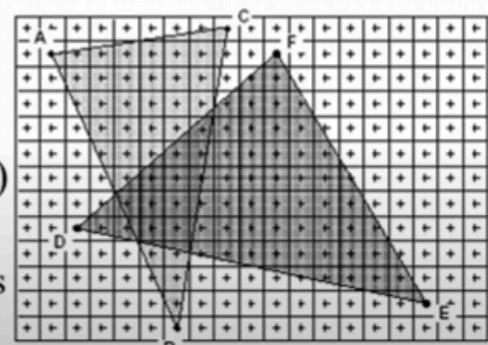
- Can accelerate rasterization using different tricks than ray tracing



- What rasterization actually do (Scan Conversion)

## Rasterization (“Scan Conversion”)

- Given a triangle's vertices, figure out which pixels to “turn on”
- Compute illumination values to fill in pixels within the primitive
- At each pixel, keep track of the closest primitive (**z-buffer**)
  - Only overwrite if triangle being drawn is closer than the previous triangle in that pixel



- z-buffer
  - determine the depth of the triangle, only show the closest one

- Rasterization Pros

## Rasterization Advantages

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- Modern scenes are more complicated than images
  - A 1920x1080 frame (1080p) at 64-bit color and 32-bit depth per pixel is 24MB (not that much)
    - If we have >1 sample per pixel this gets larger, but e.g. 4x supersampling is still a relatively comfortable (~100MB)
  - Our scenes are routinely larger than this
- Rasterization can *stream* over the triangles, no need to keep entire dataset around
  - Allows parallelism and optimization of memory systems

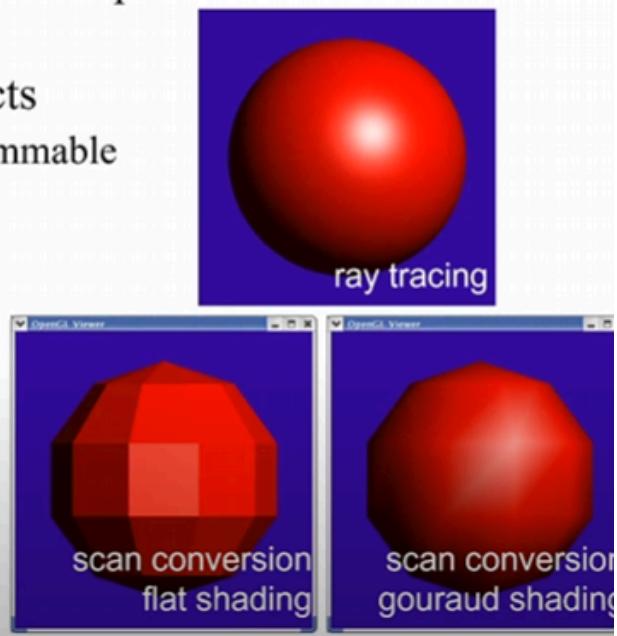
- use less memory

- Rasterization Cons
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## Rasterization Limitations

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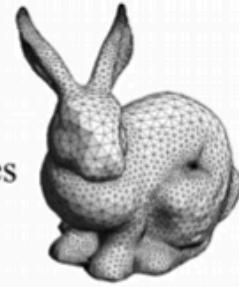
- Restricted to scan-convertible primitives
  - Pretty much: triangles
- Faceting, shading artifacts
  - Going away with programmable per-pixel shading
- No unified handling of shadows, reflection, transparency
- Overdraw (high depth complexity)
  - Each pixel touched many times



- Modern Graphics Pipeline

# Modern Graphics Pipeline

- Input
  - Geometric model
    - Triangle vertices, vertex normals, texture coordinates
  - Lighting/material model (shader)
    - Light source positions, colors, intensities
    - Texture maps, specular/diffuse coefficients
  - Viewpoint + projection plane



- Output
  - Color (+depth) per pixel

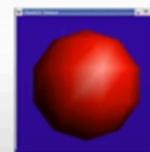
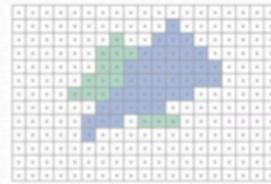
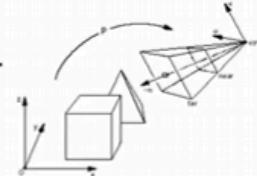
Colbert & Krivanek



- Procedure
  - Step 1: Project vertices to 2D

## Modern Graphics Pipeline

- Project vertices to 2D (image)
- Rasterize triangle: find which pixels should be lit
- Compute per-pixel color
- Test visibility (Z-buffer), update frame buffer color

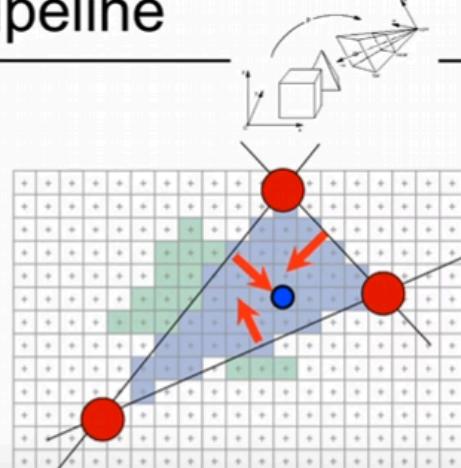


going to project its vertices onto the image.

- Step 2: Rasterize triangle: find which pixels should be lit

## Modern Graphics Pipeline

- Project vertices to 2D (image)
- Rasterize triangle: find which pixels should be lit
  - For each pixel, test 3 edge equations
    - if all pass, draw pixel



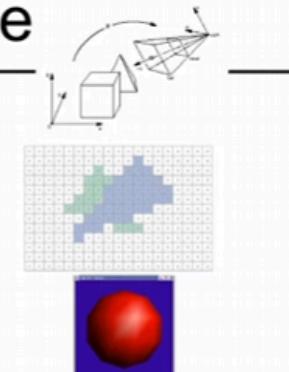
- Compute per-pixel color
- Test visibility (Z-buffer) **So what that means, in effect, is**



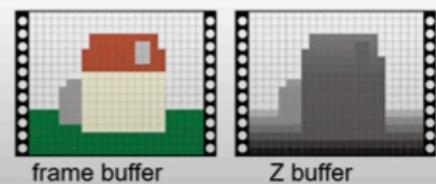
- Step 3: Compute per-pixel color
- Step 4: Test visibility, update frame buffer color

## Modern Graphics Pipeline

- Perform projection of vertices
- Rasterize triangle: find which pixels should be lit
- Compute per-pixel color
- Test visibility, update frame buffer color
  - Store minimum distance to camera for each pixel in “Z-buffer”
    - Similar to  $t_{min}$  in ray casting



```
if newz < zbuffer[x,y]
    zbuffer[x,y]=new_z
    framebuffer[x,y]=new_color
```



- Double-buffer

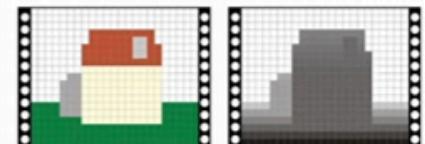
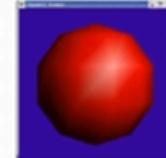
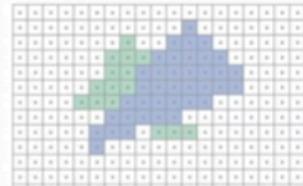
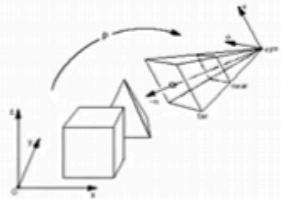
- show the current frame, prepare the next frame in another buffer, then flip the buffer back and forth.
  - Psudo code
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## Modern Graphics Pipeline

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```

For each triangle
  transform into eye space
    (perform projection)
  setup 3 edge equations
  for each pixel x,y
    if passes all edge equations
      compute z
      if z<zbuffer[x,y]
        zbuffer[x,y]=z
        framebuffer[x,y]=shade()
    
```



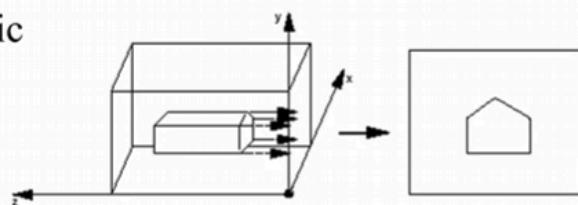
**Now you can already**

- Step in details
  - Projection vertices to 2D
  - Orthographic vs. Perspective

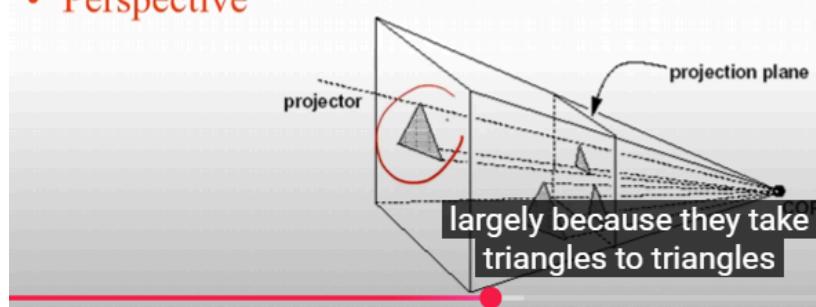
## Orthographic vs. Perspective

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- Orthographic



- Perspective



- Perspective

## Basic Idea: store $1/z$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix multiplication shows that the fourth column of the transformation matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Red arrows indicate the mapping from the original coordinate system to the homogenized one.

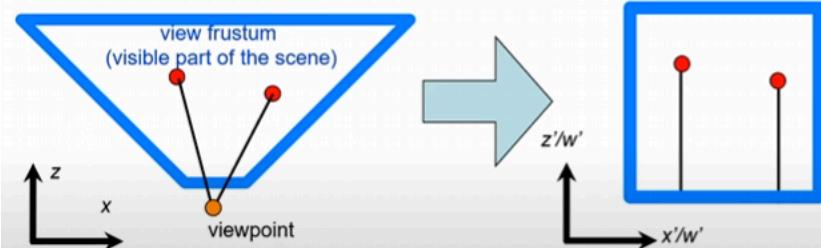
- $z' = 1$  before homogenization

- $z' = 1/z$  after homogenization

But this is still a  
three-dimensional coordinate

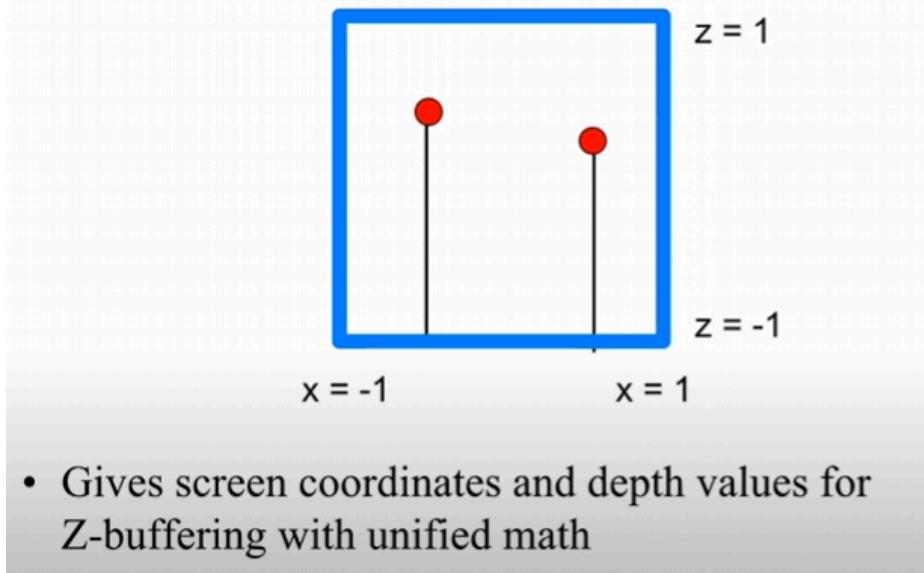
## Full Idea: Remap the View Frustum

- We can transform the frustum by a modified projection in a way that makes it a square (cube in 3D) after division by  $w'$ .



when you do that because  
you replace  $z$  with  $1/z$ .

# The Canonical View Volume



## OpenGL 1.0 Form of the Projection

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\text{far+near}}{\text{far}-\text{near}} & -\frac{2*\text{far}*\text{near}}{\text{far}-\text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $z' = (az+b)/z = a+b/z$ 
  - where a & b depend on near & far
- Similar enough to our basic idea:

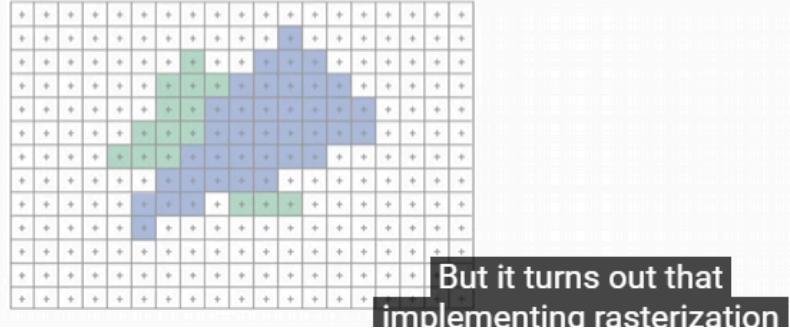
$$- z' = 1/z \quad \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rasterize triangle+ find which pixels should be lit

- 2D Scan Conversion

## 2D Scan Conversion

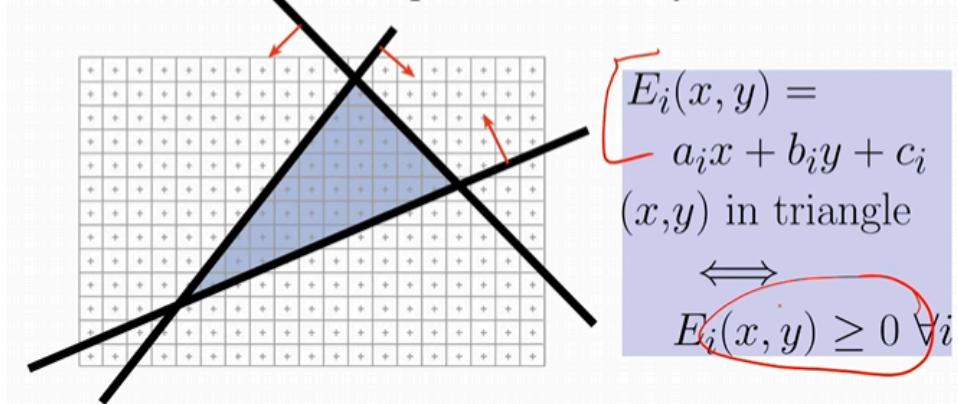
- Primitives are “continuous” geometric objects; screen is discrete (pixels)
- Rasterization computes a discrete approximation in terms of pixels (**how?**)



- Edge Functions

## Edge Functions

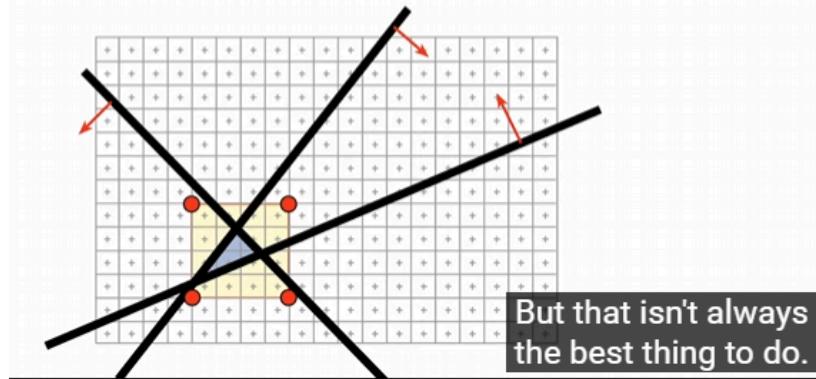
- The triangle’s 3D edges project to line segments in the image (thanks to planar perspective)
- The interior of the triangle is the set of points that is inside all three half-spaces defined by these lines



- Easy Optimization

## Easy Optimization

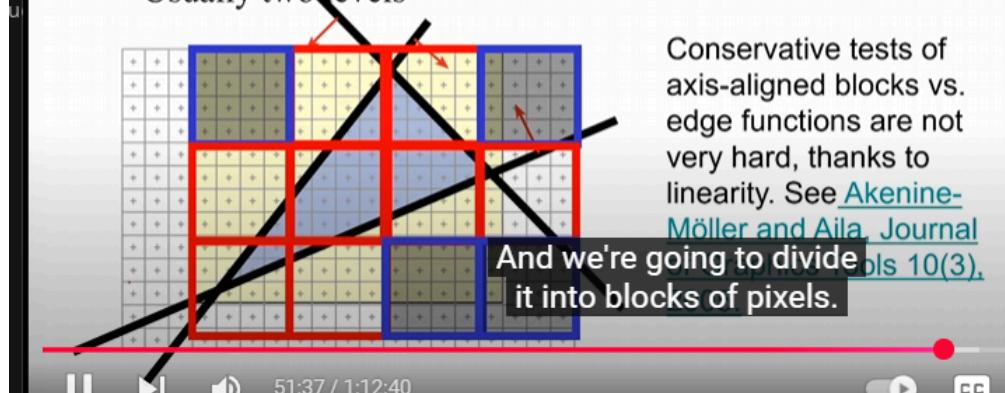
- Improvement: Scan over only the pixels that overlap the *screen bounding box* of the triangle
- How do we get such a bounding box?
  - $X_{\min}, X_{\max}, Y_{\min}, Y_{\max}$  of the projected triangle vertices



- Hierarchical Rasterization

## Indeed, We Can Be Smarter

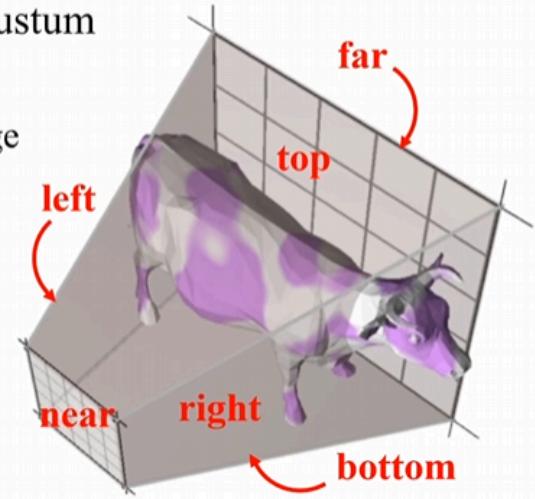
- Hierarchical rasterization!
  - Conservatively test **blocks of pixels** before going to per-pixel level (can skip large blocks at once)
  - Usually two levels



- Clipping

## Clipping

- Eliminate portions of objects outside the viewing frustum
- View Frustum
  - boundaries of the image plane projected in 3D
  - a near & far clipping plane
- User may define additional clipping planes



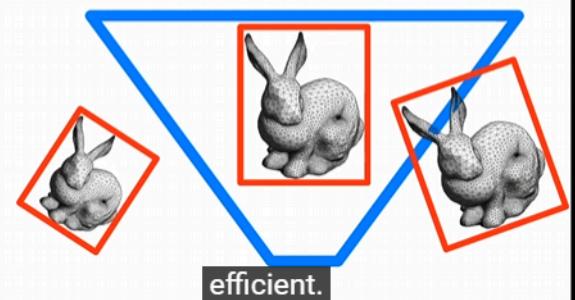
I guess it's a little dark.

- Frustum Culling

## Related Idea

- View Frustum Culling
  - Use bounding volumes/hierarchies to test whether any part of an object is within the view frustum
    - Need “frustum vs. bounding volume” intersection test
    - Crucial to do hierarchically when scene has *lots* of objects!
    - Early rejection (different from clipping)

See e.g. [Optimized view frustum culling algorithms for bounding boxes](#), Ulf Assarsson and Tomas Möller, Journal of Graphics Tools, 2000.

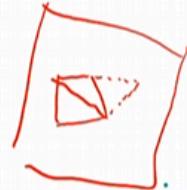


- Homogeneous Rasterization

## Homogeneous Rasterization

- Idea: avoid projection (and division by zero) by performing rasterization in 3D
  - Or equivalently, use 2D homogenous coordinates ( $w' = z$  after the projection matrix, remember)

- **Motivation: clipping is annoying**

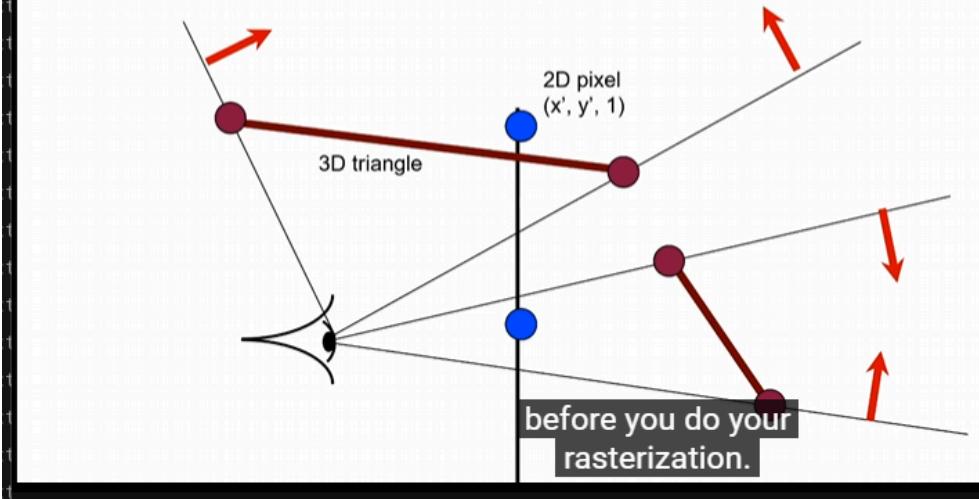


- [Marc Olano, Trey Greer: Triangle scan conversion using 2D homogeneous coordinates, Proc. ACM SIGGRAPH/Eurographics Workshop on Graphics Hardware 1997](#)

we avoid it by doing a different trick, which is

## Homogeneous Rasterization Recap

- Rasterizes with plane tests instead of edge tests
- **Removes the need for clipping!**



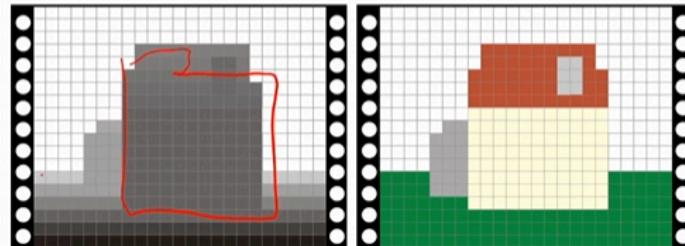
- Compute Per Pixel Color
  - Pixel Shader
- Test visibility, update frame buffer
  - Painters algorithm
    - Draw 1 obj at a time
  - Z buffer

- distance to camera

## Z buffer

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- In addition to frame buffer (R, G, B)
- Store distance to camera ( $z$ -buffer)
- Pixel is updated only if  $newz$  is closer than  $z$ -buffer value



from the camera

- L18: Rasterization II: Z buffer, rasterized antialiasing

- Test visibility, update frame buffer (Continue of last lecture)
  - Interpolation in Screen Space![[Pasted image 20250121104158.png]
  - Find its depth by converting it back from 2D to 3D
  - Back to the basics: Barycentrics

## Back to the basics: Barycentrics

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- Barycentric coordinates for a triangle ( $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ )  $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$

$$P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha \mathbf{a} + \beta \mathbf{b} + \gamma \mathbf{c}$$

– Remember,  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1$ ;  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0$

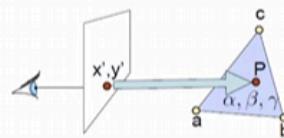
- Barycentrics are very general
  - Can be applied to x, y, z, u, v, r, g, b
  - Anything that varies linearly in **object space**, including z

don't even know that  
I'm viewing them.

- Basic Strategy: get 3D barycentrics

## Basic strategy

- Start with  $x', y'$
- Invert to obtain 3D barycentrics  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$



- **Mathematical approach of derivation:**

Start from 3D barycentric coordinates and map to screen coordinates **before we projected it.**

~~Then invert to go from screen coordinates to  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$~~

- From barycentric to screen-space (before homogenization)

## From barycentric to screen-space

- Barycentric coordinates for a triangle **(a, b, c)**

$$P(\underline{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}) = \alpha \mathbf{a} + \beta \mathbf{b} + \gamma \mathbf{c}$$

– Remember,  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1; \alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0$

- Let's project point P by projection matrix **C**

$$\underline{CP} = C(\alpha \mathbf{a} + \beta \mathbf{b} + \gamma \mathbf{c})$$

$$= \alpha C \mathbf{a} + \beta C \mathbf{b} + \gamma C \mathbf{c}$$

**a', b', c'** are the projected homogeneous vertices before division by w

$$\underline{:= \alpha \mathbf{a}' + \beta \mathbf{b}' + \gamma \mathbf{c}'}$$

- CP is projection on 2D of the 3D triangle

- Dehomongenized point on the computer screen

## From barycentric to screen-space

- From previous slides:

$$P' = CP = \alpha \mathbf{a}' + \beta \mathbf{b}' + \gamma \mathbf{c}'$$

$\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}'$  are the projected homogeneous vertices

- Suggests it's linear in screen space.

**But it's homogenous coordinates**

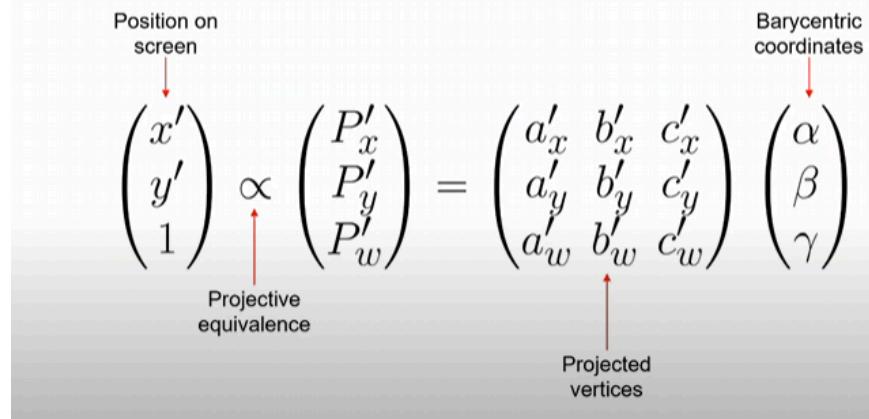
- After division by  $w$ , the  $(x, y)$  screen coordinates are

$$\left( \frac{P'_x}{P'_w}, \frac{P'_y}{P'_w} \right) = \left( \frac{\alpha a'_x + \beta b'_x + \gamma c'_x}{\alpha a'_w + \beta b'_w + \gamma c'_w}, \frac{\alpha a'_y + \beta b'_y + \gamma c'_y}{\alpha a'_w + \beta b'_w + \gamma c'_w} \right)$$

- Goal: calculate Barycentric coordinates in 3D

## Recap: barycentric to screen-space

$$P' = CP = \alpha \mathbf{a}' + \beta \mathbf{b}' + \gamma \mathbf{c}'$$



- How to Calculate a b r

## From Screen to Barycentrics

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{pmatrix} a'_x & b'_x & c'_x \\ a'_y & b'_y & c'_y \\ a'_w & b'_w & c'_w \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Recipe

- Compute projected homogeneous coordinates  $\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}'$
- Put them in the columns of a matrix, invert it
- Multiply screen coordinates  $(x, y, 1)$  by inverse matrix
- **Then divide by the sum of the resulting coordinates**
  - This ensures the result is sums to one

– Then interpolate value (e.g. Z) from vertices using them!

- Pseudocode - Rasterization

## Pseudocode – Rasterization

```

→ For every triangle
    ComputeProjection
    → Compute interpolation matrix
    → Compute bbox, clip bbox to screen limits
        For all pixels x,y in bbox
            Test edge functions
            If all Ei>0
                compute barycentrics
                interpolate z from vertices
                if z < zbuffer[x,y]
                    interpolate UV coordinates from vertices
                    look up texture color kd
                    Framebuffer[x,y] = kd           //or more complex shader
                    from our previous lecture.

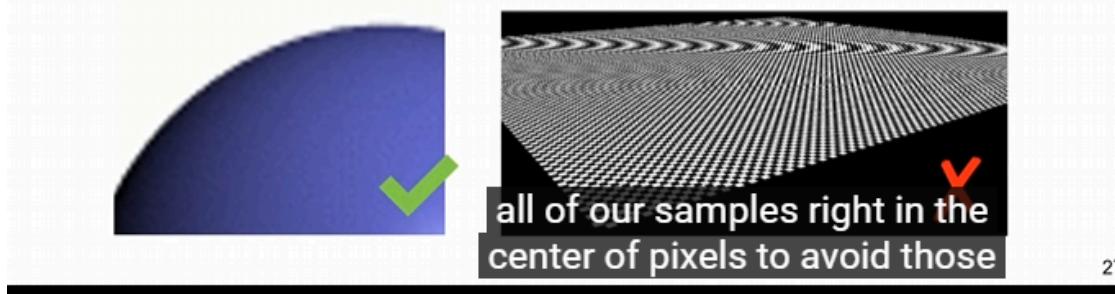
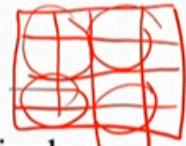
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- Rasterization Anti-aliasing

- Supersampling

## Supersampling

- Trivial to do with rasterization as well
- Often rates of 2x to 8x
- Requires to compute per-pixel average at the end
- Most effective against edge jaggies
- Usually with jittered sampling
  - pre-computed pattern for a big block of pixels



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- Render more than 1 sample per pixel, average the result
  - Scale up the the image, average it

- Multisampling

## Related Idea: Multisampling

- Problem
    - Shading is expensive
    - Supersampling has linear cost in #samples
  - Goal: High-quality edge antialiasing at lower cost
  - Solution
    - Compute shading once per pixel for each primitive, but resolve visibility at “sub-pixel” level
      - Store ( $k^*\text{width}$ ,  $k^*\text{height}$ ) frame and z buffers, but share shading between sub-pixels within a real pixel
    - When visibility samples within a pixel hit different primitives, we get an average of their colors
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- average the color of the pixel which has multiple triangle
  - Multisampling Pseudocode

## Multisampling Pseudocode

```
For each triangle
    For each pixel
        if pixel overlaps triangle
            color=shade() // only once per pixel!
            for each sub-pixel sample
                compute edge equations & z
                if subsample passes edge equations
                    && z < zbuffer[subsample]
                    zbuffer[subsample]=z
                    framebuffer[subsample]=color
    At display time: //this is called "resolving"
        For each pixel
            color = average of subsamples
```

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- Comparision

## Multisampling vs. Supersampling

- Supersampling
  - Compute an entire image at a higher resolution, then downsample (blur + resample at lower res)
- Multisampling
  - Supersample visibility, shading only once per pixel, reuse shading across visibility samples
- Why?
  - Visibility edges are where supersampling helps
  - Shading can be prefiltered more easily than visibility

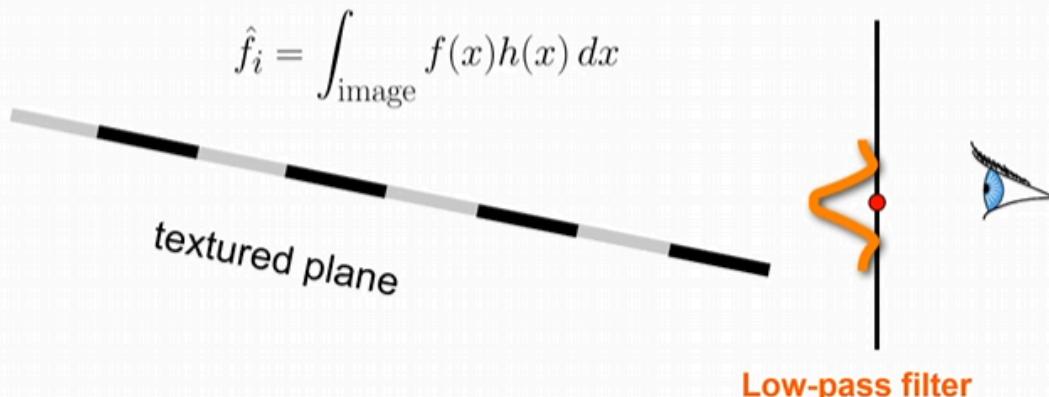
supersampling computes  
the larger image

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- Texture Filtering

## Texture Filtering

- We can combine low-pass and sampling
  - The value of a sample is the integral of the product of the image  $f$  and the filter  $h$  centered at the sample location
    - “A local average of the image  $f$  weighted by the filter  $h$ ”



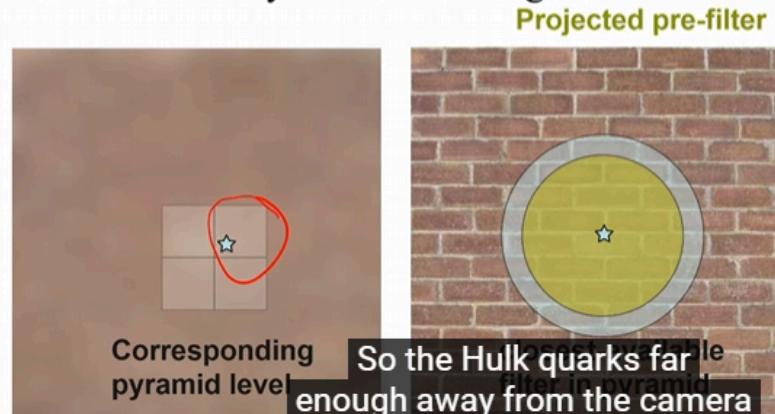
- Prefiltering
  - Apply Low-pass filter to the texture to blur it

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- MIP-Mapping

## MIP-Mapping

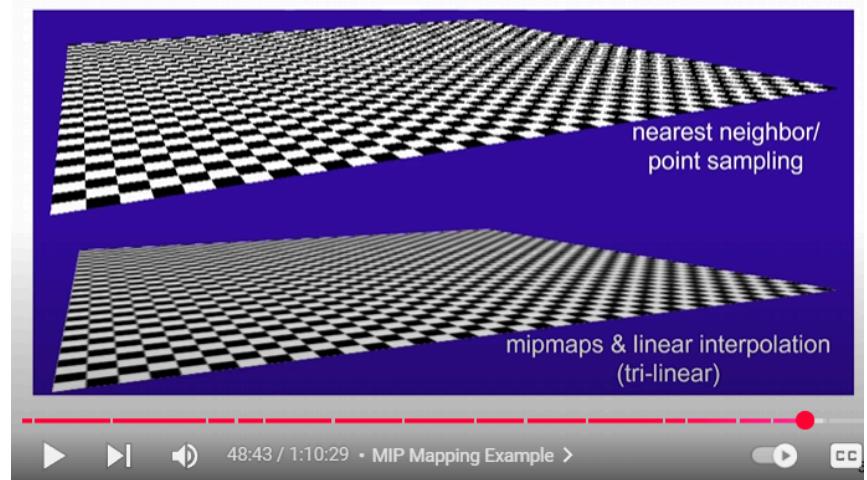
- Simplest method: Pick the scale closest, then do usual reconstruction on that level (e.g. bilinear between 4 closest texture pixels)
- Problem: discontinuity when switching scale



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- Tri-Linear MIP-Mapping
  - Use two closest scales, compute reconstruction results from both, and linearly interpolate between them
  - Example

### MIP Mapping Example



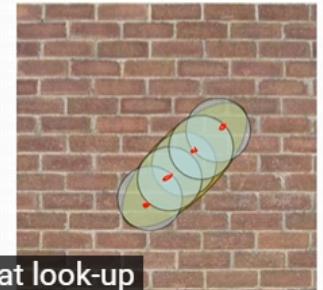
- MIP Maps only store 1/3 more space

- Anisotropic filtering

## Anisotropic filtering

- Approximate Elliptical filter with multiple circular ones (usually 5)
- Perform trilinear lookup at each one
- i.e. consider five times eight values
  - fair amount of computation
  - graphics hardware has dedicated units to compute trilinear mipmap reconstruction

Projected pre-filter

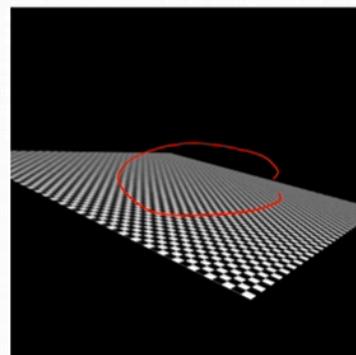


to do that look-up  
really quickly.

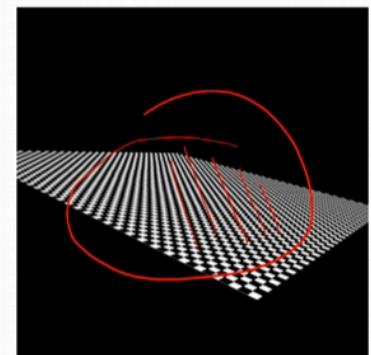
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- Comparison

## Image Quality Comparison



trilinear mipmapping  
(excessive blurring)



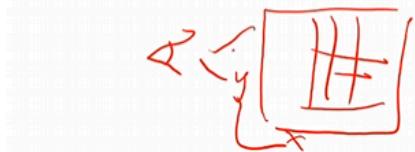
anisotropic filtering

even as you go pretty  
far back into the scene.

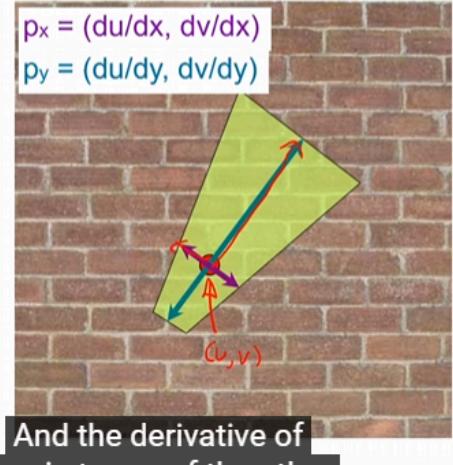
- Finding the MIP level

## Finding the MIP Level

- Often we think of the pre-filter as a box
  - What is the projection of the square pixel “window” in texture space?
  - Answer is in the partial derivatives  $p_x$  and  $p_y$  of  $(u,v)$  w.r.t. screen  $(x,y)$



● **Projection of pixel center**  
Projected pre-filter



And the derivative of one in terms of the other

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- Review

- Ray Casting vs. Rasterization

### Ray Casting

For each pixel  
For each object

- Whole scene must be in memory
- Needs spatial acceleration to be efficient
- + Depth complexity: no computation for hidden parts
- + More general, more flexible
  - Primitives, lighting effects, adaptive antialiasing

### Rasterization

For each triangle  
For each pixel

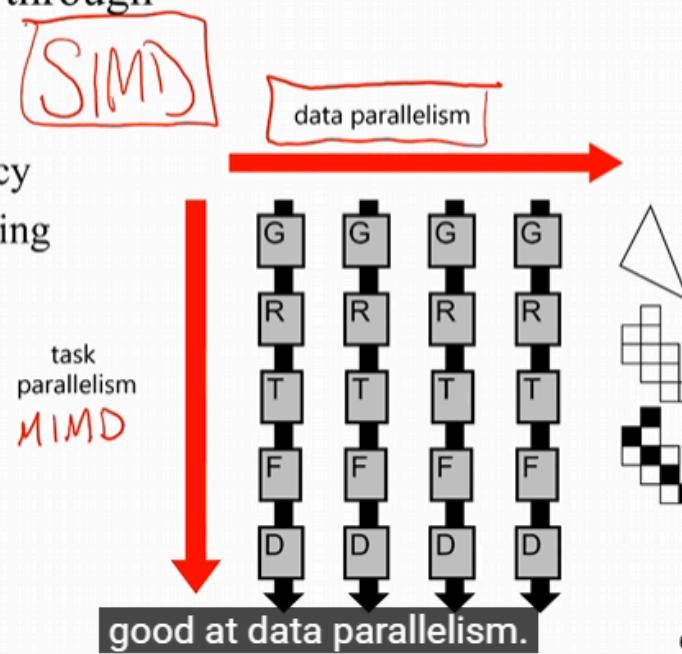
- Harder to get global illumination
- Needs smarter techniques to address depth complexity (overdraw)
- + Primitives processed one at a time
- + Coherence: geometric transforms for vertices only
- + Good bandwidth/computation ratio
- + Minimal state required, good memory behavior

- Graphics Hardware

# Graphics Hardware

- High performance through
  - Parallelism
  - Specialization
  - No data dependency
  - Efficient pre-fetching

- More later



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- Movies
  - Combination
- Games (2020)
  - Mostly Rasterization
  - Some Ray Tracing
- CAD-CMD
  - Ray Tracing
- Architecture
  - Ray Tracing
- Virtual Reality
  - Rasterization
- Visualization
  - Combination
- Medical Imaging
  - Combination
- Challenges of Rasterization

- Transparency

# Transparency

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- Triangles and pixels can have transparency (alpha)
- But the result depends on the order in which triangles are sent
- Big problem: visibility
  - There is only one depth stored per pixel/sample
  - transparent objects involve multiple depth
  - full solutions store a (variable-length) list of visible objects and depth at each pixel
    - see e.g. the A-buffer by Carpenter  
<http://portal.acm.org/c> But if I have an opaque object sitting in front of my window,

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- Alternative approaches
  - Reyes (Pixar's Renderman)
  - Deferred shading

## Deferred shading

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- Avoid shading fragments that are eventually hidden
  - shading becomes more and more costly
- First pass: rasterize triangles, store information such as normals, BRDF per pixel
- Second pass: use stored information to compute shading
- Advantage: no useless shading
- Disadvantage: storage, antialiasing is difficult

We generate a fragment.

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- Pre-Z pass

## Pre z pass

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- Again, avoid shading hidden fragment
  - First pass: rasterize triangles, update only z buffer, not color buffer
  - Second pass: rasterize triangles again, but this time, do full shading
  - Advantage over deferred shading: less storage, less code modification, more general shading is possible, multisampling possible
  - Disadvantage: needs to rasterize twice  
*So here, we actually do a second pass.*
  - Tile-based rendering
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## Tile-based rendering

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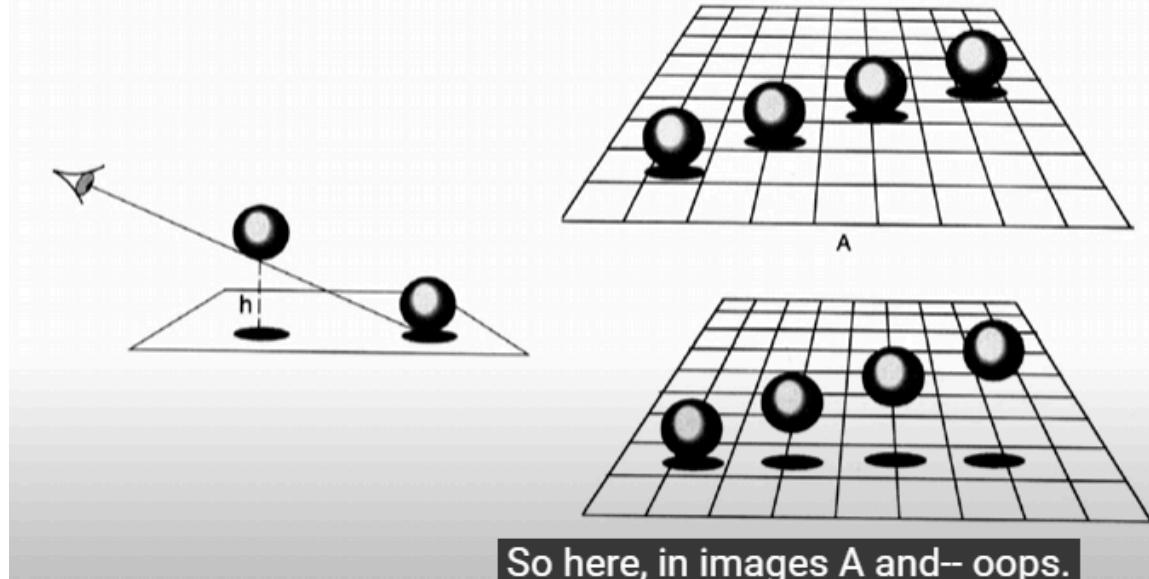
- Problem: framebuffer is a lot of memory, especially with antialiasing
- Solution: render subsets of the screen at once
- For each tile of pixels
  - For each triangle
    - for each pixel
- Might need to handle a triangle in multiple tiles
  - redundant computation for projection and setup
- Used in mobile graphics cards  
*So one thing you could do is to render subsets of the screen*

- Shadows
  - Reflections
  - Global illumination
- L19: Real-Time Shadows

- Importance of Shadow

- Depth cue

## Shadows as a Depth Cue



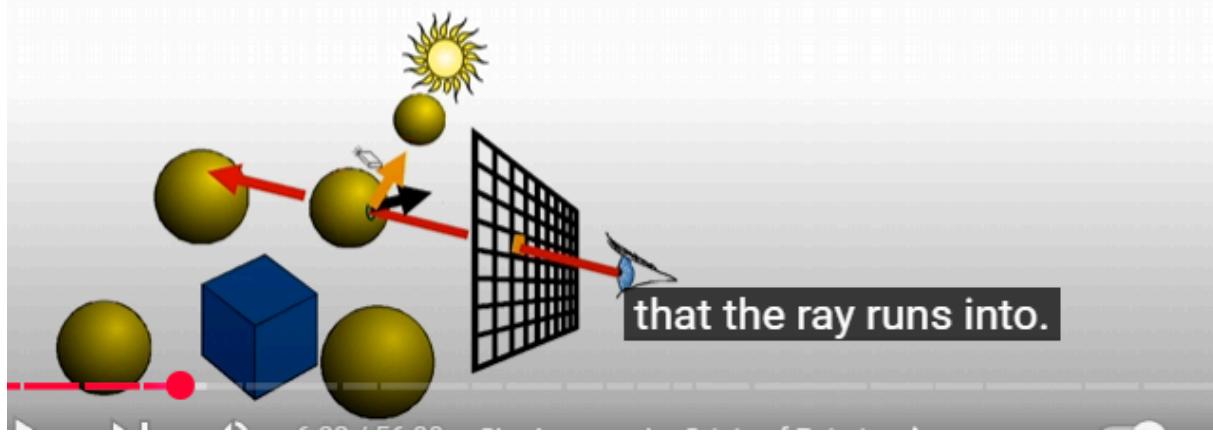
So here, in images A and– oops.

- Scene Lighting
- Realism
- Contact Points

- Shadow in Ray Tracing

# Reminder: Shadow in Ray Tracing

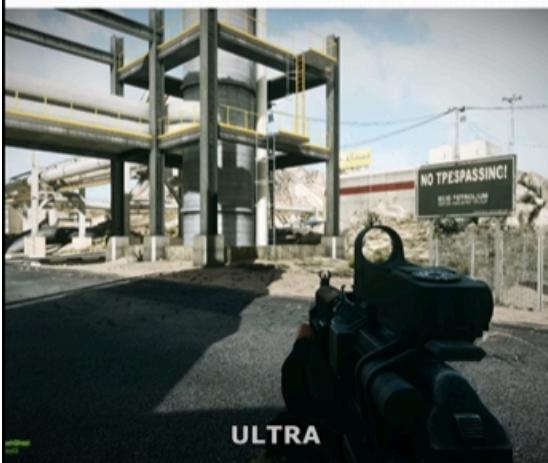
- Trace secondary (shadow) rays towards each light source
- If the closest hit point is smaller than the distance to the light then the point is in shadow



- Shadow Maps
  - Example

## Applications of Shadow Maps

**Games**  
Battlefield 3



**Movies**  
Pixar Renderman



So for example,  
Pixar's Renderman,

Figure 13. Shadow maps from *Luca Jr.*

- Key Idea

# Shadow Maps Key Idea

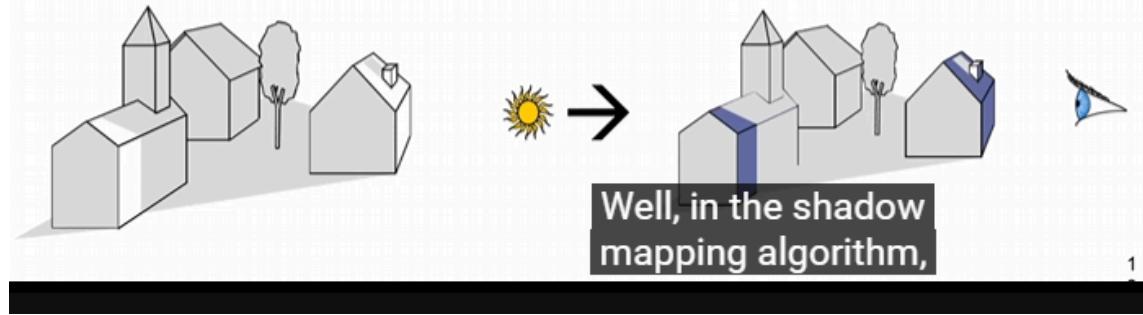
## Equivalent statements

point is illuminated

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point is **visible** from  
light source

- We know how to quickly compute visibility!
- render scene from light point of view
- on GPU: rasterization with depth buffer

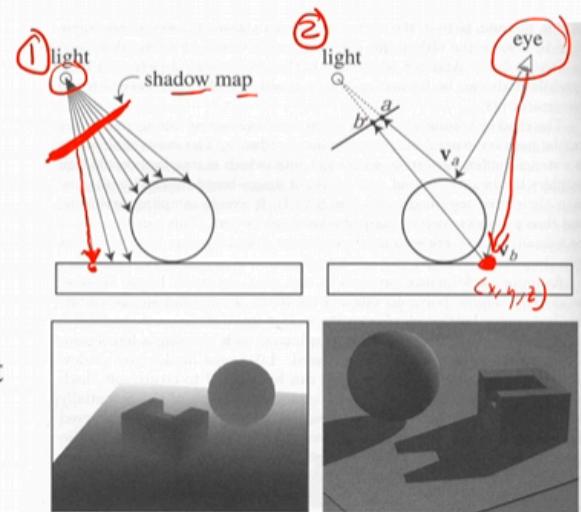


- Rasterize with the depth only to check if visible from the light source
  - By applying the camera position to the light source which can get z-buffer

- Compute the Shadow Map

## Shadow Mapping

- Texture mapping with depth information
- 2 passes
  - Compute shadow map == depth from light source
    - You can think of it as a z-buffer as seen from the light
  - Render final image, check shadow map to see if points are in shadow

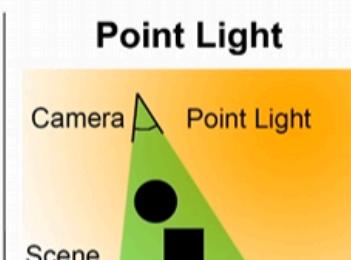
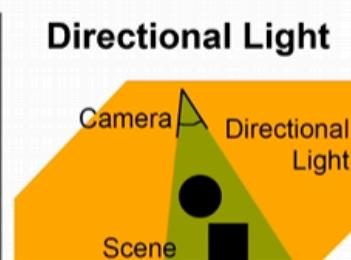
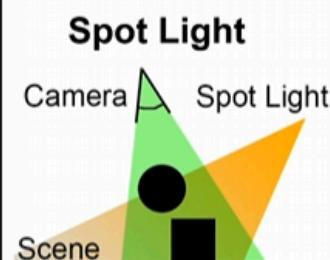


Foley et al. "Computer Graphics Principles and Practice  
is the one that corresponds  
to this position xyz."

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- Different Light Types require different projection matrices

## Different Light Types require different projection matrices



**Perspective Projection**



**Orthographic Projection**



**6x Perspective Projection (cube)**



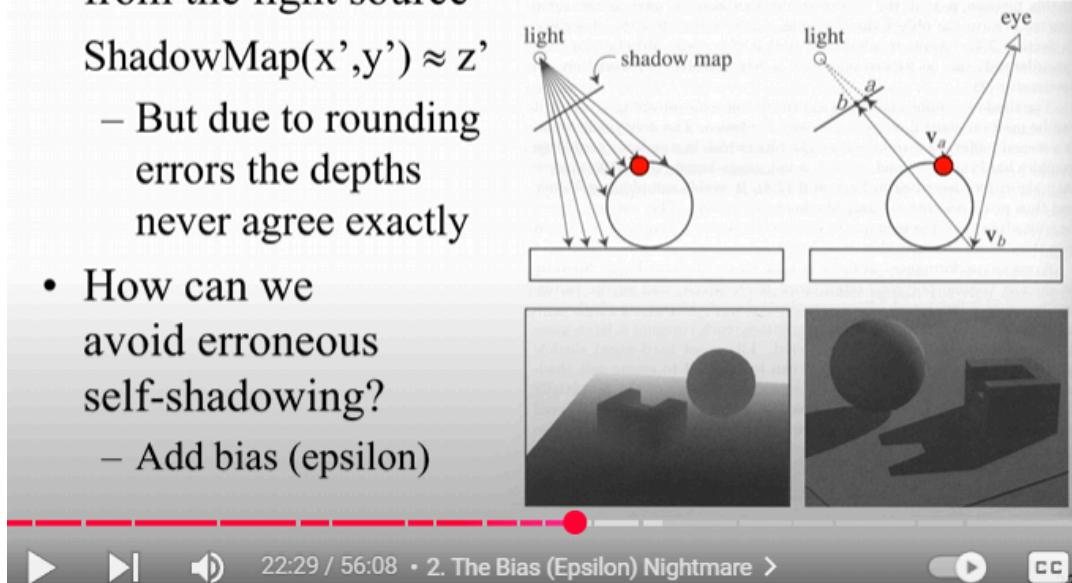
So if we have a spotlight,  
as I've already discussed,

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- The Bias (Epsilon) for Shadow Maps

## 2. The Bias (Epsilon) Nightmare

- For a point visible from the light source  
 $\text{ShadowMap}(x',y') \approx z'$ 
  - But due to rounding errors the depths never agree exactly
- How can we avoid erroneous self-shadowing?
  - Add bias (epsilon)

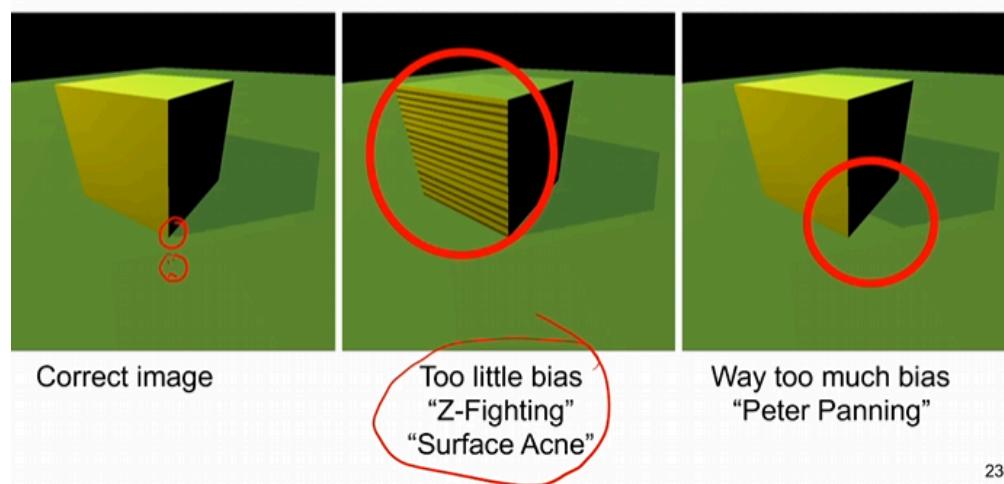


- Example

## 2. Bias (Epsilon) for Shadow Maps

```
if (occluder_z + bias < this_z) ...
```

Choosing a good bias value can be very tricky



- for avoiding self shadow

- Shadow Map Aliasing

### 3. Shadow Map Aliasing

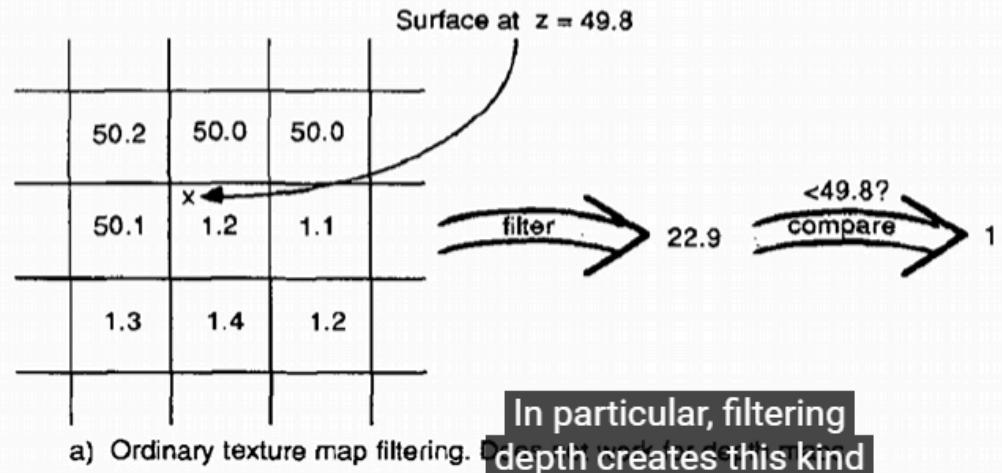
- Under-sampling of the shadow map
  - Jagged shadow edges



- Shadow Map Filtering

### 3. Shadow Map Filtering

- Should we filter the depth?  
(weighted average of neighboring depth values)
- No... filtering depth is not meaningful



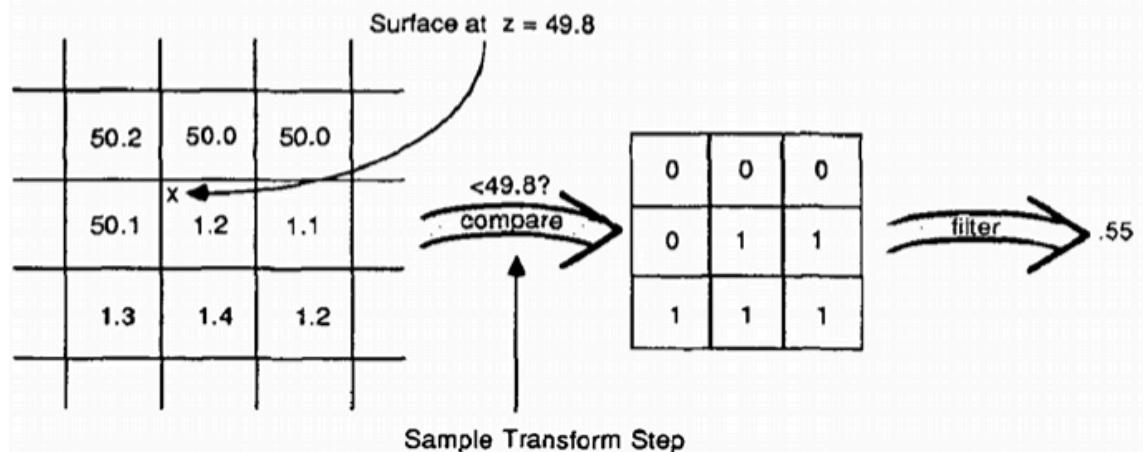
- Does not make sense

- Percentage Closer Filtering

### 3. Percentage Closer Filtering

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- Instead we need to filter the *result* of the shadow test (weighted average of comparison results)



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- Compute the percentage of pixel which is occluded
- Example

### 3. Percentage Closer Filtering

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- 5x5 samples
- Nice antialiased shadow
- Using a bigger filter produces fake soft shadows
- Setting bias is tricky



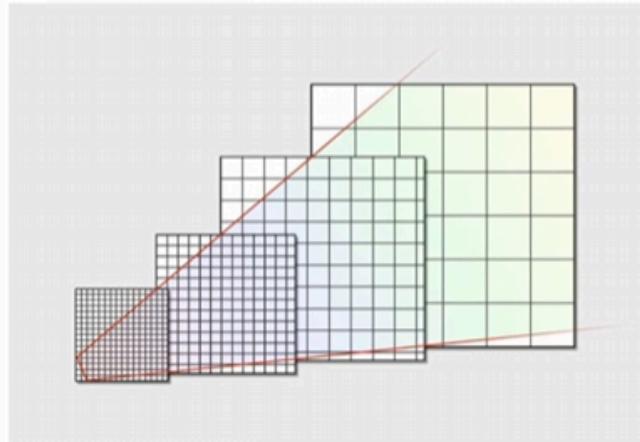
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- Cascaded Shadow Maps
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## Cascaded Shadow Maps

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- Cover view frustum with multiple shadow maps
- Commonly: about 5 maps with logarithmic spacing.



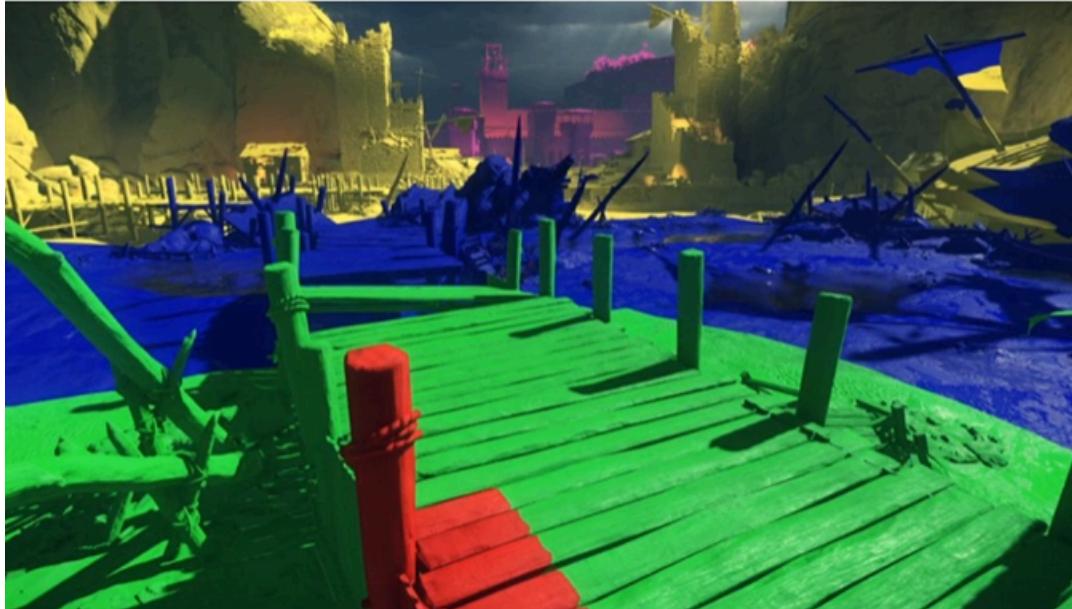
Crytek, SIGGRAPH 2013

sort of different frustum depths associated to it.

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- Multiple depth shadow maps
- Distance-base cascading

## Distance-based cascading



Of course, similarly  
to mid-mapping,

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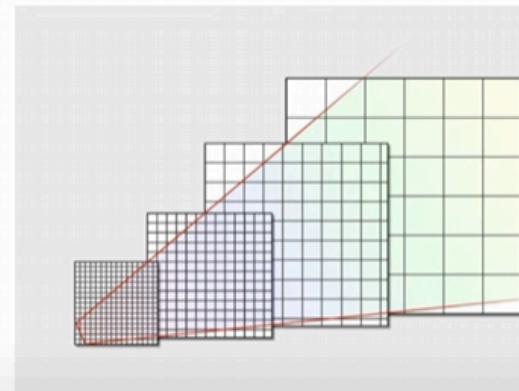
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- Pros and Cons

## Cascading Difficulties

### The bad

- Visible transitions between maps. (Must filter)
- Must render one depth pass per cascade level – can get expensive.



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### The good

- state of the art image quality (real-time graphics) when combined with percentage closer filtering



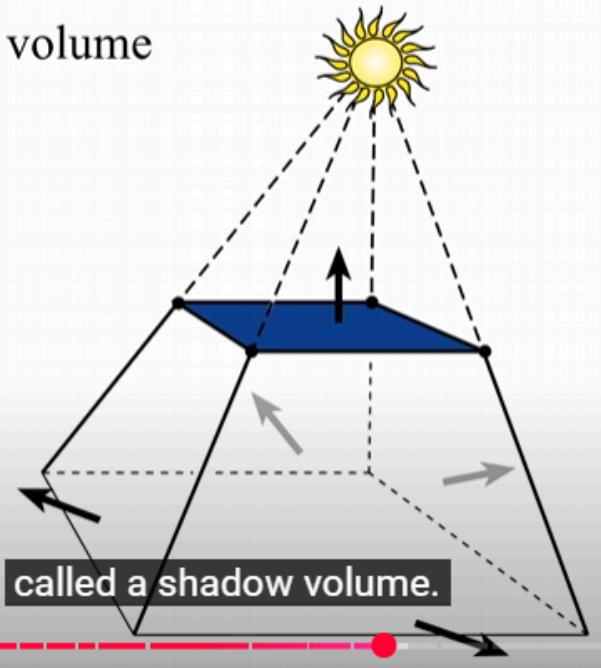
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- Shadow Volumes (Stencil Buffer)
  - Basic Idea

## Shadow Volumes

- Explicitly represent the volume of space in shadow
- For each polygon
  - Pyramid with point light as apex
  - Include polygon to cap



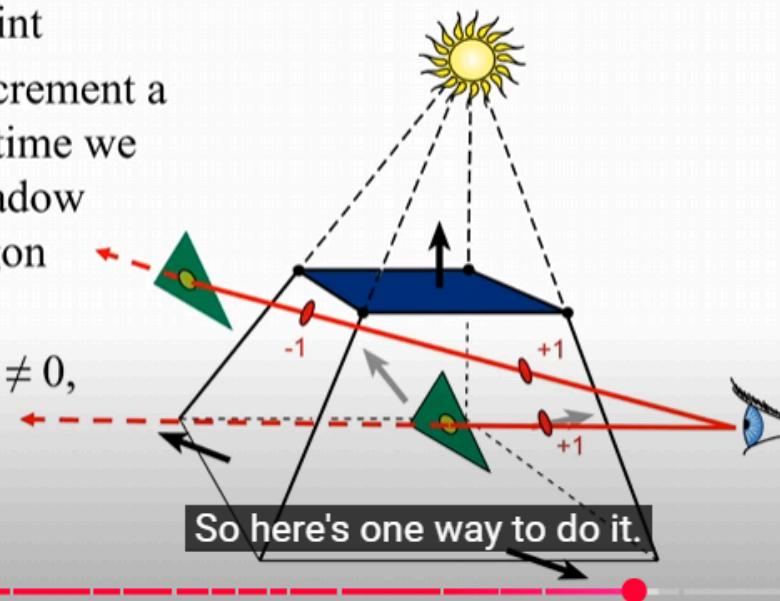
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- Create a shadow volume, check all object in the volume or not, if in, draw shadow, if not, lit it.

- But very computational heavy
- Better Shadow Volumes

## Better Shadow Volumes

- Shoot a ray from the eye to the visible point
- Increment/decrement a counter each time we intersect a shadow volume polygon
- If the counter  $\neq 0$ , the point is in shadow

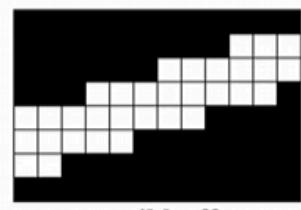
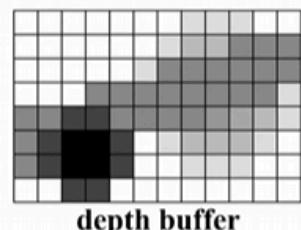
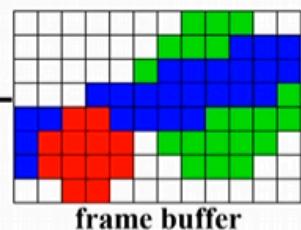


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- Stencil Buffer

## Stencil Buffer

- “mask” pixels in one rendering pass to control their update in subsequent rendering passes
  - “For all pixels in the frame buffer” → “For all *masked* pixels in the frame buffer”
- Can specify different rendering operations for each case:
  - stencil test fails
  - stencil test passes & depth test fails
  - stencil test passes & depth test passes



called the stencil buffer.

- unprecise z-buffer

- Shadow Volumes with the Stencil Buffer

## Shadow Volumes w/ the Stencil Buffer

Initialize stencil buffer to 0

Draw scene with ambient light only *z-buffer*

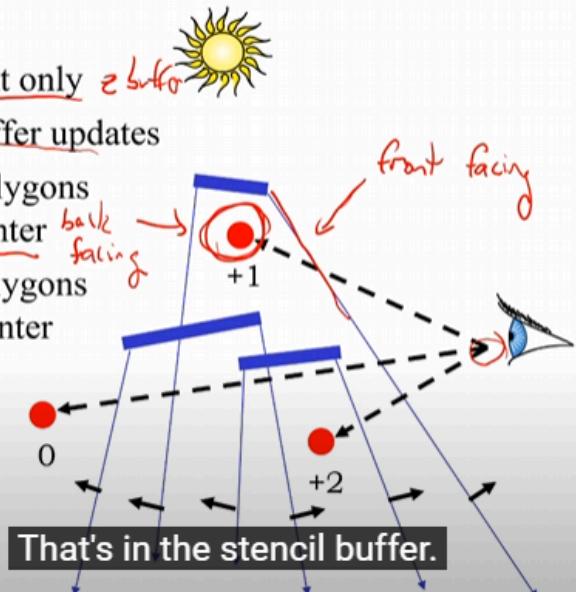
Turn off frame buffer & z-buffer updates

[ Draw front-facing shadow polygons  
If z-pass → increment counter

[ Draw back-facing shadow polygons  
If z-pass → decrement counter

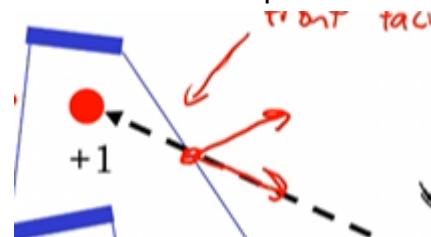
Turn on frame buffer updates

[ Turn on lighting and  
redraw pixels with  
counter = 0



41:11 / 56:08 • Shadow Volumes w/ the Stencil Buffer

- Calculate the dot product with normal and the direction to the eye



, if positive, then it is front facing, if negative, then it is back facing. apply the increment/decrement counter again. draw the lighting with counter = 0

- Solutions if eye in the shadow

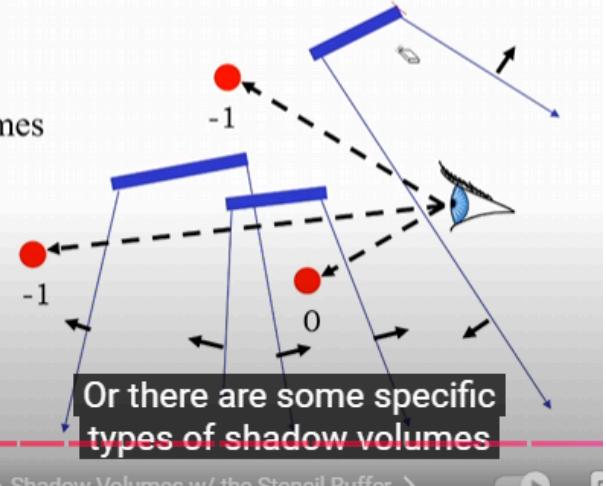
## If the Eye is in Shadow...

- ... then a counter of 0 does not necessarily mean lit



- 3 Possible Solutions:

1. Explicitly test eye point with respect to all shadow volumes
2. Clip the shadow volumes to the view frustum
3. "Z-Fail" shadow volumes

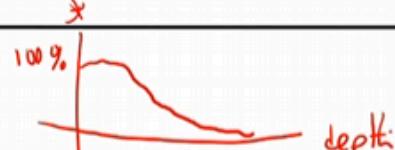


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- Deep Shadow Maps

## Deep shadow maps

- Lokovic & Veach, Pixar
- Shadows in participating media like smoke, inside hair, etc.
  - They represent not just depth of the first occluding surface, but the attenuation along the light rays
- Note: shadowing only, no scattering



49:44 / 56:08 • Shadow maps? >

- for volumetric effect, semi-transparent object, small occluders

- Results

## Deep shadow map results

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*Figure II: A cloud with pipes. Notice the shadows cast from surfaces onto volumetric objects and vice versa. A single deep shadow map contains the shadow information for the cloud as well as the pipes.*

**So here, when we render the  
surface downstairs here,**

## Deep shadow map results

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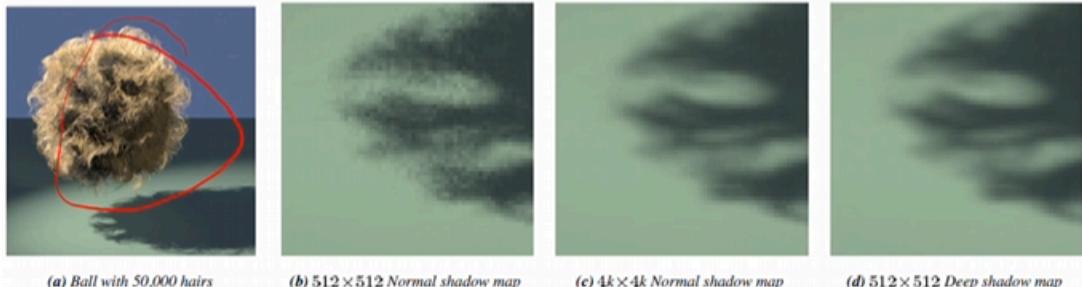


*Figure 1: Hair rendered with and without self-shadowing.*

**just treated as  
some fuzzy function**

# Deep shadow map results

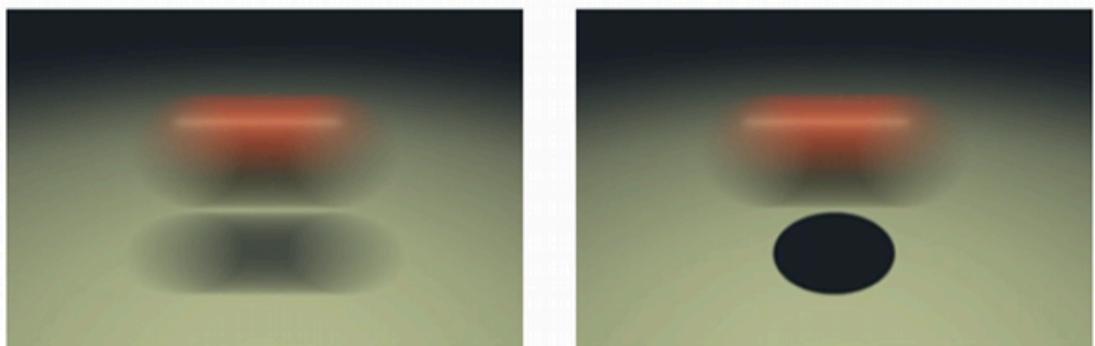
- Advantage of deep shadow map over higher-resolution normal shadow map:  
Pre-filtering for shadow antialiasing



is able to cast a nice fuzzy  
shadow at the end of the day.

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## Enables motion blur in shadows



*Figure 12: Rapidly moving sphere with and without motion blur.*

- **L20: Color**

- Spectra

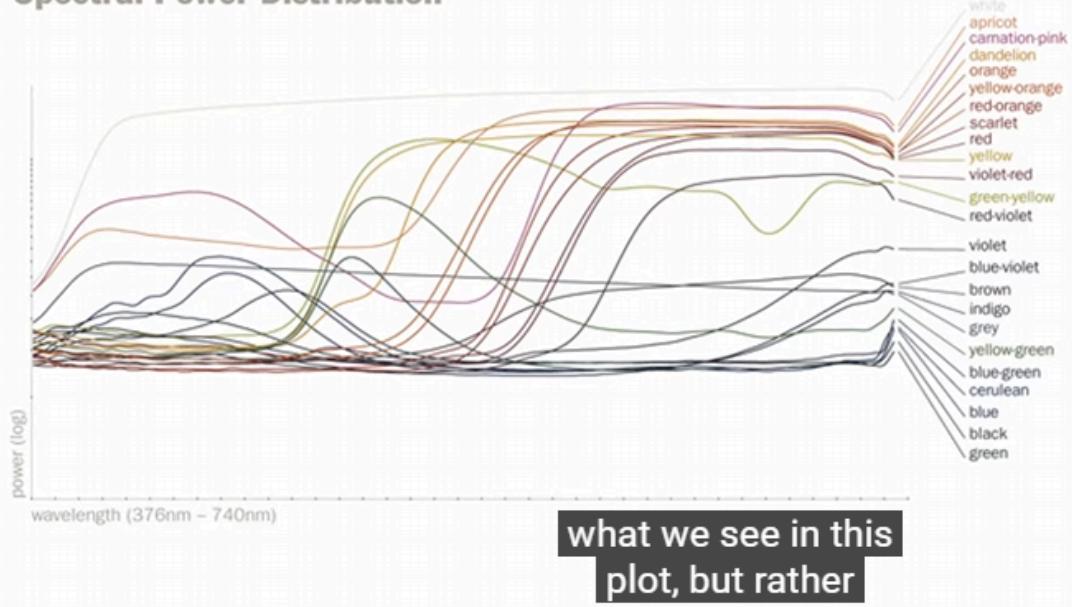
- Crayons

# Crayons

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<http://www.photo-mark.com/notes/2011/sep/20/crayon-colors/>

## Spectral Power Distribution

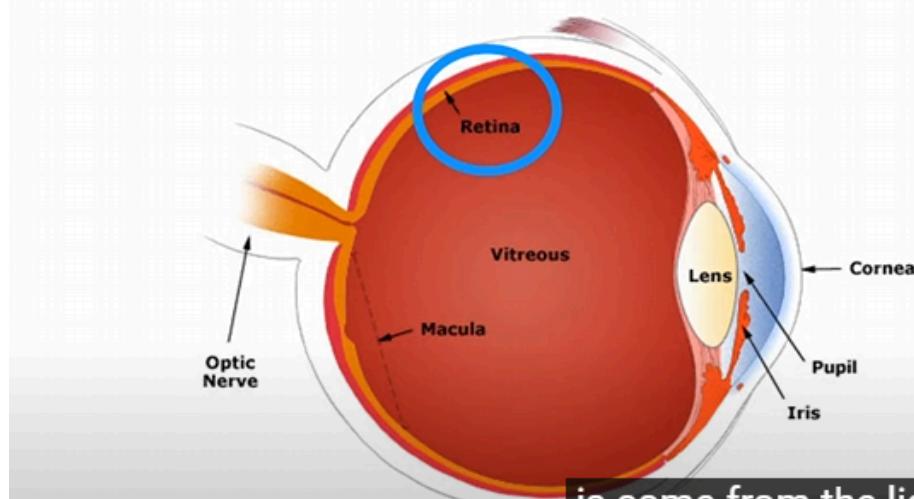


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- Cones and spectral response
  - How the Eye Works

## How the Eye Works

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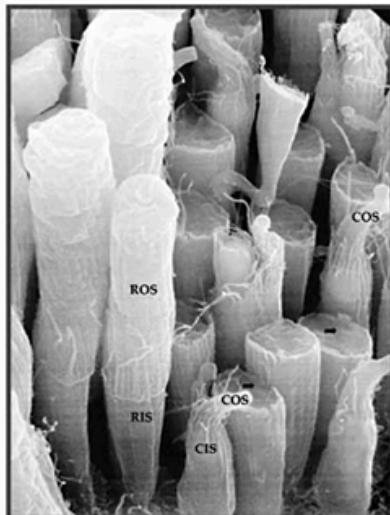


is come from the light source, bounced off the apple,

- Photon go through Cornea, Lens, Virtreous, finally to Retina, Retina perceive light signal and convert to biological signal.

- Retina Element

## Rods and Cones



*For low-light vision*

**Rods:** *"Scotopic vision"*

Sensitive to light energy

*For high-light vision*

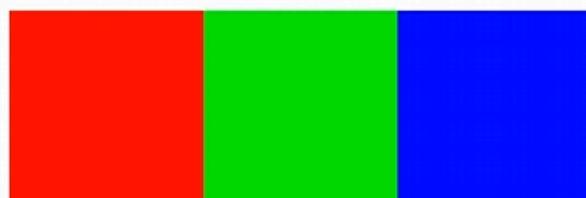
**Cones:** *"Photopic vision"*

Sensitive to color

but just the presence or absence  
of something in front of you.

- ==Color blindness and metamers
  - Implication for Displays

## Implication for Displays



**We can simulate visual effects of  
any wavelength by stimulating  
three types of cones.**

*in a fashion that similar,  
if not identical, to the way*

- Long, Medium, Short wavelength of cone

- Metamerism & Light source

## Metamerism & light source

- Metamers under a given light source
- May not be metamers under a different lamp
- Clothes appear to match in store (e.g. under neon)
- Don't match outdoor

**• Context matters for color perception!**

we look at different images.

- Context matter, Example

## Extreme example

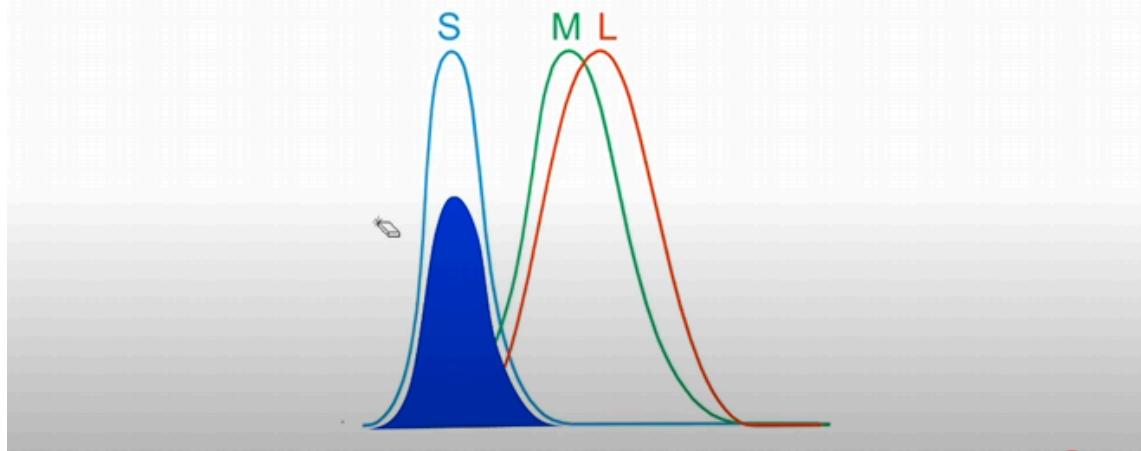


- ==Color matching

- Wrong Way

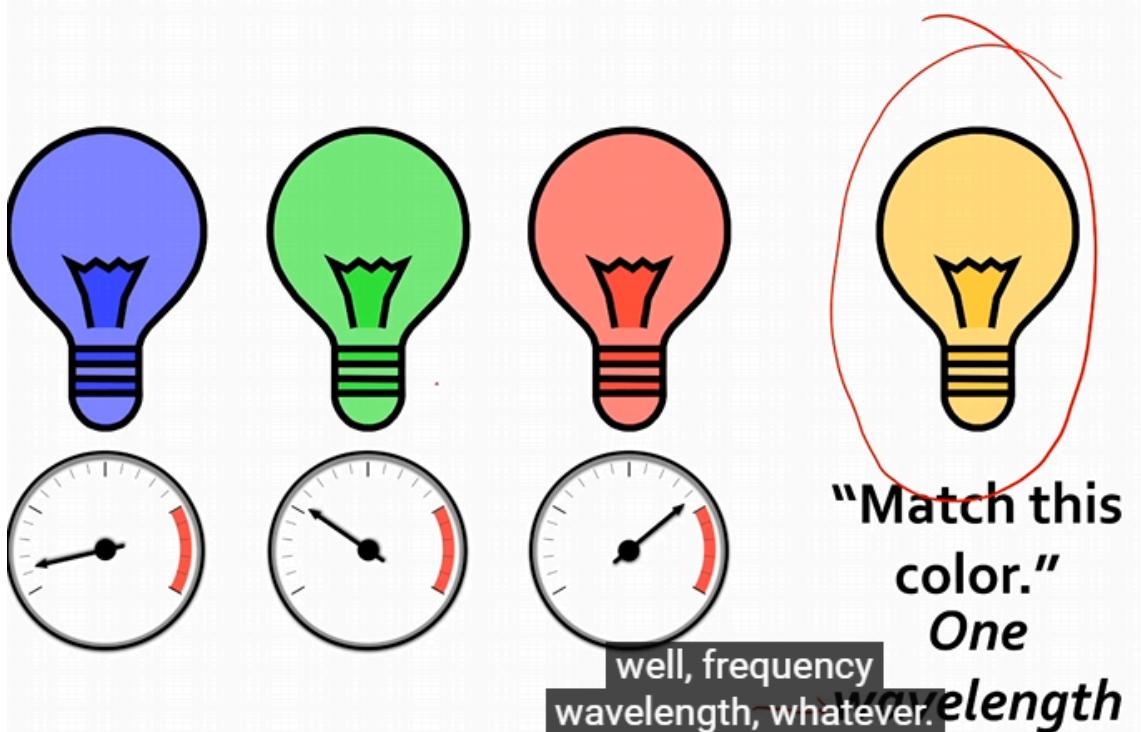
## Additive Synthesis - wrong way

- Use it to scale the cone spectra (here  $0.5 * S$ )
- You don't get the same cone response!  
(here 0.5, 0.1, 0.1)



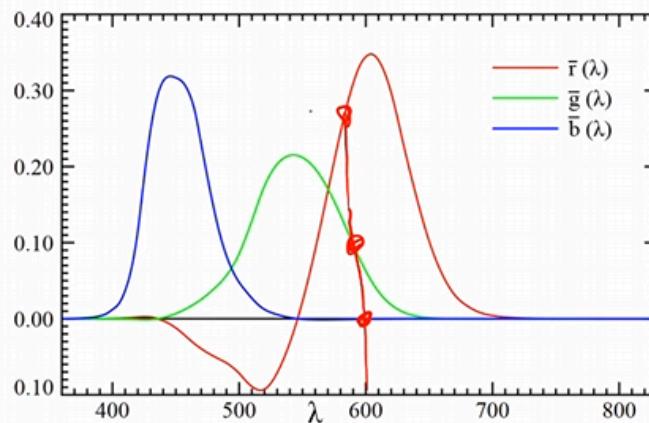
- They are not all independent (orthogonal), blue also have green and red cone
- Example

## Color Matching Experiments



- CIE RGB Color Matching

## CIE RGB Color Matching

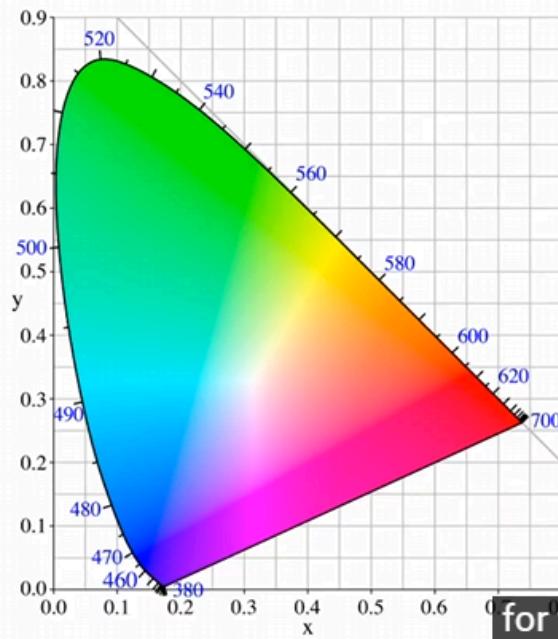


[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE\\_1931\\_color\\_space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE_1931_color_space)

**How to combine primaries to mimic each visible wavelength**

- ==Color spaces
  - Chromaticity Diagram (Full Color Space)

## Chromaticity Diagram



for visualizing what this is.

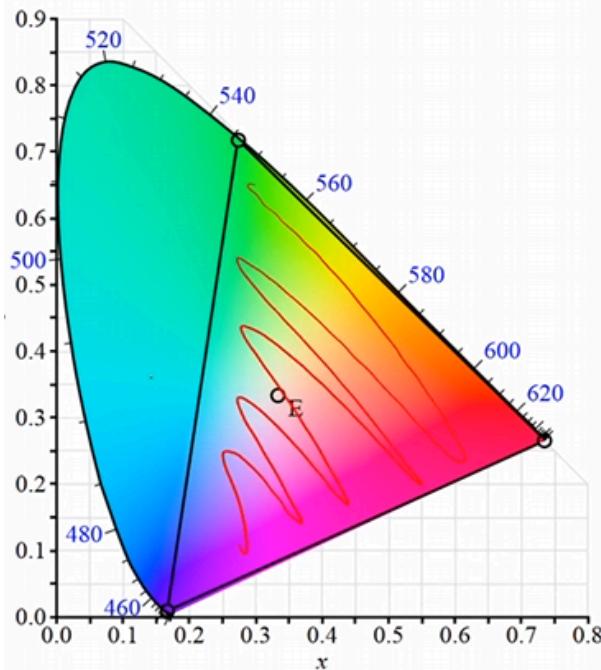
$$x = \frac{X}{X + Y + Z}$$

$$y = \frac{Y}{X + Y + Z}$$

**Divide out  
luminance**

- CIE Primaries (triangle)

## CIE Primaries

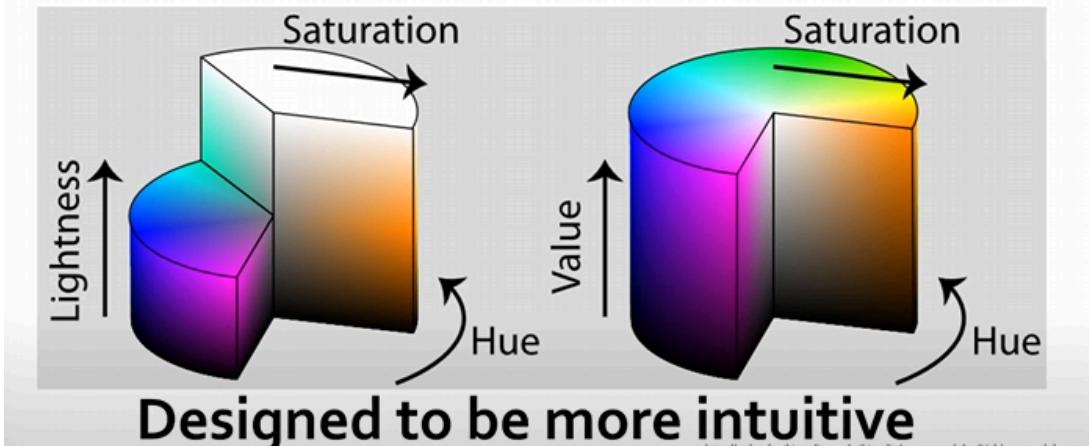


**RGB are vertices;  
can achieve  
colors inside the  
triangle by  
combining them**

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/60/CIE1976uvy\\_CIERGB.svg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/60/CIE1976uvy_CIERGB.svg)

- HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value(Luminance))

## Alternative Color Spaces



**Designed to be more intuitive**

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/aa/Hsl-hsv\\_models.svg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/aa/Hsl-hsv_models.svg)

**HSV (HSL):**

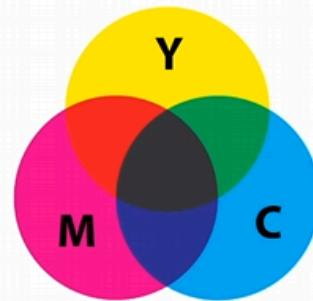
**Hue, Saturation, Value (Luminance)**

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- CMYK

## Subtractive Color



**What matters is the color a pigment does *not* absorb!**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CMYK\\_color\\_model](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CMYK_color_model)

**CMYK:**

II Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black



- Subtract color from white
- Gamma
  - Color quantization gamma

## Color quantization gamma

- The human visual system is more sensitive to ratios
  - Is a grey twice as bright as another one?
- If we use linear encoding, we have tons of information between 128 and 255, but very little between 1 and 2!
- Ideal encoding? Log
- But log has asymptote at zero

is wasted a little  
bit because we end up

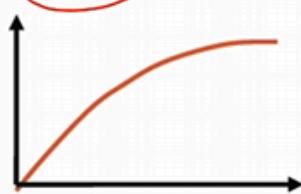
**Solution: gamma**

- Gamma encoding

## Gamma encoding overview

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- Digital images are usually not encoded linearly
- Instead, the value  $X^{1/\gamma}$  is stored



- Need to be decoded if we want linear values



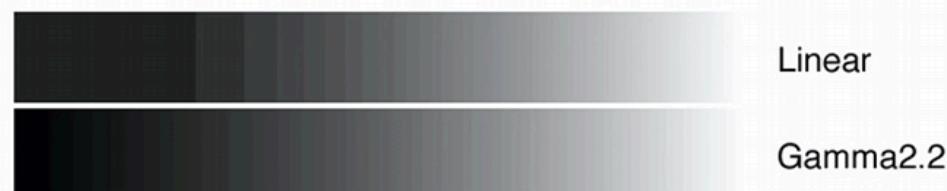
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- Example

## Gamma encoding

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Credit: Greg Ward

- Only 6 bits for emphasis



So on the top, we take a linear ramp of intensity values.

- Summary

## In summary

- It's all about linear algebra
  - Projection from infinite-dimensional spectrum to a 3D response
  - Then any space based on color matching and metamerism can be converted by 3x3 matrix
- Complicated because
  - Projection from infinite-dimensional space
  - Non-orthogonal basis (cone responses overlap)
  - No negative light
- XYZ is the most standard color space
- RGB has many flavors

You're working with  
non orthogonal bases.

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- L21: Image Processing (Post processing)

- Basic Concept
  - Image processing can touch up images after rendering
- Lots of per pixel filters

- Alpha Blending
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## Alpha Blending

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$$c = \underbrace{\alpha c_f}_{\text{weighted avg.}} + \underbrace{(1 - \alpha)c_b}_{}$$

$c_f$  = foreground color

$c_b$  = background color

### Premultiplied alpha:

~~Store  $\alpha c_f$  rather than  $c_f$  in an image.~~

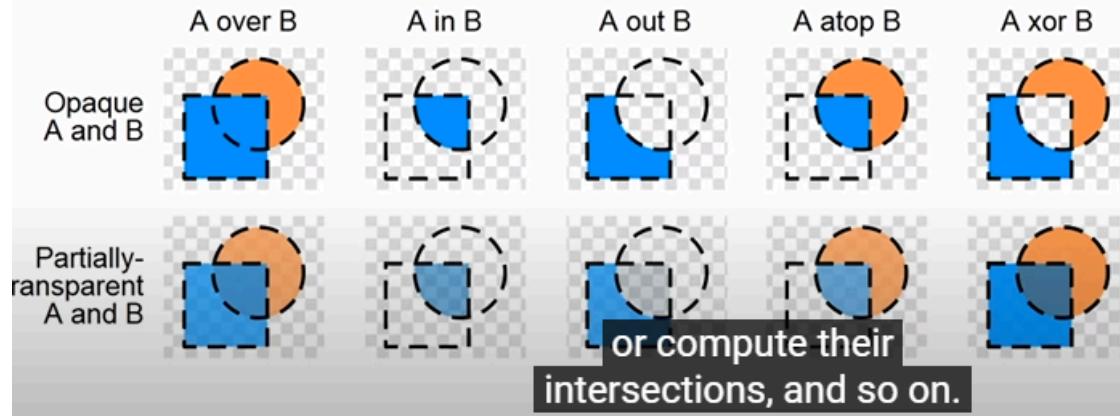
- Green Screen

## Green Screen



- Compositing Algebra

## Compositing Algebra



- Color Space Operations

## Color Space Operations

$$(R, G, B) \mapsto (\underbrace{f_1(R, G, B)}_{\text{SIMD}}, \underbrace{f_2(R, G, B)}_{\text{Single instruction}}, \underbrace{f_3(R, G, B)}_{\text{multi. data}})$$

**SIMD**

Single instruction  
multi. data.

**Change individual pixel colors  
independently**  
So essentially, you're just  
applying the same sledgehammer

- Apply every pixel to a function
- Brightness

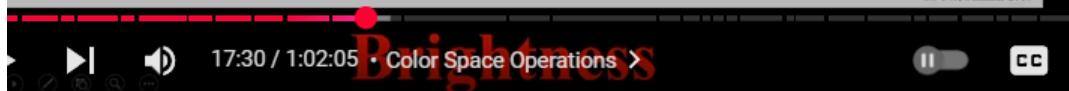
## Color Space Operations

$$(R, G, B) \mapsto (f_1(R, G, B), f_2(R, G, B), f_3(R, G, B))$$



**Multiply by a constant**

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- Multiply by a constant

- Contrast

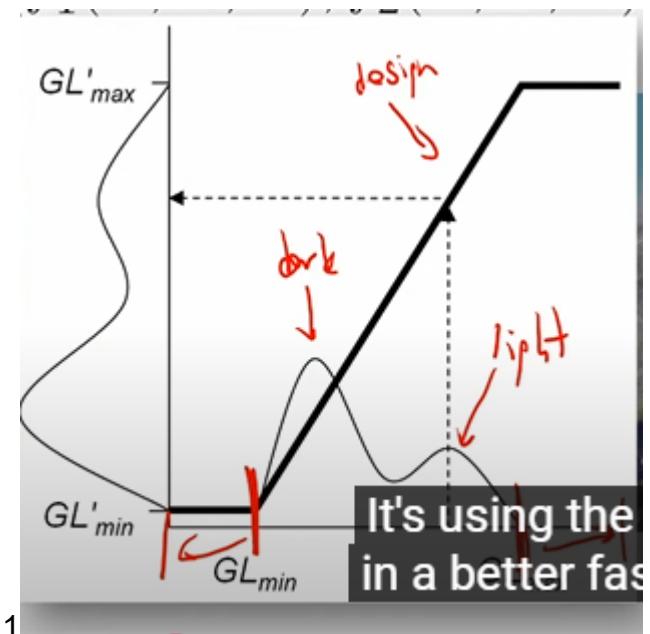
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### Contrast

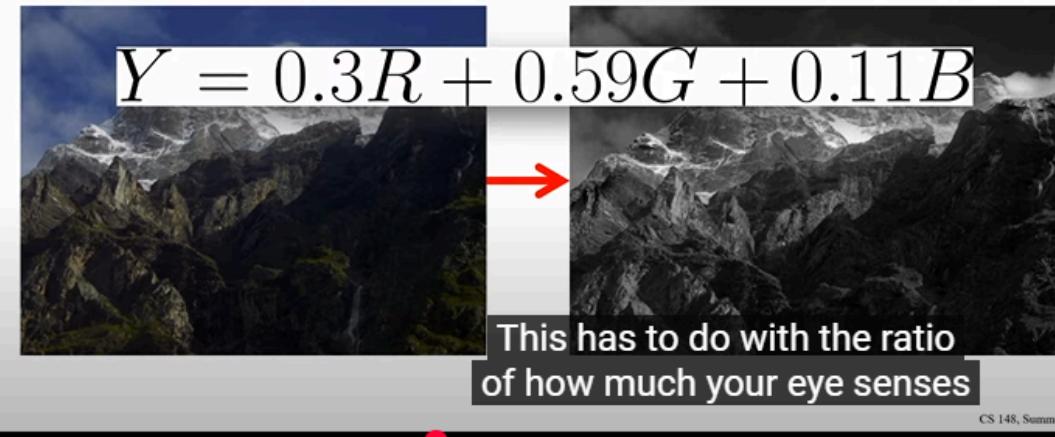


- Strenght the value to 0 - 1

- Desaturation

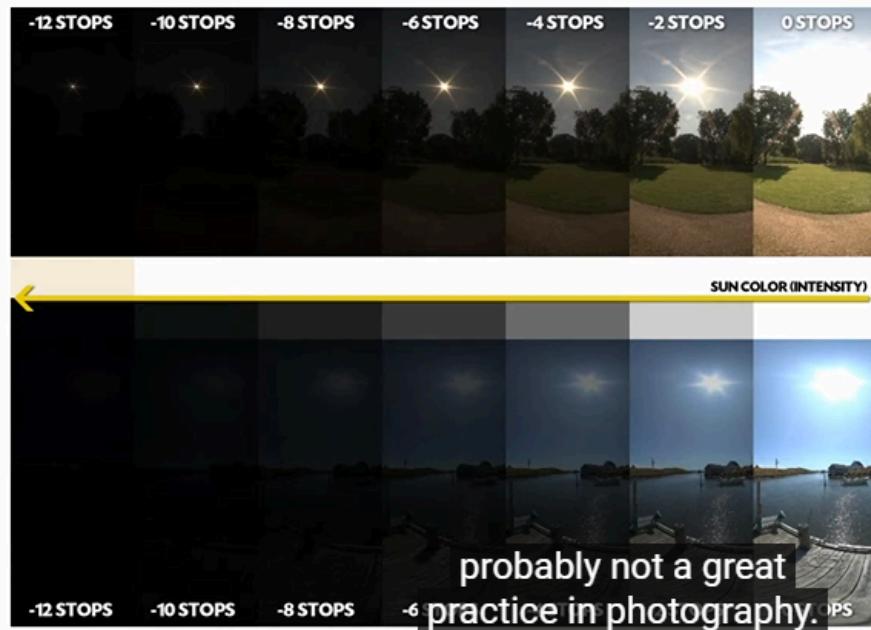
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- Dynamic Range (HDR)

## Dynamic Range



- Approximate Dynamic Range

## Approximate Dynamic Range

Scene	Dynamic range
Sunny landscape	100,000:1
Eye (static)	100:1
Eye (single view with quick adaptation)	10,000:1
Camera	1,000:1
Standard display	1,000:1
Glossy print	250:1
Matte print	50:1

- Exposure Fusion

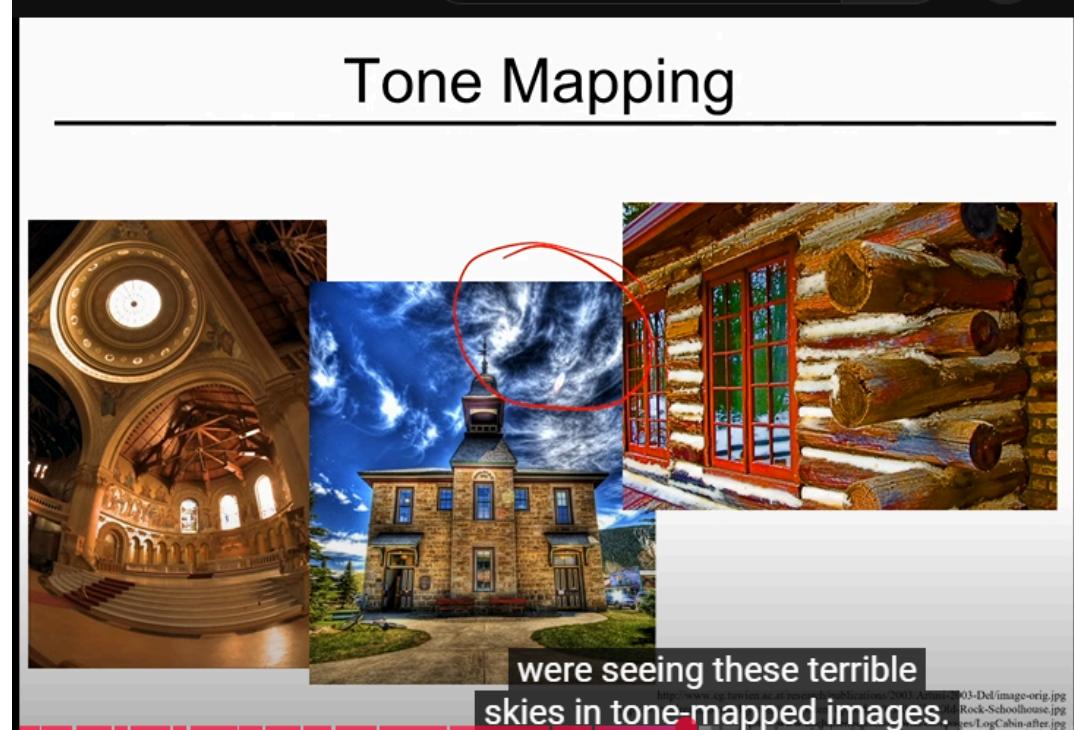
## Exposure Fusion



<http://digital-photography-school.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/exposure-fusion1.jpg>

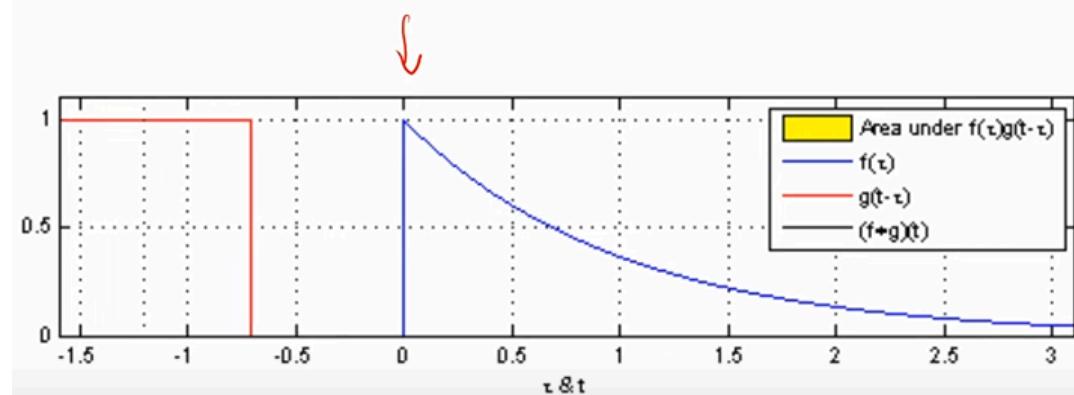
**Fuse exposures to one floating-point image**

- Tone Mapping



- Minification
  - Smaller image
- Magnification
  - Gigger image
- Filters involving larger neighborhoods, onlinedarity
- Convolution

## *Recall:* Convolution

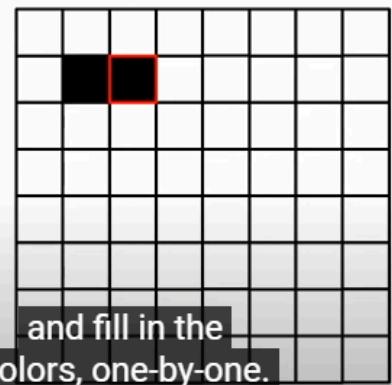
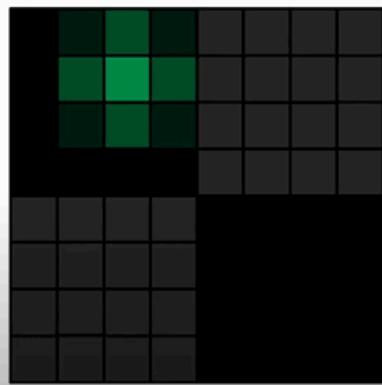


[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b9/Convolution\\_of\\_spiky\\_function\\_with\\_box2.gif](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b9/Convolution_of_spiky_function_with_box2.gif)

Replace function with  
weighted average

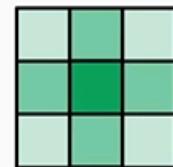
- 3x3 3x3. calculate

## Image Convolution



- Example: Blur

## Convolution Kernels

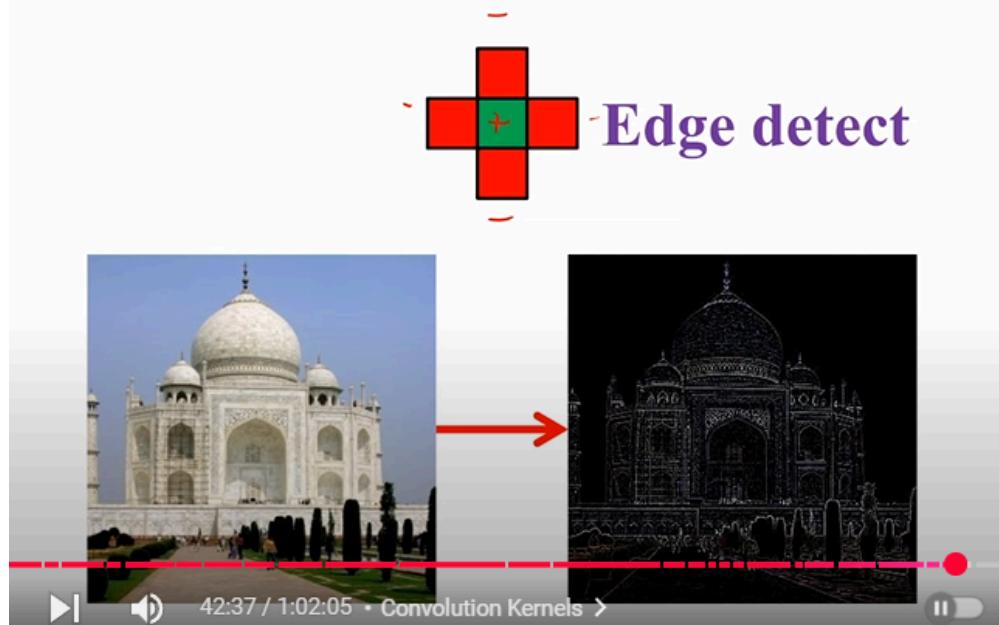


Blur



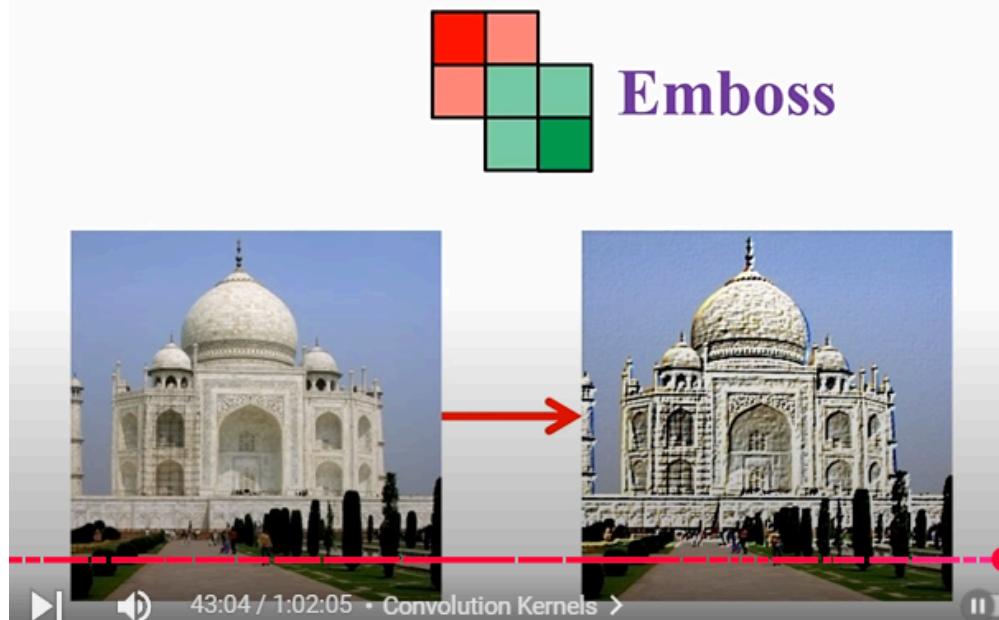
- Example: Edge detect

## Convolution Kernels



- Example: Emboss

## Convolution Kernels



- Big-O for convolution

## Big-O for Convolution

For each pixel  $i$

For  $j$ -th pixel in convolution kernel

$$p_i \leftarrow m_j * in_A$$

$\longrightarrow n \times n$  image

$\longrightarrow m \times m$  kernel

$O(n^2m^2)$  time

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- Edge-preserving filtering
  - Unsharp Mask
  - Bilateral Filtering

## Bilateral Filtering

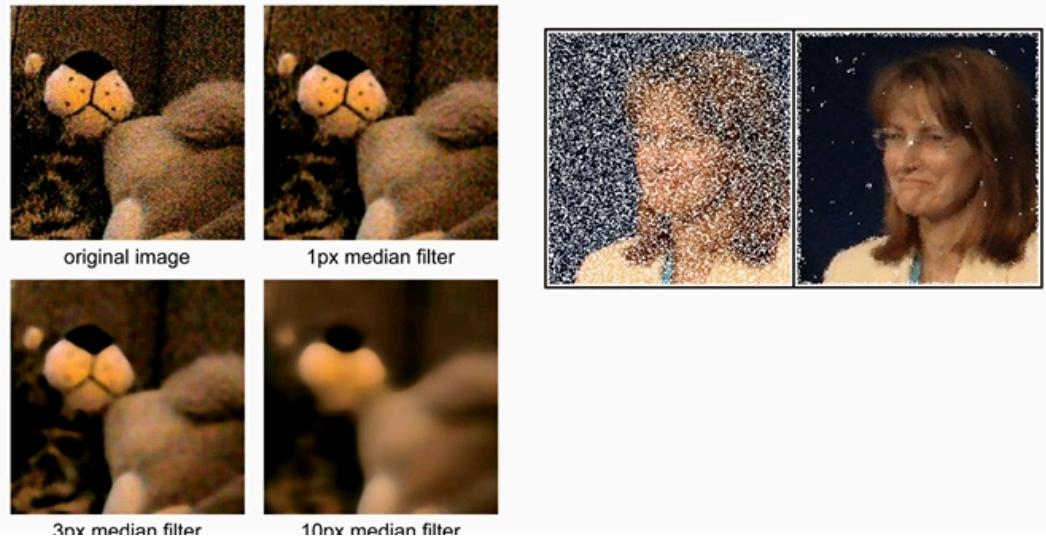


image, it just ends up blurry.

<http://www.merl.com/aeros/images/bilateralfilters/>

- Median filtering

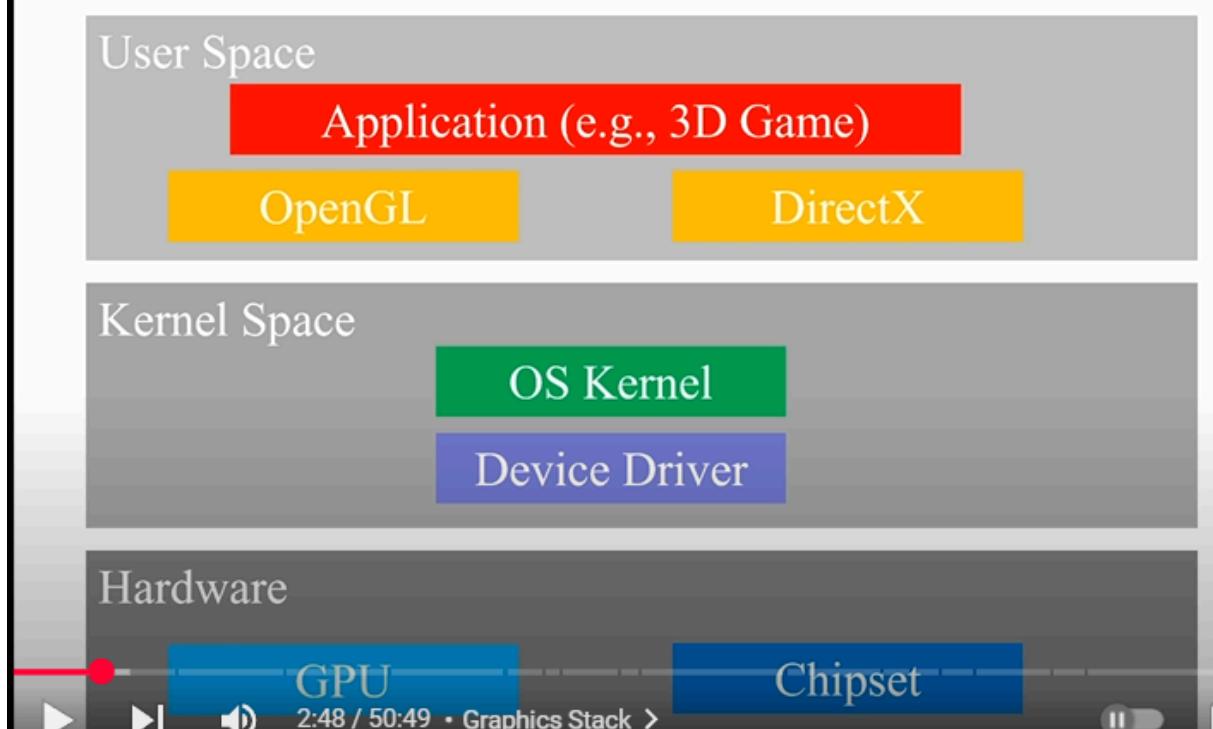
## Median Filtering



- **L22: Output Devices**

- Graphics Stack

## Graphics Stack



- 2D Displays

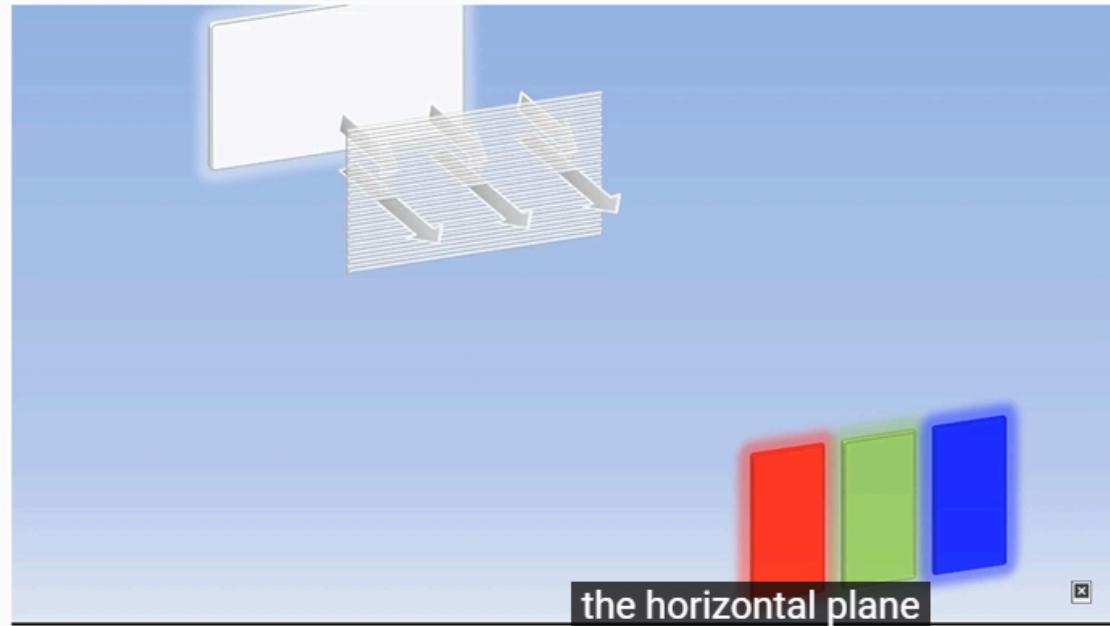
# 2D Displays

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- Many different technologies
    - Cathode ray tube (CRT) display
    - Liquid crystal display (LCD)
    - Light-emitting diode (LED) display
    - Plasma display panel (PDP)
    - Organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display
    - Digital Light Processing (DLP)
    - Electronic paper
    - ...
  - CRT Display
  - LCD (Liquid Crystal Displays)
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## Video Explanation of LCD

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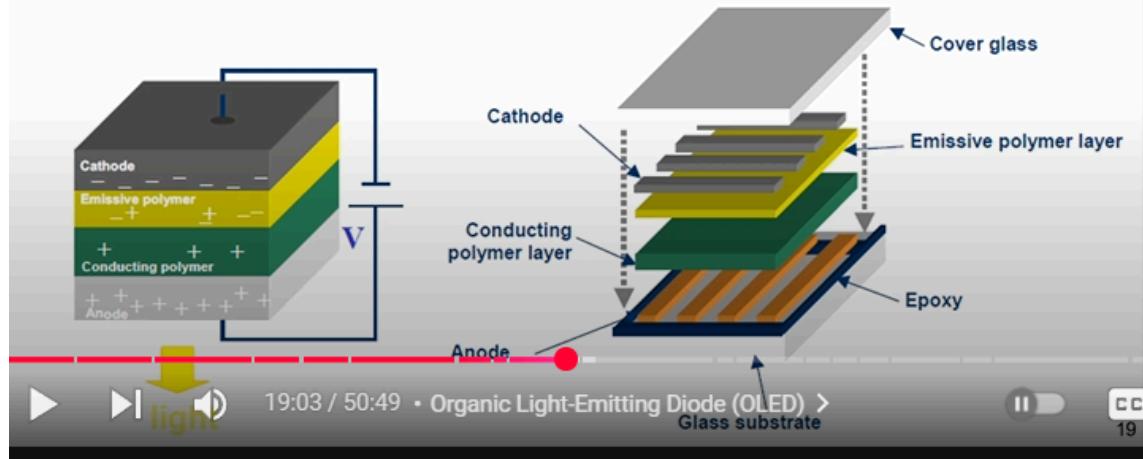
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B79dGR19Tg>

- LED (Light-Emitting Diode)

- PDP (Plasma Display Panels)
- OLED (Organic Light-Emitting Diode)

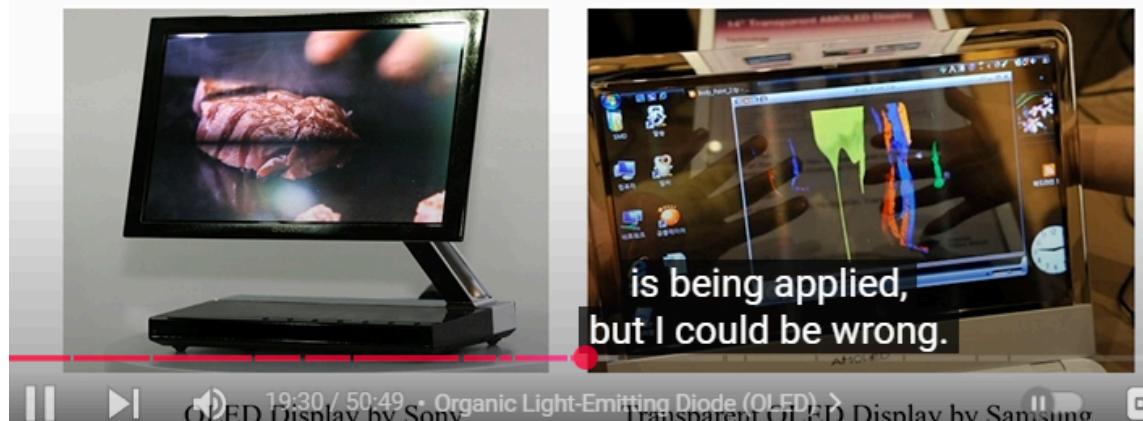
## Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED)

- Use organic materials that produce light under voltage
- Film of organic compound emitting light in response to current
- No backlight: Deep blacks, thin, high contrast



## Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED)

- Very good power efficiency
- Light weight, flexible, transparent
- Fast response time, large viewing angle
- But current cost is high and lifespan is low



- DLP (Digital Light Processing)
- 3D Displays

- Binocular Vision - Stereopsis
- Depth Perception
- Autostereoscopic Displays

## Autostereoscopic Displays

- Binocular parallax without glasses

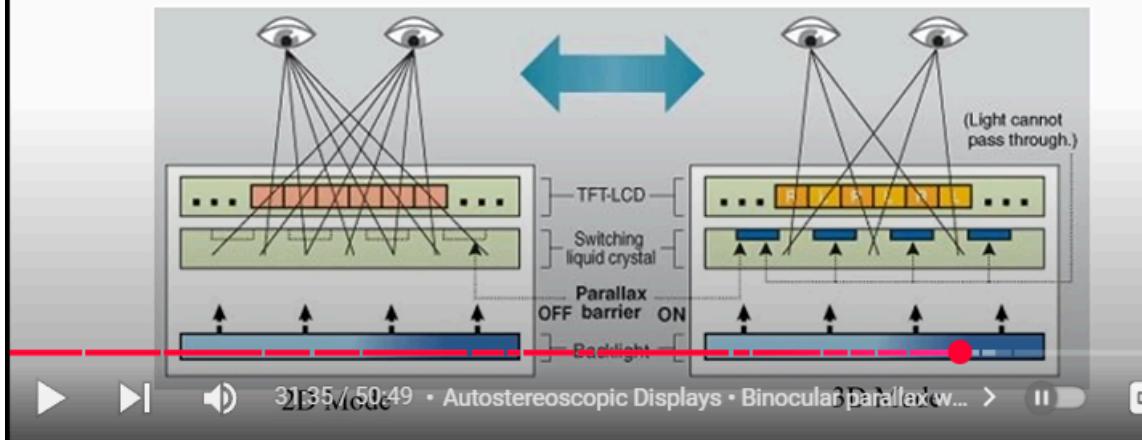
- Two different types

- Lenticular lenslets
- Parallax barrier (back)



LG Optimus 3D

Nintendo 3DS



- Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality Displays

- Field of View

## Field of View

