

Program Sketch for Ray Tracing

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

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

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

function intensity(r: ray): rgb
  var flec, frac: ray;   spec, refr, dull: rgb;
begin
  depth := depth +1
  if depth >5 then intensity :=back
  else
    begin (* label 1 *)
      check ray r for intersection with all objects in scene
      if no intersection
        then if r parallel to L
              then intensity :=lsou
              else intensity :=back
      else
        begin (* label2 *)
          Take closest intersection which is object[j]
          compute normal N at the intersection point

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if Ks[j] >0 (* non-zero specular reflectivity *)
then begin
    compute reflection ray flec;
    spec := Ks[j]*intensity(flec)*(r.V)^ns[j];
end
else spec:=0;
if(Kr[j]>0) (* non-zero refractivity *)
then begin
    compute refraction ray frac;
    refr := Kr[j]*intensity(frac);
end
else refr:=0;
check for shadow;
if shadow
then dull:= Ka[j]*ambi
else dull:= Kd[j]*lsou* N.L + Ka[j]*ambi;
intensity :=spec +refr +dull;
    end (* label2 *)
end( *label 1*)
depth := depth -1
end(* function *)

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

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