Subsurface Scattering & Complex Material Properties

Reading for Today:

 "Correlated Multi-Jittered Sampling", Andrew Kensler, Pixar Technical Memo, 2013



Figure 1: The canonical arrangement. Heavy lines show the boundaries of the 2D jitter cells. Light lines show the horizontal and vertical substrata of N-rooks sampling. Samples are jittered within the subcells.



Figure 3: With correlated shuffling.



Figure 9: Polar warp with m = 22, n = 7.

⁸G. J. Ward and P. S. Heckbert. Irradiance gradients. In *Third Eurographics Rendering Workshop*, pages 85–98, May 1992.



Optional Reading for Today

• If we insufficiently sample the signal, it may be mistaken for something simpler during reconstruction (that's aliasing!)

Image from Robert L. Cook, "Stochastic Sampling and Distributed Ray Tracing", An Introduction to Ray Tracing, Andrew Glassner, ed., Academic Press Limited, 1989.



Reading for Today:

"Fast Bilateral Filtering for the Display of High-Dynamic Range Images", Durand & Dorsey, SIGGRAPH 2002





Optional Reading for Today:

"Two Methods for the Display of High Contrast Images", Tumblin, Hodgins, & Guenter, ACM Trans on Graphics 1999





Tone Mapping

- Convert high dynamic range (HDR) data to low dynamic range (LDR)
 - Linear Scale: loss of contrast & precision



- Spatially-varying Scaling:

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BRDF

- Ratio of light coming from one direction that gets reflected in another direction
- Bidirectional Reflectance **Distribution Function**
 - -4D
 - $-R(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r)$
 - -Note: BRDF for *isotropic* materials is 3D



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BRDFs in the Movie Industry

· Agent Smith's clothes are CG, with measured BRDF



Measured BRDF in film production: realistic cloth appearance for "The Matrix Reloaded" Borshukov, SIGGRAPH 2003 Sketches & Applications



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Realistic human face rendering for "The Matrix Reloaded" Borshukov & Lewis, SIGGRAPH 2003 Sketches & Applications



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Measuring Materials



3D Digitizing





Cyberware

The Digital Michelangelo Project: 3D Scanning of Large Statues, Levoy et al., SIGGRAPH 2000

Scattering & Scanning



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Questions?



Anisotropic BRDFs

- Surfaces with strongly oriented microgeometry
- Examples:
 - brushed metals, hair, fur, cloth, velvet



Source: Westin et.al 92

What makes a Rainbow?

- Refraction is wavelength-dependent
 - Refraction increases as the wavelength of light decreases
 - violet and blue experience more bending than orange and red
- Usually ignored in graphics
- Rainbow is caused by refraction + internal reflection + refraction





Amount of Reflection

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



Dusty Surfaces & Retro-Reflection

- Viewed perpendicular to the surface, there is little scattering off dust
- At grazing angles, there is increased scattering with the dust making the surface appear brighter
- Earth viewed from space appears brighter near the edges, due to increased atmospheric scattering
- Road paint is intentionally retro-reflective (so drivers see road markings illuminated by their own headlights)





Light Rays in a Dusty Room



Annie Ding, MIT 6.837 Final Project December, 2004



Reading for Today:

• "Radiance Caching for Participating Media", Jarosz, Donner, Zwicker, & Jensen, 2008.



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Figure 7: (a) Sampling a BRDF (traditional sampling), (b) sampling a BSSRDF (the sample points are distributed both over the surface as well as the light).

Images from "A Practical Model for Subsurface Light Transport" Jensen, Marschner, Levoy, & Hanrahan SIGGRAPH 2001

Subsurface Scattering Variables

Symbol	\mathbf{Units}	Description
σ_s	$(length)^{-1}$	Probability of
σ_a	$(length)^{-1}$	Probability of
$\phi(x, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega})$		Angular dist
σ_t	$(length)^{-1}$	$\sigma_a + \sigma_s$
A		σ_s / σ_t
au(0,d)		$\int_0^d \sigma_t dx$
t(0,d)		$e^{-\tau(0,d)}$
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of scattering per unit length of absorbtion per unit length tribution of scattering

- Albedo: first approximation of BRDF, % of light reflected off the surface
 - When the albedo = 1, no absorption occurs and light is only transmitted or scattered. This is an ok approximation for snow or clouds.





Figure 3: An incoming ray is transformed into a dipole source for the diffusion approximation.

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Measuring BSSRDF by Dilution

"Acquiring Scattering Properties of Participating Media by Dilution" Narasimhan et al. SIGGRAPH 2006

(option for Tuesday reading)



(a) Acquired photographs

- (b) Rendering at low concentrations
- (c) Rendering at natural concentrations



