

# Ray Tracing / Casting

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Generate the image by tracing rays coming out of the observer's eye (COP) thru each pixel up to first object intersection.

→Leads IMMEDIATELY to approach to visible surface determination.

Just draw (color) intersections.

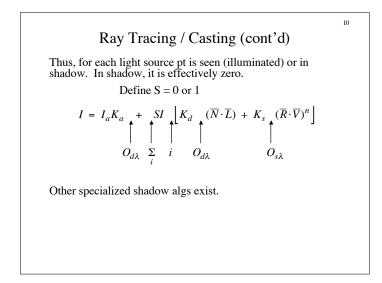
 ${ \rightarrow } Method \ for shading. Compute \ \hat{N} \ \& \ apply I.M. \ just at intersection pixels.$ 

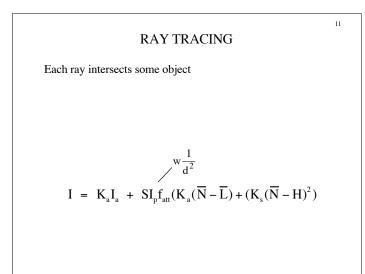
→<u>Shadows:</u>

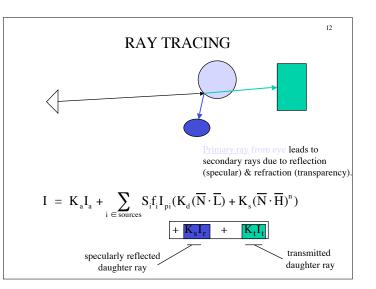
Pixels (pts on objs) not seen by any (some) sources.

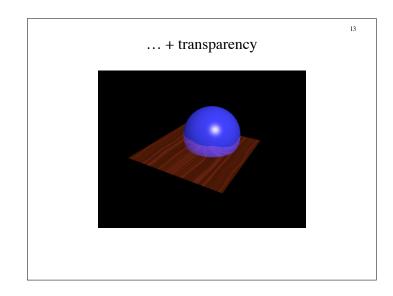
For each intersection pt  $\,\vec{p}\,$  , fire a ray at (each) source. It obstructed, then it is in shadow.

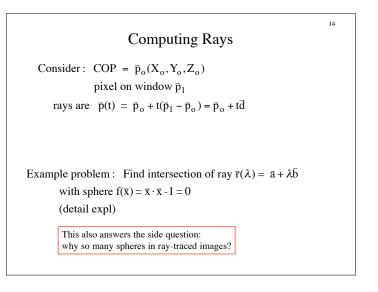
→leads to "hard" shadows (no pnumbra)











$$Computing Rays (cont'd)$$
Sol' n: Find  $\lambda$  s.t.  $f(\overline{r}(\lambda)) = 0$   
 $f(\overline{r}(\lambda)) = \overline{r} \cdot \overline{r} = 1$   
 $= (\overline{a} + \overline{b}\lambda)(\overline{a} + \overline{b}\lambda) - 1$   
 $= (\overline{b} \cdot \overline{b})\lambda^2 + 2(\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b})\lambda + (\overline{a} \cdot \overline{a}) - 1$   
 $= A\lambda^2 + 2B\lambda + C$  where  $A = \overline{b} \cdot \overline{b} B = (\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b}) C = \overline{a} \cdot \overline{a} - 1$   
quadratic in 1  
 $\lambda = \frac{-2B \pm \sqrt{4B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} = \frac{-B}{A} \pm \frac{\sqrt{D}}{\overline{A}}$   $D = B^2 - AC$   
Real sol' n for  $D \ge 0$   
 $D < 0$  ray misses sphere,  $D = 0$  graze,  $D > 0$  pierce  
sol' n: both in front of eye both  $< 0$ , both behind

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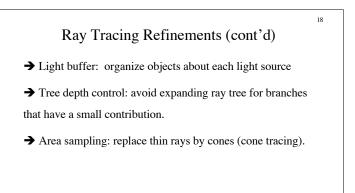
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Observe: computational burden of recursive RT is substantial. For each ray: must do intersections with every object. (And <u>face culling</u> doesn't work since some rays can come from behind.)

How many rays?

(N pixels)  $\cdot \begin{bmatrix} (2^n - 1) \text{ nodes in ray tree} \\ + m(2^n - 1) \text{ shadow rays} \end{bmatrix}$ 

i.e. lots of incentive to make this efficient



# Page Tracing In out camera! Follow rays from eye (through pixels) into scene. PASE of Where they hit the 1st object: compute reflectance, from light source(s). PASE of Market of Sollow specular bounces & transparency rays to account for inter-object effects. Leads to ray free. RT is core of global illumination. Omits effect of other objects on diffuse reflectance term!

Visible Surface Determination (15.2)			20
15.1:	Idea of coherence: if you have an answer someplace, it will probably apply nearby $\cong$ incremental algorithm		
	5	inding box shading	
	0 0	es only change when they cross es/edges	
	etc.		
Conclusion:	computation <u>precedes</u> proj'n or depth info lost. Typically after normalizing xform.		
Face culling already discussed. Bounding volumes & spatial partitioning.			

# Roberts Algorithm 15.3.1

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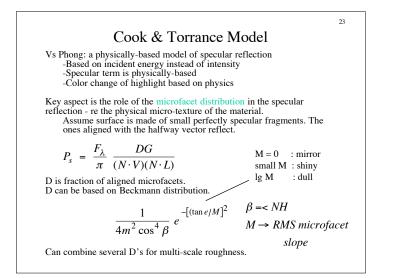
Discuss Roberts thesis.

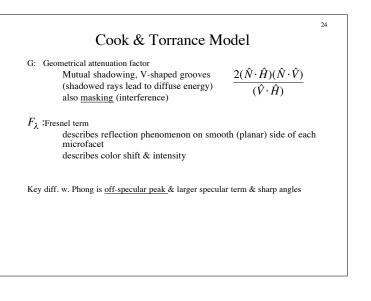
- Edge detection
- Labelling
- Back-projection

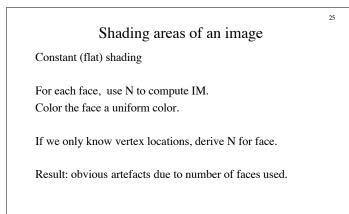
Alg: All edges on faces of convex polyhedron.

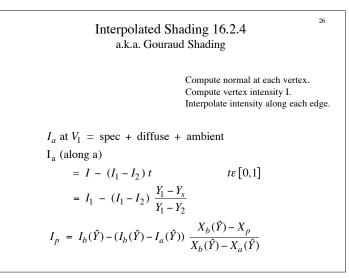
- 1) Face culling.
- 2) Test each remaining edge against each (convex) polyhedron.
  - a) Via bounding box.
  - b) Test line against relevant faces.

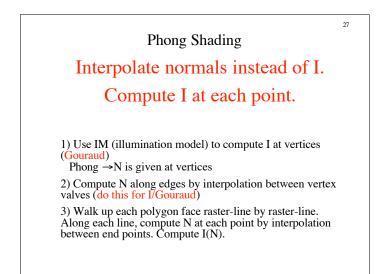
# 22 Appel's Algorithm 15.3.2 Exploits object coherence - it's a form of incremental algorithm. Idea: Define index of number of faces hiding a line - "quantitative invisibility": QI When moving behind a fron-facing polygon, increment QI, when coming out, deerment QI. QI changes at either: . open polygon edges. . deges between fron & back facing polygons. . these are <u>contour lines</u> Other edges do not change visibility. Contour vs. line occlusion determined by looking at triangle formed by line & eye wrt contour line.

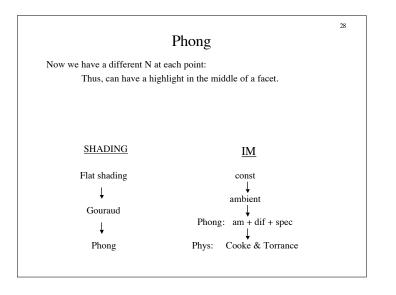












# Hidden surface removal summary

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### Z buffer:

No constraint on object types of compactness. Z values ust be high-res: (16/32 bits pp). Uses much space. Precision problems. Scan conversion can lead to

### List priority:

Sort faces. Painters algo. → typ fails → furthest z per face

# 30 Adding Surface Cues 16.3 READ IT 1) Surface detail polygons ≅ paint 2) Texture mapping Like morphing but map (V,V) space of texture image onto 3D surface, then project. Can use inverse mapping. pixel $\rightarrow$ surface $\rightarrow$ texture map combine appropriate texels from map Can involve weighting 3) Bump mapping → perturb suface normal Points P displaced: Point sP displaced : $\overline{P}^1 = \overline{P} + B \frac{\overline{N}}{|\overline{N}|}$ Note $\overline{N} = \overline{P_s} \times \overline{P}_t \quad P_s$ Fails at silhouette edges Don't actually move data points!