CSCI 420 Computer Graphics
Lecture 1

Course Overview

Administrative Issues
Modeling
Animation
Rendering
OpenGL Programming
[Angel Ch. 1]

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Course Information On-Line
http://barbic.usc.edu/cs420-s21/
- Schedule (slides, readings)
- Assignments (details, due dates)
- Software (libraries, hints)
- Resources (books, tutorials, links)

Submit assignments on Blackboard:
https://blackboard.usc.edu

Forum for questions is on Piazza:
https://piazza.com/usc/spring2021/csci420/home

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Course slides
http://barbic.usc.edu/cs420-s21/
- Full-color version
- 6-slides-per-page B&W version
- Posted in advance of lectures
- Color viewing in Acrobat Reader:
Disable “Replace Document Colors” in Preferences.Accessibility (if enabled)

Background:
BSc Mathematics
PhD Computer Science

Research interests:
graphics, animation, real-time physics, control, sound, haptics

Practice:
Tech transfer, startup companies (Ziva Dynamics)

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Course Producer

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Prerequisites

• CSCI 104 (Data Structures and Object-Oriented Design)
• MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Differential Equations)
• Familiarity with calculus and linear algebra
• C programming skills
• Junior, senior, MS or PhD student, or explicit permission of instructor
• See me if you are missing any and we haven’t discussed it

Grading

• 51% Programming Assignments (3x 17%)
• 19% Midterm (open book, on Zoom)
• 30% Final (open book, on Zoom)

Textbooks

• Interactive Computer Graphics
  A top-down approach with OpenGL, Sixth Edition
  Edward Angel, Addison-Wesley

• OpenGL Programming Guide ("Red Book")
  Basic version also available on-line (see Resources)

Academic integrity

• No collaboration!
• Do not copy any parts of any of the assignments from anyone
• Do not look at other students’ code, papers, assignments or exams
• USC Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards will be notified

Assignment Policies

• Programming assignments
  - Hand in via Blackboard by end of due date
  - Functionality and features
  - Style and documentation
  - Artistic impression
• 3 late days, usable any time during semester
• All assignments must be completed to pass the course
• Academic integrity policy applied rigorously
Computer Graphics
One of the “core” computer science disciplines:
- Algorithms and Theory
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computer Architecture
- Computer Graphics and Visualization
- Computer Vision
- Computer Security
- Computer Systems
- Databases
- Networks
- Programming Languages
- Software Engineering

Course Overview
Theory: Computer graphics disciplines:
- Modeling: how to represent objects
- Animation: how to control and represent motion
- Rendering: how to create images of objects
- Image Processing: how to edit images

Practice: OpenGL graphics library

Not in this course:
- Human-computer interaction
- Graphic design
- User interface libraries

OpenGL Graphics Library
- Main focus:
  Core OpenGL Profile (“Modern OpenGL”)
- OpenGL 3.2 and higher
- Shaders
- Homeworks use the Core Profile
- We will also study:
  Compatibility Profile (“Classic OpenGL”)

Computer Graphics Disciplines
- Rendering
- Geometry (Modeling)
- Animation
- Image Processing

Computer Graphics Goals I
- Synthetic images indistinguishable from reality
- Practical, scientifically sound, in real time

Example: Ray Tracing
- Barbic, James
  SIGGRAPH 2010
- Thuny, Wojtan, Gross, Turk
  SIGGRAPH 2010
Example: Physics + Computational Geometry + Animation + Ray Tracing

Barbic, James, SIGGRAPH 2010

Example: Radiosity


Computer Graphics Goals II

• Creating a new reality (not necessarily scientific)
• Practical, aesthetically pleasing, in real time

Example: Illustrating Smooth Surfaces

A. Hertzmann, D. Zorin, SIGGRAPH 2000

Non-photorealistic rendering (NPR)

Example: Scene Completion

Original Input J. Hays, A. Efros, SIGGRAPH 2007

Scene Matching Output

SIGGRAPH

• Main computer graphics event in the world
• Once per year
• 30,000 attendees
• Academia, industry
1. Course Overview

- Administrative Issues
- Topics Outline (next)

2. OpenGL Basics

- Graphics pipeline
- Primitives and attributes
- Color
- OpenGL core and compatibility profiles
  - [Angel, Ch. 1, 2]

3. Input and Interaction

- Clients and servers
- Event driven programming
- Hidden-surface removal
  - [Angel, Ch. 2]

4. GPU Shaders

- Vertex program
- Fragment program
- Pipeline program
- Shading languages
  - GLSL shading language
- Interaction with OpenGL

5. Objects & Transformations

- Linear algebra review
- Coordinate systems and frames
- Rotation, translation, scaling
- Homogeneous coordinates
- OpenGL transformation matrices
  - [Angel, Ch. 3]

6. Viewing and Projection

- Orthographic projection
- Perspective projection
- Camera positioning
- Projections in OpenGL
  - [Angel, Ch. 4]
7. Hierarchical Models
- Re-using objects
- Animations
- OpenGL routines
- Parameters and transformations
- [Angel, Ch. 8]

8. Light and Shading
- Light sources
- Ambient, diffuse, and specular reflection
- Normal vectors
- Material properties in OpenGL
- Radiosity
- [Angel, Ch. 5]

9. Curves and Surfaces
- Review of 3D-calculus
- Explicit representations
- Implicit representations
- Parametric curves and surfaces
- Hermite curves and surfaces
- Bézier curves and surfaces
- Splines
- Curves and surfaces in OpenGL
- [Angel, Ch. 10]

10. Rendering
- Clipping
- Bounding boxes
- Hidden-surface removal
- Line drawing
- Scan conversion
- Antialiasing
- [Angel, Ch. 6]

11. Textures and Pixels
- Texture mapping
- OpenGL texture primitives
- Bump maps
- Environment maps
- Opacity and blending
- Image filtering
- [Angel, Ch. 7]

12. Ray Tracing
- Basic ray tracing [Angel, Ch. 11]
- Spatial data structures [Angel, Ch. 8]
- Motion Blur
- Soft Shadows

www.yafaray.org
13. Radiosity
- Local vs global illumination model
- Interreflection between surfaces
- Radiosity equation
- Solution methods
- [Angel Ch. 11]

14. Physically Based Models
- Particle systems
- Spring forces
- Cloth
- Collisions
- Constraints
- Fractals
- [Angel, Ch. 9]

15. Scientific Visualization
- Height fields and contours
- Isosurfaces
- Volume rendering
- Texture mapping of volumes
- [Angel Ch. 11]

Guest Lecture: TBA

“Wildcard” Lectures:
- Graphics hardware
- More on animation
- Motion capture
- Virtual reality and interaction
- Special effects in movies
- Video game programming
- Non-photo-realistic rendering

Hot Application Areas
- Film visual effects
- Feature animation
- Virtual reality
- PC graphics boards
- Video games
- Visualization (science, architecture, space)

Hot Research Topics
- Modeling
  - getting models from the real world
  - multi-resolution
- Animation
  - physically based simulation
  - motion capture
- Rendering:
  - more realistic: image-based modeling
  - less realistic: impressionist, pen & ink
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