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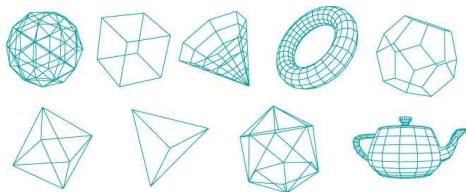
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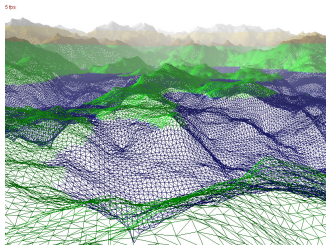
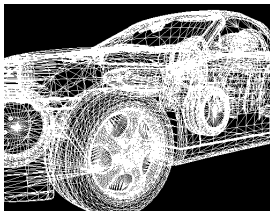
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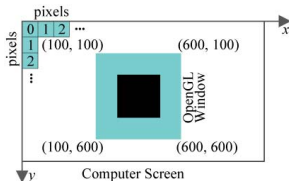
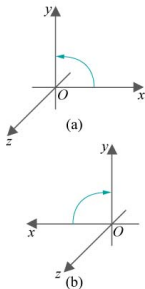
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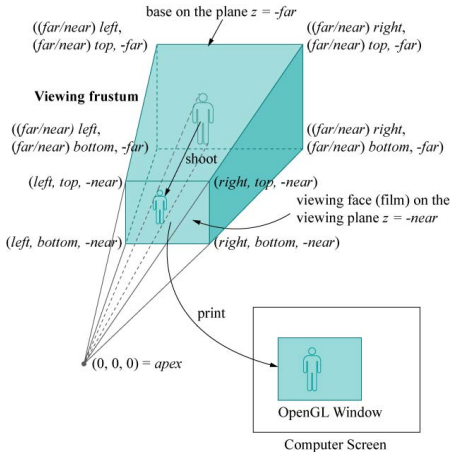
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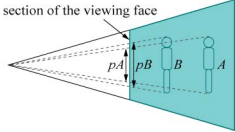
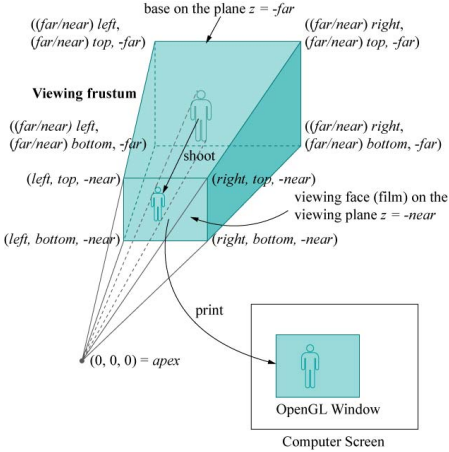
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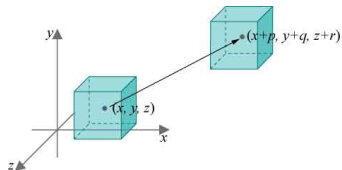


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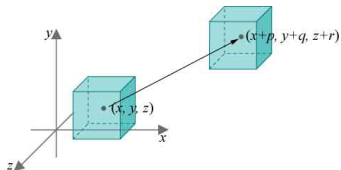
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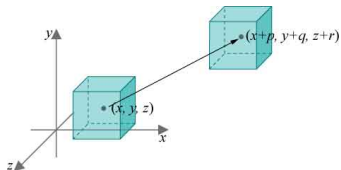
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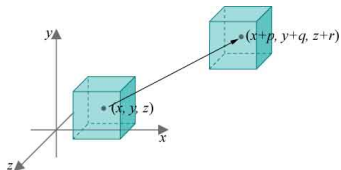
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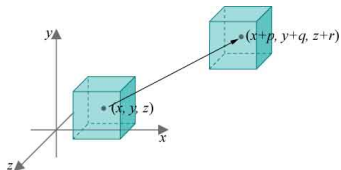
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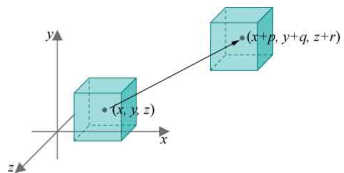
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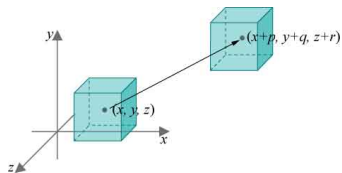
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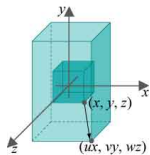


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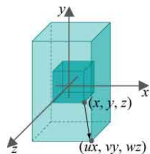


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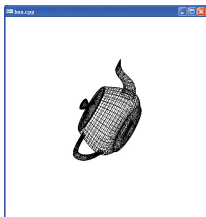


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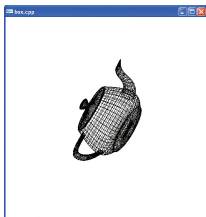


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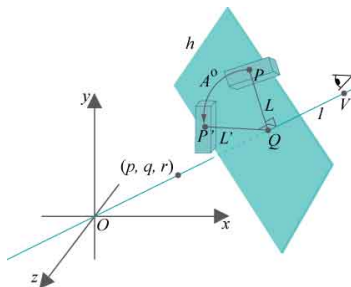
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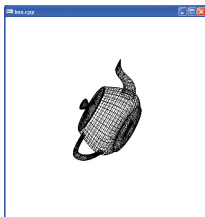
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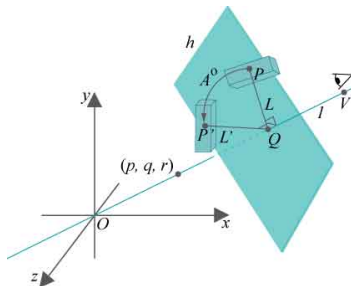
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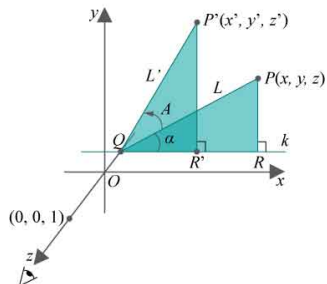
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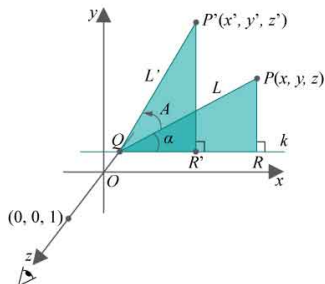
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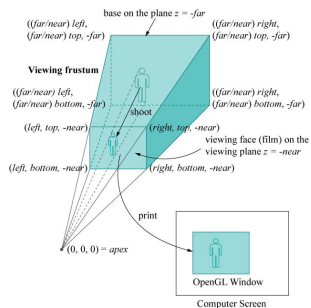
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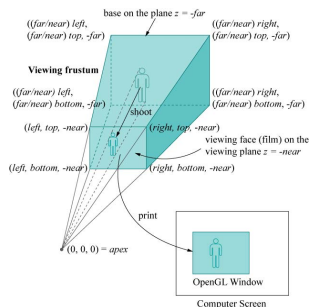
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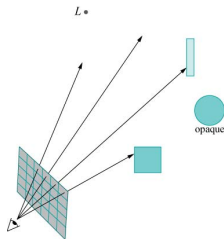
Expressed as 4x4 matrix multiplication ($d = -near$):

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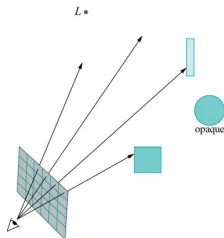
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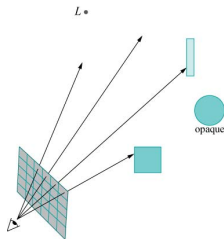
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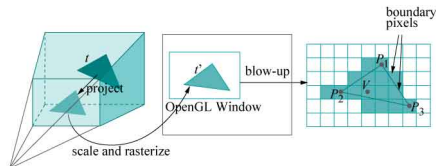
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So the actual rays are determined in the rasterization phase.

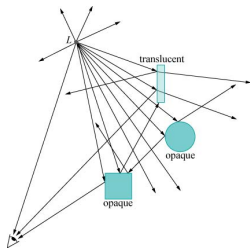
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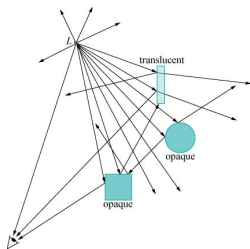
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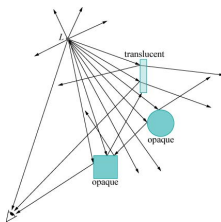
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Offline rendering (movies, visualization) can use more advanced light models (and also other rendering methods needing more time, such as ray tracing and radiosity).

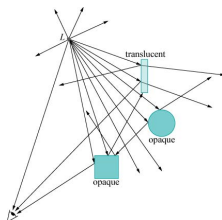
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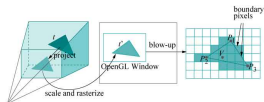
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- ▶ Models only opaque objects.
- ▶ Models only **one** level of light/surface interactions.
- ▶ Light/surface interaction is modeled by two simple submodels, **diffuse** and **specular** term.
- ▶ Models indirect light effects **very** crudely (**ambient** term).
- ▶ Light actually generated at surface can be added (emissive term).
- ▶ Occlusion is not modeled (all objects see all lights).

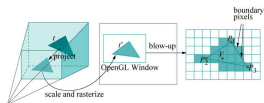
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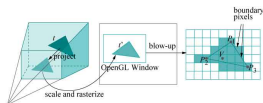
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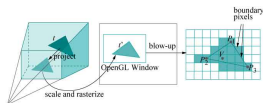
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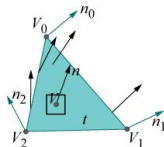
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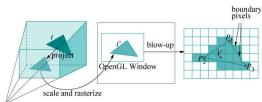


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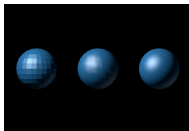
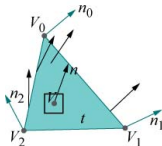


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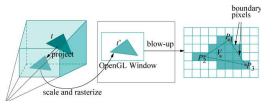


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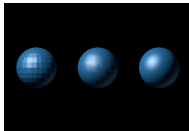
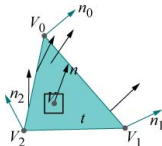


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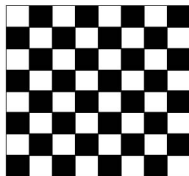
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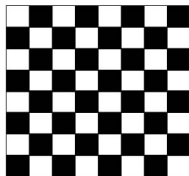
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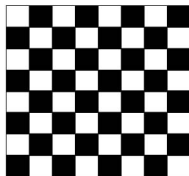


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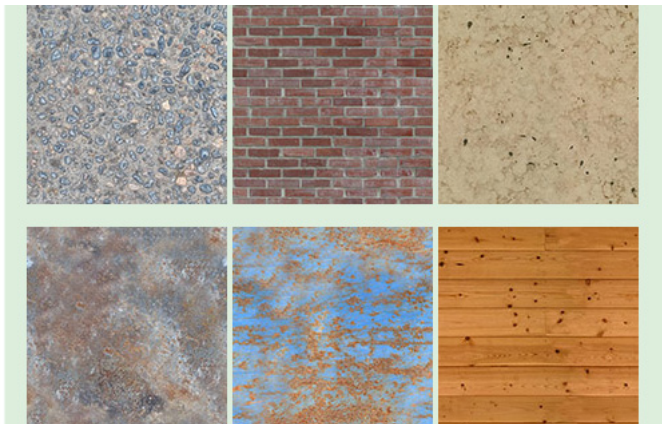
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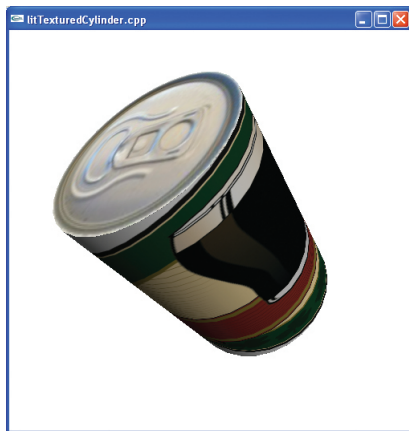
- ▶ Generate detailed graphical content hardly possible with triangles (such as clouds, skyboxes, plain pictures (posters, decals) on surfaces).
- ▶ Create illusion of structure, saving lots of triangles. Can be (low level) part of a level-of-detail scheme.
- ▶ Most of a game's graphical expression is via artwork using textures.
- ▶ Hold special-purpose data for use in rendering process.

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(From All Things Designed)

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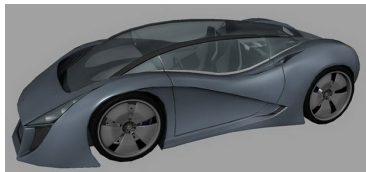
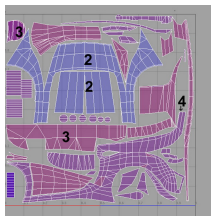
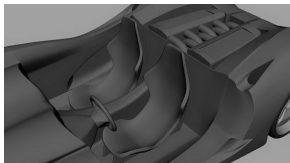
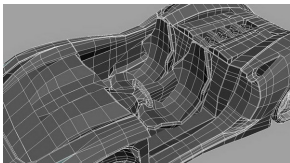


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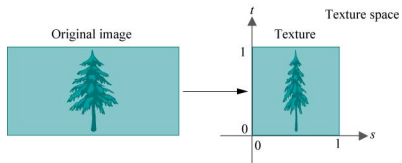
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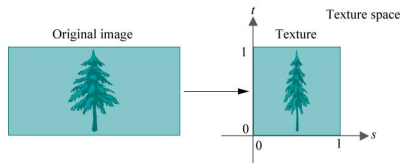
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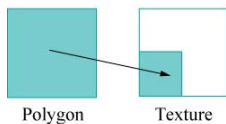


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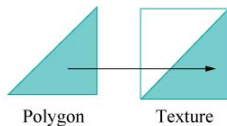
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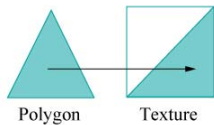
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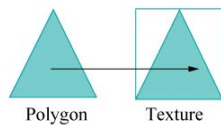
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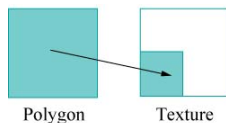
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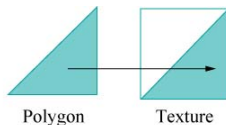
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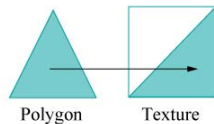
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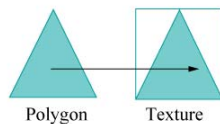
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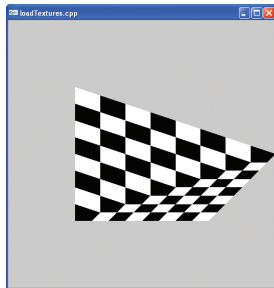
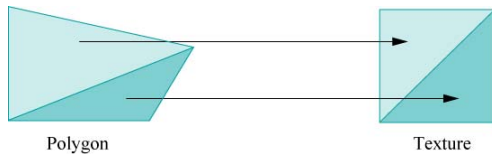
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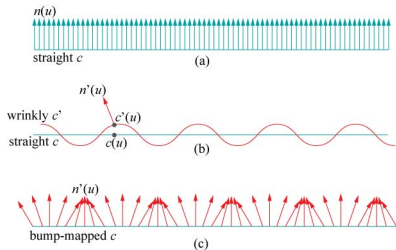
Points internally in triangle are associated with points in texture space using [interpolation](#).

Interpolation Example



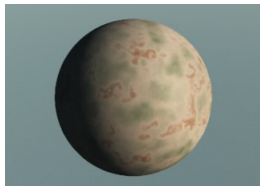
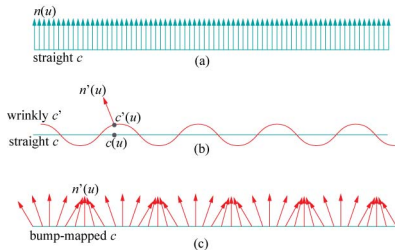
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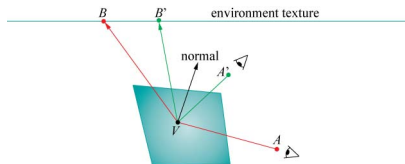
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(Figure by www.chromosphere.com)

Texture Use: Environment Mapping

Reflections can see environment. Make part of shading calculation.



Environment Mapping

Easiest with Cube mapping:



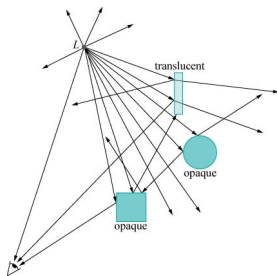
Six single textures. Can each be generated [online](#) by rendering from current center and saving framebuffer as texture.

Alternative Rendering Methods

- ▶ **Standard GPU pipeline** (OpenGL): real-time, but shading based on *local* effects. No shadows in basic pipeline (must be added by ad-hoc methods).
- ▶ **Ray tracing**: *Global* shading model particularly good at specular effects (shiny surfaces). Too computationally expensive to be real-time.
- ▶ **Radiosity**: *Global* shading model particularly good at diffuse effects (matte surfaces, indirect light). Too computationally expensive to be real-time. But well suited for storing results as textures (as diffuse light is not viewpoint dependent).

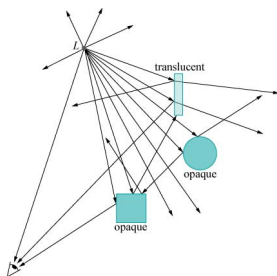
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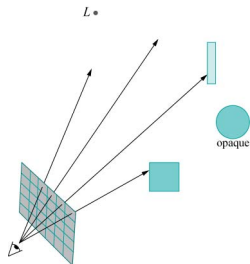
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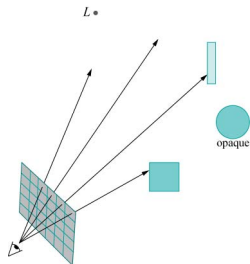
For efficiency, follow these in a **backwards** fashion, from the eye (only spend time on photons actually hitting the eye).

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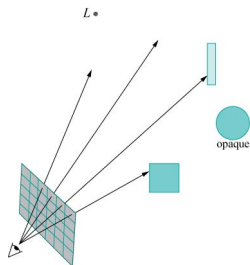
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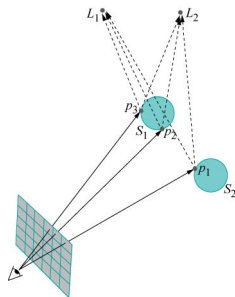
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Requires mechanism for fast determination of intersection points between rays and objects of the scene (e.g., store objects in data structures).

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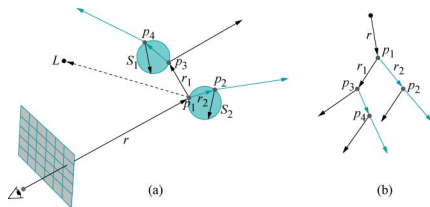
Add occlusion tests to light sources.



Gives shadows.

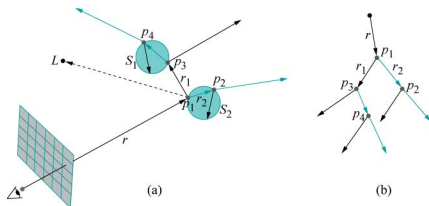
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Note: simulating indirect light transfer between diffuse surfaces requires following **many** (approximating infinitely many) reflective rays from each ray intersection point in the recursive process.

Prohibitively costly. So ray tracing works best for glossy materials.

Ray Tracing Examples



(Figures by Bill Martin, RayScale, Daniel Pohl, NVIDIA)

Radiosity

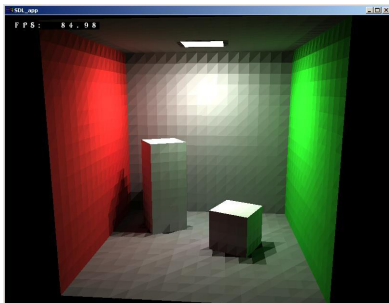
Model indirect light bouncing between purely diffuse (Lambertian) surfaces (of which some are light emitting).



(Figure by Jason Jacobs)

Patches

Start by patch-ifying the surfaces of the scene.



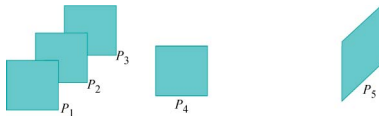
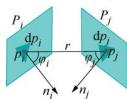
(Figure by Chuck Pheatt)

Entire patch will be considered to have same light value (radiosity/brightness) B_i .

Radiosity: photons emitted per time and per area.

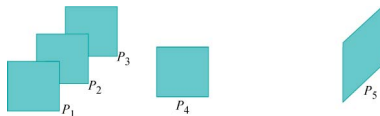
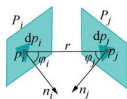
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(Technically: For F_{ij} : sum (integrate) contribution between (infinitesimal small areas around) all points on the two patches P_i and P_j .)

Radiosity Equation

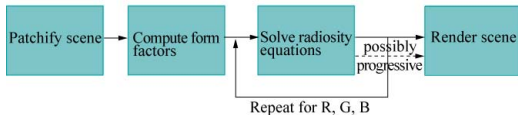
With M a specific $n \times n$ matrix (n is number of patches in scene) having entries depending on form factors and reflectance of patches, B the sought vector of brightness/radiosity values for patches and E the vector of emissive values for patches, one can prove:

$$MB = E$$

Using properties of the matrix M and results from matrix theory, it can be proven that the iterative process

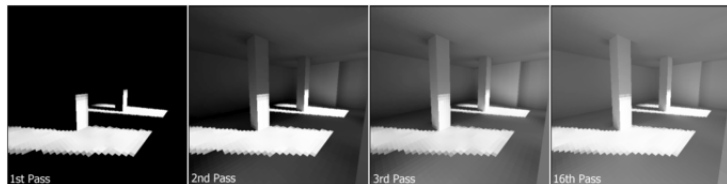
$$B_{i+1} = E + (I - M)B_i$$

for any start vector B_0 will converge to B . This is usually faster than directly solving $MB = E$ (by e.g. inverting M), and less memory is used.



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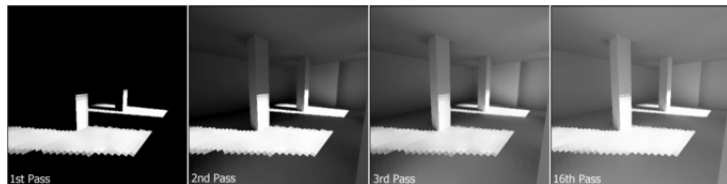
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The patching of the room may be refined based on one run of radiosity, increasing the resolution in areas with large variation in light values (edges of shadows, e.g.), and lowering the resolution in areas with small variation.