Lecture 1:

Introduction

Computer Graphics and Imaging
UC Berkeley CS184/284A
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Prof. Jonathan Ragan-Kelley

• Ph.D. 2014 on the Halide language (used in Google Pixel cameras, Adobe Photoshop, …)

• First research project: preview renderer for ILM

• Research interests: systems, compilers, languages for visual computing & graphics

• Fun fact: born (and did undergrad) at our rival across the Bay, but I’ve never been to Big Game
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Prof. Ren Ng

• Ph.D. 2006 on Digital Light Field Photography (evolving camera design using graphics know-how)

• Founder of Lytro, a light field camera company

• Research interests: computational imaging systems, computer graphics and computer vision

• Fun fact: born Malaysian, became Australian, lived in California for most of my life
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Your Names: An Important Request

We want to get to know you
It starts with your names
We want to remember, but there are many of us
Please help us with this rule:

• Every time you participate in class, section, office hours, please remind us your name.

Example: “Hi, this is Susan. My question is about…”

Thank you very much!
CS184/284A: Computer Graphics & Imaging

Why Study Computer Graphics?
Course Overview
Logistics
What is Computer Graphics?

com•put•er   graph•ics  /kəmˈpyʊdər ˈɡrɑːfɪks/ n.
The use of computers to synthesize and manipulate visual information.
Why Visual Information?
We Humans Are Visual Animals
Visual Technology: Painting

Pursuit of realism; also impressions, ideas, abstractions...
Visual Technology: Illustration

Not just art, also data, ideas, ...
Visual Technology: Sculpture
Visual Technology: Photography

Joseph Niépce, “View from the Window at Le Gras” (1826)
Visual Technology: Photography / Imaging
Visual Technology: Digital Imagery

Ivan Sutherland, “Sketchpad” (1963)
Visual Technology: Digital Imagery
Visual Technology: 3D Fabrication
Discussion

Why are you interested in this course?

What do you want to learn about graphics & imaging?

- Amplifying artistic skills
- Real-time rendering
- GPU design
- Virtual reality
- Game development
- Education

Augmented reality
- Shaders
- Machine learning
- Image processing

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Jonathan Ragan-Kelley & Ren Ng
Why Study Computer Graphics and Imaging?
Movies

Jurassic Park (1993)
Moments That Changed The Movies: Jurassic Park
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWsbcbVqN8
Movies

“Dinosaur Input Device”
Movies

The Matrix (1999)
Movies

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Avatar (2009)
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Games

Crysis 3 (2013)
Games

“Adam” Realtime Rendering Demo (Unity 2016)
Product Design and Visualization

Ikea - 75% of catalog is rendered imagery
Product Design and Visualization

Tesla Model X concept (2012)
Product Design and Visualization

Tesla Model X review

Credit: EV obsession.com, James Ayre
Typography

The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over The Lazy Dog

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789

Baskerville
Illustration

Cave painting c. 36,000 B.C.
Digital Illustration

Meike Hakkart

http://maquenda.deviantart.com/art/Lion-done-in-illustrator-327715059
Computer-Aided Design

SolidWorks

SketchUp

For mechanical, architectural, electronic, optical, ...
Architectural Design

Bilbao Guggenheim, Frank Gehry
Architectural Design

Heydar Aliyev Center, Zaha Hadid Architects
Visualization

Science, engineering, medicine, journalism, ...
Visual Simulation

Driving simulator
Toyota Higashifuji Technical Center

da Vinci surgical robot
Intuitive Surgical

Flight simulator, driving simulator, surgical simulator, …
Graphical User Interfaces

Desktop metaphor

• Input: Keyboard, mouse
• Output: Cathode-ray tube

Ivan Sutherland, Sketchpad
Light pen, vector display

Doug Engelbart
Mouse
Graphical User Interfaces

2D drawing and animation are ubiquitous in computing. Typography, icons, images, transitions, transparency, …
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YndL315tQq8
Photography

NASA | Walter Iooss | Steve McCurry
Harold Edgerton | NASA | National Geographic
Ubiquitous Imaging

Cameras everywhere
Imaging in Mapping

Maps, satellite imagery, street-level imaging,…
Imaging in Mapping

Maps, satellite imagery, street-level imaging, …
Imaging for Computer Vision

ImageNet: 15M images, 22K categories
http://image-net.org
Imaging for Robotics

Google’s “Arm Farm”
How Do Camera’s Work?

Glenn Derene, Popular Mechanics
Digital and Computational Cameras

Panoramic stitching, HDR photos, light field cameras, ...
Virtual Reality

HTC Vive headset and controllers
Augmented Reality

Microsoft Hololens augmented reality headset concept
Foundations of Graphics and Imaging

These applications require sophisticated theory and systems

Science and Mathematics
  • Physics of light, color, optics, ...
  • Math of curves, surfaces, geometry, perspective, ...

Technology and Systems
  • Input devices, GPUs, displays, ...
  • Cameras, lenses, sensors, ...

Art and Psychology
  • Perception: color, stereo, motion, image quality, ...
  • Art and design: composition, form, lighting, ...
Course Goals

Overview of core ideas in graphics and imaging

• Modeling the world, image synthesis
• 3D graphics: geometry, rendering, animation
• Image capture, manipulation, and display

Acquire core concepts and skills

• Representations (geometry, images, transforms, …)
• Algorithms (sampling, subdivision, ray-tracing, …)
• Technology (GPUs, displays, cameras, …)
Course Topics
Drawing Digital Images (Rasterization)
Filtering and Sampling

No Jaggies
Modeling Geometry

(Stanislav Orekhov)

ocfish.blogspot

[Kaldor 2008]

Platonic noid
Modeling Material Properties
Modeling Lighting
Light Transport and Image Synthesis

Photograph (CCD) vs. computer rendering
Digital and Computational Cameras

Glenn Derene, Popular Mechanics
Animation and Physical Simulation

Luxo Jr. (Pixar 1986)
Virtual Reality
Hands-On Learning
Course Assignments

1. Digital Drawing (2 weeks)
2. Geometry (2 weeks)
3. Ray-Tracing (4 weeks)
4. Animation (2 weeks)
Final Project

Project Competition

• Win a cool prize (TBA - past: visit Pixar)

• 4 weeks, let your creativity take flight!
  (we will have suggested projects)

• Proposal; checkpoint; presentation, video, report
Final Project - Examples

Bhadra, Tsai, Ngan

Jiang, Dieppedalle, Singhal

Briggs, Shen, Xia

Zhu, Liao
Course Logistics
Prerequisites

Math

• Vectors, matrices, basic linear algebra
• Helpful: exposure to statistics, signal processing, Fourier transform

Programming

• Data structures (CS61B)
• Fluent with C and C++
• Fluent with development environment, debugging, etc.
Enrollment

• Last year, high turnover from wait list
• Class was basically full after dust settled
• This year, ~50% larger enrollment
• Questions about enrollment:
  • CS184: ask scheduler
    Cindy Conners, csconners@cs
  • CS284A: contact instructors on Piazza
  • Concurrent enrollment: send note to instructors on Piazza about your prerequisites for the class
Course Website

cs184.org or cs184.eecs.berkeley.edu

Lecture slides and instructor/TA/student discussions on the web are the primary course reference materials

“Add private note” button:
You can add notes to yourself about this slide here.

Slide comments and discussion

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Piazza

piazza.com/berkeley/spring2019/cs184

Please sign up!

For logistics and general communication / discussion

• Use Piazza instead of email
• But intellectual discussions about content should primarily go on website as slide comments

There will be a "getting started" post about the website on Piazza
Webcasting

Lecture will be recorded this semester

- Screen capture and audio only.
- Videos available in CalCentral and bCourses
Section

Sections start next week (Jan. 29)
TAs will give a primer on C++, building class projects

Details to appear on Piazza
Resources

Lectures will be primary source

Textbooks

- Physically Based Rendering, Third Edition: From Theory to Implementation by Pharr, Jakob and Humphreys

Other resources on class website
Assignments and Evaluation

(40%) Assignments (5)

(20%) Final Project (in groups of three, presentations, report)

(35%) Exams
  • Exam 1 on (tentative) Tuesday March 13, 7–9pm
  • Exam 2 on (tentative) Tuesday April 24, 7–9pm
  • No Final Exam

(5%) Participation
  • Lecture attendance, website comments
  • Piazza (give / get help), come to office hours and homework parties

284A students: Project is 40% of grade, remainder normalized
Late Days Policy

Assignments are late after 11:59pm on due date.

You have 5 late days for assignments (not final project)

- Extend a programming assignment deadline by 24 hours using one late day.
- If you do not have remaining late days, 10% penalty per day.
- Use this flexibility to manage your own exceptional circumstances. No exceptions beyond this!
Course Participation Grading Policy

Lecture attendance

• Attend most* lectures for 10 weeks

• Will use “DeNero method” for tracking attendance

Or website participation

• Contribute at least 3 well-thought-out comments on lecture slides each week

• You are encouraged to write your comments in Markdown, which enables working hyperlinks, type-set equations, and more. There is an article on Markdown linked on the website.

*policy to be finalized & begin a bit later
What We Are Looking For In Slide Comments

Try to explain the slide (as if teaching your classmate to study for an exam)
- “Ren said this, but if you think about it this way it is much clearer”

Explain what is confusing you
- “What I was totally confused about here was…”

Challenge classmates with a question
- For example, make up a question you think might be on an exam

Provide a link to an alternative explanation
- “This site has a really good animation of pre-filtering to avoid aliasing”

Mention real-world examples
- For example, describe what default interpolation functions are used in iOS.

Constructively respond to another student’s question
- “@nojaggies, are you sure that is correct? I thought that Ren said…”

It is OK, and even encouraged, to address the same topic (or repeat someone else’s summary, explanation or idea) in your own words
- “@cornellbox’s point is that subdivision is also used to…”
Class Philosophy

We want a very active class.
Come to class, participate in lecture.
Contribute on the website.
Questions?
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