Computer Science

Computer Graphics (COMP0027)

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- The painters method;

Creating an image using ray tracing:
- Ray casting using a simple camera;
- Local illumination;
- Global illumination with recursive ray tracing;

Specifying a general camera:
- World / image coordinates;
- Creation of an arbitrary camera;
- Ray tracing with an arbitrary camera;

Constructing a scene:
- Scene hierarchy;
- Transformations of objects / rays;
- Other modelling techniques;

Acceleration Techniques:
- Bounding volumes;
- Space subdivision;

From ray tracing to projecting polygons:
- Graphics pipeline;
- Transforming the polygons to image space;
- Sutherland-Hodgman clipping;

Key information

Year: 2019/20
Credit value: 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery: UG L6, Campus-based
Reading List: View on UCL website
Tutor: Dr Tobias Ritschel
Term: Term 1
Timetable: View on UCL website

Assessment

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- Scan conversion;
- Z-buffer;
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- Texture mapping;
- Back face culling;

Shadows:
- Shadow volumes;
- Shadow buffer;
- Shadow mapping;
- Soft shadows;

The nature of light:
- Transport theory, Radiance, luminance, radiosity;
- The radiance equation;
- Photon mapping;
- Monte Carlo integration;

Parametric surfaces:
- Bezier Curves;
- B-Splines Curves;

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- Written examination (main exam period): 75%
- Coursework: 25%

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