

Cameras

Digital Image Synthesis
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Camera



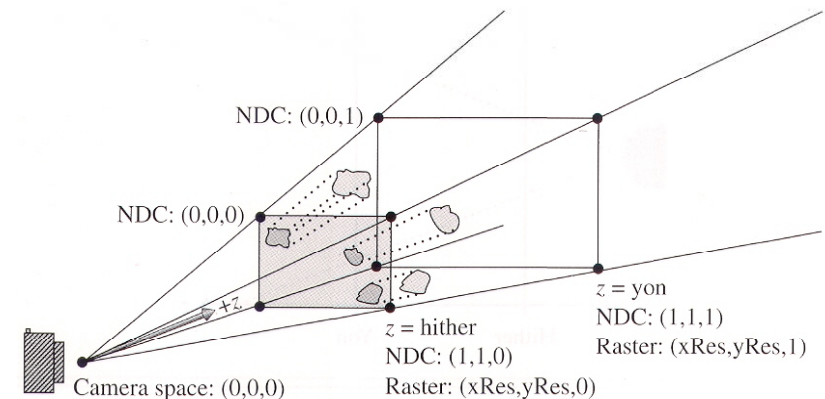
```
class Camera {  
public:    return a weight, useful for simulating real lens  
    virtual float GenerateRay(const CameraSample  
        &sample, Ray *ray) const = 0;  
    ... sample position corresponding  
        at the image plane normalized ray in  
        the world space  
    virtual float GenerateRayDifferential(  
        const CameraSample &sample,  
        RayDifferential *rd) const;  
  
    data members  
    AnimatedTransform CameraToWorld;  
    float ShutterOpen, ShutterClose;  
    Film *film;  
};
```

GenerateRayDifferential



```
float Camera::GenerateRayDifferential(...) {  
    float wt = GenerateRay(sample, rd); default  
    CameraSample sshift = sample; implementation  
    ++(sshift.imageX);  
    Ray rx;  
    float wtx = GenerateRay(sshift, &rx);  
    rd->rxOrigin = rx.o;    rd->rxDirection = rx.d;  
  
    --(sshift.imageX);    ++(sshift.imageY);  
    Ray ry;  
    float wty = GenerateRay(sshift, &ry);  
    rd->ryOrigin = ry.o;    rd->ryDirection = ry.d;  
    if (wtx == 0.f || wty == 0.f) return 0.f;  
    rd->hasDifferentials = true;  
    return wt;  
}
```

Camera space

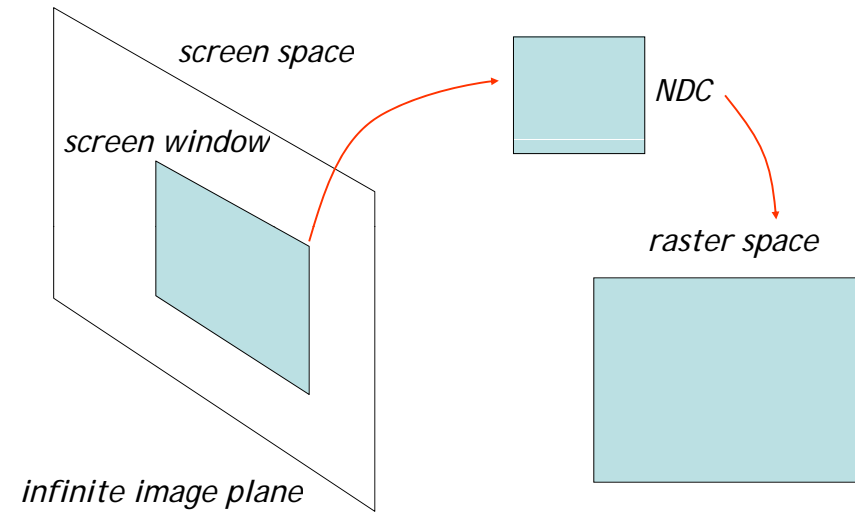


Coordinate spaces



- world space
- object space
- camera space (origin: camera position, z: viewing direction, y: up direction)
- screen space: a 3D space defined on the image plane, z ranges from 0(near) to 1(far); it defines the visible window
- normalized device space (NDC): (x, y) ranges from (0,0) to (1,1) for the rendered image, z is the same as the screen space
- raster space: similar to NDC, but the range of (x,y) is from (0,0) to (xRes, yRes)

Screen space



Projective camera models



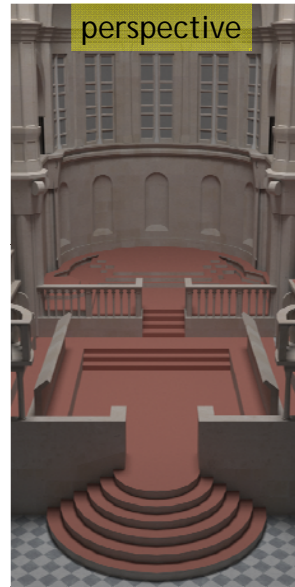
- Transform a 3D scene coordinate to a 2D image coordinate by a 4x4 projective matrix
- ```
class ProjectiveCamera : public Camera {
public: camera to screen projection (3D to 2D)
 ProjectiveCamera(AnimatedTransform
 &cam2world, Transform &proj,
 float Screen[4], float sopen, float sclose,
 float lensr, float focald, Film *film);
protected:
 Transform CameraToScreen, RasterToCamera;
 Transform ScreenToRaster, RasterToScreen;
 float lensRadius, focalDistance;
};
```

## Projective camera models



```
ProjectiveCamera::ProjectiveCamera(...)
:Camera(cam2world, sopen, sclose, f) {
...
CameraToScreen=proj;
WorldToScreen=CameraToScreen*WorldToCamera;
ScreenToRaster
= Scale(float(film->xResolution),
 float(film->yResolution), 1.f)*
 Scale(1.f / (Screen[1] - Screen[0]),
 1.f / (Screen[2] - Screen[3]), 1.f)*
 Translate(Vector(-Screen[0], -Screen[3], 0.f));
RasterToScreen = Inverse(ScreenToRaster);
RasterToCamera =
 Inverse(CameraToScreen) * RasterToScreen;
}
```

## Projective camera models



## Orthographic camera



```
Transform Orthographic(float znear, float zfar)
{
 return Scale(1.f, 1.f, 1.f/(zfar-znear))
 *Translate(Vector(0.f, 0.f, -znear));
}

OrthoCamera::OrthoCamera(...)
: ProjectiveCamera(cam2world,
 Orthographic(0., 1.),
 Screen, sopen, sclose, lensr, focald, f)
{ All differential rays have the same dir and origin shift
 dxCamera = RasterToCamera(Vector(1, 0, 0));
 dyCamera = RasterToCamera(Vector(0, 1, 0));
}
```

## OrthoCamera::GenerateRay



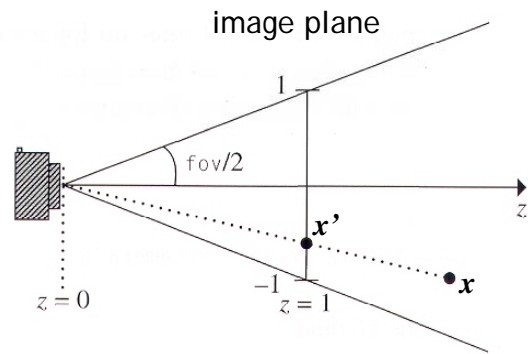
```
float OrthoCamera::GenerateRay(const
 CameraSample &sample, Ray *ray) const {
 Point Pras(sample.imageX, sample.imageY, 0);
 Point Pcamera;
 RasterToCamera(Pras, &Pcamera);
 *ray = Ray(Pcamera, Vector(0,0,1),
 0.f, INFINITY);
 <Modify ray for depth of field>
 ray->time = Lerp(sample.time,
 shutterOpen, shutterClose);
 CameraToWorld(*ray, ray);
 return 1.f;
}
```

## OrthoCamera::GenerateRayDifferential



```
float OrthoCamera::GenerateRay(const
 CameraSample &sample, RayDifferential *ray) {
 Point Pras(sample.imageX, sample.imageY, 0);
 Point Pcamera;
 RasterToCamera(Pras, &Pcamera);
 *ray = RayDifferential(Pcamera,
 Vector(0,0,1), 0., INFINITY);
 <Modify ray for depth of field>
 ray->time = Lerp(sample.time,
 shutterOpen, shutterClose);
 ray->rxOrigin = ray->o + dxCamera;
 ray->ryOrigin = ray->o + dyCamera;
 ray->rxDirection = ray->ryDirection = ray->d;
 ray->hasDifferentials = true;
 CameraToWorld(*ray, ray);
 return 1.f;
}
```

## Perspective camera



$$x' = x/z$$

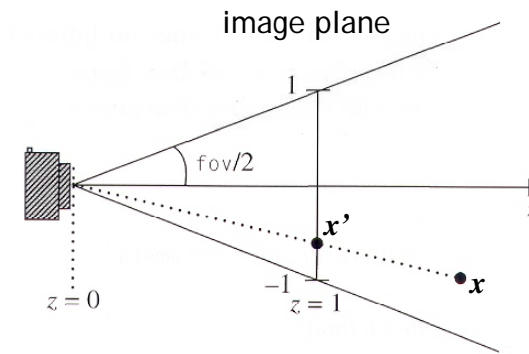
$$y' = y/z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z' = \frac{z-n}{f-n} ?$$

But, you must divide by z because of x' and y'

## Perspective camera



$$x' = x/z$$

$$y' = y/z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z' = \frac{f(z-n)}{z(f-n)}$$

## Perspective camera



```
Transform Perspective(float fov, float n, float f)
{
 near_z far_z
 Matrix4x4 *persp =
 new Matrix4x4(1, 0, 0, 0,
 0, 1, 0, 0,
 0, 0, f/(f-n), -f*n/(f-n),
 0, 0, 1, 0);

 float invTanAng = 1.f / tanf(Radians(fov)/2.f);
 return Scale(invTanAng, invTanAng, 1) *
 Transform(persp);
}
```

## PerspectiveCamera::GenerateRay



```
float PerspectiveCamera::GenerateRay
(const CameraSample &sample, Ray *ray) const
{
 // Generate raster and camera samples
 Point Pras(sample.imageX, sample.imageY, 0);
 Point Pcamera;
 RasterToCamera(Pras, &Pcamera);
 *ray = Ray(Point(0,0,0), Vector(Pcamera),
 0.f, INFINITY);

 <Modify ray for depth of field>

 ray->time = Lerp(sample.time,
 shutterOpen, shutterClose);
 CameraToWorld(*ray, ray);
 return 1.f;
}
```

## GenerateRayDifferential



*the same as GenerateRay*

*precomputed  
in the constructor*

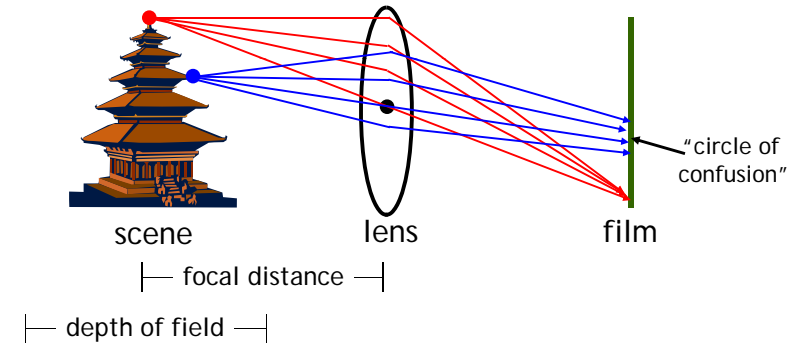
```
dxCamera = RasterToCamera(Point(1,0,0)) -
 RasterToCamera(Point(0,0,0));
dyCamera = RasterToCamera(Point(0,1,0)) -
 RasterToCamera(Point(0,0,0));
ray->rxOrigin = ray->ryOrigin = ray->o;
ray->rxDirection = Normalize(Vector(Pcamera)
 + dxCamera);
ray->ryDirection = Normalize(Vector(Pcamera)
 + dyCamera);

ray->time = Lerp(sample.time,
 shutterOpen, shutterClose);
CameraToWorld(*ray, ray);
ray->hasDifferentials = true;
return 1.f;
```

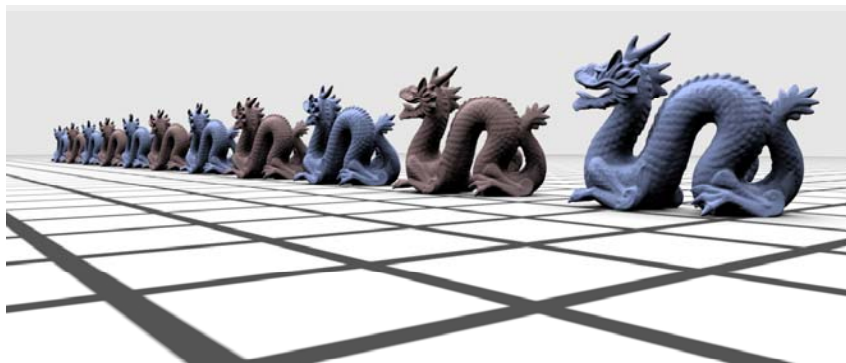
## Depth of field



- Circle of confusion  $\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f}$
- Depth of field: the range of distances from the lens at which objects appear in focus (circle of confusion roughly smaller than a pixel)

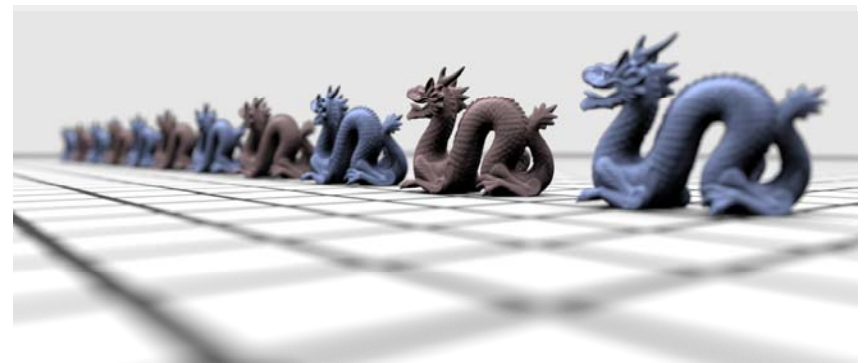


## Depth of field



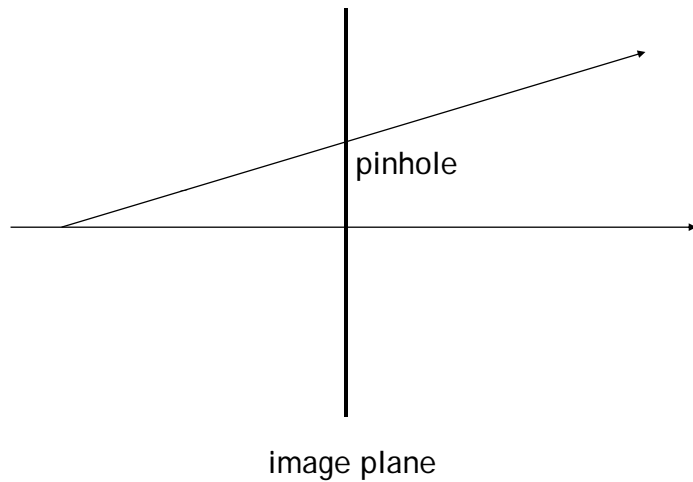
without depth of field

## Depth of field

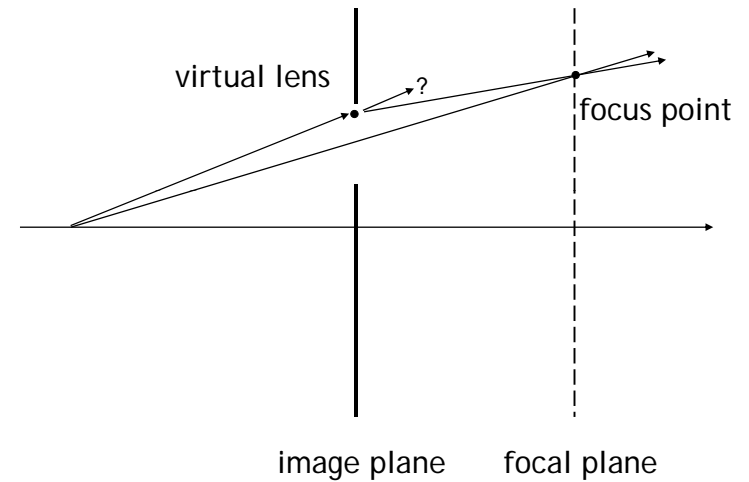


with depth of field

## Sample the lens



## Sample the lens

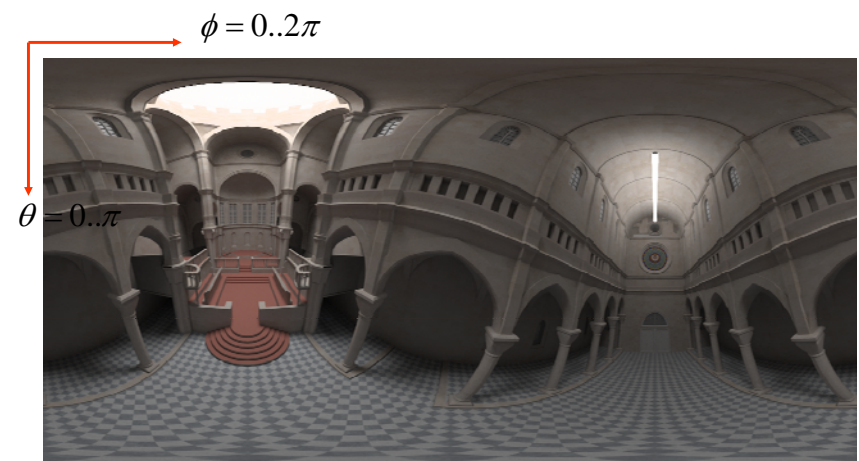


## In GenerateRay(...)



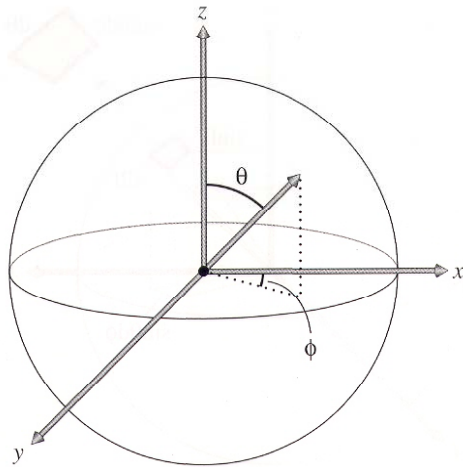
```
if (LensRadius > 0.) {
 // Sample point on lens
 float lensU, lensV;
 ConcentricSampleDisk(sample.lensU,
 sample.lensV,
 &lensU, &lensV);
 lensU *= lensRadius;
 lensV *= lensRadius;
 // Compute point on plane of focus
 float ft = focalDistance / ray->d.z;
 Point Pfocus = (*ray)(ft);
 // Update ray for effect of lens
 ray->o = Point(lensU, lensV, 0.f);
 ray->d = Normalize(Pfocus - ray->o);
}
```

## Environment camera





## Environment camera



$$\begin{aligned}x &= \sin\theta \cos\phi \\y &= \sin\theta \sin\phi \\z &= \cos\theta\end{aligned}$$

## EnvironmentCamera



EnvironmentCamera::

```
EnvironmentCamera(const Transform &world2cam,
 float hither, float yon,
 float sopen, float sclose,
 Film *film)
: Camera(world2cam, hither, yon,
 sopen, sclose, film)
```

```
{
 rayOrigin = CameraToWorld(Point(0,0,0));
}
```

↑  
in world space

## EnvironmentCamera::GenerateRay

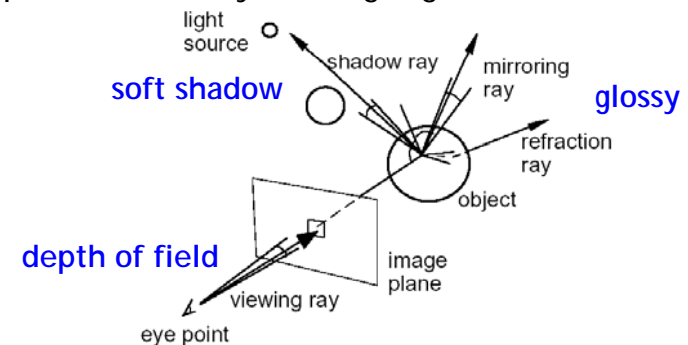


```
float EnvironmentCamera::GenerateRay
(CameraSample &sample, Ray *ray) const
{
 float time = Lerp(sample.time,
 shutterOpen, shutterClose);
 float theta = M_PI * sample.imageY / film->yResolution;
 float phi = 2 * M_PI * sample.imageX / film->xResolution;
 Vector dir(sin(theta) * cos(phi), cos(theta),
 sin(theta) * sin(phi));
 *ray = Ray(Point(0,0,0), dir, 0.f, INFINITY, time);
 CameraToWorld(*ray, ray);
 return 1.f;
}
```

## Distributed ray tracing



- *SIGGRAPH 1984*, by Robert L. Cook, Thomas Porter and Loren Carpenter from LucasFilm.
- Apply distribution-based sampling to many parts of the ray-tracing algorithm.



## Distributed ray tracing



### Gloss/Translucency

- Perturb directions reflection/transmission, with distribution based on angle from ideal ray

### Depth of field

- Perturb eye position on lens

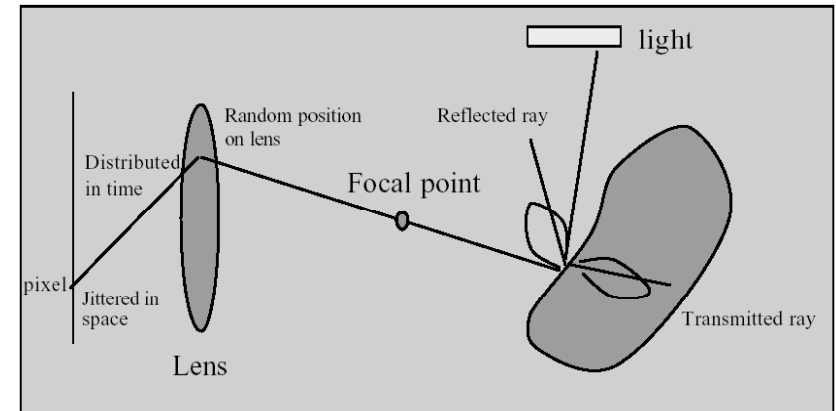
### Soft shadow

- Perturb illumination rays across area light

### Motion blur

- Perturb eye ray samples in time

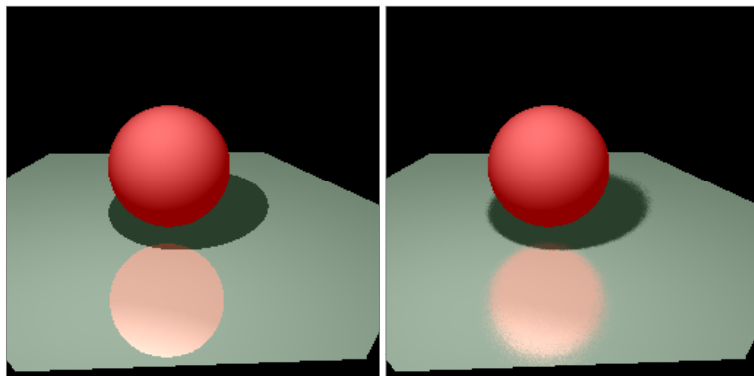
## Distributed ray tracing



## DRT: Gloss/Translucency



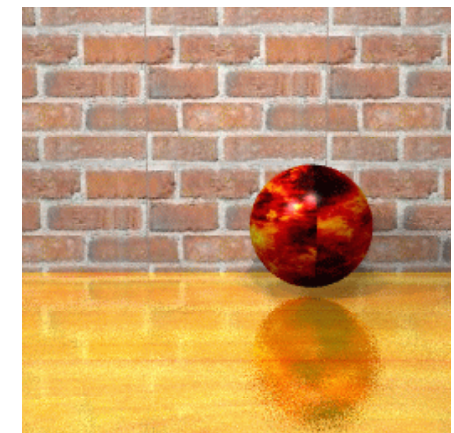
- Blurry reflections and refractions are produced by randomly perturbing the reflection and refraction rays from their "true" directions.



## Glossy reflection



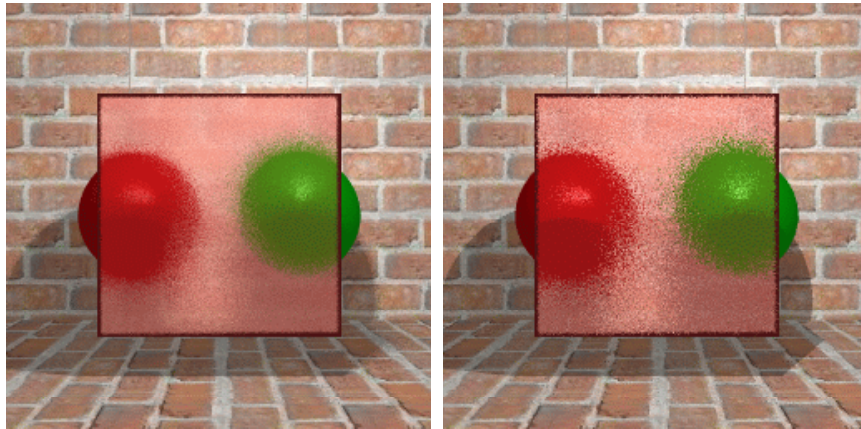
4 rays



64 rays



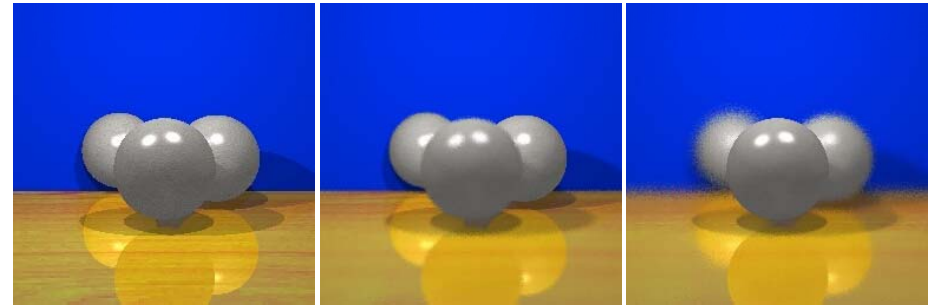
## Translucency



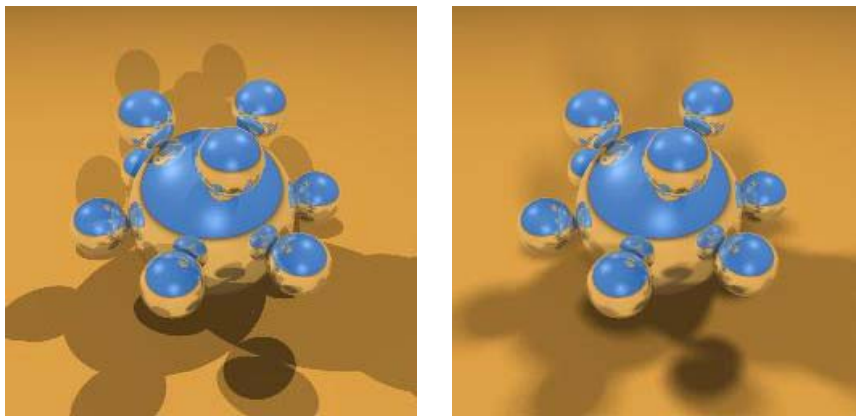
4 rays

16 rays

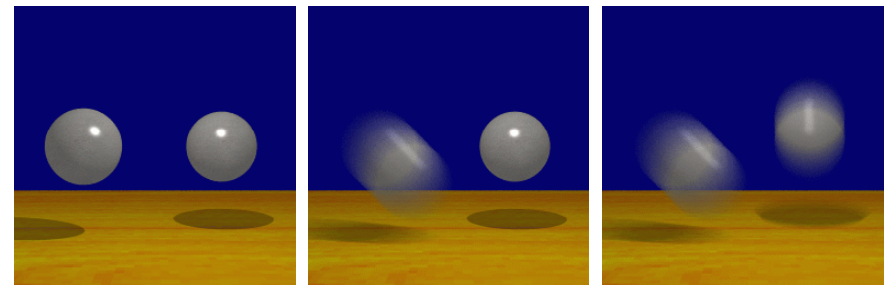
## Depth of field



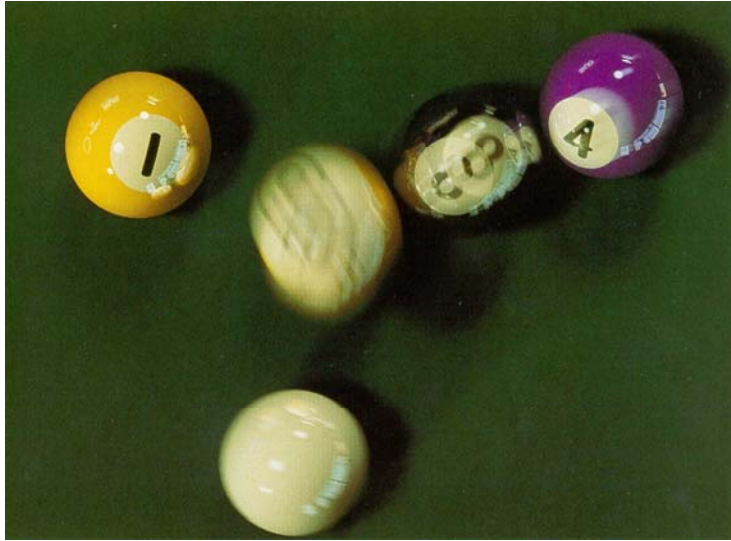
## Soft shadows



## Motion blur



## Results



## Adventures of Andre & Wally B (1986)



## Realistic camera model



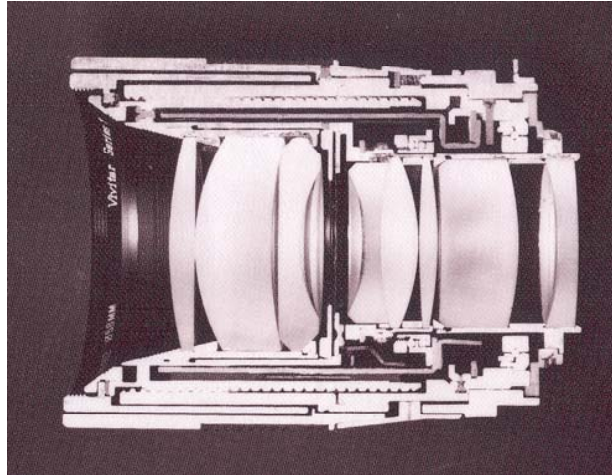
- Most camera models in graphics are not geometrically or radiometrically correct.
- Model a camera with a lens system and a film backplane. A lens system consists of a sequence of simple lens elements, stops and apertures.

## Why a realistic camera model?



- Physically-based rendering. For more accurate comparison to empirical data.
- Seamlessly merge CGI and real scene, for example, VFX.
- For vision and scientific applications.
- The camera metaphor is familiar to most 3d graphics system users.

## Real Lens



Cutaway section of a Vivitar Series 1 90mm f/2.5 lens  
Cover photo, Kingslake, *Optics in Photography*

## Exposure

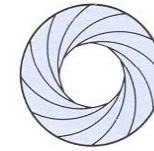


- Two main parameters:

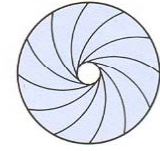
- Aperture (in f stop)



Full aperture



Medium aperture

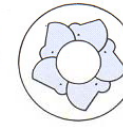


Stopped down

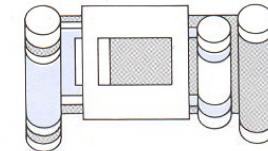
- Shutter speed (in fraction of a second)



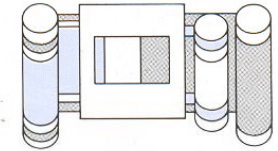
Blade (closing)



Blade (open)

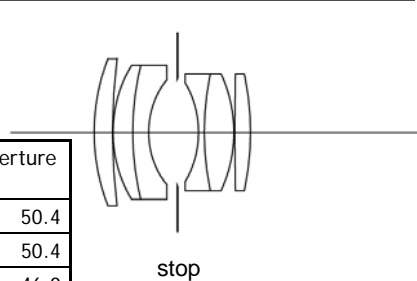


Focal plane (closed)



Focal plane (open)

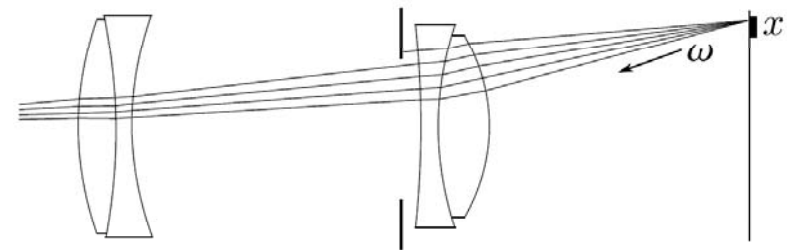
## Double Gauss



| Radius (mm) | Thick (mm) | $n_d$ | V-no | aperture |
|-------------|------------|-------|------|----------|
| 58.950      | 7.520      | 1.670 | 47.1 | 50.4     |
| 169.660     | 0.240      |       |      | 50.4     |
| 38.550      | 8.050      | 1.670 | 47.1 | 46.0     |
| 81.540      | 6.550      | 1.699 | 30.1 | 46.0     |
| 25.500      | 11.410     |       |      | 36.0     |
|             | 9.000      |       |      | 34.2     |
| -28.990     | 2.360      | 1.603 | 38.0 | 34.0     |
| 81.540      | 12.130     | 1.658 | 57.3 | 40.0     |
| -40.770     | 0.380      |       |      | 40.0     |
| 874.130     | 6.440      | 1.717 | 48.0 | 40.0     |
| -79.460     | 72.228     |       |      | 40.0     |

Data from W. Smith,  
Modern Lens Design, p 312

## Measurement equation



$$R = \int \int \int \int L(T(x, \omega, \lambda); \lambda) S(x, t) P(x, \lambda) \cos \theta \, dx \, d\omega \, dt \, d\lambda$$

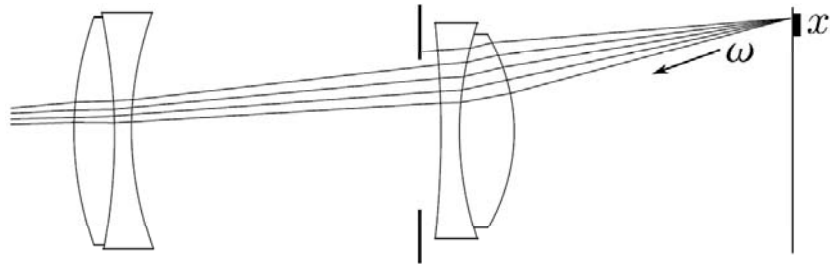
$L$ : radiance

$T$ : image to object space transformation

$S$ : shutter function

$P$ : sensor response characteristics

## Measurement equation



$$R = \Delta t \cdot \int \int L(T(x, \omega)) \cos \theta \, dx \, d\omega$$

$L$ : radiance    $T$ : image to object space transformation

## Solving the integral



Problem: given a function  $f$  and domain  $\Omega$ , how to calculate

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x) dx$$

Solution: Monte Carlo method:

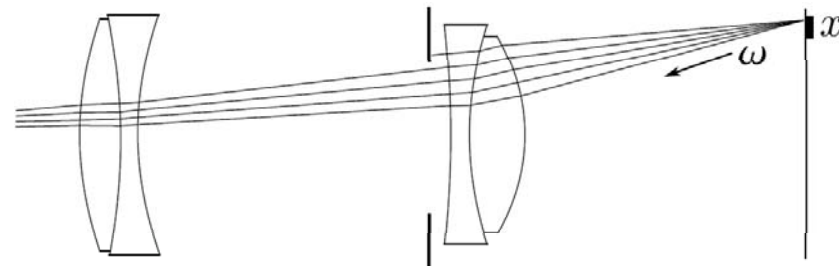
$$\int_{\Omega} f(x) dx \approx \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \right] \cdot \int_{\Omega} dx$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  are uniform distributed random samples in  $\Omega$ .

## Algorithm



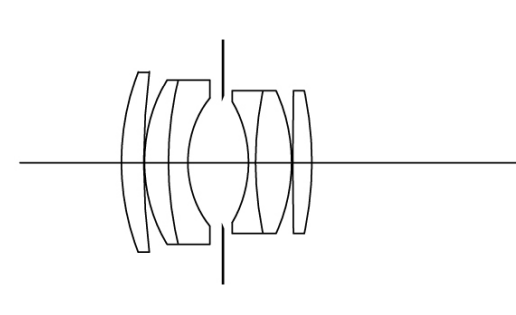
- 1 For each pixel on the image, generate some random samples  $x_i$  and  $\omega_i$  uniformly.
- 2 For each  $x_i$  and  $\omega_i$ , calculate  $T(x_i, \omega_i)$ .
- 3 Shoot the ray according to the result of  $T(x_i, \omega_i)$  into the scene, and calculate the radiance.
- 4 Set the pixel value to the average of radiance.



## Tracing rays through lens system



- 1  $R = Ray(x_i, \omega_i)$
- 2 Calculate the intersection point  $p$  for each lens element  $E_i$  from rear to front.
  - 1 Return zero if  $p$  is outside the aperture of  $E_i$ .
  - 2 Compute the new direction by Snell's law if the medium is different.

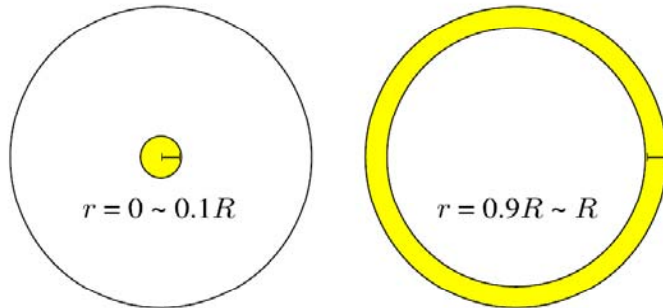




## Sampling a disk uniformly



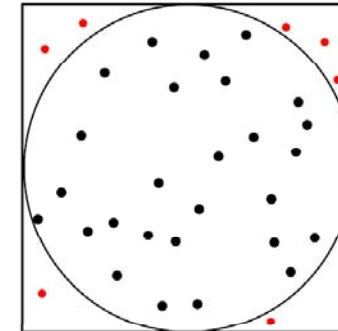
- Now we need to obtain random samples on a disk uniformly.
- How about uniformly sample  $r$  in  $[0, R]$  and  $\theta$  in  $[0, 2\pi]$  and let  $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$ ?
  - ▶ The result is not uniform due to coordinate transformation.



## Rejection



- 1 Uniformly sample a point in the bounding square of the disk.
- 2 If the sample lies outside the disk, reject it and sample another one.



## Another method



- Sample  $r$  and  $\theta$  in a specific way so that the result is uniform after coordinate transformation.
- Let

$$r = \sqrt{\xi_1}, \theta = 2\pi\xi_2$$

where  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  are random samples distributed in  $[0, 1]$  uniformly.

- This produce uniform samples on a disk after coordinate transformation. We will prove it later in chapter 14 "Monte Carlo integration".

## Ray Tracing Through Lenses



200 mm telephoto

35 mm wide-angle



50 mm double-gauss



16 mm fisheye

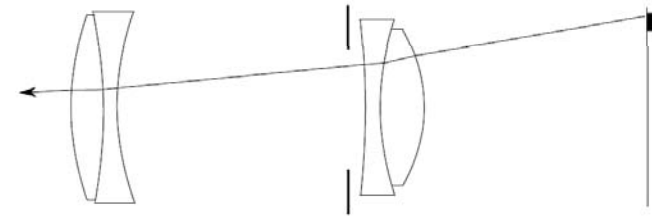
From Kolb, Mitchell and Hanrahan (1995)

## Assignment #2



- Write the "realistic" camera plugin for PBRT which implements the realistic camera model.
- The description of lens system will be provided.
- `GenerateRay(const Sample &sample, Ray *ray)`
  - ▶ PBRT generate rays by calling `GenerateRay()`, which is a virtual function of `Camera`.
  - ▶ PBRT will give you pixel location in `sample`.
  - ▶ You need to fill the content of `ray` and return a value for its weight.

## Assignment #2



- 1 Sample a point on the exit pupil uniformly.
  - ▶ Hint: `sample.lensU` and `sample.lensV` are two random samples distributed in  $[0, 1]$  uniformly.
- 2 Trace this ray through the lens system. You can return zero if this ray is blocked by an aperture stop.
- 3 Fill ray with the result and return  $\frac{\cos^4 \theta'}{Z^2}$  as its weight.

## Whitted's method



$\eta_1 \sin \theta_1 = \eta_2 \sin \theta_2$

$T' = \alpha(I' + N) - N$  for some  $\alpha$   
 $I' = I / (-I \cdot N)$   
 $|I' + N| = \tan \theta_1$   
 $\alpha |I' + N| = \tan \theta_2$

$$\alpha = \frac{\tan \theta_2}{\tan \theta_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_1}{\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2} = \frac{(\eta_1 / \eta_2) \cos \theta_1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta_2}}$$

$$= \frac{(\eta_1 / \eta_2) \cos \theta_1}{\sqrt{1 - \eta_1^2 / \eta_2^2 \sin^2 \theta_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 \sec^2 \theta_1 - \tan^2 \theta_1}}$$

$|I'| = \sec \theta_1$

$$\alpha = (n^2 |I'|^2 - |I' + N|^2)^{-1/2}$$

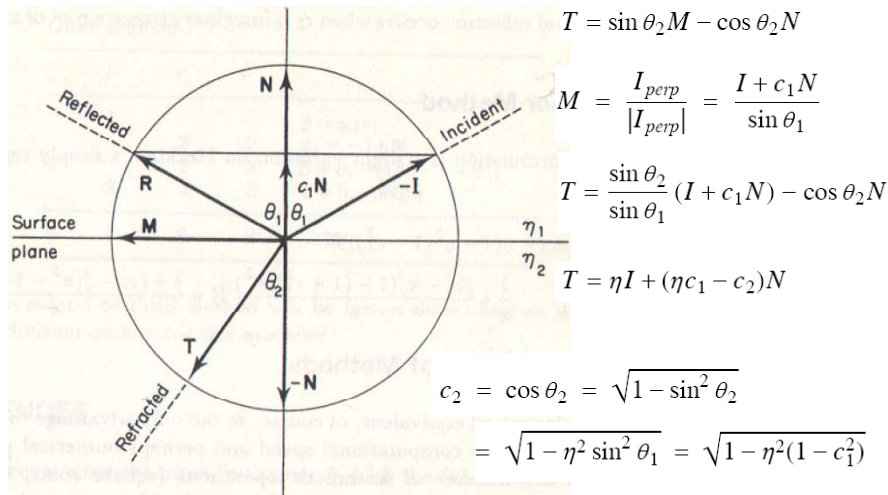
## Whitted's method



| Whitted's Method |   |          |    |                                                       |
|------------------|---|----------|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| $\sqrt{\quad}$   | / | $\times$ | +  |                                                       |
|                  | 1 |          |    | $n = \eta_2 / \eta_1$                                 |
|                  | 3 | 3        | 2  | $I' = I / (-I \cdot N)$                               |
|                  |   |          | 3  | $J = I' + N$                                          |
| 1                | 1 | 8        | 5  | $\alpha = 1 / \sqrt{n^2 (I' \cdot I') - (J \cdot J)}$ |
|                  |   | 3        | 3  | $T' = \alpha J - N$                                   |
| 1                | 3 | 3        | 2  | $T = T' /  T' $                                       |
| 2                | 8 | 17       | 15 | TOTAL                                                 |



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|-------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| $\sqrt{\quad}$    | / | $\times$ | + |                                      |
|                   | 1 |          |   | $\eta = \eta_1/\eta_2$               |
|                   |   | 3        | 2 | $c_1 = -I \cdot N$                   |
| 1                 |   | 3        | 2 | $c_2 = \sqrt{1 - \eta^2(1 - c_1^2)}$ |
|                   |   | 7        | 4 | $T = \eta I + (\eta c_1 - c_2) N$    |
| 1                 | 1 | 13       | 8 | TOTAL                                |

## Other method



$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \eta I + (\eta c_1 - \sqrt{1 - \eta^2(1 - c_1^2)}) N \\
 &= \frac{I}{n} + \frac{c_1 - n \sqrt{1 - (1 - c_1^2)/n^2}}{n} N \\
 &= \frac{I + (c_1 - \sqrt{n^2 - 1 + c_1^2}) N}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

| Other Method   |   |          |   |                                        |
|----------------|---|----------|---|----------------------------------------|
| $\sqrt{\quad}$ | / | $\times$ | + |                                        |
|                | 1 |          |   | $n = \eta_2/\eta_1$                    |
|                |   | 3        | 2 | $c_1 = -I \cdot N$                     |
| 1              |   | 2        | 3 | $\beta = c_1 - \sqrt{n^2 - 1 + c_1^2}$ |
|                |   | 3        | 3 | $T = (I + \beta N)/n$                  |
| 1              | 4 | 8        | 8 | TOTAL                                  |

## Comparisons



| Whitted's Method |   |          |    |                                                    |
|------------------|---|----------|----|----------------------------------------------------|
| $\sqrt{\quad}$   | / | $\times$ | +  |                                                    |
|                  | 1 |          |    | $n = \eta_2/\eta_1$                                |
|                  |   | 3        | 2  | $I' = I/(-I \cdot N)$                              |
|                  |   |          | 3  | $J = I' + N$                                       |
| 1                |   | 8        | 5  | $\alpha = 1/\sqrt{n^2(I' \cdot I') - (J \cdot J)}$ |
|                  |   | 3        | 3  | $T' = \alpha J - N$                                |
| 1                | 3 | 3        | 2  | $T = T'/ T' $                                      |
| 2                | 8 | 17       | 15 | TOTAL                                              |

| Heckbert's Method |   |          |   |                                      | Other Method   |   |          |   |                                        |
|-------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|----------|---|----------------------------------------|
| $\sqrt{\quad}$    | / | $\times$ | + |                                      | $\sqrt{\quad}$ | / | $\times$ | + |                                        |
|                   | 1 |          |   | $\eta = \eta_1/\eta_2$               |                | 1 |          |   | $n = \eta_2/\eta_1$                    |
|                   |   | 3        | 2 | $c_1 = -I \cdot N$                   |                |   | 3        | 2 | $c_1 = -I \cdot N$                     |
| 1                 |   | 3        | 2 | $c_2 = \sqrt{1 - \eta^2(1 - c_1^2)}$ | 1              |   | 2        | 3 | $\beta = c_1 - \sqrt{n^2 - 1 + c_1^2}$ |
|                   |   | 7        | 4 | $T = \eta I + (\eta c_1 - c_2) N$    |                |   | 3        | 3 | $T = (I + \beta N)/n$                  |
| 1                 | 1 | 13       | 8 | TOTAL                                | 1              | 4 | 8        | 8 | TOTAL                                  |