Introduction

CIS782

Advanced Computer Graphics

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Realism Through Synthesis





Holy Grail



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Photrealistic (Physically Based) Rendering

- Visibility: sampling
 - camera to surface
 - surface to surface
 - surface to light source
- Optics
 - Nature of Light & its Transport
 - Interaction with surface
- Display: sampling & color mapping
 - Perception-based



Integrated Text & Software

- Physically Based Rendering by Pharr & Humphreys
- PBRT software from book / web site
- www.pbrt.org
- Software on your own machine?
 * if not, let me know asap

Grading

- Labs 40%
- Homework 5%
- Midterm 20%
- Final Project 35%
- Final?

Required Background

- Good Programming Background C/C++
- Basic computer graphics (681 or equivalent)
 ray tracing
- Basic Linear Algebra Matrices, Vectors
- Basic Computer Science Data Structures, Grammars
- Basic applied math interpolation, approximation theory

Performance expected:

- Keeping up with the text(s) is VERY important
- Reading necessary foundational material
- Respond to somewhat open-ended assignments
- Be motivated to learn the material

I am not going to ...

- Teach C/C++
- Teach Data Structures
- Teach Linear Algebra
- Teach PBRT implementation
- Hold your hand

Do immediately!

- Get **PBRT** up and running on your, or some other, computer
- Do Lab 0: render an image using PBRT with one of the supplied input files.
- Read the book about 'literate programming'
 - this will not be covered in class!
- Start getting familiar with PBRT software structure
 - We'll devote some class time to this