

CMSC 23700
Fall 2004

Introduction to Computer Graphics

Project 1a
October 14

Ray tracer (Part a)

Due: October 25

As with Project 0, we will create a module in your course CVS repository on the Computer Science CVS server. The module is named `project-1` and contains the implementation of a GML interpreter. For Part-a of the project, you are responsible for the following GML operations:

Name	Description
<code>light</code>	defines a directional light source
<code>plane</code>	the XZ -plane
<code>pointlight</code>	defines a point-light source
<code>render</code>	render a scene to a file
<code>rotatex</code>	rotation around the X -axis
<code>rotatey</code>	rotation around the Y -axis
<code>rotatez</code>	rotation around the Z -axis
<code>scale</code>	scaling transform
<code>sphere</code>	a unit sphere
<code>translate</code>	translation transform
<code>union</code>	union of two solids
<code>uscale</code>	uniform scaling transform

See Handout 3 (Project 1 Overview) for details on these operations.

Note that while you do not have to implement the CSG intersection and difference operations in this stage, you should be mindful of their existence.

Your task is to complete this interpreter by adding the implementation of the graphics operations. You should use this module to hold the source for your project. We will collect the projects at 9pm on Monday October 25th from the repositories, so make sure that you have committed your final version before then.

The Makefile in the repository builds an executable program called `gml`. To raytrace a given GML file, we call this program with the filename as a command-line argument. For example, assume we have a GML file `scene.gml`, then the following command raytraces the scene specified in the file:

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% gml scene.gml
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