

Midterm Exam

CS 184: Foundations of Computer Graphics
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Instructions: Read them carefully!

The exam begins at 1:10pm and ends at 2:30pm. You must turn your exam in when time is announced or risk not having it accepted.

Make sure you fill in your name and the above information, and that you sign below. Anonymous tests will not be graded.

Write legibly. *If the person grading the test cannot read something, s/he will simply assume that you meant the illegible portion as a note to yourself and they will ignore it. If you lose points because part of your answer could not be read, you will not be given the opportunity to explain what it says.*

Be clear and concise. *The answers to most questions should be short. If you find yourself writing an excessively long response, you may want to think more carefully about the question. Long rambling answers generally get fewer points than short ones do because there are more opportunities to mark something wrong.*

You may use one page of notes while taking the exam. You may not ask questions of other students, look at another student's exam, use a textbook, use a phone or calculator, or seek any other form of assistance. In summary: do not cheat. Persons caught cheating will be subject to disciplinary action.

Do not ask questions during the exam. *Most questions are unnecessary and they disturb other students. Figuring out what the exam question is asking is part of the test. If you think you have to make some unusual assumption to answer a problem, note what that assumption is on the test.*

I have read these instructions, I understand them, and I will follow them.

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student ID: _____

Total Points: 226 + 6 You Scored: _____ + _____

1. Please fill in each of the blanks with an appropriate answer. *2 points each blank, 88 Total*

True or False: The dynamic range of intensities that can be displayed on a printed page is larger than that of the human eye. _____

True or False: Humans are good at judging the relative brightness of two squares on a screen when there is a black band separating them. _____

Visible light falls roughly in the range of _____ nanometers at the **RED** end of the spectrum to _____ nanometers at the **BLUE** end.

Fill in the two missing colors: Red, _____, Yellow, Green, Blue, _____, Violet.

_____ colors consist of a single wavelength (or very narrow band of wavelengths) of light.

The three types of cones in the human are correctly referred to as the _____, _____, and _____ cones.

The response curve of the rods in the human eye peaks between the _____ and _____ cones.

True or False: Any color humans can see can be reproduced using any **three** distinctly colored light sources. _____

_____ are distinct materials that appear to be the same color under some specific lighting.

_____ is the main phenomenon that makes the sky appear blue.

Without _____, milk would appear yellowish.

_____ is the phenomenon that makes rainbow colors appear in oil slicks and peacock feathers.

True or False: The BFGS function describes how much light coming in from one incoming direction goes out in another outgoing direction. _____

True or False: Snell's law describes how diffuse materials behave. _____

True or False: The exponent in the Phong shading model controls how transparent a material appears. _____

An _____ can be thought of as a perspective camera located "at infinity".

True or False: Mach banding tends to over emphasize edges so that shading may appear discontinuous. _____

True or False: Flat shading is named after the French computer graphics researcher Pierre Flat. _____

True or False: Shearing is a nonlinear transformation. _____

The rows and columns of a rotation matrix are always _____.

True or False: Matrix multiplication is associative. _____

True or False: Pasteurized coordinates are needed to allow perspective projection to be expressed as matrix multiplication. _____

Of the methods discussed in class for representing rotations, the method of _____ is least appropriate for interpolation due to singularities which include gimbal lock.

Rotation matrices in 3D generally have _____ (number) of complex eigenvalues.

In ray tracing, a ray from a point on an object's surface to the location of a light source is called a _____ ray.

A simple way of _____ is to send many rays randomly distributed through a given pixel and average the result.

The implicit formula for a plane is _____.

True or False: AABB Trees can be used to accelerate ray intersection tests for complex scenes.

Under linear perspective projection straight lines will always appear as _____.

Under linear perspective projection spheres will generally appear as _____.

An orthographic image contains how many finite vanishing points? _____

An linear perspective image contains how many vanishing points? _____

Bresenham's line drawing algorithm uses _____ arithmetic.

A _____ stores depth values and is used for hidden-surface removal when rendering a scene

In general, a triangle that is split by a plane will produce _____ (number of) triangular pieces.

True or False: The implicit representation of a given surface is unique. _____

True or False: When representing curves with cubic polynomials it is generally a bad idea to omit the linear term. _____

True or False: Any curve represented using the *cubic* Hermite C1 basis could also be represented using the *quadratic* B-Spline C2 basis. _____

The _____ breaks a matrix A into $A = U S V$ where U and V are orthonormal and S is diagonal.

2. If you have two *unit* vectors, A and B , then we can write the dot and cross products as $A \cdot B$ and $A \times B$, respectively. Simplify the following expressions: 5 points

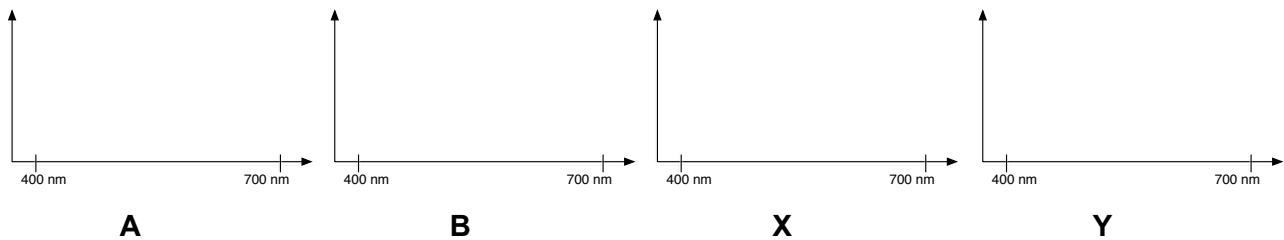
$$A \cdot (A \times B) =$$

$$B \times (B \times (A \times B)) =$$

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3. You have two pieces of opaque **BLUE** plastic, pieces "A" and "B." When viewed under sunlight (light source "X") they look identical (blue) in color, but when viewed under a fluorescent light (light source "Y") they look different. Draw a set of curves showing the spectral reflectance for A and B and spectral emissions for X and Y that could provide a reasonable explanation for this situation. 10 points

Note: Makes sure the curves you draw show plausible distributions. In other words, if you tried to draw a curve for "green" by making a hump centered at 700 nm, it would be wrong.



4. You have a sphere centered at $[1,2,3]$ with radius 3, and a ray from $[10,10,10]$ in the direction $[-1,-1,-1]$. Write the implicit equation for the sphere, the parametric equation for the ray, and compute the t -value of the intersection points. Be neat and clear! 15 points

Sphere equation:

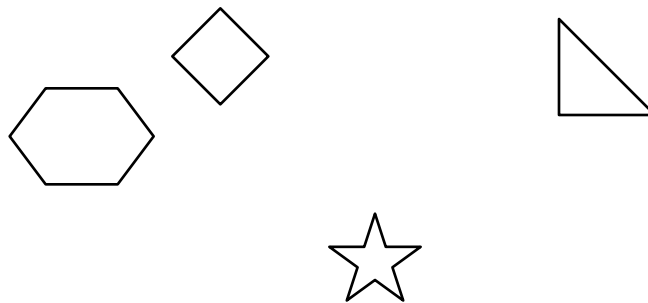
Ray equation:

Intersection at $t =$

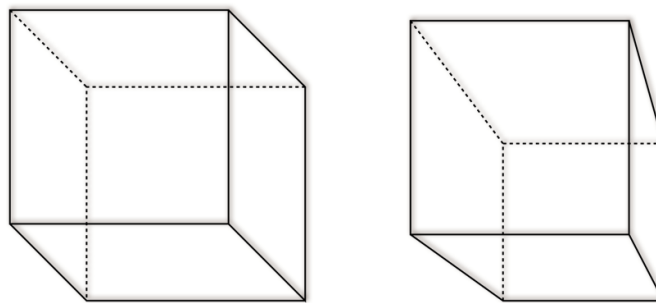
5. Circle the types of transformations that to be expressed in matrix form require homogenized coordinates. 5 points

Translation
Rotation
Shear
Scale
Perspective

6. Draw the convex hull that encloses four shapes shown: 6 points



7. One of the diagrams below shows a cube under orthographic projection, the other under perspective projection. Label which is which. 3 points



8. Given a rotation encoded as an exponential map with the vector shown, write out a vector that express the inverse rotation. (units are *degrees*) 3 points

[1 , 45 , 30]

9. Given a rotation encoded as a quaternion, in general how is the rotation changed when the *only the real part is negated*? 3 points

10. Write down plausible RGB values for the following materials: 6 points

Glossy Metallic Green

$Kd =$

$Ks =$

Glossy Plastic Cyan

$Kd =$

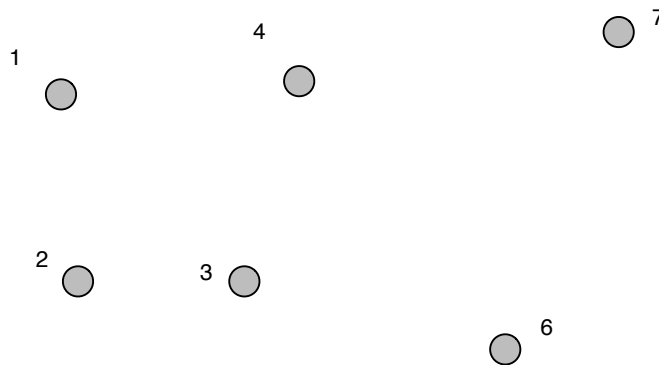
$Ks =$

Flat Yellow

$Kd =$

$Ks =$

11. The diagram below shows control points for a curve made by joining two cubic Bezier segments. However control point #5 has been removed. Indicate location(s) where #5 may be placed to achieve C^1 continuity and where it may be placed to achieve G^1 continuity. Clearly label your diagram. 8 points



12. If shading a point at the origin with normal $[1,0,0]$ and $K_d=[0.25,0.5,0.333]$, where the light is located at $[3,4,0]$ with intensity 20 (white), and the eye located at $[27,91,17]$, compute the RGB value of the diffuse lighting term. *10 points*

13. Circle the 3D homogenized matrix that would scale objects by 2x. *3 points*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

14. Let $f(x,y)$ be a scalar function on the plane. Write out the expression for the upward pointing gradient. *6 points*

15. Draw an example of 3 polygons that do not intersect, but that cannot be sorted in front-to-back order from the viewer's perspective. *1 point*

16. The following line segments will be inserted into a BSP Tree in the order indicated. As discussed in class, the lines themselves will be used to define the split planes. *The numbers are on the positive side of each line.*

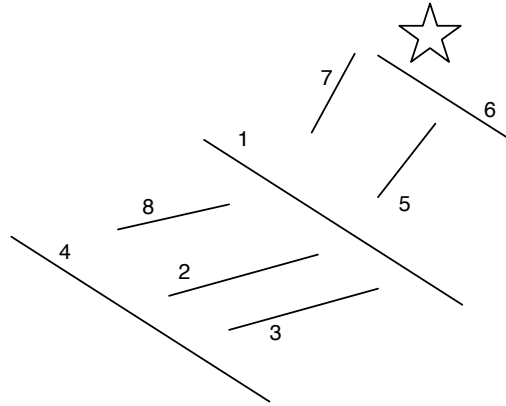
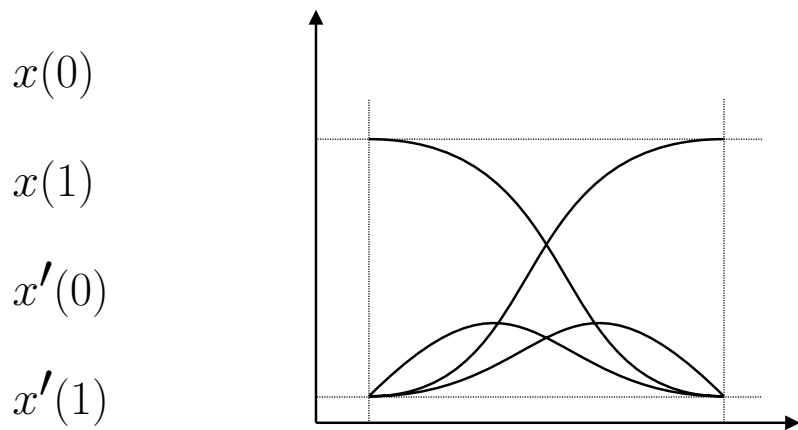


Diagram the resulting tree below. If needed, show where line segments need to be split by marking on the above figure. Also, indicate the names of the split parts by writing labels on the figure above. (For example, if there were a segment 11 and it was to be split, you would draw a mark showing where it would be split and label the resulting pieces 11a and 11b.) 16 points

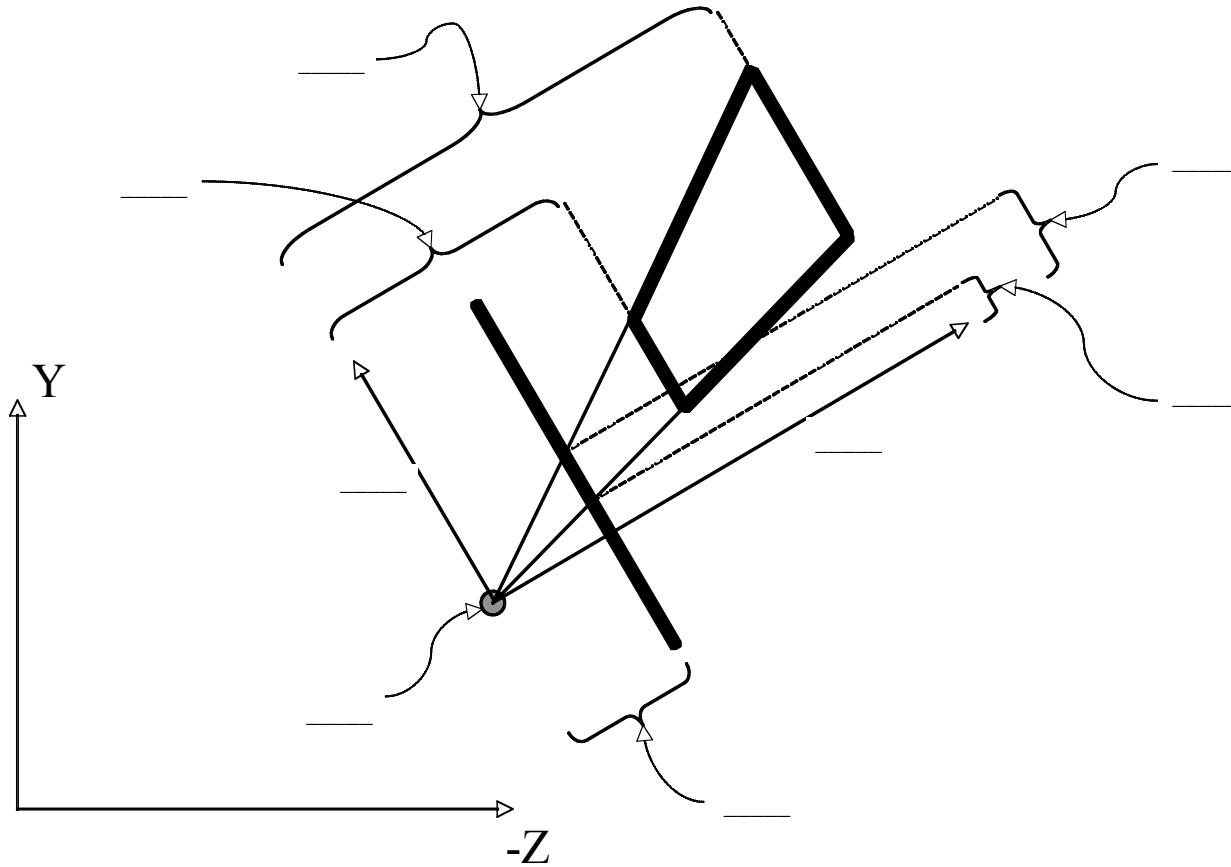
List the *back-to-front* traversal order that would result for the location indicated by the viewer icon (the star). 6 points

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17. Write out the 3x3 matrix for a rotation about the Y axis. Now write out a 3x3 matrix for a rotation about the Y axis that would result if we did rotations *clockwise* instead of *counterclockwise*. 6 pts

18. Draw a line clearly connecting each of these curves from the Cubic Hermite Basis with the feature it controls. 4 pts



19. On the figure below write the appropriate letter in each of the blanks to label the diagram properly. Some of the letters are just there to confuse you. 8 points



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|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| A | Center of projection | I | Bottom clipping plane distance |
| B | Top clipping plane distance | J | Distance to image plane |
| C | End of all the things | K | Left clipping plane distance |
| D | Aspect ratio | L | Alignment vector |
| E | Origin | M | Shadow ray |
| F | View plane normal | N | Right clipping plane distance |
| G | Near clipping plane distance | O | Far clipping plane distance |
| H | View horizon | P | View up vector |

20. Write out the transformation steps discussed in class for a perspective camera. It may help to refer to the previous question. 6 pts

21. Imagine that you have a RGB monitor where the wires have been swapped so that the red, green, and blue outputs from the computer have been respectively attached to the green, red, and blue inputs on the monitor. When one attempts to display the following colors, what colors will actually appear on the screen? 8 points

Cyan _____

Magenta _____

Yellow _____

Red _____

Green _____

Blue _____

Black _____

White _____

EXTRA CREDIT

+6 points

Given:

A line thru space defined by

$$l(t) = \mathbf{a} + t \mathbf{b}$$

and a normal direction

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

Write out a parametric equation for the plane containing the line and perpendicular to the normal.

When will the plane be undefined?

Your answer must be neat and clear, written out in the boxes. No points will be awarded for imprecise answers. You must get all parts right to earn any credit. (i.e. all or nothing) Do not attempt this question until you have completed the rest of the exam!
