

Major Field of Comprehensive Examination

Computer graphics and applied geometry

Syllabus

The mathematical foundations of computer graphics. Operations on vectors and matrices, eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Transformations, usage of homogeneous coordinates and quaternions. The solution of some basic intersection and fitting problems, projections. Ray tracing, root finding methods, Newton's method. Lighting and shading, texture and bump mapping. Visibility algorithms, bounding volume tests and spatial partitioning. Uniform and non-uniform B-Spline curves and surfaces, and their geometric properties. Collision detection.

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