Accelerated 5D Ray Tree construction on the GPU

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Fig. 3

Identify root nodes of ray tree

- Find dominant axis of rays.
 - Indicate
 - -X as 0, +X as 1, -Y as 2, +Y as 3, -Z as 4 and +Z as 5
- Sort the rays of node - Ensures rays are together
- Count the number of rays in each node
- The range of the five
 - dimensions is now:

$$X_{min}$$
 to X_{max} , Y_{min} to Y_{max} ,
 Z_{min} to Z_{max} , U(-1, 1), V(-1, 1)

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Build the lower levels of the ray tree

- Find mid point of each active node (five dimensional hypercube)
 - X_{mid} , Y_{mid} , Z_{mid} , U_{mid} , V_{mid}
 - Classify each ray
 - 5D representation(x,y,z,u,v)
 - Find orientation with
 - respect to mid point of node
 - Use 5 bits to represent this. (As shown above)
 - Sort the rays of node

- Ensures rays are together

- Count number of rays in each node

- If any nodes contains fewer than leafNodeRays, make it a leaf node. i.e. do not divide it further
- Continue until all nodes are leaf nodes
- Sorting is very expensive, even on GPUs
- To optimize, find full classification as shown in Fig(3)
- Sort this 32 bit integer and use 5 bit values for current level.
- Replace highlighted step with a simple lookup.