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Chapter 1

rl_BasicRay User's Guide

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1.2 Purpose

The [rl_BasicRay](#) library consists of a set of C++ classes for manipulating rays.

1.3 A Basic Ray Class

The `rl_BasicRay` class represents a stripped-down ray consisting of position, direction, energy, and an id number. It serves as a base class for a more general ray class `rl_Ray` (part of the `rl_raylib` package) which adds in support for ray polarization information.

The `rl_BasicRay` library includes a class encapsulating a basic ray consisting of position and direction information, ray energy, and a ray id number.

The ray is nominally defined in a standard coordinate system (STD) which serves as a default global coordinate system. The ray can be transformed into a local "body-centered" coordinate system (BCS) (e.g., attached to a piece of hardware such as a mirror).

In transforming from the STD system to the BCS system, the ray is first translated by the difference between the BCS origin and the STD origin, then transformed to the orientation of the BCS system relative to the STD system by rotation about the BCS origin.

To transform back to the STD system the operations are performed in reverse: first "derotate" the vector about the BCS origin to account for the different orientation, then "detranslate" the position by the difference between the BCS and STD origins.

Other operations on a basic ray include projection (moving the ray position by a given distance in the direction specified by the ray direction vector) and reflection of the ray direction vector about a surface normal provided by the user. In the reflection operation, it is assumed that the ray position is at the surface about which the reflection takes place.

Chapter 2

Class Index

2.1 Class List

Here are the classes, structs, unions and interfaces with brief descriptions:

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Chapter 3

Class Documentation

3.1 rl_BasicRay Class Reference

A basic ray: encapsulates position and direction vectors, energy, and ray id.

```
#include <rl_BasicRay.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- virtual `~rl_BasicRay ()`
A virtual do-nothing destructor.
- `rl_BasicRay ()`
Default constructor; constructs a ray in an INVALID state.
- `rl_BasicRay (dvm3_Vector const &pos, dvm3_Vector const &dir, double energy, long int id)`
Constructor.
- `rl_BasicRay (rl_BasicRay const &other)`
Copy constructor.
- void `set_id (long int id)`
Reset ray id.
- long int `id () const`
Read-only access to current ray id.
- double & `energy ()`
Read/write access to current ray energy.
- double `energy () const`
Read-only access to current ray position.
- double & `position (int i)`
Read/write access to component i of current ray position.
- double `position (int i) const`
Read-only access to component i of current ray position.
- `dvm3_Vector & position ()`
Read/write access to current ray position.

- `dvm3_Vector` const & `position` () const
Read-only access to current ray position.
- `double` & `direction` (int i)
Read/write access to component i of current ray direction.
- `double` `direction` (int i) const
Read-only access to component i of current ray direction.
- `dvm3_Vector` & `direction` ()
Read/write access to current ray direction vector.
- `dvm3_Vector` const & `direction` () const
Read-only access to current ray direction vector.
- `double` `reflect_direction_vector` (`dvm3_Vector` const &normal)
Reflect this ray's direction vector about a (surface) normal.
- `void` `project` (double s)
Project a distance s along this ray.
- `virtual void` `translate_rotate` (`dvm3_Vector` const &trans, `dvm3_RotMat` const &rotmat)
VIRTUAL: Translate to the BCS origin; rotate from STD to BCS coordinates.
- `virtual void` `derotate_detranslate` (`dvm3_Vector` const &trans, `dvm3_RotMat` const &rotmat)
VIRTUAL: Derotate back to STD coordinates; detranslate back to STD origin.
- `std::ostream` & `print_on` (`std::ostream` &os, char const prefix[]="", char const postfix[]="") const
Print the ray properties to an output stream.

Protected Member Functions

- `void` `init` (`dvm3_Vector` const &pos, `dvm3_Vector` const &dir, double `energy`, long int `id`)
Initialize `rl_BasicRay` with ray initial position and direction vector, energy, and id number.

Protected Attributes

- `dvm3_Vector` `pos_`
ray position
- `dvm3_Vector` `dir_`
ray direction vector (direction cosines)
- `double` `energy_`
ray energy
- `long int` `id_`
ray id number

Friends

- `std::ostream` & `operator<<` (`std::ostream` &os, `rl_BasicRay` const &)
Print the ray properties to an output stream.

3.1.1 Detailed Description

A basic ray: encapsulates position and direction vectors, energy, and ray id.

Definition at line 47 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

3.1.2.1 rl_BasicRay() [1/3]

```
rl_BasicRay::rl_BasicRay ( ) [inline]
```

Default constructor; constructs a ray in an INVALID state.

Use init to initialize the fields.

Definition at line 274 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.2.2 rl_BasicRay() [2/3]

```
rl_BasicRay::rl_BasicRay (
    dvm3_Vector const & pos,
    dvm3_Vector const & dir,
    double energy,
    long int id ) [inline]
```

Constructor.

Construct an [rl_BasicRay](#) from ray initial position and direction vector, energy, and id number.

Parameters

<i>pos</i>	ray initial position.
<i>dir</i>	ray initial direction unit vector.
<i>energy</i>	ray energy, in keV.
<i>id</i>	ray id.

Definition at line 279 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.2.3 rl_BasicRay() [3/3]

```
rl_BasicRay::rl_BasicRay (
    rl_BasicRay const & other ) [inline]
```

Copy constructor.

Parameters

<i>other</i>	ray to be copied.
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Definition at line 286 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3 Member Function Documentation

3.1.3.1 derotate_detranslate()

```
void rl_BasicRay::derotate_detranslate (
    dvm3_Vector const & trans,
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat ) [inline], [virtual]
```

VIRTUAL: Derotate back to STD coordinates; detranslate back to STD origin.

Parameters

<i>trans</i>	translation vector.
<i>rotmat</i>	rotation matrix to be applied. rotmat specifies a rotation from std to bcs; the inverse of rotmat is applied to the ray.

Definition at line 391 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.2 direction() [1/4]

```
double & rl_BasicRay::direction (
    int i ) [inline]
```

Read/write access to component *i* of current ray direction.

Parameters

<i>i</i>	index.
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Definition at line 345 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.3 direction() [2/4]

```
double rl_BasicRay::direction (
    int i ) const [inline]
```

Read-only access to component i of current ray direction.

Parameters

<i>i</i>	index.
----------	--------

Returns

component i of the position vector.

Definition at line 350 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.4 direction() [3/4]

```
dvm3_Vector & rl_BasicRay::direction ( ) [inline]
```

Read/write access to current ray direction vector.

Returns

reference to current ray direction vector dvm3_Vector

Definition at line 355 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.5 direction() [4/4]

```
dvm3_Vector const & rl_BasicRay::direction ( ) const [inline]
```

Read-only access to current ray direction vector.

Returns

const reference to current ray direction vector dvm3_Vector

Definition at line 360 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.6 `energy()` [1/2]

```
double & rl_BasicRay::energy ( ) [inline]
```

Read/write access to current ray energy.

Returns

a reference to the ray energy

Definition at line 315 of file `rl_BasicRay.h`.

3.1.3.7 `energy()` [2/2]

```
double rl_BasicRay::energy ( ) const [inline]
```

Read-only access to current ray position.

Returns

the ray energy

Definition at line 320 of file `rl_BasicRay.h`.

3.1.3.8 `id()`

```
long int rl_BasicRay::id ( ) const [inline]
```

Read-only access to current ray id.

Returns

ray id number

Definition at line 306 of file `rl_BasicRay.h`.

3.1.3.9 `init()`

```
void rl_BasicRay::init (
    dvm3_Vector const & pos,
    dvm3_Vector const & dir,
    double energy,
    long int id ) [inline], [protected]
```

Initialize [rl_BasicRay](#) with ray initial position and direction vector, energy, and id number.

Parameters

<i>pos</i>	ray position vector
<i>dir</i>	ray direction vector
<i>energy</i>	ray energy
<i>id</i>	ray id number

Definition at line 292 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.10 position() [1/4]

```
double & rl_BasicRay::position (
    int i ) [inline]
```

Read/write access to component i of current ray position.

Parameters

<i>i</i>	index.
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Returns

a reference to the i component of the position vector.

Definition at line 325 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.11 position() [2/4]

```
double rl_BasicRay::position (
    int i ) const [inline]
```

Read-only access to component i of current ray position.

Parameters

<i>i</i>	index.
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Returns

the i component of the position vector.

Definition at line 330 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.12 position() [3/4]

```
dvm3_Vector & rl_BasicRay::position ( ) [inline]
```

Read/write access to current ray position.

Returns

a reference to the position vector dvm3_Vector.

Definition at line 335 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.13 position() [4/4]

```
dvm3_Vector const & rl_BasicRay::position ( ) const [inline]
```

Read-only access to current ray position.

Returns

a const reference to the position vector dvm3_Vector

Definition at line 340 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.14 print_on()

```
ostream & rl_BasicRay::print_on (
    std::ostream & os,
    char const prefix[] = "",
    char const postfix[] = "" ) const
```

Print the ray properties to an output stream.

Parameters

<i>os</i>	output stream.
<i>prefix</i>	an optional prefix string.
<i>postfix</i>	an optional postfix string.

Returns

output stream

Definition at line 70 of file rl_BasicRay.cc.

3.1.3.15 project()

```
void rl_BasicRay::project (
    double s ) [inline]
```

Project a distance s along this ray.

Parameters

s	distance to project the ray.
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Definition at line 369 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.16 reflect_direction_vector()

```
double rl_BasicRay::reflect_direction_vector (
    dvm3_Vector const & normal )
```

Reflect this ray's direction vector about a (surface) normal.

Parameters

normal	- surface normal unit vector to be used in reflecting this rl_BasicRay .
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Returns

sine of the graze angle between the ray and the surface

Definition at line 52 of file rl_BasicRay.cc.

3.1.3.17 set_id()

```
void rl_BasicRay::set_id (
    long int id ) [inline]
```

Reset ray id.

Parameters

<i>id</i>	new id value.
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Definition at line 310 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.3.18 translate_rotate()

```
void rl_BasicRay::translate_rotate (
    dvm3_Vector const & trans,
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat ) [inline], [virtual]
```

VIRTUAL: Translate to the BCS origin; rotate from STD to BCS coordinates.

Parameters

<i>trans</i>	translation vector.
<i>rotmat</i>	rotation matrix to be applied. rotmat specifies a rotation from std to bcs.

Definition at line 379 of file rl_BasicRay.h.

3.1.4 Friends And Related Function Documentation**3.1.4.1 operator<<**

```
std::ostream& operator<< (
    std::ostream & os,
    rl_BasicRay const & ) [friend]
```

Print the ray properties to an output stream.

Parameters

<i>os</i>	output stream.
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Returns

output stream

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- rl_BasicRay.h
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3.2 rl_RayMath Class Reference

A class gathering together static methods for operations on ray position or direction vectors.

```
#include <rl_RayMath.h>
```

Static Public Member Functions

- static void [rotate](#) (dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, dvm3_Vector &vector)
Rotate vector from STD coordinates to BCS coordinates.
- static void [rotate](#) (dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, double vector[])
Rotate vector from STD coordinates to BCS coordinates.
- static void [derotate](#) (dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, dvm3_Vector &vector)
De-rotate vector from BCS coordinates back to STD coordinates.
- static void [derotate](#) (dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, double vector[])
De-rotate vector from BCS coordinates back to STD coordinates.
- static void [translate_rotate](#) (dvm3_Vector const &trans, dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, dvm3_Vector &vector)
Translate to BCS origin, then rotate from STD to BCS coordinates.
- static void [translate_rotate](#) (double const trans[], dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, double vector[])
Translate to BCS origin, then rotate from STD to BCS coordinates.
- static void [derotate_detranslate](#) (dvm3_Vector const &trans, dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, dvm3_Vector &vector)
Rotate from BCS to STD coordinates, then translate back to original position.
- static void [derotate_detranslate](#) (double const trans[], dvm3_RotMat const &rotmat, double vector[])
Rotate from BCS to STD coordinates, then translate back to original position.

3.2.1 Detailed Description

A class gathering together static methods for operations on ray position or direction vectors.

The class is a simple class to handle common numerical operations on 3-vectors of floating point T_fps representing ray position vectors and ray direction vectors.

[rl_RayMath](#) has only static member functions; there are no member data. Where possible, the static member functions are inlined.

The static member functions facilitate transformations between an initial coordinate system (termed "Standard" or STD) and another coordinate system (termed "Body Centered" or BCS). This is just convenient labeling which reflects a common usage of the transformations.

The BCS coordinate origin is (optionally) translated relative to the STD origin, and the orientation of the BCS coordinate axes relative to the STD axes is described by a proper rotation matrix.

The transformation from STD to BCS is accomplished by "rotate_translate" (or "rotate" if the coordinate origins are coincident).

The transformation from BCS back to STD is accomplished by "detranslate_derotate" (or "derotate" if the coordinate origins are coincident).

Direction vectors are always transformed using the "rotate"-"derotate" pair, NEVER the versions involving translation.

Positional vectors are transformed using "rotate_translate" and "detranslate_derotate"; if the STD and BCS coordinate systems origins are coincident, the transformation can be accomplished more economically using the "rotate" and "derotate" pair.

NOTE: although dvm3_Matrix works with either dvm3_Vector's or plain old c-style one-dimensional arrays, any call to an [rl_RayMath](#) method must use only one vector type within a given method call.

Definition at line 91 of file [rl_RayMath.h](#).

3.2.2 Member Function Documentation

3.2.2.1 derotate() [1/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::derotate (
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    dvm3_Vector & vector ) [inline], [static]
```

De-rotate vector from BCS coordinates back to STD coordinates.

Parameters

<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be used. The <i>INVERSE</i> of rotmat is applied to the vector.
<i>vector</i>	vector to be rotated.

Definition at line 219 of file [rl_RayMath.h](#).

3.2.2.2 derotate() [2/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::derotate (
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    double vector[] ) [inline], [static]
```

De-rotate vector from BCS coordinates back to STD coordinates.

Parameters

<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be used. The <i>INVERSE</i> of rotmat is applied to the vector.
<i>vector</i>	c-style vector to be rotated.

Definition at line 228 of file rl_RayMath.h.

3.2.2.3 derotate_detranslate() [1/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::derotate_detranslate (
    dvm3_Vector const & trans,
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    dvm3_Vector & vector ) [inline], [static]
```

Rotate from BCS to STD coordinates, then translate back to original position.

This is the inverse operation to translate_rotate.

Parameters

<i>trans</i>	translation vector.
<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be applied.
<i>vector</i>	c-style vector to be derotated.

Definition at line 267 of file rl_RayMath.h.

3.2.2.4 derotate_detranslate() [2/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::derotate_detranslate (
    double const trans[],
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    double vector[] ) [inline], [static]
```

Rotate from BCS to STD coordinates, then translate back to original position.

This is the inverse operation to translate_rotate.

Parameters

<i>trans</i>	c-style translation vector.
<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be applied.
<i>vector</i>	c-style vector to be derotated.

Definition at line 278 of file rl_RayMath.h.

3.2.2.5 rotate() [1/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::rotate (
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    dvm3_Vector & vector ) [inline], [static]
```

Rotate vector from STD coordinates to BCS coordinates.

Parameters

<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be applied.
<i>vector</i>	vector to be rotated.

Definition at line 197 of file rl_RayMath.h.

3.2.2.6 rotate() [2/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::rotate (
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    double vector[] ) [inline], [static]
```

Rotate vector from STD coordinates to BCS coordinates.

Parameters

<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be applied.
<i>vector</i>	c-style vector to be rotated.

Definition at line 206 of file rl_RayMath.h.

3.2.2.7 translate_rotate() [1/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::translate_rotate (
    dvm3_Vector const & trans,
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    dvm3_Vector & vector ) [inline], [static]
```

Translate to BCS origin, then rotate from STD to BCS coordinates.

Parameters

<i>trans</i>	translation vector.
<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be applied.
<i>vector</i>	vector to be derotated.

Definition at line 241 of file rl_RayMath.h.

3.2.2.8 translate_rotate() [2/2]

```
void rl_RayMath::translate_rotate (
    double const trans[],
    dvm3_RotMat const & rotmat,
    double vector[] ) [inline], [static]
```

Translate to BCS origin, then rotate from STD to BCS coordinates.

Parameters

<i>trans</i>	translation vector.
<i>rotmat</i>	rotation vector (STD to BCS) to be applied.
<i>vector</i>	c-style vector to be derotated.

Definition at line 252 of file rl_RayMath.h.

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