Texture Mapping

Reading

Required

- Angel, 8.6, 8.7, 8.9, 8.10, 9.13-9.13.2

Recommended

- Paul S. Heckbert. Survey of texture mapping. **IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications** 6(11): 56--67, November 1986.

Optional

- Woo, Neider, & Davis, Chapter 9
- James F. Blinn and Martin E. Newell. Texture and reflection in computer generated images. **Communications of the ACM** 19(10): 542--547, October 1976.

Texture mapping

Texture mapping (Woo et al., fig. 9-1)

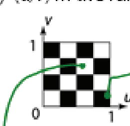
Texture mapping allows you to take a simple polygon and give it the appearance of something much more complex.

- Due to Ed Catmull, PhD thesis, 1974
- Refined by Blinn & Newell, 1976

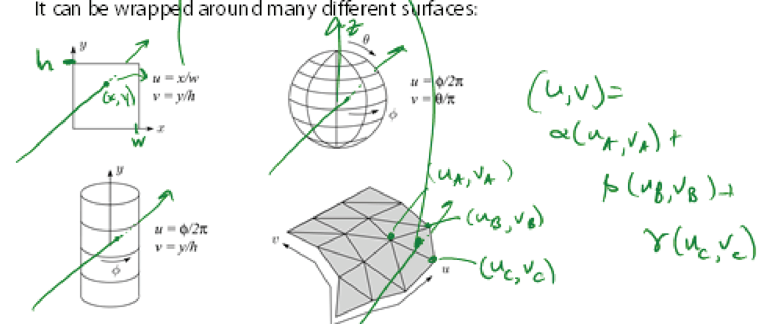
Texture mapping ensures that "all the right things" happen as a textured polygon is transformed and rendered.

Implementing texture mapping

A texture lives in it own abstract image coordinates paramaterized by (u,v) in the range ([0..1], [0..1]):



It can be wrapped around many different surfaces:



In graphics hardware, texture coordinates of triangle vertices are interpolated during rasterization.

Note: if the surface moves/deforms, the texture goes with it.

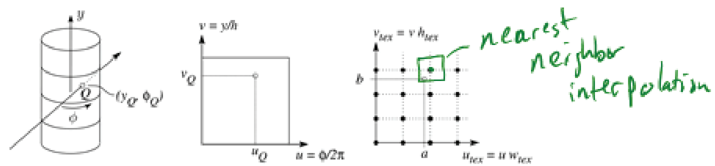
Mapping to texture image coords

The texture is usually stored as an image. Thus, we need to convert from abstract texture coordinate:

(u,v) in the range $([0..1], [0..1])$

to texture image coordinates:

(u_{tex}, v_{tex}) in the range $([0..\, w_{tex}], [0..\, h_{tex}])$

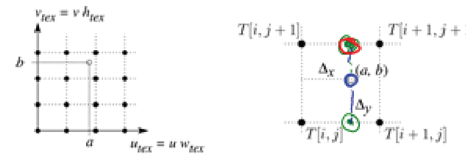


Ray intersection | Mapping to abstract texture coords | Mapping to texture pixel coords

Q: What do you do when the texture sample you need lands between texture pixels?

Texture resampling

We need to resample the texture:



Mapping to texture pixel coords | Close-up

A common choice is **bilinear interpolation**:

$$T(a,b) = T(i+\Delta_x, j+\Delta_y)$$

$$= (1-\Delta_y)\, T(i+\Delta_x, j) + \Delta_y\, T(i+\Delta_x, j+1)$$

$$T(i+\Delta_x, j) = (1-\Delta_x)\, T[i,j] + \Delta_x\, T[i+1,j]$$

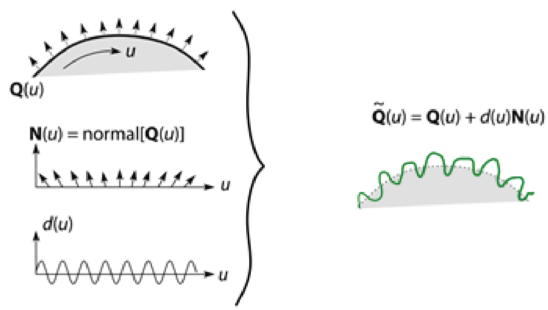
$$T(i+\Delta_x, j+1) = (1-\Delta_x)\, T[i,j+1] + \Delta_x\, T[i+1,j+1]$$

$$T(a,b) = (1-\Delta_y)(1-\Delta_x)\, T[i,j] + (1-\Delta_y)\Delta_x\, T[i+1,j] + \Delta_y(1-\Delta_x)\, T[i,j+1] + \Delta_y \Delta_x\, T[i+1,j+1]$$

Displacement mapping

Textures can be used for more than just color.

In **displacement mapping**, a texture is used to perturb the surface geometry itself. Here's the idea in 2D:



- These displacements "animate" with the surface
- In 3D, you would of course have (u,v) parameters instead of just u.

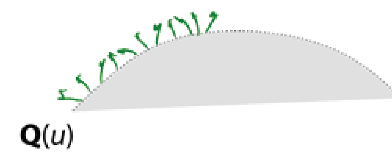
Q: Do you have to do hidden surface calculations on $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$? Y

Bump mapping

In **bump mapping**, a texture is used to perturb the normal:

- Use the original, simpler geometry, **Q**(*u*), for hidden surfaces
- Use the normal from the displacement map for shading:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{N}} = \text{normal}[\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(u)]$$



Q: What artifacts in the images would reveal that bump mapping is a fake?

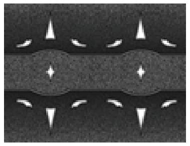
No self ~~occludes~~ occlusions

Silhouettes wrong

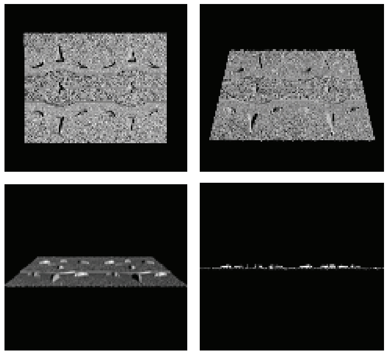
cast shadows

Displacement vs. bump mapping

Input texture



Rendered as displacement map over a rectangular surface



Displacement vs. bump mapping (cont'd)

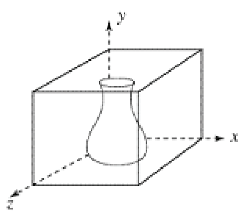
Original rendering

Rendering with bump map wrapped around a cylinder

Bump map and rendering by Wyvern Aldinger

Solid textures

Q: What kinds of artifacts might you see from using a marble veneer instead of real marble?



One solution is to use **solid textures**:

- Use model-space coordinates to index into a 3D texture
- Like "carving" the object from the material

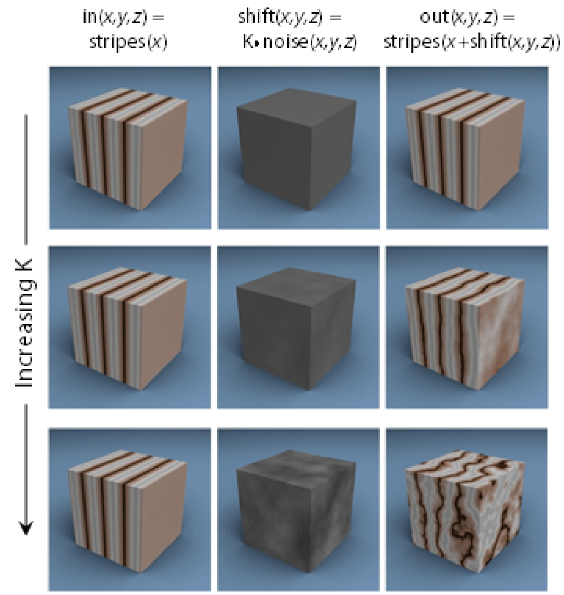
One difficulty of solid texturing is coming up with the textures.

Solid textures (cont'd)

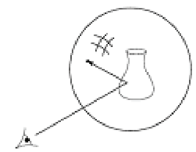
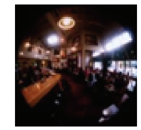
Here's an example for a vase cut from a solid marble texture:

Solid marble texture by Ken Perlin, (Foley, IV-21)

Solid textures (cont'd)



Environment mapping

In **environment mapping** (also known as **reflection mapping**), a texture is used to model an object's environment:

- Rays are bounced off objects into environment
- Color of the environment used to determine color of the illumination
- Really, a simplified form of ray tracing
- Environment mapping works well when there is just a single object – or in conjunction with ray tracing

Under simplifying assumptions, environment mapping can be implemented in hardware.

With a ray tracer, the concept is easily extended to handle refraction as well as reflection.

Summary

What to take home from this lecture:

1. The meaning of the boldfaced terms.
2. Familiarity with the various kinds of texture mapping, including their strengths and limitations.