
Texture Mapping

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Readings and References

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- Intro to Chapter 8 and intros to 8.1, 8.4, 8.6, 8.8, *3D Computer Graphics*, Watt

Other References

- Watt, the rest of Chapter 8
- *Survey of Texture Mapping*, Paul S. Heckbert, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, Nov 1986, pp 56-67
- *Texture and reflection in computer generated images*. James F. Blinn and Martin E. Newell. Communications of the ACM 19(10): 542--547, October 1976.

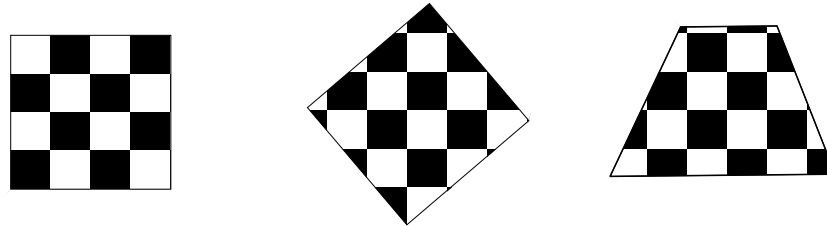
Texture mapping

- 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.



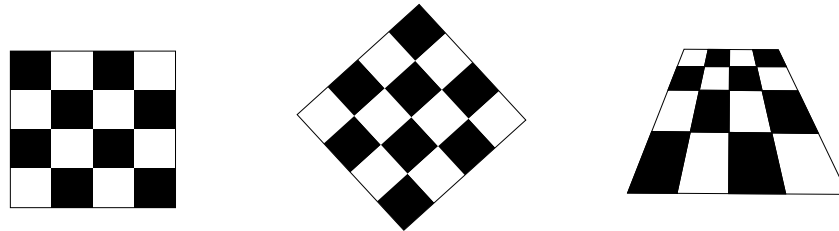
Texture mapping (Woo et al., fig. 9-1)

Non-parametric texture mapping



- With “non-parametric texture mapping”:
 - » Texture size and orientation are fixed
 - » They are unrelated to size and orientation of polygon
 - » Gives cookie-cutter effect

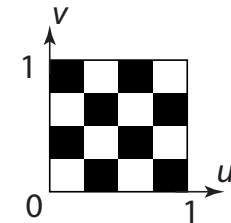
Parametric texture mapping



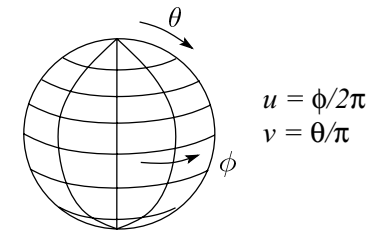
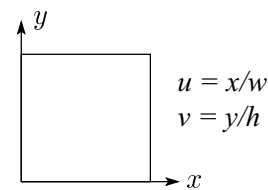
- With “parametric texture mapping,” texture size and orientation are tied to the polygon.
- Idea:
 - » Separate “texture space” and “screen space”
 - » Texture the polygon as before, but in texture space
 - » Deform (render) the textured polygon into screen space
- A texture can modulate just about any parameter – diffuse color, specular color, specular exponent, ...

Implementing texture mapping

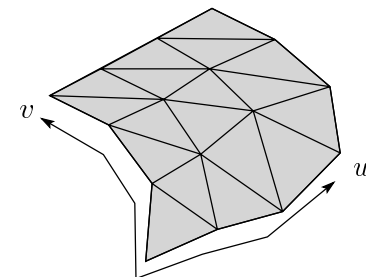
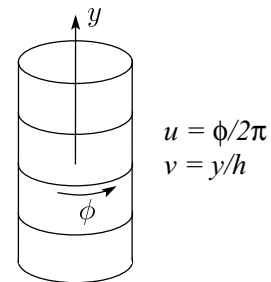
- A texture lives in its own abstract image coordinates parameterized by (u, v) in the range $([0..1], [0..1])$:



- It can be wrapped around many different surfaces



- If the surface moves/deforms, the texture goes with it.



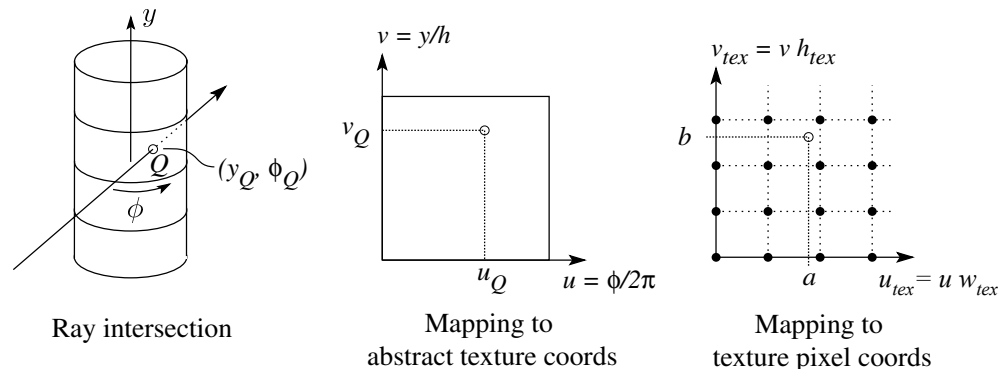
Mapping to texture image coords

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

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

to texture image coordinates:

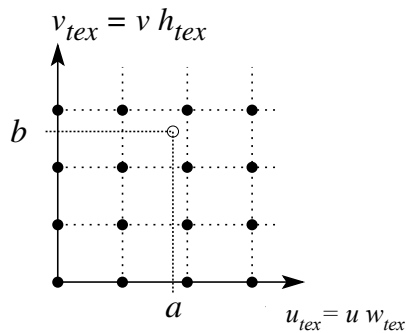
(u_{tex}, v_{tex}) in the range $([0.. w_{tex}], [0.. h_{tex}])$



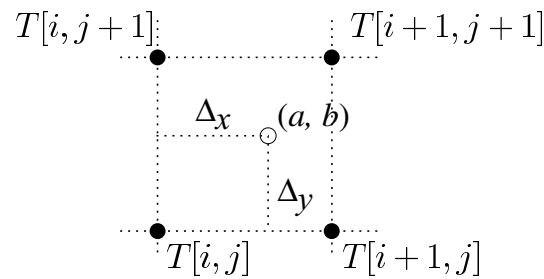
Q: What do you do when the texture sample you need lands between texture pixels?

Texture resampling

To get the “in between” values, we need to **resample** the texture.



Mapping to
texture pixel coords



Close-up

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

$$= \text{_____} T[i, j] +$$

$$\text{_____} T[i+1, j] +$$

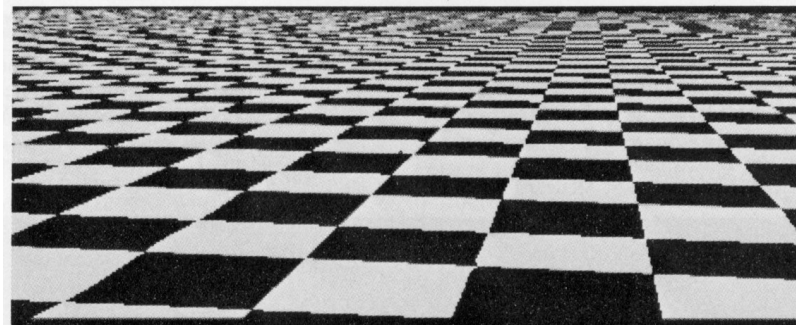
$$\text{_____} T[i, j+1] +$$

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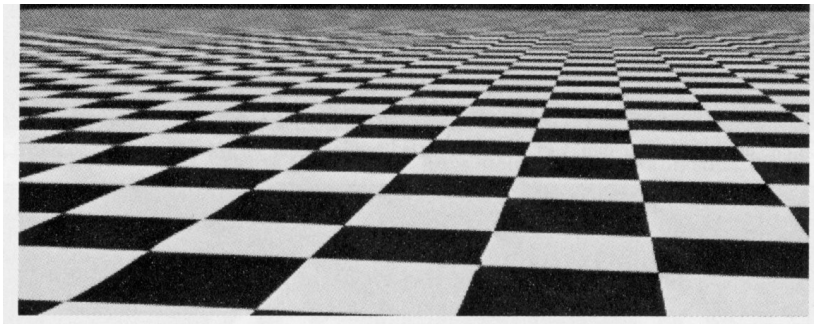
A common choice is **bilinear interpolation**:

Antialiasing

If you point-sample the texture map, you get aliasing:



Proper antialiasing requires area averaging in the texture:



From Crow, SIGGRAPH '84

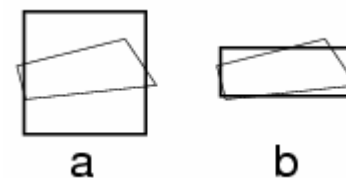
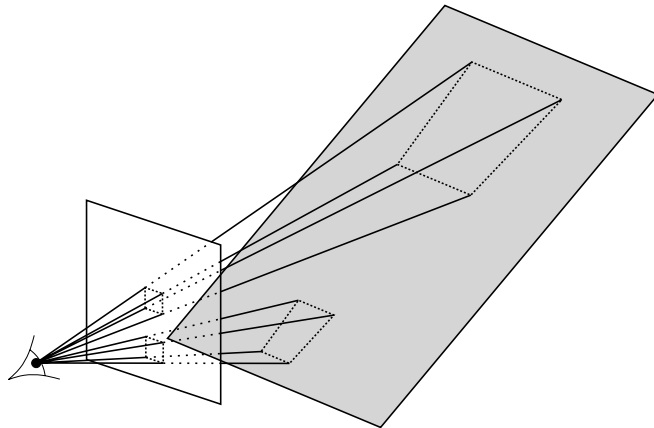
Computing the average color

The computationally difficult part is summing over the covered pixels.

Several methods have been used:

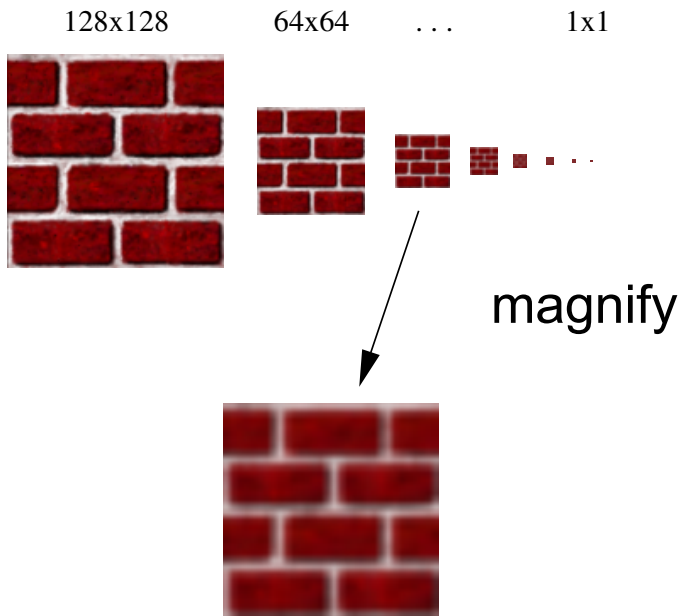
The simplest is **brute force**:

Figure out which texels are covered and add up their colors to compute the average.



Approximating a quadrilateral texture area with (a) a square, (b) a rectangle. Too small an area causes aliasing; too large an area causes blurring. After Heckbert 86.

Mip maps

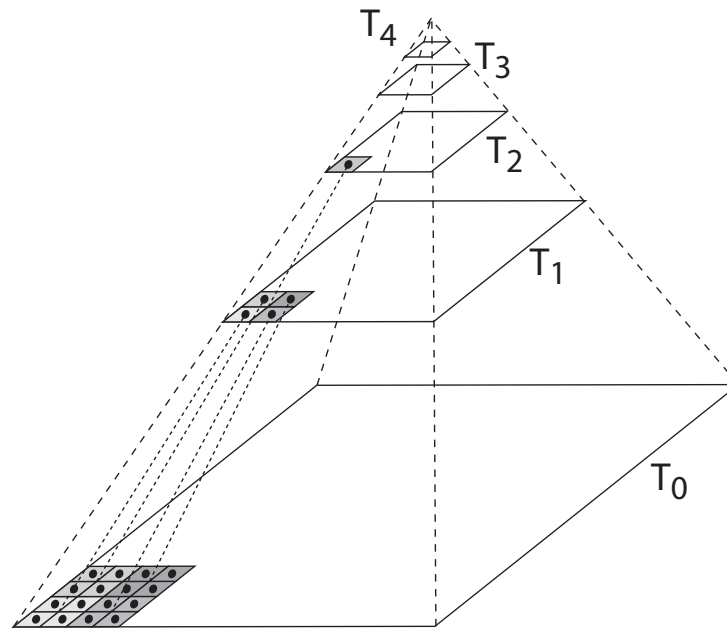


A faster method is **mip maps** developed by Lance Williams (1983)

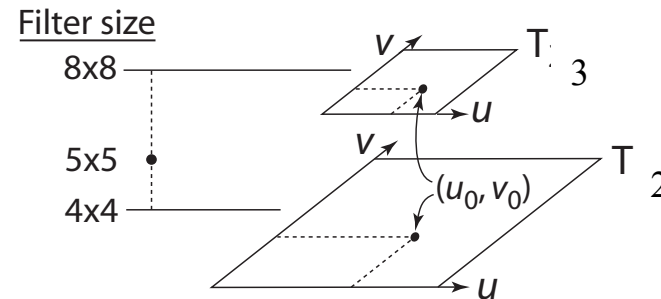
- » Stands for “multum in parvo” – many things in a small place
- » Keep textures prefiltered at multiple resolutions
- » Has become the graphics hardware standard

Mip map pyramid

- The mip map hierarchy can be thought of as an image pyramid:
 - » Level 0 ($T_0[i,j]$) is the original image.
 - » Level 1 ($T_1[i,j]$) averages over 2×2 neighborhoods of original.
 - » Level 2 ($T_2[i,j]$) averages over 4×4 neighborhoods of original
 - » Level 3 ($T_3[i,j]$) averages over 8×8 neighborhoods of original



Mip map resampling



- What would the mip-map return for an average over a 5×5 neighborhood at location (u_0, v_0) ?

Summed area tables

A more accurate method than mip maps is **summed area tables** invented by Frank Crow (1984). Rectangles vs squares.

Recall from calculus:

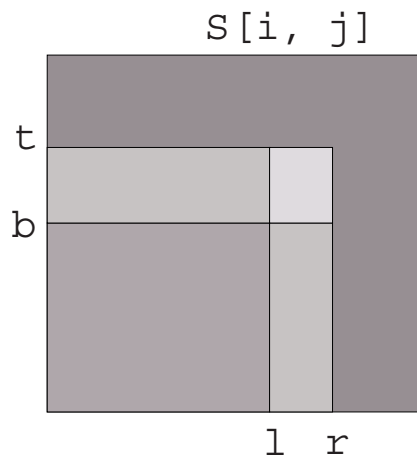
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^b f(x)dx - \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)dx$$

In discrete form:

$$\sum_{i=k}^m f[i] = \sum_{i=0}^m f[i] - \sum_{i=0}^k f[i]$$

Summed area tables (cont'd)

We can extend this idea to 2D by creating a table, $S[i,j]$, that contains the sum of everything below and to the left.



Q: How do we compute the average over a region from (l, b) to (r, t) ?

Characteristics:

- Requires more memory

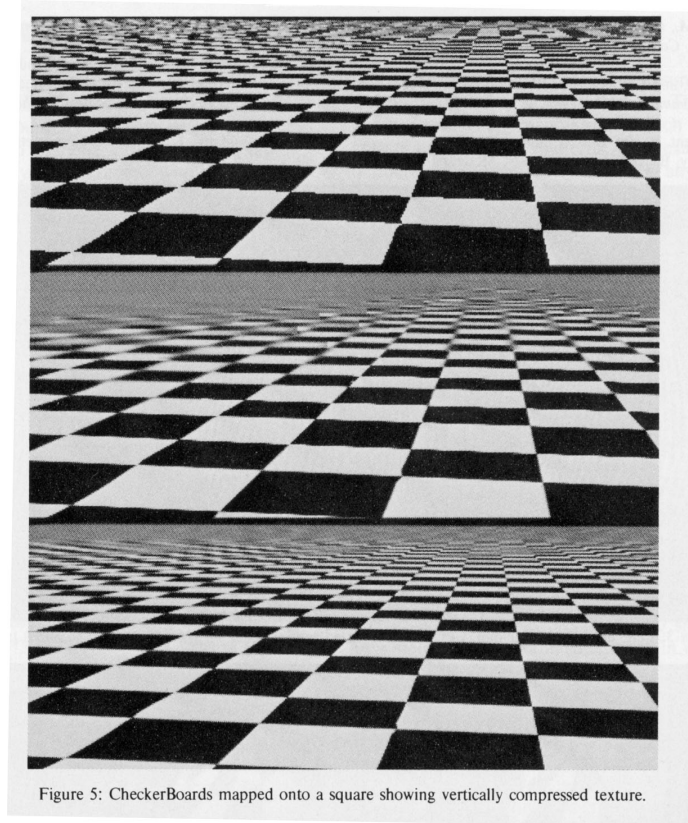
- Gives less blurry textures

Comparison of techniques

Point sampled

MIP-mapped

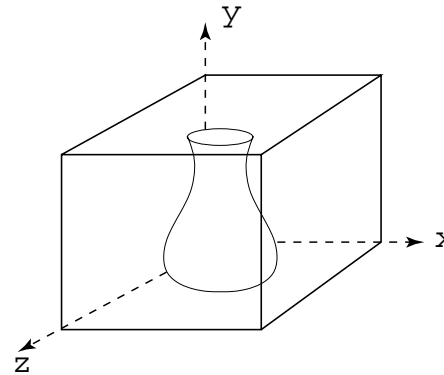
Summed
area table



From Crow, SIGGRAPH '84

Solid textures

- **Q:** What kinds of artifacts might you see from using a marble veneer instead of solid 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)

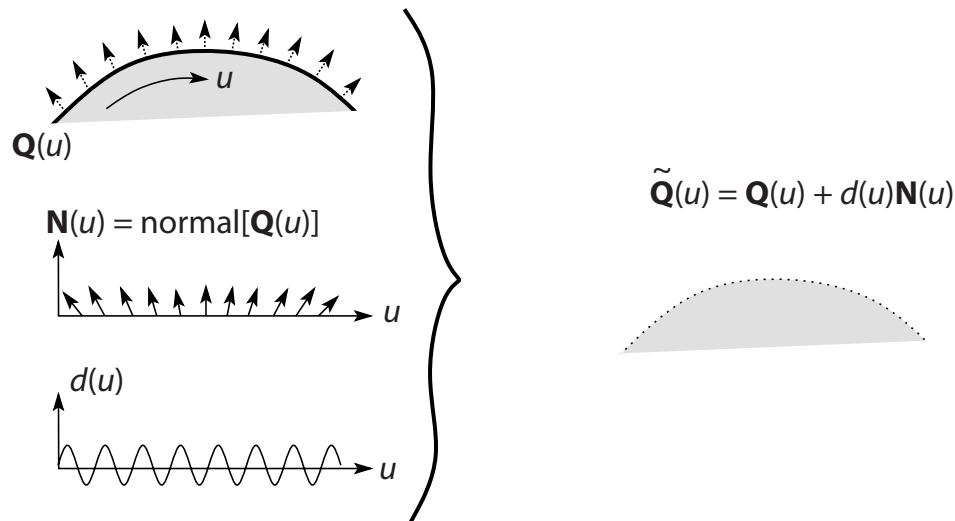
Here's an example for a vase cut from a solid marble texture:



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

Displacement mapping

- Textures can be used for more than just color.
- In **displacement mapping**, a texture is used to perturb the surface geometry itself:



» These displacements “animate” with the surface

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

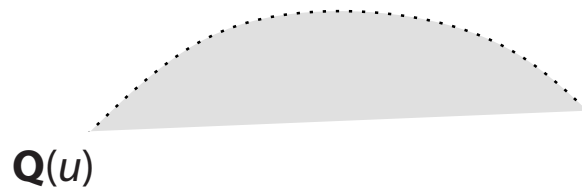
Bump mapping

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

Use the original, simpler geometry, $\mathbf{Q}(u)$, for hidden surfaces

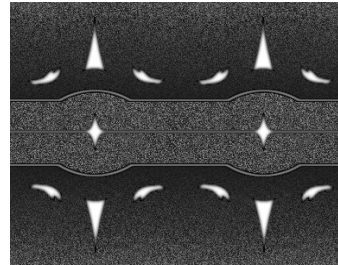
Use the normal from the displacement map for shading:

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

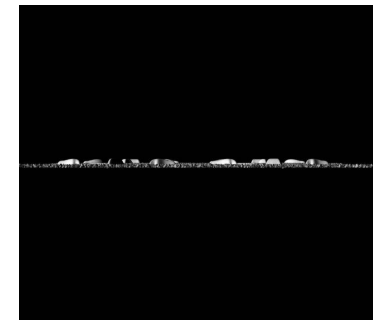
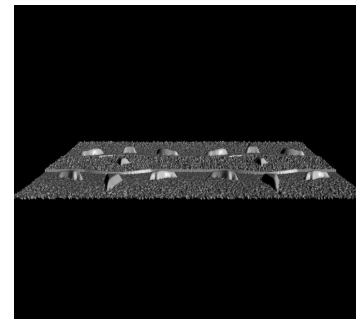
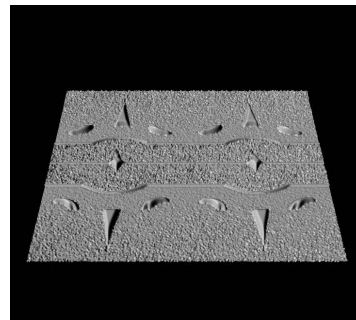
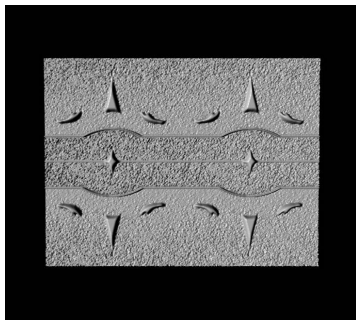


Q: What artifacts in the images would reveal that bump mapping is a fake?

Displacement vs. bump mapping



Input texture



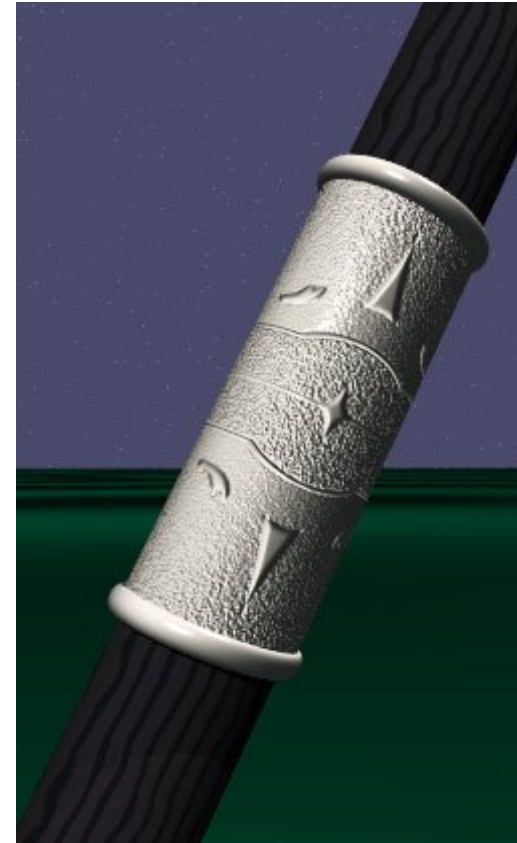
Rendered as displacement map over a rectangular surface

Displacement vs. bump mapping



Original rendering

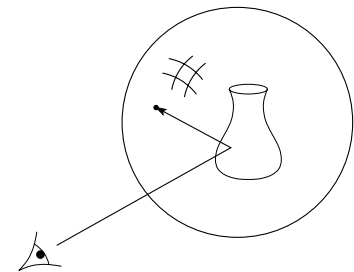
Bump map and rendering by Wyvern Aldinger



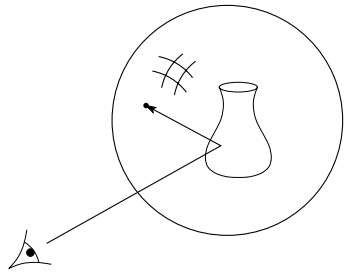
Rendering with bump map wrapped around a cylinder

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.

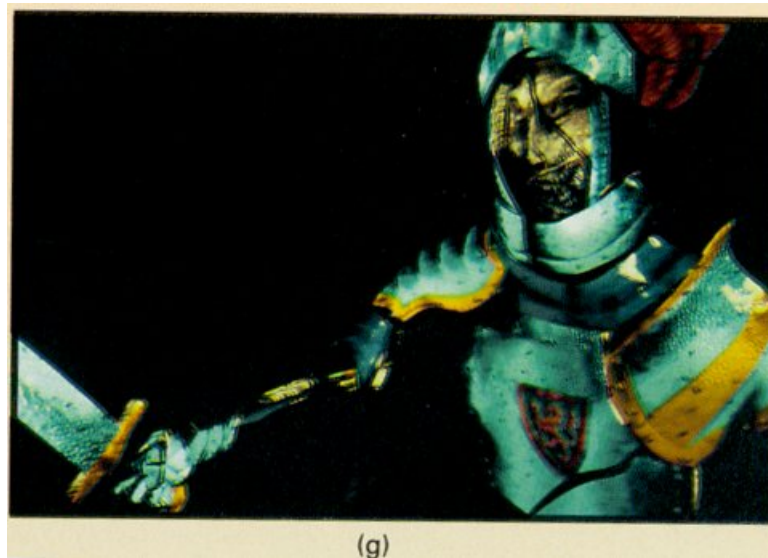


Environment mapping example



Combining texture maps

- Using texture maps in combination gives even better effects, as in *Young Sherlock Holmes* ...



Construction of the glass knight, (Foley, IV-24)

Combining texture maps (cont'd)

Phong lighting with
diffuse texture



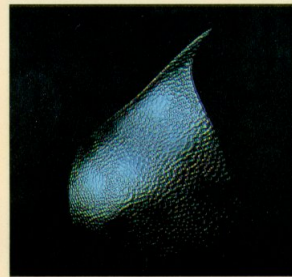
(a)



(b)

Environment-
mapped
mirror reflection

Bump mapping +
Glossy reflection



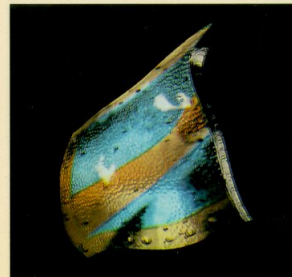
(c)



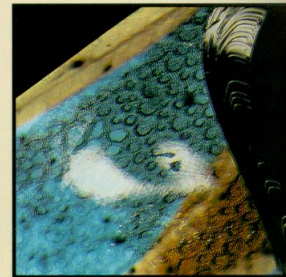
(d)

Combine textures
and add dirt

Rivet stains +
Shinier reflections



(e)



(f)

Close-up

Construction of the glass knight, (Foley, IV-24)

Summary

- What to take home from this lecture:
- The meaning of the boldfaced terms.
- Familiarity with the various kinds of texture mapping, including their strengths and limitations.
- Understanding of the various approaches to antialiased texture mapping:
 - » Brute force
 - » Mip maps
 - » Summed area tables