

Texture Mapping

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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)

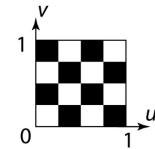
Texture mapping allows you to take a simple polygon and give it the appearance of something much more complex.

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

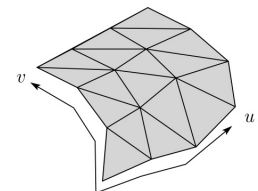
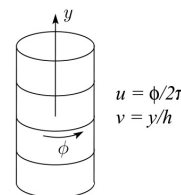
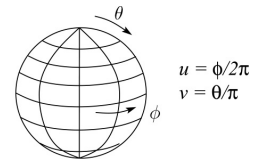
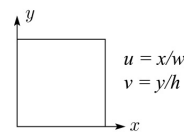
A texture can modulate just about any parameter – diffuse color, specular color, specular exponent, ...

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:



Computing (u,v) texture coordinates in a ray tracer is fairly straightforward.

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

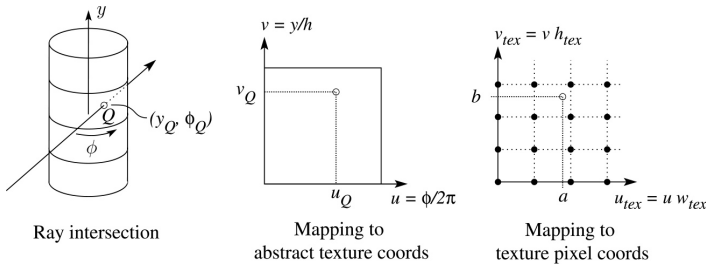
Mapping to texture image coords

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 $[[0.. w_{tex}], [0.. h_{tex}]]$

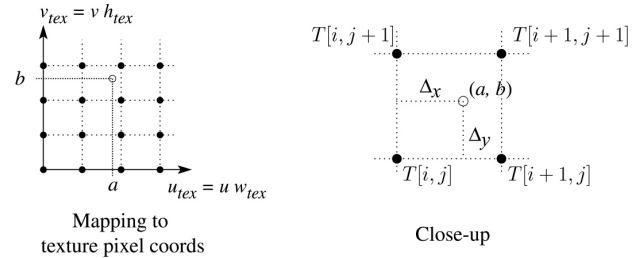


Q: What do you do when the texture sample you need lands between texture pixels?

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Texture resampling

We need to resample the texture:



Thus, we seek to solve for: $T(a, b) = T(i + \Delta_x, j + \Delta_y)$

A common choice is **bilinear interpolation**:

$$T(i + \Delta_x, j) = \text{_____} T[i, j] + \text{_____} T[i+1, j]$$

$$T(i + \Delta_x, j+1) = \text{_____} T[i, j+1] + \text{_____} T[i+1, j+1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(i + \Delta_x, j + \Delta_y) &= \text{_____} T(i + \Delta_x, j) + \text{_____} T(i + \Delta_x, j+1) \\ &= \text{_____} T[i, j] + \text{_____} T[i+1, j] + \\ &\quad \text{_____} T[i, j+1] + \text{_____} T[i+1, j+1] \end{aligned}$$

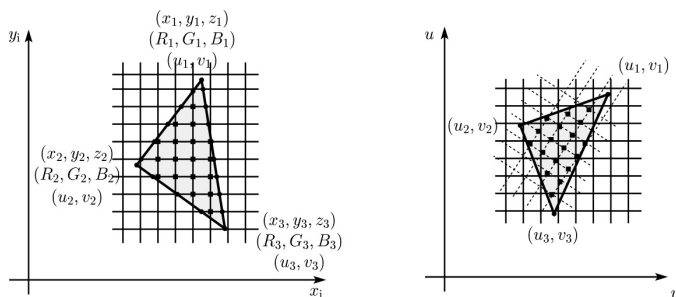
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Texture mapping and the z-buffer

Texture-mapping can also be handled in z-buffer algorithms.

Method:

- ◆ Scan conversion is done in screen space, as usual
- ◆ Each pixel is colored according to the texture
- ◆ Texture coordinates are found by Gouraud-style interpolation



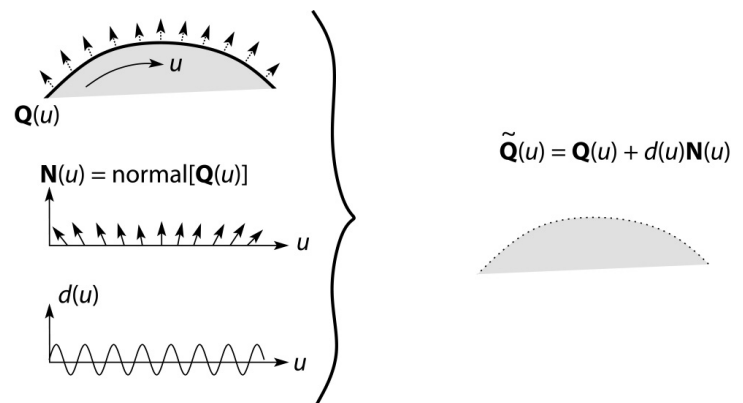
Note: Mapping is more complicated to handle perspective correctly!

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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 .

Suppose \mathbf{Q} is a simple surface, like a sphere. Will it take more work to render the modified surface $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$?

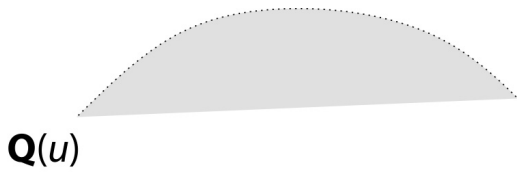
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Bump mapping

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:

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

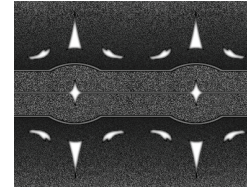


What artifacts in the images would reveal that bump mapping is a fake?

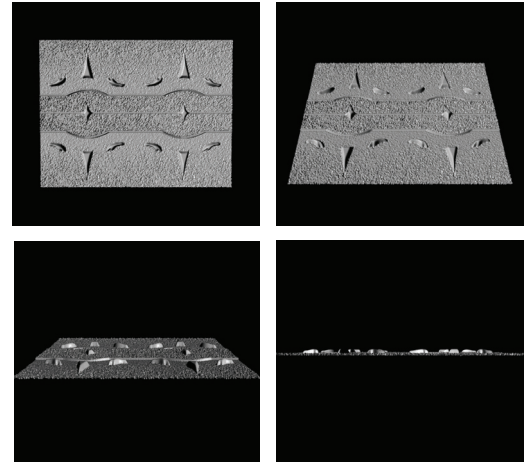
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Displacement vs. bump mapping

Input texture



Rendered as displacement map over a rectangular surface



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Displacement vs. bump mapping (cont'd)



Original rendering

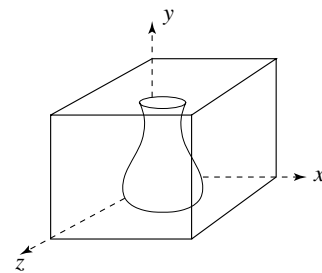
Rendering with bump map wrapped around a cylinder

Bump map and rendering by Wyvern Aldinger

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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.

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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)

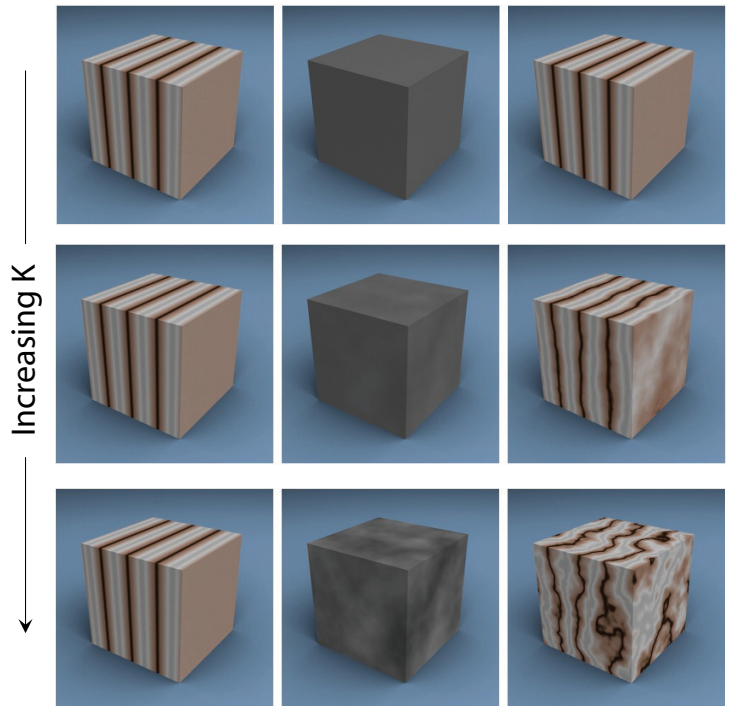
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Solid textures (cont'd)

$$\text{in}(x,y,z) = \text{stripes}(x)$$

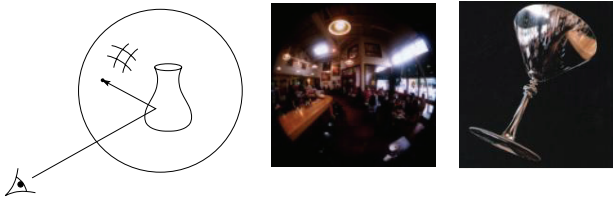
$$\text{shift}(x,y,z) = K \cdot \text{noise}(x,y,z)$$

$$\text{out}(x,y,z) = \text{stripes}(x + \text{shift}(x,y,z))$$



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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.

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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.

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