Texture Mapping

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Reading

Required

- Shirley, 11.1-11.2, 11.4-11.6

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)

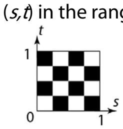
Texture mapping allows you to take a simple polygon and give it the appearance of something much more complex.

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

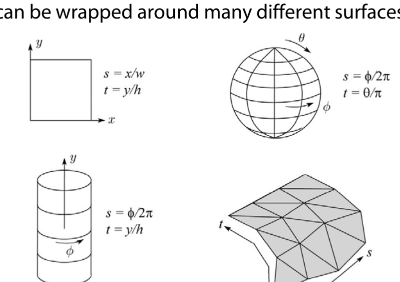
A texture can modulate just about any parameter – diffuse color, specular color, specular exponent, …

Implementing texture mapping

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



It can be wrapped around many different surfaces:



With a ray caster, we can do the sphere and cylinder mappings directly (as we will see later). For z-buffers, everything gets converted to a triangle mesh with associated (s,t) coordinates.

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

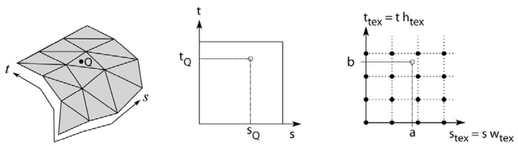
Mapping to texture image coords

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

(s,t) in the range ([0..1], [0..1])

to texture image coordinates:

(s_{tex}, t_{tex}) in the range ([0.. w_{tex}], [0.. h_{tex}])

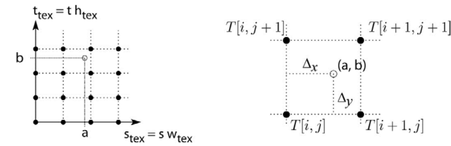


Point on triangle mesh — Mapping to abstract texture coords — Mapping to texture pixel coords

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

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

A common choice is **bilinear interpolation**:

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

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

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

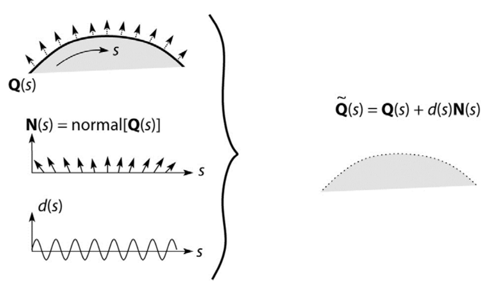
$=$ ________ $T[i,j]$ + ________ $T[i+1,j]$ +

________ $T[i,j+1]$ + ________ $T[i+1,j+1]$

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 (s,t) parameters instead of just s.

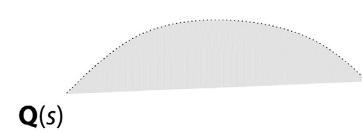
Suppose **Q** is a simple surface, like a cube. Will it take more work to render the modified surface $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$?

Bump mapping

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

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

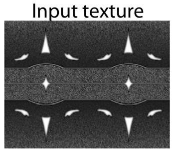
$\tilde{\mathbf{N}} = \text{normal}[\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(s)]$



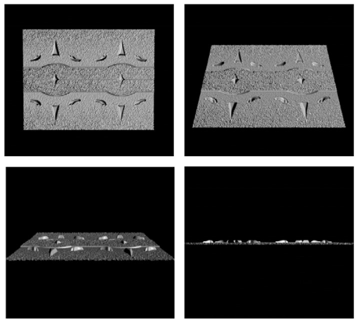
What artifacts in the images would reveal that bump mapping is a fake?

Displacement vs. bump mapping

Input texture



Rendered as displacement map over a rectangular surface



Displacement vs. bump mapping (cont'd)

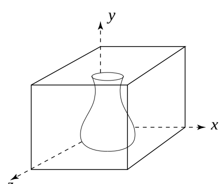
Original rendering

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

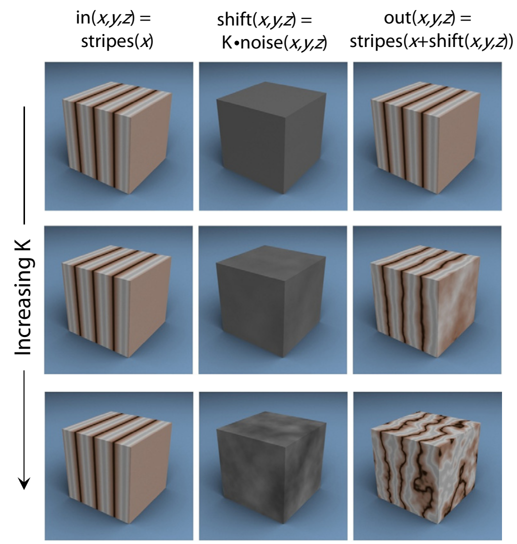
One difficulty of solid texturing is coming up with the textures.

Solid textures (cont'd)

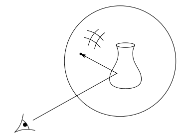
Here's an example for a vase cut from a solid marble texture:

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
- Environment mapping works well when there is just a single object – or in conjunction with ray tracing

This can be readily implemented (without interreflection) using a fragment shader, where the texture is stored in a "cube map" instead of a sphere.

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