Texture Mapping

There are limits to geometric modeling



National Geographic

Although modern GPUs can render millions of triangles/sec, that's not enough sometimes...

Use texture mapping to increase realism through detail



This image is just 8 polygons!



No texture

With texture



Pixar - Toy Story

Store 2D images in buffers and lookup pixel reflectances









photo

procedural

3D solid textures



Other uses of textures...

Light maps Shadow maps Environment maps Bump maps Opacity maps Animation





Texture mapping in the OpenGL pipeline



- Geometry and pixels have separate paths through pipeline
- meet in **fragment processing** where textures are applied
- texture mapping applied at end of pipeline efficient since relatively few polygons get past clipper

uv Mapping



 (u_a, v_a)

 (u_c, v_c)

 (u_b, v_b)

- 2D texture is parameterized by (u,v)
- Assign polygon vertices texture coordinates
- Interpolate within polygon







The major issues in texture mapping...

• What should the actual mapping be?





easy: rectangular surface

harder: parametric surface

Given a point on the object (x,y,z), what point (u,v) in the texture we use?



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Example: planar mapping



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Intermediate surfaces

First map the texture to a simpler, intermediate surface



Cylindrical mapping

$$(x,y,z) \rightarrow (theta, h) \rightarrow (u,v)$$











Spherical Mapping









Box Mapping



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How do we map between intermediate and actual objects?



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position





surface normal



reflection





What intermediate shape was used here?



Cylindrical



Parametric Surfaces





32 parametric patches



3D solid textures



can map object (x,y,z) directly to texture (u,v,w)

Procedural textures







e.g., Perlin noise

Triangles

- Store (u,v) at each vertex
- interpolate inside triangles using barycentric coordinates



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$$\mathbf{p}(eta,\gamma) = \mathbf{a} + eta(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}) + \gamma(\mathbf{c}-\mathbf{a}),$$
 $u(eta,\gamma) = u_a + eta(u_b-u_a) + \gamma(u_c-u_a),$ $v(eta,\gamma) = v_a + eta(v_b-v_a) + \gamma(v_c-v_a).$

Choice of (u,v) makes big difference



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Textures in OpenGL

• Assign (u,v) to vertices

glTexCoord*()

 OpenGL then uses interpolation for triangle interior



good selection of tex coordinates



poor selection of tex coordinates



Multitexturing





Texture Sampling



Point Sampling

Map back to texture image and use the nearest texel



Aliasing

Point sampling of the texture can lead to aliasing artifacts



Angel and Shreiner

point samples in texture space

Magnification and Minification



Magnification and Minification

More than one texel can cover a pixel (*minification*) or more than one pixel can cover a texel (*magnification*)

Can use point sampling (nearest texel) or linear filtering (2 x 2 filter) to obtain texture values



Aliasing artifacts





We apply filtering to reduce aliasing artifacts



Area Averaging

A better but slower option is to use area averaging



Use bilinear filtering





nearest neighbor



bilinear



Wikipedia **bicubic**

mitigate magnification artifacts

Mipmapping



Togikun, Wikimedia Commons

Reduce minification artifacts

Prefilter the texture to obtain reduced resolutions

Requires 1/3 more space

Get a texture hierarchy indexed by level

128×128, 64×64, 32×32, 16×16, 8×8, 4×4, 2×2, 1×1



