Texture Mapping
Reading

- **Required**
  - Watt, intro to Chapter 8 and intros to 8.1, 8.4, 8.6, 8.8.

- **Recommended**

- **Optional**
  - Watt, the rest of Chapter 8
  - Woo, Neider, & Davis, Chapter 9
What adds visual realism?

Geometry only

Phong shading

Phong shading + Texture maps
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.
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
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:

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

- Note: if the surface moves/deforms, the texture goes with it.
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?
Texture resampling

We need to resample the texture:

A common choice is bilinear interpolation:

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

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

  \[
  \tilde{Q}(u) = Q(u) + d(u)N(u)
  \]

- These displacements “animate” with the surface
- **Q**: Do you have to do hidden surface calculations on \( \tilde{Q} \)?
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:

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

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

Texture #1
(diffuse color)

Texture #2
(bump map)

Rendered Image
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
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.
Combining texture maps

- Using texture maps in combination gives even better effects.
Can define material by program

- A ‘surface shader’ computes the color of each ray that hits the surface.

- Example: Renderman surface shader

```c
/*
 * Checkerboard
 */
surface checker(float Kd=.5, Ka=.1) {
    float smod = mod(10*s, 1);
    float tmod = mod(10*t, 1);
    if (smod < 0.5) {
        if (tmod < 0.5) Ci=Cs; else Ci=color(0,0,0);
    } else {
        if (tmod < 0.5) Ci=color(0,0,0); else Ci=Cs;
    }
    Oi = Os;
    Ci = Oi*Ci*(
        Ka*ambient() +
        Kd*diffuse(faceforward(normalize(N),I)));
}
```
How do we anti-alias textures?

- We could just super-sample.
- But textures (and shader programs) are a special case; we can use true area integration!

- Approximate footprint as parallelogram
- Determine this approximate footprint using discrete differences
Cost of filtering can be reduced

- Store a pyramid of pre-filtered images:

- During texture lookup, read from appropriate level of the pyramid.
Next time: Hierarchical modeling

- How do we represent translation and rotation of complex objects using hierarchies of transformations?
  (Easy in principle, tough to get right in practice)

- Read:
  - Angel, sections 9.1 - 9.6 [reader pp. 169-185]
  - OpenGL Programming Guide, chapter 3 [available online]