Materials and Textures

Elements of Graphics
CS324e
Materials

- Dictates the way light interacts with the surface geometry
- Phong shading is a non-physically-based material model that roughly captures material properties
Materials in Processing

- Ambient reflects flat light based on color parameters
  - ambient(r, g, b)
- Diffuse reflects based on angle to the light
  - Built into the lighting models
- Specular reflects based on the “shininess” of the object relative to the viewer direction
  - specular(r, g, b) //color of highlights
  - shininess(s) //amount of highlight
  - lightSpecular(r, g, b) //specular light color
Consider...

❖ What are the material properties of the following?
❖ A hotel wall
❖ The hood of a car
❖ An unglazed clay pot
❖ A glazed clay pot
Advanced Materials

- The Phong shading model can’t capture everything!
- Many of the more “interesting” materials involve sub-surface scattering, or light bouncing off of multiple layers within the material…
- Requires a more involved mathematical formula to replicate though…
Adding Detail

- Materials convey the underlying composition of the object, but how can we efficiently convey the surface color and patterns?
Textures

- Provides more detail across geometry
- Deforms with the geometry
- Mapping between geometry vertices \((x, y)\) and texture coordinates \((u, v)\)
PImage tex = loadImage("texture_file");
...
beginShape();
texture(tex);
vertex(x1, y1, z1, u1, v1);
vertex(x2, y2, z2, u2, v2);
vertex(x3, y3, z3, u3, v3);
vertex(x4, y4, z4, u4, v4);
endShape();
Texture Demo
Consider

- Consider the previous in-class example. How do these modifications change the texture?

```java
vertex(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
vertex(350, 0, 0, .5, 0);
vertex(350, 200, 0, .5, 1);
vertex(0, 200, 0, 0, 1);
```
textureMode and textureWrap

❖ `textureMode(IMAGE)` sets mapping to number of pixels in texture image coordinates
❖ `textureMode(NORMAL)` sets mapping to normalized (0.0 - 1.0) texture image coordinates
❖ `textureWrap(CLAMP)` locks the texture into place
❖ `textureWrap(REPEAT)` repeats the texture along the surface
Exercise

Consider the previous in-class example. How many times will the texture image be drawn if `textureWrap` is set to `REPEAT` and the vertices are modified as follows:

```plaintext
vertex(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
vertex(350, 0, 0, 3, 0);
vertex(350, 200, 0, 3, 4);
vertex(0, 200, 0, 0, 4);
```
Applying Textures to Meshes

- Possible to apply textures to meshes within Processing
  - Map all texture coordinates to vertices
  - Store in a GLModel (Java class for storing 3D model information in vertex buffers)
- But much easier to use 3D modeling programs like Blender or Maya!
OBJs and MTLs

- Create objects in .obj format and material properties in .mtl format then import into Processing

- How-to:
  - Processing -> File -> Examples -> Basics -> Shape -> LoadDisplayObj
Hands-on: Using Textures

Today’s activities:

1. Recreate the scene you built for the last hands-on activities
2. Change the material properties of the 3D objects (modifying their shininess, ambience, and specularity)
3. Create a simple square or rectangle using Shape and apply a texture to it
4. Experiment with texture mode and texture wrapping options