Game Programming

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Game Texturing

- Texture Mapping
- Environment Mapping
- Bump Mapping
- Shadow Maps

The Quest for Visual Realism



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Texture Mapping

- Previously, we assume that reflection properties such as are constant within each triangle.
- However, some objects have complex appearance which arises from variation in reflection properties.
- The common technique to handle this kind of variation is to store it as a function or a pixel-based image and "map" it onto a surface.
- The function is called *texture map* and the process is called *texture mapping*.

Texture Maps

Tom Porter's Bowling Pin





Texture Mapping



Texture Maps

- How is texture mapped to the surface?
 - Dimensionality: 1D, 2D (image), 3D (solid)
 - Procedural v.s. table look-up
 - Texture coordinates (s,t)
 - □ Surface parameters (u,v)
 - Projection: spherical, cylindrical, planar
 - Reparameterization
- What does texture control?
 - Surface color and transparency
 - Illumination: environment maps, shadow maps
 - Reflection function: reflectance maps
 - Geometry: displacement and bump maps

Texture Mapping



2D mapping

3D mapping

Where does mapping take place?

- Mapping techniques are implemented at the end of the rendering pipeline
 - Very efficient because few polygons pass down the geometric pipeline



Simple Texture Mapping



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Antialiasing



Aliasing

Point sampling of the texture can lead to aliasing errors



point samples in texture space

Magnification and Minification

Example:



Texture Polygon Magnification



Texture Polygon Minification

Changing Resolution







Nearest Neighbor

a.k.a.
 zero order interpolation
 use 1 nearest neighbor

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Bilinear

a.k.a. first order interpolation use 4 nearest neighbors

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Bicubic

a.k.a. second order interpolation use 16 nearest neighbors ?

nearest neighbor

bilinear

bicubic

ground truth

MIP Mapping

MIP Mapping is one popular technique for precomputing and performing this prefiltering



Computing this series of filtered images requires only a small fraction of additional storage over the original texture

Storing MIP Maps



Example



Environment Mapping



Sphere Mapping



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Box Maps



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Spherical Mapping





Box Mapping

Easy to use with simple orthographic projection

□ Also used in environmental maps



Second Mapping

Map from intermediate object to actual object

- Normals from intermediate to actual
- Normals from actual to intermediate

Vectors from center of intermediate



Environment Maps



environment map

ray traced

Bump Mapping

Textures can be used for more than just color

$$I = k_{\mathrm{a}}I_{\mathrm{a}} + \sum f_{\mathrm{att}_{i}}I_{\mathrm{p}_{i}}[k_{\mathrm{d}}(\vec{N} \bullet \vec{L}_{i}) + k_{\mathrm{s}}(\vec{R}_{i} \bullet \vec{V})^{n}]$$

- In bump mapping, a texture is used to perturb the normal:
 - The normal is perturbed in each parametric direction according to the partial derivatives of the texture.



Bump Mapping







Bump Mapping



Illumination Maps





Texture Mapping in Quake



Texture Only

Texture & Light Maps





Shadow Maps



Basic Steps of Shadow Maps

- Render the scene from the light's point of view,
- Use the light's depth buffer as a texture (shadow map),
- Projectively texture the shadow map onto the scene,
- Use "texture color" (comparison result) in fragment shading.



Shadow Buffer

