

Texture Mapping

(Fundamentals of Computer Graphics Chapter 11)

Texture mapping

- Objects have properties that vary across the surface



Texture Mapping

- So we make the shading parameters vary across the surface



[Foley et al. / Perlin]

Texture mapping

- Adds visual complexity; makes appealing images



[Pixar / Toy Story]

Texture mapping

- Color is not the same everywhere on a surface
 - one solution: multiple primitives
- Want a function that assigns a color to each point
 - the surface is a 2D domain, so that is essentially an image
 - can represent using any image representation
 - raster texture images are very popular

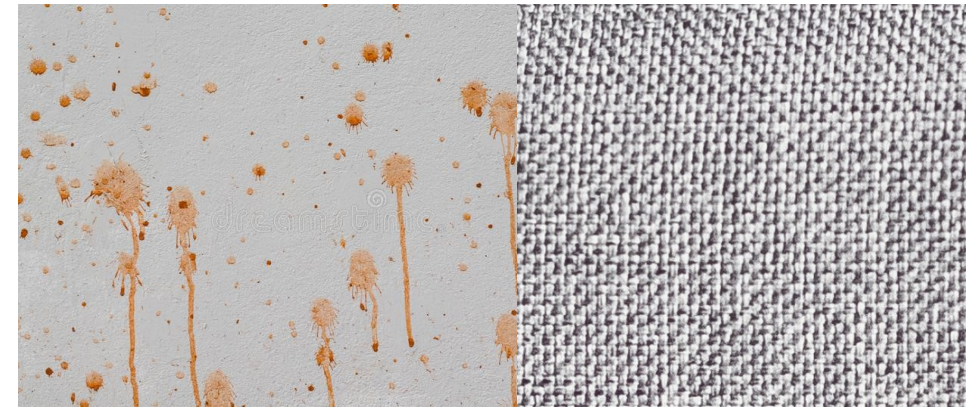
A definition

Texture mapping: a technique of defining surface properties (especially shading parameters) in such a way that they vary as a function of position on the surface.

- This is very simple!
 - but it produces complex-looking effects

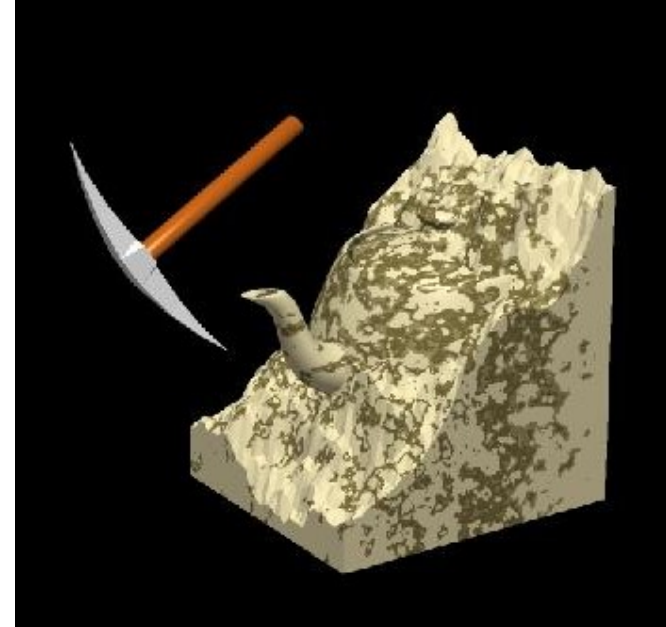
Examples

- Wood gym floor with smooth finish
 - diffuse color k_D varies with position
 - specular properties k_S , n are constant
- Touch screen with fingerprints
 - diffuse and specular colors k_D , k_S are constant
 - specular exponent n varies with position
- Adding dirt to painted surfaces
- Simulating stone, fabric, ...
 - to approximate effects of small-scale geometry
 - they look flat but are a lot better than nothing



Mapping textures to surfaces

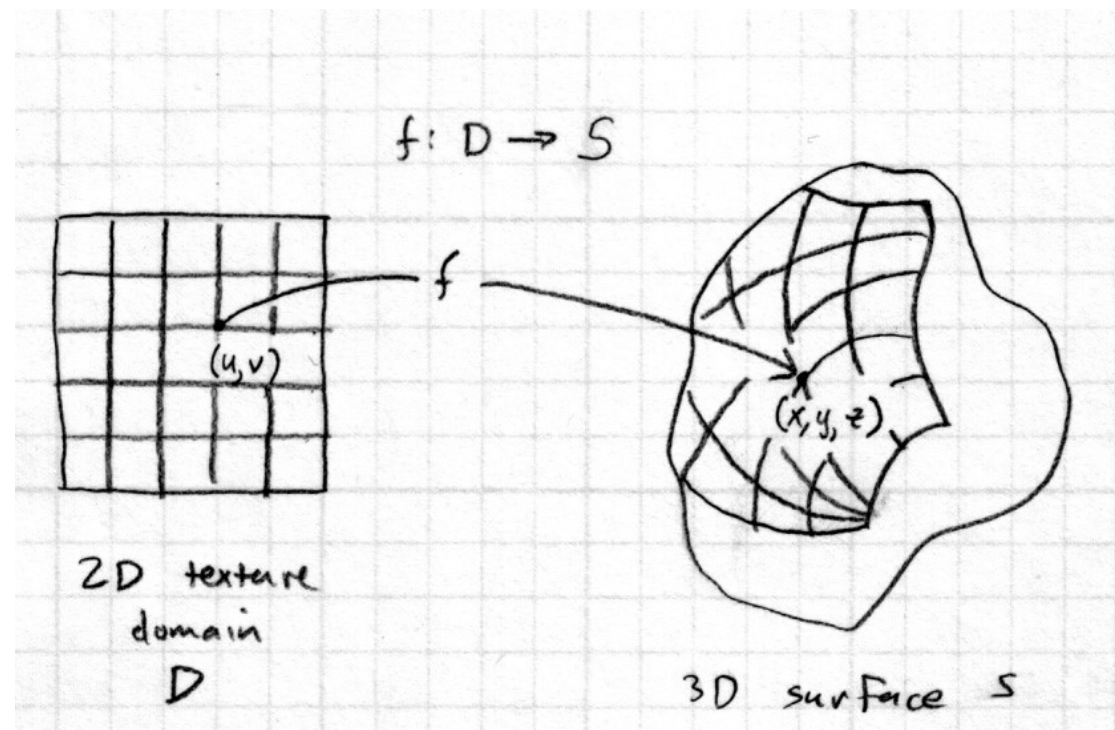
- Usually the texture is an image (function of u, v)
 - big question: where on the surface does the image go?
 - obvious only for a flat rectangle the same shape as the image
 - otherwise more interesting
- Note that 3D textures also exist
 - texture is a function of (u, v, w)
 - can just evaluate texture at 3D surface point
 - good for solid materials
 - often defined procedurally



[Wolfe / SG97 Slide set]

Mapping textures to surfaces

- “Putting the image on the surface”
 - we need a function f that tells where each point on the image goes
 - this looks a lot like a parametric surface function
 - for parametric surfaces you get f for free

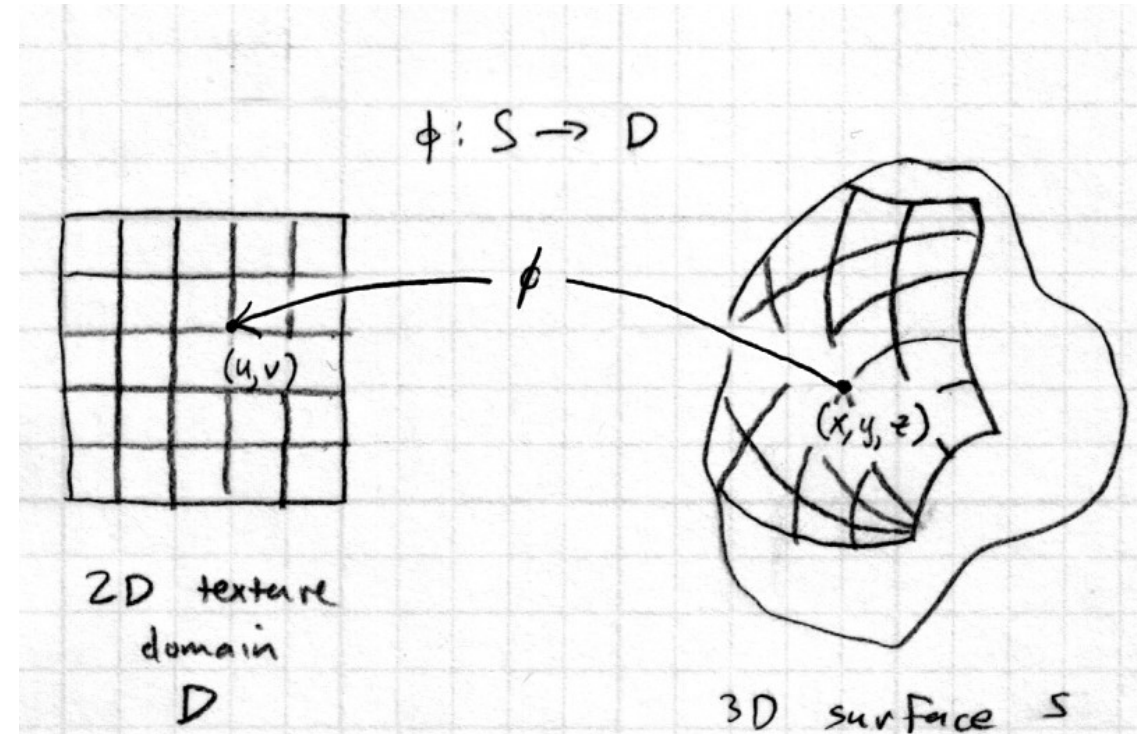


Texture coordinate functions

- Non-parametrically defined surfaces: more to do
 - can't assign texture coordinates as we generate the surface
 - need inverse of the function f
- Texture coordinate function

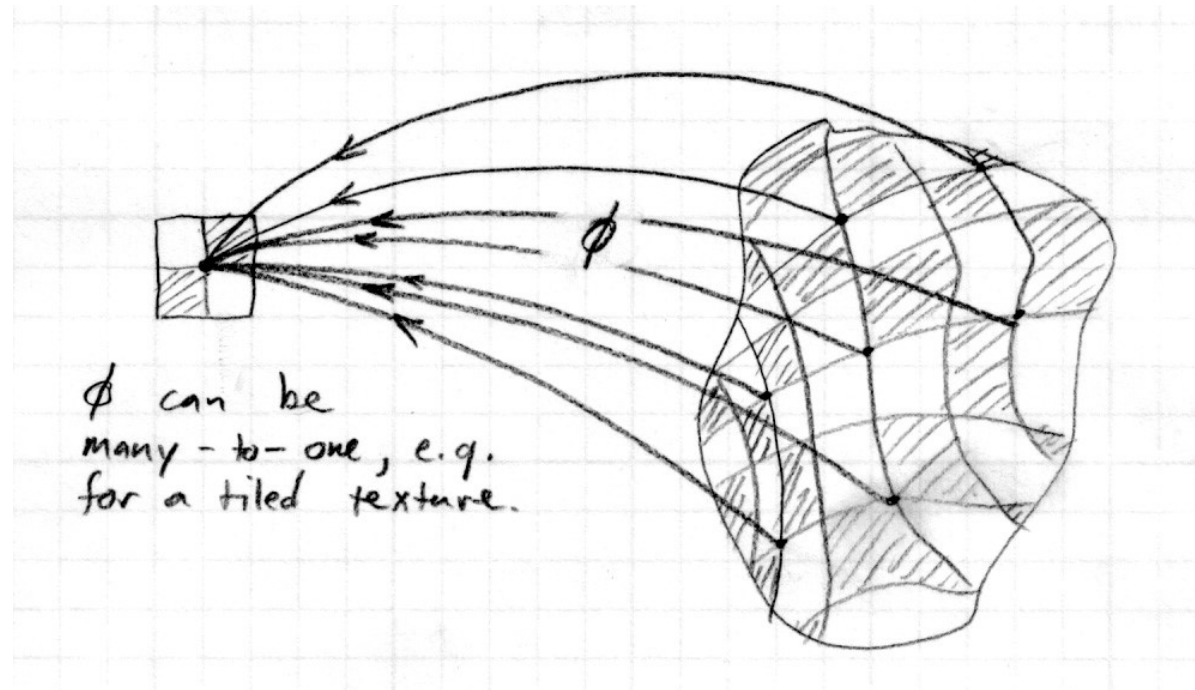
$$\phi: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

- For a vertex at \mathbf{p}
get texture at $\phi(\mathbf{p})$



Texture coordinate functions

- Mapping from S to D can be many-to-one
 - that is, every surface point gets only one color assigned
 - but it is OK (and in fact useful) for multiple surface points to be mapped to the same texture point
 - e.g., repeating tiles



Texture coordinate functions

- Define texture image as a function

$$T: D \rightarrow C$$

where C is the set of colors for the diffuse component

- Diffuse color (for example) at point \mathbf{p} is then

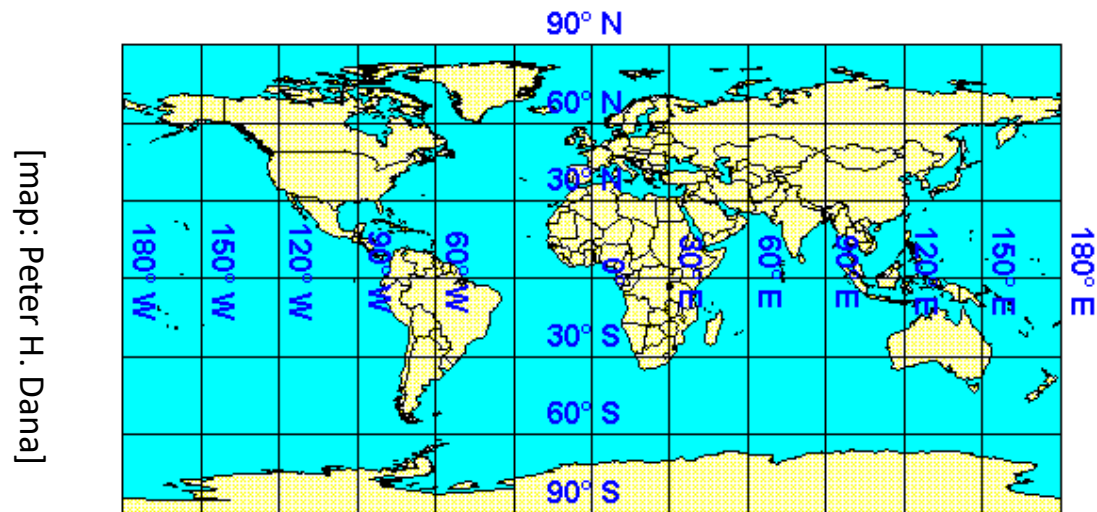
$$k_D(\mathbf{p}) = T(\phi(\mathbf{p}))$$

Examples of coordinate functions

- A rectangle
 - image can be mapped directly, unchanged

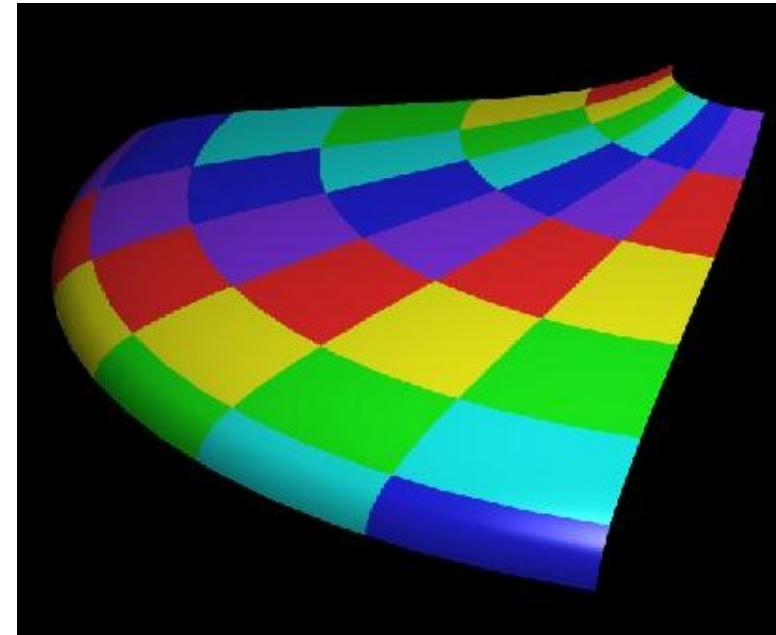
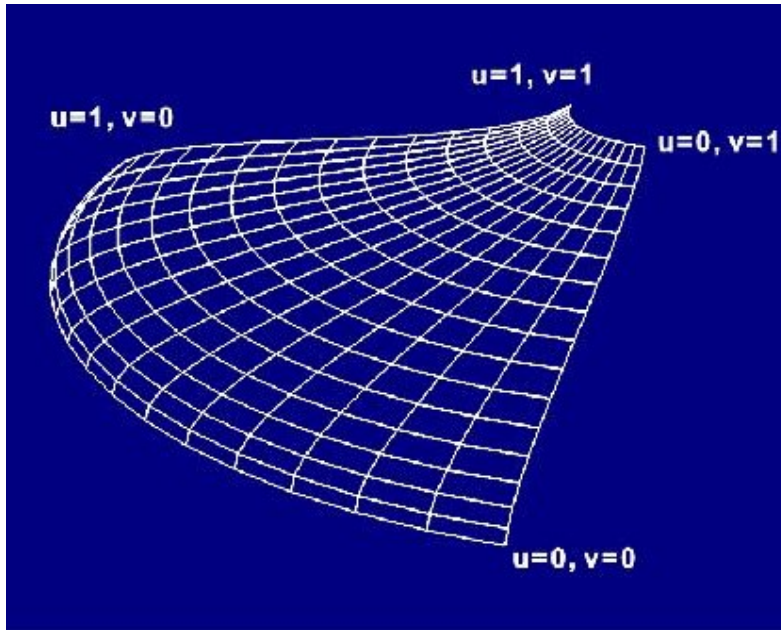
Examples of coordinate functions

- For a sphere: latitude-longitude coordinates
 - ϕ maps point to its latitude and longitude



Examples of coordinate functions

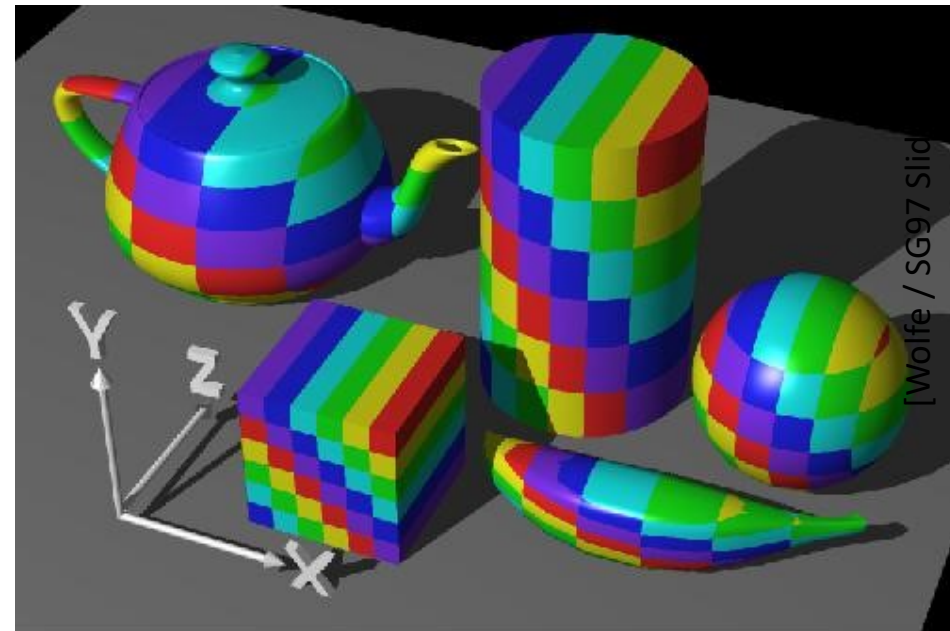
- A parametric surface (e.g., spline patch)
 - surface parameterization gives mapping function directly (well, the inverse of the parameterization)



[Wolfe / SG97 Slide set]

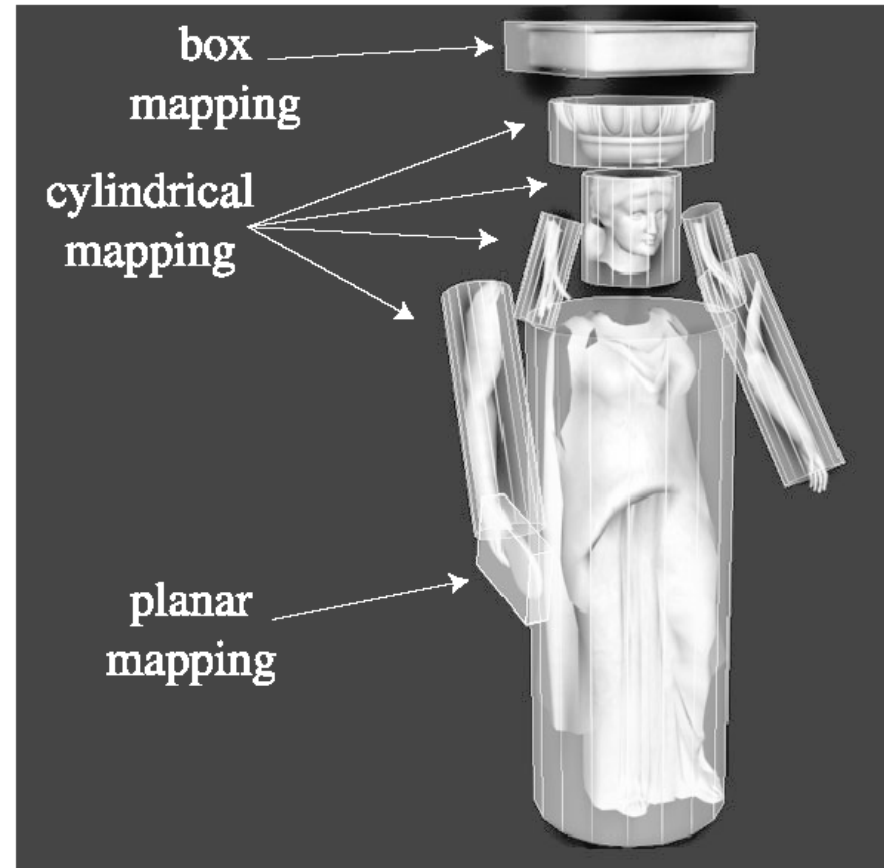
Examples of coordinate functions

- For non-parametric surfaces it is trickier
 - directly use 3D coordinates (body or world)
 - must project one out



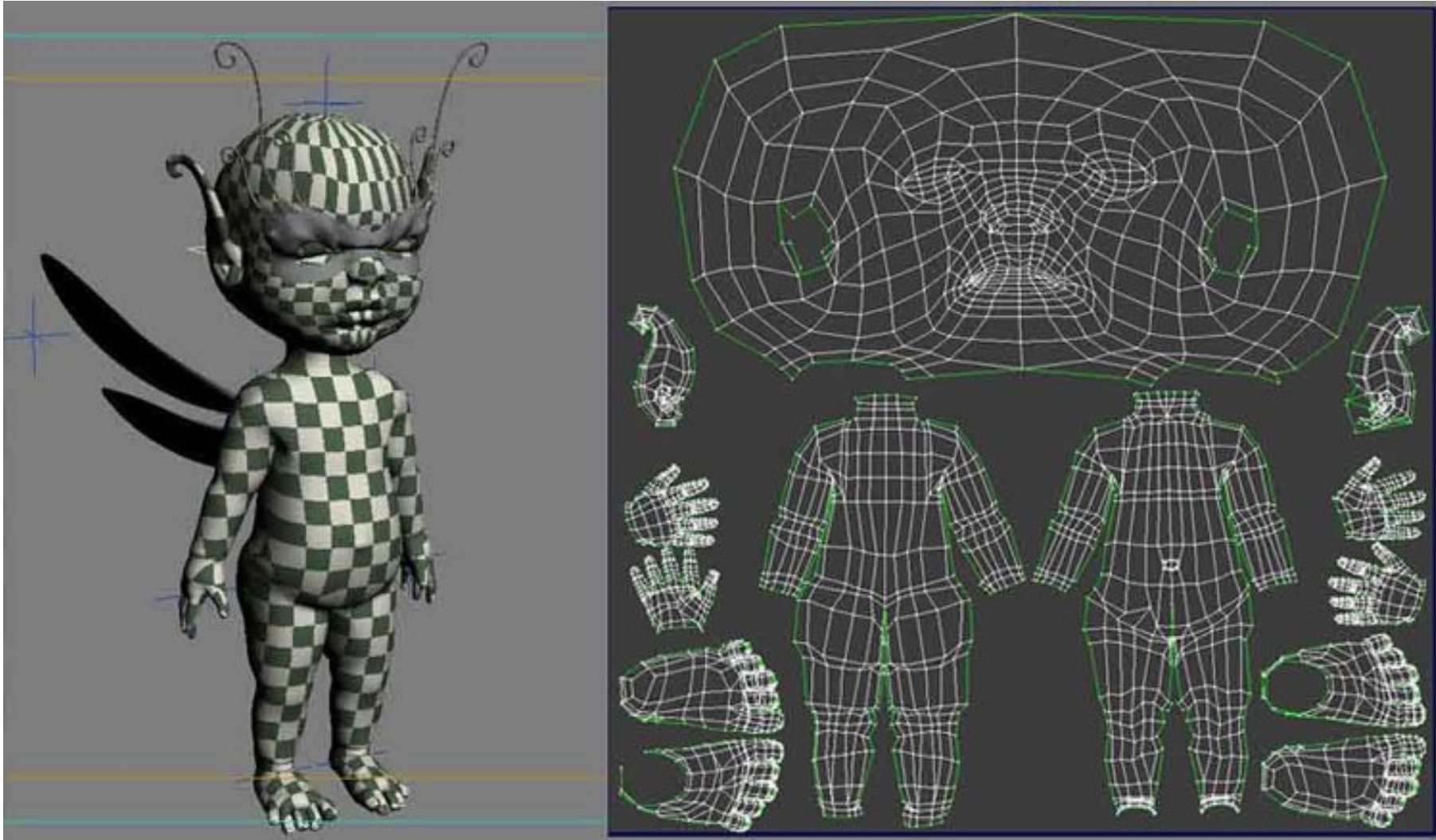
Examples of coordinate functions

- Non-parametric surfaces: project to parametric surface

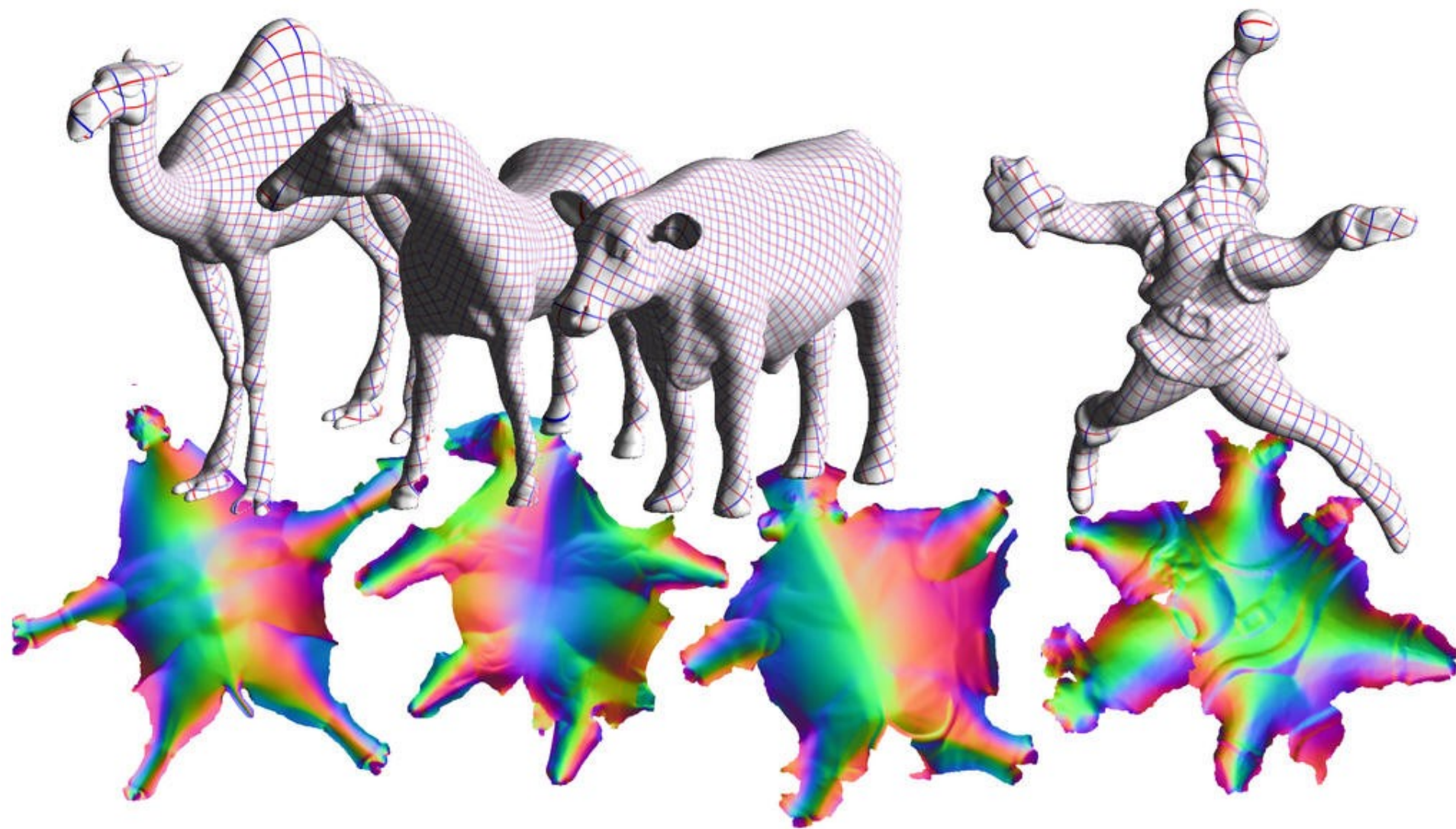


[Moller & Haines 2002]

UV texture map example

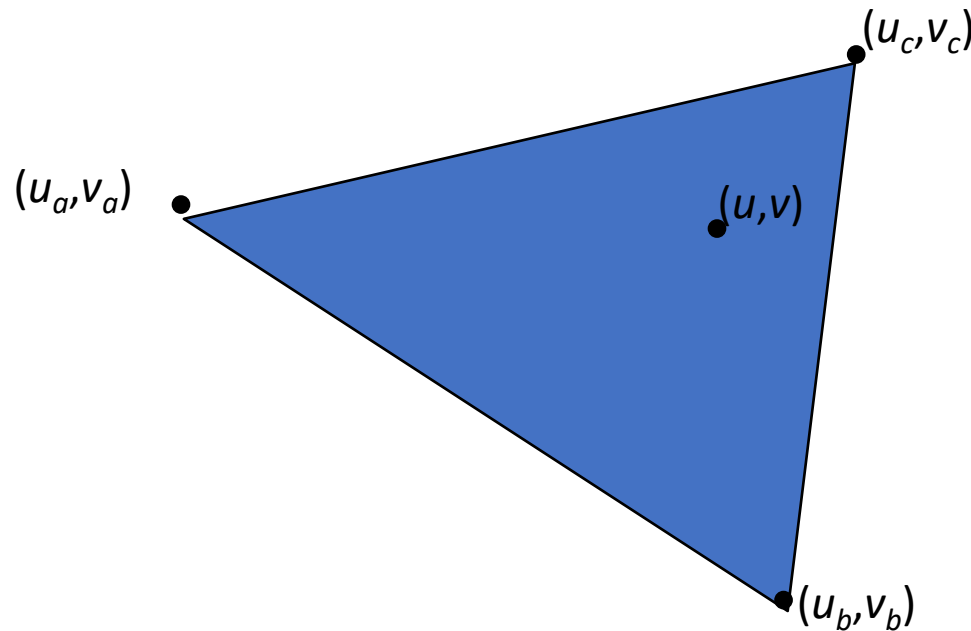


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Examples of coordinate functions

- Triangles
 - specify (u,v) for each vertex
 - define (u,v) for interior by linear **barycentric** interpolation



Texture coordinates on meshes

- Texture coordinates become per-vertex data like vertex positions
 - can think of them as a second position: each vertex has a position in 3D space and in 2D texture space
- How to come up with vertex (u,v) s?
 - use any or all of the methods just discussed
 - in practice this is how you implement those for curved surfaces approximated with triangles
 - use some kind of optimization (or an artist)
 - try to choose vertex (u,v) s to result in a smooth, low distortion map

Reflection mapping

- Early (earliest?) non-decal use of textures
- Appearance of shiny objects
 - Phong highlights produce blurry highlights for glossy surfaces.
 - A polished (shiny) object reflects a sharp image of its environment.
- The whole key to a shiny-looking material is providing something for it to reflect.

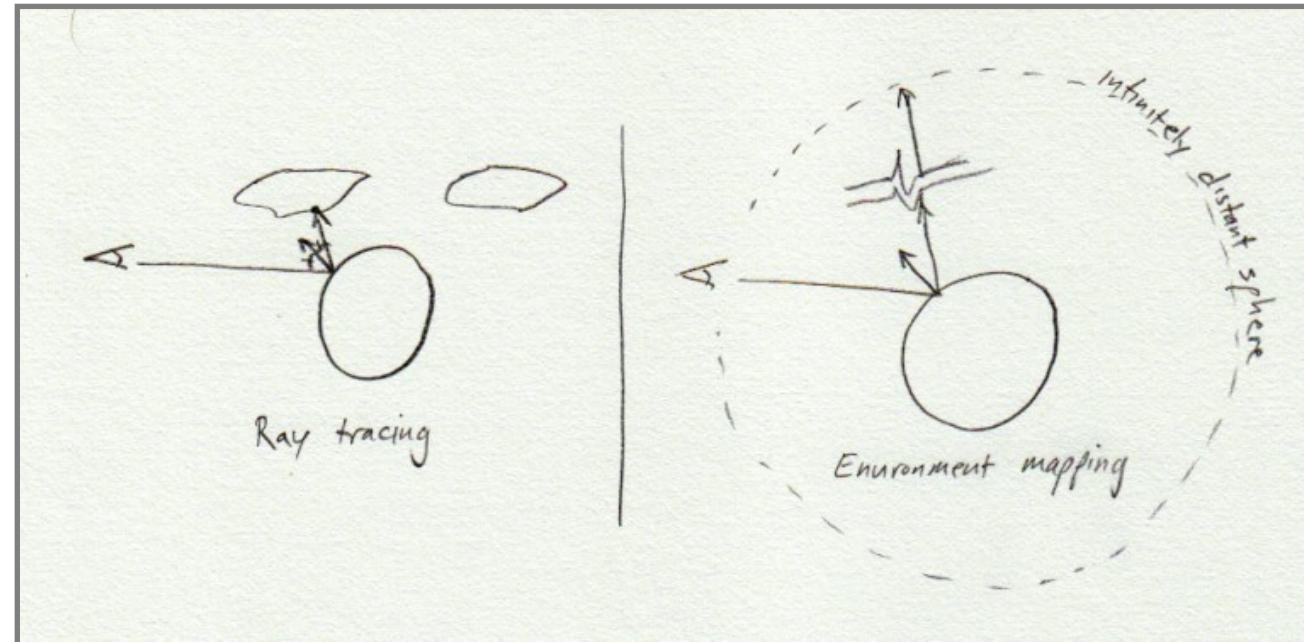


[Dror, Willsky, & Adelson 2004]

(left) A shiny sphere rendered under photographically acquired real-world illumination. (right) The same sphere rendered under illumination by a point light source.

Reflection mapping

- From ray tracing we know what we'd like to compute
 - trace a recursive ray into the scene—too expensive
- If scene is infinitely far away, depends only on direction
 - a two-dimensional function



Environment map

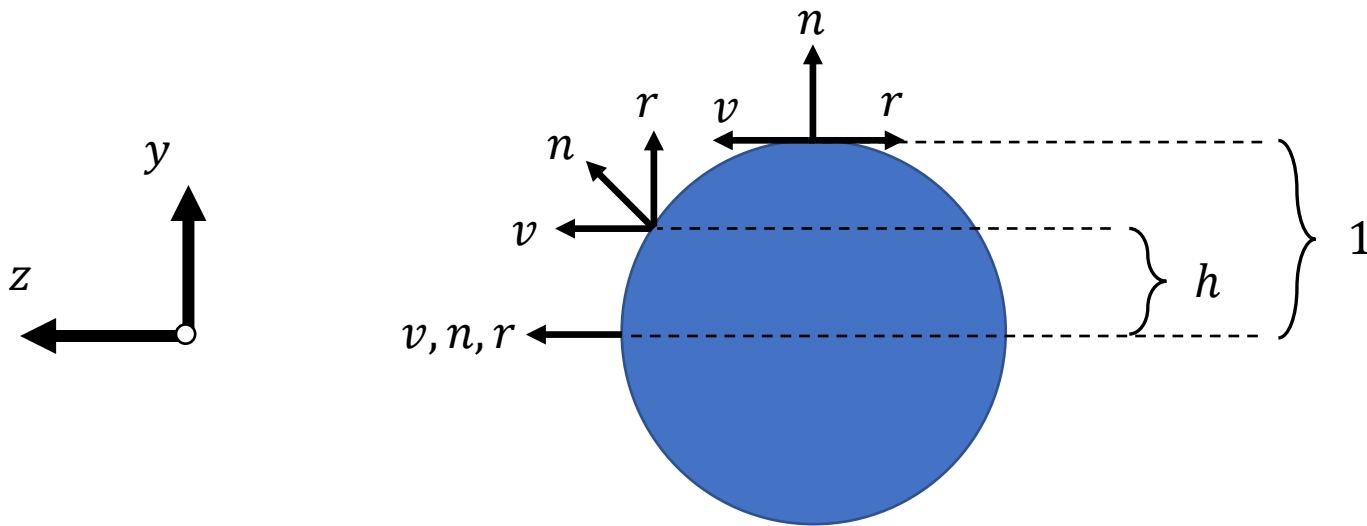
- A function from the sphere to colors, stored as a texture.



[Blinn & Newell 1976]

Spherical environment map

- If assuming distant viewer (orthographic projection) then reflected viewing direction only depends on normal
 - The x and y coordinate of the 3D normal are in $[-1,1]^2$ and can be easily remapped to $[0,1]^2$ with a windowing transform to use as texture coordinates in the sphere map shown at right.



[Paul Debevec]

Environment Maps



[Paul Debevec]



[CS467 slides]

Cube environment map

- The common modern approach
- How to do the texture lookup?
- Advantages?
- Disadvantages?

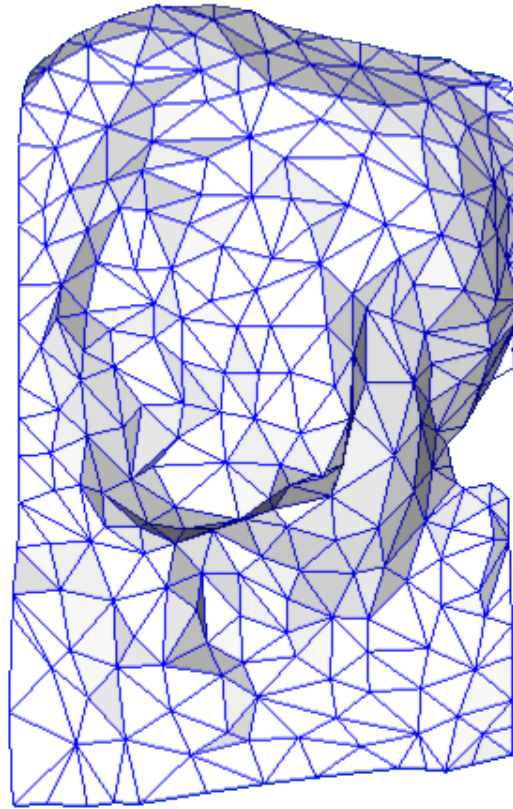


[Ned Greene]

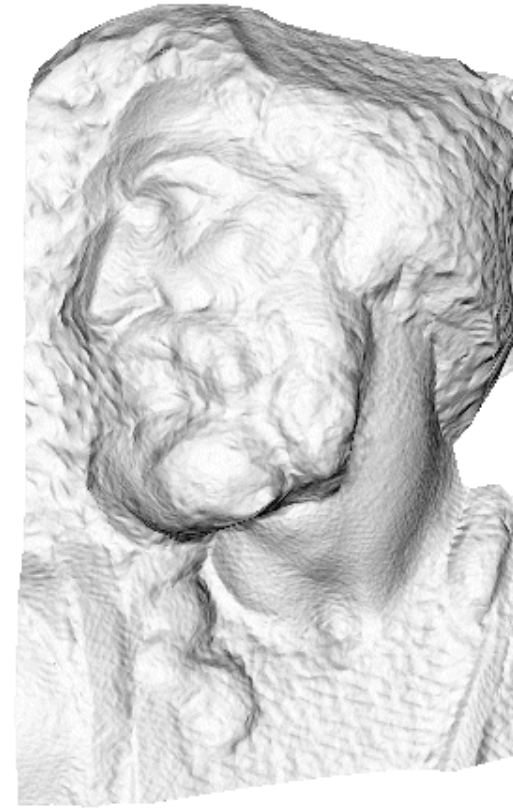
Normal mapping



original mesh
4M triangles

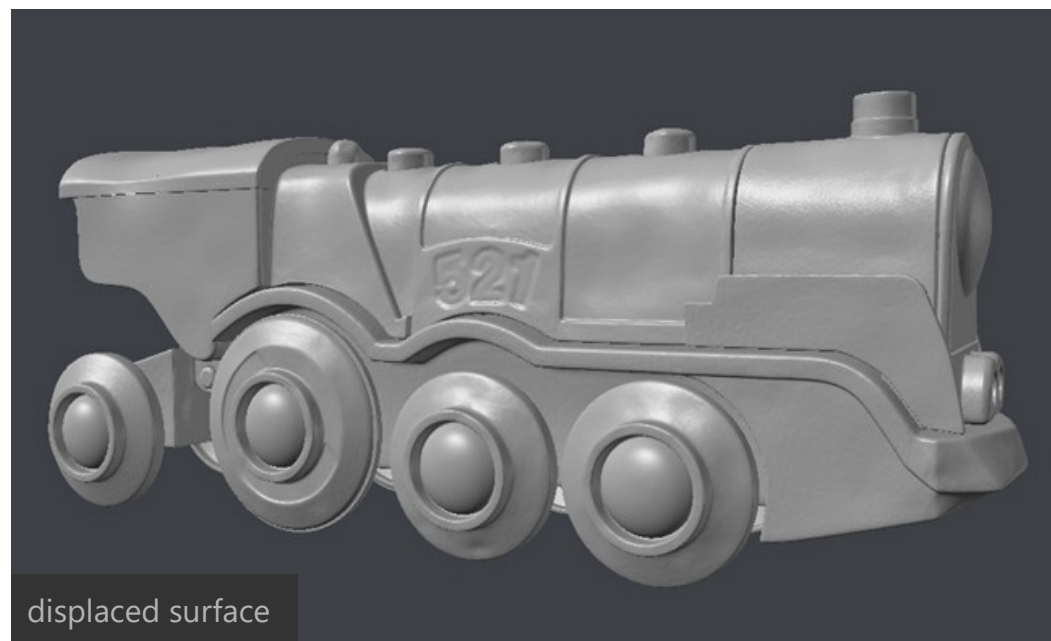
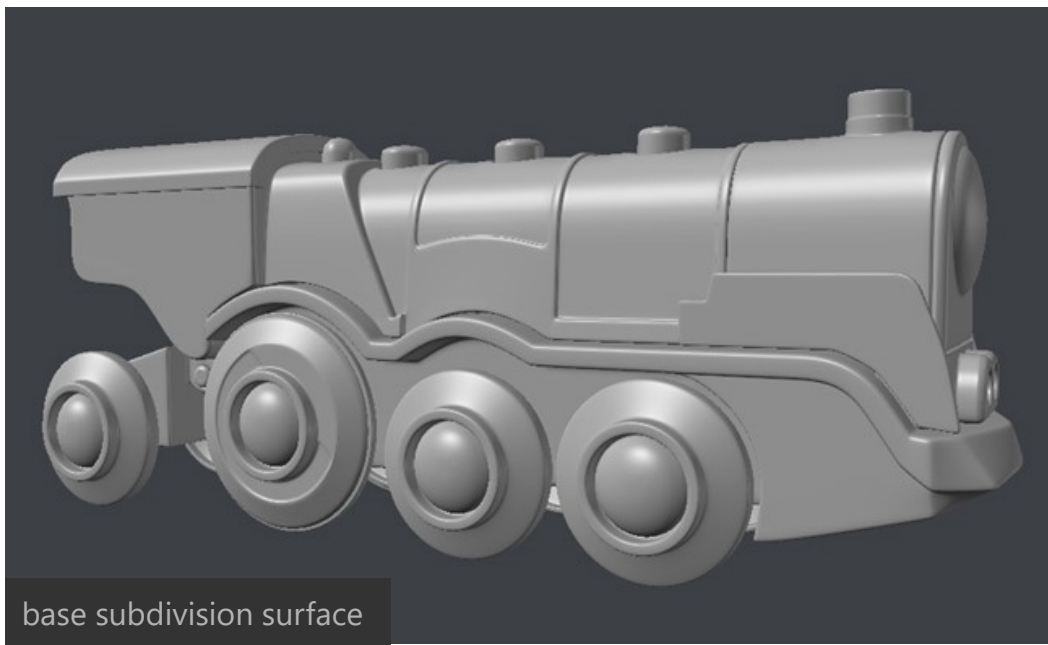


simplified mesh
500 triangles



simplified mesh
and normal mapping
500 triangles

[Paolo Cignoni]



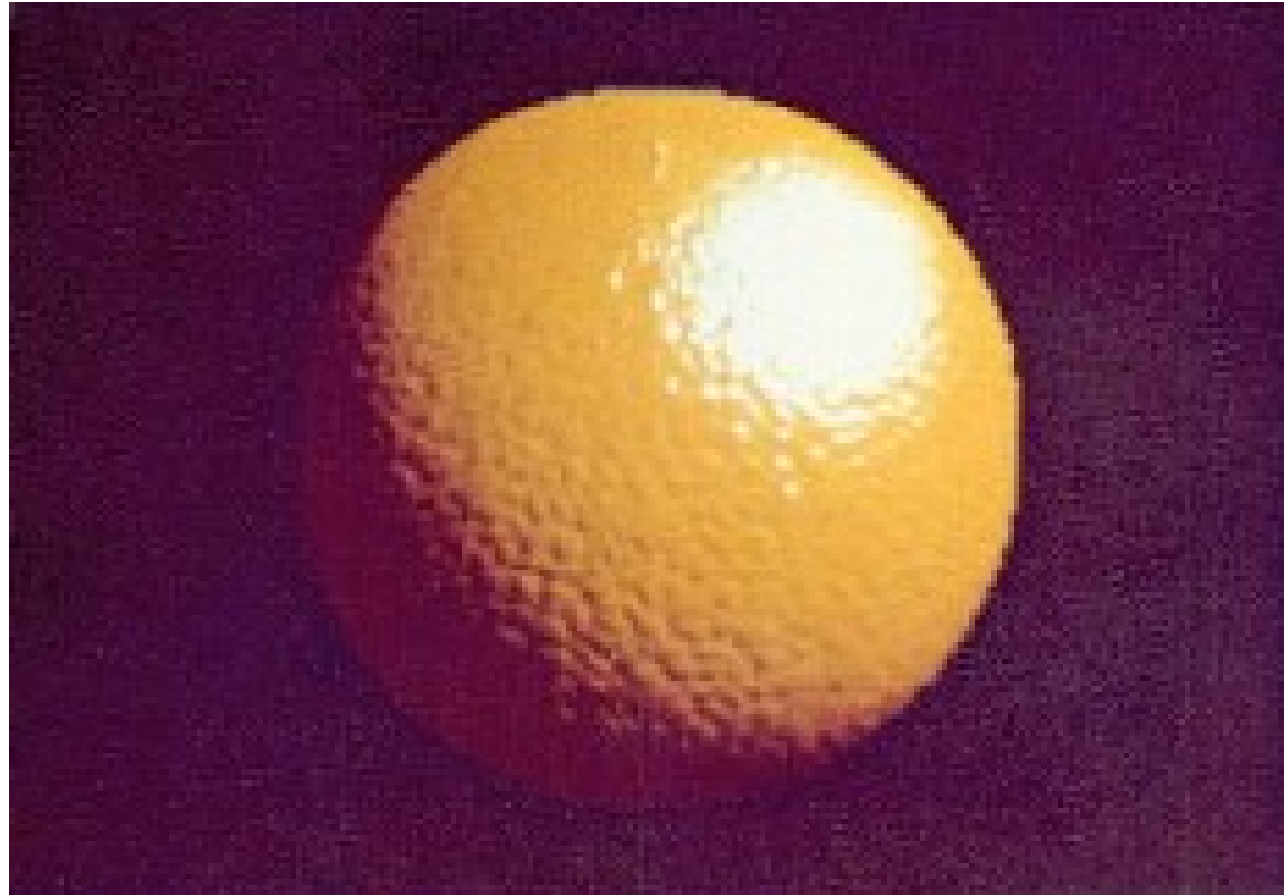
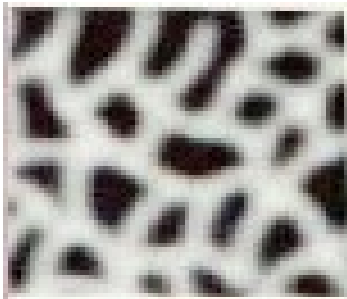


fryrender

physically-based render engine

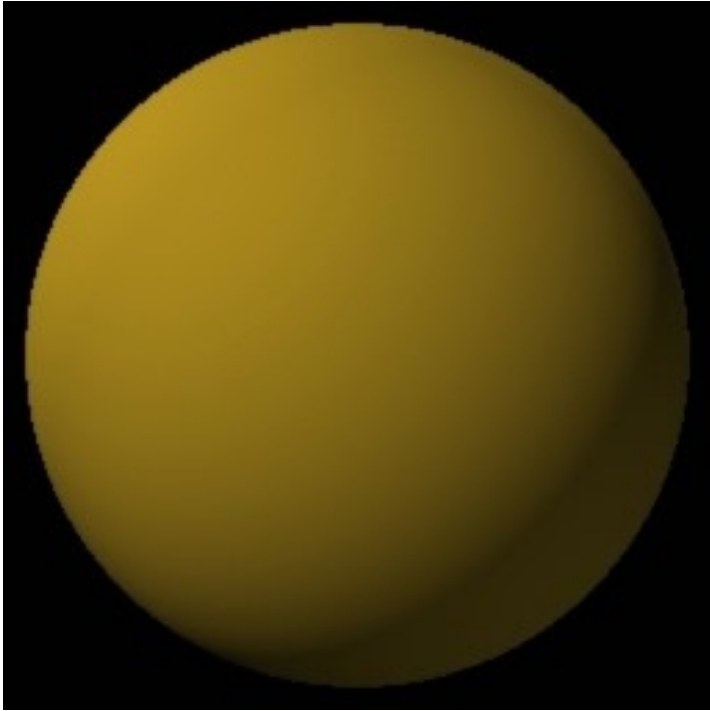
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Bump mapping

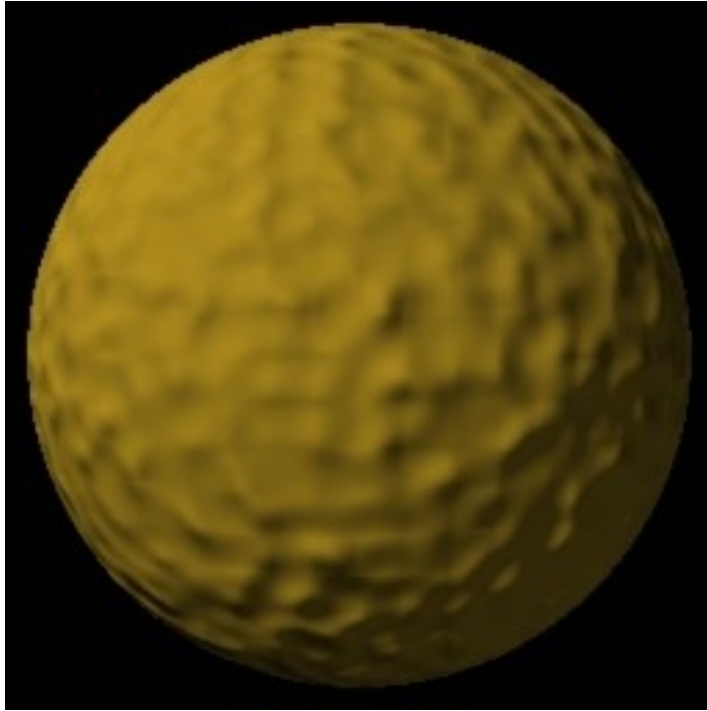


[Blinn 1978]

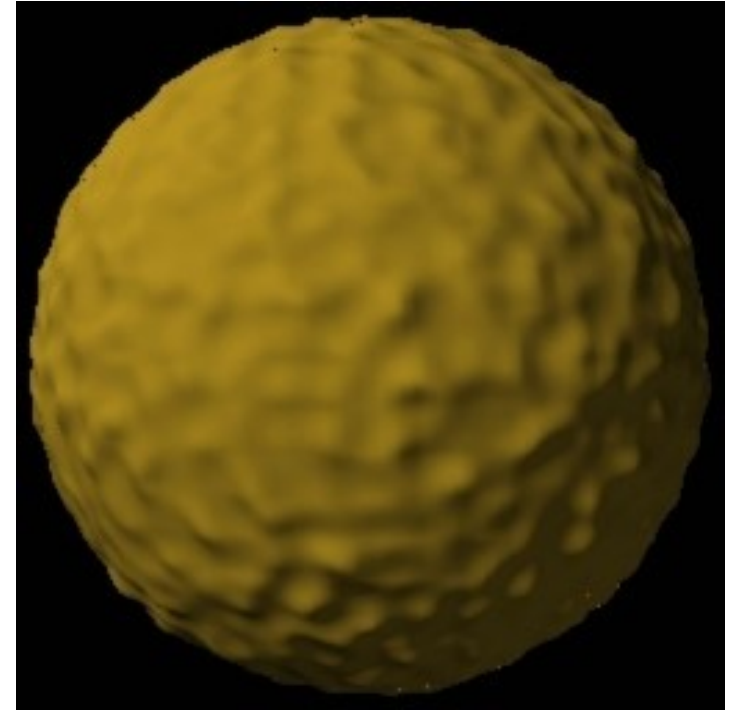
Displacement mapping



Geometry



Bump
mapping



Displacement
mapping

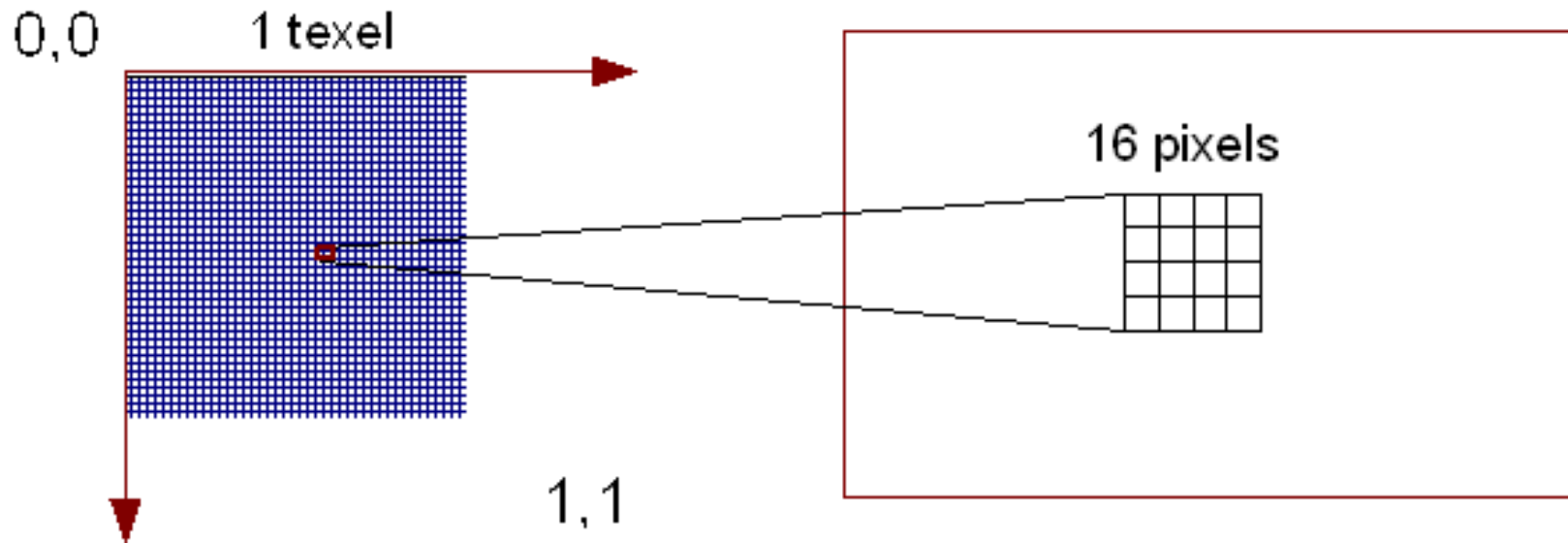
Another definition

Texture mapping: a general technique for storing and evaluating functions.

- They're not just for shading parameters any more!

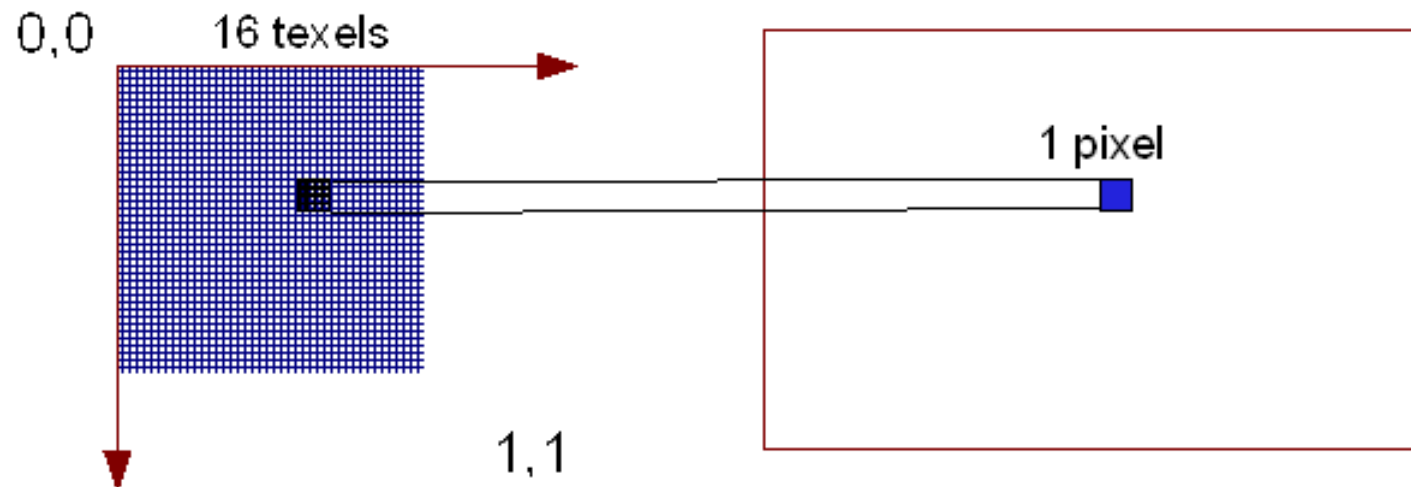
Texture mapping – sampling problems

- Too few texels map to a large region of the image
 - **Texture Magnification** when a textured objects are viewed up close
 - Can use nearest texel, or map **bi-linearly** the 4 nearest



Texture mapping – sampling problems

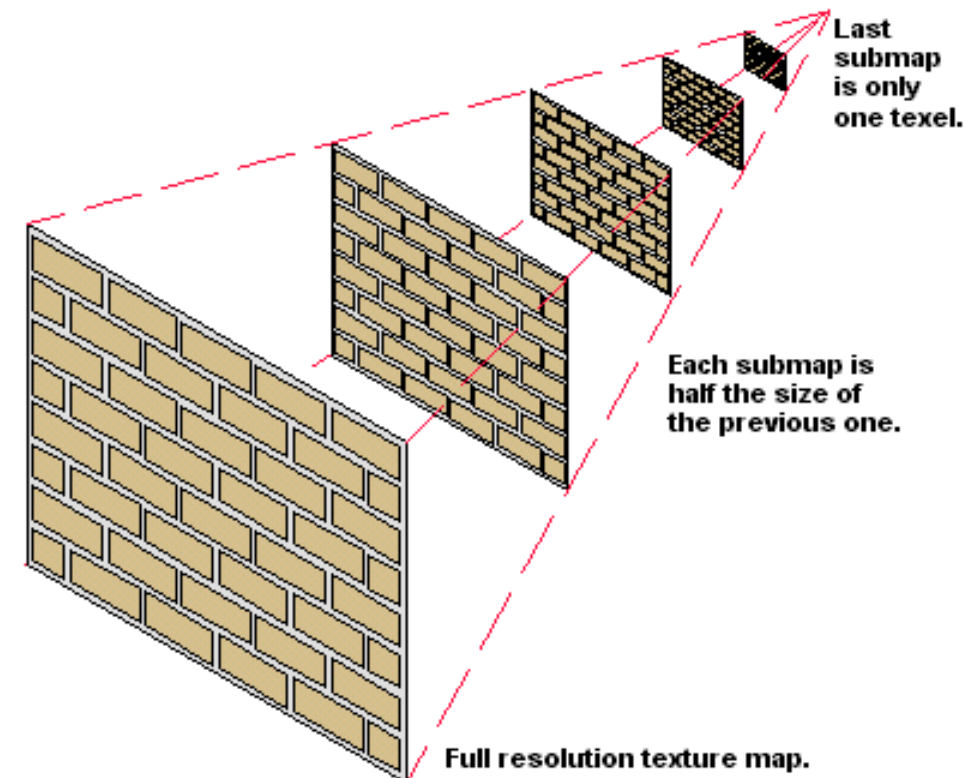
- Too many texels map to a single image pixel
 - **Texture Minification** when textured objects are small and far (in background)
 - Can use nearest texel, or bi-linearly combine the 4 nearest, but this quickly fails when there is too much minification



Texture mapping – sampling problems

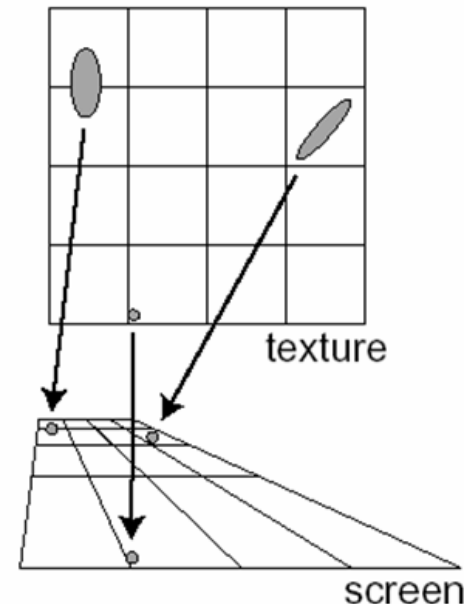
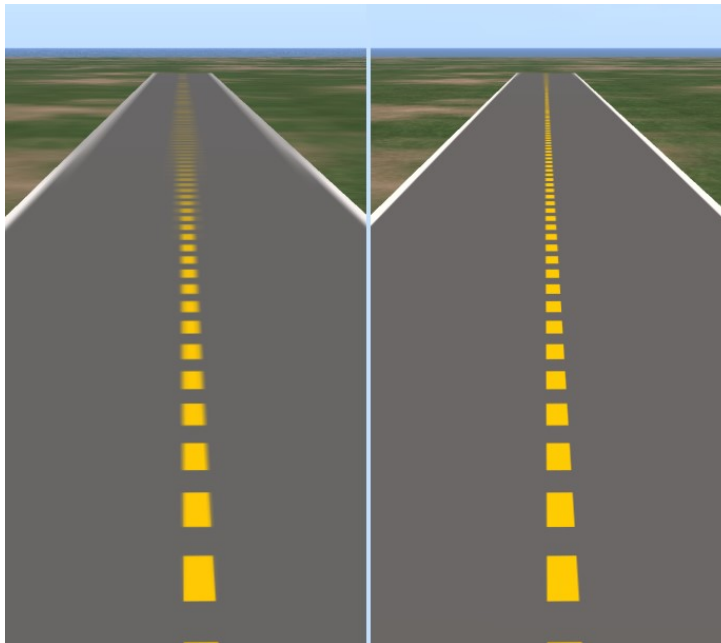
- **Mipmapping** constructs texture at many scales, improves minification
 - Choose best level from speed the rasterizer is stepping through texture space
 - Can linearly interpolate between two levels to improve quality

LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR uses 8 samples, bi-linear interpolation of 4 samples at the two closest mipmap resolutions, then blending these two together (that is, trilinear interpolation)



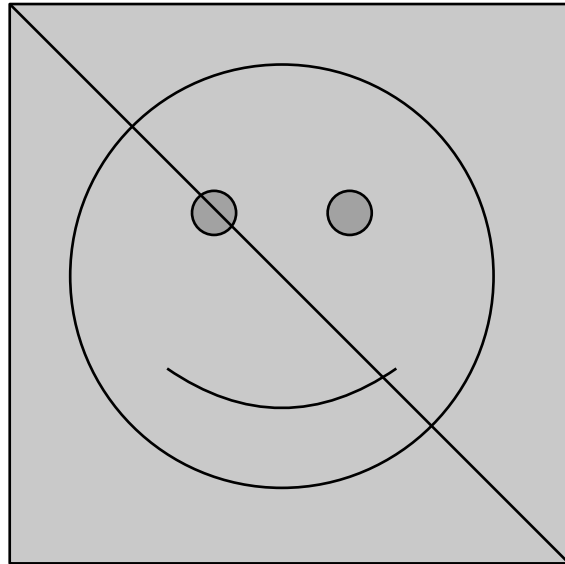
Texture mapping – sampling problems

- **Anisotropic filtering** can further improve quality by avoiding the use of low resolution mipmaps.
 - Useful for when texture sampling only requires minification in one direction,
 - Choose samples based on where they are needed!



Texture mapping issues

- Quadrilaterals



Texture mapping issues

- Perspective projection



[wikipedia]

Affine texture mapping directly interpolates a texture coordinate u_α between two endpoints u_0 and u_1 :

$$u_\alpha = (1 - \alpha)u_0 + \alpha u_1 \text{ where } 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

Perspective correct mapping interpolates after dividing by depth z , then uses its interpolated reciprocal to recover the correct coordinate:

$$u_\alpha = \frac{(1 - \alpha) \frac{u_0}{z_0} + \alpha \frac{u_1}{z_1}}{(1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{z_0} + \alpha \frac{1}{z_1}}$$

Review and More Information

- FCG Chapter 11
 - Sections 1-3, 2D, 3D Texture Mapping, and Texture Mapping for Rasterized Triangles
 - 11.3.1 Perspective correct textures (aside)
 - 11.6 Environment Maps
 - Other sections touch on bumps, displacement, shadow maps
- OpenGL Red Book discusses Mipmaps (API details)
- CGPP Chapter 20
 - Not in course 20.2.3 through 20.4 and 20.8 to end
 - Also 17.6 MIP maps