CSE 3200 Micro-Computer Graphics Texture Mapping

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Pixel & Geometric Pipelines

- Raster-based Operations:
 - Texture Mapping
 - Anti-aliasing
 - Alpha blending
 - Compositing

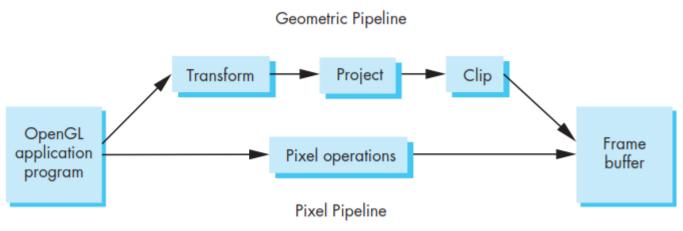


FIGURE 2.6 Simplified OpenGL pipeline.

Buffers & Mappings

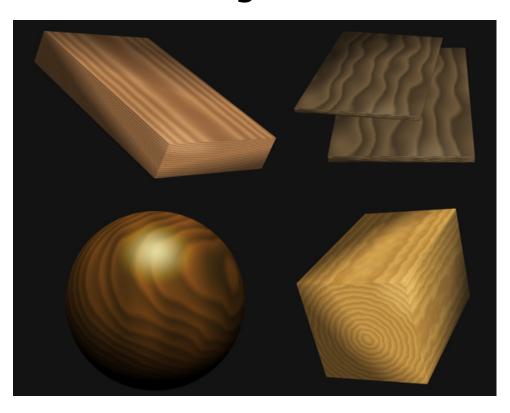
- CG Buffers are blocks of memory that can be defined as n x m k-bit elements
- Numerical accuracy or precision of a given buffer is determined by its depth
- One of the most powerful use of buffers is for surface rendering
- Mapping algorithms can either modify the shading algorithm based on a 2D array (the map) or modify the shading by using the map to alter the surface parameters (material properties or normals)

Common Challenges

Consider the approach of creating a model of

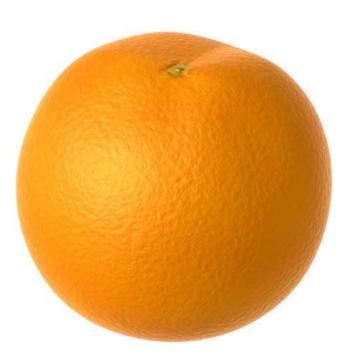
processed wood

TEXTURE MAPPING



Common Challenges

- Consider of an orange
 - BUMP MAPPING



Common Challenges

- Consider creating a reflective (shiny) teapot
 - ENVIRONMENTAL MAPPING



Texture Mapping

- Patterns stripes, checkerboards, natural materials
- Fixed pattern, procedural texture, digitized image
- Determines the color of a fragment
- Fragments are small pieces of a surface each is at most the size of one pixel
- Mapping a texture to the surface (the process)

2 Dimensional Texture Mapping

- Starting point for 2-demensional texture pattern - T(s,t), where s and t are texture independent texture coordinates
- T is stored in texture memory as a nxm array
 texels
- A Texture map associates a unique point of T with a point on a geometric object and is mapped to screen coordinates for display

Recall the pixel/vector Pipelines

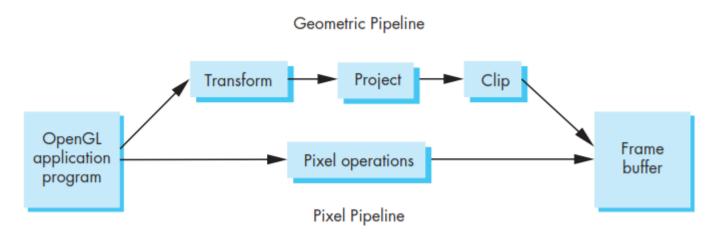


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2 Dimensional Texture Mapping

We can think in terms of a mathematical function that maps from texture coordinates to geometric coordinates and a projection function that maps from geometric coordinates to screen coordinates

▶ TCo > mf > GCo > pf > SCo

Parametric Surfaces

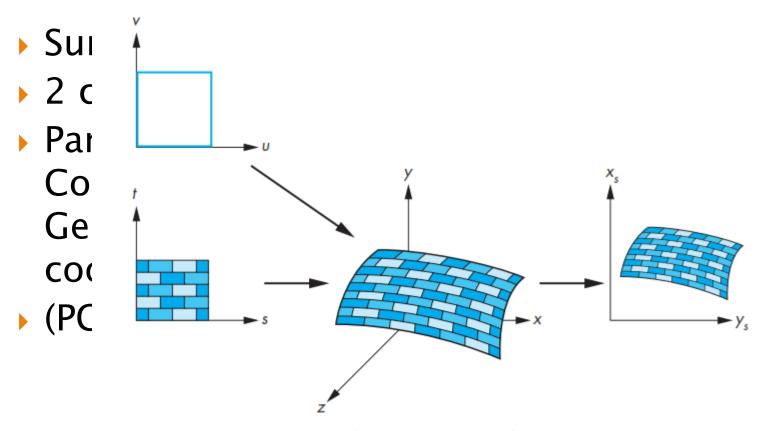


FIGURE 7.9 Texture maps for a parametric surface.

Texture Mapping - simplicity

- We can assume that the values of T are RGB color values
- We can either modify the color of the surface by these values or replace the surface color based on the texture
- Color assignment is carried out as part of the shading calculations

Complex Texture Mapping

- Mapping a rectangular texture onto a curved surface – texture distortion
 - Mapping on to a sphere



Environmental or Reflection Maps

- Surfaces with specular reflections that mirror the environment
- The effects can be produced by a ray tracer but too time consuming
- We instead get an image that approximates the environment and texture map it onto the surface
 - Pros /Cons???

Bump Mapping

- We can take an image of a real orange and map onto a sphere
- But if the object is moved or the light is moved we will notice that surface is unusually smoothe
- We instead can use bump mapping techniques to vary the apparent shape of the surface by perturbing the normal vectors

Pros & Cons

- The advantage is complexity reduction and rendering speed, because only one texel read is required for each pixel being written to the frame buffer
- The disadvantage is the blocky image that results when the object moves
- Aliased artifacts

Steps in Texture Mapping (OpenGL)

- Create a texture object and specify a texture for that object
- Indicate how the texture is to be applied to each pixel
 - decal mode, in which the texture is painted on top of the fragment, just as a decal would be applied
 - The replace mode, a variant of the decal mode
 - Another method is to use the texture to modulate, or scale, the fragment's color; this technique is useful for combining the effects of lighting with texturing
 - a constant color can be blended with that of the fragment, based on the texture value (transparency)
- Enable texture mapping. glEnable() with the symbolic constant GL_TEXTURE_2D
- Draw the scene, supplying both texture and geometric coordinates

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Resources

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