(4) Textures

GPU Programming
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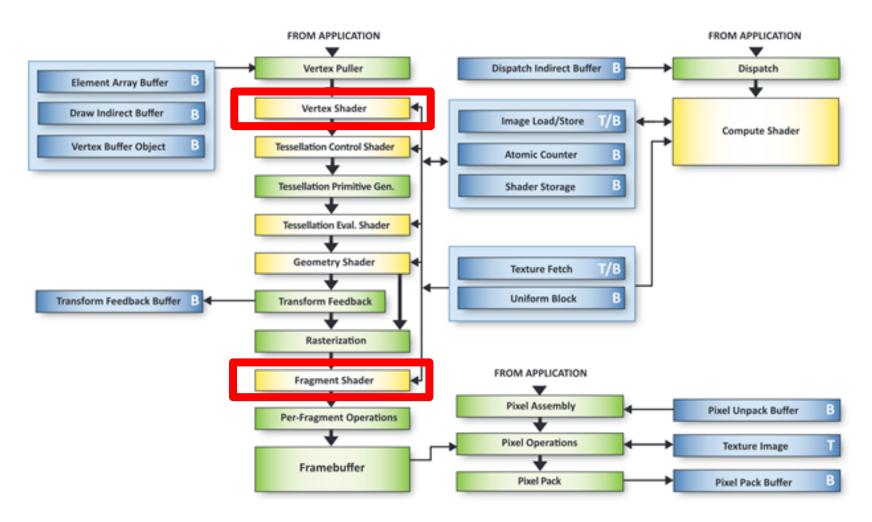


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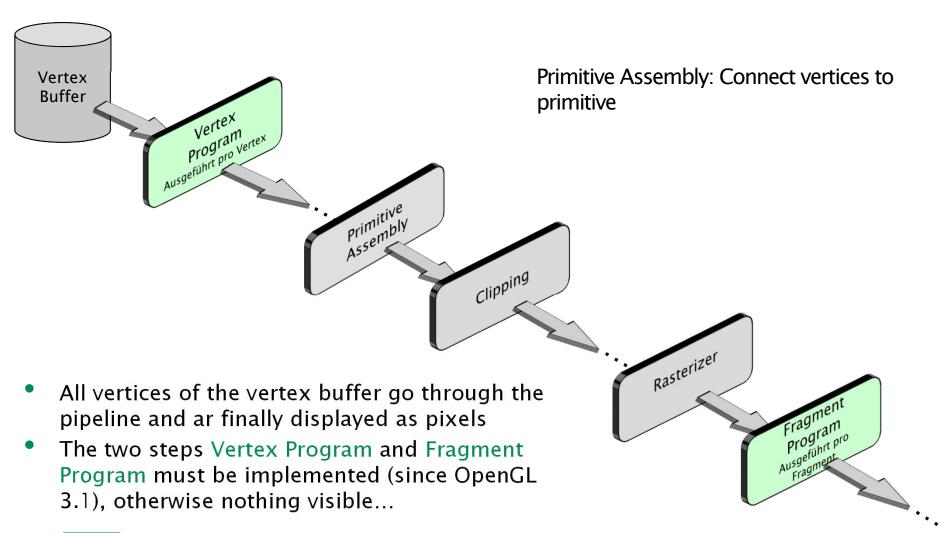
- Have a look at textures and sampler objects
- Repeat the basics about GLSL



OpenGL 4.4



Simplified OpenGL-Pipeline



Generation of Shader programs

Generate a Shader Object first

```
GLuint shader = glCreateShader(GL_VERTEX_SHADER);
```

• Insert the shader code as a simple C-string source into the shader object:

```
void glShaderSource(GLuint shader, GLsizei count,
GLchar **source, GLint length);
```

• We set count = 1 and length = NULL



Compile a Shader

Like a C program a shader must be compiled

```
glCompileShader(shader);
```

Possible compiler errors can be requested by

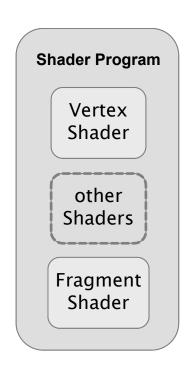
```
glGetShaderInfoLog(GLuint shader, GLsizei
bufSize, GLsizei *length, char *infoLog);
```

- infoLog contains a string of length length (max. length bufSize) with error messages
- Always check this, in case of compiler errors, the shader does not work...



Assemble Shader Programs

- In GLSL we do not activate single Shaders, but complete Shader Programs
 - Vertex- and Fragment Shader are always activated together (possibly with other shaders)
- Therefore we create a Shader ProgramGLuint program = glCreateProgram(void);
- Each Shader is then attached with glAttachShader(program, shader);
 to the Shader Program





Linking Shaders

 Similar to the compilation of multiple C-Programs to one executable file, all the shaders must be linked (Object Files → Executable)

```
void glLinkProgram(GLuint program);
```

- We can check for errors here
 - A linker error can occur, e.g. if the output of the Vertex Shader does not fit to the input of the Fragment Shader

```
void glGetProgramInfoLog(GLuint program, GLsizei
bufSize, GLsizei *length, char *infoLog);
```



Activate the Shader Program

All the attached shaders in a shader program can be activated with

void glUseProgram(GLuint program)

When drawing geometry afterwards, all the vertices go through the vertex shader and the resulting pixels go through the fragment shader.



Vertex Shader Example

```
// Create empty shader object (vertex shader)
GLuint vertexShader = glCreateShader(GL VERTEX SHADER);
// vertex shader source
const char* sourcePtr = {
     "#version 440 core\n"
    "layout(location = 0) in vec4 vPos;"
    "void main() {"
            gl Position = vPos;"
     "}"
};
// Attach shader code
glShaderSource(vertexShader, 1, &sourcePtr, NULL);
// Compile
glCompileShader(vertexShader);
```

Fragment Shader Example

```
GLuint fragmentShader = glCreateShader(GL FRAGMENT SHADER);
// fragment shader source
const char* sourcePtr2 = {
            "#version 440 core\n"
            "out vec4 color;"
            "void main() { color = vec4(1.0); }"
    };
// Attach shader code
glShaderSource(fragmentShader, 1, &sourcePtr2, NULL);
// Compile
glCompileShader(fragmentShader);
```



Link & Activate Example

```
GLuint shaderProgram = glCreateProgram();

// Attach shader
glAttachShader(shaderProgram, vertexShader);
glAttachShader(shaderProgram, fragmentShader);

// Link program
glLinkProgram(shaderProgram);

// activate Shader Program
glUseProgram(shaderProgram);
```



Class for Shaders

- Since the loading and activation of shaders always requires the same commands, we use a Shader class in the exercises
- Here you can load all types of shaders, link them, check for errors, ...

```
try {
    // Loading...
    Shader simpleVert(Shader::Type::VERTEX, "shaders/simple.vert");
    Shader shadingFrag(Shader::Type::FRAGMENT, "shaders/shading.frag");
    Program standardShader(simpleVert, shadingFrag);

    Pipeline drawPipe;
    drawPipe.shader = &standardShader;

    // Using...
    context.setState(drawPipe);
    ...
} catch(...) {
    // Link and compile errors will result in an exception
}
```

GLSL Overview

- OpenGL Shading Language
 - Integrated in OpenGL since version 2.0 (2004)
 - "GLSlang"
 - GLSL has a similar syntax like C/C++
- The main function is

```
void main(void)
{
   // Shadercode
}
```



GLSL Data types

Type	Description	
float	IEEE 32-Bit Floating Point	
double	IEEE 64-Bit Floating Point	
int	32 Bit Integer	
uint	32 Bit Unsigned Integer	
bool	Boolean (8 Bit)	

A direct initialization of variables is possible like in C++

```
float g = 9.81;
int i = 1;
```



Conversion

Target type	Can be converted from		
uint	int		
float	int, uint		
double	int, uint, float		

- In most cases, type casting must be done manually
 - GLSL is very picky here...

• the type cast syntax differs from C, here it would be (int)(f)



Mathematical Functions

- sin(), cos(), tan(), asin(), acos(), atan(), ...
- sqrt(), log(), exp(), pow(), ...
- abs(), floor(), clamp(), round(), ...
- min(), max(), step(), smoothstep(), ...
- mix(): linear interpolation
- •



Vector Types

- GLSL has predefined types for vectors (and matrices)
- These types are identical to the known types from glm
- On old GPUs, all four vector operations run in parallel (SIMD, Single Instruction Multiple Data)
 - Modern GPUs run even more computations in parallel

Base type	2D	3D	4D
float	vec2	vec3	vec4
double	dvec2	dvec3	dvec4
int	ivec2	ivec3	ivec4
uint	uvec2	uvec3	uvec4
bool	bvec2	bvec3	bvec4



Examples for Vectors



Vector operations

Similar to glm we have some useful vector operations

```
dot(u, v)cross(u, v)length()distance(p, q)
```

Examples



Access Vector Components

- There are different possibilities to access the single components of a vector
- The following appendix is possible
 - (x,y,z,w): Interpret as position/direction
 - (r,g,b,a) : Interpret as color
 - (s,t,p,q) : Interpret as texture coordinate (later)

```
vec3 color = vec3(0.5, 0.7, 0.9);
float redComponent = color.r;
float greenComponent = color.y; // also possible
float blueComponent = color[2]; // access by []
```



Swizzle and Masking

 When assigning vectors, we can use a Swizzle-Operation on the right side of the assignment to change the order of the components

```
vec3 u,v;
v = u.zxy; // vx = uz, vy = ux, vz = uy
v = u.xxx; // vx = ux, vy = ux, vz = ux
```

 On the left side of the assignment this appendix is a masking of the selected components

```
vec2 u;
vec3 v;
v = u; // Error
v.xy = u; // OK, v.z remains unchanged
```



Structs

Like in C, we can assemble multiple variables in a struct

```
struct Particle {
    float lifetime;
    vec3 position;
    vec3 velocity;
}

Particle p = Particle(10.0, pos, vel); // pos and vel are vec3
p.lifetime = 100.0;
```



Arrays

- Similar to C: Access by []-Operator
- Different from C: Negative indices and indices above the maximum size are not allowed
- integrated length() function

```
int myArray[5];
for (int i = 0 ; i < myArray.length() ; i++)
    myArray[i] = i;</pre>
```



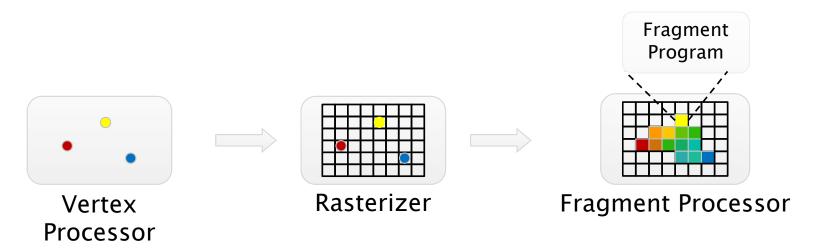
Functions

- Syntax like in C
- Main limitation:
 - no recursion
- Parameter modifiers:
 - in (read only)
 - inout (call-by-reference)
 - out (call-by-reference, write only)



Input/Output for Shader Programs

- A Shader can pass values to next shader stage by using socalled Varying Variables
- For example, the Vertex Shader can define an output which is transmitted to the Fragment Shader as input
 - The transmitted values (e.g. vertex colors) are interpolated automatically (bilinear interpolation)





Input/Output for Shader Programs

- Varying Variables are marked with in and out
 - Old Syntax: varying
- Name and type of the variable must be identical in both shaders
- or

layout(location = x) can be used



Input/Output for Shader Programs

```
#version ...
// Vertex Shader

layout(location = 0) in vec4 vPos;
out float myParam;

void main()
{
    gl_Position = vPos;
    myParam = ...;
}
```

```
#version ...
// Fragment Shader

in float myParam;
out vec4 pixelColor;

void main()
{
   pixelColor = vec4(myParam);
}
```

- In the example, the Vertex Shader defines an output variable
- This is set to a (different) value per vertex
- The Fragment Shader gets the interpolated value per pixel



VAOs with multiple Attributes

- A possible application for varying variables: VAOs with multiple attributes
 - e.g. Position and Color
- The Vertex Shader gets the VAO data as input

```
layout(location = ...) in ...;
```

 This data must be passed as "out" to the Fragment Shader where it is collected as "in"



Shader Program for VAOs with Vertex Colors

```
#version ...
// Vertex Shader

layout(location = 0) in vec2 vPos;
layout(location = 1) in vec3 vCol;
out vec3 myColor;

void main()
{
    gl_Position = vec4(vPos, 0, 1);
    myColor = vCol;
}
```

```
#version ...
// Fragment Shader

in vec3 myColor;
out vec3 pixelColor;

void main()
{
   pixelColor = myColor;
}
```

- In the example, the Vertex Shader uses attribute 0 for the vertex position and attribute 1 for the vertex color
- The vertex color is passed as varying
- The Fragment Shader gets the interpolated color

Shader Program for VAOs with Vertex Colors

```
#version ...
// Vertex Shader

layout(location = 0) in vec2 vPos;
layout(location = 1) in vec3 vCol;
layout(location = 0) out vec3 outColor;

void main()
{
    gl_Position = vec4(vPos, 0, 1);
    outColor = vCol;
}
```

```
#version ...
// Fragment Shader

layout(location = 0) in vec3 inColor;
out vec3 pixelColor;

void main()
{
   pixelColor = inColor;
}
```

- Alternative matching of varying variables
 - Names can be different



Integrated Variables

- Vertex Shader
 - gl_Position : output position
 - gl VertexID: vertex number (read)
 - •
- Fragment Shader
 - gl_FragCoord: xy position of current pixel (read)
 - gl FragCoord.z is the pixel depth value (read)
 - gl FragDepth: pixel depth value (write)
 - •
- In older Versions of GLSL, there are additional varyings, like gl Normal, gl FrontColor, ...
 - in modern OpenGL we only have attributes

Preprocessor

Preprocessor like in C

```
#define
#undef
#if
#if
#ifdef
#ifndef
#else
#elif
#endif
```



Quick Reference Guide

- https://www.khronos.org/files/opengl44-quickreference-card.pdf
- Good overview about GLSL and OpenGL

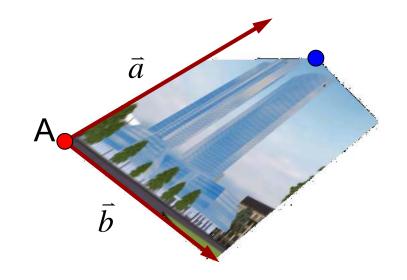


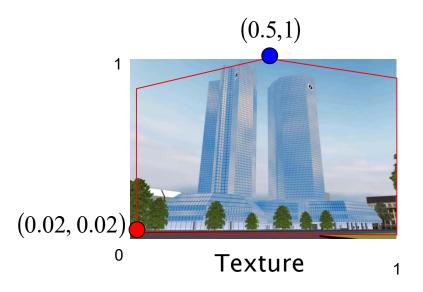
Textures



Texturing

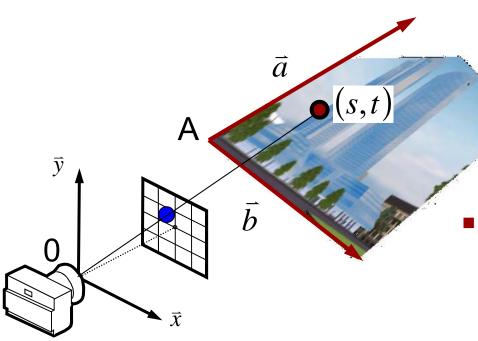
- During the rasterisation the texture is mapped onto the polygon.
- For each vertex, texture coordintaes (s,t) in the range [0..1] must be defined, that describe which part of the texture is mapped onto the polygon.
- Texture coordinates can be defined as vertex attribute in a VAO



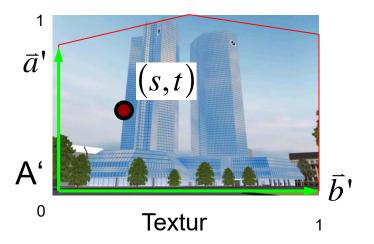




Texture Coordinates







- During rasterization, we get (s,t) texture coordinates for each pixel which are bilinearly interpolated from the vertex texture coordinates
- For each rasterized pixel, we read the texture pixel (texel) using these interpolated texture coordinates and store them in the pixel
- Texel: Texture Element



Texture Checklist

- To use a texture in OpenGL, do the following:
- Create a texture object (glGenTexture, glBindTexture)
- Assign texture storage and the pixel data (glTexStorage, glTexSubImage)
- Associate a sampler for the texture (glGenSampler, glBindSampler, glSamplerParameter)
- Include texture coordinates as an attribute with the vertices
- Use a vertex shader to pass through the texture coordinates and retrieve the texel values through a sampler in the fragment shader (texture)



Create a Texture Object

Generate a texture ID

```
GLint textureID;
glGenTextures(1, &textureID)
```

This can then be bound as current texture

```
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, textureID);
```

- Afterwards we define texture data, filters etc.
 - They are stored in a texture object
 - Later we can restore all settings with glBindTexture (...)



Texture Storage

- The recommended way to define a texture is to first define the texture storage and afterwards the pixel data
- The texture storage defines only the format (width, height, rgb format) of the texture without the actual pixel data
- This format is then fixed (immutable storage), the pixel data can still be changed



Texture Storage



Define the Pixel Data

```
glTexSubImage{1,2,3}D( target, level, xoffset, [yoffset,
zoffset], width, [height, depth], format, type, data );
  target: GL TEXTURE 2D (other values later)
  level: select the MipMap level (later)
  xoffset: start position of texture block in x direction
  yoffset: start position of texture block in y direction
  width: texture width in pixels
  height: texture height in pixels (2D Texture)
  depth: texture depth (3D Texture)
  format: which pixel format is used in CPU memory: GL RGB,
    GL BGR, GL RGBA, ...
  type: data type per color channel in CPU memory:
    GL UNSIGNED BYTE, GL FLOAT, ...
  data: pixel data adress in CPU memory
```



Texture Usage

- Using glTexSubImage (...) the texture data is (usually) copied from CPU RAM into texture memory on the GPU (and usually remains there)
 - Use this command only once, afterwards use glBindTexture() to re-activate the texture
- Each vertex needs a texture coordinate:
 - We need an additional VBO with texture coordinates as additional vertex attribute
 - Texture coordinates are usually in the range [0,1]x[0,1]
 - In most cases we only need the first two components (called s and t), the 3rd (p) is required for 3D-Textures, the 4th (q) - like homogeneous coordinates - for projective texturing
- There is no integrated image loader in OpenGL
 - Additional library required, e.g. stb_image or DevIL



Texture Units

- Each graphics card has multiple so-called texture units
 - Each texture can be assigned to a texture unit using glactiveTexture to activate the texture unit and glBindTexture to assign the texture to this texture unit
 - By assigning textures to texture units, multiple textures can be used in a shader
 - Example for two textures on Texture Units 0 and 1:

```
// use Texture Unit 0 for Texture texID
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texID);

// use Texture Unit 1 for Texture otherTexID
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE1);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, otherTexID);
```



Sampler

- For each texture we need a so-called Sampler to define how we "read" the pixel values from given texture coordinates
- This includes
 - Clamp- and Repeat modes for texture coordinates outside the range [0,1]
 - Filter Modes for minification and magnification (interpolating between multiple pixel values)
- OpenGL uses a default sampler, but it is a good practice to define a sampler for each texture unit



Create a Sampler Object

Similar to a texture ID we can generate a Sampler ID

```
GLint samplerID;
glGenSampler(1, &samplerID)
```

This can then be bound to a texture unit as current sampler

```
glBindSampler(textureUnit, samplerID);
```



Texture Coordinate Wrapping

• For the sampler, then use the general function: glSamplerParameter{if}(GL_TEXTURE_{12}D, name, value);

- What happens with texture coordinates outside the range [0,1]x[0,1]?
 - controlled by name=GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_{ST}

```
value=GL CLAMP: values <0 are set to 0, values >1 are set to 1
```

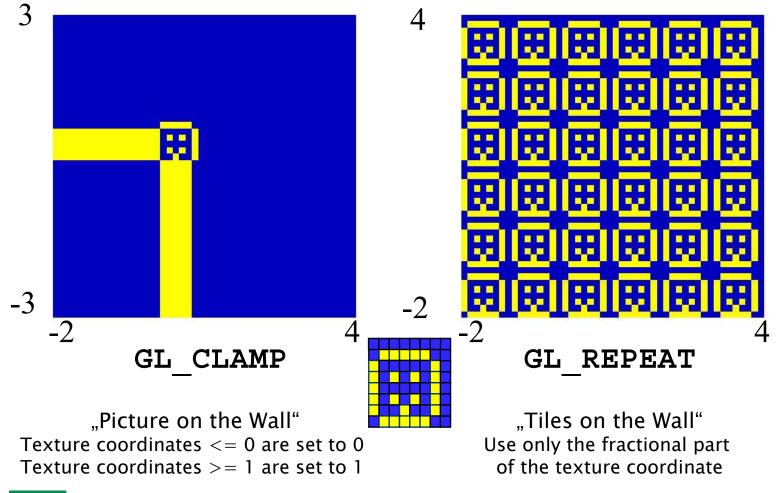
value=GL_CLAMP_TO_EDGE: Similar to GL_CLAMP, but half a texel
inside (linear texture filter stays inside)

value=GL_CLAMP_TO_BORDER : Similar to GL_CLAMP, but half a texel
outside (linear texture filter stays outside)

value=GL REPEAT: use only the fractional part (tiling)

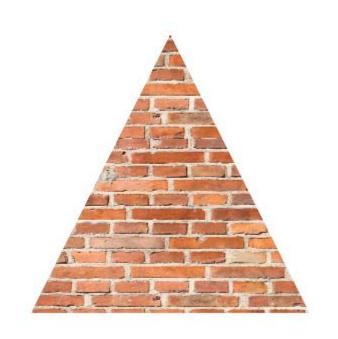


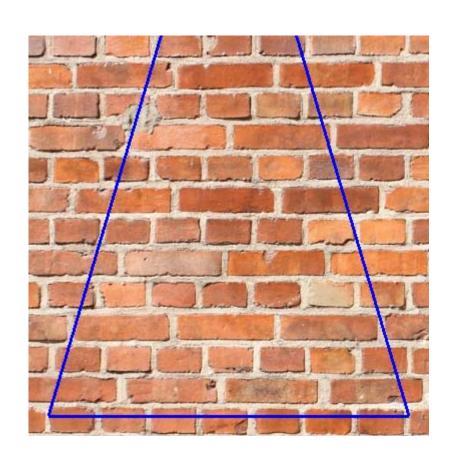
Coordinate Wrapping





Wrapping Parameter Example



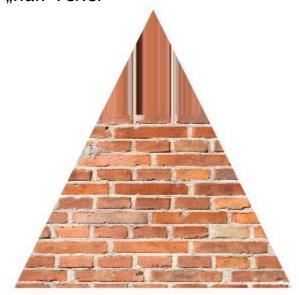


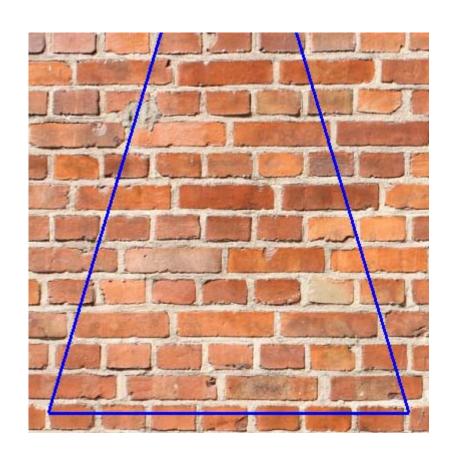
GL_REPEAT



Wrapping Parameter Example

Clamp To Edge: Clamp to 0 + "half Texel" or 1 - "half Texel"



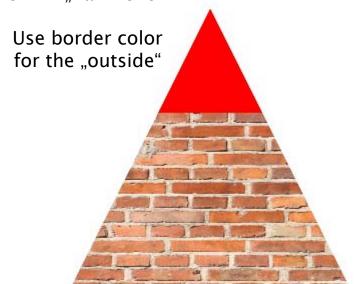


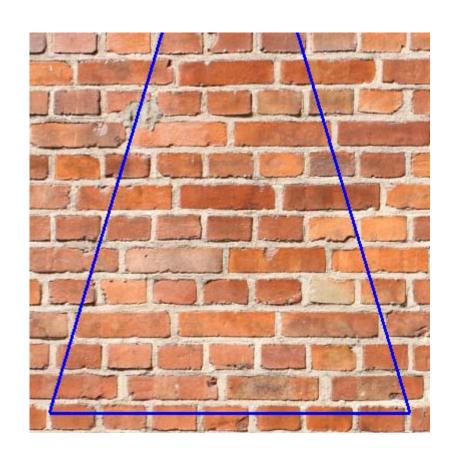
GL CLAMP TO EDGE



Wrapping Parameter Example

Clamp To Border: Clamp to 0 - "half Texel" or 1+ "half Texel"



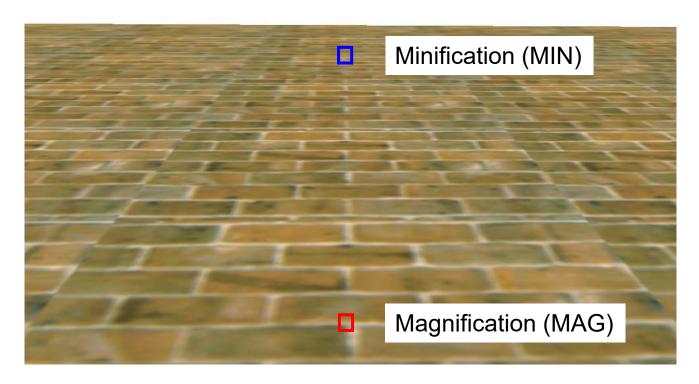


GL CLAMP TO BORDER



Texture Filter

- Texture Magnification
 - One texel is mapped to multiple pixels
- Texture Minification
 - Multiple texels are mapped to one pixel



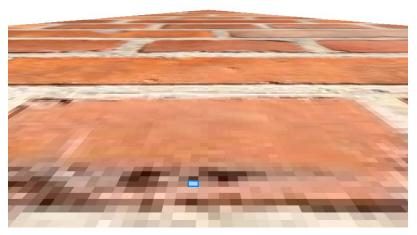


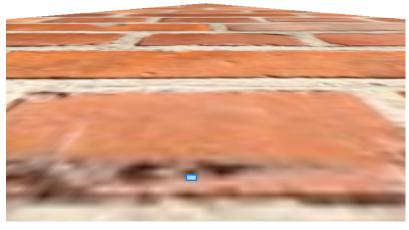
Filter Specification

- using name=GL_TEXTURE_{MIN,MAG}_FILTER as parameter of glSamplerParameter{if}[v].
- for * MAG * we have
 - GL NEAREST: point filter
 - GL LINEAR: linear filter
- for * MIN * additionally
 - GL {NEAREST, LINEAR} MIPMAP {NEAREST, LINEAR}
 - Linear interpolation within a level and between two levels (tri-linear interpolation)



Texture Magnification





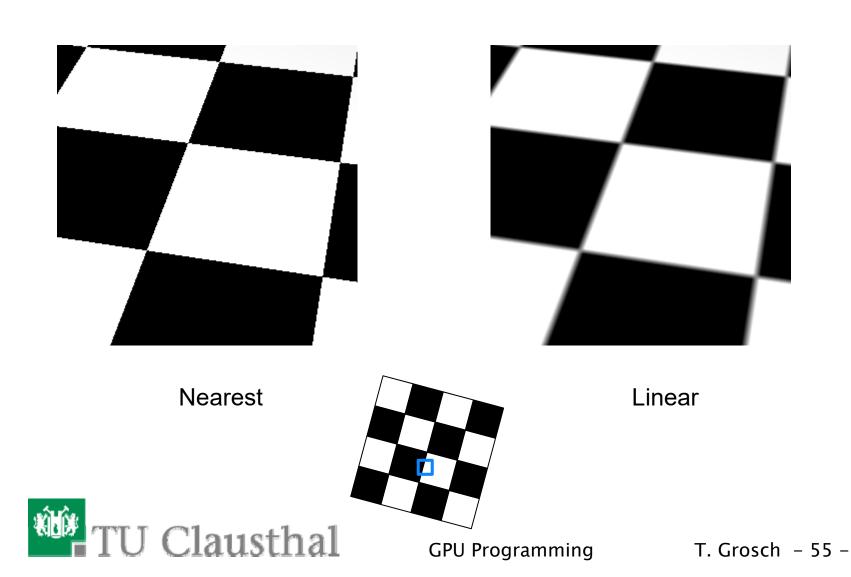


Use only a single texel

Bilinear interpolation from 4 neighbor texels



Texture Magnification



Texture Minification

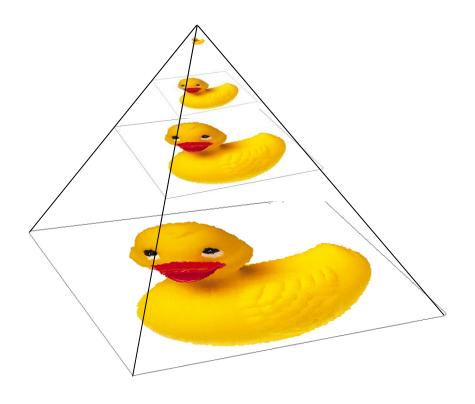
• In the distant region (MIN), many texture pixels are inside of one screen pixel



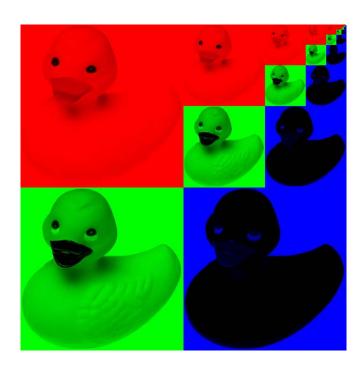
- In case of a strong minification we have to compute the average all these texels since they are all projected onto the same screen pixel.
- This is too time-consuming for a real-time application.
- Solution: Before starting, we create smaller versions of the texture by repeated averaging of 2x2 texels. If many texels are mapped to the same screen pixel, we select the best-fitting minified texture.
- The resulting textures are called MipMaps (lat. "Multum in Parvo")



MipMaps



We have a texture in different resolution levels



Internally, the 2^n -image can be extended to a 2^{n+1} -image.



Automatic MipMap Generation

- the level Parameter of glTexSubImage{12}D
 decides which MipMap level should be set
 - 0 is the largest map, each following map has half of the size until 1x1
- Helper function:

```
glGenerateMipmap(GL_TEXTURE_2D)
```

generates all MipMap-Levels for the currently bound texture

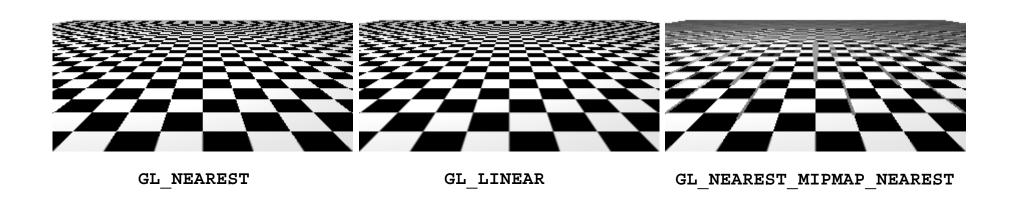


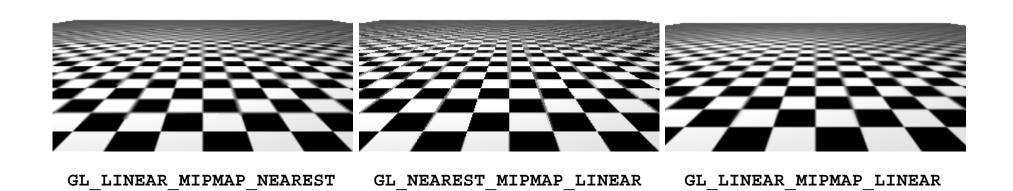
Selection of the MipMap Level

- Depending on the distance from viewer to object, the MipMap level is selected
- Question:
 - How many texture pixels are inside a current screen pixel?
- Reformulated question:
 - How do the texture coordinates change, if I move one screen pixel?
 - derivative dFdx, dFdy → see Red Book
 - Often the largest polygon edge in screen space is used
 - MipMap-Filter is sometimes too large (in one direction)
 - Optimization: Anisotropic Filter (not in OpenGL standard)



Different Settings for Texture Minification

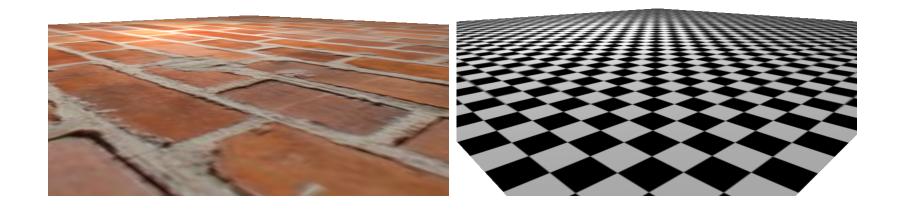






Texture Minification: Mipmaps

 The MipMap Filter is especially useful if the camera/object is moving → see exercise



Components for Texturing

- Create texture
 - glGenTextures(), glBindTexture(), glTexStorage2D() glTexSubImage2D(), ...
- Set sampler parameters
 - glGenSampler(), glBindSampler(), glSamplerParameter(...)
- Create VAO with texture coordinates as vertex attribute
- Vertex Shader passes texture coordinates (s,t) through (varying)
 - Linear interpolation of (s,t) for the Fragment Shader
- Fragment Shader reads the texture pixel using the interpolated (s,t)-coordinates and writes it as pixel color
 - For accessing textures we can use a **Sampler** (uniform parameter)



Example: VAOs with Texture Coordinates

```
GLuint vao, vboPos, vboTexCoord;
GLfloat vertices[6][4] = \{ 2.0f, 3.0f, 4.0f, 1.0f \}, \dots \};
GLfloat texcoords[6][2] = \{ \{0.0f, 1.0f\}, ... \};
glGenVertexArrays(1, &vao);
glBindVertexArray(vao);
glGenBuffers(1, &vboPos);
glBindBuffer(GL ARRAY BUFFER, vboPos);
glBufferStorage(GL ARRAY BUFFER, sizeof(vertices), vertices, 0);
glVertexAttribFormat(0, 4, GL FLOAT, GL FALSE, 0);
glVertexAttribBinding(0, 0);
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
glGenBuffers(1, &vboTexCoord);
glBindBuffer(GL ARRAY BUFFER, vboTexCoord);
glBufferStorage(GL ARRAY BUFFER, sizeof(texcoords), texcoords, 0);
glVertexAttribFormat(3, 2, GL FLOAT, GL FALSE, 0);
glVertexAttribBinding(3, 1);
                                     Here: Attribute 3 are texture coordinates
                                      which are connected to binding index 1
glEnableVertexAttribArray(3);
```



We use the default texture unit 0

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Example: Draw VBO with TexCoords

```
void display()
{
   glClear(...);
   glBindVertexArray(vao);
   glBindVertexBuffer(0, vboPos, 0, 16);
   glBindVertexBuffer(1, vboTexCoord, 0, 8);
   glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 6);
}
```



Shader for Textures

```
#version ...
// Vertex Shader

layout(location = 0) in vec4 vPos;
layout(location = 3) in vec2 vTexCoord;
out vec2 myTexCoord;

void main()
{
    gl_Position = vPos;
    myTexCoord = vTexCoord;
}
```

```
#version ...
// Fragment Shader

layout (binding = 0) uniform sampler2D image;
in vec2 myTexCoord;
out vec4 pixelColor;

void main()
{
   pixelColor = texture(image, myTexCoord);
}
```

- In the example, the Vertex Shader gets the texture coordinate as attribute 3
- We write the texture coordinate as varying "out"
- The Fragment Shader gets the interpolated texture coordinate as varying input "in"
- Using these texture coordinates, we take a sampler2D to read from the image with texture ()
- Here texture unit 0 is selected using layout (binding = 0)
- Finally, the selected texel is written as pixel color



Sampler Types

- For different textures there are different sampler types
 - 1D/2D/3D textures
 - sampler1D, sampler2D, sampler3D
 - Cube Maps
 - samplerCube
 - Shadow Maps
 - sampler2DShadow
 - Integer / unsigned integer pixel colors
 - isampler... usampler...
 - ...
 - complete List: see Red Book



Example: Texture Definition

```
glGenTextures(1, &textureID);
glBindTexture( GL_TEXTURE_2D, textureID );

glTexStorage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 8, GL_RGBA32F, width, height);
glTexSubImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, 0, 0, width, height, GL_RGBA, GL_FLOAT, data );
glGenerateMipmap(GL_TEXTURE_2D); // optional

glGenSampler(1, &samplerID);
glBindSampler(0, samplerID ); // assign sampler to (default) texture unit 0

glSamplerParameterf( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_REPEAT );
glSamplerParameterf( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT );
glSamplerParameterf( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_NEAREST );
glSamplerParameterf( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_NEAREST );
glSamplerParameterf( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_NEAREST );
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Attention: The default value for GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER is GL_NEAREST_MIPMAP_LINEAR ! If no MipMaps are generated (e.g. using glTexImage), this can result in black pixels! The Min Filter should therefore be set to GL_NEAREST or GL_LINEAR!



That's all for today

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