Texture Mapping

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Introduction

- **Texture**: A detailed pattern that is repeated many times to tile the plane.
- **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.
- Texture mapping is a powerful technique for adding realism to a computer-generated scene.

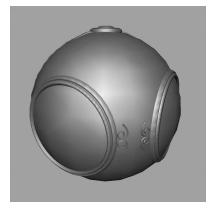
Three Types of Mapping

- Texture Mapping
 - Uses images to fill inside of polygons
- Environment (reflection mapping)
 - Uses a picture of the environment for texture maps
 - Allows simulation of highly specular surfaces
- Bump mapping
 - Bump mapping is a technique in computer graphics for simulating bumps and wrinkles on the surface of an object.

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Texture Mapping



geometric model



texture mapped

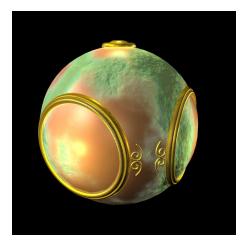
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Environment Mapping

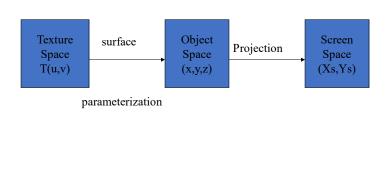


Bump Mapping



How is texture mapping done

Two Dimensional Texture Mapping ::



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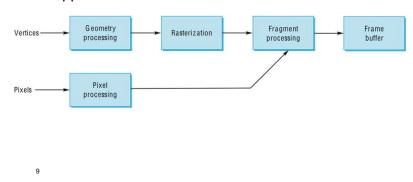
Types of Texture Mapping

- Two Types
 - Forward texture mapping computing 3D positions of the texture points and then projecting them onto the image plane.
 - 2. Inverse texture mapping

selecting every pixel in the image plane and finding what point of the texture plane is projected there.

Where does mapping take place?

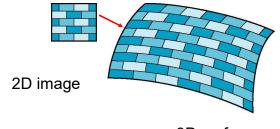
- Mapping techniques are implemented at the end of the rendering pipeline
 - Very efficient because few polygons make it past the clipper



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Is it simple?

 Although the idea is simple---map an image to a surface---there are 3 or 4 coordinate systems involved



3D surface

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Coordinate Systems

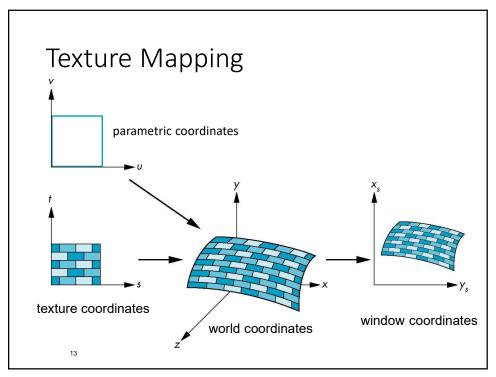
- Parametric coordinates
 - May be used to model curves and surfaces
- Texture coordinates
 - Used to identify points in the image to be mapped
- Object or World Coordinates
 - Conceptually, where the mapping takes place
- Window Coordinates
 - · Where the final image is really produced

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Algorithm

- The Algorithm divides the surface patch in object space.
- At the same time, executes subdivision in texture space.
- Patch subdivision proceeds until it ends in single pixel.
- After it reached this point, Subdivision process terminates.
- The required texture value for each pixel is obtained from texture domain.



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Mapping Functions

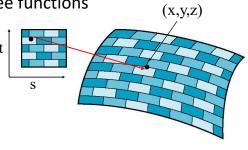
- Basic problem is how to find the maps
- Consider mapping from texture coordinates to a point a surface

• Appear to need three functions

$$x = x(s,t)$$

$$y = y(s,t)$$

$$z = z(s,t)$$



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Backward Mapping

- We really want to go backwards
 - Given a pixel, we want to know to which point on an object it corresponds
 - Given a point on an object, we want to know to which point in the texture it corresponds
- Need a map of the form

$$s = s(x,y,z)$$
$$t = t(x,y,z)$$

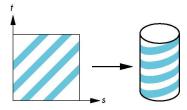
Such functions are difficult to find in general

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Two-part mapping

- One solution to the mapping problem is to first map the texture to a simple intermediate surface
- Example: map to cylinder



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Cylindrical Mapping

parametric cylinder

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x = r \cos 2\pi u

y = r \sin 2\pi u

z = v/h
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maps rectangle in u,v space to cylinder of radius r and height h in world coordinates

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s = u
t = v
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maps from texture space

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Spherical Map

We can use a parametric sphere

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x = r \cos 2\pi u

y = r \sin 2\pi u \cos 2\pi v

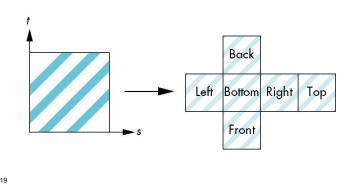
z = r \sin 2\pi u \sin 2\pi v
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in a similar manner to the cylinder but have to decide where to put the distortion

Spheres are used in environmental maps

Box Mapping

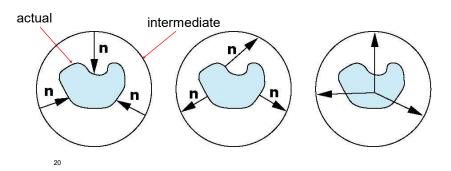
- Easy to use with simple orthographic projection
- Also used in environment maps

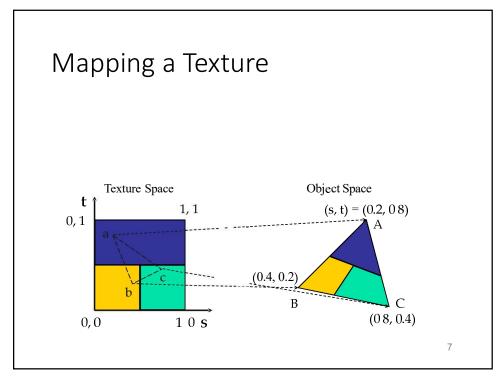


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Second Mapping

- Map from intermediate object to actual object
 - Normals from intermediate to actual
 - Normals from actual to intermediate
 - Vectors from center of intermediate





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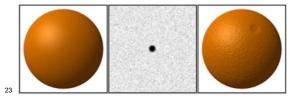
Bump Mapping

- Consider the problem of modeling an orange (the fruit)
- Start with an orange-colored sphere
 - Too simple
- Replace sphere with a more complex shape
 - Does not capture surface characteristics (small dimples)
 - Takes too many polygons to model all the dimples

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Modeling an Orange

- Take a picture of a real orange, scan it, and "paste" onto simple geometric model
 - This process is known as texture mapping
- Still might not be sufficient because resulting surface will be smooth
 - Need to change local shape
 - Bump mapping



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Drawback of Texture Mapping

 Major draw back is the image quality. Usually for high quality images Ray Tracing is used.