In-class Worksheet: Mipmaps

# **Mipmaps**

## 1. Mipmap Levels

## Finding the Mipmap Level

To compute which mipmap level to use at run-time, calculate

$$p = \max(\operatorname{sqrt}((\partial s/\partial x)^2 + (\partial t/\partial x)^2), \operatorname{sqrt}((\partial s/\partial y)^2 + (\partial t/\partial y)^2))$$

where the derivatives are just approximated by one-sided differences such as

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial x} \approx \frac{s_2 - s_1}{x_2 - x_1} \text{ and } \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \approx \frac{s_2 - s_1}{y_2 - y_1} \text{ and } \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} \approx \frac{t_2 - t_1}{x_2 - x_1} \text{ and } \frac{\partial t}{\partial y} \approx \frac{t_2 - t_1}{y_2 - y_1}$$

The mipmap level is then found by computing:  $\lambda=\min(\max LOD, \max(\log_2(p)), \min LOD))$ 

**a.** Imagine we are using mipmaps and we have the following (s,t) coordinates for two fragments:

$$x=1,y=1 s=3, t=6$$

If we are using the NEAREST\_MIPMAP\_NEAREST mode, what mipmap level(s) will be used to produce the fragment color?

**b.** Suppose  $\lambda$ =1.25 and the fragment being colored has texture coordinates (s,t)=(5.75, 10.25) with the following greyscale color values in texel neighborhoods:

Texture Level:1	Texture Level: 2
T(5,10)=0.25	T(5,10)=1.0
T(6,10)=0.75	T(6,10)=1.0
T(6,11)=0.25	T(6,11)=1.0
T(6,11)=0.25	T(6,11)=1.0
T(5,11)=0,75	T(5,11)=0.5

What is the result of using the NEAREST\_MIPMAP\_LINEAR mode?

### 2. Minification

Create a mipmap for the greyscale texture shown here.

0.5	0.5	0.0	1.0
0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
1.0	0.5	0.25	0.25
1.0	0.5	0.25	0.25

### 3. Size

If the original texture requires A bytes of storage, find an upper bound on how much space the mipmaps will require in terms of A. You may want to recall that for a number r where 0 < r < 1 we have

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1-r},$$