



Texture Coordinate Generation



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glTexGen

Powerful, flexible, underutilized

- Contour mapping
- Reflection mapping
- Lighting effects
- Atmospheric effects



glTexGen (cont'd)

Generate texture coordinates from geometry

- Object space
 - texture is “attached” to object
- Eye space
 - object moves within texture “field”
- Sphere map
 - based on reflection vector



Reference Plane

Uses plane equation

- $Ax + By + Cz = D$

Computes dot product

- $\text{coord} = Ax + By + Cz + Dw$
- coord is distance from plane

Computation is “seperable”



Object Linear Mapping

Texture is “attached” to object

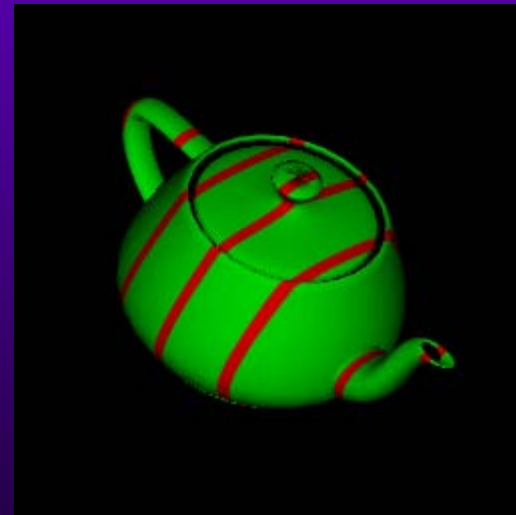
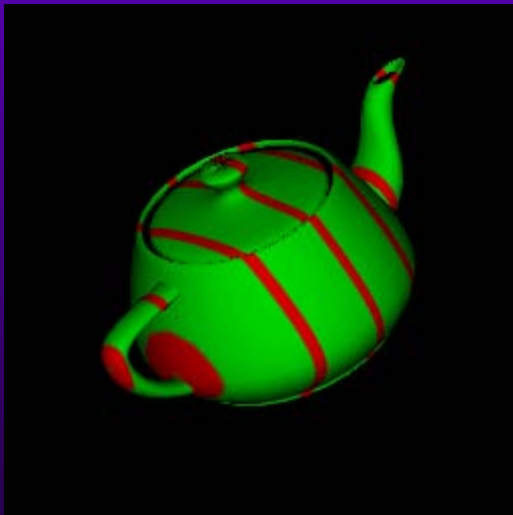
```
GLfloat params = {A,B,C,D};  
glTexGenfv(GL_S, GL_OBJECT_PLANE,  
           params);  
glTexGeni(GL_S, GL_TEXTURE_GEN_MODE,  
          GL_OBJECT_LINEAR);  
glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_GEN_S);
```

Default mapping is identity

$$(s,t,r,q) = (X_o, Y_o, Z_o, W_o);$$


Object Linear Sample

Texture is “attached” to object



Eye Linear Mapping

Texture is “fixed” in eye space

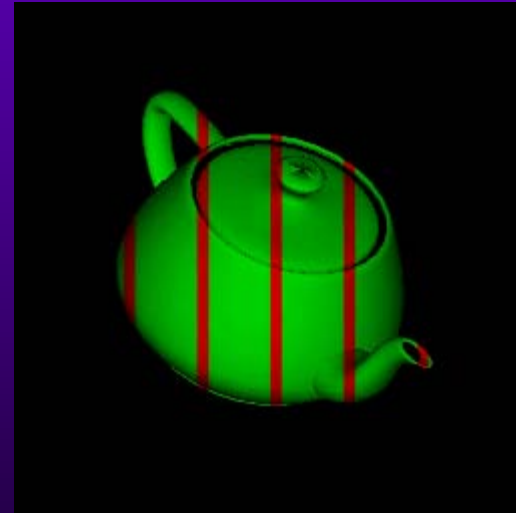
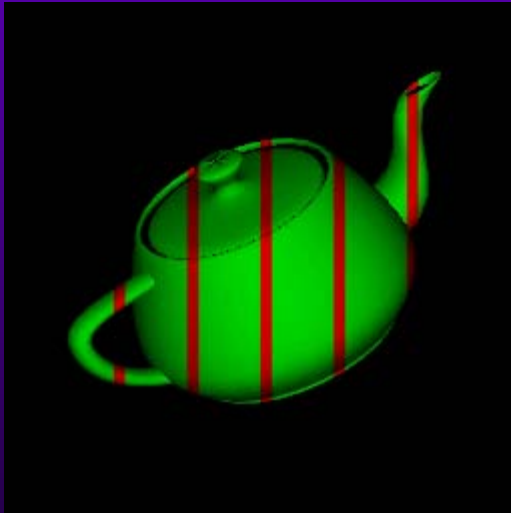
```
GLfloat params = {A,B,C,D};  
glTexGenfv(GL_S, GL_EYE_PLANE, params);  
glTexGeni(GL_S, GL_TEXTURE_GEN_MODE,  
          GL_EYE_LINEAR);  
glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_GEN_S);
```

Default mapping is identity

$$(s,t,r,q) = (X_e, Y_e, Z_e, W_e);$$


Eye Linear Sample

Texture is “fixed” in eye space



Sphere Mapping

Based on reflection vector

```
glTexGeni(GL_S, GL_TEXTURE_GEN_MODE,  
          GL_SPHERE_MAP);  
glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_GEN_S);
```

S, T coordinates only



Sphere Mapping

Based on reflection vector

