

Texture Mapping

We can use images as textures to map onto objects. Simplifies graphics processing.

Textures: 1D Functions – parameter along which texture is defined has arb domain e.g.: incident angle

2D Functions – info is provided for all coord. textures (u,v)

3D Functions – Calculated along volume T(u,v,w)

Most commonly: **Raster Images ("Textures")** – Images from scanner, photos or function. Used as writing realistic texture calculation is hard.

Texture coordinates (t, s) are applied onto 2D object surface (v, u) displayed on screen coords (x,y).

Textures can get distorted after transformations.

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Solution:

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2) Assume the image plane is at z = 1 (so f=1 fo projection). Using our knowledge of perspective projection, the mapping on the 2D screen is:

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4) Use t_u, t_v to compute t_x, t_y

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Rasterization, Visibility and Anti-Aliasing

Rasterization: Turn Objects into pixels.

Interpolate values inside objects (colour, depth):

Trilinear Coordinates: Each coordinate vertex contributes to the final colour of the object.

We calculate weights of contrib of opposite vertex ie: if P lied on A the line between A and B, c would have no contribution, as the distance is 0.

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Anti-Aliasing – blur reduce jaggedness

Only has dir of foot + ave: **limiting angle property:**

• If light goes from a medium to one which has a lower refractive index, the refracted ray's angle is greater than the incident ray's angle.

• If the angle of the incident ray is large, angle of refracted ray then exceeds 90.

• In this case, no solutions and ray is reflected rather than refracted. Improvement: mix refracted and refracted using **Fresnel Property:**

$L = k_{\text{refracted}} + (1 - k_{\text{refracted}}) \cdot L_{\text{refracted}}$

Considers more reflection at grazing angles.

Schlick's Approximation:

$k_{\text{refracted}}(\theta) = (0.5 + (1 - k_{\text{refracted}}(0)) \cdot (1 - (n_1 - n_2)^2)^5)$

Where we select $k_{\text{refracted}}(0)$ – the factor at 0 deg.

0.8 looks like realistic steel.

$L = k_{\text{refracted}} \cdot L_{\text{refracted}} + (1 - k_{\text{refracted}}) \cdot L_{\text{reflected}}$

S = 0 or 1 depending on if light source is obscured

1) Shadow Ray per intersec: solid black shadow

2) Ray Tracing for Global Illumination

Global Illumination: Receive light not just from the source, but of the environment around it.

9.1) Ray Tracing Algorithms

1) Ray Casting: trace a ray, cast Ray, for each object intersection, per pixel, ray BACK to the light to check for shadows. (works backwards to how light works – we trace rays from eye to obj)

Intersection all objects

color = ambient term

For every light

cast shadow ray

col = local shading term

Where: p_0 is the from the ray equations, $\Delta p = p_0 - ps$ (where p_0 is the ray origin and p_s is the sphere center) $r =$ sphere radius

If the quadratic has 0 solns: intersected: 1: touch. 2 solutions: smaller solution = entry, bigger = exit

Remember to check for self-shading! (e)

2) Intersection Calculations for Cylinders:

$r =$ cylinder radius, p_0 is the position vector of the center of the top circle on the cylinder; p_s is the position vector of the bottom, $\Delta p = p_s - p_0$, μ, d are both from the ray equation. We can parameterize Δp as a ratio $0 < \alpha < 1$. We get:

$r^2 = (p_0 + \mu d - p_1 - \frac{(p_0 + \mu d - p_1) \cdot \Delta p}{\Delta p \cdot \Delta p}) \Delta p^2$

The two solutions, α_1 and α_2 , have μ_1 and μ_2 terms.

(α_1 or α_2 = inner-inner bracket part with μ_1 or μ_2)

Assuming $\mu_1 < \mu_2$: α_1 between 0 & 1: intersect is on the outside surface of the cylinder.

α_2 between 0 & 1: on inside surface of the cylinder

3) Intersection Calculation for Planes:

Motivation: Objects are defined usually in terms of planes, planar quads or planar polygons.

Planes: Created by: • Shadow Rays

• Rays reflected off intersection point in reflect dir

• Rays transmitted thru t.s parent mats in refract dir

If we trace a ray to a source and it's blocked, then that surface is shadowed.

3.1) Intersection Calculation for Triangles:

1) Test whether the triangle is front facing: $d < 0$ n is planar surface normal, d is dir ray vector.

2) Test if plane of the triangle intersects ray. Do the exact same thing as in 3).

3) Test whether the planar intersection point q is actually within the triangle: $q = \alpha a + \beta b$; $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$, and they sum to ≤ 1 . Calculate them via:

$\alpha = \frac{(b-b_0)(q-a_0) - (a-b_0)(q-b_0)}{(a-a_0)(b-b_0) - (a-b_0)(a-b_0)}$

$\beta = \frac{q-b_0 - \alpha(a-b_0)}{b-a}$

What this is doing:

1) Translates the origin of ray and then changes base of that vector to get param vec (t, u, v)

2) t is the distance to the plane with the triangle

3) u, v are barycentric coordinates in the triangle

4) We don't need to store the plane equation as we can calculate the normal easily

9.2) Accelerating Ray Tracing

9.4) Bounding Box Approach: make ideally tight bounding box around an object. If we don't intersect the box, we don't intersect the object.

Step 1) Create grid by constraining a bounding box of scene. Grid Resolution (n_x, n_y, n_z) – controls how many of each cell we have in each direction.

2) Put the primitive into the grid – they can overlap multiple cells. Use pointers.

When tracing a ray, if we have an intersection we return the closest object.

4) Once we hit an object we mark it so we don't reintersect it later for efficiency.

5) If we have an object that is in the cell but the intersection is not within the cell's range, don't return this intersection as we may have something closer (efficiency). I.e: the case where we intersected a cell containing a primitive, but not the primitive itself.

Adaptive grids: Subdivide until each cell contains more than n elements, or max depth d reached

– guarantees efficiency by not putting too many elements in 1 cell. Can have them at intermediate levels or all primitive at leaves (span just one cell)

9.4.2) Binary Space Partition Trees:

Recurisvely partitions the space with planes – each cell is a convex polyhedron. Tries to reduce number of object in each division to as little as possible. This lets