Procedural Modeling

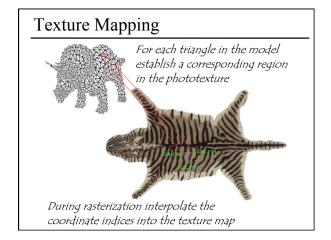
Last Time? Modern Graphics Hardware Cg Programming Language Gouraud Shading vs. Phong Normal Interpolation Bump, Displacement, & Environment Mapping

Final Project Progress Reports

- What do you plan to show for your progress report next week Thursday?
- Each teammate should make a post outlining their contributions thus far
- Post image(s), e.g., bloopers
- Post revised task list

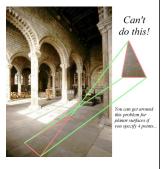
Today

- Texture Mapping
- Common Texture Coordinate Mappings
- Solid Texture
- Procedural Textures
- Perlin Noise
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Texture Mapping Difficulties

- Tedious to specify texture coordinates
- Acquiring textures is surprisingly difficult
 - Photographs have projective distortions
 - Variations in reflectance and illumination
 - Tiling problems



Common Texture Coordinate Mappings

- Orthogonal
- Cylindrical
- Spherical
- Perspective Projection
- Texture Chart



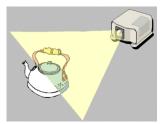






Projective Textures

- Use the texture like a slide projector
- No need to specify texture coordinates explicitly



Projective Texture Example

- Modeling from photographs
- Using input photos as textures





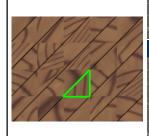


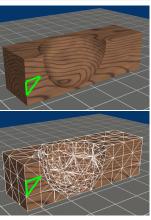


Figure from Debevec, Taylor & Malik http://www.debevec.org/Research

Texture Chart

• Pack triangles into a single image

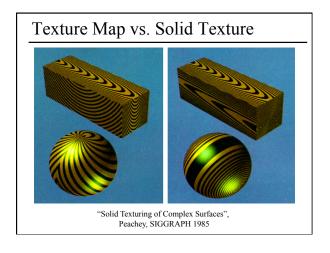


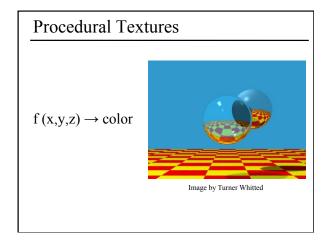


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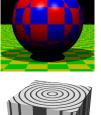
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Procedural Textures

- Advantages:
 - easy to implement in ray tracer
 - more compact than texture maps (especially for solid textures)
 - infinite resolution
- Disadvantages
 - non-intuitive
 - difficult to match existing texture





Readings for Today:

• Ken Perlin, "An Image Synthesizer",

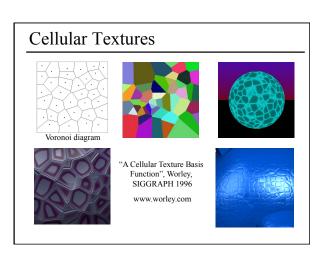
SIGGRAPH 1985 & "Improving Noise", SIGGRAPH 2002

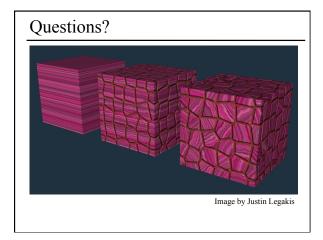




Perlin Noise

- Properties:
 - Looks "random", but is deterministic (always returns the same answer for a specific coordinate)
 - Small memory footprint & fast to compute
 - Known amplitude & frequency
 - Smooth interpolation when zoomed in
- Can be combined/layered:
 - Add multiple noise functions w/ different frequencies and amplitudes
 - Simple arithmetic operations (thresholding, sine waves, etc.)





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