CSCI 461: Computer Graphics Middlebury College, Spring 2025



Lecture 07: Texturing

Recap on how we have been painting our models.

$$I = c_a k_m + c k_m \max\left(0, ec{n} \cdot ec{l}
ight) + c_l k_s \max(0, ec{v} \cdot ec{r})^p$$





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Two things we want: (1) color detail, (2) geometric detail.

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By the end of today's lecture, you will be able to:

- analytically calculate texture coordinates on a sphere,
- sample texels in a texture image to color a surface,
- add mouse controls to your renderings,
- ray trace scenes which have model transformations.







The main idea of texturing: sample an image to determine surface properties.







Ingredients #1 and #3: which *texel* to sample?













Ingredient #2: we need texture coordinates.









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A special case: texture coordinates on a sphere.





The best way to learn this is to write code!

Click on exercise in row for today's class. If you have git and VS Code set up locally, try working on your computer instead of a Codespace.



- Exercise 1: calculate texture coordinates for a point on the sphere.
- Exercise 2: use ixn.uv to sample texture.
- Exercise 3: soon.

We can add callbacks to control the rotation of our model.

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1 let dragging; // whether we are in dragging mode
2 let mouseX, mouseY; // current mouse position
 3 canvas.addEventListener("mousedown", (event) => {
     dragging = true;
 4
    mouseX = event.pageX; // save current mouse position
 5
    mouseY = event.pageY;
 6
7 });
 8
9 canvas.addEventListener("mouseup", () => {
     dragging = false;
10
11 });
12
13 canvas.addEventListener("mousemove", (event) => {
     if (!dragging) return;
14
15
     // calculate angles/distance to rotate/translate from current/previous mouse position
16
   // ...
17
    render(); // re-render
18
    mouseX = event.pageX;
19
20
     mouseY = event.pageY;
21 });
22
23 canvas.addEventListener("wheel", (event) => {
     event.preventDefault();
24
   // perhaps move the eye to scroll in/out
25
26
   // ...
   render(); // re-render
27
28 });
```



Texturing artifacts influenced by texture image resolution and distance to surface.

- Magnification: many screen pixels map to single texel: looks blocky. Average of a few texels?
- Minification single screen pixel covers many texels: shimmering effect. Which one to pick?



And how to make lookup efficient? mipmaps

of a few texels? one to pick?

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Other properties to modify with textures?

height clouds

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Implementing the Perlin noise algorithm (Part 1).



Define random unit vectors at each node of a background grid.

6 [o,1] random angle = $\Theta_{rand} = 2\Pi x(r)$ $\overline{g} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \Theta_{rand} \\ \sin \Theta_{rand} \end{bmatrix}$



Implementing the Perlin noise algorithm (Part 2).



represent background grid modes in backgrow' grid t grid cells in X ngx = 6 ngy= 15

Implementing the Perlin noise algorithm (Part 3).

Calculate the intensity (weight) that will eventually be used to interpolate two colors (blue and white for clouds).



X = 3.375 2. ...







Implementing the Perlin noise algorithm (Part 4).







final weight = Zak WK







Summary

- Calculate or retrieve texture coordinates.
- Texture can define color, normal, displacement, specular coefficient, anything!
- Displacement mapping is hard to do with ray tracing, much more do-able with rasterization. \bullet
- If you have a .glb file, extract texture images: https://products.aspose.app/3d/extractor/glb.

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