



## **Texture mapping**



## **Towards visual realism**





http://www.3drender.com/jbirn/productions.html



#### Modelling + shading + texturing



#### How can we get this?

Provides realistic appearance to models without having to add additional geometric fine detail



# Texturing: apply images to geometric objects



Objective: improve realism, reduce geometric complexity... ...this the easiest way to get it!









#### light mapping pre-computation with texture



Precompute the shading in scene:

- store the 2D light map, during shading, read the light map.
- use global illumination method view independent (i.e. radiosity) to precompute the light maps.
- a light map stores a set of 2D maps of the reflected light from the surfaces.

Images courtesy of Kasper Høy Nielsen.

## Examples in video games..

- A few polygonal meshes (i.e., low geometric complexity)
- Purely local lighting computations
- Details by pre-computed texturing
  - Geometric Details
  - Smog, fire, special effects
  - Lights, shadows, reflective effects
- Bump mapping in hardware







- 2D Image Texturing: maps image onto surface
   3D Solid texturing: objects appear sculpted out of solid substance
  - 2D/3D images Procedural texturing





#### Adding TEXTURE MAPPING to illumination

Texture mapping can be used to alter some or all of the constants in the illumination equation. We can simply use the texture as the final color for the pixel, or we can just use it as diffuse color, or we can use the texture to alter the normal, or... the possibilities are endless!

$$I_{\lambda} = I_a k_a + \sum_{j=1}^{lights} \frac{I_j}{s^2} [k_d (n \cdot l_j) + k_s (v \cdot r)^n]$$



Courtesy of Leonard McMillan & Jovan Popovic, MIT MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA



 Color (texture mapping) modify the final color (LIT in Phong's Model/UNLIT no lighting calculation) with the texture map color





- Reflected color (environment mapping):
  - Uses a picture of the environment for texture maps
  - Allows simulation of highly reflective surfaces





#### • Surface Normal (bump mapping):

Intensity value of a source image is used to modify the normal direction of the object surface. Does not modify surface geometry, but the visual result fools us into thinking the surface is not smooth.





• **Transparency** (Opacity maps) modify the opacity of a transparent object



Ken Perlin's vase with procedurally varying index of refraction, 1985



## Image Texture Mapping





## **Texture mapping**

- Screen space screen coords. system (x,y)
- Object space world coords. system (u,v,w)
- Texture space texture coords system (s,t)





## **Texture mapping**

- Parameterization phase: from Texture Space to Object Space
- Projection phase: from Object space to Screen space





### **Parameterization**

- How to apply the texture to the object
- Define a function M that associates each surface point (x,y,z) with a 2D point in the texture map (pair of coords (s,t))

M(x,y,z)=(s,t)

For each point rendered, look up color in texture map

- Parameterization depends on the object representation:
  - Parametric surface
  - mesh



#### Parameterization: parametric surface

 If the object is represented by parametric surfaces (i.e.spline), the parameterization is naturally provided by the domain D=UxV

S(u,v)=[x(u,v),y(u,v),z(u,v)], (u,v) in D

- Texture space and parametric space are related by an affine transformation M
- We need inverse mapping M<sup>-1</sup>



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### **Parameterization of a triangle**

Per-vertex texture coords. manually, provided by user : assign a texture coords (s,t) to each vertex v



**Points inside the polygon**:  $(\alpha s_0 + \beta s_1 + \gamma s_2, \alpha t_0 + \beta t_1 + \gamma t_2)$ Then we interpolate using barycentric coords.



#### **Parameterization of a Mesh**

#### Assigning a texture region to each triangle



An ideal parametrization would be isometric.

That is, it would preserve lengths, and therefore angles too. A **conformal** parametrization is one that preserves angles. A surface triangle can be mapped to a small triangle in the texture domain. This leads to undersampling.



### Parameterization of a mesh with genus (genere) >0

- Subdivide the mesh in chart
- Parameterize each chart



mesh





Application CPU Model View Transform geometry Lighting Projection Transform/clip Fragment Generation GPU Rasterization Fragment rasterization Processing **Z-Buffer** Visibility Test **Final Image** in FRAME BUFFER

#### - Vertices

- The texture mapping computations take place at the scan conversion stage of the graphics pipeline
  - Very efficient because few polygons make it past the clipper
- During scan conversion, as we are looping through the pixels of a triangle, we must interpolate the (*t*,*s*) texture coordinates in a similar way to how we interpolate the *rgb* color and *z* depth values

#### Interpolation of the Texture Coords



- Each vertex (x,y,z) is associated with a texel coords (s,t) (parameterization)
- A backward mapping exists only for polygon vertices not for pixel, the texture coords for pixel inside the triangle are computed by barycentric coords. interpolation (scan conversion)
- The texel coords are used to read texture map and assign pixel color in (R,G,B) form (color image)
- Modify the Phong's Illumination model



### **Texture distorsion**

- Consider a single edge of a triangle
- Project this from world space to screen space



#### Interpolation in Screen space vs. world space

 A straight line of *regularly* spaced points in 3D space maps to a straight line of *irregularly* spaced points in device space (if we are using a perspective transformation)



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#### **Interpolation in Screen Space**



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#### **Interpolation in World Space**





### **Perspective Correction**

P(t)=Projection of P(s)

 $P(t) = V_0 + t(V_1 - V_0) \qquad P(s) = P_0 + s(P_1 - P_0)$  $P(t) = \frac{x_0}{z_0} + t\left(\frac{x_1}{z_1} - \frac{x_0}{z_0}\right) \qquad P(s) = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} + s\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ 

• Solve for s in terms of t:

$$\frac{x_{0}}{z_{0}} + t \left( \frac{x_{1}}{z_{1}} - \frac{x_{0}}{z_{0}} \right) = \frac{x_{0} + s(x_{1} - x_{0})}{z_{0} + s(z_{1} - z_{0})}$$

$$s = \frac{tz_{0}}{z_{1} + t(z_{0} - z_{1})}$$

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### Interpolate arbitrary parameters

Solving this last equation for s gives a mapping from bary coords in screen space t to bary coords. in word space s

- Thus for each pixel, compute its t in screen space
- Then use the mapping from screen space to world space
- Now use the expression for s to interpolate arbitrary parameters, such as texture indices (u,v) over 3D triangle. N.B. this is the formula for a segment, not for a triangle...

$$u = u_0 + s(u_1 - u_0)$$

$$v = v_0 + s(v_1 - v_0)$$

$$s = \frac{tz_0}{z_1 + t(z_0 - z_1)}$$







**Linear Interpolation** 



Interpolation with Perspective correction

# STORUM

### **Pseudo code Rasterization**

For every triangle

Compute Projection of vertices

Compute bbox, clip bbox to screen limits

Setup 3 line equations

For all pixels x,y in bbox

If all line equations < 0 //pixel [x,y] in triangle Compute barycentric coordinates Compute perspective correction parameter s Compute currentZ from vertices If currentZ < zBuffer[x,y] //pixel is visible Interpolate UV coordinates from vertices look up texture color kd Framebuffer[x,y] = kd zBuffer[x,y] = currentZ



#### Two step mapping (Bier & Sloan '86)

STEP 1: (S Mapping) first map the texture to a simple intermediate surface





#### **Intermediate surfaces**





### Intermediate surfaces

- Natural distorsion of the texture image onto the object.
- Choose the intermediate surface suitable to the object shape



[Paul Bourke]










# **Cylindrical Mapping**



#### STEP 1: (S Mapping)

Map the texture onto a cylinder with radius r and height h

parametric cylinder:

$$x = r \cos(2\pi u)$$
  

$$y = r \sin(2\pi u) \qquad u, v \in [0,1]$$
  

$$z = v / h$$

maps from texture space

*mapping* s = u, t = v



# **STEP 2: O Mapping**

Map from intermediate object to actual object
1) Normals from intermediate to actual
2) Normals from actual to intermediate
3) Vectors from center of intermediate







#### 4) Reflected ray

trace a ray from the camera to the object and compute the reflected ray to the intermediate surface





- Normal/Bump Mapping
- Procedural Texturing
- Environment Mapping





# **Displacement Mapping**

### Use texture to displace the surface geometry

Bump mapping only affects the normals, Displacement mapping changes the entire surface (including the silhouette)







## Bump/Normal Mapping (Blinn 1978)

Use texture to perturb normals

- creates a bump-like effect
- BUMP/NORMAL MAP: parametric function in (u,v) that defines the micro-structure



## Normal Mapping or Bump Mapping: idea

- **Shading** is computed using the normal vector to the surface
- Modifying the normal vector, modifies the reflected ray r and thus the light that reach the camera





## Bump/Normal Mapping: problems



# • Does not change silhouette edges

 For objects represented by meshes, the bumping effect is improved for high resolution meshes



# **Bump mapping**

A bump map is a single-channel (grey-scale) height map h(u,v)used to modify the normal direction of the object surface

Compute the new normal N from the bump map

Compute shading using this new normal  $\underline{N}$ 













# **Generating Bump map**

- Define the tangent plane to the surface at a point P(u,v) by using the two vectors P<sub>u</sub> and P<sub>v</sub>.
- The normal is then given by:

 $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{v}}$ 

The new surface positions P' is then given by:
 P'(u,v) = P(u,v) + B(u,v) N

move P along the normal vector N of a quantity B(u,v)



This leads to the normal of perturbed surface:

 $N' = P'_{11} \times P'_{12}$ 

If B(u,v) is small, and  $N \times N=0$ 

- $\mathbf{P'_{II}} = \mathbf{P_{II}} + \mathbf{B_{II}} \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{N})_{II} \approx \mathbf{P'_{II}} = \mathbf{P_{II}} + \mathbf{B_{II}} \mathbf{N}$
- $\mathbf{P'_v} = \mathbf{P_v} + \mathbf{B_v} \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{N})_v \approx \mathbf{P'_v} = \mathbf{P_v} + \mathbf{B_v} \mathbf{N}$
- $N'(u,v) = (P_{u} + B_{u} N) x (P_{v} + B_{v} N)$  $= \mathbf{P}_{II} \times \mathbf{P}_{V} + \mathbf{B}_{II} (\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{P}_{V}) + \mathbf{B}_{V} (\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{P}_{II})$ + B<sub>11</sub> B<sub>2</sub> (**N** × **N**)  $= N + B_{II}(N \times P_{V}) + B_{V}(N \times P_{II})$ = N + D





For efficiency, can store  $B_u$  and  $B_v$  in a 2-component texture map.

The cross products are geometry terms only.

N' will of course need to be normalized after the calculation and before lighting.



# **Normal Maps**

A normal map is a **RGB image**: the RGB values of each texel represent the X,Y & Z values of a direction vector, used to modify the normal direction of the object surface

#### How to compute the RGB image?

Compute the normals  $(n_T, n_B, n_N)$  from a height map (mode1) or object (mode2)

 $(n_T, n_B, n_N)$  is a normalized vector, so each element is in the range of [-1, 1]They are converted to a range of [0, 255] and stored as colors in the (R texture)











#### Compute lighting/shading using this new normal



Example of a normal map (center) with the scene it was calculated from (left) and the result when applied to a flat surface (right) By Julian Herzog

 Larger storage for an RGB image as opposed to single channel bump map for a height field



## How to generate Normal Maps?

### Mode 1: from an height map image



Algorithm:

∀ texel *t* of the height map (x , y , z = height[x,y]) compute  $\underline{N}=(n_T, n_B, n_N)$  from the neighbors of t associate N to t



Compute  $(n_T, n_B, n_N)$ 

# -Points on the three dimensional surface are given by (u,v,h(u,v))

-The tangent plane at the point  $(u_0, v_0, h(u_0, v_0))$  is given by

$$-\frac{\partial h(u,v)}{\partial u}\Big|_{(u_0,v_0)}(u-u_0) - \frac{\partial h(u,v)}{\partial v}\Big|_{(u_0,v_0)}(v-v_0) + (h-h(u_0,v_0)) = 0$$

-The partial derivatives can be computed using finite differences,

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{e.g.,} \\ \left. \frac{\partial h(u,v)}{\partial u} \right|_{(u_0,v_0)} = \frac{(h(u_{right},v_{center}) - h(u_{left},v_{center})))}{u_{left} - u_{right}}, \\ \left. \frac{\partial h(u,v)}{\partial v} \right|_{(u_0,v_0)} = \frac{(h(u_{center},v_{right}) - h(u_{center},v_{left})))}{v_{left} - v_{right}} \end{array}$$

-The outward (non-unit) normal direction to this tangent plane is

$$\left(-\frac{\partial h(u,v)}{\partial u}\Big|_{(u_0,v_0)}, -\frac{\partial h(u,v)}{\partial v}\Big|_{(u_0,v_0)}, 1\right)$$

-Normalize to get a unit normal  $(n_T, n_B, n_N)$ 



## **Normal maps**



Normal prevailing: X=~0 , Y=~0 , Z=~1  $\implies$ color prevailing: R =~0.5 , G=~0.5, B=~1 (~light blue)





## How to generate Normal Maps?

### Mode 2: From a high-resolution 3D model

- Model a detailed mesh
- Generate a **parameterization** for the mesh

(each 3D point has **unique** image coordinates in the 2D texture map)

- Simplify the mesh
- Overlay simplified and original model
- For each point P on the simplified mesh, find closest point P' on original model (ray casting)
- Store the normal at **P**' in the normal map. **Done!**

# Generating Normal Maps (2)







#### original mesh 4M triangles

simplified mesh 500 triangles simplified mesh and normal mapping 500 triangles

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## Slide from Epic Games **Creating Torso Portion in Max** ●●●報酬目の金玉」になるかないの、▲● ▲「「○●」」」、「●●」」、●● TORSO ARM TEAD EARS C Prevent Rel

## How to use Bump/Normal maps: Defining a local Coordinate System

**Texture/Tangent space** (TBN) is a coord. system attached to the local surface defined for each point (vertex) of the surface from the vectors

- Normal (perpendicular to the surface)
- **Tangent** (tangent to the surface)
- **Bi-Tangent** (tangent to the surface)

where B and T span the texture.

- Compute (N,T,B) for each vertex of the mesh
- Interpolate for inner points (fragment) of the triangle

(x, y, z)

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## How to compute the Tangent space TBN

- Use the mapping between each vertex (x,y,z) and the texture coordinates u,v to calculate T,N, and B
- Let  $\boldsymbol{u}$  be the Tangent direction and  $\boldsymbol{v}$  be the Bitangent direction
- Assume that x, y, and z are each linear functions of uand v in each triangle:  $x = a_0 u + b_0 v + c_0$ 
  - $y = a_1 u + b_1 v + c_1$  $z = a_2 u + b_2 v + c_2$



- For each of the 3 vertices, plug the known values of x, y, z, u, and v into the above equations: this gives 9 total equations, or 3 sets of 3 equations
- That is, there is a 3x3 system of equations for a<sub>0</sub>, b<sub>0</sub>, c<sub>0</sub>, and likewise a 3x3 system for a<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>1</sub>, c<sub>1</sub>, and likewise a 3x3 system for a<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>, c<sub>2</sub>
- After solving, we set  $T = (\partial x / \partial u, \partial y / \partial u, \partial z / \partial u) = (a_0, a_1, a_2),$  $B = (\partial x / \partial v, \partial y / \partial v, \partial z / \partial v) = (b_0, b_1, b_2),$  and  $N = T \times B$



## normal mapping applied in Texture/Tangent space (TBN)

Once we have T, B, N vectors, we also have matrix TBN which enables us to go from Tangent Space to Object/Word Space : T = B = N

$$TBN = \begin{bmatrix} I_x & B_x & N_x \\ T_y & B_y & N_y \\ T_z & B_z & N_z \end{bmatrix}$$

There are basically two ways we can use a TBN matrix for normal mapping:

1) Transform the sampled normal from tangent space to object/world space using the TBN matrix; the normal is then in the same space as the other





2)

## normal mapping applied in Texture/Tangent space (TBN)

We take the inverse of the TBN matrix that transforms any vector from object/world space to tangent space and use this matrix to transform not the normal, but the other relevant lighting variables (light and view pos) to tangent space; the normal is in the same space as the other lighting variables. Matrix inverse (TBN is an orthogonal matrix):

 $\mathsf{TBNinv} = (\mathsf{TBN})^{\mathsf{T}}$ 



[Lengyel, Dreijer Madsen]

# Tangent space normal mapping

#### In app:

- Load normal map into its own texture unit
- Pass per triangle N,T, and B to vertex shader

#### In vertex shader:

- Create the TBN matrix and TBNinv matrix
- Compute lighDir L and ViewDir V in tangent space,

#### In fragment shader:

Keep the extracted normals as-is

- sample normal map (texture) per texel (n)
- convert RGB for n into [-1,1]
- compute lighting in tangent space using normalized n, l, and v



## exture mapping + Bump mapping

#### Bump map



**Color** map





(From 3D Games by Watt et al.)









- Normal/Bump Mapping
- Procedural Texturing
- Environment Mapping

Image by Henrik Wann Jensen



# Solid texturing :Texture 3D

- Problem: mapping a 2D image/function onto the surface of a general 3D object is a difficult problem:
  - Distortion
  - Discontinuities
- Idea: use a texture function defined over a 3D domain - the 3D space containing the object -









Texture 3D can be obtained by:

#### • 3D Images

#### Procedural

Little program that computes color as a function of *x*,*y*,*z*: color = f(x, y, z)computed on-the-fly.

Used also for 1D,2D,4D, textures...

Texturing a model with a marble solid texture can achieve a similar effect to having carved the model out of a solid piece of marble

Procedural **Texture** 

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#### sweeping of a 2D texture





## Procedural Texturing

- Texture map is a function
- Write a procedure to perform the function
  - input: texture coordinates s,t,r
  - output: color, opacity, shading
- Example: Wood
  - Classification of texture space into cylindrical shells

 $f(s,t,r) = s^2 + t^2$ 

- Outer rings closer together, which simulates the growth rate of real trees
- Wood colored color table
  - Woodmap(0) = brown "earlywood"
  - Woodmap(1) = tan "latewood"

 $Wood(s,t,r) = Woodmap(f(s,t,r) \mod 1)$ 

Woodmap(f)

 $f(s,t,r) = s^2 + t^2$ 



## Procedural texturing: Examples





# **Exture 2D vs 3D – Pros & Cons**

#### Pros

- No need to parameterize surface
- No worries about distortion
- Objects appear sculpted out of solid substance
- Simulate realistic natural material

### Cons

- For 3D Images 3D: alta occupazione di memoria delle texture (una texture 64x64x64 RGBA occupa 1MB, una texture 256x256x256 RGBA occupa 64MB)
- For procedural texture: computational overhead which limits the usage for real time rendering, pre-computed and stored
- Unrealistic Deformations



# **Solid Texture Problems**

- How can we deform an object without making it swim through texture?
- How can we efficiently store a procedural texture?





# **Noise Functions (K.Perlin)**

- Add "noise" to make textures interesting
- Make a large grid with random numbers on each grid node
  Interpolate the noise to the points inside the lattice cells
  This gives spatial coherency
  Ken Perlin proposed a specific method for implementing this
- Noise(x,y,z)
   returns a single pseudo-random
   number in [-1,1]



Noise():  $\mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow [-1, 1]$


## Perlin Noise "Tron" 1981

Pseudo-random function



#### Noise(): ℝ<sup>n</sup>→ [-1, 1]



Random -points



## Noise Function: interpolating function

#### http://mrl.nyu.edu/~perlin/noise/





### Noise For Solid Textures WOOD

- Add noise to cylinders to warp wood
   Wood(s<sup>2</sup> + t<sup>2</sup> + N(s,t,r))
- Controls
  - Amplitude: power of noise effect
     a N(s, t, r)
  - Frequency: coarse vs. fine detail  $N(f_s s, f_t t, f_r r)$
  - **Phase:** location of noise peaks  $N(s + \phi_s, t + \phi_t, r + \phi_r)$





# **Making Noise**



- Good:
  - Create 3-D array of pseudo-random values
  - Trilinearly interpolate
- Better
  - Create 3-D array of pseudo-random
     3D-vectors
  - Splines (cubic) to interpolate







### **Noise - example**

Apply noise to the object colors

```
Color = white * Noise(point);
```

```
Color = Colorful( Noise(k*point));
%map different ranges of values
into different colors
```







# **Bump Mapping Effect**

#### Normal = Normal +DNoise(point);

vector valued differential of the Noise() signal, defined by the instantaneous rate of change of Noise() along the x, y, and z directions, respectively. We will call this function Dnoise.



## Perlin Turbulence

$$Turbulence(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{1}{2^{i}} \left| noise(2^{i} x) \right|$$



# **Perlin Turbolence**

Add several octaves of noise function Scale amplitude appropriately

Turbulence(x) = 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{1}{2^{i}} \left| noise(2^{i}x) \right|$$











# Perlin Noise – Examples





## Noise For Solid Textures MARBLE

#### color = sin(point + A\*turbulence(point))

Use a sine function to create the stripes

the amplitude (A) of the turbulence controls the distortion of the veins



Ken Perlin, 1985



## Example : create a cloud

#### Volumes that enclose some space





### Standard 2D Billboards





### Think of Them as Guidelines





### That Circumscribe Spheres

















- Normal/Bump Mapping
- Procedural Texturing
- Environment Mapping





# **Environment Mapping**



Environment mapping produces reflections on shiny objects. Use texture to represent reflected color from the environment

# Creating an Environment Map

The map should contain a view of the world with the point of interest on the object as the eye

# STEP 1) PREPROCESSING creating an **env-map**



rendering of the scene without the shiny object with the camera at the center of the object in normal object direction; (cube,spherical)

 STEP 2) RENDERING rendering using the texture (env map) indexed by reflection vector



# **Cube Mapping: STEP 1**

A cubical environment map consists of 6 maps that cover the cube.

Use 6 renderings with the camera at the object center towards a different direction.



# **Cube Mapping – Greene '86**





## **Cube Mapping: STEP 2**





Select the cube face by R

- max coordinate

(i.e. R = (-0.1, 0.4, -0.84) selects face -z)

The other two coords (normalized by the third coord.) localize the pixel inside the face (i.e.(-0.1,0.4) maps into (0.38,0.80)).





Compute env. Map without teapot and the camera at the center of it. Resolution 128x128 for each image.





## Ray tracing vs. Environment map















- Approximation works when objects are far away from the reflective object and the object itself is small
- The object will not reflect itself, thus env. map is not correct for object with concavities
- It is view dependent
- Cost (off-line) for computing the environment map
- An environment map is required for each reflective object in scene;



#### Sampling, Texture Filtering

• Aliasing



How to map the texture area seen through the pixel window to a single pixel value?



# **Sampling Texture Maps**

When texture mapping it is rare that the screen-space sampling density matches the sampling density of the texture.



#### Screen Space

#### **Texture Space**



# **Sampling Texture Maps**

• A single screen space pixel (square area) might correspond to many pixels in the texture image (curve quadrilateral) (pre-image of the pixel)



How to map the texture area seen through the pixel window to a single pixel value?



# Area sampling

- Consider the 4 vertices of the pixel (the *preimage* of pixel is curved)
- Compute a spatial integration over the extent of the pixel
- This is equivalent to convolving the texture with a filter kernel centered at the sample (i.e., pixel center)! to compute the pixel color





### **Two cases**



Screen Space



un pixel = più di un texel

minification

**Texture Space** 







Original image 64x64 pixels



Magnification for Display



Minification for Display



**MAGNIFICATION:** textures are zoomed on the screen, the pixel have preimages with area less than a texel.

(1 texel/many pixel)

Interpolate in texture space:

nearest neighbor (choose the color of the nearest texel), Linear interpolation interpolate the closest texels (4 for 2D, 8 for 3D)




#### Nearest neighbor

#### **Linear Interpolation**

Average of the 4 texel

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Nearest neighbor

Linear Interpolation

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## **Texture Minification**



#### MINIFICATION:

Texture are smaller in screen space, thus a big preimage in texture space corresponds to a pixel (1 pixel/ many texels)





## **MIP** mapping

#### Multum In Parvo = Molte cose in un piccolo spazio

Pre-processing: Store prefiltered scaled copies (texture "levels") of the original source texture Typically, each level is half the size of the previous level (512, 256, 128,...,1).

Each level is computed by averaging the original image (low pass filter)







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## **MIP** mapping





- Approximated preimage area: axis-aligned rectangle in texture space
   A =texels/pixel
- Define scalar factor, b=sqrt(A)
- The mipmap level to use is: d=log<sub>2</sub> b
  - level 0 = max resolution
  - the level number is not necessary an integer



## **Mip-mapping**

#### n<d<n+1 - texel : pixel ratio



#### The final color is given by the trilinear interpolation of the color in the textures n and n+1



### **Mip-mapping: example** (Williams 1983)



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Loss of detail in the rendering



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# Texture mapping is a sampling operation and is prone to aliasing

If we sample the color at the center of the pixel (xs,ys) we get a single value. Point sampling of the texture can lead to aliasing errors.





## **Texture Filtering**

• Aliasing due to undersampling texture



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#### Jagged boundaries

#### Jaggies/Stairstepping is another form of aliasing



Rasterization causes display artifacts. They are due to the transition from the continuous to that discrete representation.





### Solutions:

- For ray tracing/rasterization: render at higher resolution (render multiple samples per pixel), blur, resample at lower resolution (supersampling)
- For textures, we can also blur/prefilter the texture image before doing the lookup
  (prefilter texture map to eliminate high frequencies in texture signal)



## Supersampling

- Your intuitive solution is to compute multiple color values per pixel and average them
- A better interpretation of the same idea is that
- -You first create a higher resolution image
- -You blur it (low pass, prefilter)
- -You resample it at a lower resolution





## Supersampling

- Compute a virtual image at resolution k\*width, k\*height
- 2. Blur it with a low-pass filter,
- 3. Resample it at a lower original image resolution.
- Advantage:

implemented by Z-buffer.

- This is definitely a brute force approach, but is straightforward to implement and very powerful
- Works well for edges



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 convolution of a low-pass filter h of dimension k with the virtual image :

$$I'(i,j) = \sum_{p=S_i-k}^{S_i+k} \sum_{q=S_j-k}^{S_j+k} I(p,q)h(S_i-p,S_j-q)$$





### **Antialiasing : example**

Without antialiasing





### **Antialiasing : example**

Result from applying supersampling technique with 2x





## **Antialiasing : example**

Result from applying supersampling technique with 3x







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