



GPU Programming:

- Environment Mapping
- Bump Mapping
- Displacement Mapping
- Shadow Mapping

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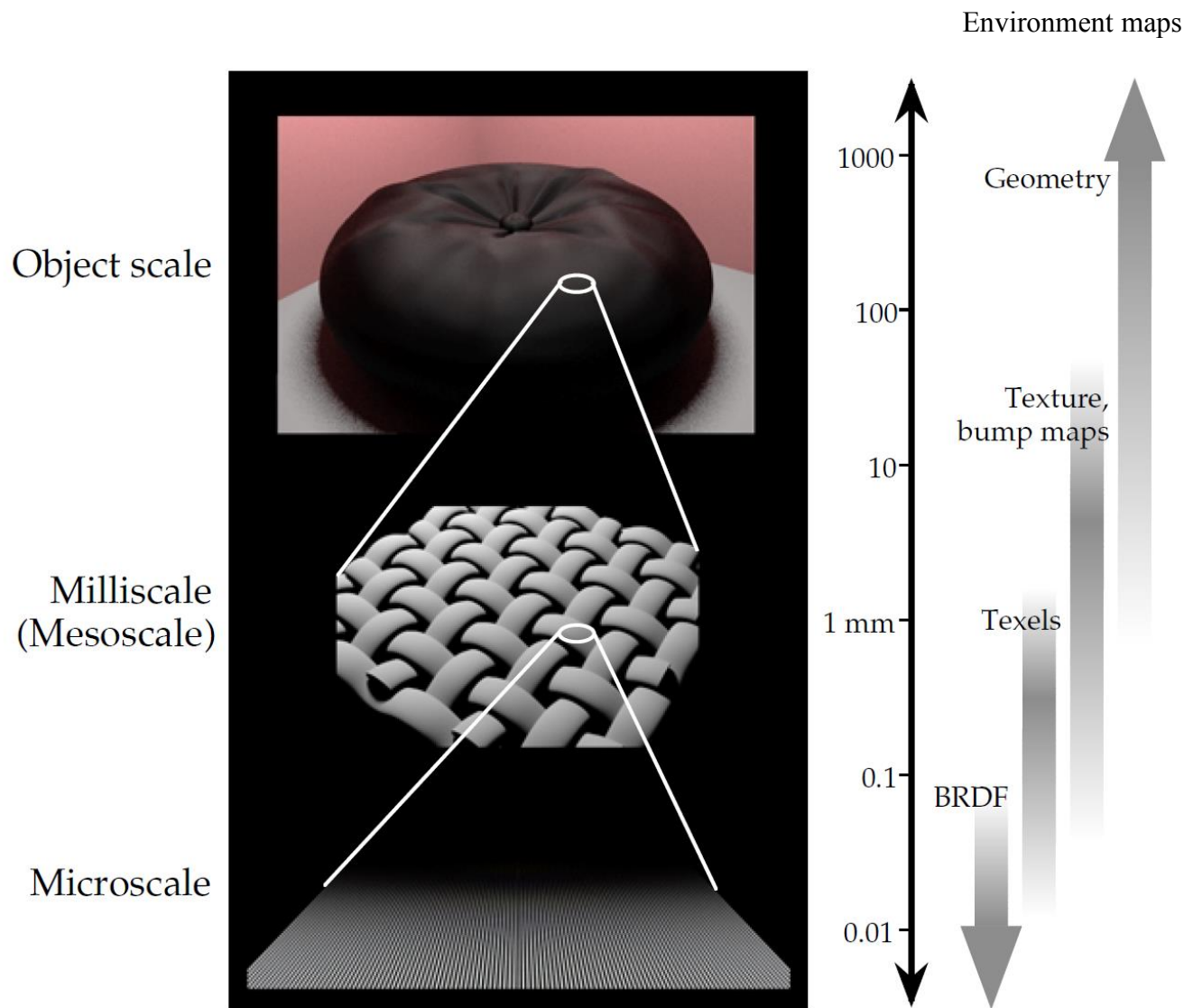


Figure 1: Applicability of Techniques

Environment Mapping (or Reflection Mapping)



- Blinn, J. F. and Newell, M. E. Texture and reflection in computer generated images. Communications of the ACM Vol. 19, No. 10 (October 1976), 542-547



- The Abyss



- Terminator II



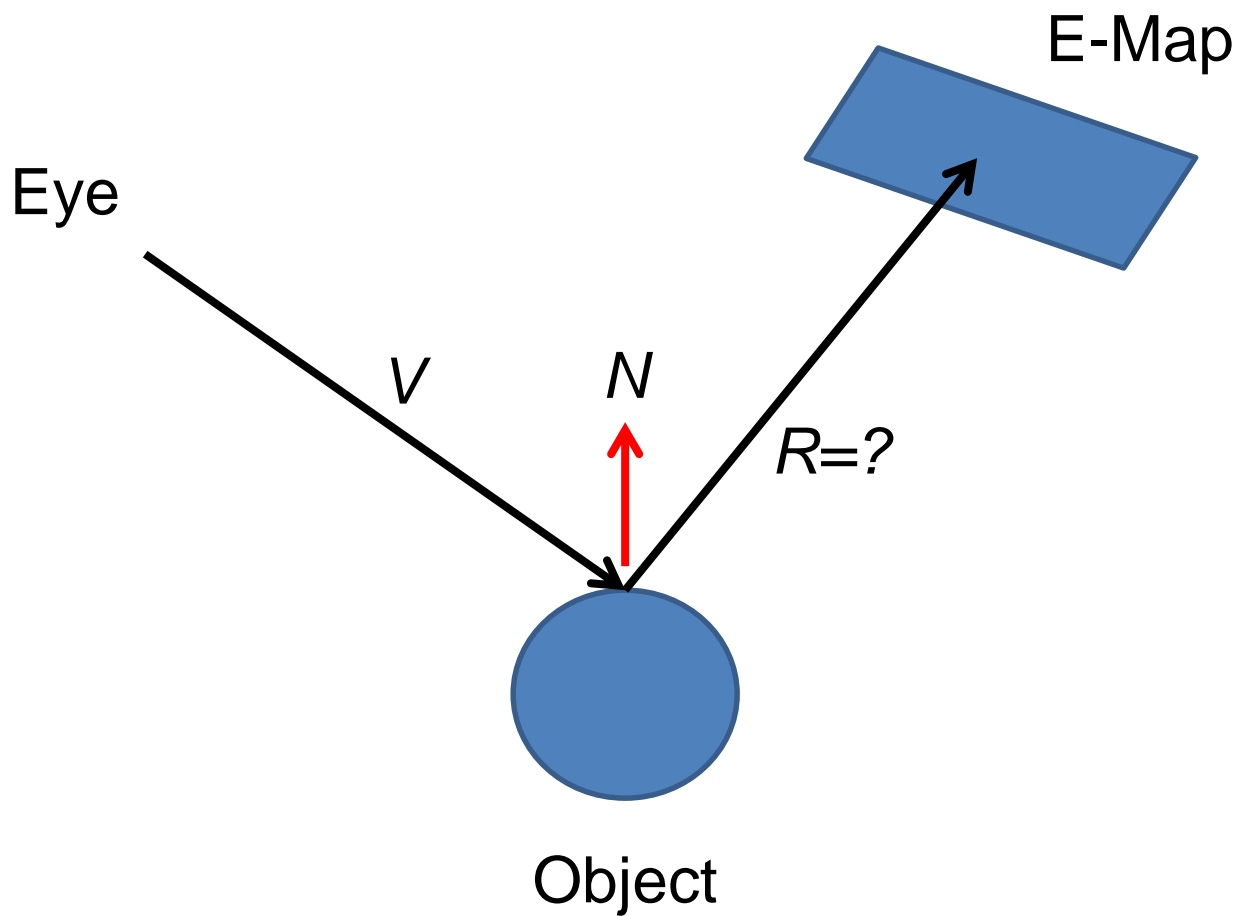


Environment Mapping

- Approximation
 - if the object is small compared to the distance to the environment, the illumination on the surface only depends on the direction of the reflected ray, *not* on the point position on the object
- Algorithm
 - pre-compute the incoming illumination and store it in a texture map

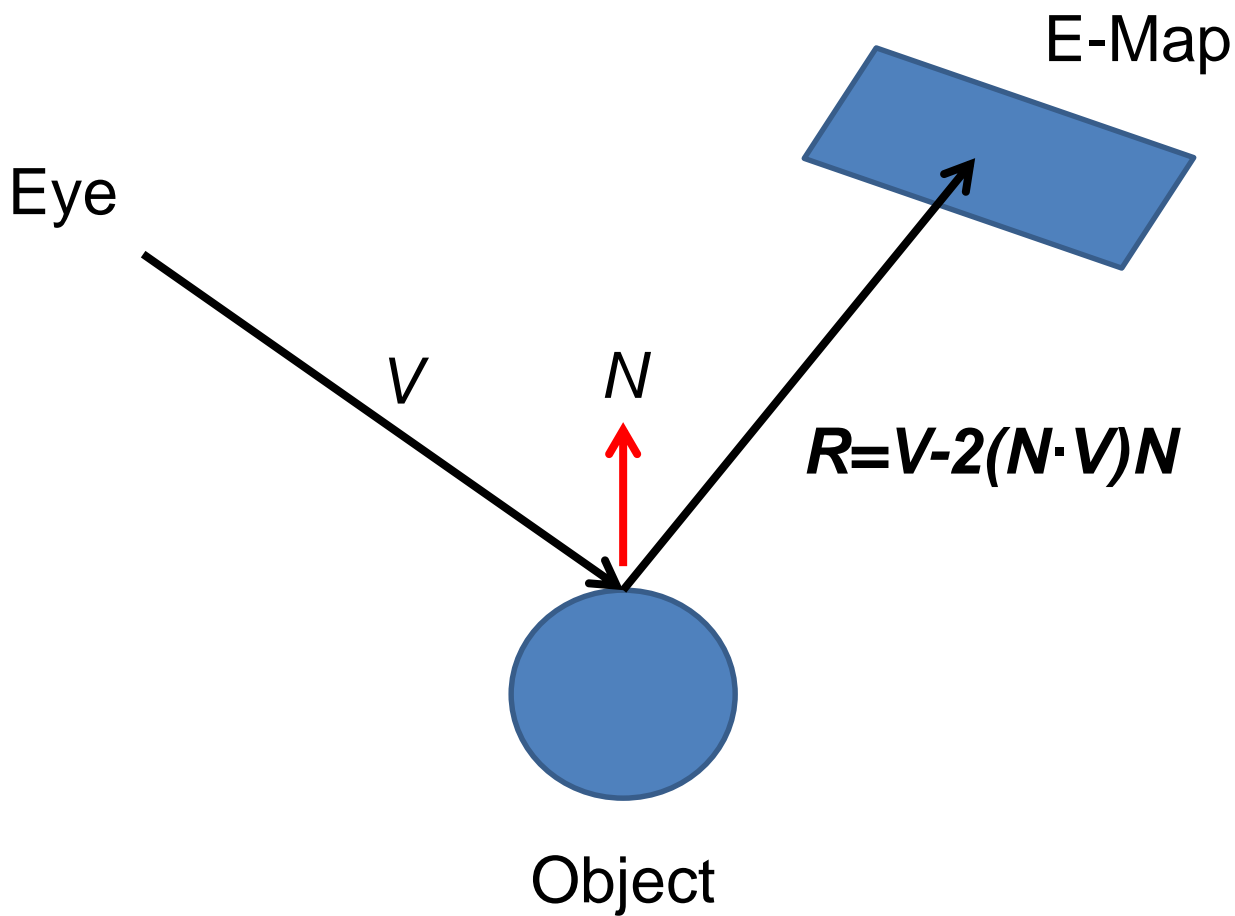


Environment Mapping





Environment Mapping



Environment Maps Forms



- Spherical Mapping
- Cubical Mapping (or Cube Map)
- Paraboloidal Mapping

Spherical Mapping

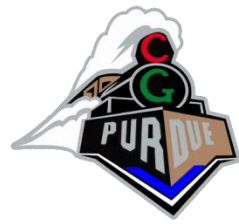


Spherical Mapping



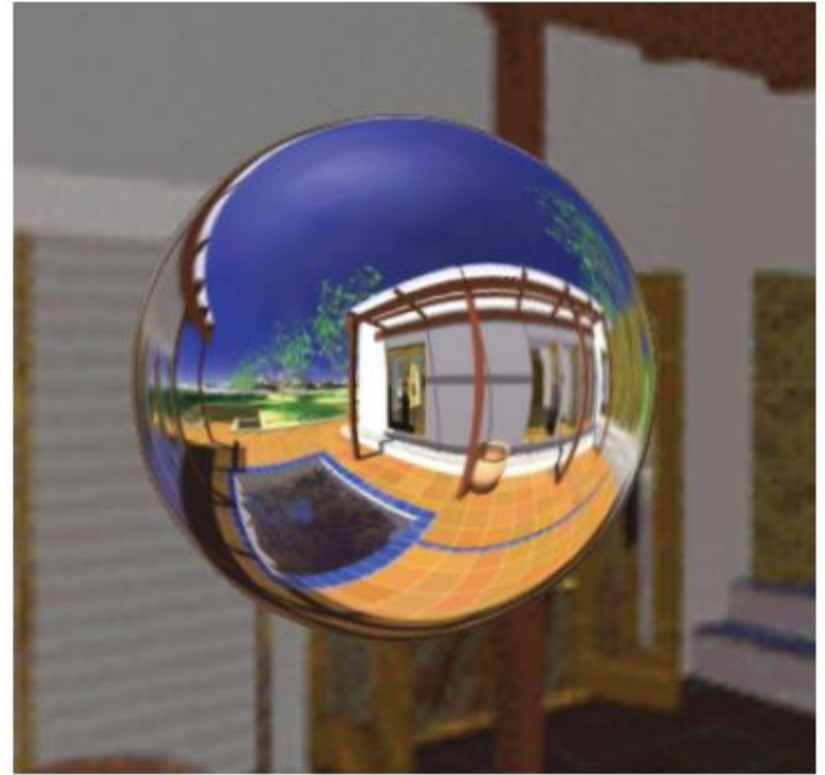
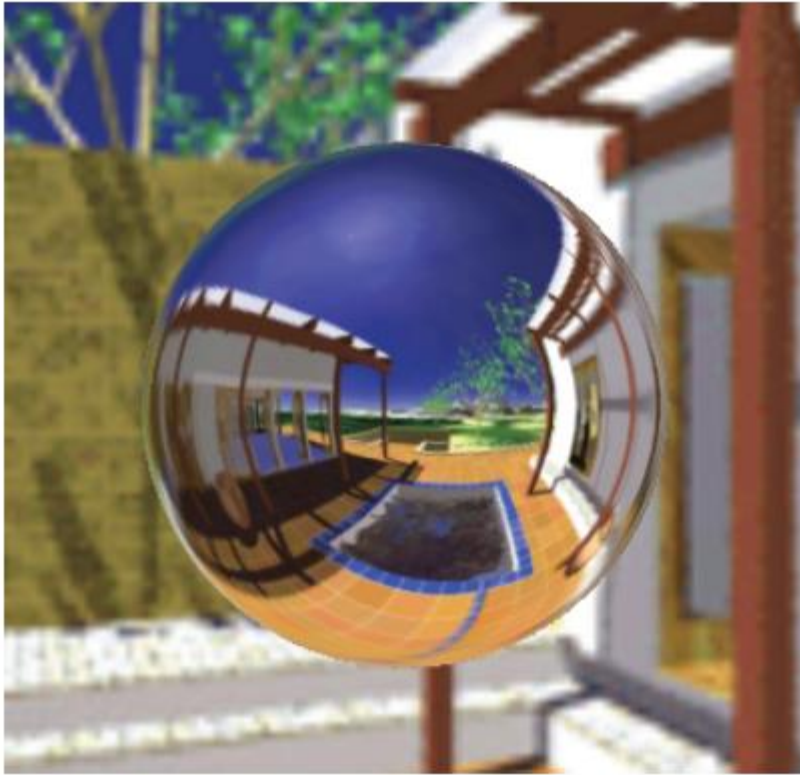
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Spherical Mapping



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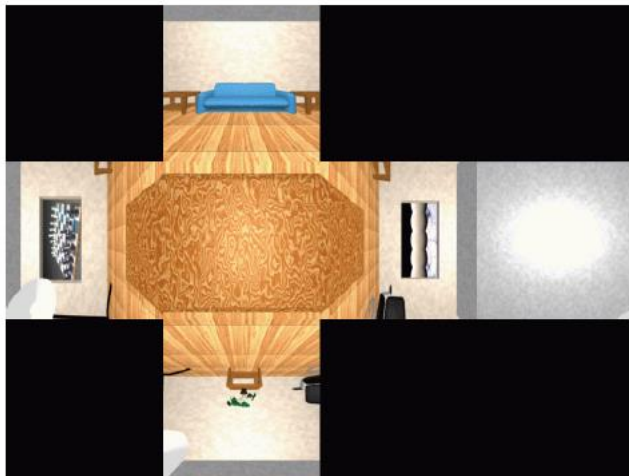
Spherical Mapping: Renderings



Cubical Mapping



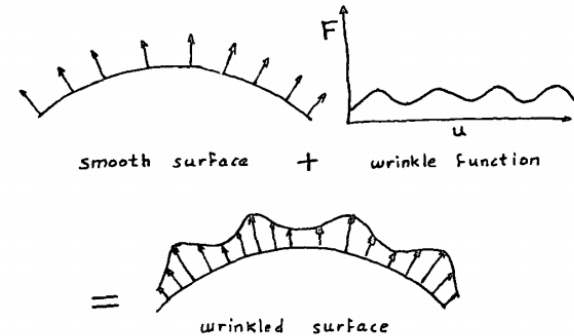
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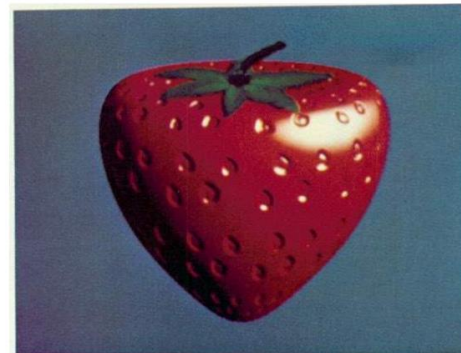
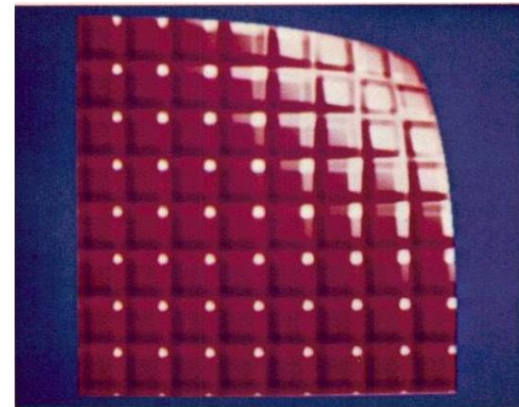


Bump Mapping

- Blinn, "Simulation of Wrinkled Surfaces", *Computer Graphics*, (Proc. Siggraph), Vol. 12, No. 3, August 1978, pp. 286-292. [[PDF](#)]



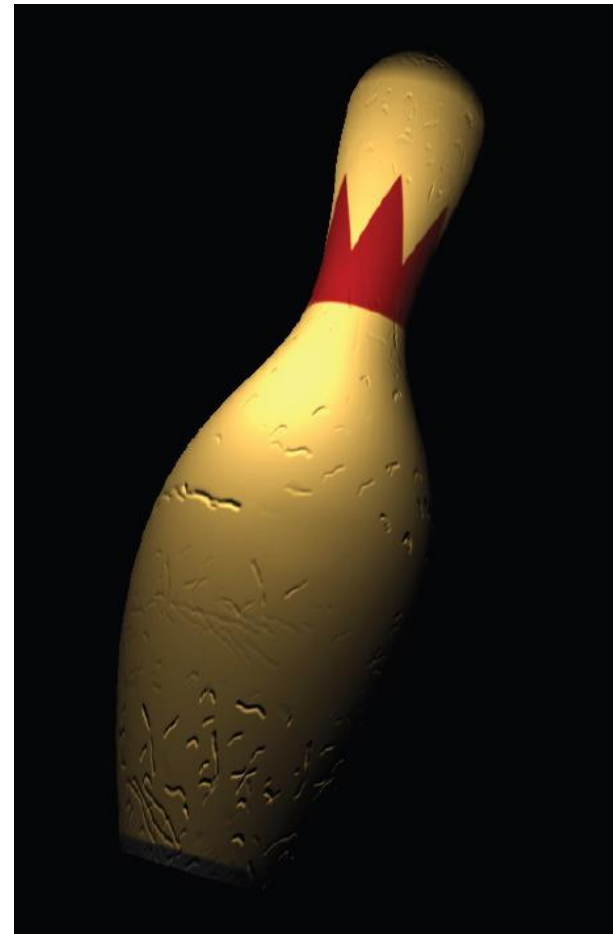
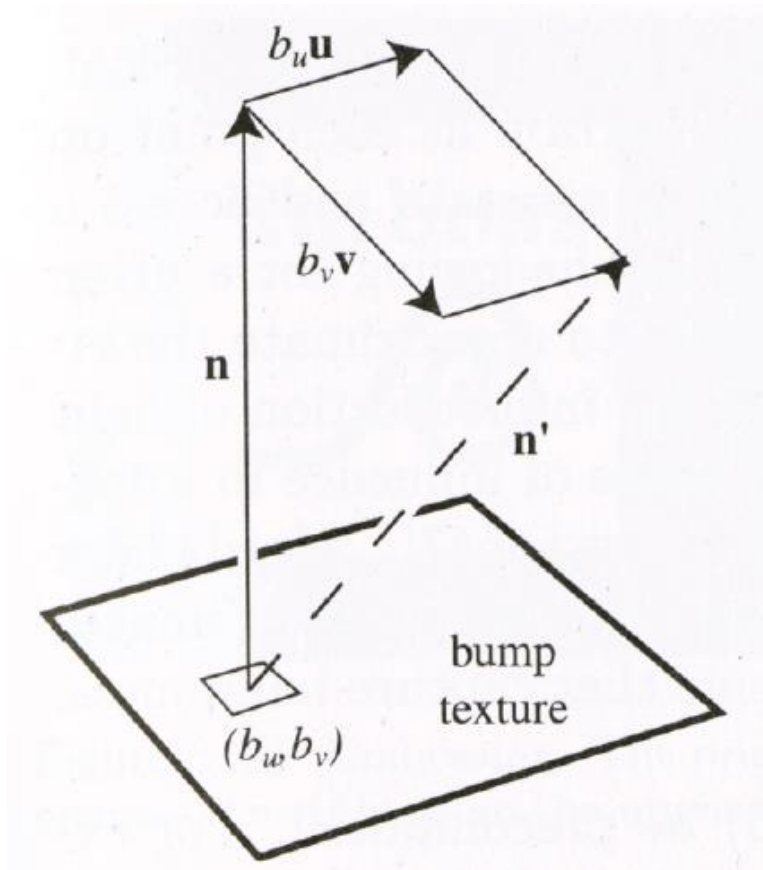
- Simulates small surface variations
- Key idea: tweak normals used for lighting (geometry stays the same)
- Benefit: much more efficient, geometry-wise, than creating an approximation using very small triangles





Bump Mapping

- Each texel stores two offsets (in u and in v)



Bump Mapping Demo

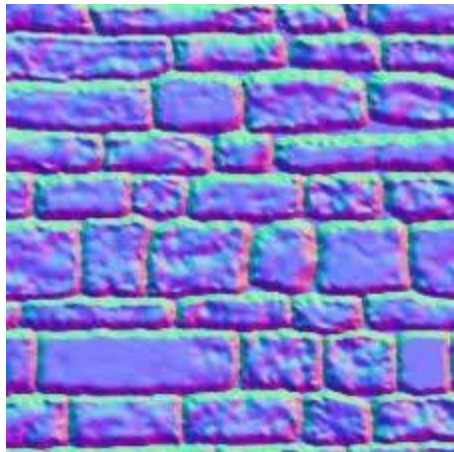


- <https://apoorvaj.io/exploring-bump-mapping-with-webgl/>



Normal Map (used for Bump Mapping)

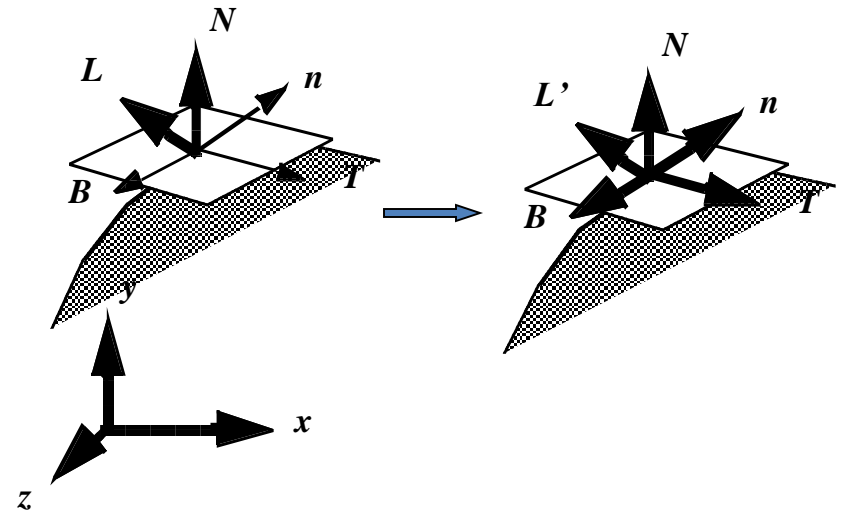
- Use texel values to modify vertex/pixel normals of polygon
- Texel values correspond to normals (or heights) modifying the current normals
- $RGB = (n+1)/2$
- $n = 2 * RGB - 1$





Bump Mapping

- The light source direction L and pixel normal N are represented in the global coord x, y, z
- The bump map normal n is in its local coordinates, which is called *tangent space* or *texture space*
 - T : tangent vector
 - N : surface normal
 - B : bitangent
 - How to compute TNB?





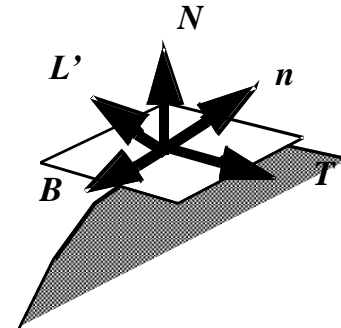
Bump Mapping

- Given triangle $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$:

$$T = (v_2 - v_1) / |v_2 - v_1|$$

$$N = T' / |T'| \text{ (or } (v_2 - v_1) \times (v_3 - v_1))$$

$$B = T \times N$$





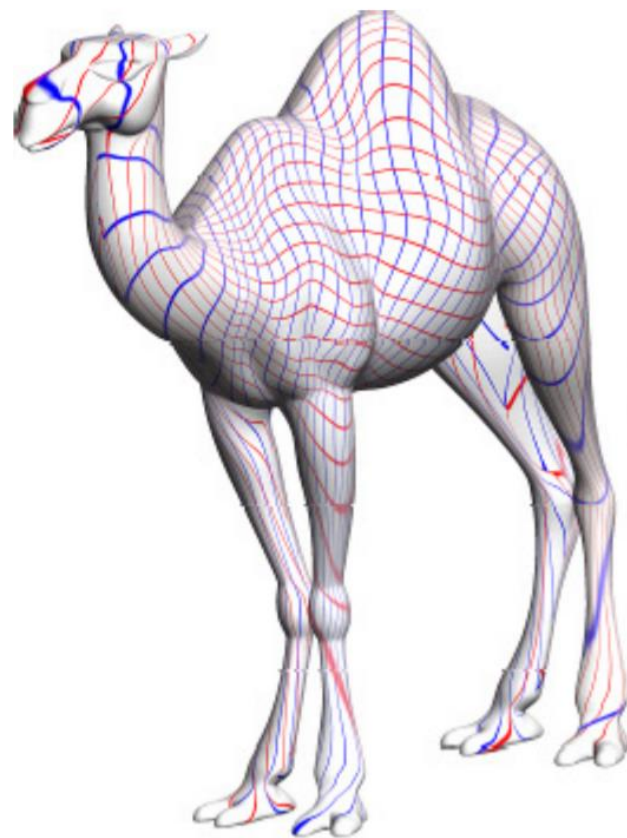
Bump Mapping

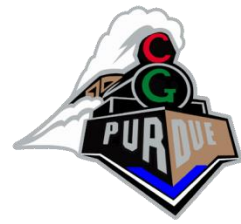
- Issue: adjacent triangles do not necessarily have similarly aligned T and B vectors which causes bump discontinuity
- Solutions:
 - 1: Compute TNB per triangle, and flip when it seems necessary
 - Might not work in all cases...



Bump Mapping

- Solutions:
 - 2: Assume a nicely organized mesh of triangles
 - Works, but assume a nicely organized mesh of triangles





Bump Mapping

- Solutions:
 - 3: Use a 2D parameterization of the object surface
 - Works, but assumes a 2D parameterization
 - **How to compute such a 2D parameterization?**

Texture Coordinate Generation (or 2D/UV Parameterization)



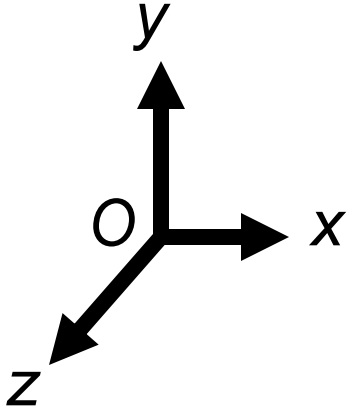
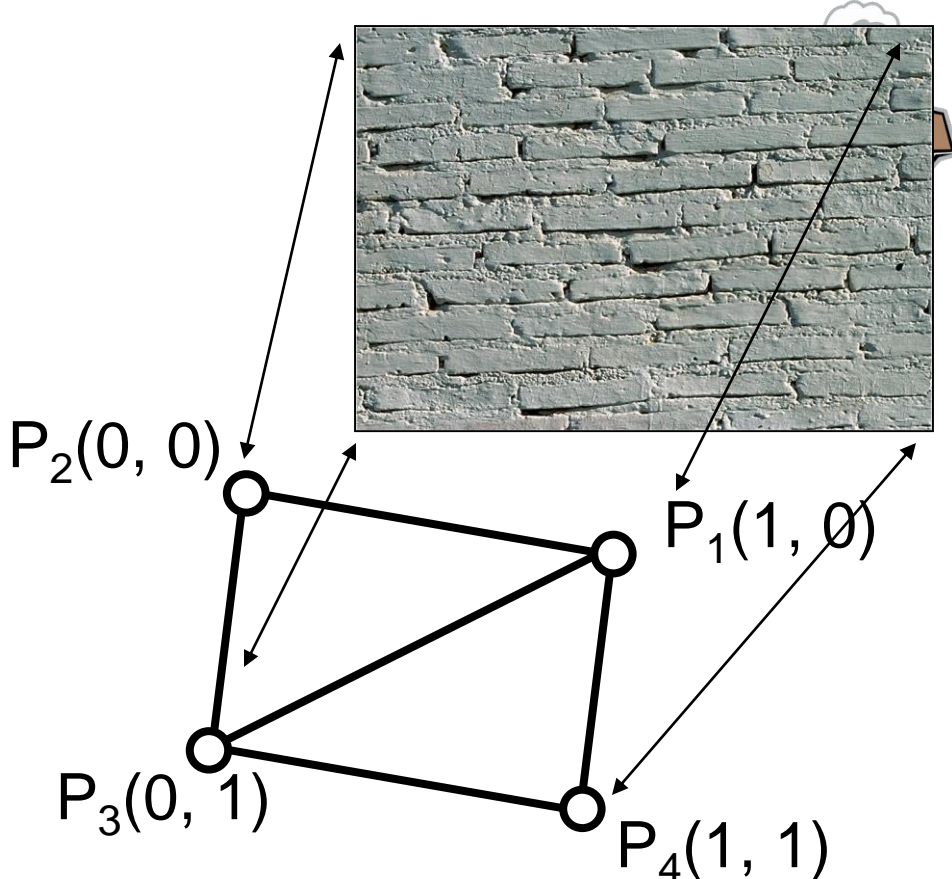
- Recall texture mapping...



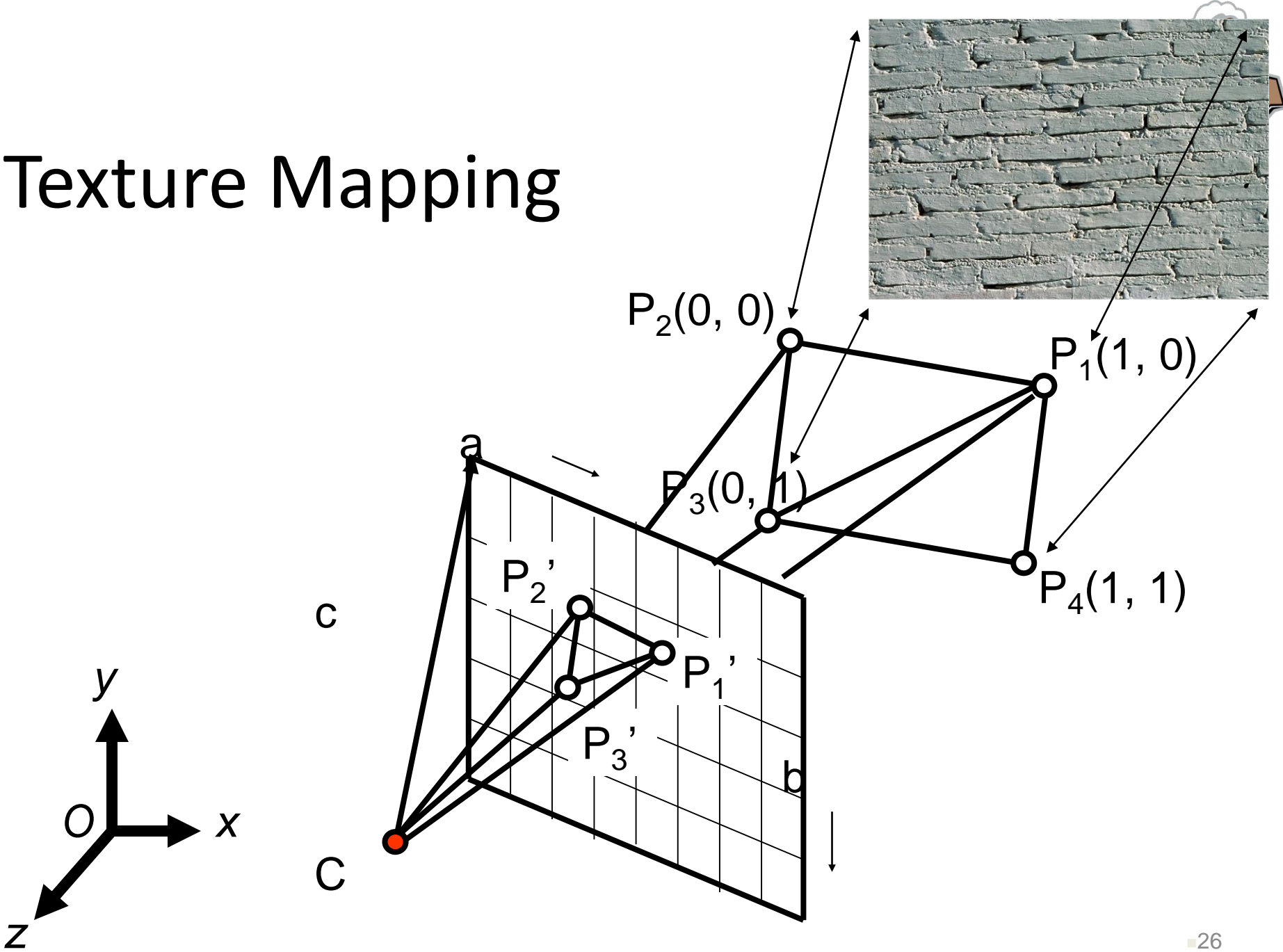
Texture Mapping

- Mechanism for attaching a texture (or image) to the modeled surface
 - *texels* – color samples in texture maps
 - corners of the image are $(0, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 1)$, and $(1, 0)$
 - tiling indicated with tex. coords. > 1
 - a pair of floats (s, t) for each (triangle) vertex

Texture



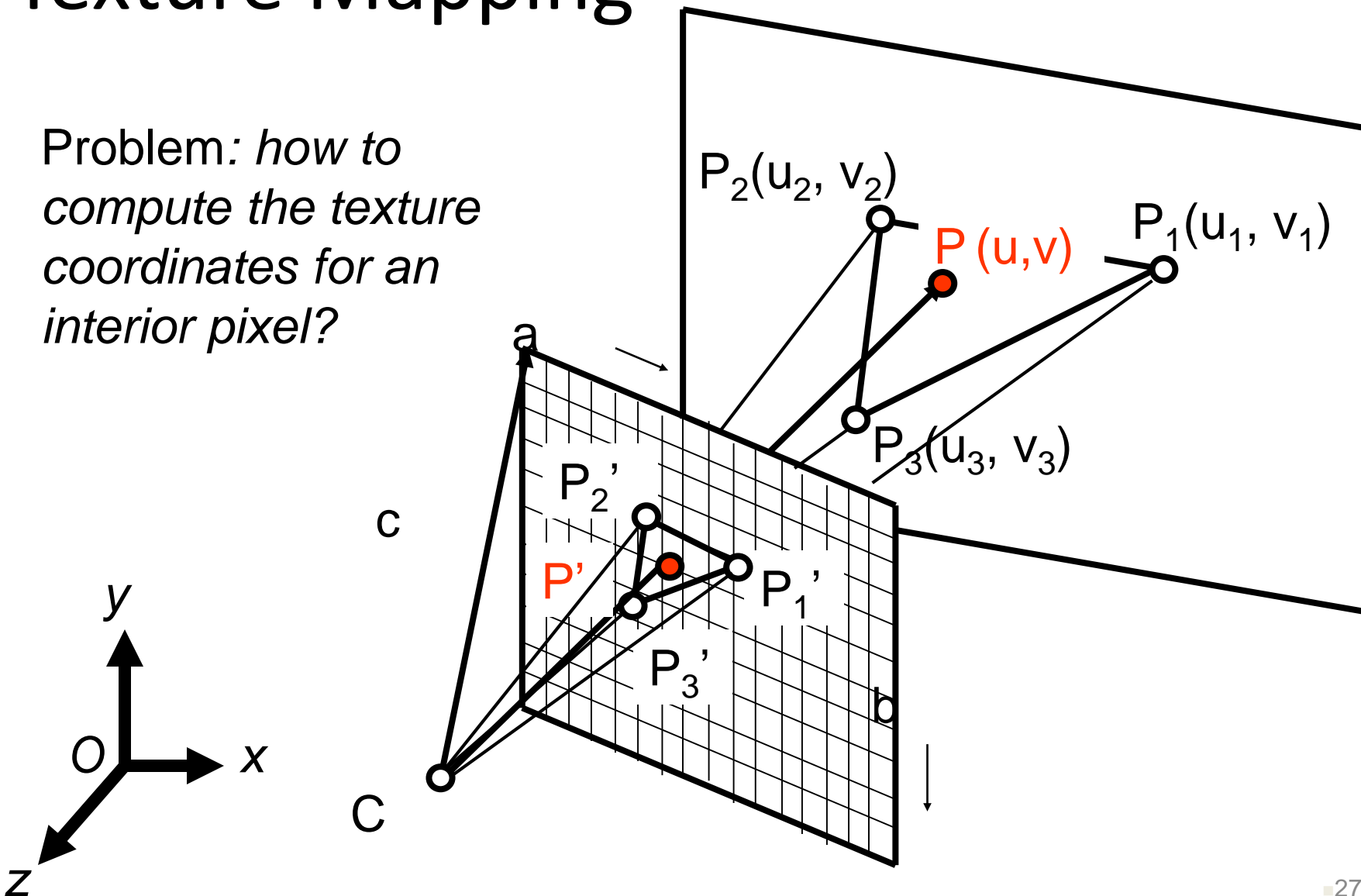
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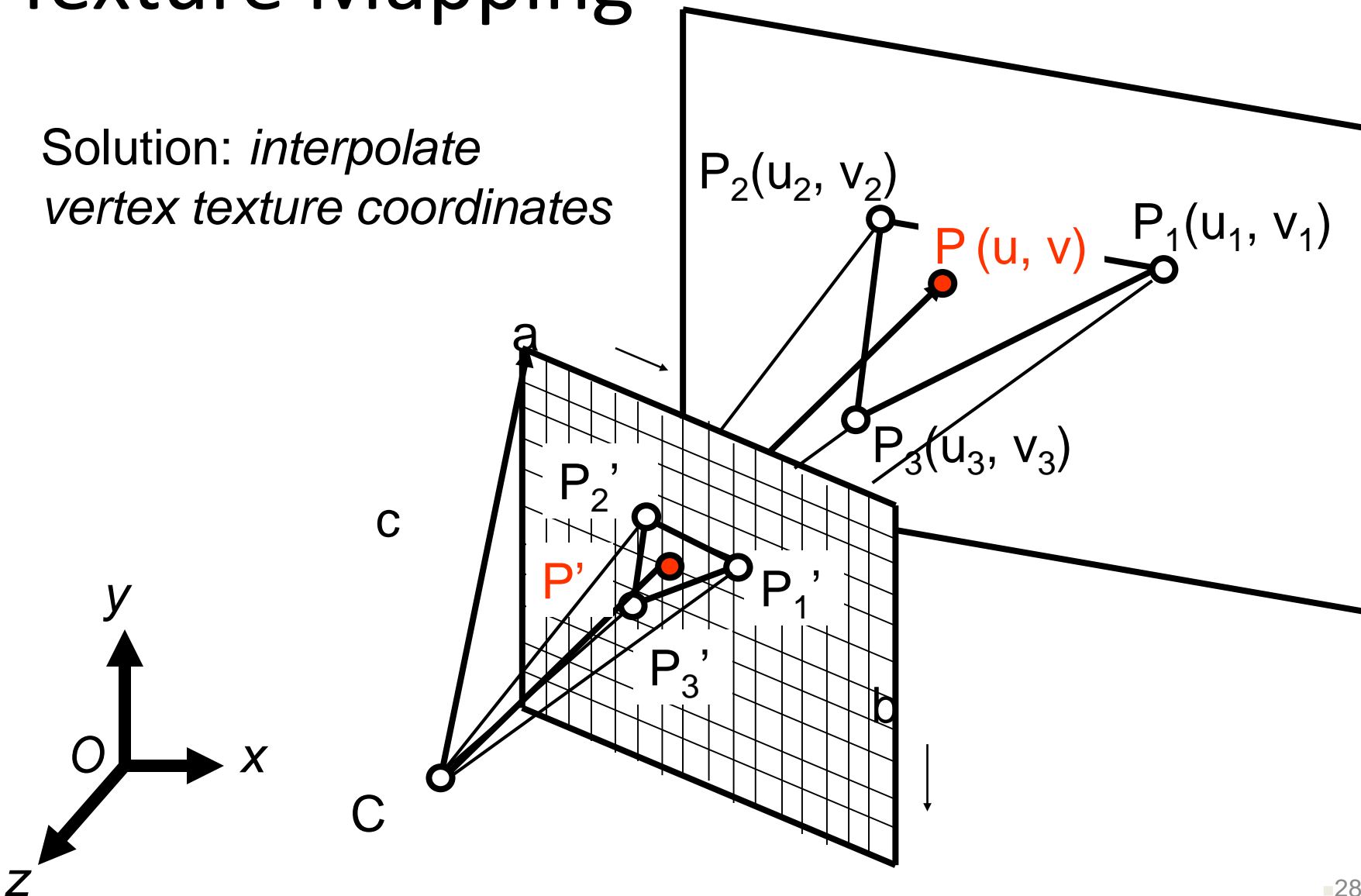
Problem: *how to compute the texture coordinates for an interior pixel?*





Texture Mapping

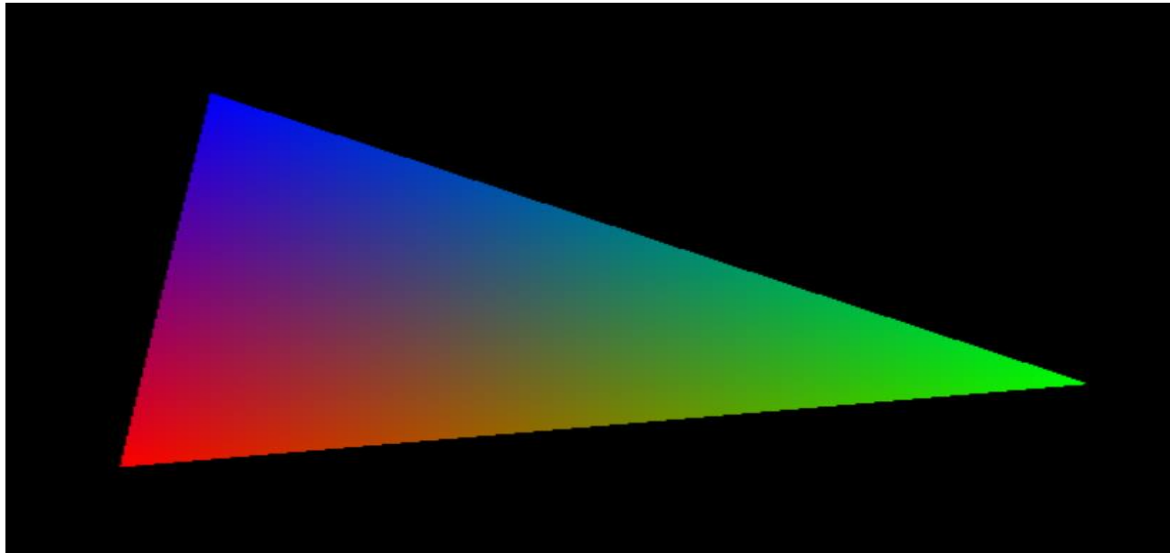
Solution: *interpolate*
vertex texture coordinates





Parameter Interpolation

- Texture coordinates, colors, normals, etc.

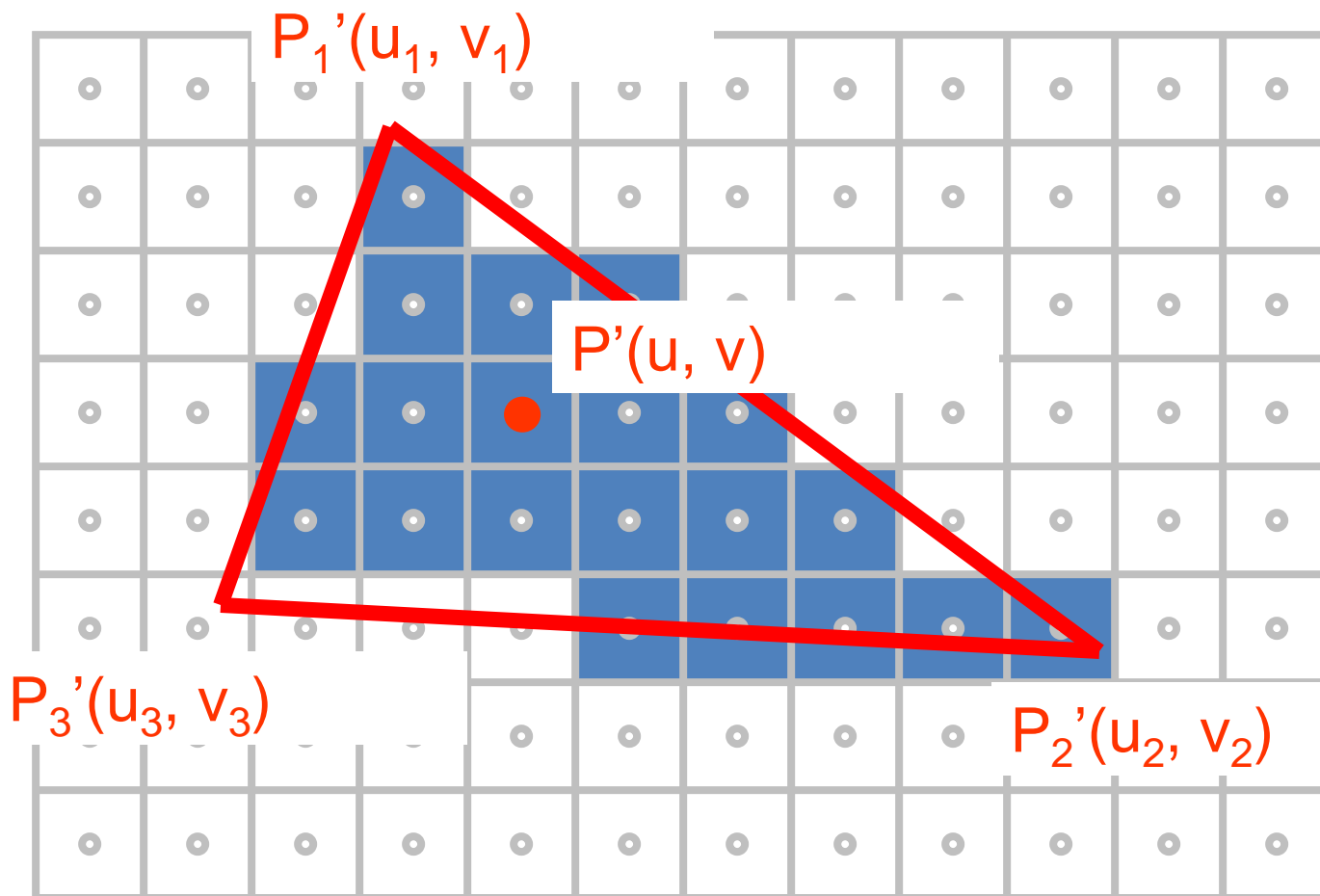


- How?
 - Use barycentric coordinates...
 - **Or, this is actually done by the GPU as “varying” parameters in the fragment shader**



Interpolation on the GPU

From the vertex values, the GPU interpolates texture coordinates for the intermediate pixels (as well as other values if so desired)





Fragment Shader

```
// Fragment shader
uniform sampler2D tex;
varying vec2 v_texCoord;

void main(void)
{
    gl_FragColor = texture2D(tex, v_texCoord);
}
```

Texture Coordinate Generation (or 2D/UV Parameterization)



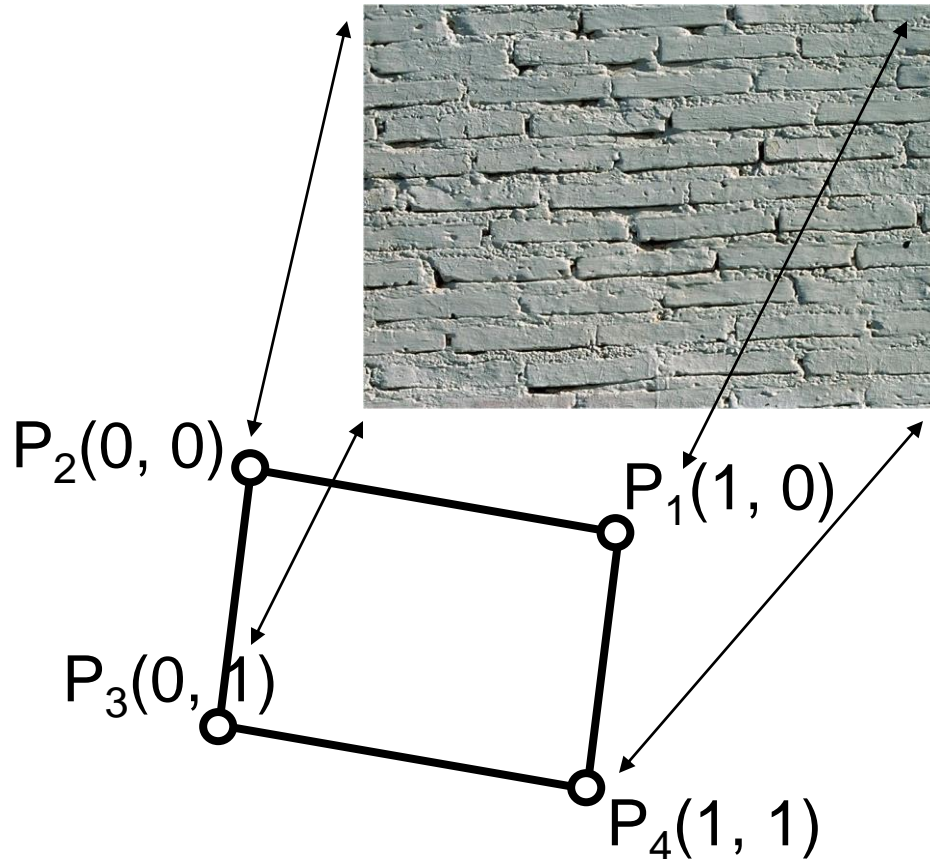
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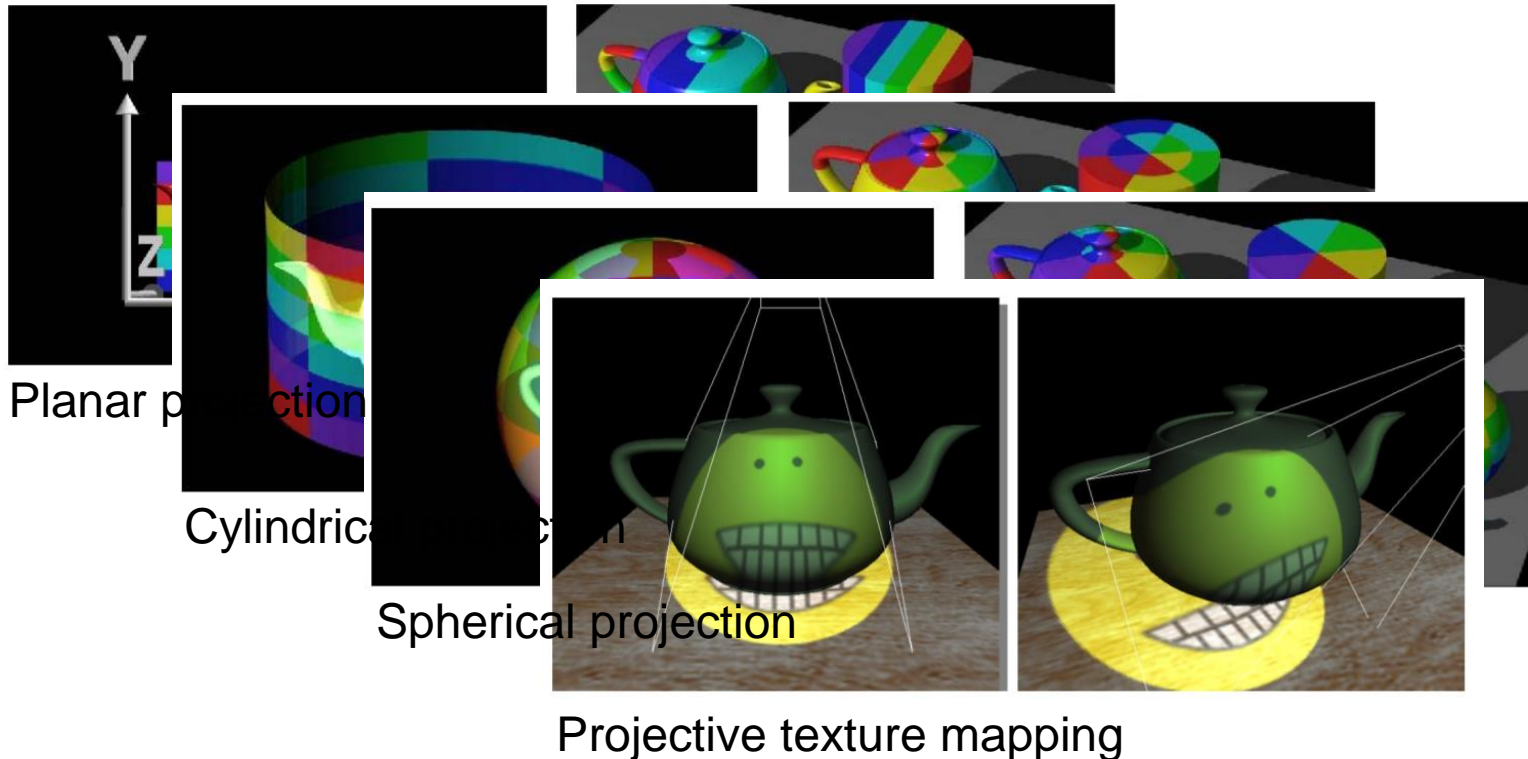
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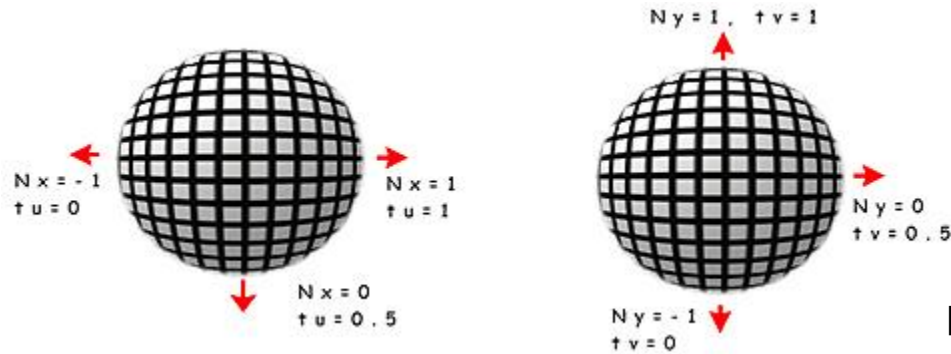
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How to compute spherical projection texture coords?

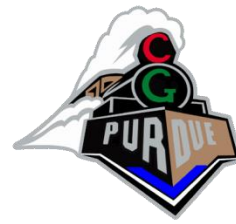
- Option A:



[images by Robert Dunlop]

$$u = \frac{\text{asin}(N_x)}{\pi} + 0.5$$
$$v = \frac{\text{asin}(N_y)}{\pi} + 0.5$$

How to compute spherical projection texture coords?



- Option B:

- Compute normal as vector from center thru point

$$N = (p - c) / \|p - c\|$$

Then, option A:

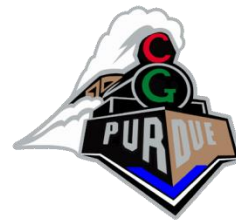
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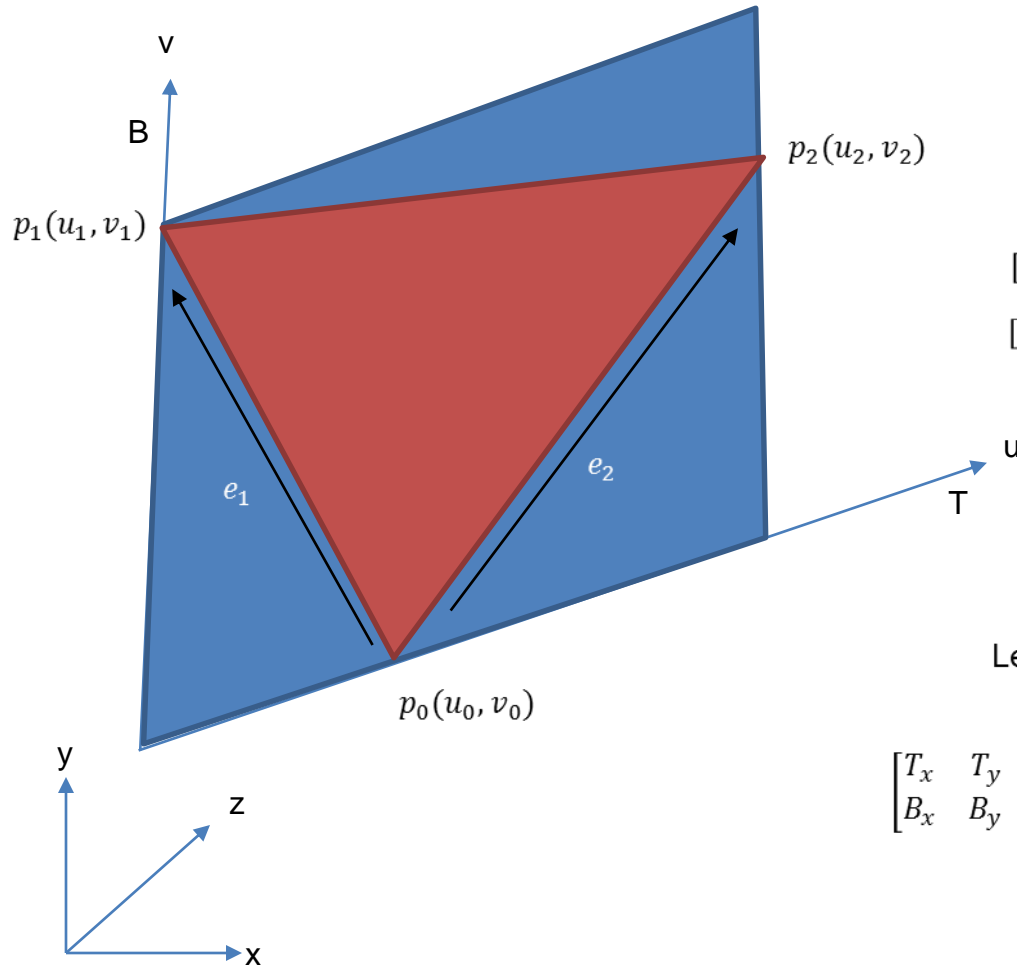


TNB Frame

- You have texture coordinates and surface normal
- How to compute TNB frames aligned between pixels/triangles?



TNB Frame



$$e_1 = (u_1 - u_0)T + (v_1 - v_0)B$$

$$e_2 = (u_2 - u_0)T + (v_2 - v_0)B$$

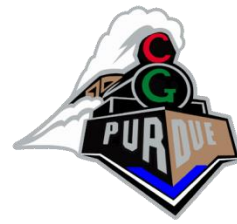
$$[e_{1x} \ e_{1y} \ e_{1z}] = \Delta u_1 [T_x \ T_y \ T_z] + \Delta v_1 [B_x \ B_y \ B_z]$$

$$[e_{2x} \ e_{2y} \ e_{2z}] = \Delta u_2 [T_x \ T_y \ T_z] + \Delta v_2 [B_x \ B_y \ B_z]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_{1x} & e_{1y} & e_{1z} \\ e_{2x} & e_{2y} & e_{2z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_1 & \Delta v_1 \\ \Delta u_2 & \Delta v_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_x & T_y & T_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Left multiply by inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_1 & \Delta v_1 \\ \Delta u_2 & \Delta v_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and obtain T and B:

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_x & T_y & T_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\Delta u_1 \Delta v_2 - \Delta u_2 \Delta v_1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta v_2 & -\Delta v_1 \\ -\Delta u_2 & \Delta u_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{1x} & e_{1y} & e_{1z} \\ e_{2x} & e_{2y} & e_{2z} \end{bmatrix}$$



Adjacent TNB Frames

- For neighboring triangles with slightly different normals and tangent values, the TNB frames differ a small amount
- One option is to average the neighboring “tangent” vectors
- However, this might make the TNB frame no longer orthogonal
- Solution?
 - We can re-orthogonalize using a simplified version of Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization:
 - Given T and N
 - $T = \text{normalize}(T - (T \cdot N)N)$
 - $B = N \times T$



Fragment Shader Simple

```
vec3 CalcBumpedNormal()
{
    // grab a copy of the TNB computed as described in previous slides
    vec3 Normal = normalize(Normal0);
    vec3 Tangent = normalize(Tangent0);
    vec3 Bitangent = normalize(Bitangent0);

    vec3 BumpMapNormal = texture(gNormalMap, TexCoord0).xyz;
    BumpMapNormal = 2.0 * BumpMapNormal - vec3(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
    vec3 NewNormal;
    mat3 TBN = mat3(Tangent, Bitangent, Normal);
    NewNormal = TBN * BumpMapNormal;
    NewNormal = normalize(NewNormal);
    return NewNormal;
}

void main()
{
    vec3 Normal = CalcBumpedNormal();
    ...
}
```




Fragment Shader

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vec3 CalcBumpedNormal()
{
    // grab a copy of the TN computed as described in previous slides
    vec3 Normal = normalize(Normal0);
    vec3 Tangent = normalize(Tangent0);
    Tangent = normalize(Tangent - dot(Tangent, Normal) * Normal); // re-orthogonalize
    vec3 Bitangent = cross(Tangent, Normal); // we don't actually need to use the precomputed Bitangent0

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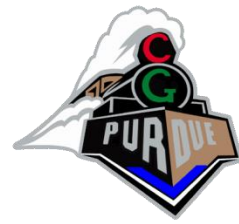
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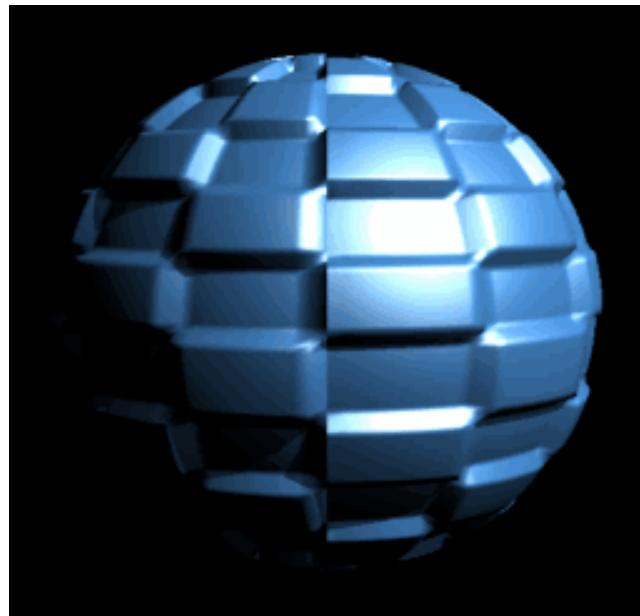
- Bump mapping
 - can be at pixel level
 - has no geometry/shape change
- Displacement Mapping
 - Actually modify the surface geometry (vertices)
 - re-calculate the normals
 - Can include bump mapping



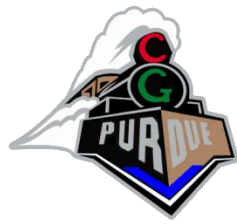


Displacement Mapping

- Bump mapped normals are inconsistent with actual geometry. No shadow.
- Displacement mapping affects the surface geometry
 - Texture stores “offset along the normal”



Short Video with Cool Music

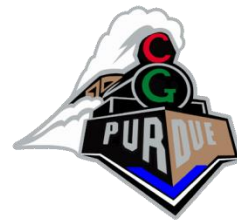


- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mdR2imNeZI>



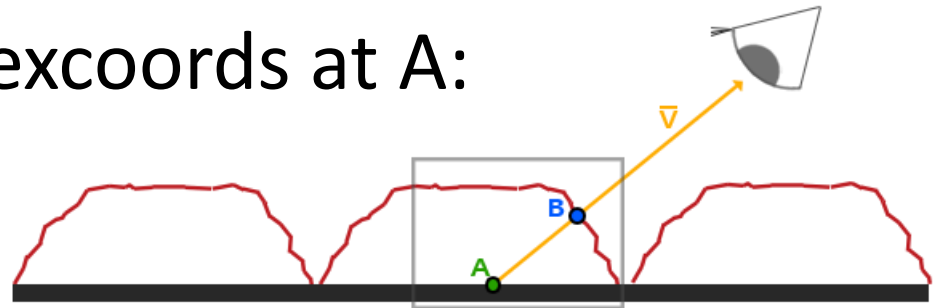
Even More...

- Parallax Mapping
 - Offsets texture coordinates
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PpWqUqegeQ>
 - Improvements: Steep Parallax Mapping, Parallax Occlusion Mapping
- Relief Mapping
 - Offsets heights to recompute normals
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erYebogWUw>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gorm90TXJM>

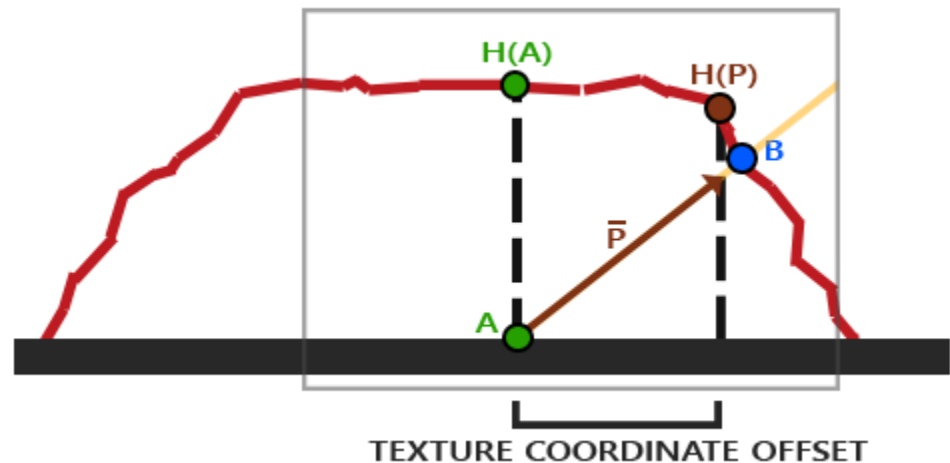


Parallax Mapping (briefly)

- Normally, you use texcoords at A:



- Instead, we want to walk-back by P to find B texcoords:

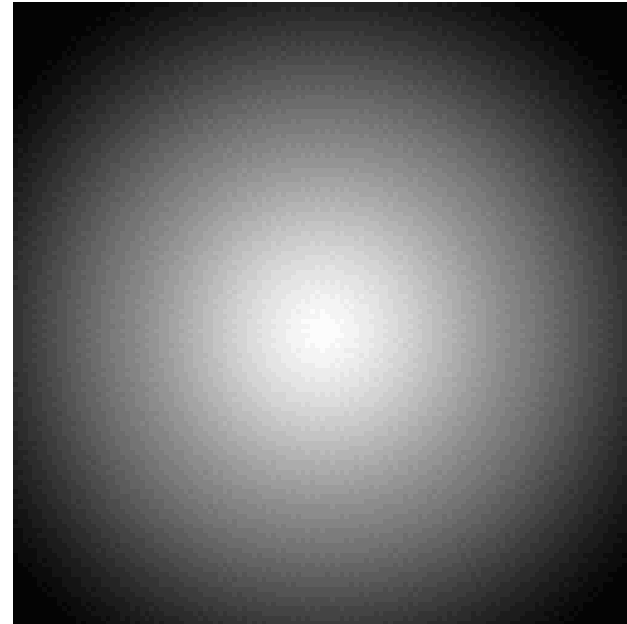
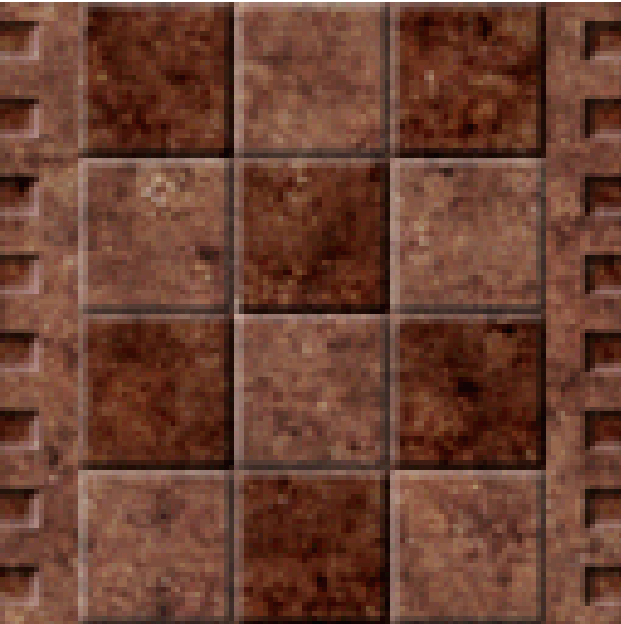


[see <https://learnopengl.com/Advanced-Lighting/Parallax-Mapping>]



Light Mapping

- Pre-render special lighting effects
- Multi-texturing idea: arbitrary texel-by-texel shading calc'd from multiple texture maps



Reflectance
Texture

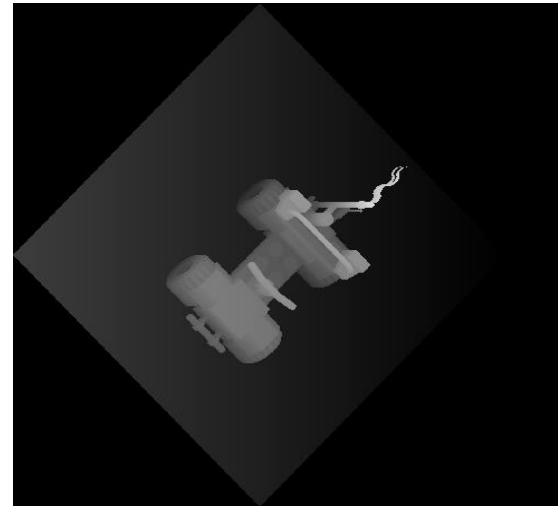
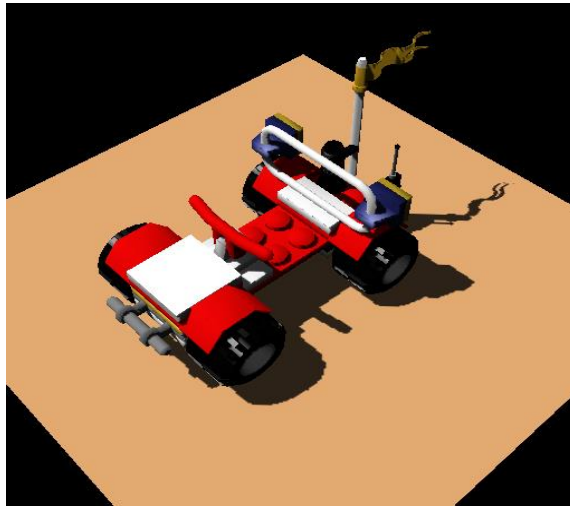
× Light Map
(Illumination Texture)

= Display texture

Shadow Mapping



- Render scene from light's point of view
 - Store depth of each pixel



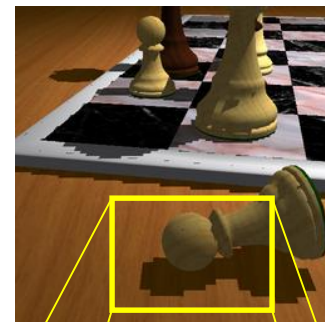
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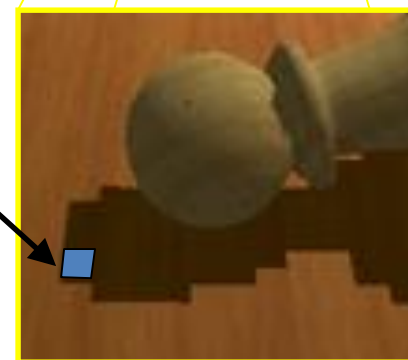
- Render scene from **light's point of view**
 - Store depth of each pixel
 - From light's point of view, any pixel blocked is in the shadow.
- When shading a surface:
 - Transform surface pixel into light coordinates
 - Compare current surface depth to stored depth. If depth $>$ stored depth, the pixel is in shadow; otherwise pixel is lit
 - Note: can be very expensive timewise...



Resolution Problem:



single shadow map pixel



What can be done?

Higher resolution
helps but does not
solve...