

Computer Graphics (CS 543)

Lecture 11c: Tone Mapping, Noise & Procedural Textures

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Tone Mapping



High Dynamic Range

- Sun's brightness is about 60,000 lumens
- Dark areas of earth has brightness of 0 lumens
- Basically, world around us has range of 0 – 60,000 lumens
(High Dynamic Range)
- However, monitor has ranges of colors between 0 – 255 **(Low Dynamic Range)**
- New file formats have been created for HDR images (wider ranges). (E.g. OpenEXR file format)





High Dynamic Range

- Some scenes contain **very bright** + **very dark** areas
- Using uniform scaling factor to map actual intensity to displayed pixel intensity means:
 - Either some areas are unexposed, or
 - Some areas of picture are overexposed

Under exposure



Over exposure





Tone Mapping

- Technique for scaling intensities in real world images (e.g HDR images) to fit in displayable range
- Try to capture feeling of real scene: **non-trivial**
- **Example:** If coming out of dark tunnel, lights should seem bright
- **General idea:** apply different scaling factors to different parts of the image



Tone Mapping

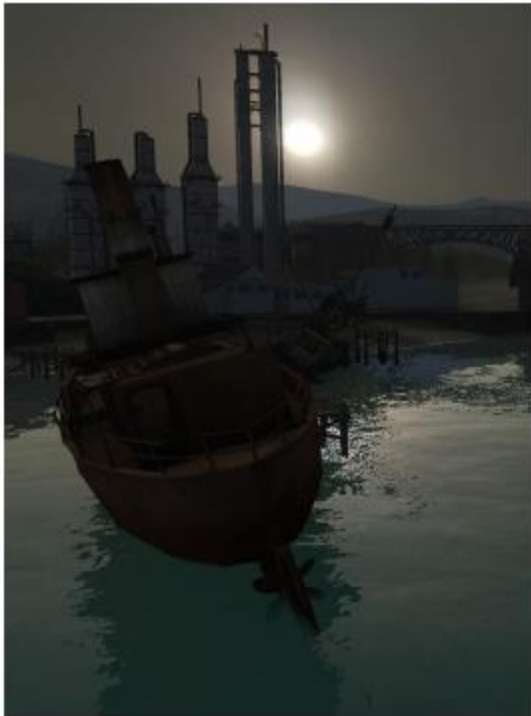
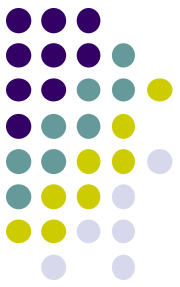


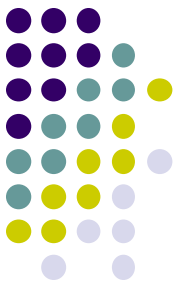
Figure 10. Scene from Lost Coast at Varying Exposure Levels



Types of Tone Mapping Operators

- **Global:** Use same scaling factor for all pixels
- **Local:** Use different scaling factor for different parts of image
- **Time-dependent:** Scaling factor changes over time
- **Time independent:** Scaling factor does NOT change over time
- Real-time rendering usually does **NOT** implement local operators due to their complexity

Simple (Global) Tone Mapping Methods



Mapping to mean value



Division by maximum



Clipping on value 1



Interval mapping (interactive calibration)



Exponential mapping





Motion Blur

- Motion blur caused by exposing film to moving objects
- Motion blur: Blurring of samples taken over time (temporal)
- Makes fast moving scenes appear less jerky
- 30 fps + motion blur better than 60 fps + no motion blur





Motion Blur

- Basic idea is to average series of images over time
- Move object to set of positions occupied in a frame, blend resulting images together
- Can blur moving average of frames. E.g blur 8 images
- **Velocity buffer:** blur in screen space using velocity of objects





Depth of Field

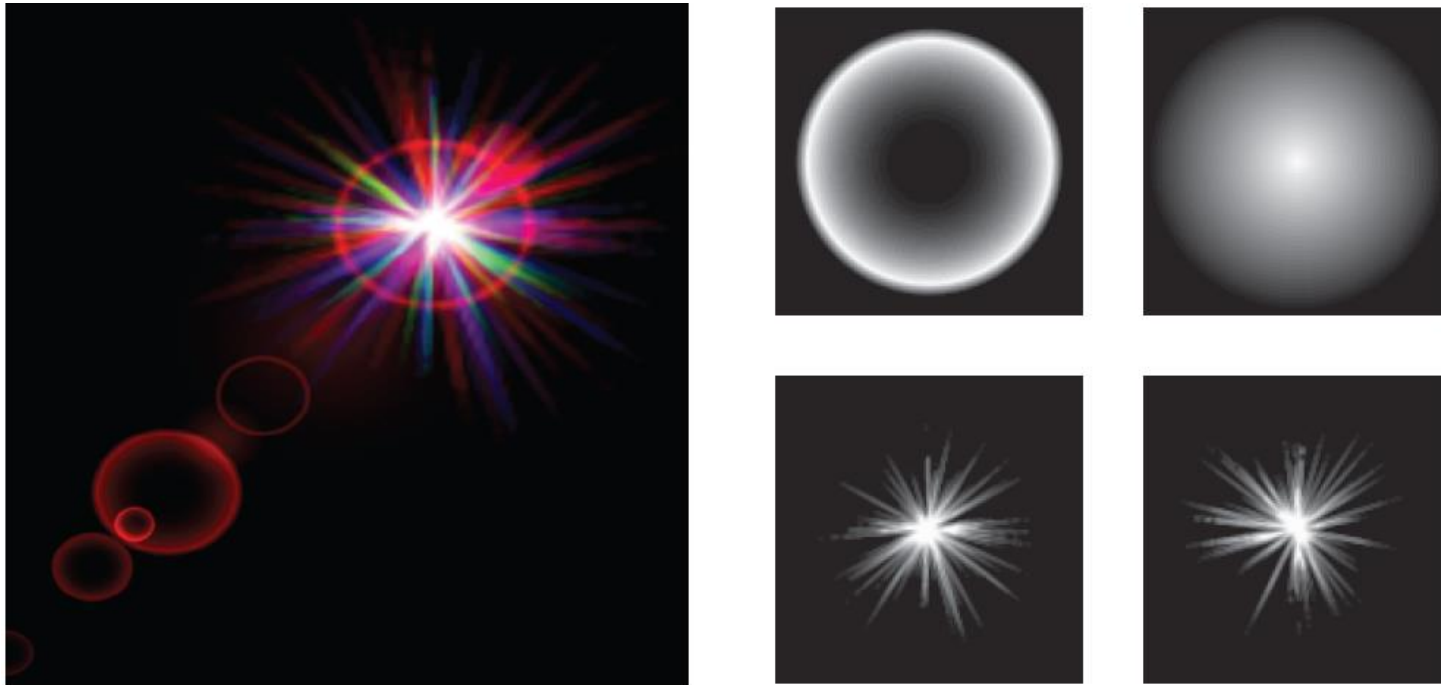
- We can simulate a real camera
- In photographs, a range of pixels in focus
- Pixels outside this range are out of focus
- This effect is known as **Depth of field**





Lens Flare and Bloom

- Caused by lens of eye/camera when directed at light
- Halo – refraction of light by lens
- Ciliary Corona – Density fluctuations of lens
- Bloom – Scattering in lens, glow around light



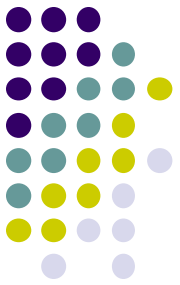
Halo, Bloom, Ciliary Corona – top to bottom



3D and Noise Textures

Solid 3D Texture

Ref: Computer Graphics using OpenGL (Third edition) by Hill and Kelley, pg 648-656

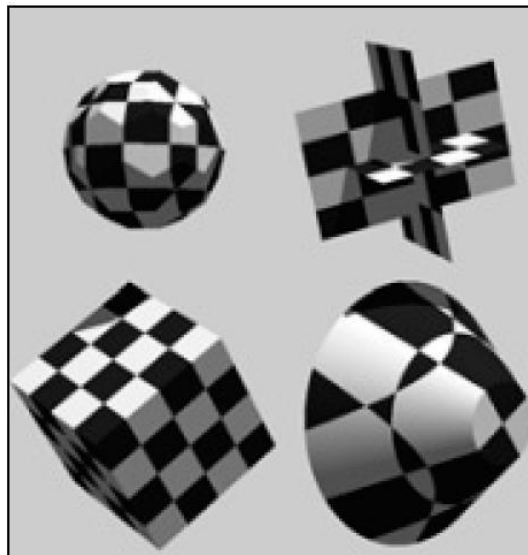


- Sometimes called 3D texture
- As if object is carved out of textured material. E.g. Wood, marble
- Texture: Each (x,y,z) point maps to (r,g,b) color
 - $f(x,y,z) \rightarrow (r,g,b)$



Checkerboard Texture

- Imagine cubes of alternating color, each of dimension (S.x, S.y, S.z) placed next to each other
- A 3D texture for a checkerboard pattern can be written as:
$$jump(x, y, z) = [(int)(x/S.x) + (int)(y/S.y) + (int)(z/S.z)] \% 2$$
- 3D texture lookup returns color 1 if $jump = 0$ and color 2 if $jump = 1$





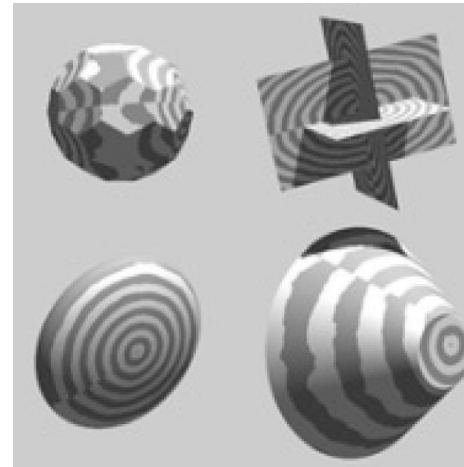
Wood Texture

- Grain in log of wood due to concentric rings varying color
- As distance from some axis increases, functions jumps back and forth between 2 values
- This effect can be simulated with the modulo function

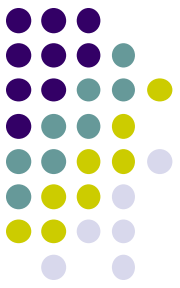
$$\text{rings}(r) = ((\text{int}) r) \% 2$$

where

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$



- Rings jumps between 0 and 1 as r increases from 0.
- The following texture jumps between D and $D + A$
 $\text{simple_wood}(x, y, z) = D + A * \text{rings}(r/M);$
- Produces rings of thickness M that are concentric about z axis



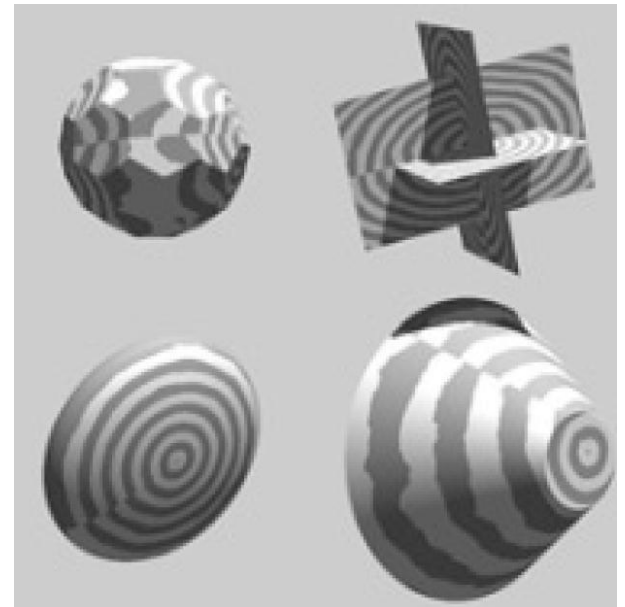
Wood Texture (Contd)

- Can wobble rings by adding component that varies azimuth θ about the z axis

$$\text{rings}(r/M + K\sin(\theta/N))$$

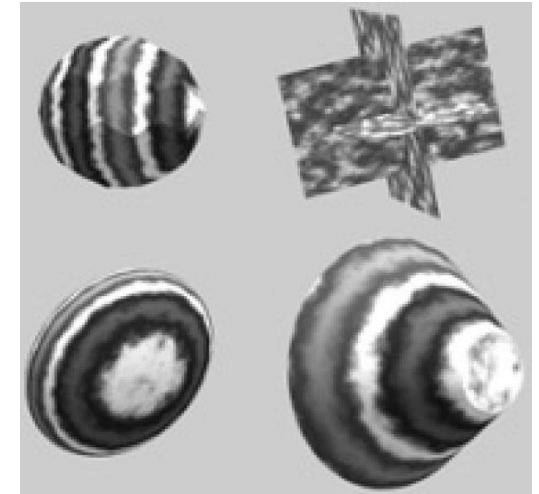
- To add a twist to the wobbling grain:

$$\text{rings}(r/M + K\sin(\theta/N + Bz))$$

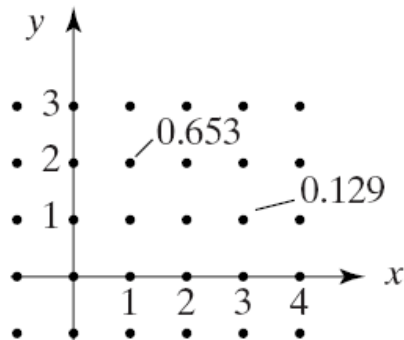


Marble

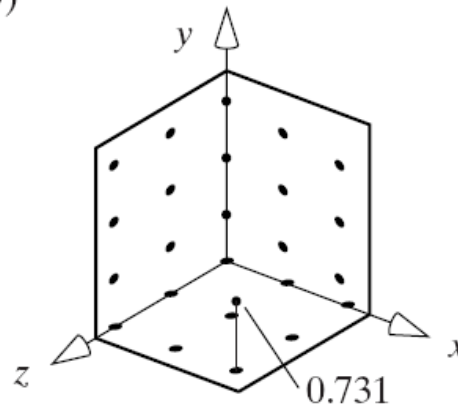
- Grain of marble is quite chaotic
- Marble can be simulated by function that produces a “random value” at each (x,y,z) point in space
- Imagine each (x,y,z) point assigned with a random value. E.g. $(2,2,1) = 0.7341$
- Random values could be stored in massive lookup table. Typically generated on the fly



a)



b)





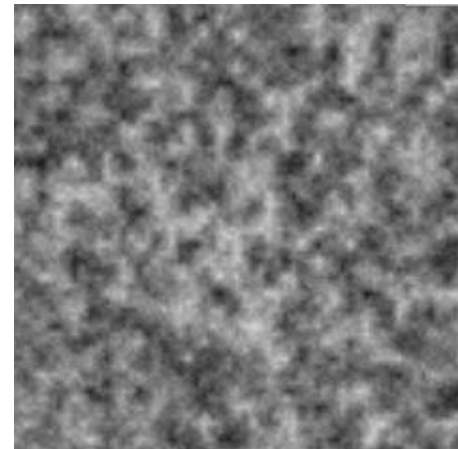
Turbulence

- More interesting noise created by mixing noise functions fluctuating at different rates (1x, 2x, 4x, etc)
- More rapidly fluctuating components given progressively smaller strengths

$$turb(s, x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} noise(s, x, y, z) + \frac{1}{4} noise(2s, x, y, z) + \frac{1}{8} noise(4s, x, y, z)$$

- Can add more terms, summing k terms. Example below for $M=3$

$$turb(s, x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^M \frac{1}{2^k} noise(2^k, s, x, y, z)$$





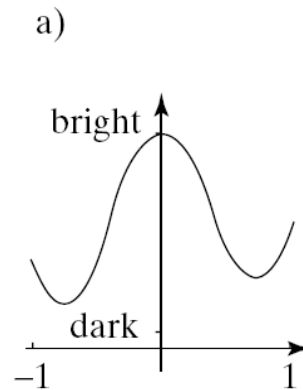
Marble Texture

- General idea:
 - give the marble's veins smoothly fluctuating behavior (e.g. in z direction)
 - Perturb the veins using $\text{turb}(\)$ function
- For instance, start with texture that is constant in x and y , smoothly varying in z

$$\text{marble}(x, y, z) = \text{undulate}(\sin(z));$$

- Above function is too regular
- Modulate $\sin(\)$ argument with some turbulence

$$\text{marble}(x, y, z) = \text{undulate}(\sin(z + A \text{turb}(s, x, y, z)));$$

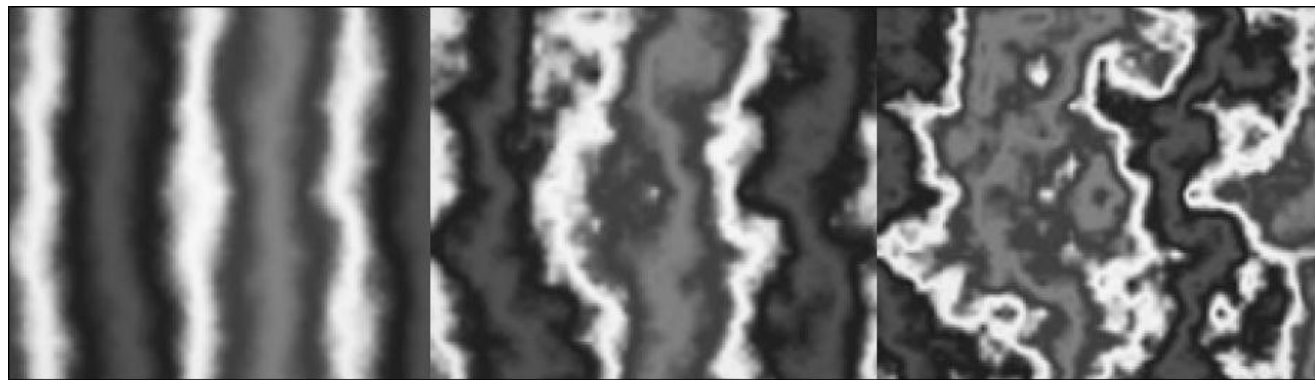




Marble Texture (Contd)

$marble(x, y, z) = undulate(\sin(z + A \text{ turb}(s, x, y, z)));$

- Parameter s makes turbulence vary more or less rapidly at different points
- Parameter A changes amount of perturbation
- Example: $g = spline(\sin(2\pi z + A \times \text{turb}(5, x, y, z)))$



$A = 1$

$A = 3$

$A = 6$



References

- Interactive Computer Graphics (6th edition), Angel and Shreiner
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