Game Graphics & Real-time Rendering CMPM 163, S2019

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Today

- Passing input from mouse and keyboard
- Accessing and manipulating shader variables from a C# script
- Texturing
- Querying texels
- Image processing on the fragment shader
- Interesting blogs/tutorials online



UV mapping / Texturing

- Unity generate UV coordinates (texture coordinates) for its basic Game objects.
- All modeling software (such as Blender) will create UV coordinates for you, which can be loaded into Unity
- Additionally, modeling software will enable you to create "texture atlases" for complex meshes





Querying neighbors

- Conceptually, all fragments are processed simultaneously. Thus, when the fragment shader is in the midst of processing one pixel, it can not directly get information about any of the other fragments.
- However, in the fragment shader, if we are passing in a texture, then we can easily query the neighboring pixels in the texture (also called "texels"), as long as we know the width and height of the texture.
- This info is provided automatically by Unity as a special uniform float4 called _MainTex_TexelSize, where .x = 1.0/width, .y = 1.0/height, .z = width, and .w = height

Image processing – edge detection

- You can start doing sophisticated querying and processing of texture data within the fragment shader. For example, we can define an image processing kernel that looks at each pixel's neighbors to determine if the current pixel is an edge.

- That is, we can check if there is a **discontinuity** between the color of the current pixel and its neighbors in the x or y direction, and have the fragment shader output that information to the screen.

- (See shader example "edge.shader" where we blend an input image and its edges to create a sketch-like output of a photo.)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sobel_operator

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edge_detection





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Demo code (blur + edge)