

VGP352 – Week 7

⇒ Agenda:

- Finish material from last week
- Nonphotorealistic Rendering
 - Cel shading
 - Gooch technical illustration



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Non-photorealistic Rendering (NPR)

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➤ In other words, NPR attempts to exaggerate or use alternate representations of imagery to convey or highlight a particular mood or message

- Cel shading (a.k.a. “toon” rendering)
- Painterly rendering
- Technical illustrations



– etc.

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Cel Shading

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 - Each is easy to produce on a computer



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⇒ Single tone coloring



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 - Calculate $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$ *per vertex* and interpolate across surface, check value per fragment
 - Classically done using texture look-ups, but is faster using conditional assignments on shader hardware



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Cel Shading

- Shadow-and-highlight method:
 - Calculate $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$ per vertex
 - Look-up in texture that is half shadow, almost half non-shadow, and a small amount “highlight”
 - Highlight is usually 1 texel



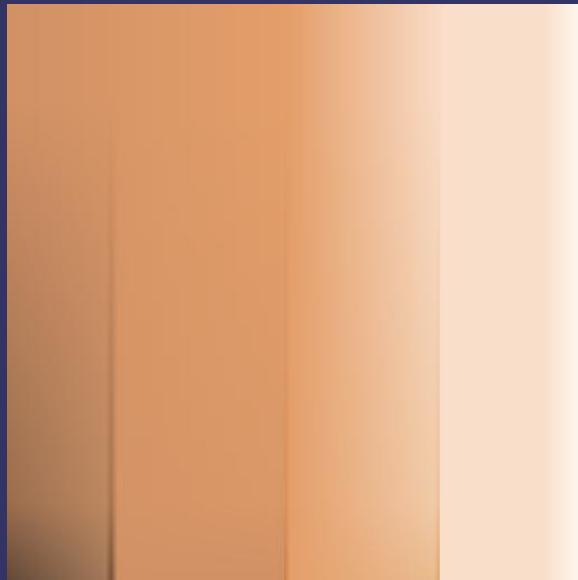
Image from [Lake 2000]

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Cel Shading

- X-toon method replaces 1D $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$ look-up with a 2D $\{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}, (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})^s\}$ look-up
 - Provides a Fresnel-like “rim light” effect



Images from [Barla 2006]

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Cel Shading

- Team Fortress 2 takes this several steps further...

$$\mathbf{k}_d \left[a(\mathbf{n}) + \sum_{\text{all lights}} \mathbf{c}_i w \left((\alpha(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}_i) + \beta)^{\gamma} \right) \right] + \sum_{\text{all lights}} \left[\mathbf{k}_s \mathbf{c}_i \max \left(f_s (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^{k_{\text{spec}}}, f_r \mathbf{k}_r (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^{k_{\text{rim}}} \right) \right] + (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{u}) f_r \mathbf{k}_r a(\mathbf{v})$$



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Light color

Surface specular color

Surface diffuse color



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Directional ambient term



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“Modified” Lambertian term



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Two specular terms!



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Fairly standard specular term

- f_s – artist tuned Fresnel term
- k_{spec} – specular from texture or constant



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Rim specular term

- f_r – rim Fresnel $(1 - (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}))^4$
- k_{rim} – constant rim exponent



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Extra term to make rim highlights come from above

– \mathbf{u} – up vector



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 - Silhouette edges – edges where one border polygon faces towards the viewer and the other faces away



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Cel Boundary Inking

- Most boundary types are calculated during authoring or as a pre-processing step
 - Border edges – edges are added by the artist, by the authoring tool, or are detected in a pre-processing step
 - Crease edges – dihedral angle is calculated during pre-processing. If $\mathbf{n}_{surface1} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{surface2} < \cos(60^\circ)$, the edge is a crease
 - Material edge – handled the same as border edges



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Silhouette Edge Rendering

- ⇒ Silhouette edges are view-dependent and must be calculated at run-time
 - Conceptually similar to drawing fins in shells-and-fins fur rendering
- ⇒ Several broad classes of implementations:
 - Surface angle
 - Added geometry
 - Image processing
 - Explicit edge detection



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Silhouette Edge Rendering

- Surface angle test is similar to two-tone cel shading
 - Examine angle between \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{n}
 - If angle is near 90° , use silhouette color
- Pros / cons:
 - *Really* easy to implement
 - Doesn't work on all models
 - Generally fails on models with large flat surfaces
 - Only worked on about 25% of the models in the game *Cel Damage*¹

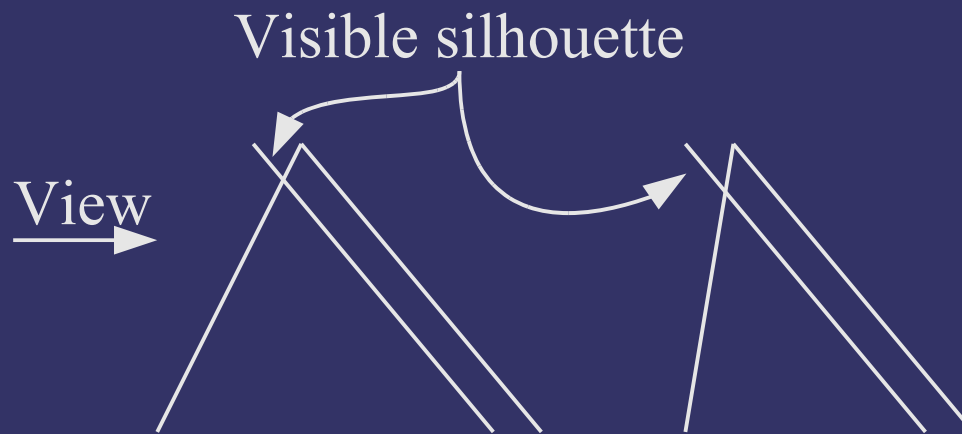


¹ *Real-Time Rendering*, p. 295

Silhouette Edge Rendering

⇒ Back-face biasing:

- Render back-facing geometry by moving it towards the camera by some small delta



- Amount to bias back-face depends on both slope of back-face and slope of front-face



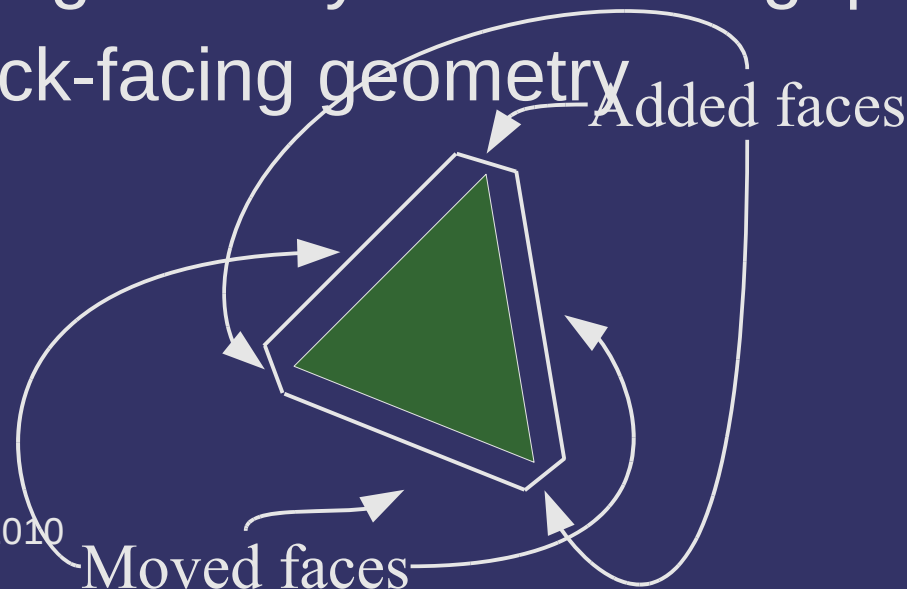
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Silhouette Edge Rendering

⇒ Edge expansion:

- Move each face out by some distance along the plane's normal
 - *Not* the vertex normal!
 - Adjust the distance according to the desired silhouette thickness
- Create new geometry to fill in the gaps
- Render back-facing geometry



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Silhouette Edge Rendering

⇒ Shell expansion:

- Similar to edge expansion
- Render shell as object geometry expanded along vertex normals
 - Normals must be identical for vertices shared by two polygons
 - Otherwise degenerate edge polygons must be added
 - Render only back-faces of shell



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Silhouette Edge Rendering

⇒ Image processing:

- Render surface normal and depth a texture
 - Store normal in RGB and most significant portion of depth in alpha
- Process texture with separable edge detection filter
 - Card and Mitchell recommend using the Sobel edge detection filter
 - Store each pass in a texture
 - Composite both textures together over scene



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Silhouette Edge Rendering

⇒ Explicit edge detection:

- Draw each edge of the object as a line
- At each vertex, store the normals of the two adjoining polygons
- If one normal points towards the viewer and the other away, draw the line as a silhouette
- If the two normals point significantly away from each other, draw the line as a crease



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Gooch-style Technical Illustration

- ⇒ Many similar ideas to cel shading
 - Use alternate shading
 - Highlight creases
 - Highlight silhouettes



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Gooch-style Technical Illustration

- Shade objects from warm to cool instead of light to dark
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 - Use interpolated value per fragment to look up in a 1D blue-green to yellow-orange gradient texture



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- Silhouette and crease edges are handled differently, so the image processing method of inking probably can't be used
 - Using the explicit edge detection method allows silhouettes and creases to be drawn in a single pass



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Next week...

⇒ Texture rectangles

⇒ Post-processing

- Full-screen post-processing overview
- Filter kernels
 - Separable filters
- Special effects
 - Water ripple
 - Depth of field



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