Modeling Approaches from Dr. Penny Rheigans graphics lecture

- Manual primitive creation
- Scanning from physical object
- Procedurally
- From data (visualization)
- Through image capture (image-based rendering)





Digital Michaelangelo Project at Stanford



Procedural Modeling

- Describe visual attributes through some function, usually defined over space
 - Shape
 - Density
 - Color
 - Texture

Procedural Approaches

- Implicit Functions
- Noise/hypertexture
- Fractals
- Grammars
- Genetic/biological simulations

Implicit Functions

- Model as sum of implicit functions
- Surface at threshold







3D Solid Texture



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Hypertexture

• Add noise or turbulence to functions



Hypertexture

- Ken Perlin and Eric Hoffert, Hypertexture, SIGGRAPH '89.
- Extend 3D procedural noise textures to include opacity component to create volume models
 - object density function D(x)
 - Density modulation function (DMF) f_i

Boolean Operations

- Intersection
- Complement
- Difference
- Union

Base DMFs

- Bias
- Gain
- Noise
- Turbulence
- Arithmetic functions



Basic Noise

Basic noisy sphere

$$D(\mathbf{x}) = sphere(\mathbf{x} (1 + \frac{1}{f}noise(f\mathbf{x})))$$

Vary

 Frequency
 Amplitude







Turblence

• Mix different frequencies of noise



Shaped Noise

• Vary only single component



Transparency

• Refractive Hypertexture



Erosion

• Boolean intersection of fractal sphere with cube



Fire

- Density func:
- Colormap

$$D(\mathbf{x}) = sphere(\mathbf{x} (1 + turbulence(\mathbf{x})))$$



Fur

- Project points to create hairs
- Modulate density
- Control bias and gain
- Add noise in growth direction







Noisy Things

- Color
- Specularity
- Opacity/Density
- Normals
- Displacements
- Index of Refraction
- Procedural Texture Parameters















Fractals

- Complex structure through self-similarity across scales
- Process: at each generation, replace each primitive with a self-similar sequence

Koch Curves

```
void Koch (float dir, float len, int n) {
float rads = 0.017453293;
if (n > 0) {
   Koch(dir, len/3.0, n-1);
   Dir = dir + 60;
   Koch(dir, len/3.0, n-1);
   Dir = dir - 120;
   Koch(dir, len/3.0, n-1);
   Dir = dir+60;
   Koch(dir, len/3.0, n-1);
   }
else LineTo(len*cos(rads*dir),len*sin(rads*dir);
```

Koch Curves





Grammar-based Modeling

- Use (mostly) context-free grammars (CFG) to specify structural change over generations
- Often used to simulate a biological growth process
 - Plants
 - Seashells

Context-Free Grammar

- A CFG G=(V,T,S,P) where
 - V is a set of non-terminals
 - T is a set of terminals
 - S is the start symbol
 - P is a set of productions (rules) of the form:
 - A \rightarrow x, where A \in V, x \in (V \cup T)*

Applying Grammar Rules

A A

AA

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в

A

в

в

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А

А

Rules

- $B \rightarrow A[B]AA[B]$
- $A \rightarrow AA$
- Branches to left

Strings 1: B 2: A[B]AA[B] 3: AA[A[BAA[B]]AAAA[A[B]AA[B]]

Applying Grammar Rules

Rules

- $B \rightarrow A[B]A\overline{A(B)}$
- $A \rightarrow AA$

Branch to

- Left []
- Right ()

Strings 1: B 2: A[B]AA



2: A[B]AA(B) 3: AA[A[BAA(B)]AAAA(A[B]AA(B))

L-system Productions

S → A[+B]C[-D]E + left angle - right angle



- N = 7, a = 25.7°
- S = X
- Rules:
 - $X \rightarrow F[+X][-X]FX$ $F \rightarrow FF$



- $N = 5, a = 22.5^{\circ}$
- S = X
- Rules:
 - $X \rightarrow F-[[X]+X]+F[+FX]-X$ $F \rightarrow FF$



$F \rightarrow FF-[F+F+F]+[+F-F-F]$

- Rules:
- S = F
- $N = 4, a = 22.5^{\circ}$



Additions

- 3D structure
- Randomness
- Leaves
- Flowers















Biological Simulations Simulate developmental biological process



Reaction Diffusion





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Visualization

- Derive model from data through abstraction process
- Examples
 - Isosurfaces of volume data
 - Fluid flow



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Digital Human Project -- NLM



Image-based Rendering

- View Interpolation
- Plenoptic Rendering
- Lumigraph/ Light Fields
- Layered Depth Images
- Synthetic/Real Objects
- Points as Primitives

