
Computer Graphics

8 - Lighting

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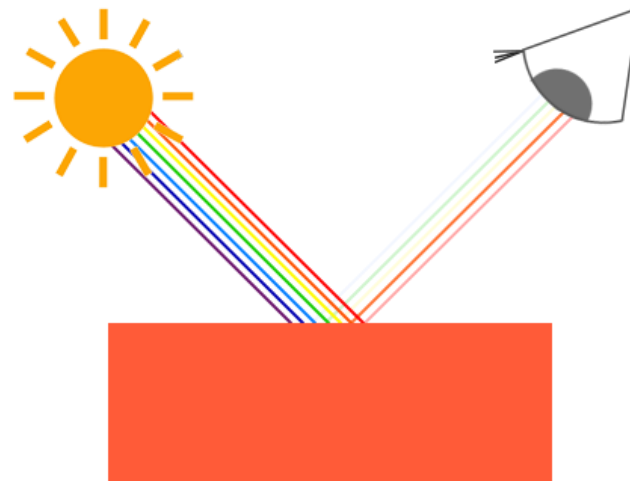
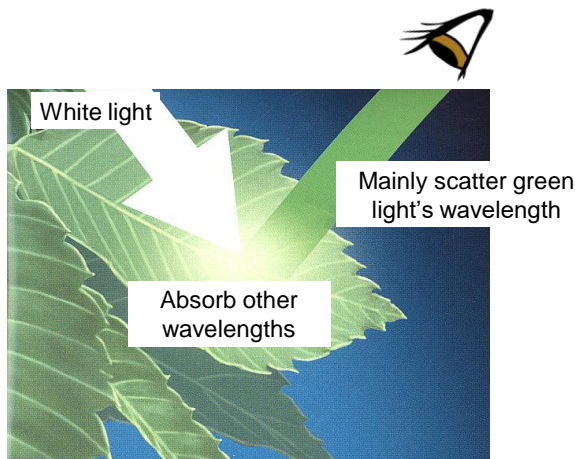
Outline

- Visible Color of Objects
- Reflection of Light
- Phong Illumination Model
- Polygon Shading
 - Face / Vertex Normal
 - Flat / Gouraud / Phong Shading

Visible Color of Objects

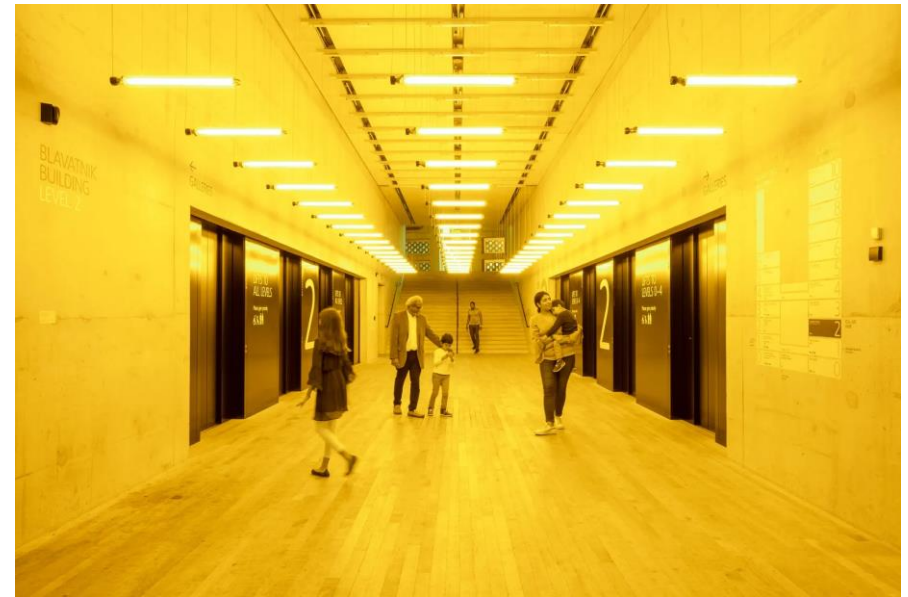
Visible Color of Objects

- When light strikes an object, some of the light is absorbed by the object, and some is reflected.
- The color of the object is determined by the **wavelengths of light that are reflected**.
 - For example, a red object appears red because it reflects primarily red light and absorbs other wavelengths.
- Which color is absorbed or reflected is an **inherent property of a surface**.



Visible Color of Objects

- So, quite obviously, the visible color of an object is affected by the color of the light source.



Room for one colour, Olafur Eliasson

Computing Visible Color of Objects

- In CG, color is usually represented by R, G, B components.
- Light color: The intensity of each color component emitted by a light source.
 - e.g., $(1, 1, 1) \rightarrow$ white light source
- Material color: The percentage of each color component reflected in incident light.
 - e.g., $(0.5, 0, 0) \rightarrow$ half red is reflected, green and blue are all absorbed
- **Element-wise multiplication** of the light and material RGB color values is a good approximation of the surface's light reflection.

Computing Color of Objects: Examples

- For example,
- Material color of a surface is $(0.5, 0.8, 0.2)$.
 - This surface reflects 50% of red, 80% of green, and 20% of blue in incident light.
- If light color is $(1.0, 1.0, 1.0)$,
- Visible surface color is $(0.5, 0.8, 0.2)$. (element-wise multiplication)
- If light color is $(1.0, 0.0, 0.0)$,
- Visible surface color is $(0.5, 0.0, 0.0)$. → Darker red surface.

Reflection of Light

Reflection of Light

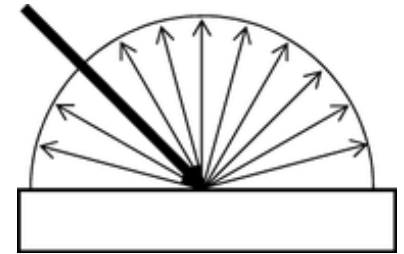
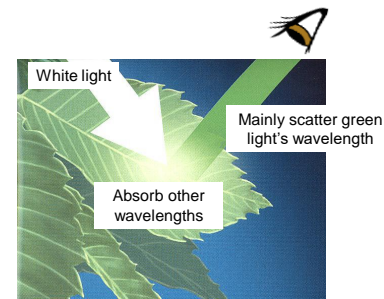
- Light can be absorbed(흡수), emitted(발산), scattered(산란), reflected(반사), or refracted(굴절) by objects.
- Scattering and reflection are the main factors in the visual characteristics of an opaque object surface.
 - such as surface color, highlight on surface
- Types of reflection:
 - Diffuse reflection
 - Specular reflection
 - Ideal specular reflection
 - Non-ideal specular reflection (a.k.a. Glossy reflection)



* In computer graphics, both scattering and reflection are often referred to as "reflection"

Diffuse Reflection

- : Scattering specific light spectrum in all direction
- → Determines surface color
- **View-independent**



strongly scatters
magenta wavelengths



scatter all wavelengths with
roughly equal strength



absorb all wavelengths
(scatters a little)

Diffuse Reflection - Lambert's Cosine Law

- The **reflected energy** from a small surface area is proportional to the **cosine of the angle** between **incident light direction** and the **surface normal**

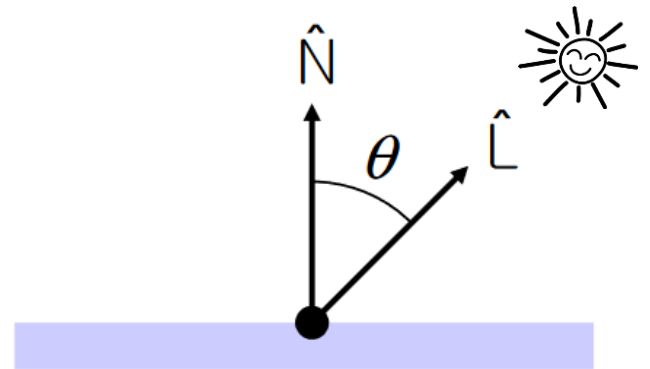
$$\begin{aligned} I_{reflected} &= I_{incident} \cos\theta \\ &= I_{incident} (\hat{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}) \end{aligned}$$

$I_{reflected}$ intensity of reflected ray

$I_{incident}$ intensity of incident ray

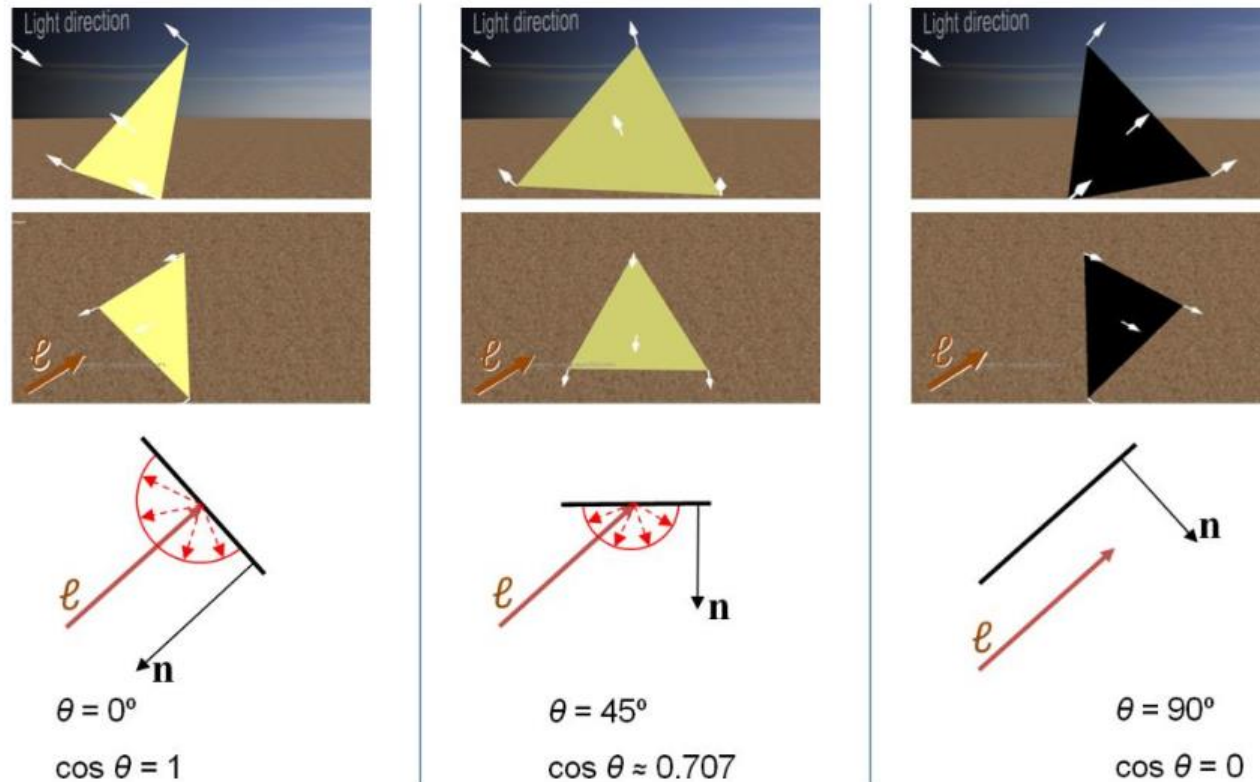
$\hat{\mathbf{N}}$ normal to the reflection surface at the point of the incidence

$\hat{\mathbf{L}}$ normalized light direction vector



Diffuse Reflection - Lambert's Cosine Law

▶ Visualization of Lambert's law in 2D

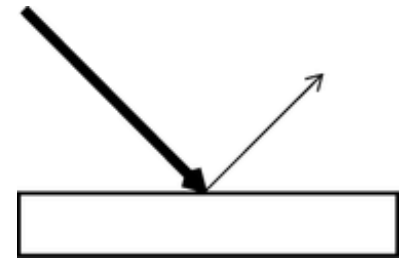


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Ideal Specular Reflection

- : Mirror-like reflection of light from smooth, polished surface
- → Generate mirrored images
- **View-dependent**



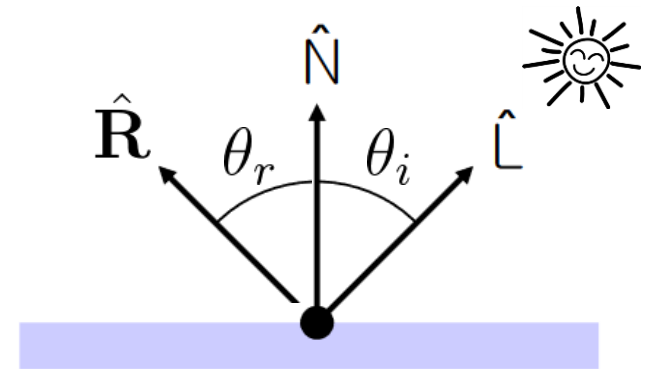
Ideal Specular Reflection - Laws of Reflection

- $\hat{\mathbf{N}}, \hat{\mathbf{L}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}$ lie in the same plane
- $\theta_r = \theta_i$
- $\hat{\mathbf{L}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$ are on the opposite sides of $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$

$\hat{\mathbf{N}}$ normal to the reflection surface at the point of the incidence

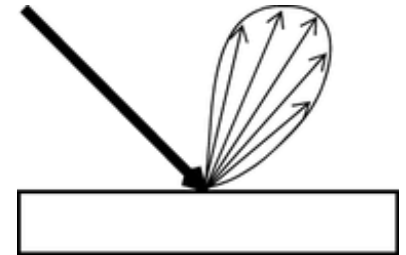
$\hat{\mathbf{L}}$ normalized incident ray direction vector

$\hat{\mathbf{R}}$ normalized reflected ray direction vector



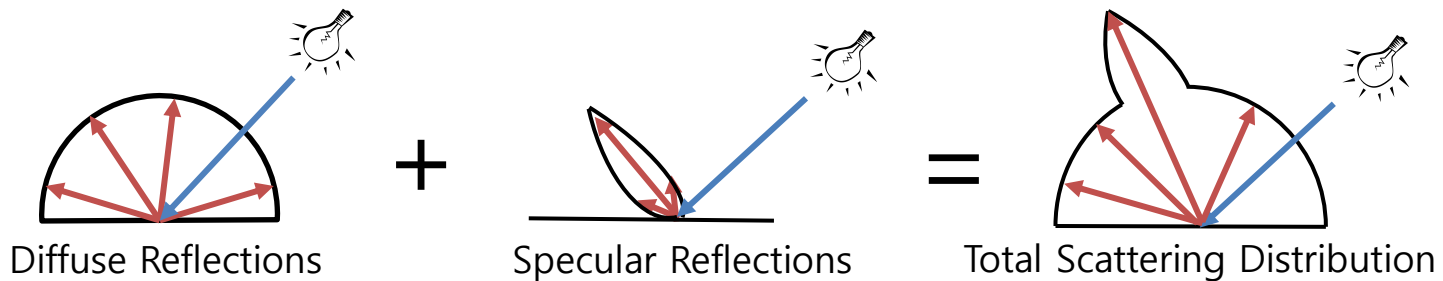
Non-Ideal Specular Reflection (a.k.a. Glossy Reflection)

- : Reflection on shiny & glossy surface, but not as smooth as a mirror
- Reflected rays are “spread out” due to surface roughness
- → Generate bright highlights
- **View-dependent**



Reflection of General Materials

- Many materials' surface have both diffuse reflection and (non-ideal) specular reflection.



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Phong Illumination Model

Lighting (or Illumination)

- In computer graphics, **lighting** (or **illumination**) refers to the process of computing the effects of lights.
- → Computing surface color and highlights of objects.

Phong Illumination Model

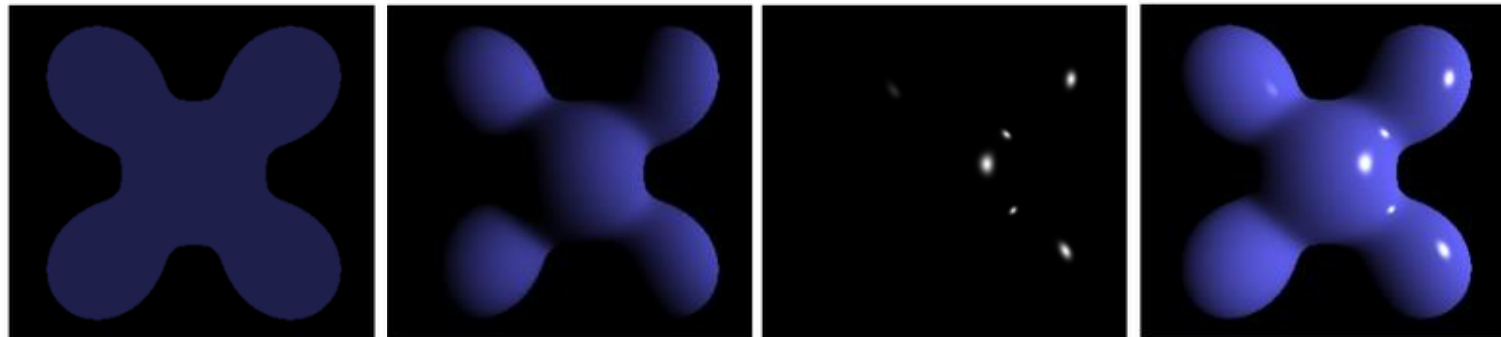
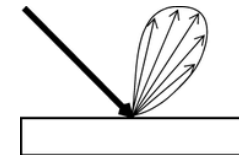
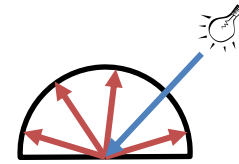
- One of the most commonly used “classical” illumination models in computer graphics
 - Empirical model, not physically based



Bùi Tường Phong
(1942 – 1975)

Phong Illumination Model

- Three components:
- **Ambient**
 - Non-specific constant global lighting.
 - Crudest approximation for indirect lighting.
- **Diffuse**
 - Models diffuse reflection using Lambert's law.
 - Determine the surface color.
- **Specular**
 - Approximation for glossy reflection using $\cos^n(\alpha)$.
 - Computes highlights on shiny objects.



Ambient + Diffuse + Specular = Phong Reflection

Phong Illumination Model

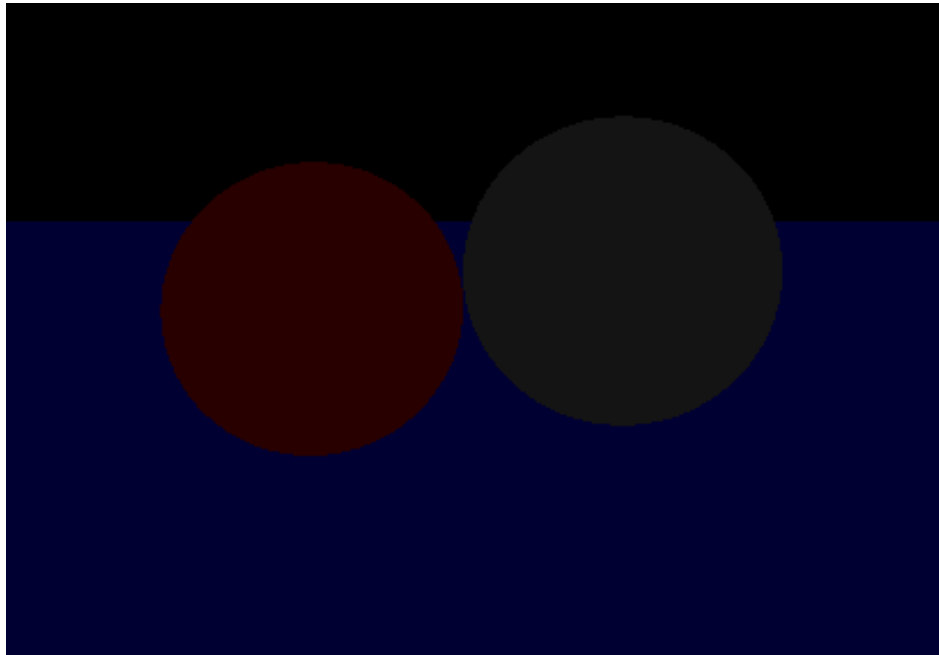
- Now we will look at how to calculate each component of Phong illumination model - ambient, diffuse, specular color - at a specific location on an object's surface.
- The location might be
 - a polygon vertex
 - or an interior point in a polygon (corresponds to a pixel in the film space).

Ambient Component

- $\mathbf{I}_a = \mathbf{l}_a * \mathbf{m}_a$
- \mathbf{l}_a : light ambient color
- \mathbf{m}_a : material ambient color
- \mathbf{I}_a : final ambient color of a surface point
- $*$: element-wise multiplication

Result

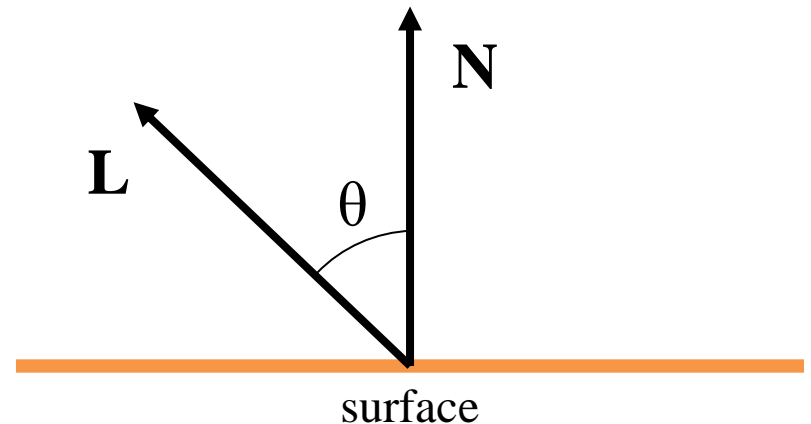
- $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{l}_a * \mathbf{m}_a$



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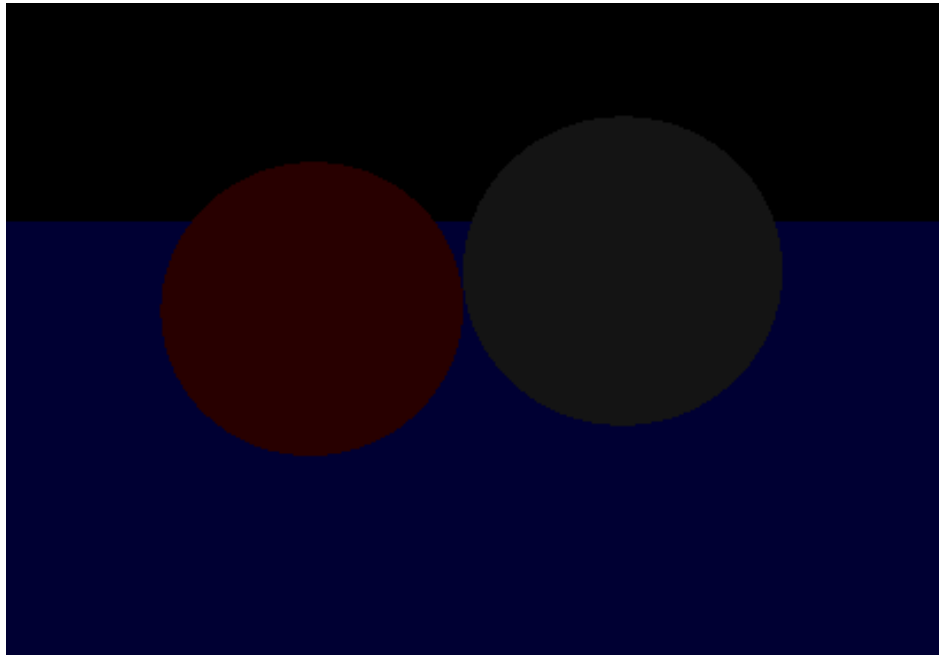
Diffuse Component

- $\mathbf{I}_d = \mathbf{l}_d * \mathbf{m}_d \cos(\theta) = \mathbf{l}_d * \mathbf{m}_d (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{N})$
- \mathbf{L} : light direction
- \mathbf{N} : normal
 - \mathbf{L} and \mathbf{N} are unit vectors.
- \cdot : dot (inner) product
- \mathbf{l}_d : light diffuse color
- \mathbf{m}_d : material diffuse color
- \mathbf{I}_d : final diffuse color of a surface point



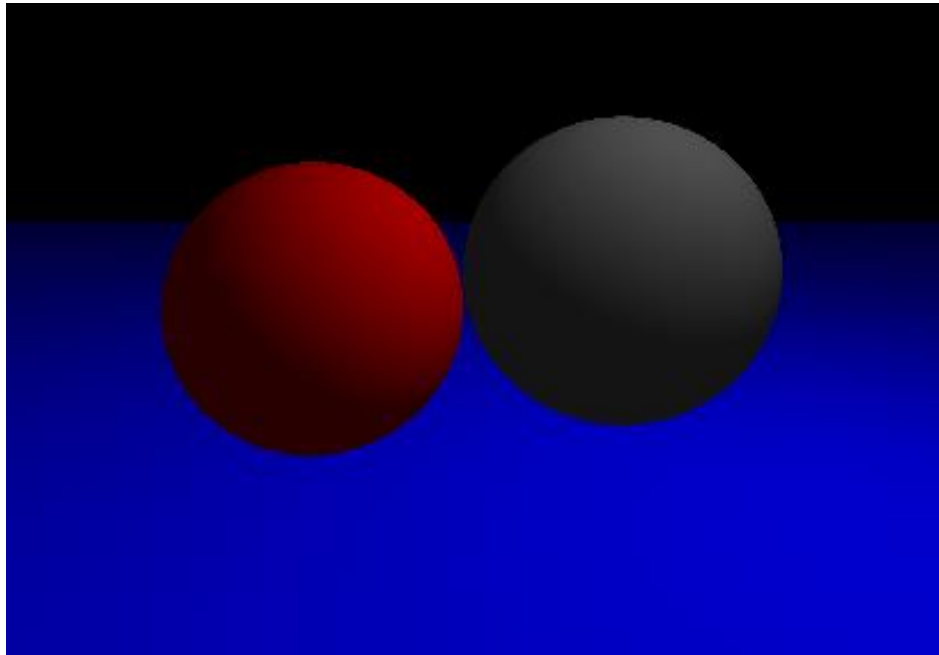
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- $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{l}_a * \mathbf{m}_a$



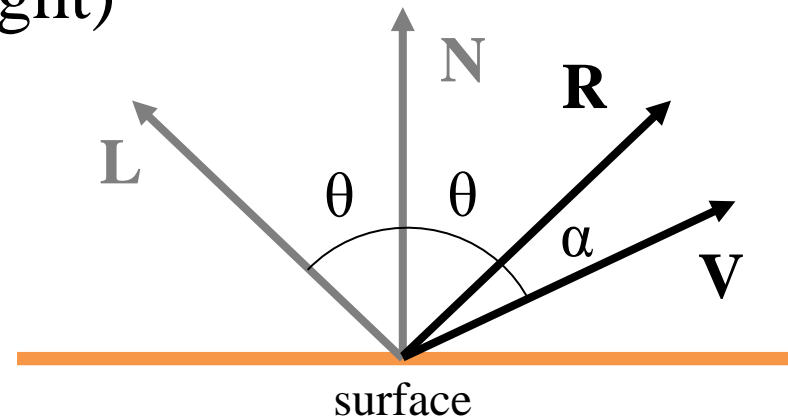
Result

- $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{l}_a * \mathbf{m}_a + \mathbf{l}_d * \mathbf{m}_d (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{N})$



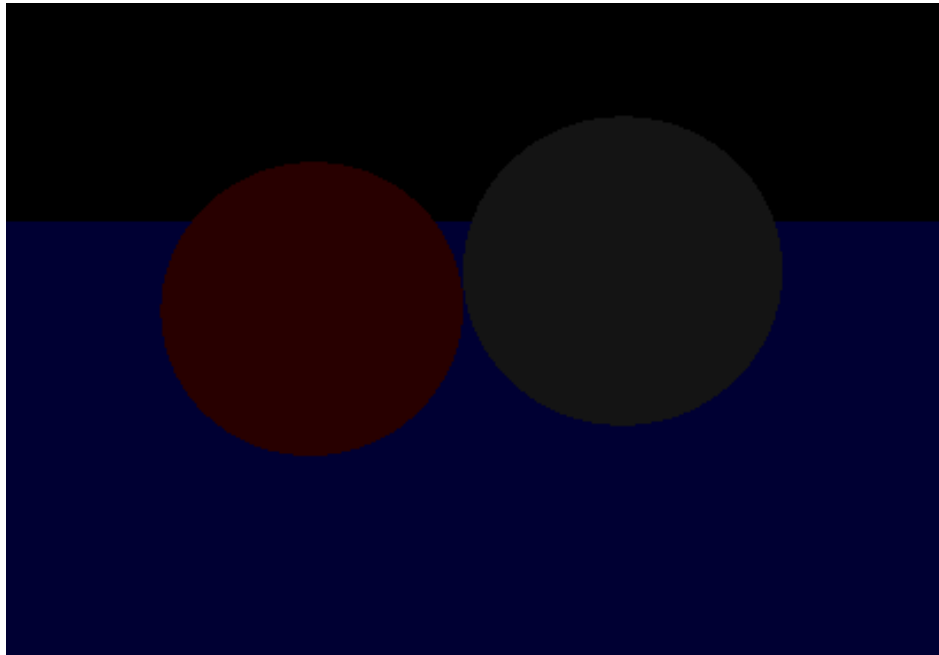
Specular Component

- $\mathbf{I}_s = \mathbf{l}_s * \mathbf{m}_s \cos^n(\alpha) = \mathbf{l}_s * \mathbf{m}_s (\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{R})^n$
- \mathbf{V} : view direction
- \mathbf{R} : reflection direction (of light)
 - \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{R} are unit vectors.
- n : shininess coefficient
- \mathbf{l}_s : light specular color
- \mathbf{m}_s : material specular color
- \mathbf{I}_s : final specular color of a surface point



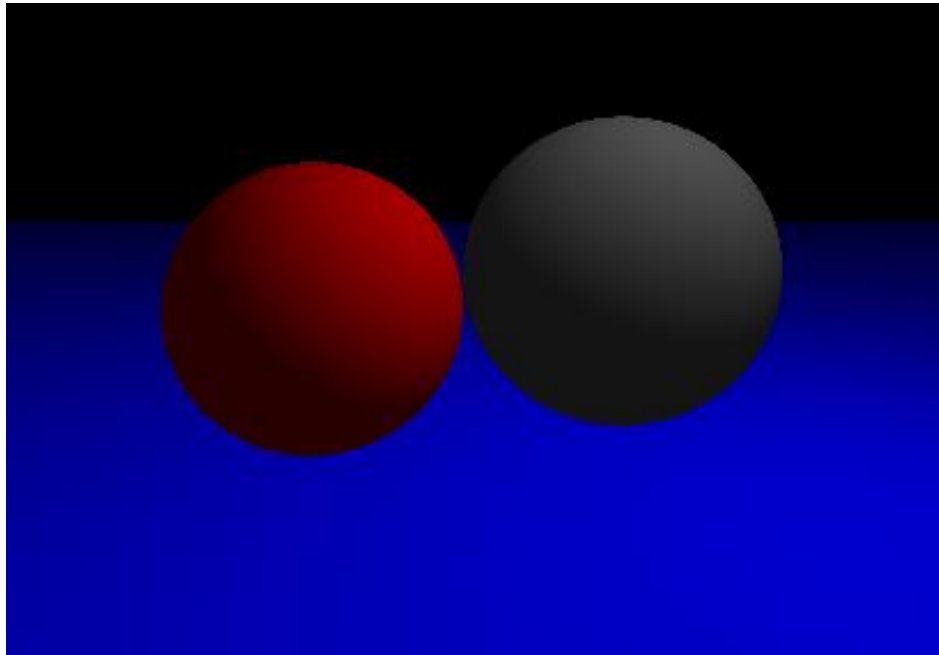
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- $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{l}_a * \mathbf{m}_a$



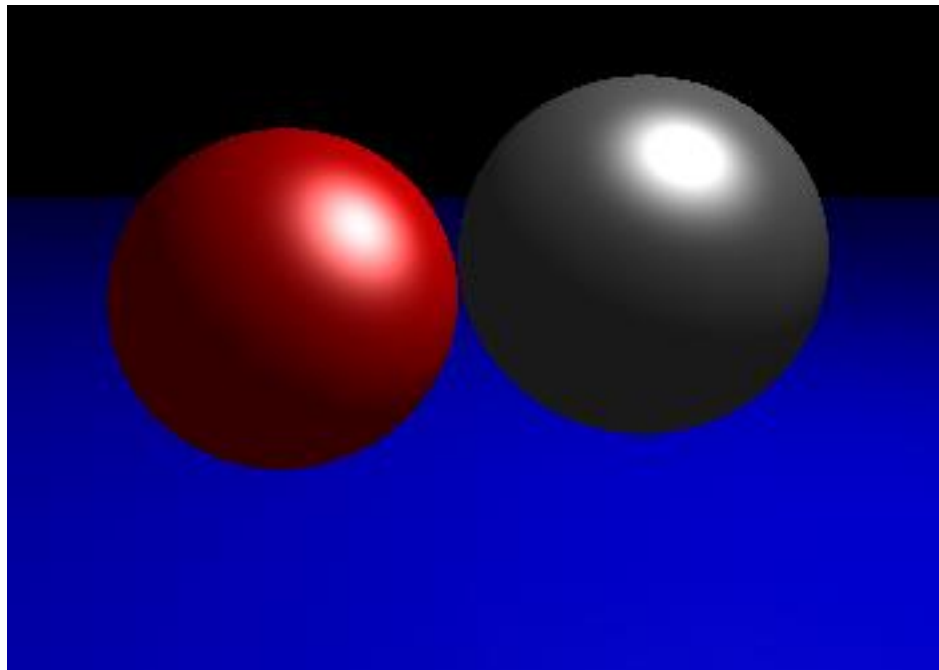
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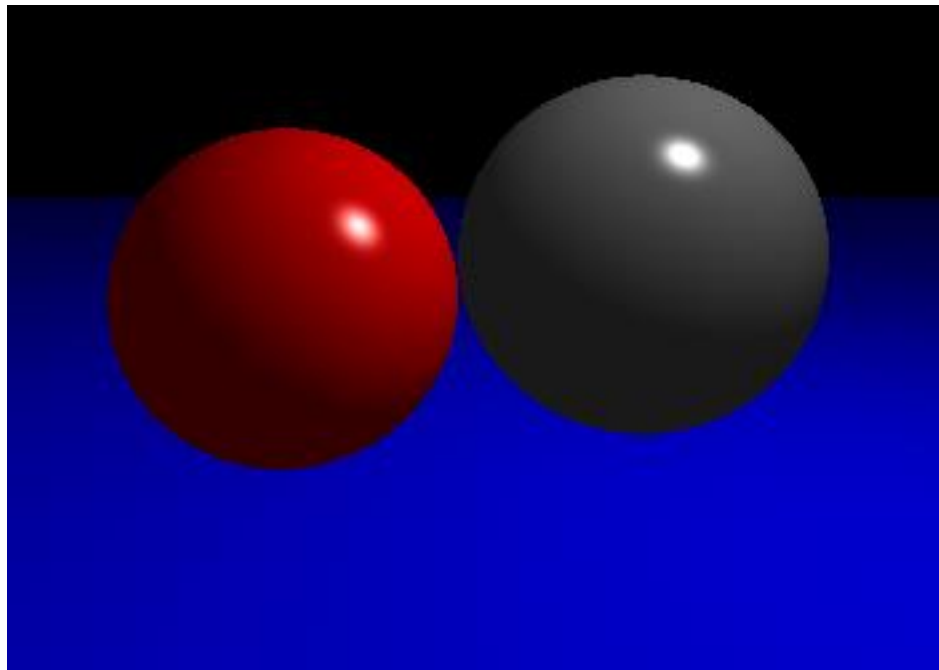
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$n = 5$

Result

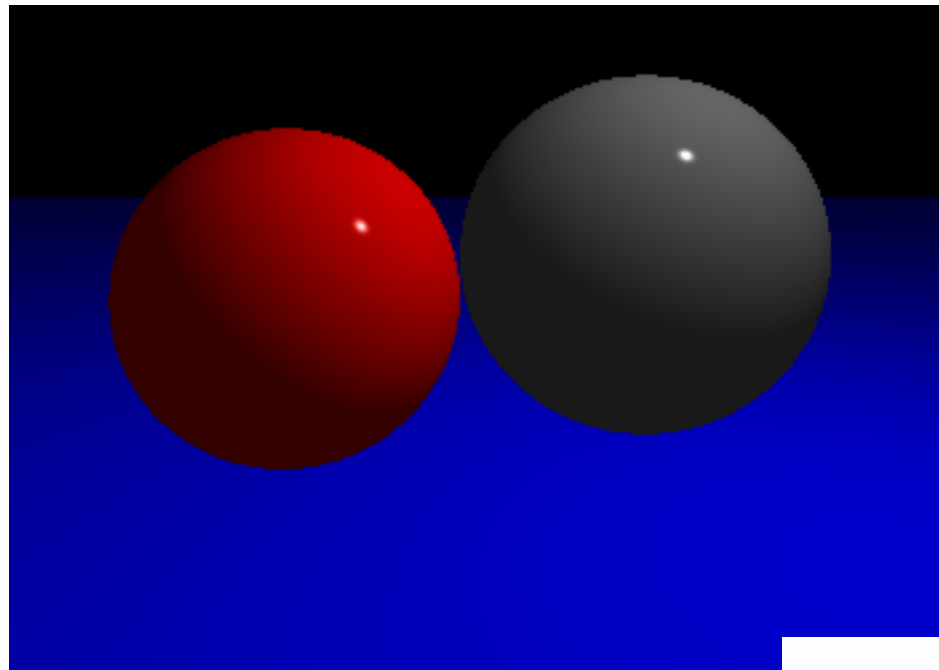
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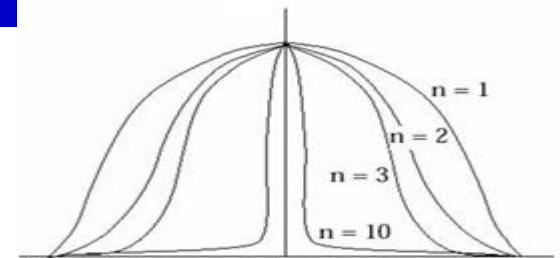
$n = 50$

Result

- $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{l}_a * \mathbf{m}_a + \mathbf{l}_d * \mathbf{m}_d (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{N}) + \mathbf{l}_s * \mathbf{m}_s (\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{R})^n$

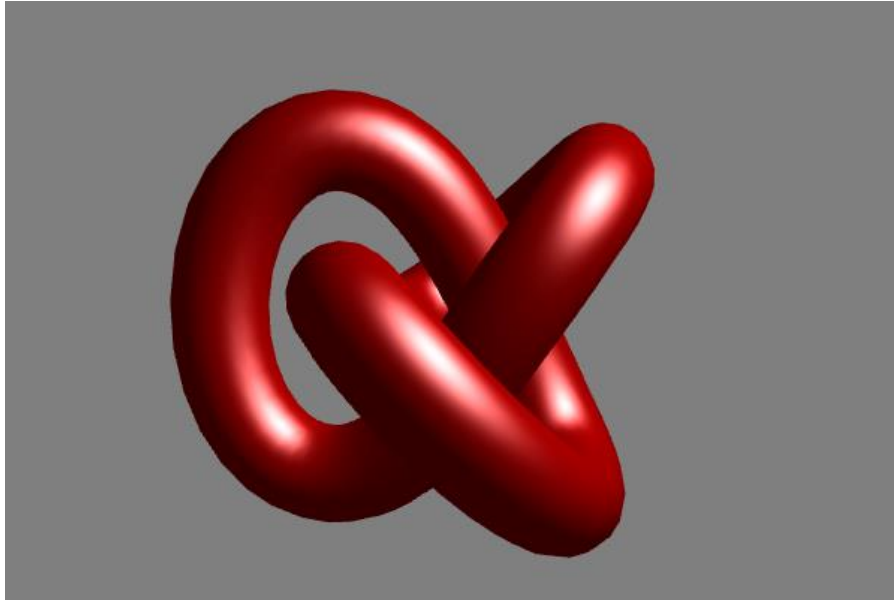


$n = 500$



Specular falloff of $(\cos \alpha)^n$

[Demo] Phong Illumination



<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~jacobson/phong-demo/>

- Set the value of the first drop down box to “Phong Shading”
- Try changing
 - reflection coefficient and color of ambient, diffuse, and specular
 - specular shininess
 - you can also change object type, light position and background color

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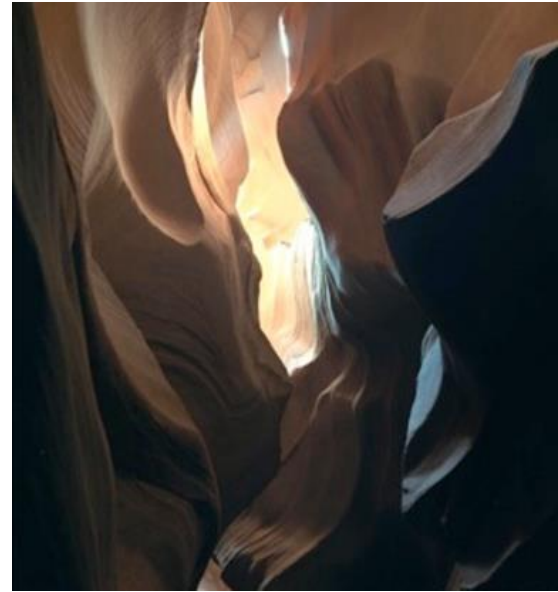
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Polygon Shading

Shading

- Variation in observed color across an object
 - Strongly affected by lighting



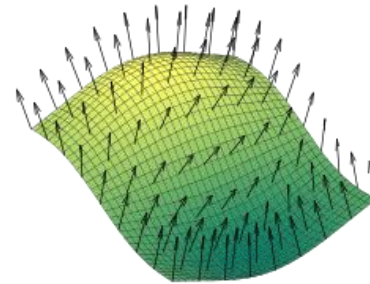
Polygon Shading

- In computer graphics, the term *shading* describes...
 - Variation in surface color due to the illumination model
 - or Variation in pixel color inside a polygon
- The second meaning is what we're dealing with now. I'll use the term *polygon shading* to avoid confusion.
- Polygon shading: The process of determining **each pixel color in a polygon** based on an illumination model



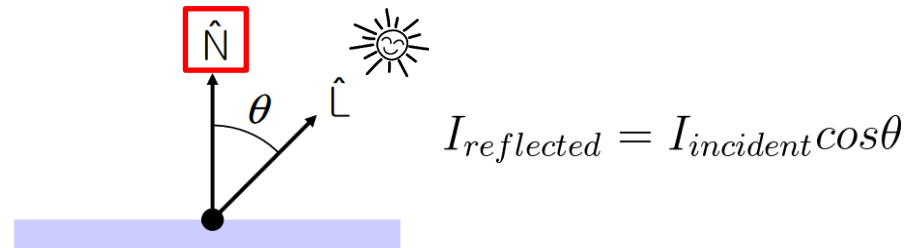
Surface Normal

- A vector that is perpendicular to the surface at a given point
 - A unit normal vector (of length 1) is generally used

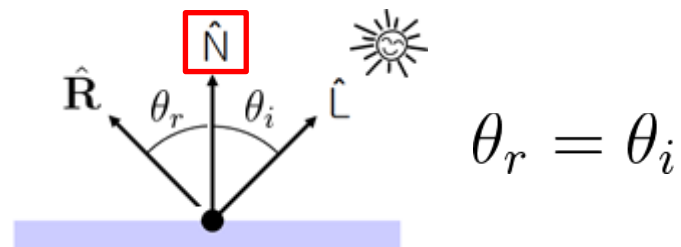


- Plays a key role in shading & illumination process

- Diffuse reflection
 - Lambert's Cosine Law



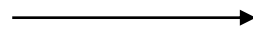
- Specular reflection
 - Laws of Reflection



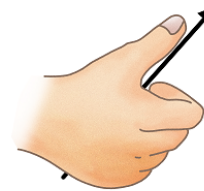
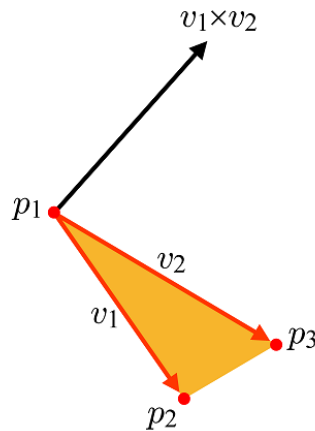
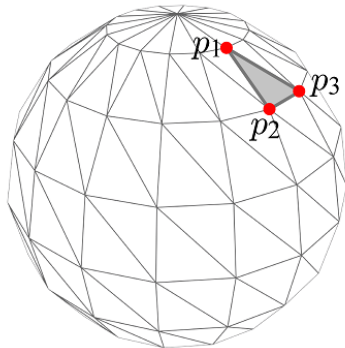
Face Normal

- How to get the face normal - the surface normal of a polygonal face?

The order does matter!



- The normal of a triangle $\langle p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle$ is computed as $v_1 \times v_2$
 - v_1 is the vector connecting p_1 and p_2 , v_2 connects p_1 and p_3



$$\frac{v_1 \times v_2}{\|v_1 \times v_2\|}$$

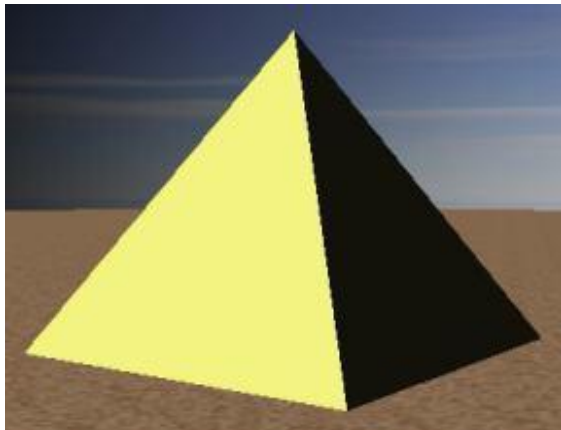
- That's why we need **counterclockwise** vertex ordering
 - The direction of a face normal determines “outside” of the face

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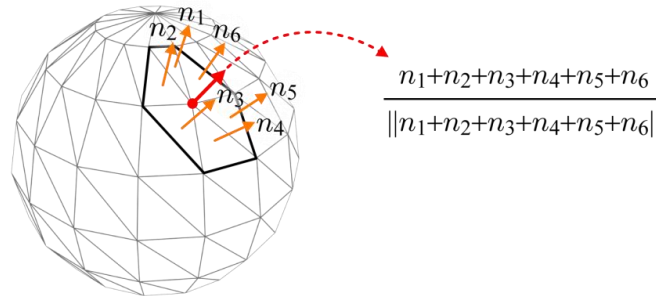
Flat Shading

- Use a single normal per polygon
- Calculate color once per polygon
- Fast, but not very desirable for curved shapes
 - Even if we increase the number of polygons, it's still “faceted“



Smooth Shading

- Use a single "averaged" normal per vertex



- Smooth color transition between two adjacent polygons

- Two methods:
 - Gouraud shading
 - Phong shading

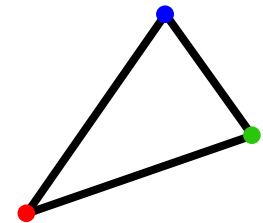
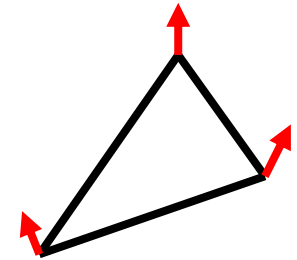


Gouraud Shading

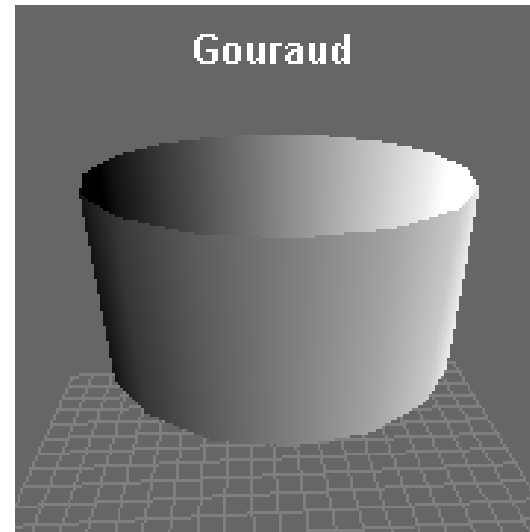
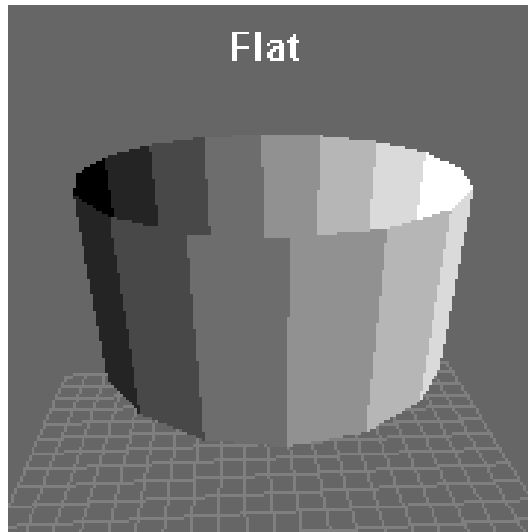


Henri Gouraud
(1944~)

- Use a single vertex normal for each vertex
- Calculate color (by illumination) at each vertex
- Interpolate vertex colors across polygon
 - Barycentric interpolation

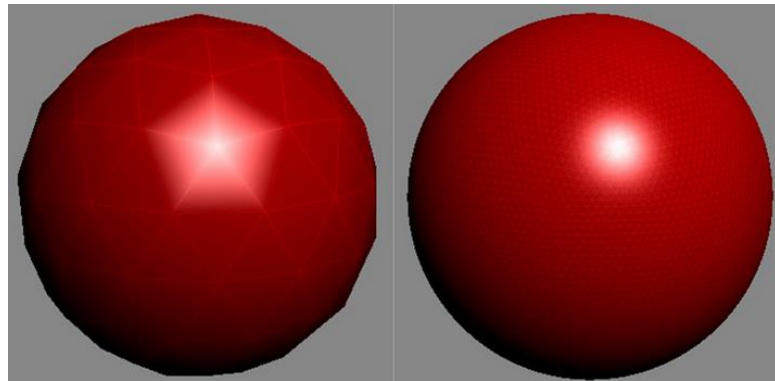
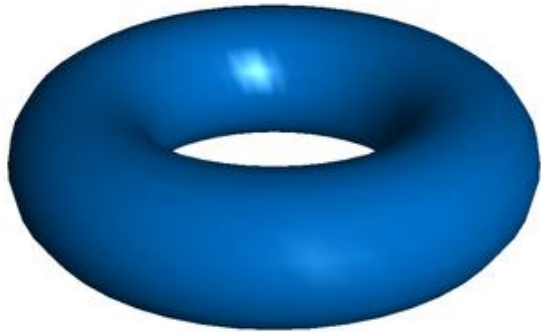


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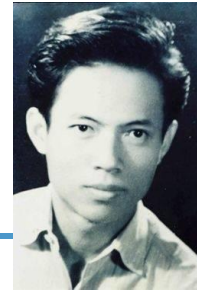
Gouraud Shading

- Problem: poor specular highlight
 - Specular highlights may be distorted or averaged away altogether



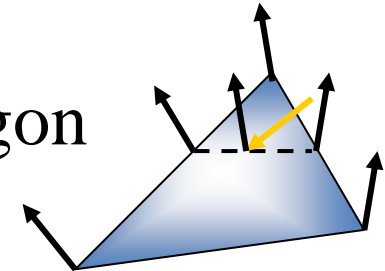
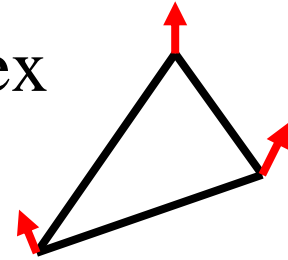
Higher polygon count
reduces this artifact

Phong Shading

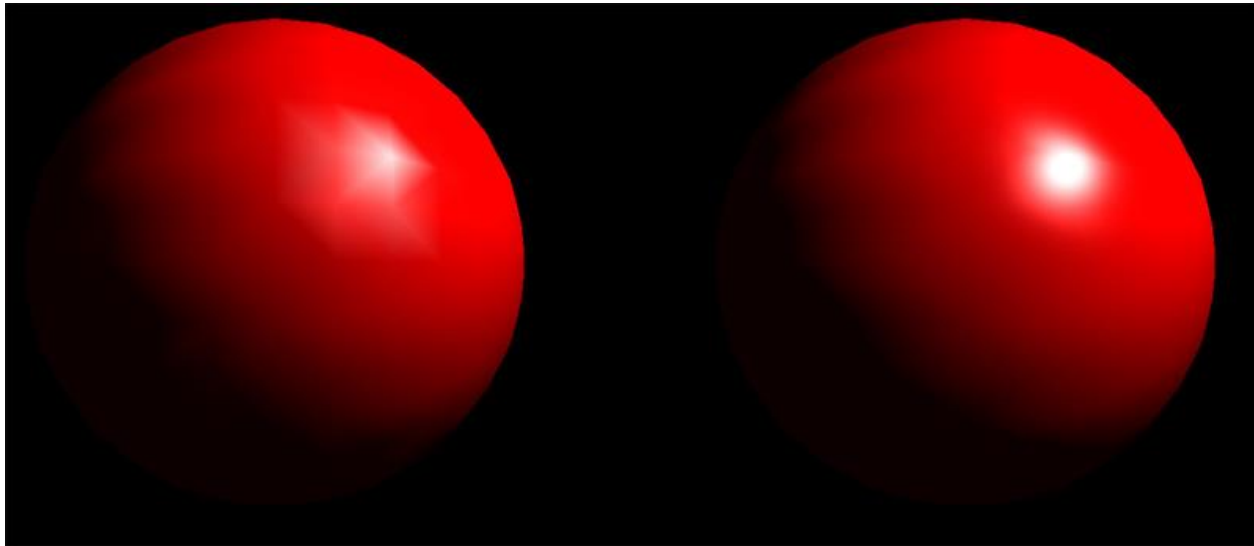


Bùi Tường Phong
(1942 – 1975)

- Use a single vertex normal for each vertex
- Interpolate vertex normals across polygon
- Calculate color (by illumination) at each pixel in polygon using the interpolated normal



Phong Shading



Gouraud shading

Phong shading

Phong Shading

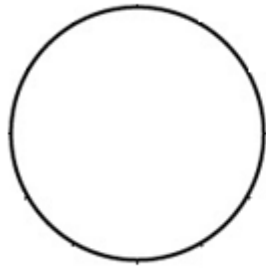
- Captures highlights much better
 - The interpolated normal at each interior pixel is more accurate representation of true surface normal at each point
 - Higher quality, but needs more computation
- Not to be confused with Phong's illumination model (developed by the same person)

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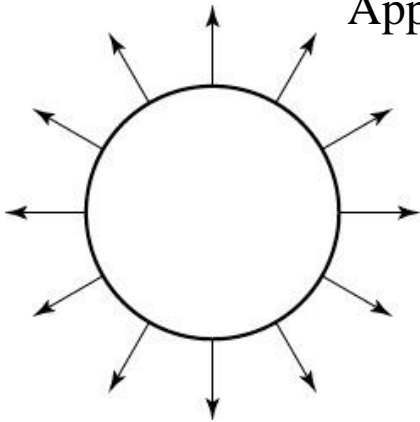
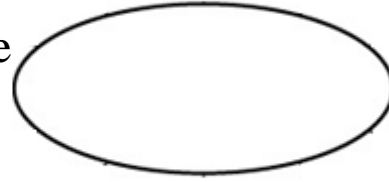
- Flat & Gouraud shading
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Normal Vector Transformation

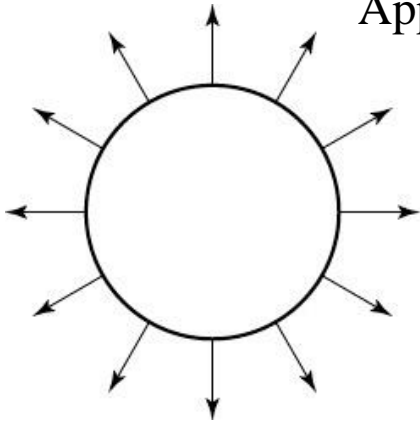
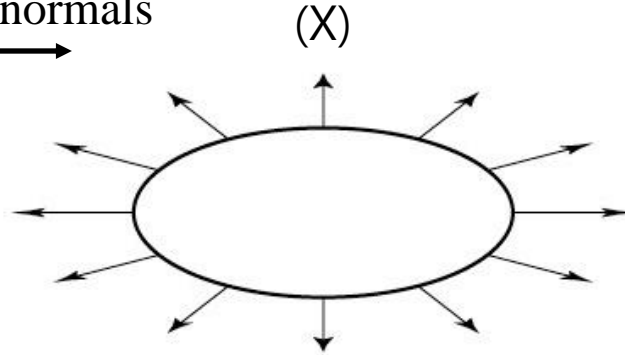
- If a set of points on a surface is transformed by an affine transformation M ,
- Tangents are transformed by M .
 - Because the differences of points are transformed by M .
- However, normals should not be transformed by M .
 - Because normals should be perpendicular to tangents.



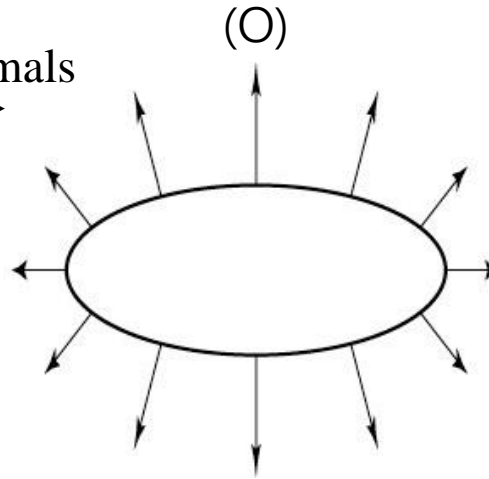
Apply M to shape



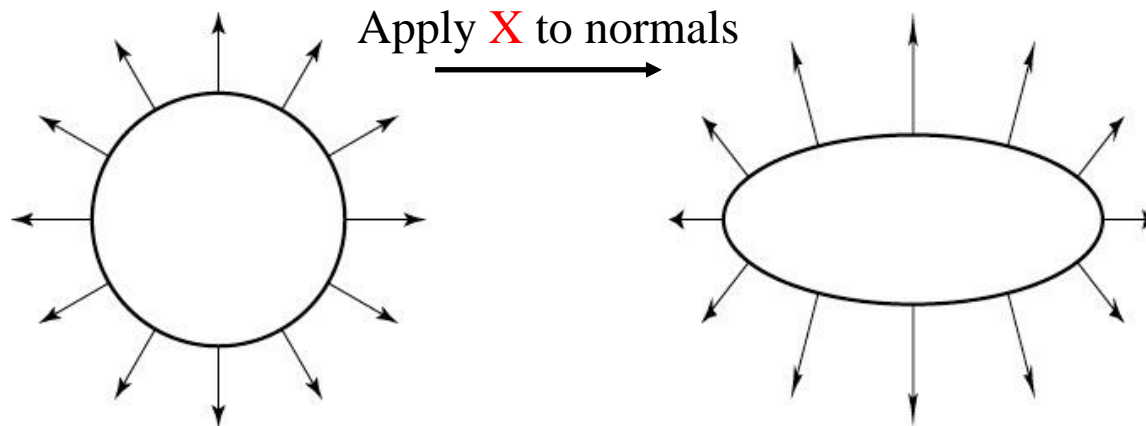
Apply M to normals



Apply ? to normals



Normal Vector Transformation



have: $\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{n} = 0$

want: $M\mathbf{t} \cdot X\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}^T M^T X\mathbf{n} = 0$

so set $X = (M^T)^{-1}$

then: $M\mathbf{t} \cdot X\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}^T M^T (M^T)^{-1} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{n} = 0$

t: tangent vector

n: normal vector

Solution: $X = (M^T)^{-1}$

Lab Session

- Now let's start the lab session.