Lecture 22
Shaders 2

Now that we can we can write shaders...

Now we know how to write shaders...

What shaders do we write?

1. Lighting
2. Textures
3. Other tricks

Lighting

THREE implements lighting very well (nice shaders)

Generally, we don't need to implement it ourselves

- if we want to understand lighting
- if we want to do something non-standard
- if we want to combine it with some other shading

Where to implement lighting?

Vertex Shader

Compute lighting at every vertex
Interpolate colors across triangle

Per-Vertex Lighting
Gouraud Shading

Used in the old days

Fragment Shader

Interpolate normals and surface colors

Compute lighting at every pixel

Per-pixel (fragment) shading

Hardware is fast enough to do it

What Lighting to Implement?

We skipped talking about lighting...

Lighting in the Real-World

Lighting: The General Idea

- Light starts at a source
- Interacts with objects
- Arrives at a sensor

Lighting: the simple local model

A photon arrives from some direction - where does it go?

- absorbed?
- perfect mirror bounce?
- micro-geometry
- subsurface effects
- depends on **material** and **direction**

Lighting: Local vs. Global

Local Lighting

what happens at **specific point**

each point considered individually

assume light comes from somewhere (direct from source)

Global Lighting

considers how points interact

entire scene considered together

considers how light **transports**

Local Lighting

we have to start somewhere...

1. consider each point individually
2. assume light comes from sources (not other objects)
3. only consider how material reflects light

this means no global effects:

- no shadows
- no reflections
- no spill / bleed

we'll get these back later

A Simple Local Lighting Model

- Assume an "ideal" material
- Make a model
- Tweak the model
- Combine with other models to mix effects

"The" Lighting Model (Historic)

- Emission (things give off light)
- Ambient (light from nowhere)
- Specular (direct reflection)
- Diffuse (rough reflection)

Less Historic

- ditch the hack pieces (emission, ambient)
- use less idealized models for specular and diffuse

Preliminaries

- Consider a point - with local geometry
  - surface normals
- Sum over all lights and reflectance types
  - close to how lighting really works
- Colors by doing things component-wise
  - can work in RGB or other color spaces

Diffuse Materials

Consider a very rough surface - chalk

Lambertian Materials

- scatters light in all directions
- doesn't matter what direction you look from

The direction of the light does matter

Consider a direction, and a small piece of surface

Diffuse Reflection

$$r_{\text{diffuse}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{l}}$$

where:

- r_{diffuse} = amount of diffuse reflection
- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - unit surface normal
- $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ - unit vector to light source

using this...

$$\mathbf{color} = (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \quad \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}} \quad \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{d}}$$

where

- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - unit surface normal
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- $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}}$ - color/intensity of light
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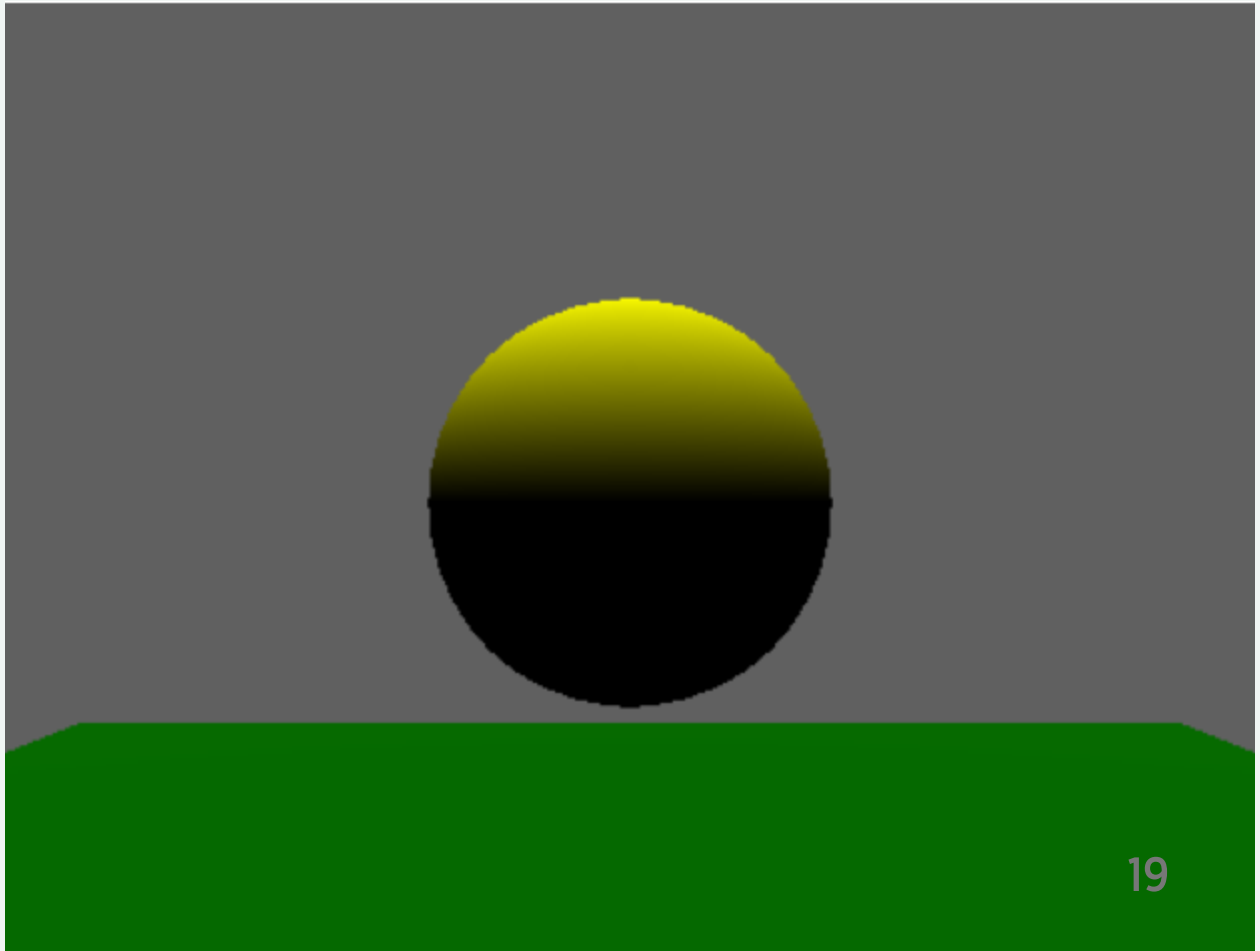
looking at a sphere...

why a sphere is a good "test probe"



Shiny Things

We are reflecting the lights (for now)

Specular reflection

A Perfect Mirror

- Light direction and eye position matter
- The eye needs to be in the exact correct position
- $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$ (eye vector) and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ (reflection vector)

A Realistic (Imperfect) Mirror

Phong model - it's a hack!

Graduate fall off as we get away from the optimal direction

$\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

keep > 0

Phong Model

Raise to the "power" of "shininess" (phong exponent)

$$r_{specular} = (\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})^p$$

where

- $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$ is the eye vector
- $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ is the reflection vector
- p is the "shininess" (material property), phone exponent
- $r_{specular}$ is the amount of specular reflection

Shinier = more like a perfect mirror

An Alternate Way to Compute

$r_{specular} = (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{h}})^p$

where

- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is the normal vector
- $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ is the half-way vector (between $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$)
- p is the "shininess" (material property), phone exponent
- $r_{specular}$ is the amount of specular reflection

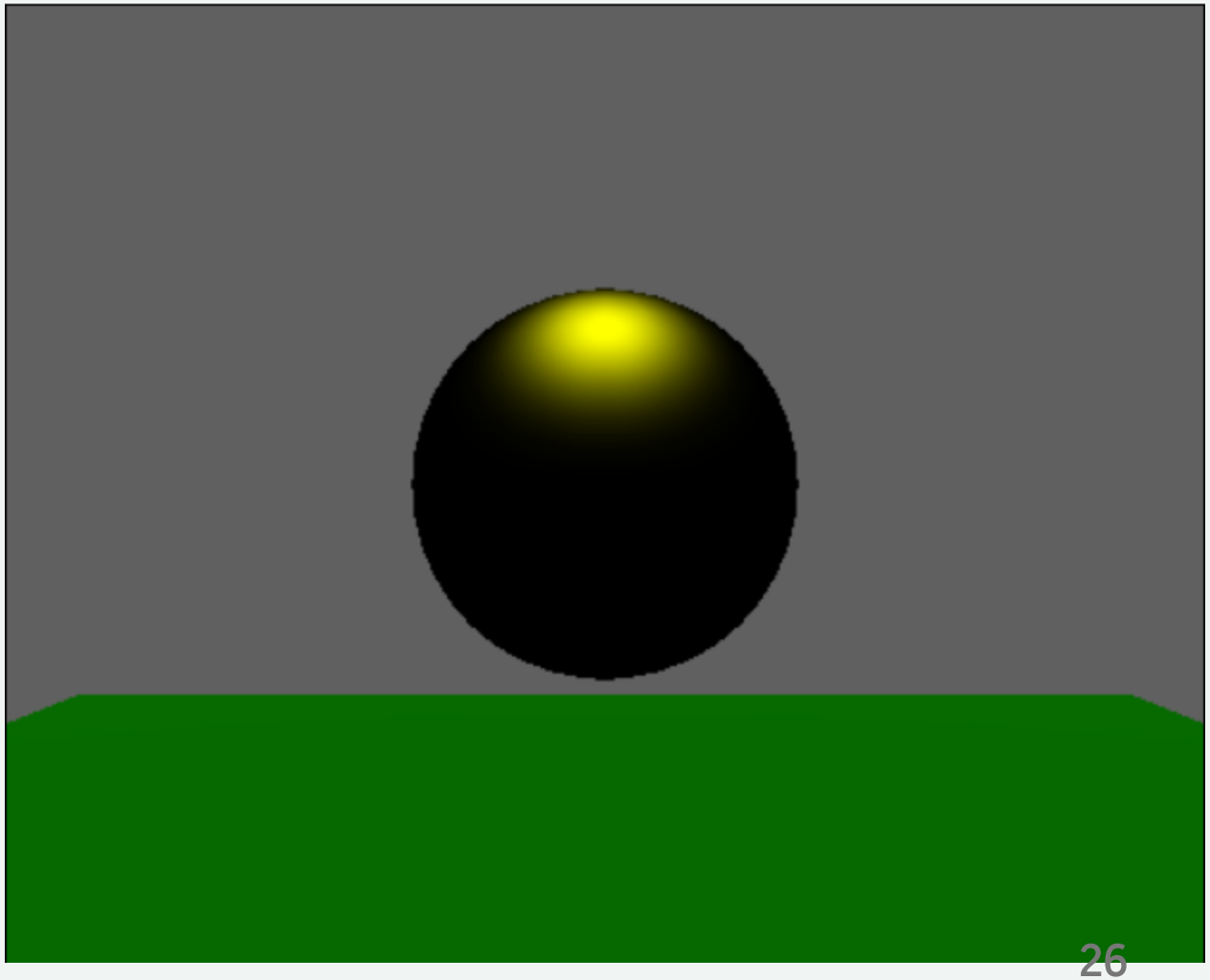
Using This

$$\mathbf{color} = (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{h}})^p \quad \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}} \quad \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{s}}$$

where

- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - unit surface normal
- $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ - unit vector to light source
- $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}}$ - color/intensity of light
- $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{s}}$ - color of the material (specular reflectance)
- p - shininess of the material

Demo



Putting it together...

Sum of different lighting components:

- emissive (objects give off light)
- ambient (generic light from all directions)
- diffuse (add for each light source)
- specular (add for each light source)

A Material is defined by:

- an emissive color $\mathbf{c_e}$
- an ambient color $\mathbf{c_a}$
- a diffuse color $\mathbf{c_d}$
- a specular color $\mathbf{c_s}$
- a specular exponent (shininess) p

The Phong Lighting Model

$$\mathbf{color} = \mathbf{c_e} + \mathbf{c_a}\ \mathbf{l_a} + \sum_{l \in lights} \left((\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{l}})\ \mathbf{c_{light}}\ \mathbf{c_d} + (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{h}})^p\ \mathbf{c_{light}}\ \mathbf{c_s} \right)$$

which uses:

- the surface geometry $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$
- the light direction $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$
- the eye direction (combined with light direction into the half-vector) ($\hat{\mathbf{h}}$)
- the light color (instensity) $\mathbf{l_a}$) and $\mathbf{c_{light}}$
- the surface properties $\mathbf{c_e}$, $\mathbf{c_a}$, $\mathbf{c_d}$, $\mathbf{c_s}$ and p

Using this in THREE.js

Use the `MeshPhongMaterial`

- specify 3 colors (no separate ambient)
  - `color` is diffuse and ambient color
  - `specular` is specular color
  - `emissive` is emissive color

Designing Materials

warning: Phong is a hack, choosing parameters that look good is an art

Amount of Shininess:

- how bright is the shininess ($\mathbf{c_s}$, relative to $\mathbf{c_d}$)
- how focused is the shininess (p)

Color of Shininess

- what color is the shininess (plastic has white highlights, metal is colored)

Alternative Workflow

Could choose a different workflow:

- **metalness** - behaves like metal or plastic
  - metal specular keeps color, plastic, specular is white
- **roughness** - dull or shiny
  - amount of specularity, size of specularity

Or...

- use a less hacky model of local lighting!

The lighting to implement (Phong)

$$\mathbf{color} = \mathbf{c_e} + \mathbf{c_a}\ \mathbf{l_a} + \sum_{l \in lights} \left((\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{l}})\ \mathbf{c_{light}}\ \mathbf{c_d} + (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{h}})^p\ \mathbf{c_{light}}\ \mathbf{c_s} \right)$$

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Get color from:

- material (as a uniform)
- the vertices (interpolate attributes)
- a texture map (later)

Diffuse

$$\mathbf{color} = (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \quad \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}} \quad \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{d}}$$

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Diffuse and Ambient

$$\mathbf{color} = \left((\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \ \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}} \ + \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{ambient}} \right) \ \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{d}}$$

where

- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - unit surface normal
- $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ - unit vector to light source
- $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}}$ - color/intensity of light
- $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{ambient}}$ - color/intensity of ambient light
- $\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{d}}$ - color of the material (diffuse reflectance)

Where do those values come from?

$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - unit surface normal

$\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ - unit vector to light source

$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}}$ - color/intensity of light

$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{ambient}}$ - color of ambient light

$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{d}}$ - **color of material**

Surface color

uniform for material?

varying (copy from attribute)

read from texture

Where do those values come from?

$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - unit surface normal

$\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ - unit vector to light source

$\mathbf{c}_{\text{light}}$ - **color/intensity of light**

$\mathbf{c}_{\text{ambient}}$ - **color of ambient light**

$\mathbf{c}_{\text{d}}$ - color of material

Light Properties

Constants?

Uniforms?

Get from THREE's objects (tricky)

The Geometric Properties

$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ - **unit surface normal**

$\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ - **unit vector to light source**

$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{light}}$ - color/intensity of light

$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{ambient}}$ - color of ambient light

$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{d}}$ - color of material

What coordinate system?

Transform vertices

Interpolate normal vectors

The Vertex Shader

```
attribute vec3 position;          // these are provided by THREE
attribute vec3 normal;            // you don't need to declare them
uniform mat3 normalMatrix;
uniform mat4 modelViewMatrix;
uniform mat4 projectionMatrix;

varying vec3 fNormal;
varying vec3 fPosition;

void main()
{
  gl_Position = projectionMatrix * modelViewMatrix * vec4(position, 1.0);

  fNormal = normalize(normalMatrix * normal);
  fPosition = modelViewMatrix * vec4(position, 1.0);
}
```

Transformations of Normals

Transforming an object changes the normals

Normals are transformed by the inverse transpose (adjoint)

What coordinate system?

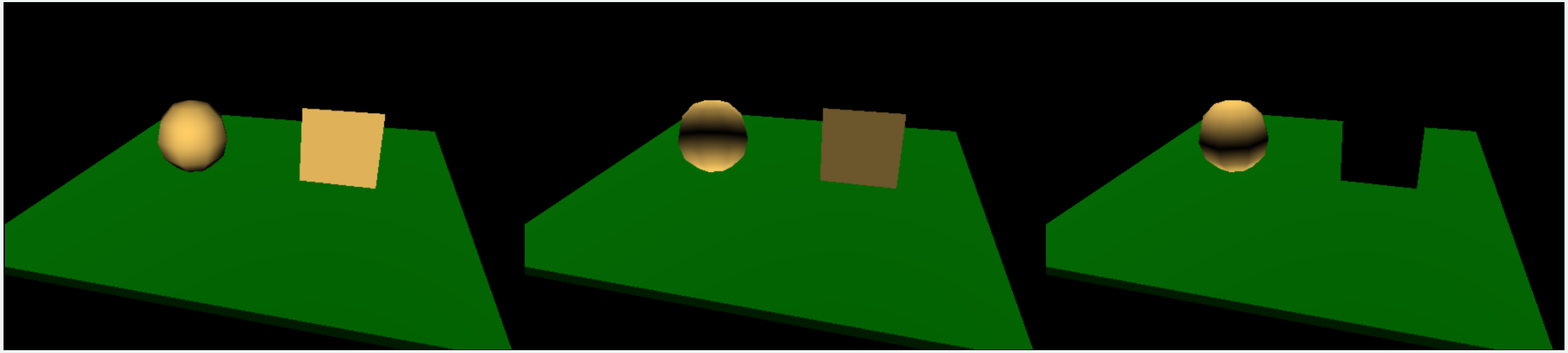
World coordinate system?

Camera coordinate system?

Typically: lighting in camera coordinates

Does it make a difference?

Z-Axis Camera Y-Axis Camera Y-Axis World



What does THREE do?

from the documentation...

```
// = inverse transpose of modelViewMatrix
uniform mat3 normalMatrix;
```

THREE's lights are transformed into view coordinates

Light Geometry: Directional Light

```
const vec3 lhat = vec3(0,1,0);
```

Y Axis in same coordinate system as the normals (view)

Light Geometry 2: Point Light

```
const vec3 lightPos = vec3(10,10,0);
varying vec3 fPosition;

main() {
    ...
    vec3 lhat = normalize(fPosition - lightPos);
```

but light position must be in camera coordinates

Light Geometry2b: Point Light

```
uniform vec3 cameraPosition;
const vec3 lightPos = vec3(10,10,0);
varying vec3 fPosition;

main() {
    ...
    vec3 lhat = normalize(wPosition - lightPos);
```

if we had `wPosition` as a varying as:

```
wPosition = modelMatrix * vec4(position, 1.0);
```

Diffuse Lighting Shader...

```
varying vec3 v_normal;
const vec3 lightDir = vec3(0,0,1);
const vec3 baseColor = vec3(1,.8,.4);
const vec3 lightColor = vec3(.5,.5,.5);
const vec3 ambientColor = vec3(.1,.1,.2);

void main()
{
    /* we need to renormalize the normal since it was interpolated */
    vec3 nhat = normalize(v_normal);
    /* deal with two sided lighting */
    float light = abs(dot(nhat, lightDir));
    // or not...
    float light = clamp(dot(nhat, lightDir),0.0,1.0);

    /* brighten the base color */
    gl_FragColor = vec4((light*lightColor + ambientColor) * baseColor,1);
}
```

Beyond Diffuse

Implement the equations of the model...

What does THREE actually do?

1. `ShaderMaterial` - whatever we tell it to do
2. `MeshPhongMaterial` - basically the model we discussed

   see `lights_phong_pars_fragment.glsl`
3. `MeshStandardMaterial` - less clear what it does

   might be Phong with improved workflow
4. `MeshPhysicalMaterial` - a more complex model

What if we want to use THREE's lights

We need to get them from THREE

- uniforms lib

We need to loop over however many lights there are

We need to do all the different kinds of lights

This is tricky - and not that instructive

Best bet: use the code from THREE's shaders

Textures

1. Image-Based Textures
2. Procedural Textures

Image-Based Textures in Shaders

Texture Maps are part of "Texture Objects"

- texure map (image)
- mip-map (images of different sizes)
- parameters (filter type, wrapping, ...)

GLSL Type `sampler2D` (for a 2D image)

Getting the color from a texture

```
 varying vec2 v_uv;

 // get the texture from the program
 uniform sampler2D texture;

void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = texture2D(texture, v_uv);
}
```

How does it know how to filter?

Mip-Mapping set up in JavaScript (THREE's default)

Vertex Shader

It doesn't know how to sample - uses the texture itself

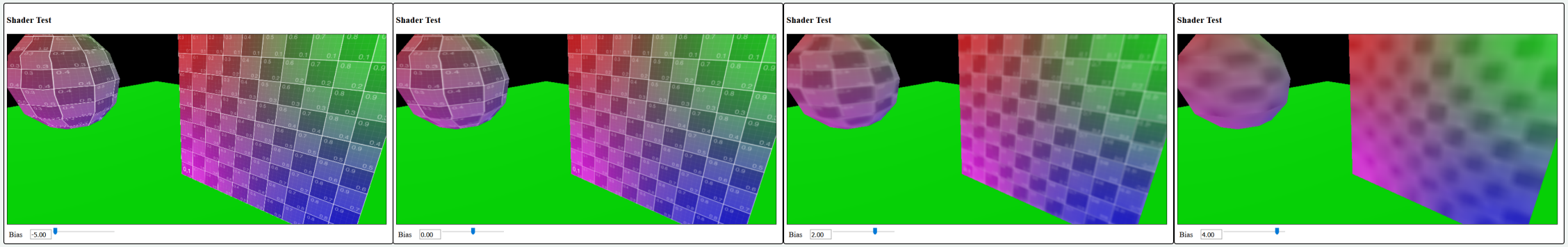
Fragment Shader

It knows how far the next pixel is and uses that to estimate

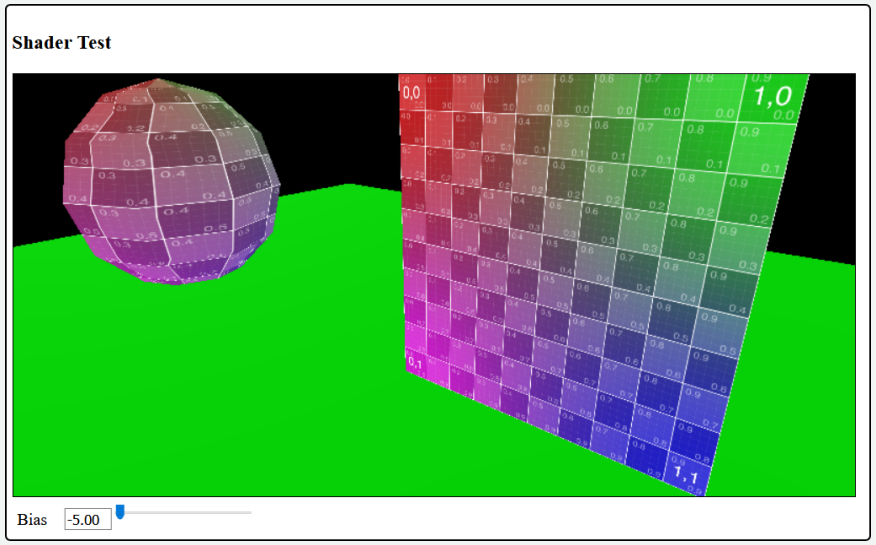
Adjusting Filtering

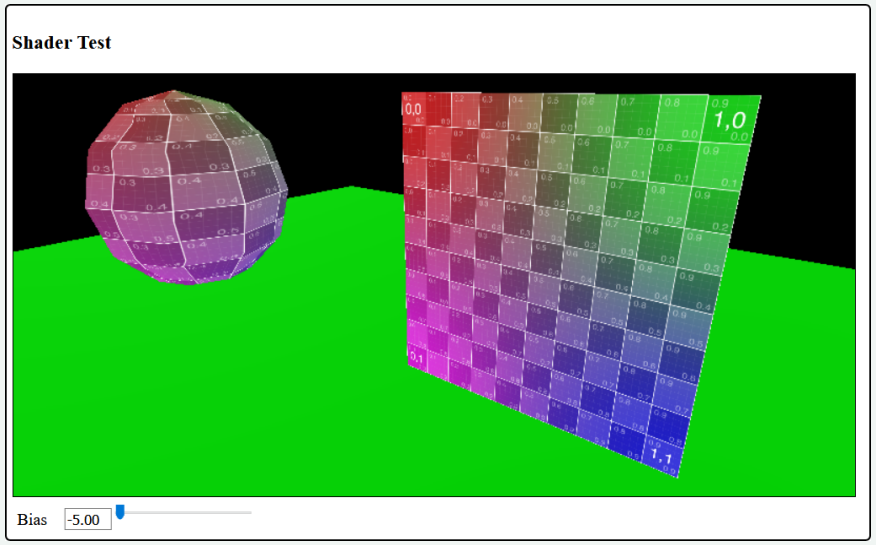
we can **bias** the mip-map level (amount of blur)

```
gl_FragColor = texture2D(texture, v_uv, bias);
```

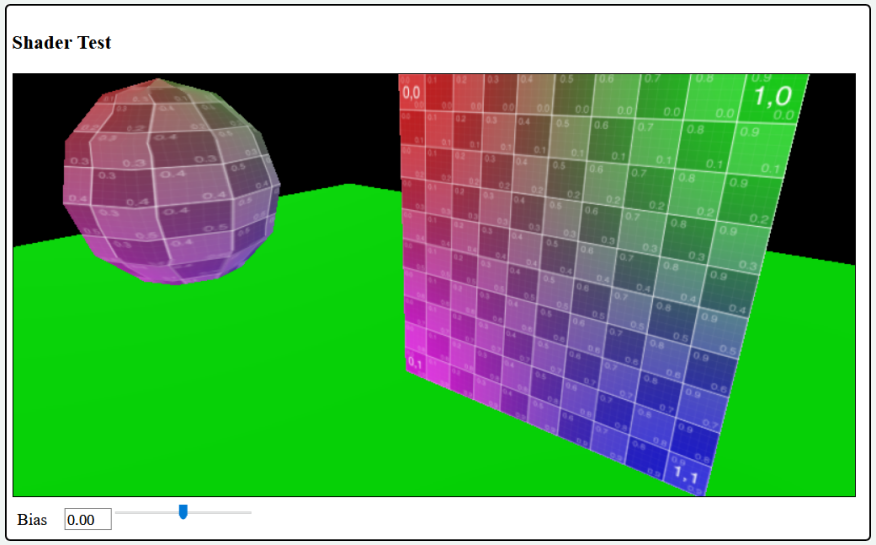


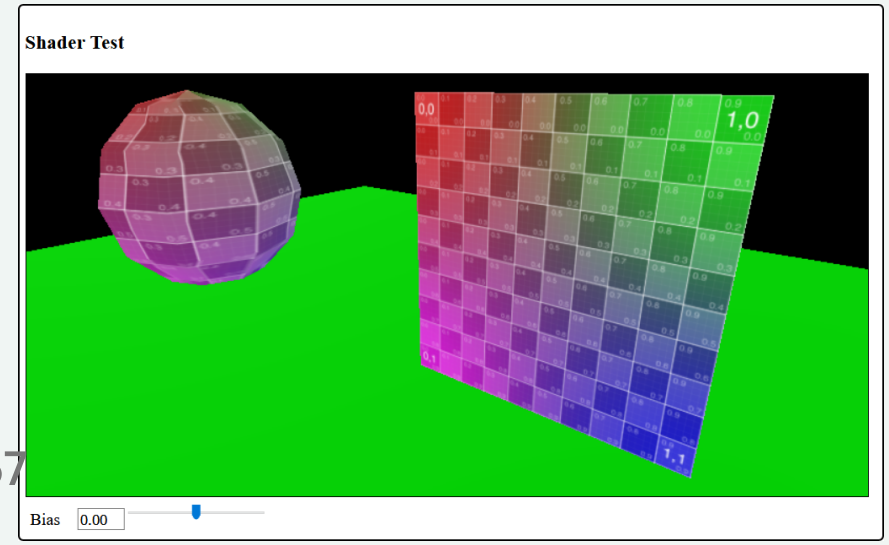
no filtering





filtering





Shader Techniques and Tricks

Thinking About Shaders

The same little program run over different data

Historically, SIMD (single-instruction, multiple data)

Each processor runs in lock-step (same program counter)

```
if (x>.5) {
    // something big
} else {
    // something small
}
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```

All pixels execute both paths!

It doesn't work this way anymore - but it motivates how we think about shaders

Use Built-Ins, not Conditionals

Functions for common tests:

- clamp
- step
- sign
- min
- max

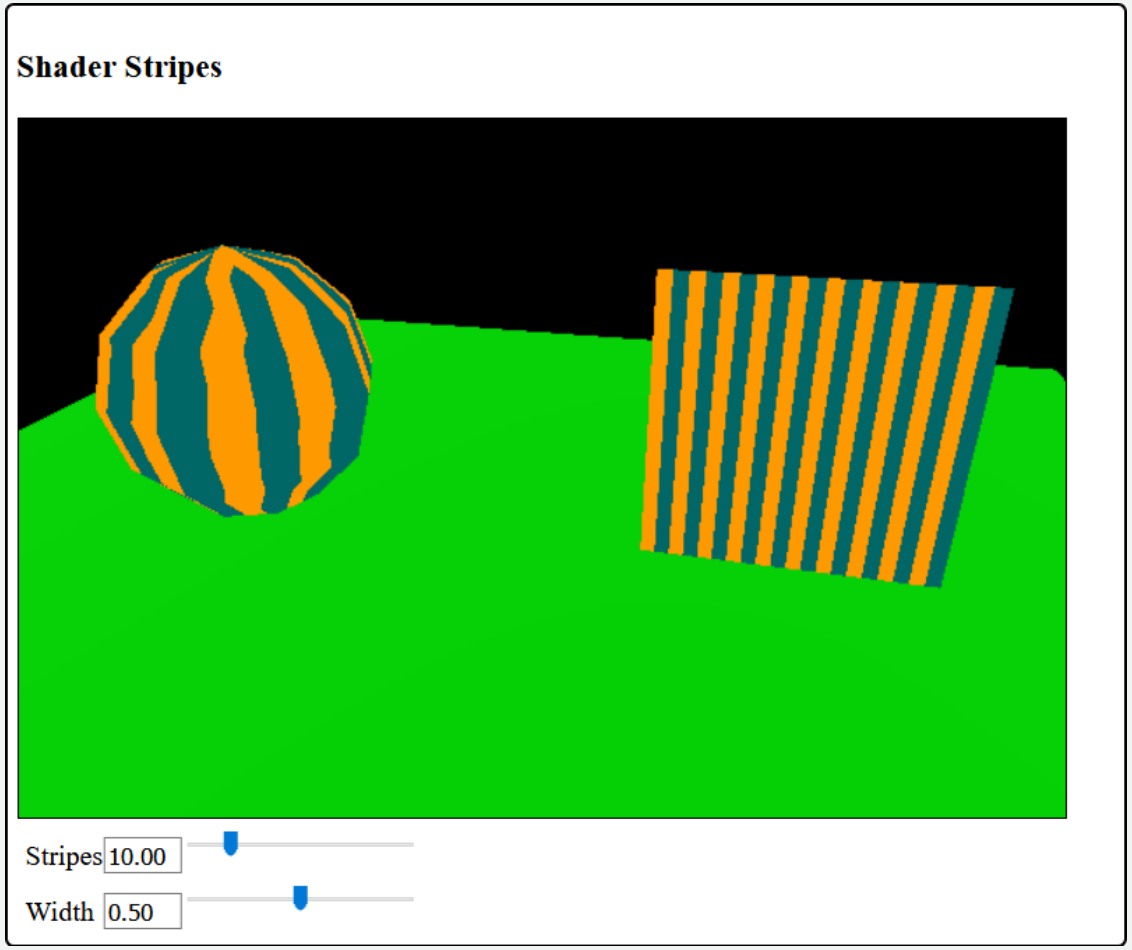
Designed to be more efficient

Convenient

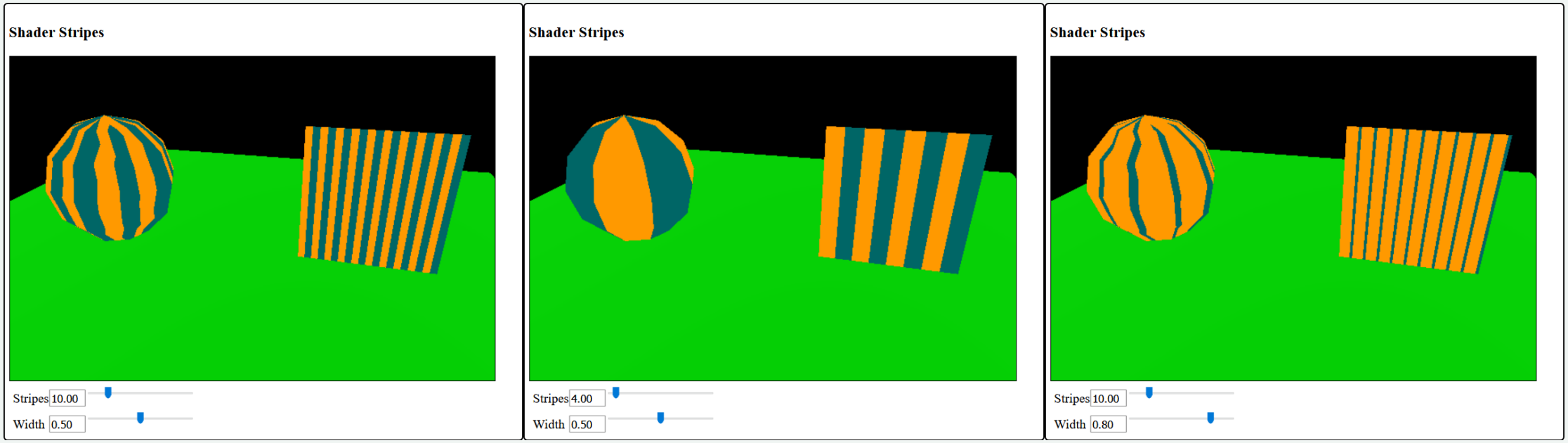
Use Built-Ins, not Expressions

- mix

A Shader... Stripes



Parameters - change as needed



Parameters for the number of stripes and the width

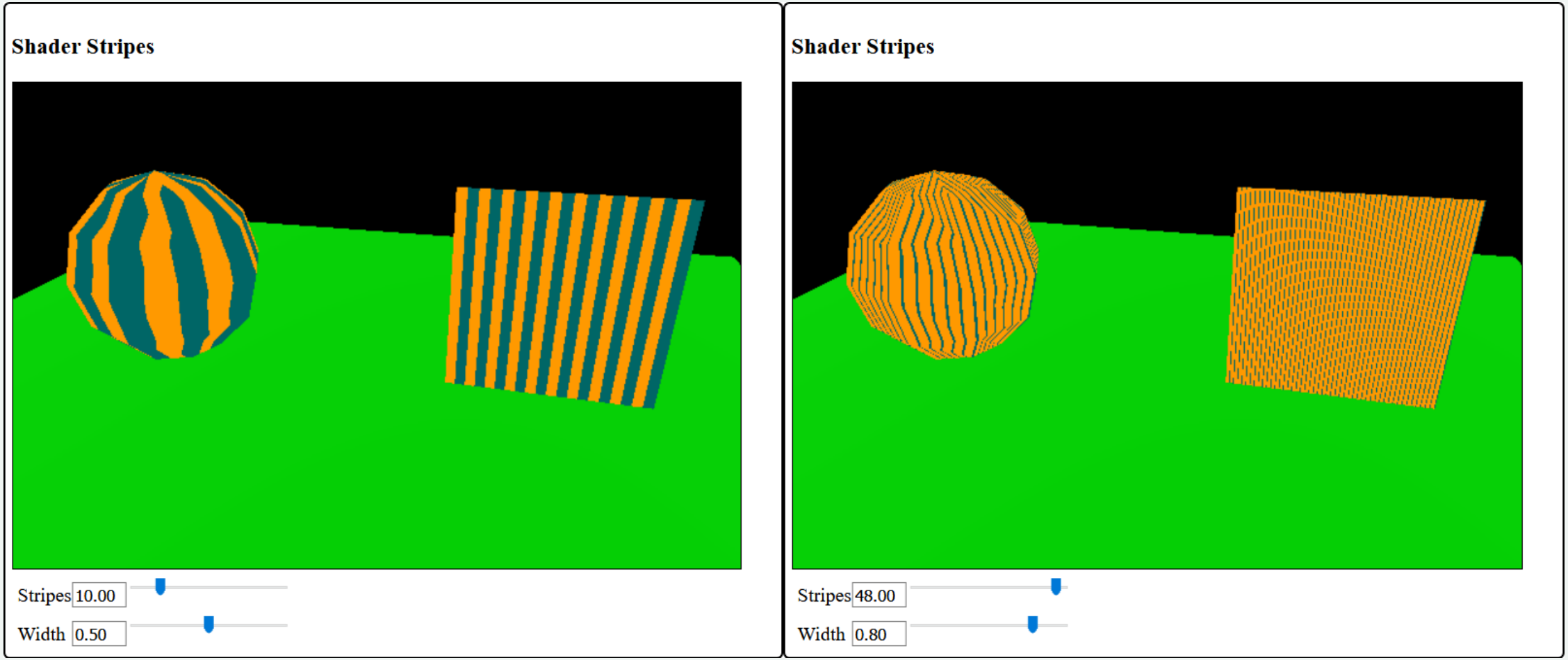
Or change other things (colors)...

```
varying vec2 v_uv;

uniform vec3 color1;
uniform vec3 color2;
uniform float sw;
uniform float stripes;

void main()
{
    // broken into multiple lines to be easier to read
    float su = fract(v_uv.x * stripes);
    float st = step(sw,su);
    vec3 color = mix(color1, color2, st);
    gl_FragColor = vec4(color,1);
}
```

Note the jaggies



Anti-Aliasing in Shaders

The problem - we are measuring at a specific place for each fragment

Intuition: Sharp Edges are bad

Sharp Edge:

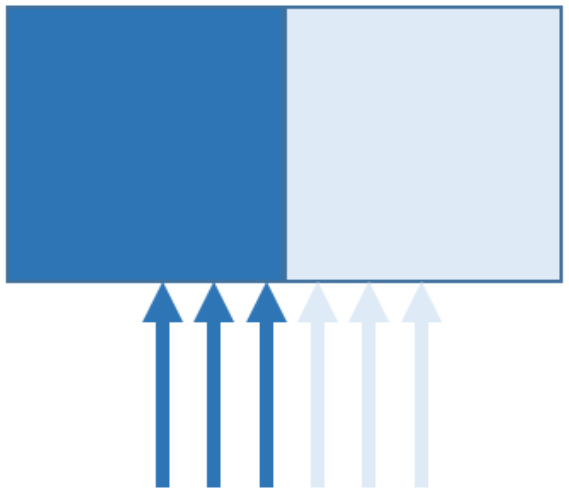
Small change in position

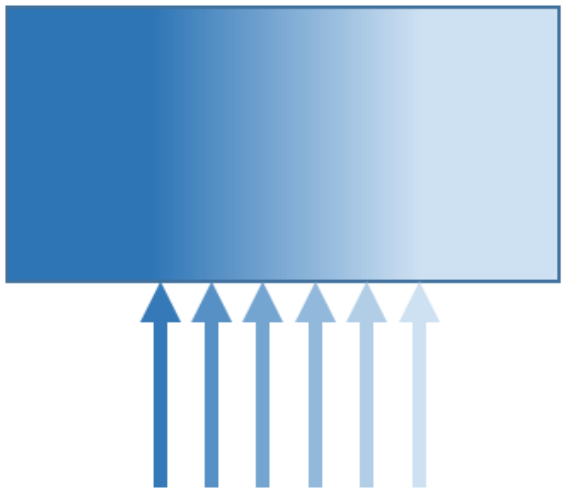
Big change in value

Smoother “Edge:”

Small change in position

Doesn’t matter (that much)





Where do sharp edges come from?

Step vs. SmoothStep

step

```
float st = step(sw,su);
```

smoothstep

```
uniform float blur;
float st = smoothstep(sw-blur,sw+blur,su);
```

Warning - this is one sided!

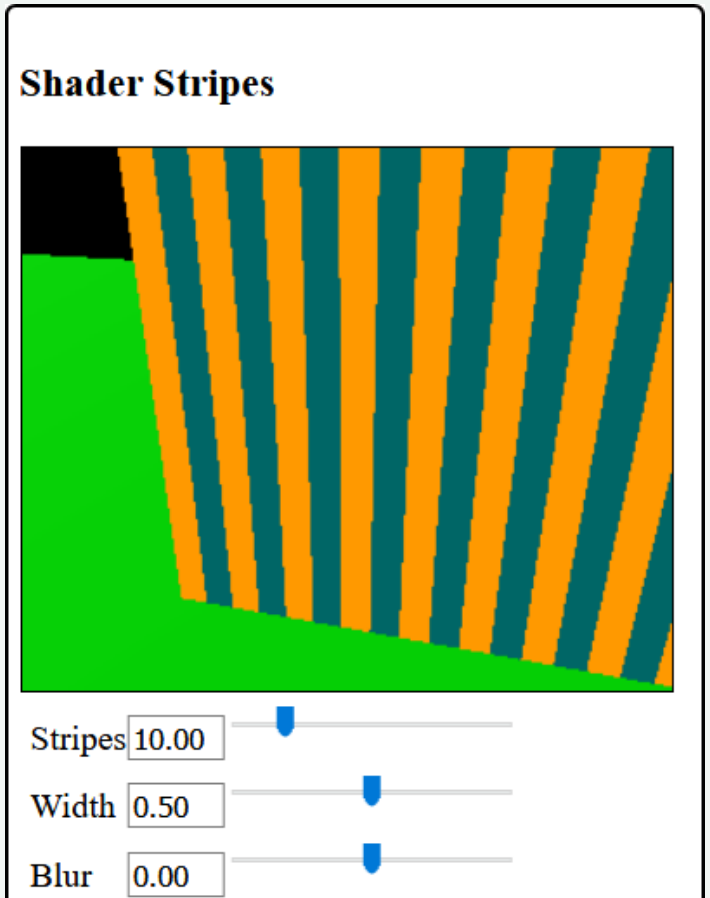
Step is only for the 0-1 transition

The 1-0 transition happens at the repeat

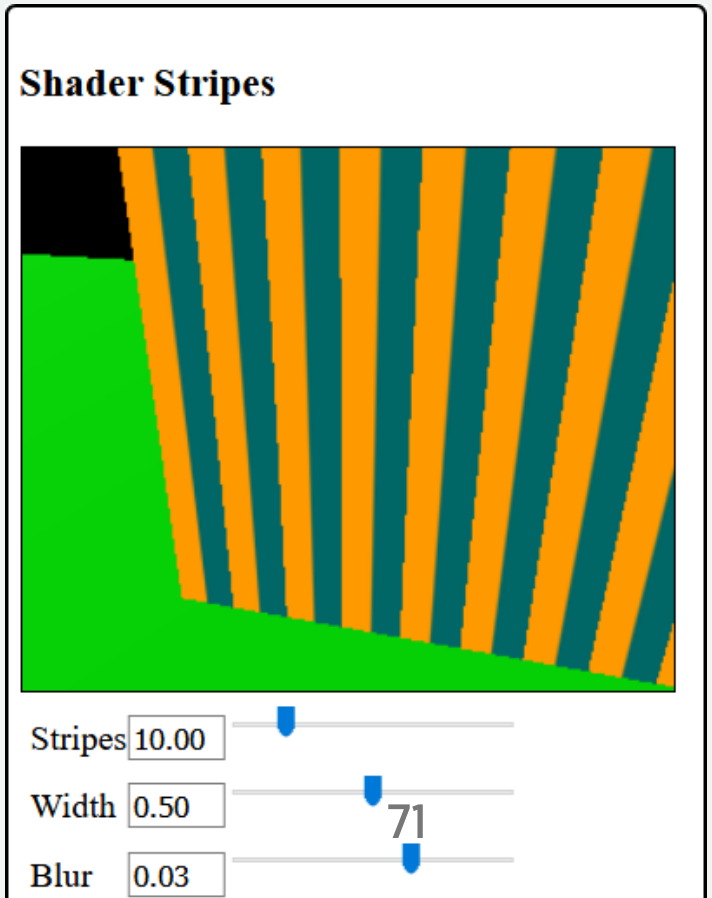
Need to deal with it separately

Does this help?

Width 0 (no blur)

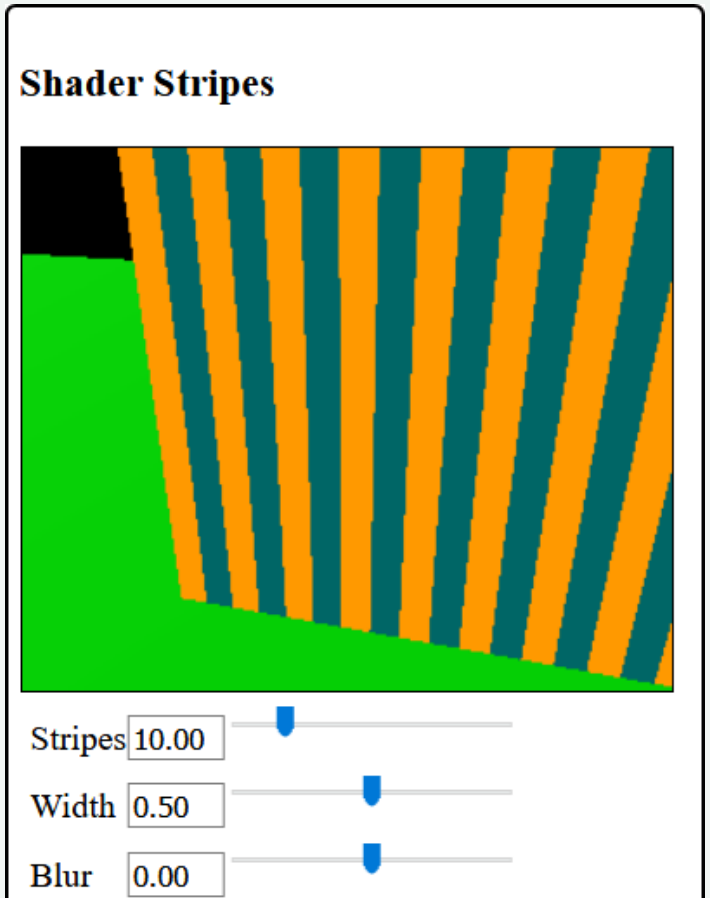


Width 3 (blur)



Too much of a good thing?

Width 0 (no blur)



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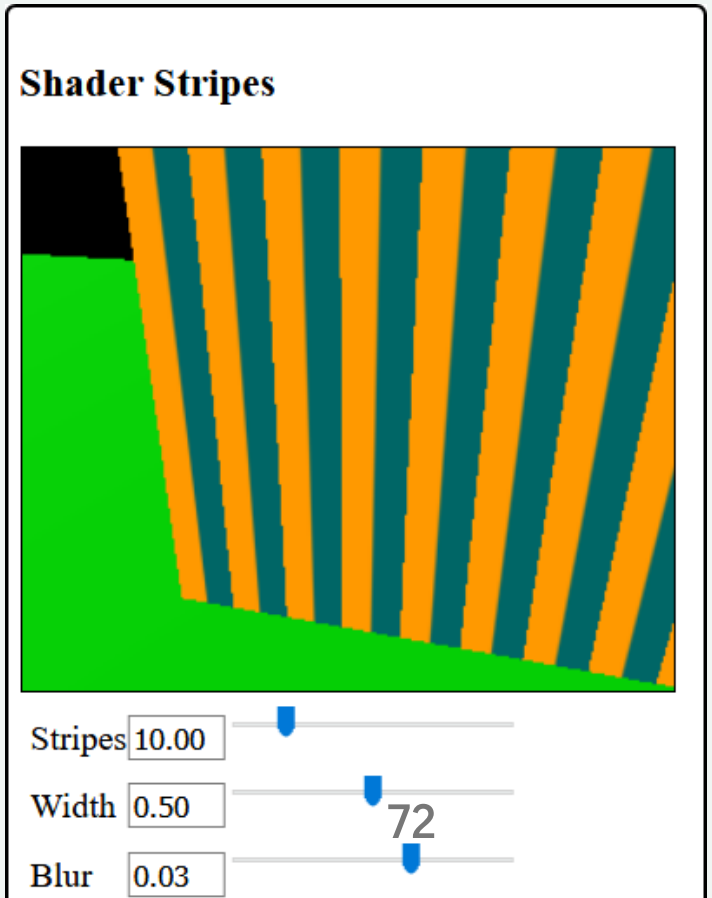
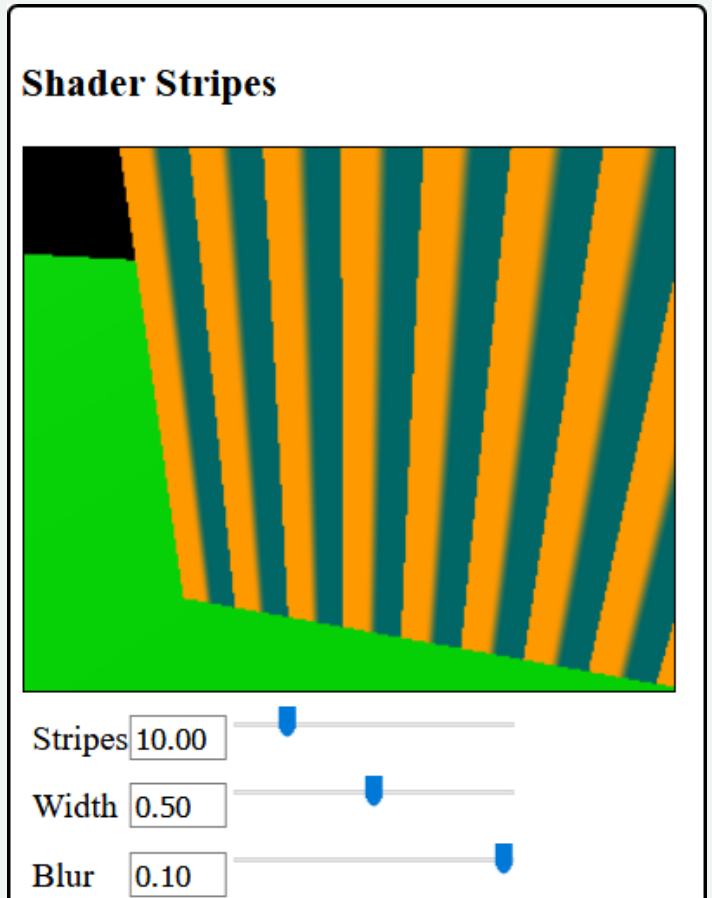


Width 10 (blurry)



What value for the width?

Want the blur to be "one pixel wide"

But what is that in u values?

GLSL will figure it out for us!

- `dFdx` - derivative of function with respect to x
- `fwidth` - derivative of function with respect to x and y

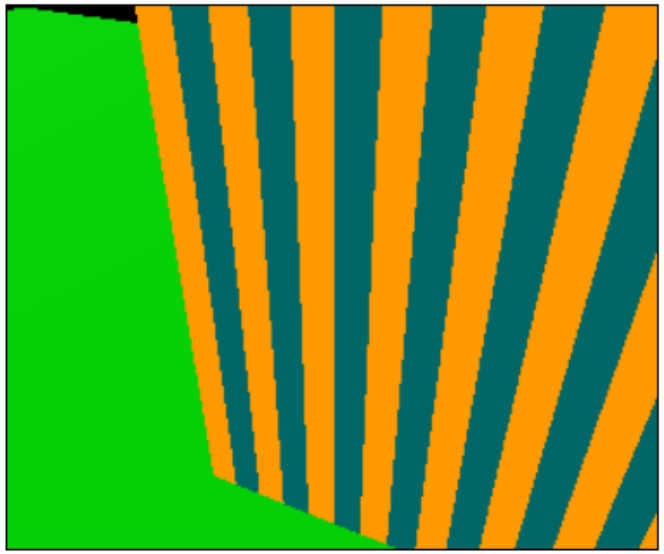
These are **extensions** to GLSL-ES (but three loads them for us)

- we need to enable them in the shader

fwidth: just right!

No Blur

Shader Stripes



Stripes 10.00

Width 0.50

Blur 0.00

FWidth Blur

Shader Stripes

Stripes 10.00

Width 0.50

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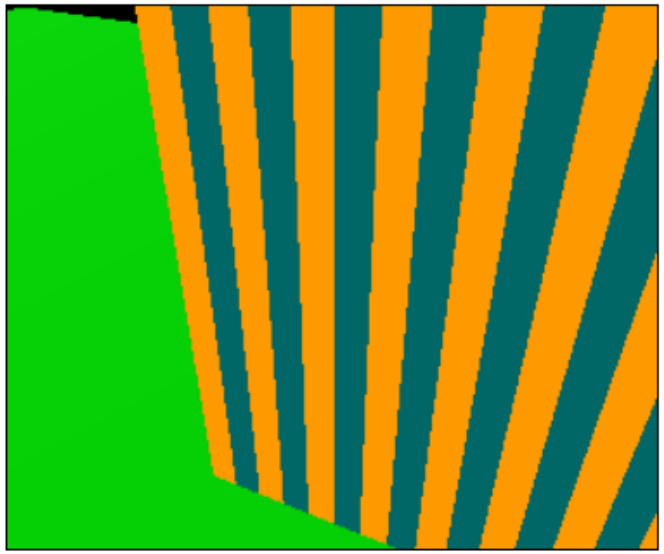
Blur -0.10

fwidth: just right!

No Blur

Shader Stripes



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Blur 0.00

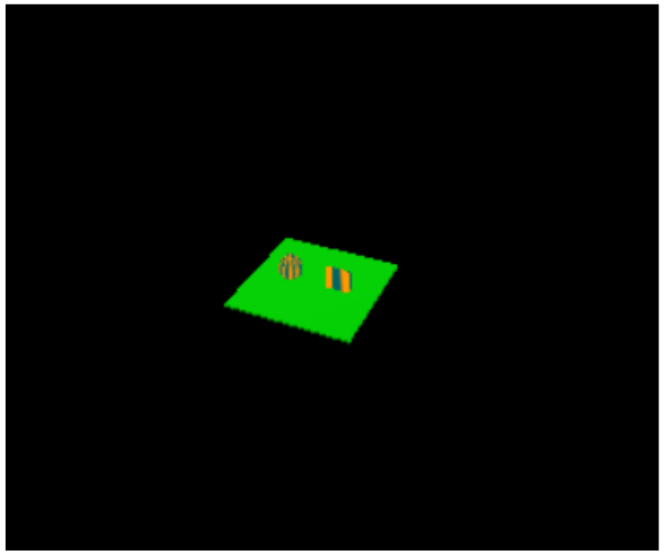
FWidth Blur

Shader Stripes

Stripes 10.00
Width 0.50
75
Blur -0.10

Zoom out?

Shader Stripes



Stripes 10.00
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Blur -0.10

Smoothstep handles texture Magnification

Not texture Minification

We still need some way to do filtering

Hard to do in a general way for procedures

- over-sampling

Much easier to do for images