

# Illumination

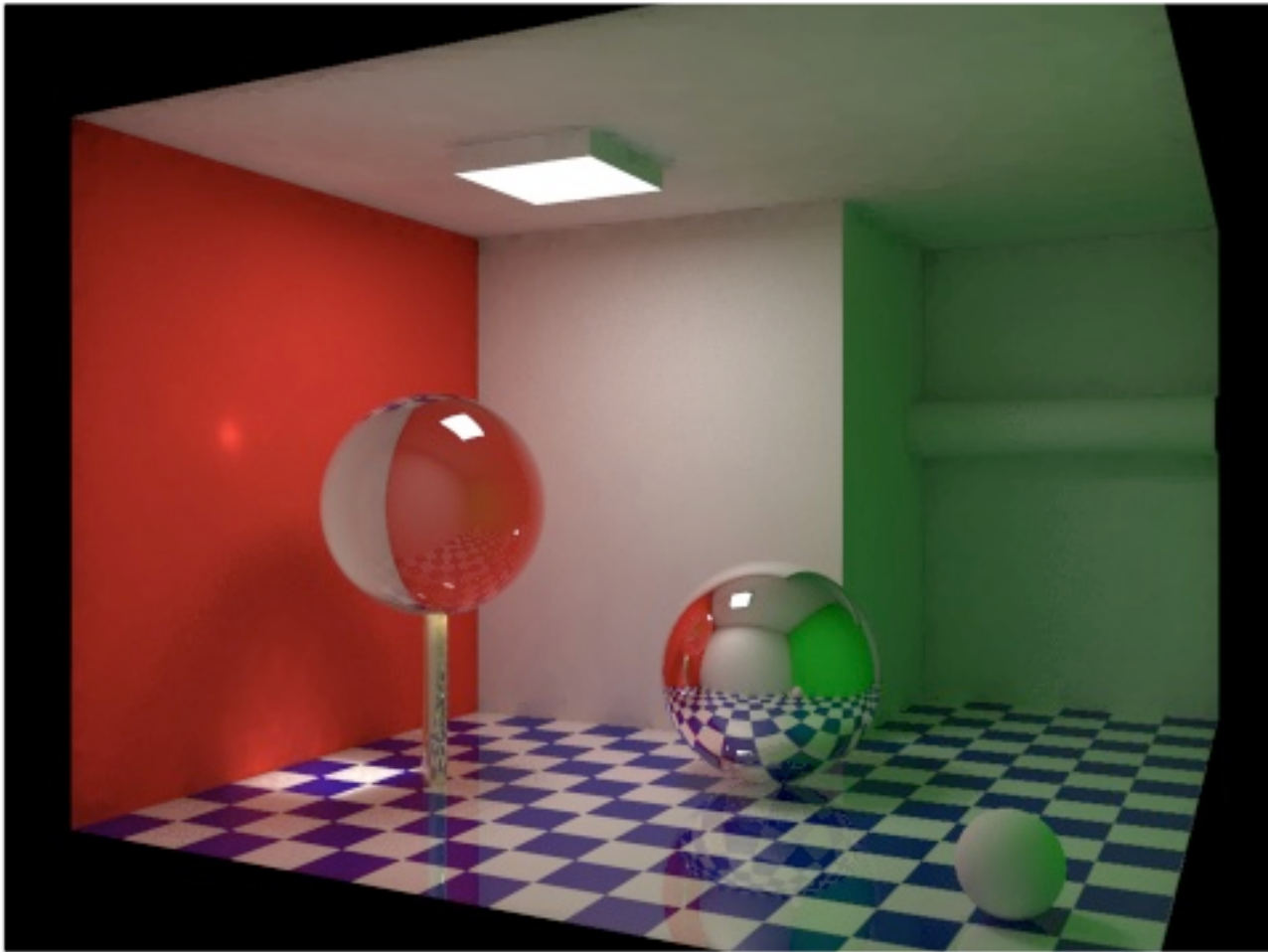


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# Illumination - Object Appearance

## *Light transport in a scene*

- Light emitted from light sources
- On impact with objects some light is reflected, refracted, and absorbed by materials
- The reflection distribution determines the “finish” of the material (matte, glossy, shiny, etc)
- The amount and properties of light that reaches the eye determines what we see

# Illumination

***Realistic light sources can be very complex***

- Projector, TV, lamps of various kinds, the sun

***Surfaces can have varying characteristics***

- Translucent
- Rough ( microstructures)
- Anisotropic
- Iridescent, fluorescent etc

# Local (Direct) Illumination

*Local interaction between a light source and a surface*

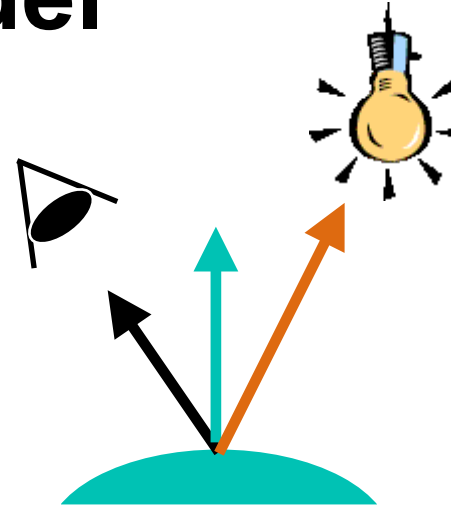
*Simplified as follows:*

- Point light source:
  - *Infinitesimal point in space*
  - *Isotropic light emission: emits light equally in all directions*
  - *Can be modelled with light rays starting at the light's location*

# Basic Local Illumination Model

## *Light that reaches the eye*

- Depends on light and eye positions, and surface's reflectance

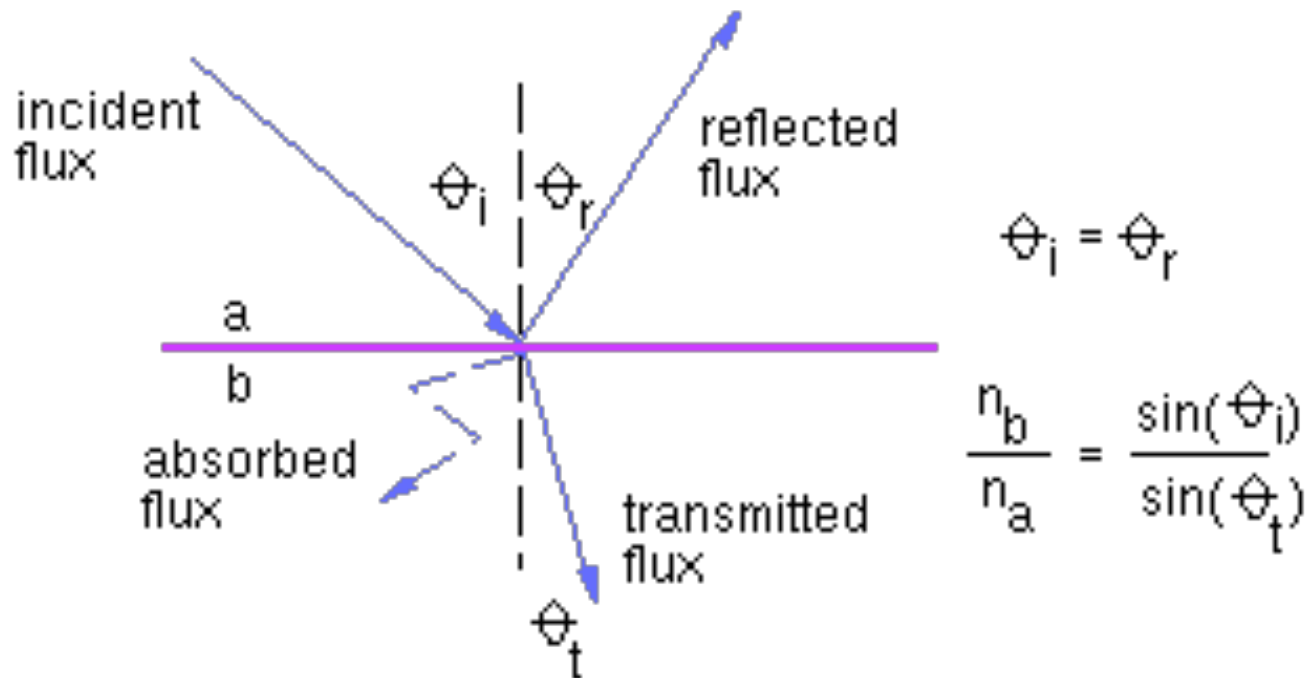


## *Light represented with RGB triplets*

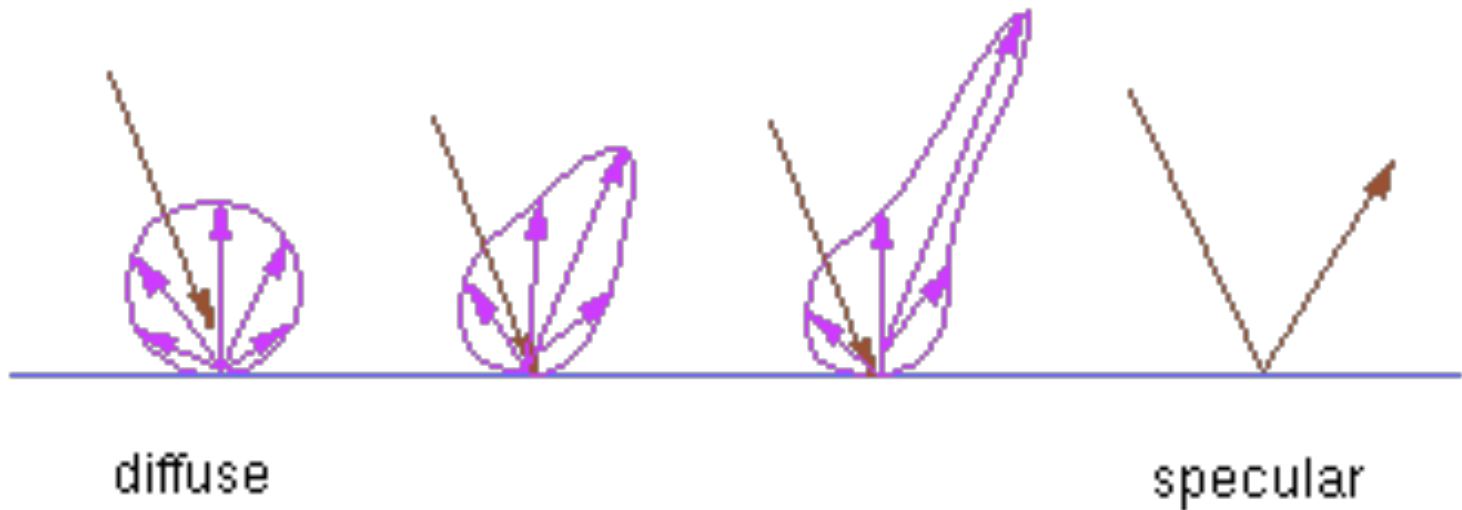
*We want the amount (intensity) of light that the point reflects towards the viewer*

# Local Illumination physics

## *Law of reflection and Snell's law of refraction*



# What are we trying to model ?



- Keep things simple and computationally efficient
- Sufficient expressive power for a wide range of materials

# Diffuse Reflection

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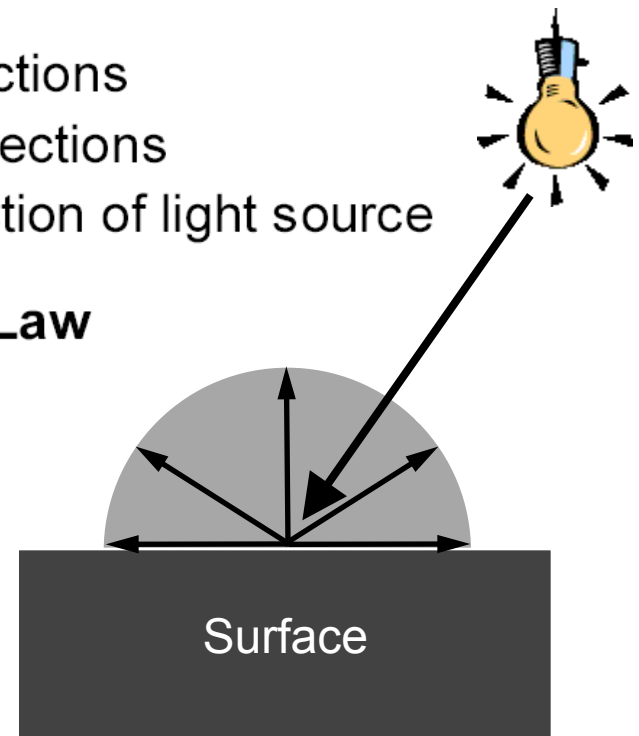
**This is the simplest kind of reflection**

- also called **Lambertian** reflection
- models dull, matte surfaces — materials like chalk

**Ideal diffuse reflection**

- scatters incoming light equally in all directions
- identical appearance from all viewing directions
- reflected intensity depends only on direction of light source

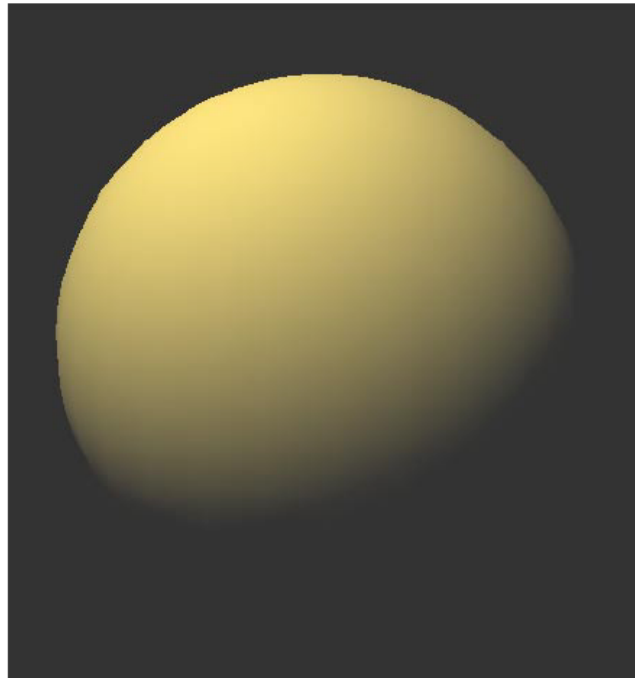
**Light is reflected according to Lambert's Law**



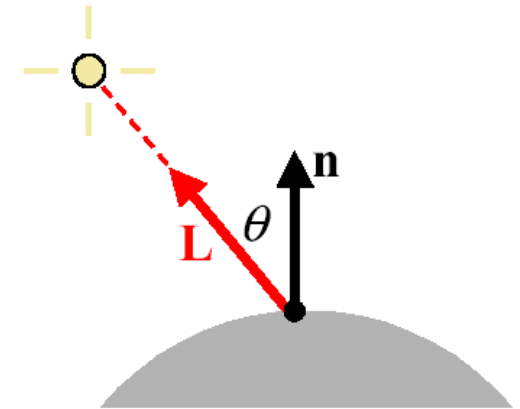


# Lambert's Law for Diffuse Reflection

*Purely diffuse object*



$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_L k_d \cos \theta \\ &= I_L k_d (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{L}) \end{aligned}$$



$I$  : resulting intensity

$I_L$  : light source intensity

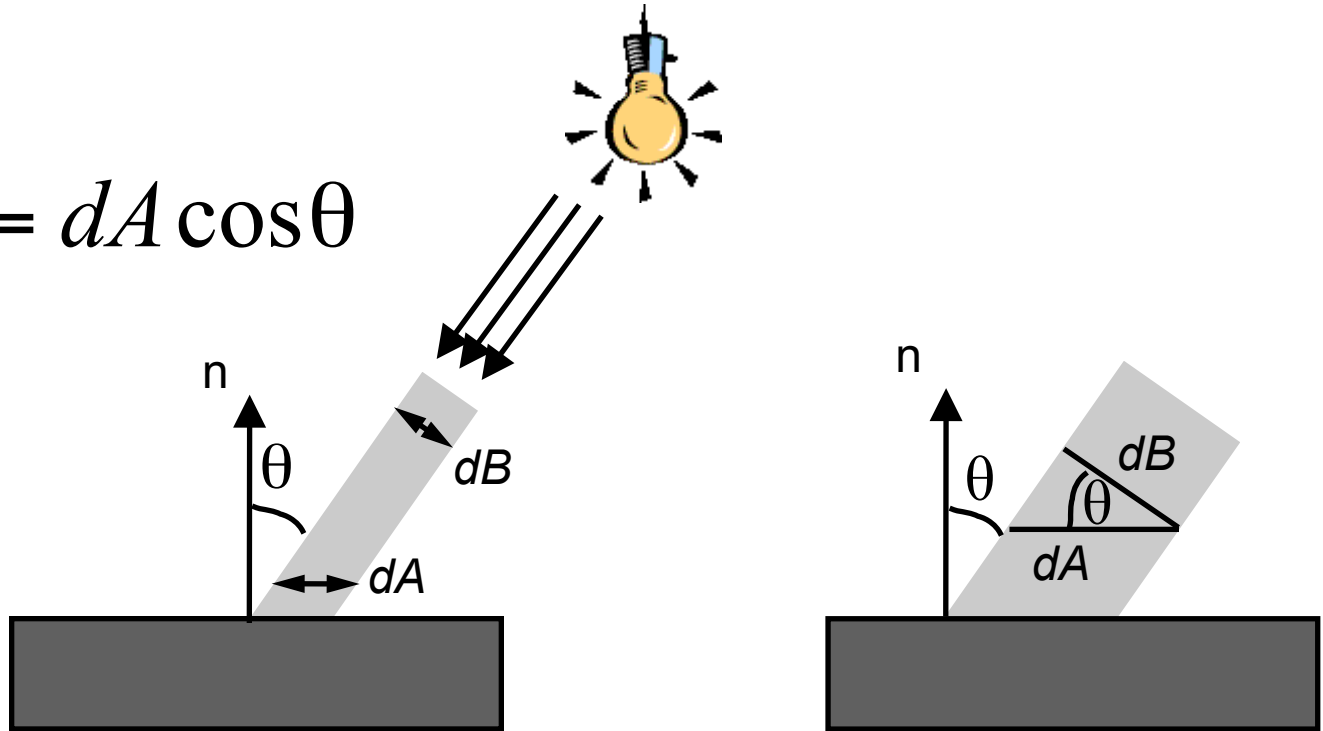
$k_d$  : (diffuse) surface reflectance coefficient

$$k_d \in [0,1]$$

$\theta$  : angle between normal & light direction

# Lambert's cosine law

$$dB = dA \cos \theta$$



# Specular Reflection

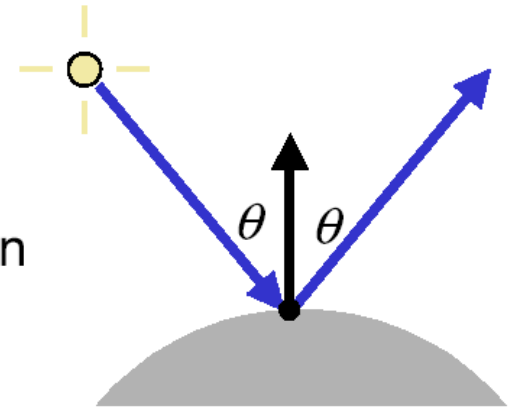
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**Diffuse reflection is nice, but many surfaces are shiny**

- their appearance changes as the viewpoint moves
- they have glossy **specular highlights** (or specularities)
- because they reflect light coherently, in a preferred direction

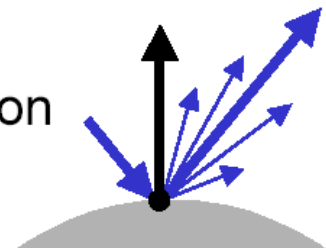
**A mirror is a perfect specular reflector**

- incoming ray reflected about normal direction
- nothing reflected in any other direction

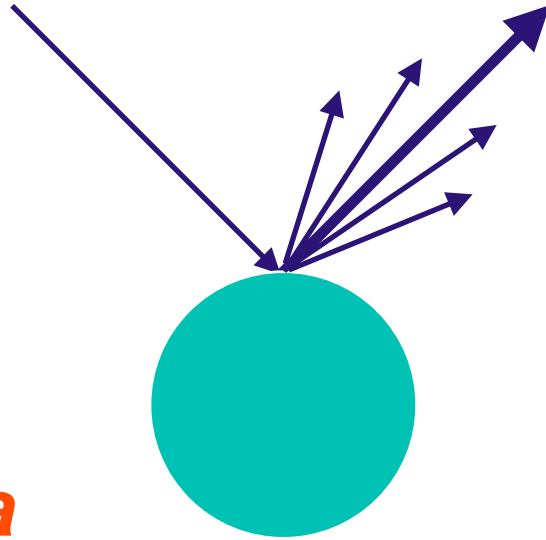


**Most surfaces are imperfect specular reflectors**

- reflect rays in cone about perfect reflection direction



# How do we model specular reflection?



***We want a***

- simple,
- efficient,
- and intuitive

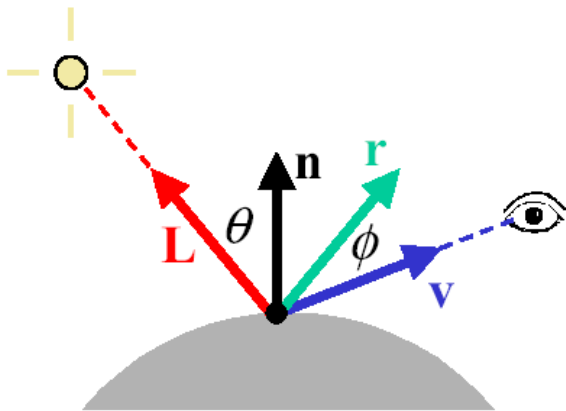
***model***

# Phong Illumination Model

$$I = I_L k_d \cos \theta + I_L k_s \cos^n \phi$$
$$= I_L k_d (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{L}) + I_L k_s (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v})^n$$

One particular specular reflection model

- quite common in practice
- it is purely empirical
- there's *no physical basis* for it



$I$  : resulting intensity

$I_L$  : light source intensity

$k_s$  : (specular) surface reflectance coefficient

$$k_s \in [0, 1]$$

$\phi$  : angle between viewing & reflection direction

$n$  : "shininess" factor

# Computing R

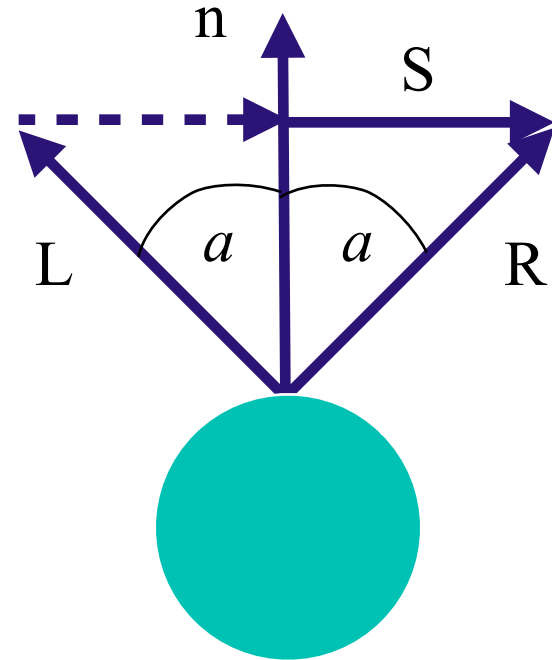
- Convention L towards light
- $n, R, L$  unit vectors

$$R = (n \cdot L)n + S$$

$$S = (n \cdot L)n - L$$

substituting we get

$$R = 2(n \cdot L)n - L$$



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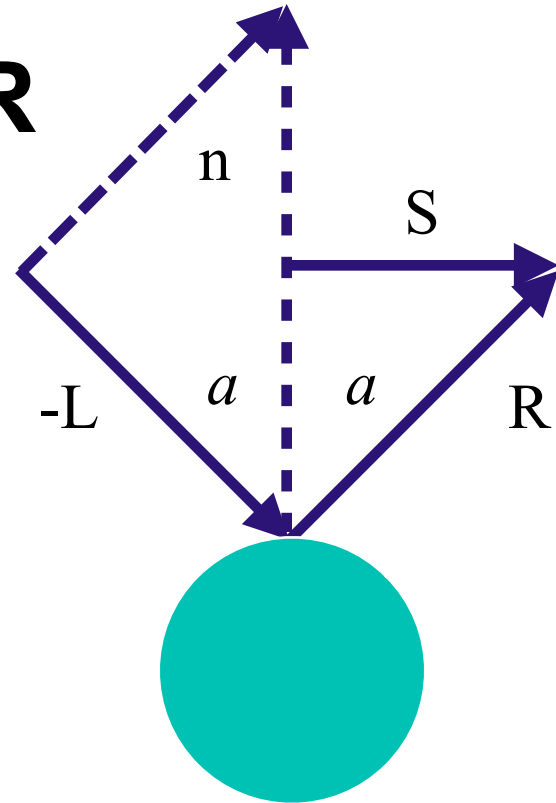
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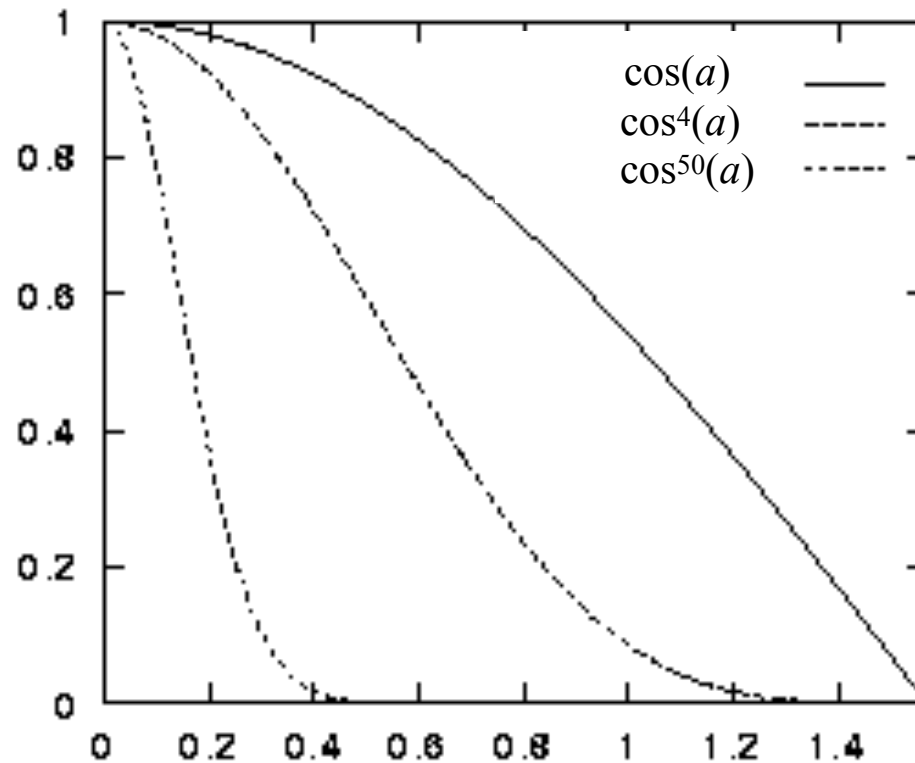
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*Sanity check: we can visualize what we computed for R as the dotted vector*

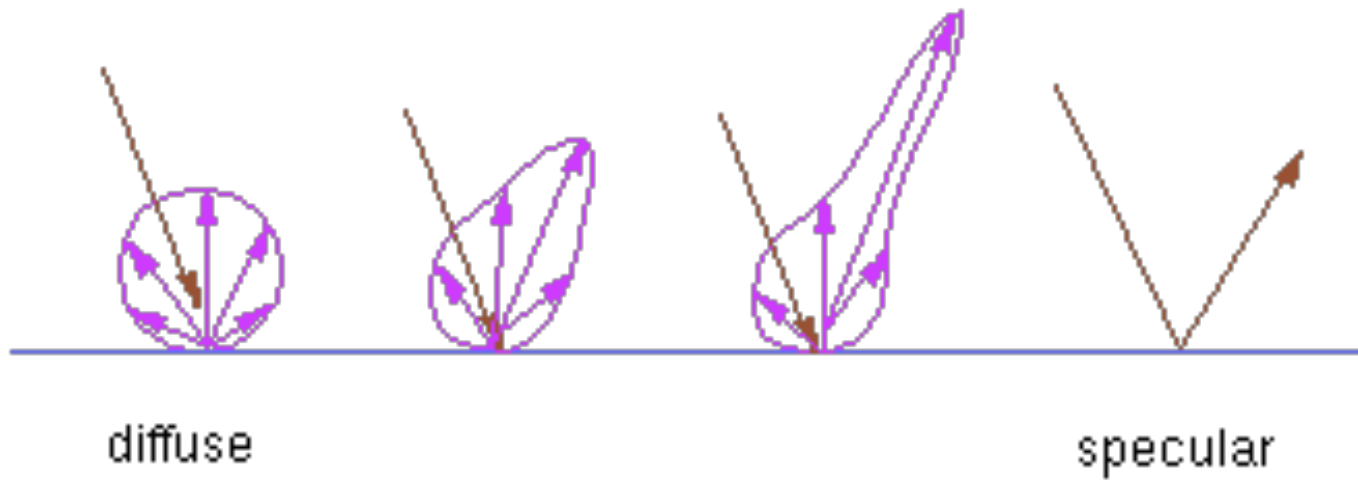


# The effect of the exponent $n$





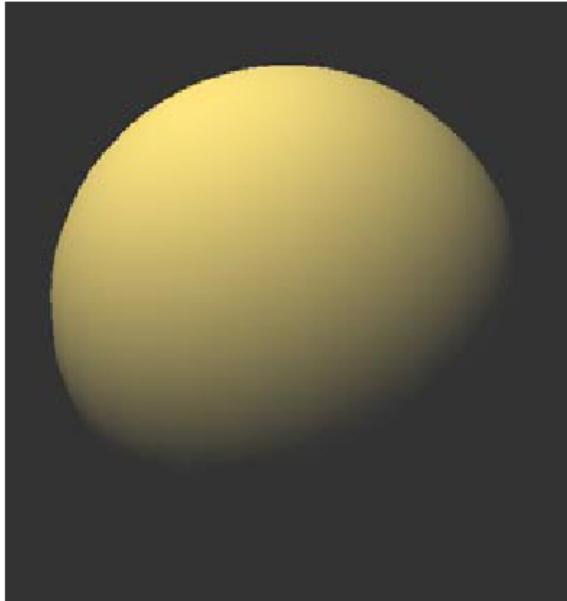
# Comparison



## Examples of Phong Specular Model

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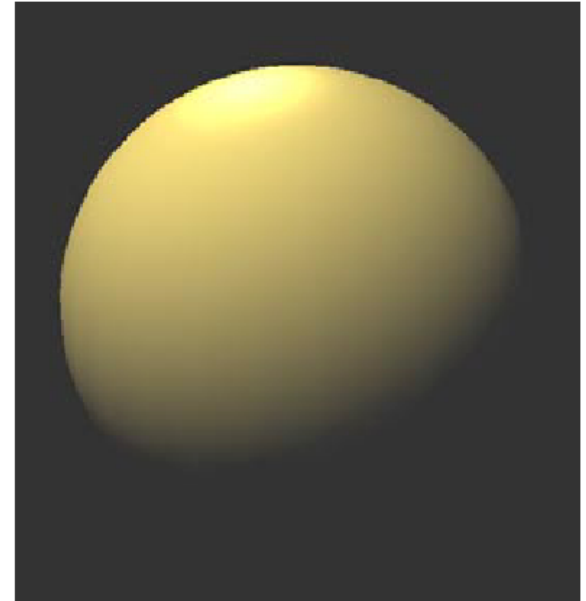
*Diffuse only*



*Diffuse + Specular  
(shininess 5)*



*Diffuse + Specular  
(shininess 50)*



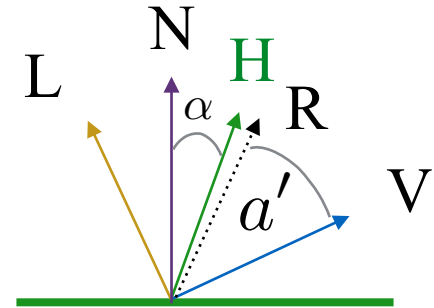
# The Blinn-Torrance Specular Model

*Agrees better with experimental results*

Halfway vector H between L,V

$$H = \frac{L + V}{|L + V|}$$

$$I_s = I_s K_s (H \cdot N)^n$$



Usually  $H \cdot N > R \cdot V$  so to match

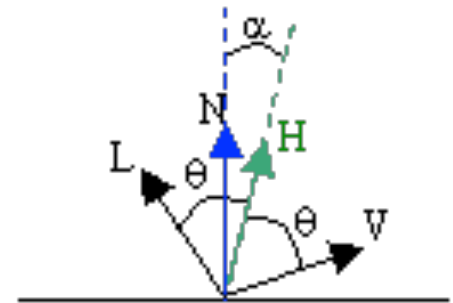
$(R \cdot V)^n$  use  $(H \cdot N)^{n'}$ ,  $n' > n$

It measures how far from the normal N, H is, which varies similar to how far from V, R is.

# Advantages of the Blinn Specular Model

- Theoretical basis
- No need to compute reflective direction R
- $N \cdot H$  cannot be negative if  $N \cdot L > 0$  and  $N \cdot V > 0$
- If the light is directional and we have orthographic projection then  $N \cdot H$  constant

$$H = \frac{L + V}{\|L + V\|}$$



# The Ambient Glow

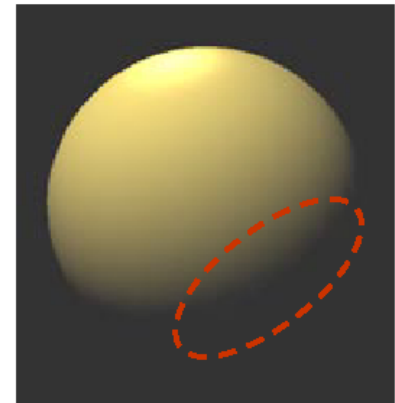
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**So far, areas not directly illuminated by any light appear black**

- this tends to look rather unnatural
- in the real world, there's lots of ambient light

**To compensate, we invent new light source**

- assume there is a constant ambient “glow”
- this ambient glow is *purely fictitious*



**Just add in another term to our illumination equation**

$$I = I_L k_d \cos \theta + I_L k_s \cos^n \phi + I_a k_a$$

$I_a$  : ambient light intensity

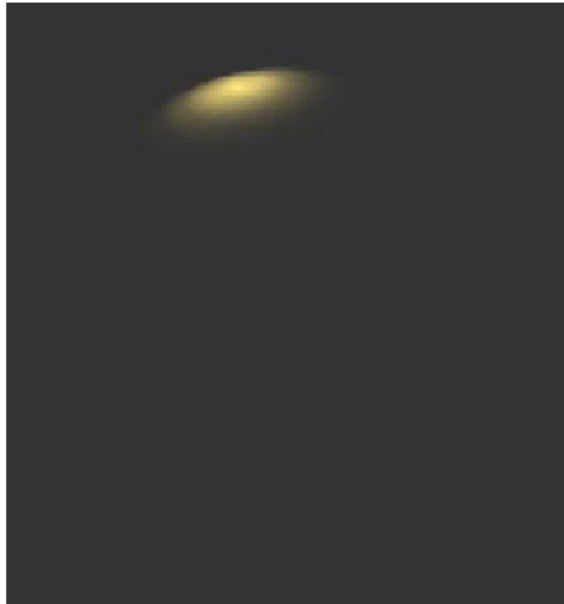
$k_a$  : (ambient) surface reflectance coefficient

# Our Three Basic Components of Illumination

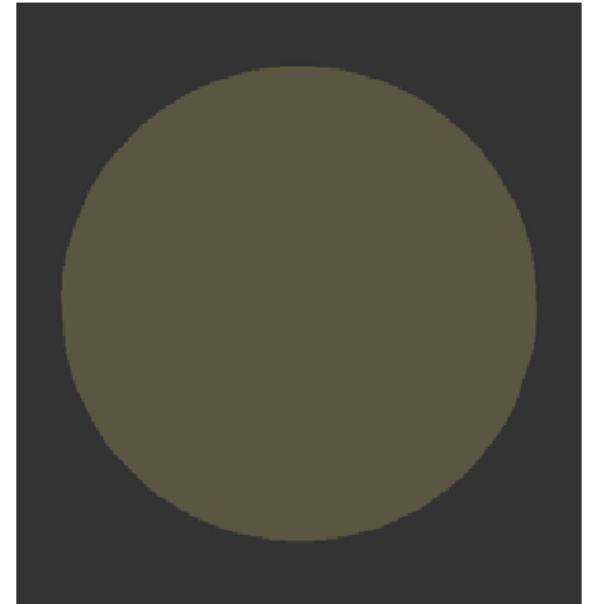
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Diffuse



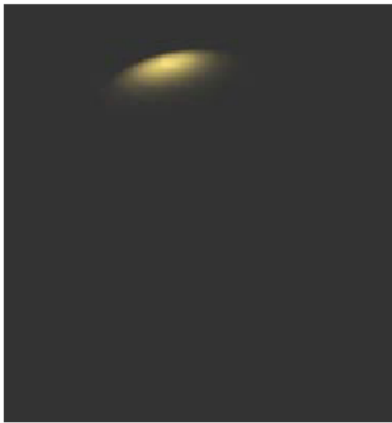
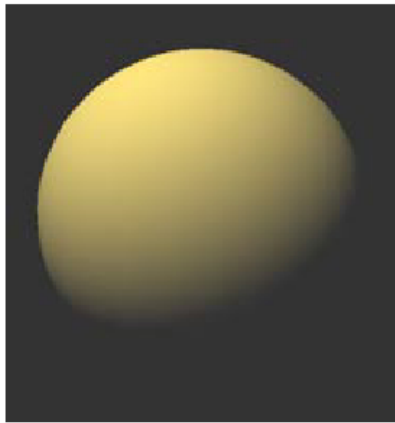
Specular



Ambient

## **Combined for the Final Result : ADS - Lighting**

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# Lights and materials

$$\text{ObjectColor}_r = I_r = I_{a,r} K_{a,r} + I_{i,r} K_{\text{diff},r} (N \cdot L) + I_{i,r} K_{\text{spec},r} (R \cdot V)^n$$

$$\text{ObjectColor}_g = I_g = I_{a,g} K_{a,g} + I_{i,g} K_{\text{diff},g} (N \cdot L) + I_{i,g} K_{\text{spec},g} (R \cdot V)^n$$

$$\text{ObjectColor}_b = I_b = I_{a,b} K_{a,b} + I_{i,b} K_{\text{diff},b} (N \cdot L) + I_{i,b} K_{\text{spec},b} (R \cdot V)^n$$

**Material properties:**

$$K_a, K_{\text{diff}}, K_{\text{spec}}, n$$

**Light properties**

$$I_a, I_{\text{diff}}, I_{\text{spec}}$$



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- Red:  $\sim(1,0,0) * (1,1,1) = \sim(1,0,0)$
- May not be exactly (1,0,0) but it would be a shade of red

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- Object will look black

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- For non-metallic materials it is the color of the light
- For certain metallic materials it is the color of the material

# Special cases

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- What should be done if  $I_{r,b,g} > 1$ ?
- This is an important issue that falls under the general notion of **tone mapping**.
- - Clamp the value of  $I$  to one. Problem?  $(10, 1, 1) \rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$
  - Scale so that maximum becomes 1?  $(10, 1, 1) \rightarrow (1, 0.1, 0.1)$
  - Scale non-linearly?



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- What should be done if  $N \cdot L < 0$ ?  
Clamp the value of  $I$  to zero or flip the normal.

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- How can we handle multiple light sources?  
Sum the intensity of the individual contributions.

# Shading Polygons: Flat Shading

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Illumination equations are evaluated at surface locations

- so where do we apply them?

**We could just do it once per polygon**

- fill every pixel covered by polygon with the resulting color

Apply the ADS model in the vertex shader

Tell the rasterizer not to interpolate per pixel (-- keyword “flat” find out the details on your own)

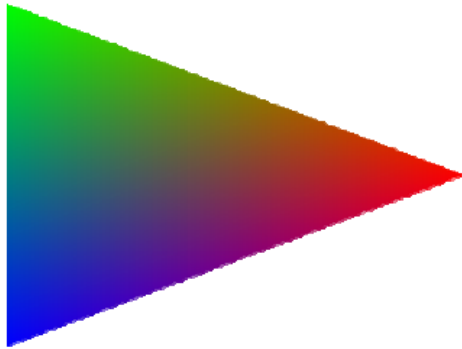


# Shading Polygons: Gouraud Shading

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**Alternatively, we could evaluate at every vertex**

- compute color for each covered pixel
- linearly interpolate colors over polygon



**Misses details that don't fall on vertex**

- specular highlights, for instance

Apply the ADS lighting model in the vertex shader  
Default interpolation

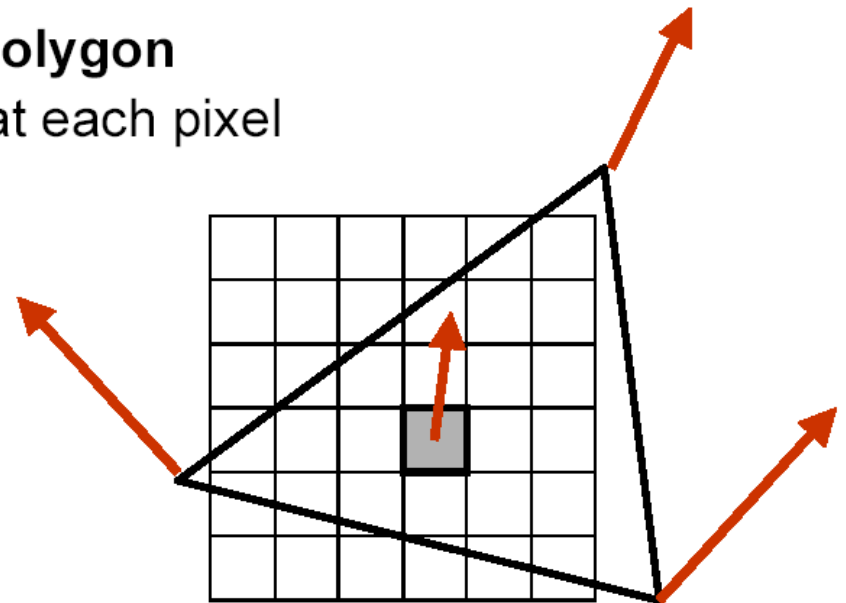
# Shading Polygons: Phong Shading

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Don't just interpolate colors over polygons

Interpolate surface normal over polygon

- evaluate illumination equation at each pixel



Apply ADS, in the fragment  
shader with the interpolated  
normal per pixel

# Summarizing the Shading Model

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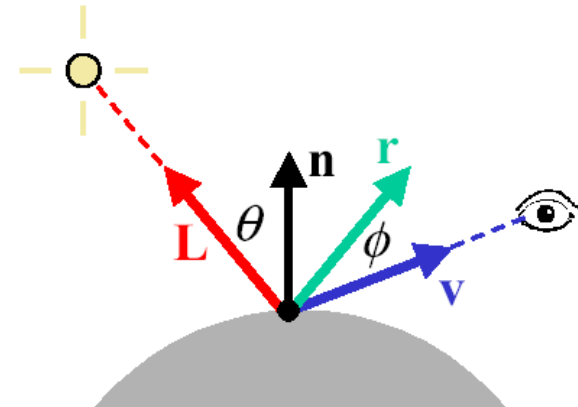
**We describe local appearance with illumination equations**

- consists of a sum of set of components — light is additive
- treat each wavelength independently
- currently: diffuse, specular, and ambient terms

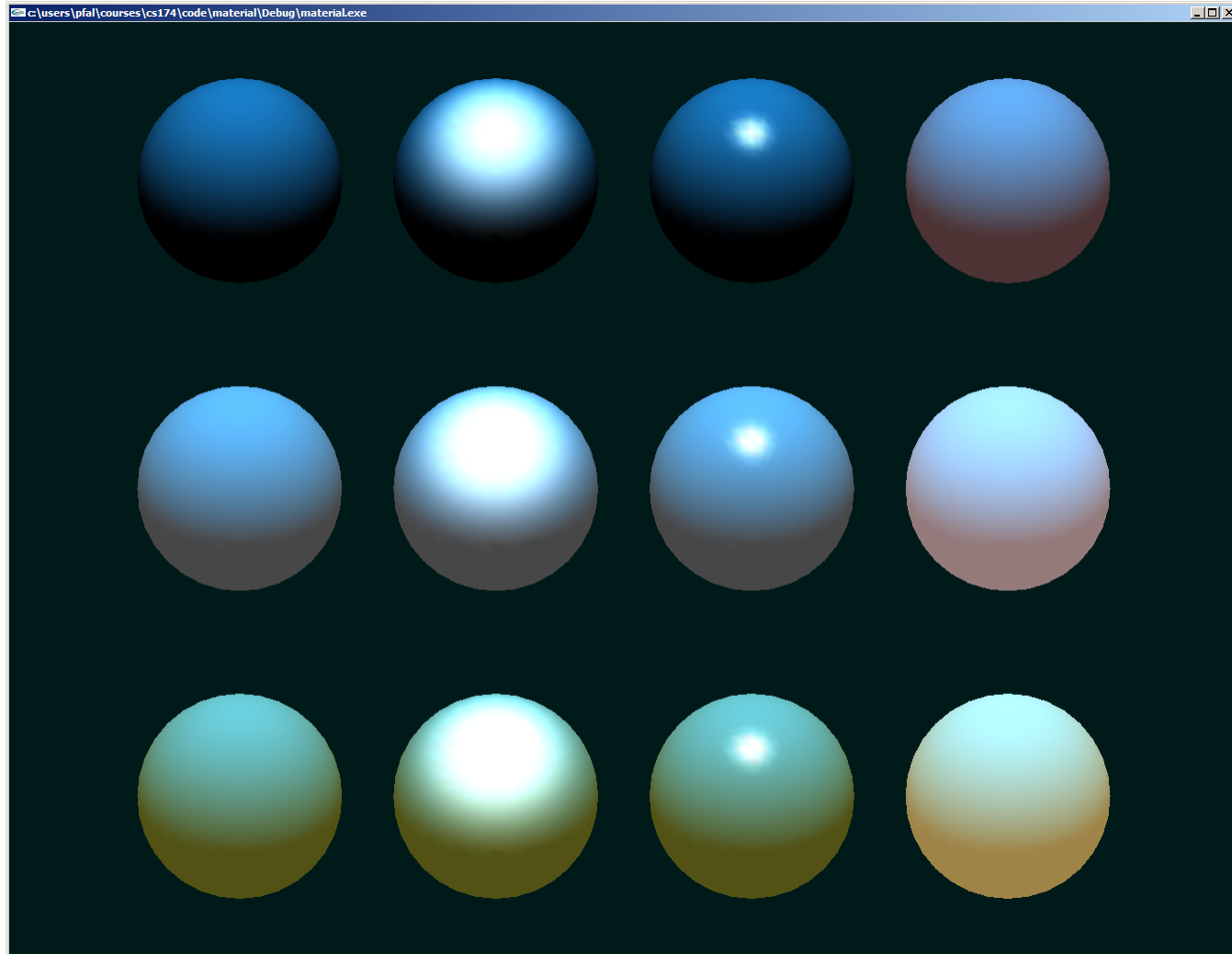
$$I = I_L k_d \cos \theta + I_L k_s \cos^n \phi + I_a k_a$$

**Must shade every pixel covered by polygon**

- flat shading: constant color
- Gouraud shading: interpolate corner colors
- Phong shading: interpolate corner normals



# Examples of Phong Illuminated materials



# IMPORTANT:

## Which coordinate system?

*In which system do we normally do the lighting calculations*

- Viewing coordinate system
- Why?



# Shader based ADS Lighting

*Per vertex*



*Per pixel*



# Per vertex ADS lighting

*Vertex Shader applies the Phong illumination model per vertex*

*Fragment shader receives the interpolated colour from the rasterizer*

# Per vertex ADS lighting

## *Vertex Shader*

```
// Parameters
in vec4 vPosition;
in vec3 vNormal;
in vec4 vColor ;
in vec2 vTexCoord ;

uniform vec4 ambientProduct, diffuseProduct, specularProduct;
uniform vec4 lightPosition;
uniform float shininess;

out vec4 fColor;
```

# Per vertex ADS lighting

## Vertex Shader

```
uniform vec4 ambientProduct, diffuseProduct, specularProduct;
uniform vec4 lightPosition;
uniform float shininess;

void
main()
{
    // Transform vertex position into eye coordinates
    vec3 pos = (modelViewMatrix * vPosition).xyz;

    // Transform vertex normal into eye coordinates
    vec3 N = normalize( (normalMatrix*vec4(vNormal,0.0)).xyz);

    // Outputs
    fColor = ads(pos, lightPosition.xyz, N); // Anything interesting
                                              // about light's position?
    gl_Position = projectionMatrix * modelViewMatrix*vPosition ;
}
```

# Per vertex ADS lighting

## Vertex Shader

```
vec4 ads(vec3 pos, vec3 lpos, vec3 N) {
    vec3 L = normalize(lpos - pos) ;
    vec3 V = normalize(-pos) ;    // why?
    vec3 R = reflect(-L, N) ;

    // Compute terms in the illumination equation
    vec4 ambient = ambientProduct;
    float costheta = max( dot(L, N), 0.0 );

    vec4 diffuse = vec4(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    vec4 specular = vec4(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    diffuse = costheta*diffuseProduct;
    float cosphi = pow( max(dot(R, V), 0.0), shininess );
    specular = cosphi * specularProduct;

    if( dot(L, N) < 0.0 ) {
        specular = vec4(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    }
    vec4 color = ambient + diffuse + specular;
    color.a = 1.0 ;    // WHY??
    return color ;
}
```

# Per vertex ADS lighting

## *Fragment Shader*

```
in vec4 fColor;  
layout (location=0) out vec4 fragColor ;  
  
void  
main()  
{  
    fragColor = fColor;  
}
```

# Homework

*Modify what is needed so that the light is stationary in the word coordinate system*

# Per fragment ADS lighting

*Vertex shader outputs the necessary information to the fragment shader*

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- Remember the fragment shader does not have direct access to the original vertex attributes

# Per fragment ADS lighting

## *Vertex Shader*

```
in vec4 vPosition;  
in vec3 vNormal;  
in vec4 vColor ;
```

```
uniform mat4 modelViewMatrix;  
uniform mat4 normalMatrix;  
uniform mat4 projectionMatrix;  
uniform vec4 lightPosition;
```

```
out vec3 fPos ; // vertex position in eye coords  
out vec3 fLpos ; // light position in eye coords  
out vec3 fN ;    // vertex normal in eye coords
```

```
void main() {
```

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```

```
void main() {
    // Transform vertex position into eye coordinates
    fPos = (modelViewMatrix * vPosition).xyz;

    //transform normal in eye coordinates
    fN = normalize( (normalMatrix*vec4(vNormal,0.0)).xyz);
    // pass through light position
    fLpos = lightPosition.xyz ;

    // Transform vertex position in clip coordinates
    gl_Position = projectionMatrix * modelViewMatrix * vPosition;
}
```

# Per fragment ADS lighting

## *Fragment Shader*

```
precision mediump float;
```

```
uniform vec4 ambientProduct, diffuseProduct, specularProduct;  
uniform float shininess;
```

```
in vec3 fPos ;  
in vec3 fLpos ;  
in vec3 fN ;  
in vec2 fTexCoord ;  
layout (location = 0) out vec4 fragColor ;
```

```
void main() {  
    fragColor = ads(fPos, fLpos, fN) ;  
}
```

# Per fragment ADS lighting

## *Fragment Shader*

// EXACTLY the same as in the case of per vertex ADS

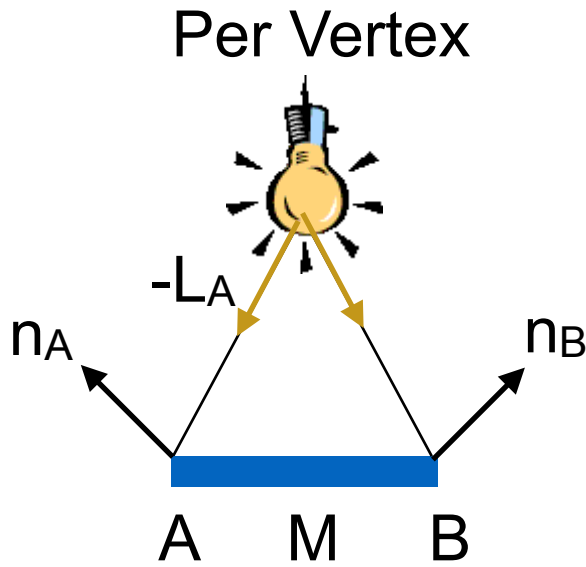
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    diffuse = costheta*diffuseProduct;
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    if( dot(L, N) < 0.0 ) {
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    color.a = 1.0 ;
    return color ;
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```

# PerVertex vs PerFragment

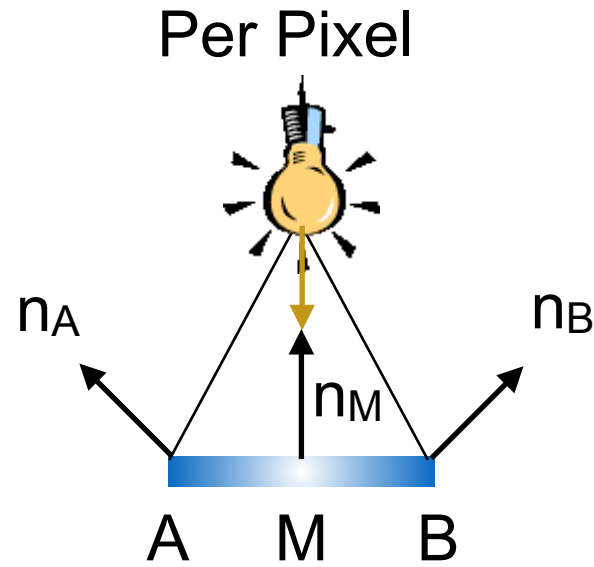


$$n_A = (-0.707, 0.707, 0)$$

$$n_B = (0.707, 0.707, 0)$$

$$c(A) = IL(\cos(n_A, L_A))$$

$$c(M) = 0.5c(A) + 0.5c(B)$$



$$n_M = 0.5 n_A + 0.5 n_B = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$c(M) = \text{Illum}(\cos(n_M, y\text{-axis}))$$

# Homework

*What do we need to do to support multiple lights?*

*Two-sided lighting?*

- How do you illuminate a back facing triangle?
  - *gl\_FrontFacing in Fragment shader for per fragment lighting*
  - *How do we do it for per vertex lighting?*

# What Have We Ignored?

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## Some local phenomena

- shadows — every point is illuminated by every light source
- attenuation — intensity falls off with square of distance to light
- transparent objects — light can be transmitted through surface

## Global illumination

- reflections of objects in other objects
- indirect diffuse light — ambient term is just a hack

## Realistic surface detail

- can make an orange sphere
- but it doesn't have the texture of the real fruit

## Realistic light sources



# Standard Example: The Cornell Box

