

# Computer Vision

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T-R 3:00pm – 4:20pm

Lecture #12

## Midterm – March 9

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Syllabus – until and including Lightness and Retinex

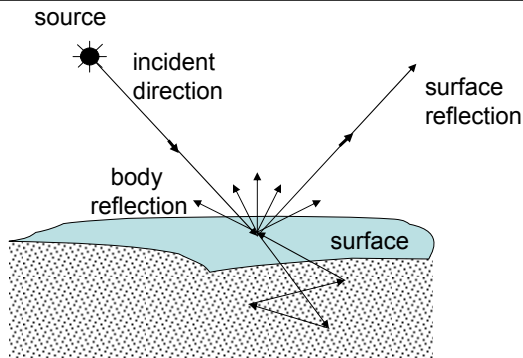
Closed book, closed notes exam in class.

Time: 3:00pm – 4:20pm

Midterm review class next Tuesday (March 7)  
(Email me by March 6 specific questions)

If you have read the notes and readings, attended all classes, done assignments well, it should be a walk in the park☺

# Mechanisms of Reflection



- Body Reflection:

Diffuse Reflection  
Matte Appearance  
Non-Homogeneous Medium  
Clay, paper, etc

- Surface Reflection:

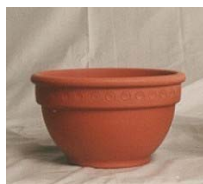
Specular Reflection  
Glossy Appearance  
Highlights  
Dominant for Metals

$$\text{Image Intensity} = \text{Body Reflection} + \text{Surface Reflection}$$

## Example Surfaces

Body Reflection:

Diffuse Reflection  
Matte Appearance  
Non-Homogeneous Medium  
Clay, paper, etc



Surface Reflection:

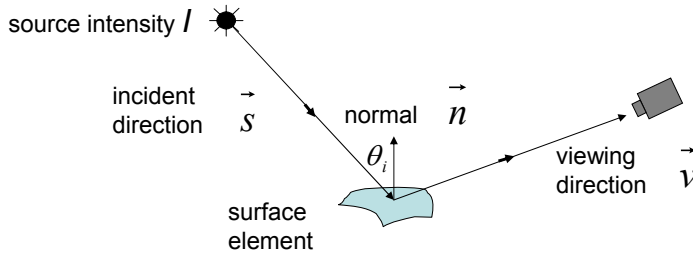
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Many materials exhibit both Reflections:

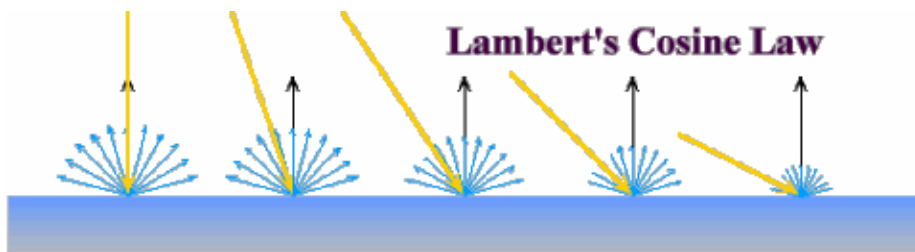


## Diffuse Reflection and Lambertian BRDF



- Surface appears equally bright from ALL directions! (independent of  $\vec{v}$ )
- Lambertian BRDF is simply a constant :  $f(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi}$  ↗ albedo
- Surface Radiance :  $L = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi} I \cos \theta_i = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi} I \vec{n} \cdot \vec{s}$  ↘ source intensity
- Commonly used in Vision and Graphics!

## Diffuse Reflection and Lambertian BRDF



## White-out: Snow and Overcast Skies



CAN'T perceive the shape of the snow covered terrain!



CAN perceive shape in regions lit by the street lamp!!

WHY?

## Diffuse Reflection from Uniform Sky

$$L^{surface}(\theta_r, \phi_r) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} L^{src}(\theta_i, \phi_i) f(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) \cos \theta_i \sin \theta_i d\theta_i d\phi_i$$

- Assume Lambertian Surface with Albedo = 1 (no absorption)

$$f(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

- Assume Sky radiance is constant

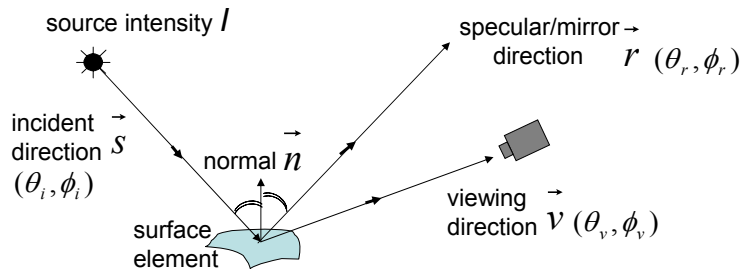
$$L^{src}(\theta_i, \phi_i) = L^{sky}$$

- Substituting in above Equation:

$$L^{surface}(\theta_r, \phi_r) = L^{sky}$$

Radiance of any patch is the same as Sky radiance !! (white-out condition)

## Specular Reflection and Mirror BRDF



- Valid for very smooth surfaces.
- All incident light energy reflected in a SINGLE direction (only when  $\vec{v} = \vec{r}$ ).
- Mirror BRDF is simply a double-delta function :

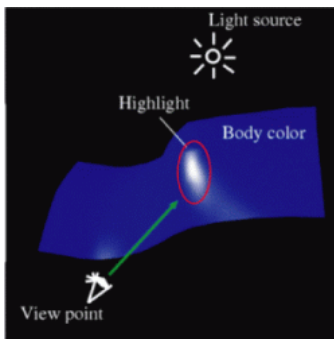
$$f(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_v, \phi_v) = \rho_s \delta(\theta_i - \theta_v) \delta(\phi_i + \pi - \phi_v)$$

specular albedo

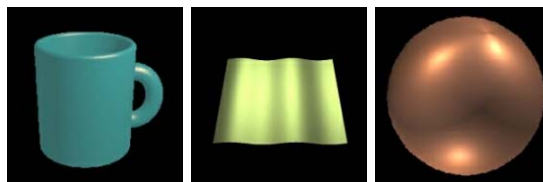
- Surface Radiance :  $L = I \rho_s \delta(\theta_i - \theta_v) \delta(\phi_i + \pi - \phi_v)$

## Combining Specular and Diffuse: Dichromatic Reflection

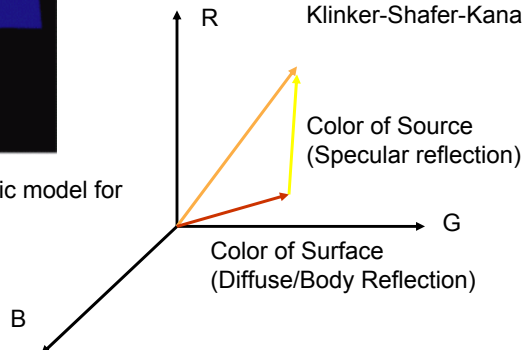
Observed Image Color =  $a \times \text{Body Color} + b \times \text{Specular Reflection Color}$



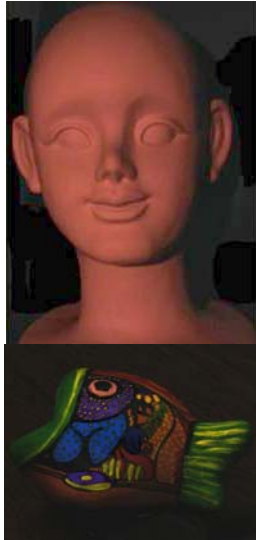
Does not specify any specific model for Diffuse/specular reflection



Klinker-Shafer-Kanade 1988



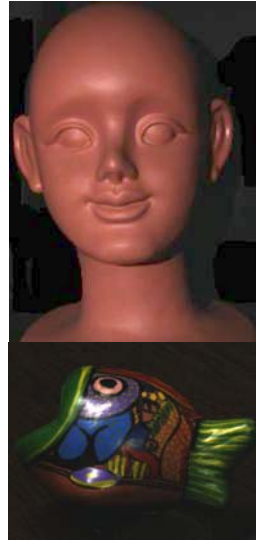
## Diffuse and Specular Reflection



diffuse



specular

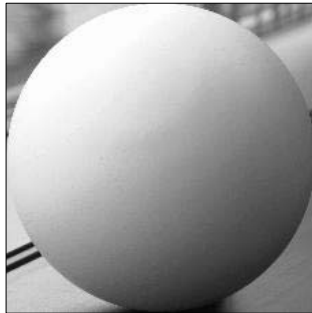


diffuse+specular

Photometric Stereo

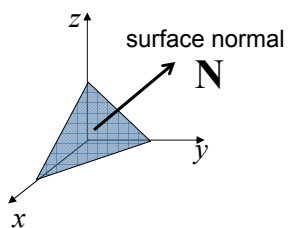
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## Image Intensity and 3D Geometry



- Shading as a cue for shape reconstruction
- What is the relation between intensity and shape?
  - Reflectance Map

## Surface Normal

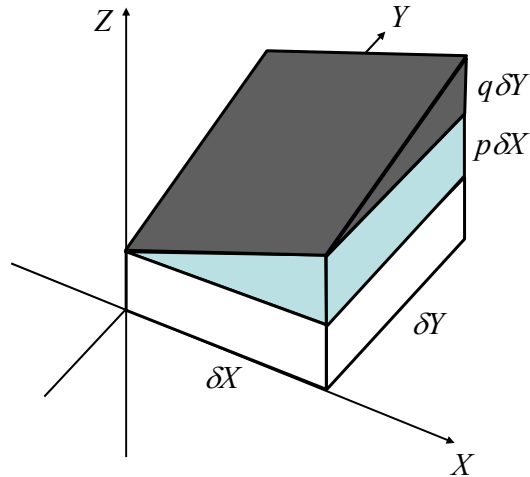


Equation of plane  $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$   
or  $\frac{A}{C}x + \frac{B}{C}y + z + \frac{D}{C} = 0$

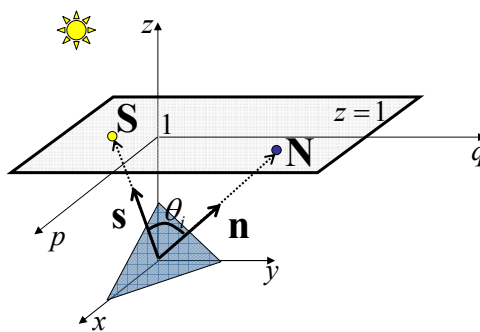
Let  $-\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{A}{C} = p$        $-\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{B}{C} = q$

Surface normal  $\mathbf{N} = \left( \frac{A}{C}, \frac{B}{C}, 1 \right) = (p, q, 1)$

# Surface Normal



## Gradient Space



Normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{N}}{|\mathbf{N}|} = \frac{(p, q, 1)}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2 + 1}}$$

Source vector

$$\mathbf{s} = \frac{\mathbf{S}}{|\mathbf{S}|} = \frac{(p_s, q_s, 1)}{\sqrt{p_s^2 + q_s^2 + 1}}$$

$$\cos \theta_i = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s} = \frac{(pp_s + qq_s + 1)}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2 + 1} \sqrt{p_s^2 + q_s^2 + 1}}$$

$z = 1$  plane is called the Gradient Space ( $pq$  plane)

- Every point on it corresponds to a particular surface orientation



# Reflectance Map

- Relates image irradiance  $I(x,y)$  to surface orientation  $(p,q)$  for given source direction and surface reflectance
- Lambertian case:

$k$  : source brightness

$\rho$  : surface albedo (reflectance)

$c$  : constant (optical system)

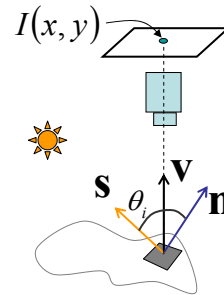


Image irradiance:

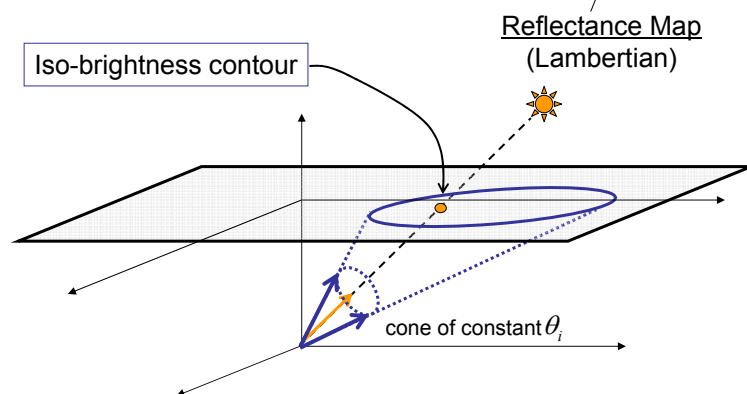
$$I = \frac{\rho}{\pi} k c \cos \theta_i = \frac{\rho}{\pi} k c \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s}$$

Let  $\frac{\rho}{\pi} k c = 1$  then  $I = \cos \theta_i = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s}$

# Reflectance Map

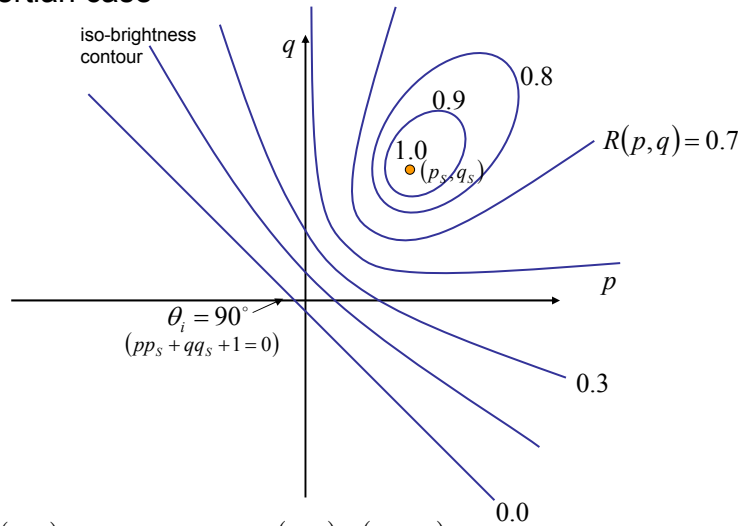
- Lambertian case

$$I = \cos \theta_i = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s} = \frac{(pp_s + qq_s + 1)}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2 + 1} \sqrt{p_s^2 + q_s^2 + 1}} = R(p, q)$$



## Reflectance Map

- Lambertian case

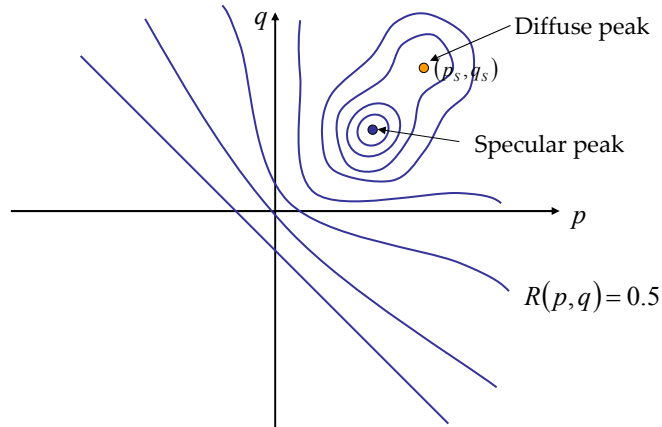


Note:  $R(p, q)$  is maximum when  $(p, q) = (p_s, q_s)$

## Reflectance Map

- Glossy surfaces (Torrance-Sparrow reflectance model)

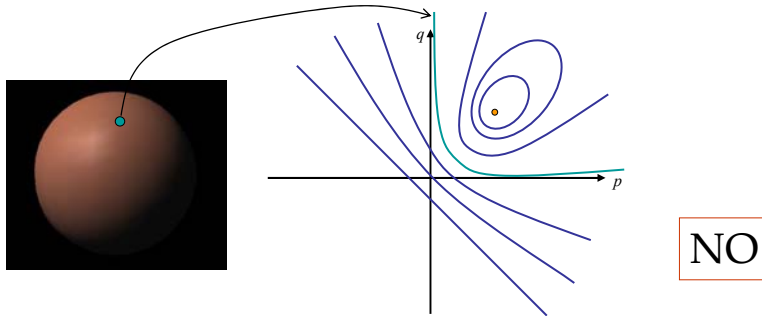
$$I = \underbrace{\frac{\rho_d}{\pi} kc \cos \theta_i}_{\text{diffuse term}} + \underbrace{\frac{\rho_s kc}{\cos \theta_r} p(\beta) G}_{\text{specular term}} = R(p, q)$$



## Shape from a Single Image?

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- Given a single image of an object with known surface reflectance taken under a known light source, can we recover the shape of the object?
- Given  $R(p, q)$  (  $(p_s, q_s)$  and surface reflectance) can we determine  $(p, q)$  uniquely for each image point?

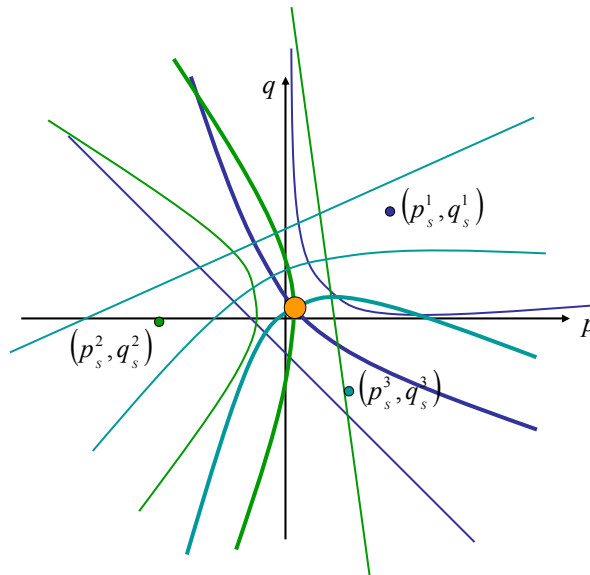


## Solution

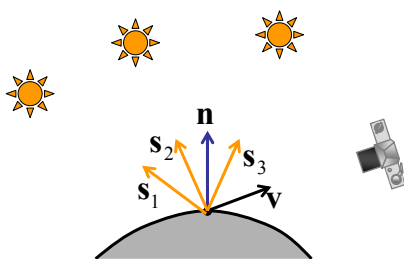
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- Take more images
  - Photometric stereo
- Add more constraints
  - Shape-from-shading (next class)

## Photometric Stereo



## Photometric Stereo



Lambertian case:

$$I = \frac{\rho}{\pi} kc \cos \theta_i = \rho \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s} \quad \left( \frac{kc}{\pi} = 1 \right)$$

Image irradiance:

$$I_1 = \rho \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1$$

$$I_2 = \rho \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2$$

$$I_3 = \rho \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3$$

- We can write this in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \rho \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1^T \\ \mathbf{s}_2^T \\ \mathbf{s}_3^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}$$

## Solving the Equations

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 1}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1^T \\ \mathbf{s}_2^T \\ \mathbf{s}_3^T \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{S}_{3 \times 3}} \underbrace{\rho \mathbf{n}}_{\tilde{\mathbf{n}}_{3 \times 1}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{I} \quad \text{inverse}$$

$$\rho = |\tilde{\mathbf{n}}|$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{n}}}{|\tilde{\mathbf{n}}|} = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{n}}}{\rho}$$

## More than Three Light Sources

- Get better results by using more lights

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ \vdots \\ I_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{s}_N^T \end{bmatrix} \rho \mathbf{n}$$

- Least squares solution:

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{S} \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \quad \leftarrow N \times 1 = (\underline{N \times 3})(3 \times 1)$$

$$\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} \tilde{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{n}} = (\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{I}$$

- Solve for  $\rho, \mathbf{n}$  as before

Moore-Penrose pseudo inverse

## Color Images

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- The case of RGB images
  - get three sets of equations, one per color channel:

$$\mathbf{I}_R = \rho_R \mathbf{S} \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_G = \rho_G \mathbf{S} \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_B = \rho_B \mathbf{S} \mathbf{n}$$

- Simple solution: first solve for  $\mathbf{n}$  using one channel
- Then substitute known  $\mathbf{n}$  into above equations to get

$$(\rho_R, \rho_G, \rho_B)$$

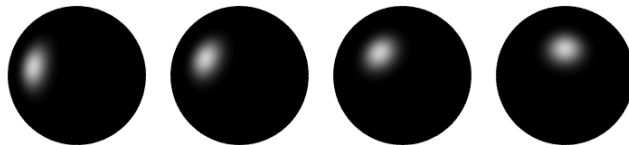
- Or combine three channels and solve for  $\mathbf{n}$

$$\mathbf{I} = \sqrt{\mathbf{I}_R^2 + \mathbf{I}_G^2 + \mathbf{I}_B^2} = \rho \mathbf{S} \mathbf{n}$$

## Computing light source directions

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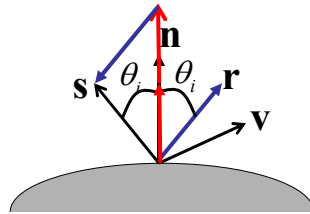
- Trick: place a chrome sphere in the scene



- the location of the highlight tells you the source direction

## Specular Reflection - Recap

- For a perfect mirror, light is reflected about **N**



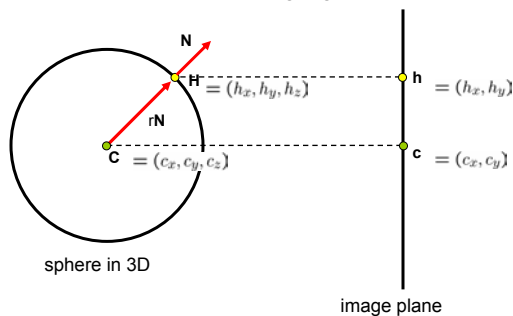
$$R_e = \begin{cases} R_i & \text{if } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- We see a highlight when **v = r**
- Then **S** is given as follows:

$$\mathbf{s} = 2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r})\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{r}$$

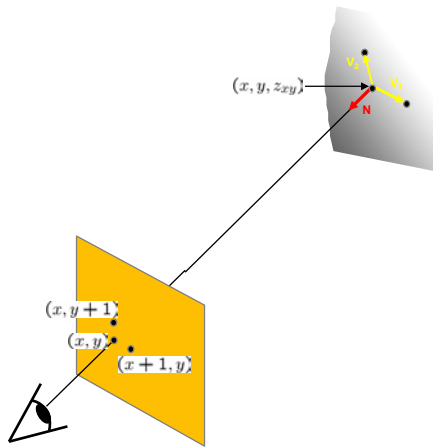
## Computing the Light Source Direction

Chrome sphere that has a highlight at position **h** in the image



- Can compute **N** by studying this figure
  - Hints:
    - use this equation:  $\|H - C\| = r$
    - can measure **c**, **h**, and **r** in the image

## Depth from Normals


$$\begin{aligned}V_1 &= (x+1, y, z_{x+1,y}) - (x, y, z_{xy}) \\&= (1, 0, z_{x+1,y} - z_{xy}) \\0 &= N \cdot V_1 \\&= (n_x, n_y, n_z) \cdot (1, 0, z_{x+1,y} - z_{xy}) \\&= n_x + n_z(z_{x+1,y} - z_{xy})\end{aligned}$$

- Get a similar equation for  $V_2$ 
  - Each normal gives us two linear constraints on z
  - compute z values by solving a matrix equation

## Limitations

- Big problems
  - Doesn't work for shiny things, semi-translucent things
  - Shadows, inter-reflections
- Smaller problems
  - Camera and lights have to be distant
  - Calibration requirements
    - measure light source directions, intensities
    - camera response function



## Trick for Handling Shadows

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- Weight each equation by the pixel brightness:

$$I_i(I_i) = I_i(\rho \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{s}_i)$$

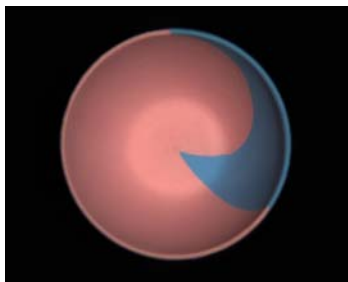
- Gives weighted least-squares matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ I_N^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \mathbf{s}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ I_N \mathbf{s}_N^T \end{bmatrix} \rho \mathbf{n}$$

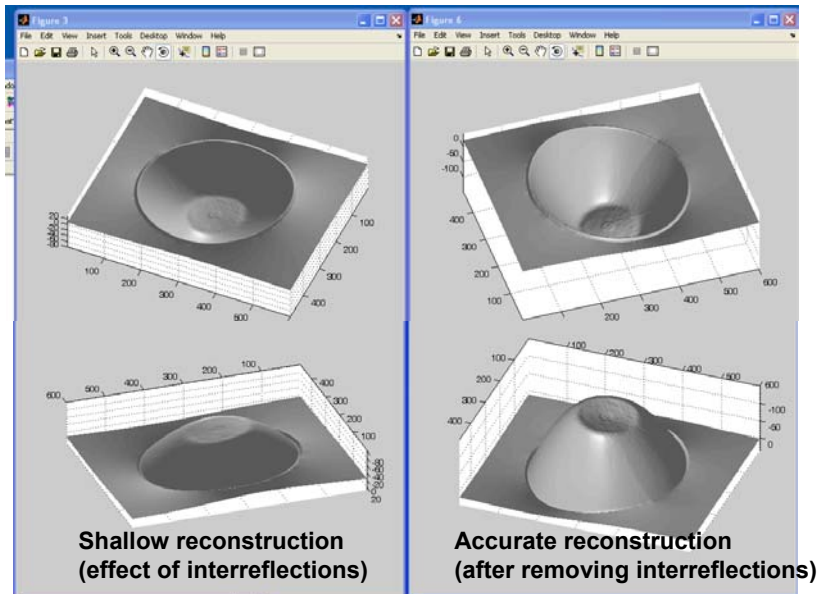
- Solve for  $\rho, \mathbf{n}$  as before

## Original Images

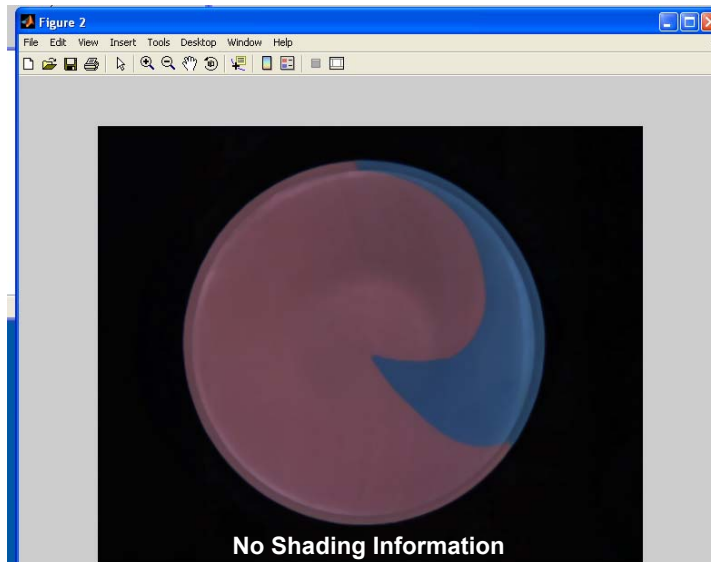
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## Results - Shape



## Results - Albedo



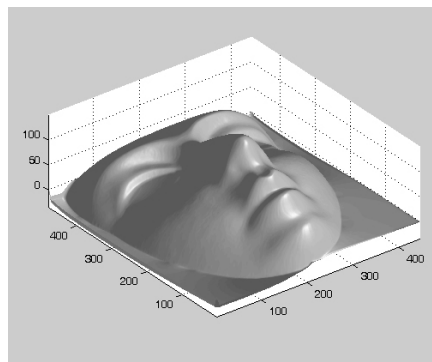
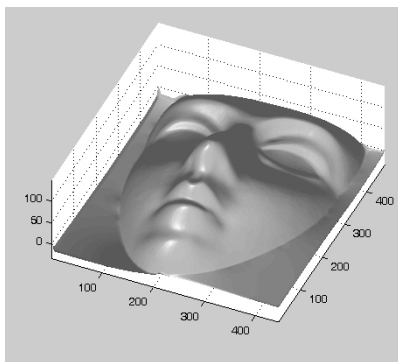
## Original Images

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## Results - Shape

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## Results - Albedo

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## Results

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1. Estimate light source directions
2. Compute surface normals
3. Compute albedo values
4. Estimate depth from surface normals
5. Relight the object (with original texture and uniform albedo)

## Next Class

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- Shape from Shading
- Reading: Horn, Chapter 11.