

Graphics 2 Matlab exercise classes

Exercise 5: Surface shading

1. (Pen and paper exercise)

A surface is of a uniform red colour, defined by the RGB vector [1 0 0].

Given two vertices

$$- V1 = [-80 \ 00 \ 58]$$

$$- V2 = [-65 \ -47 \ 58]$$

their vertex normals

$$- N1 = [-0.8083 \ -0.0421 \ 0.5873]$$

$$- N2 = [-0.6545 \ -0.4755 \ 0.5878]$$

and a vector specifying the direction of light

$$- [-0.34 \ -2.20 \ 2.80]$$

compute the colours (RGB vectors) of the 10 points lying on the line joining the two vertices V1 and V2 using

– Gouraud shading

– Phong shading

Assume white light colour, diffuse light coefficient of 1.0, specular reflection coefficient of zero and no ambient light.

2. Experiment with Matlab code given in `ex5_shading.m` by selecting different patches on the surface and observing the difference between the Gouraud and Phong shading.
3. Extend the code in `ex5_shading.m` to compute the shading values for the *complete* patch (at present the code computes shading only for one edge of the patch). Consult the lecture notes for guidance.

Hints

- A generic form of a parametric (linear) equation for the given two data points P1 and P2 is:

$$P(u) = P1 + u * (P2 - P1); \ 0 \leq u \leq 1$$

- Computing cos of the angle between two vectors (**a** and **b**):

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{a_x \cdot b_x + a_y \cdot b_y + a_z \cdot b_z}{|\mathbf{a}| \cdot |\mathbf{b}|}$$

(see “Mathematical tools for computer graphics” at the module web page).

- Matlab function for computing the dot product is `dot`, for the cross product is `cross`

- Length of a vector **a**, $|\mathbf{a}|$, can be computed using this Matlab expression:

$$\text{sqrt}(\text{sum}(\mathbf{a}.^2));$$

(square root of the sum of the squared components of the vector **a**, e.g. for a three-dimensional vector

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_x \ a_y \ a_z], \ |\mathbf{a}| = \text{sqrt}(a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2)$$