

Lighting & Illumination

Illumination and Shading

- Ambient Light Sources
- Diffuse Reflection
- Specular Reflection

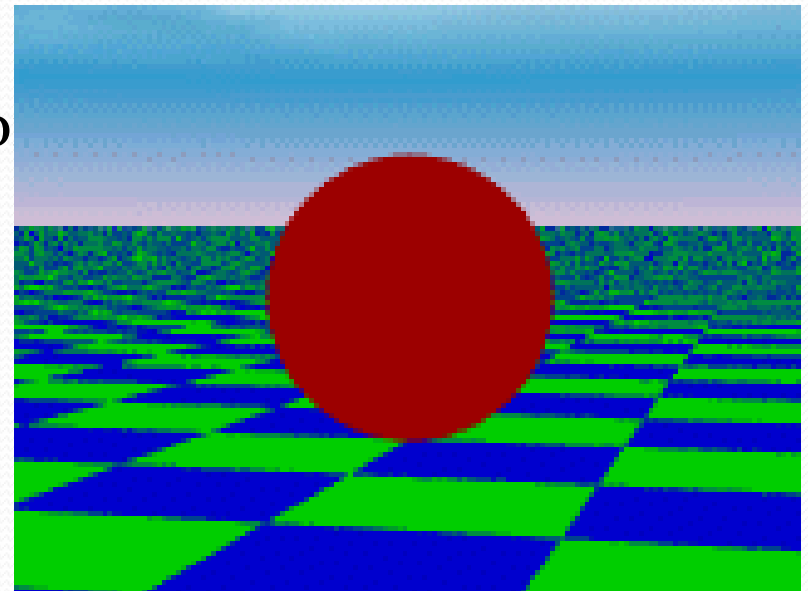
$$C = \text{specular} + \text{diffuse} + \text{ambient}$$

Illumination and Shading

- Ambient Light Sources

- Ambient light assumption is an equal intensity vector from all directions
- No spatial or directional characteristics; illuminates all surfaces equally
- Amount reflected depends on

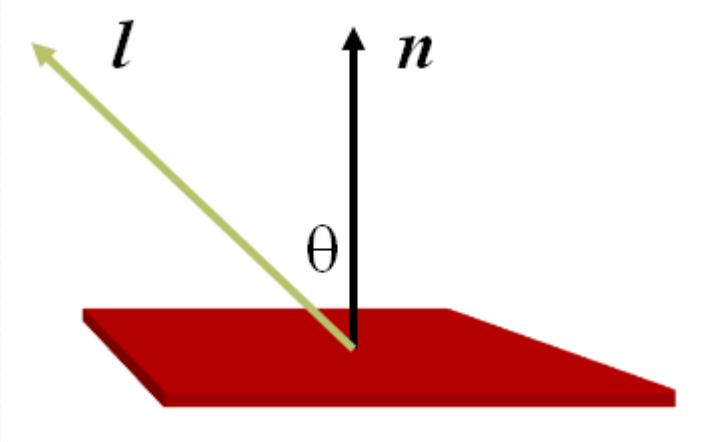
$$I_{reflected} = k_{ambient} I_{ambient}$$



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- Diffuse Reflection
- Ideal diffuse surfaces reflect according to *Lambert's cosine law*:

The energy reflected by a small portion of a surface from a light source in a given direction is proportional to the cosine of the angle between that



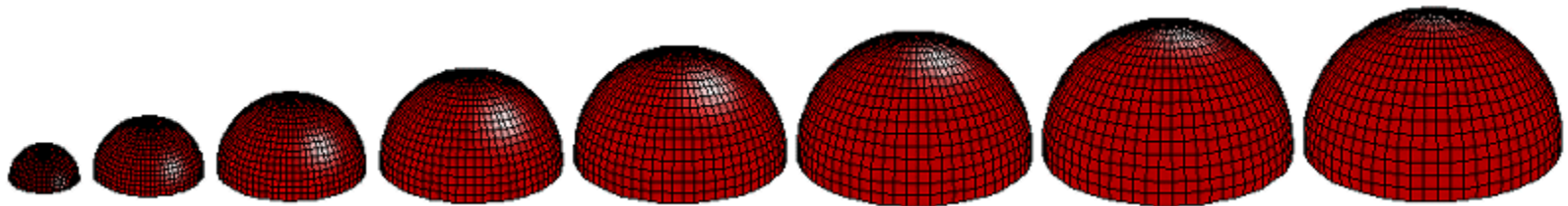
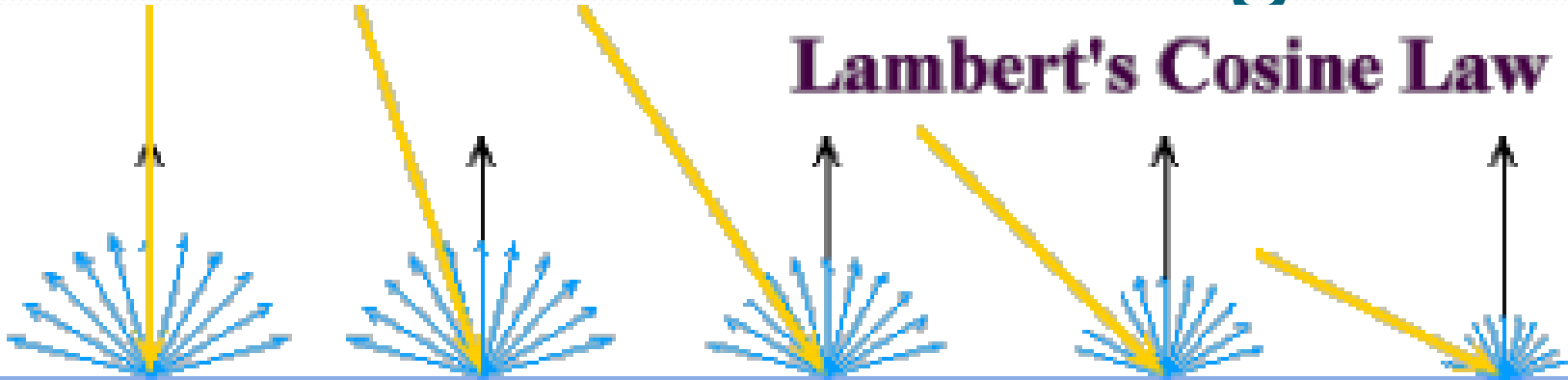
$$I_{diffuse} = k_d I_{light} \cos \theta$$



$$I_{diffuse} = k_d I_{light} (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$

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Lambert's Cosine Law



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- Diffuse Reflection
- A Lambertian sphere seen at several different lighting angles:



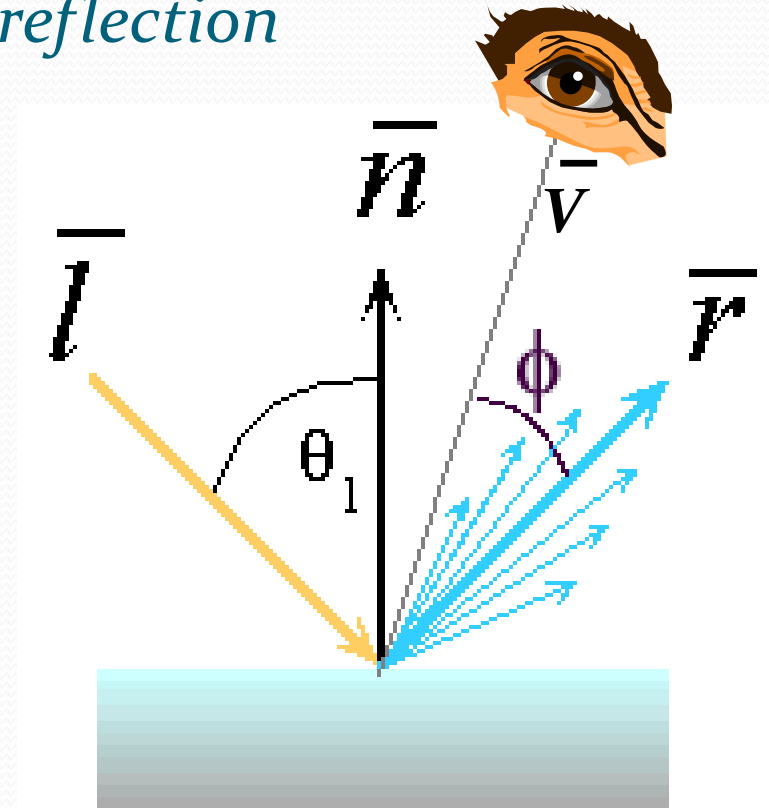
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- Specular Reflection
- Shiny surfaces exhibit *specular reflection*
 - Polished metal
 - Glossy car finish

Phong Lighting

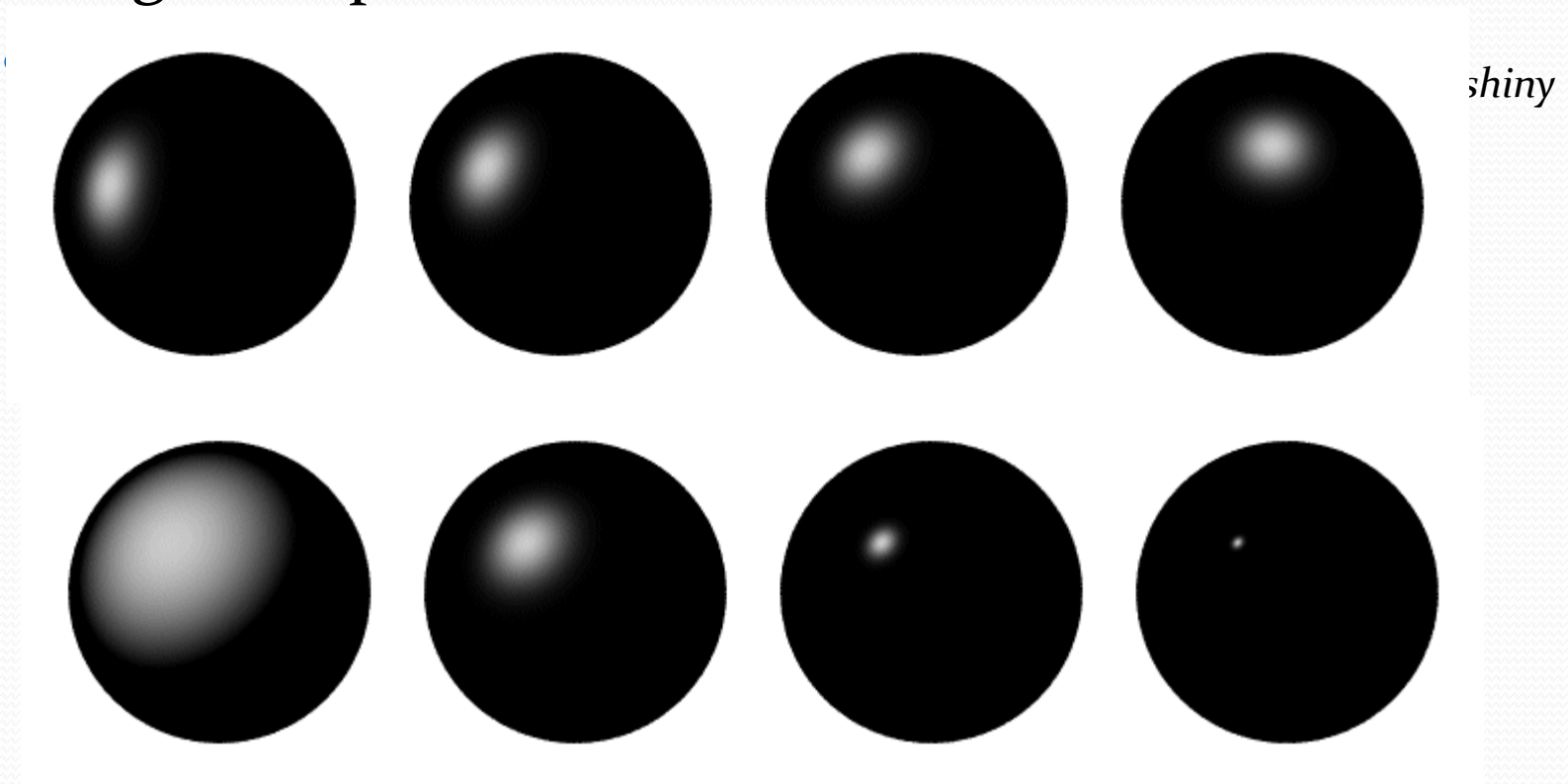
$$I_{\text{specular}} = k_s I_{\text{light}} (\cos \phi)^{n_{\text{shiny}}}$$

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$$I_{\text{specular}} = k_s I_{\text{light}} (\hat{V} \cdot \hat{R})^{n_{\text{shiny}}}$$



Illumination and Shading

- Specular Reflection
- Phong Examples



Illumination and Shading

- Our final empirically-motivated model for the illumination at a surface includes **ambient**, **diffuse**, and **specular** components:

$$I_{total} = k_a I_{ambient} + \sum_{i=1}^{\#lights} I_i \left(k_d (\hat{N} \cdot \hat{L}) + k_s (\hat{V} \cdot \hat{R})^{n_{shiny}} \right)$$

Ambient Light

- Approximation to global illumination
 - Each object is illuminated to a certain extent by “stray” light
 - Constant across a whole object
- Often used simply to make sure everything is lit, just in case it isn't struck by light direct from a light source

Ambient Light

- Ambient light usually set for whole scene (I_a)
- Each object reflects only a proportion of that (k_a)
- So far then

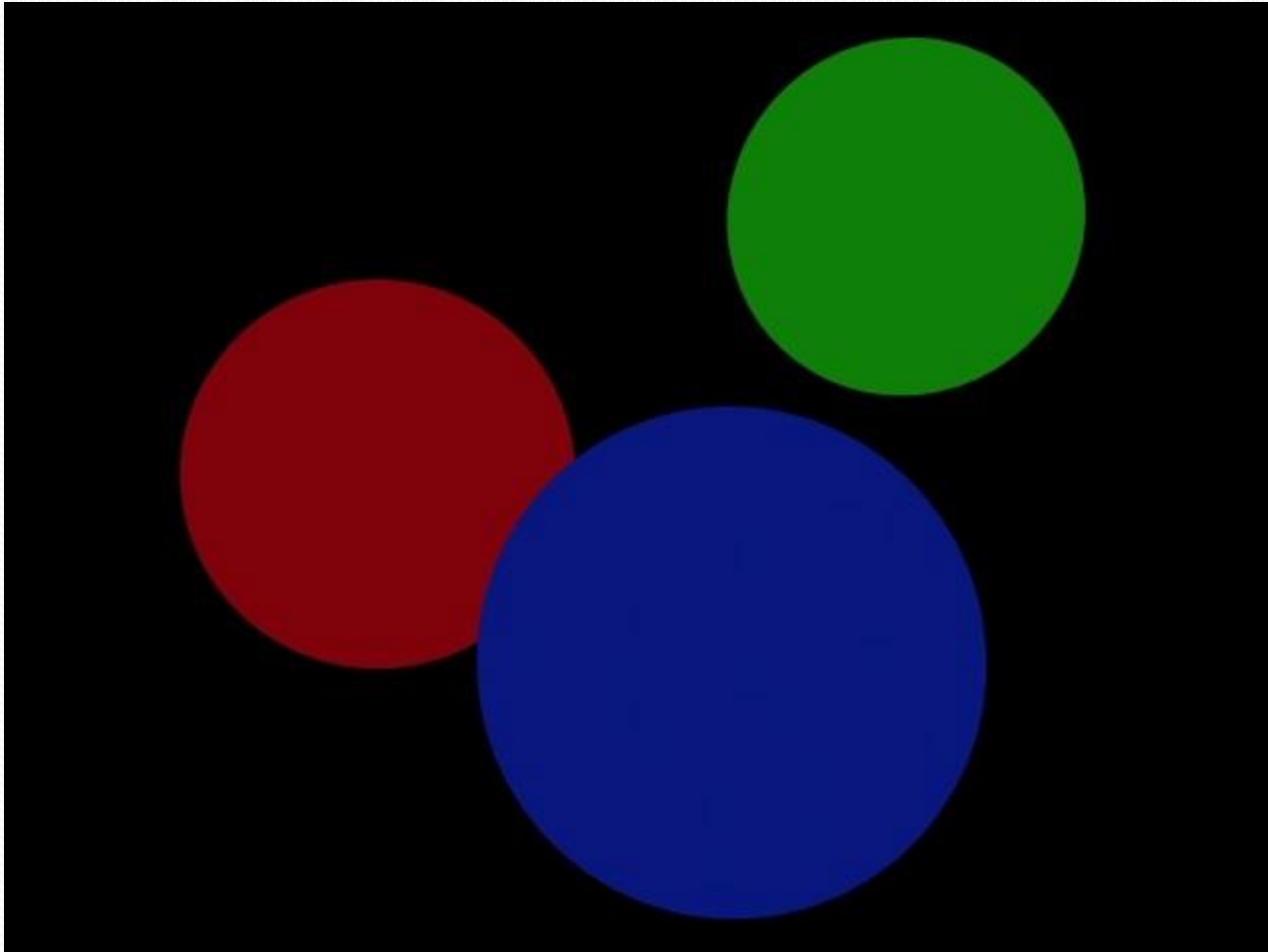
$$I_r = k_a I_a$$

Lighting Equation #1

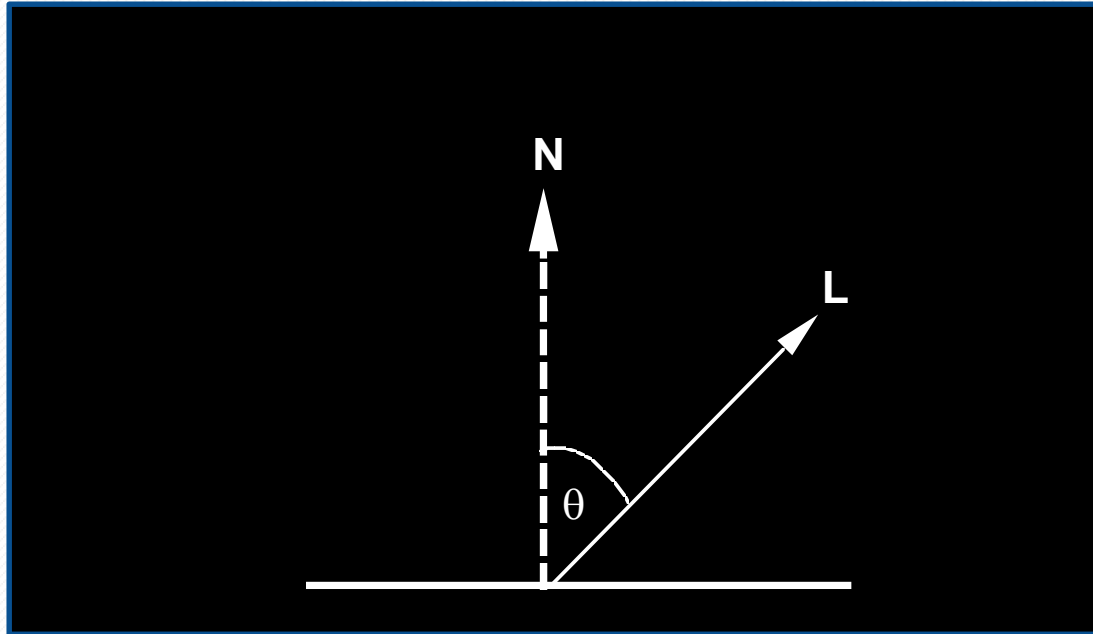
But we use RGB so

$$\begin{aligned} I_{r, \text{red}} &= k_{a, \text{red}} I_{a, \text{red}} \\ I_{r, \text{green}} &= k_{a, \text{green}} I_{a, \text{green}} \\ I_{r, \text{blue}} &= k_{a, \text{blue}} I_{a, \text{blue}} \end{aligned}$$

The Image - Ambient



Lambert's Law



- Reflected intensity is proportional to $\cos \theta$
- L is the direction to the light
- N is the surface normal

Diffuse Light

- The normalised intensity of the light incident on the surface due to a ray from a light source
- The light reflected due to Lambert's law
- The proportion of light reflected rather than absorbed (k_d)

Lighting Equation #2

$$I_r = k_a I_a + k_d I_i (n.l)$$

- Ambient and diffuse components
- Again k_d is wavelength dependent and we work with $k_{d,red}$ $k_{d,green}$ and $k_{d,blue}$

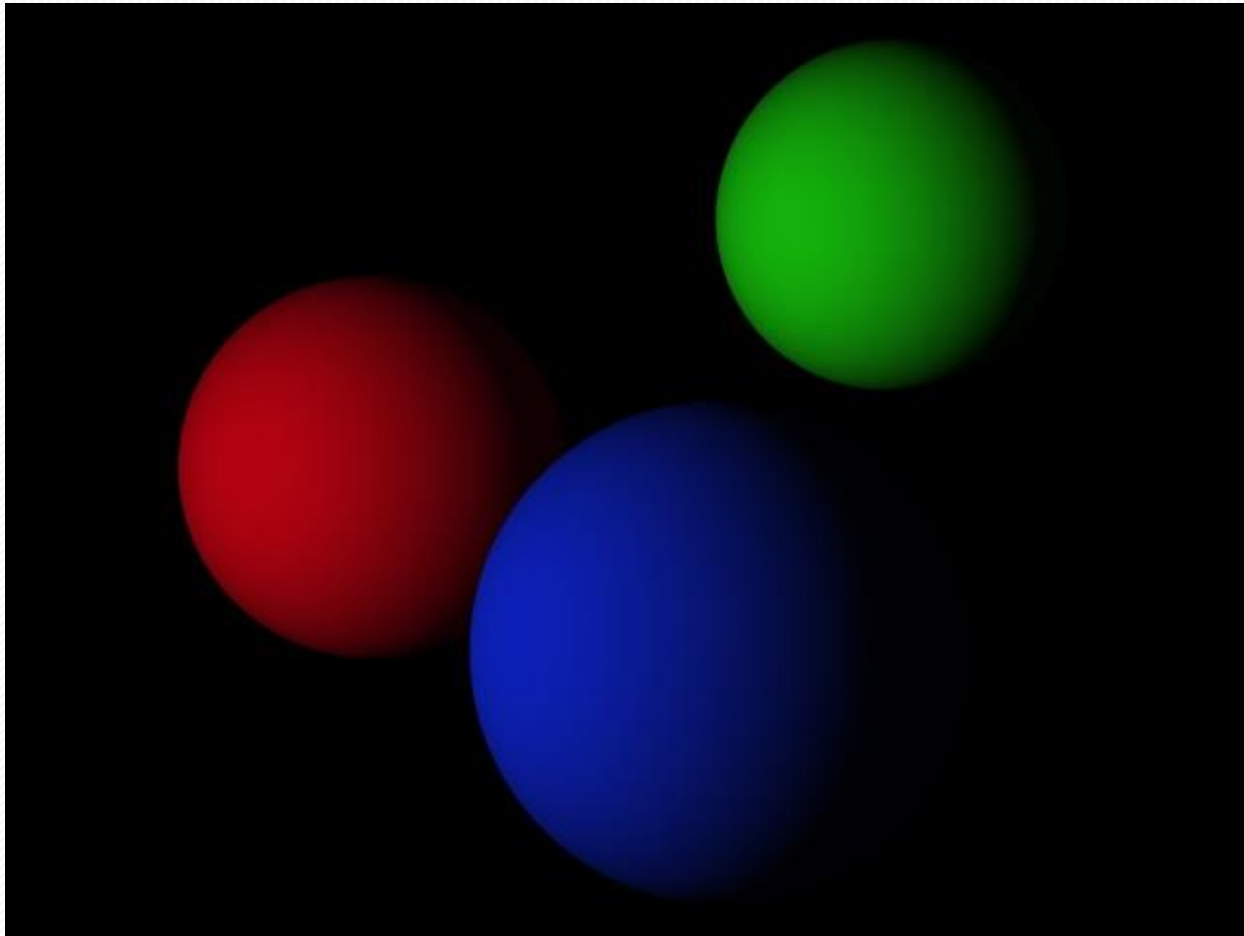
Multiple Lights?

- Add the diffuse terms

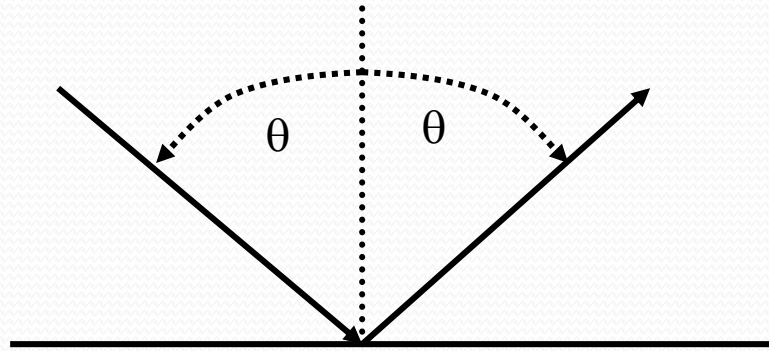
$$I_r = k_a I_a + \sum_{j=1}^m k_d I_{i,j} (n \cdot l_j)$$

- $I_{i,j}$ is the incoming intensity of light j
- l_j is the vector to light j

The Image - Diffuse

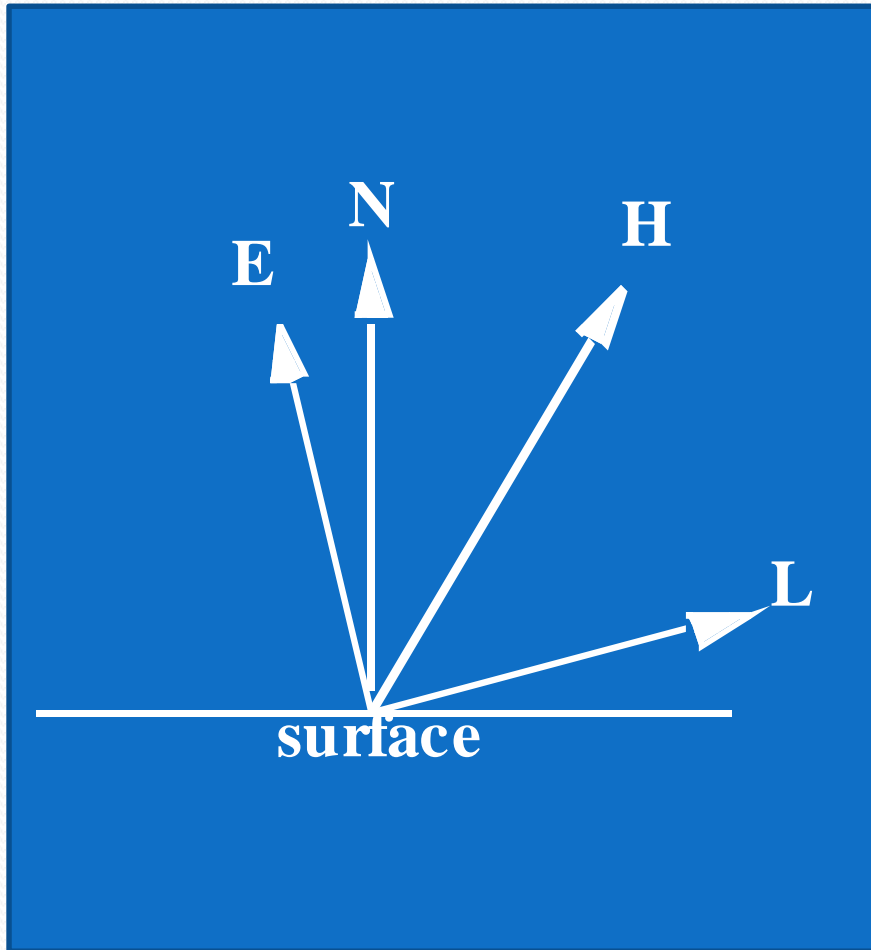


Perfect Specularity



- Would almost never see the specular highlight

Imperfect Specularity (Phong)



- **E** is the direction to the eye
- **N** is the normal
- **L** is the direction to the light
- **H** bisects **E** and **L**

Specular Component

$$k_s I_i (h \cdot n)^m$$

- m is the power of the light
 - High m implies smaller specular highlight
 - Low m makes the highlight more blurred

Lighting Equation #3

$$I_r = k_a I_a + I_i (k_d (n \cdot l) + k_s (h \cdot n)^m)$$

- Ambient, diffuse&specular components
- Again if there are multiple lights there is a sum of the specular and diffuse components for each light

(This is the time to worry about clamping values to 0,1 required for monitor display)

The Image - Specular

