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Lecture 6: Visibility and Shading

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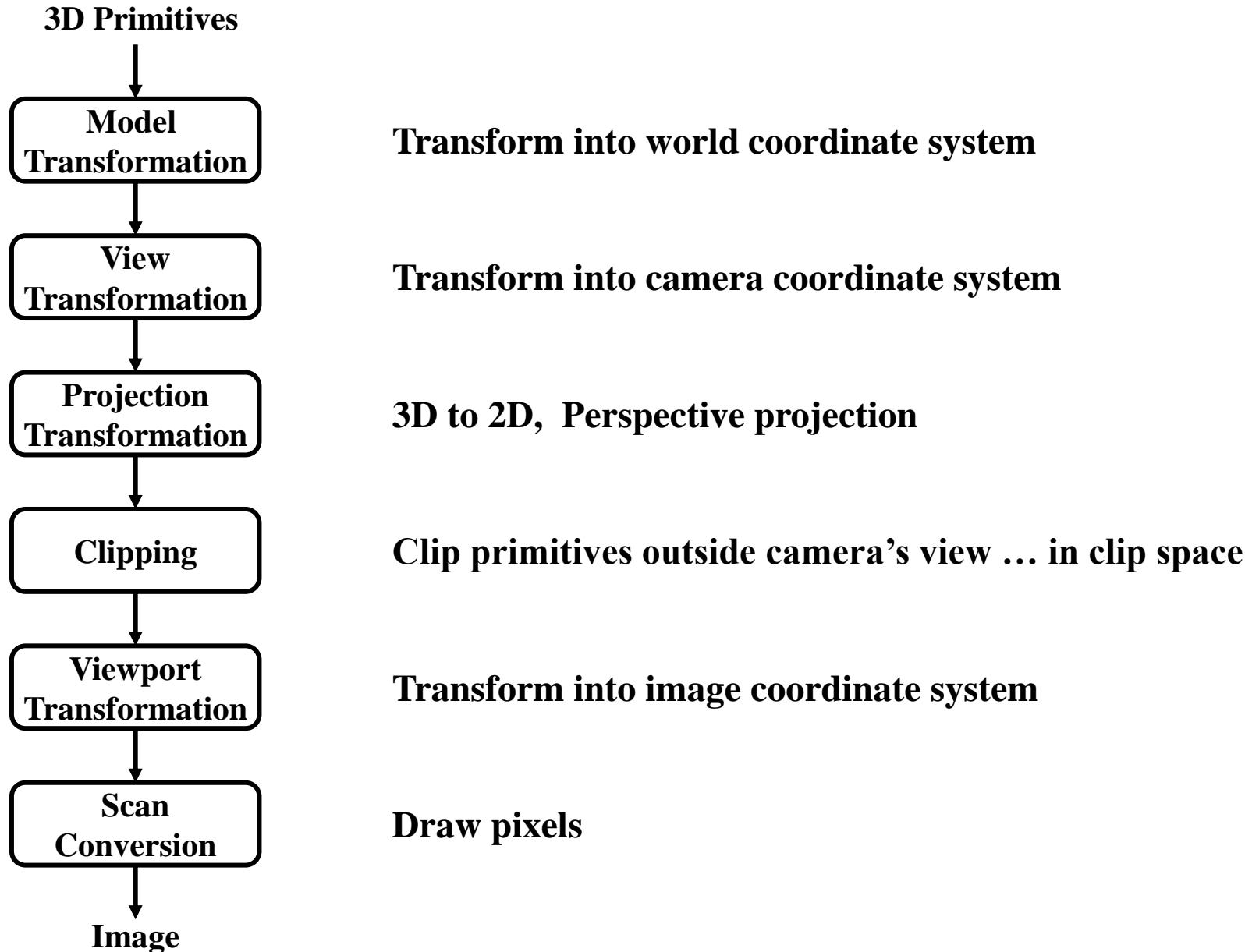
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Last Lecture

- Clipping
 - Line Clipping
 - Polygon Clipping
- Rasterization
 - Line Rasterization
 - Triangle Rasterization
- Aliasing and AntiAliasing

Rasterization Pipeline

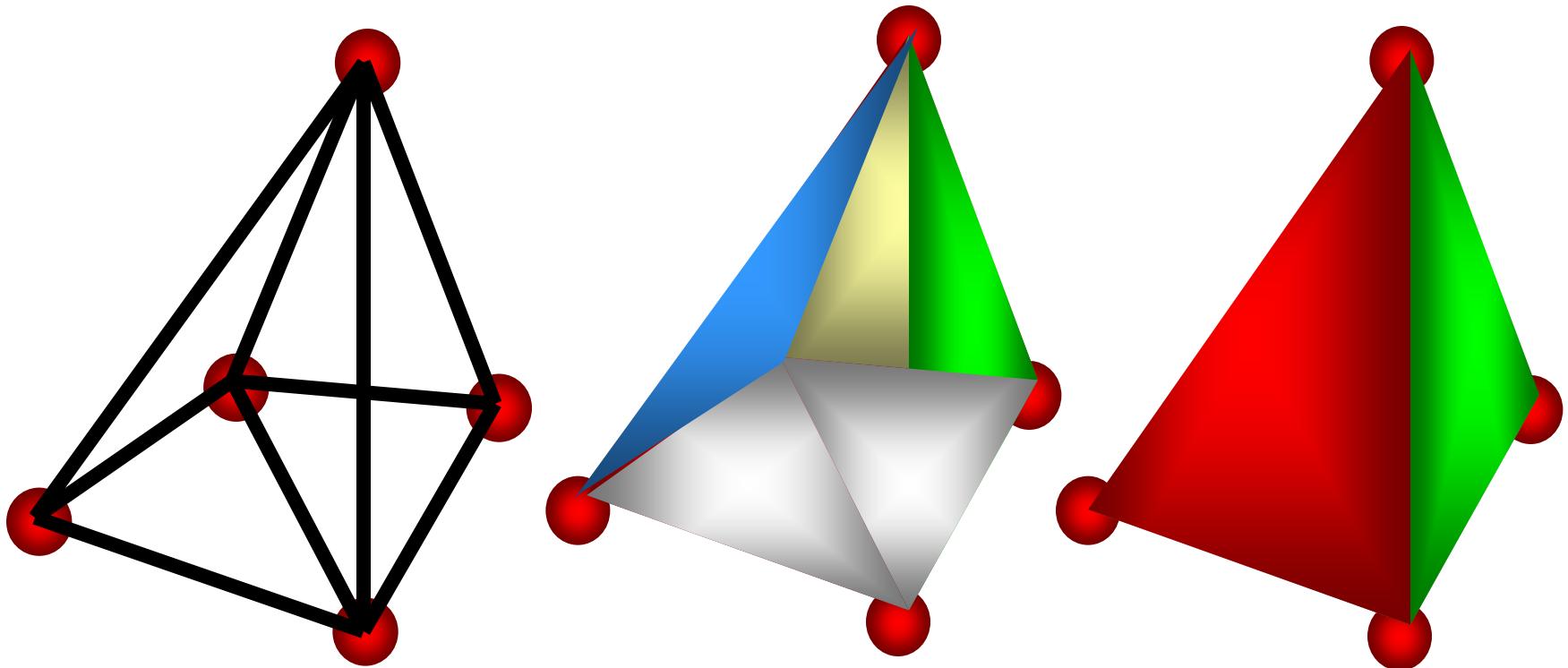


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- **Visibility**
 - Back face culling
 - Hidden Surface Removal
 - Object space
 - Image space
- Shading
 - Phong shading model
 - Shading frequency

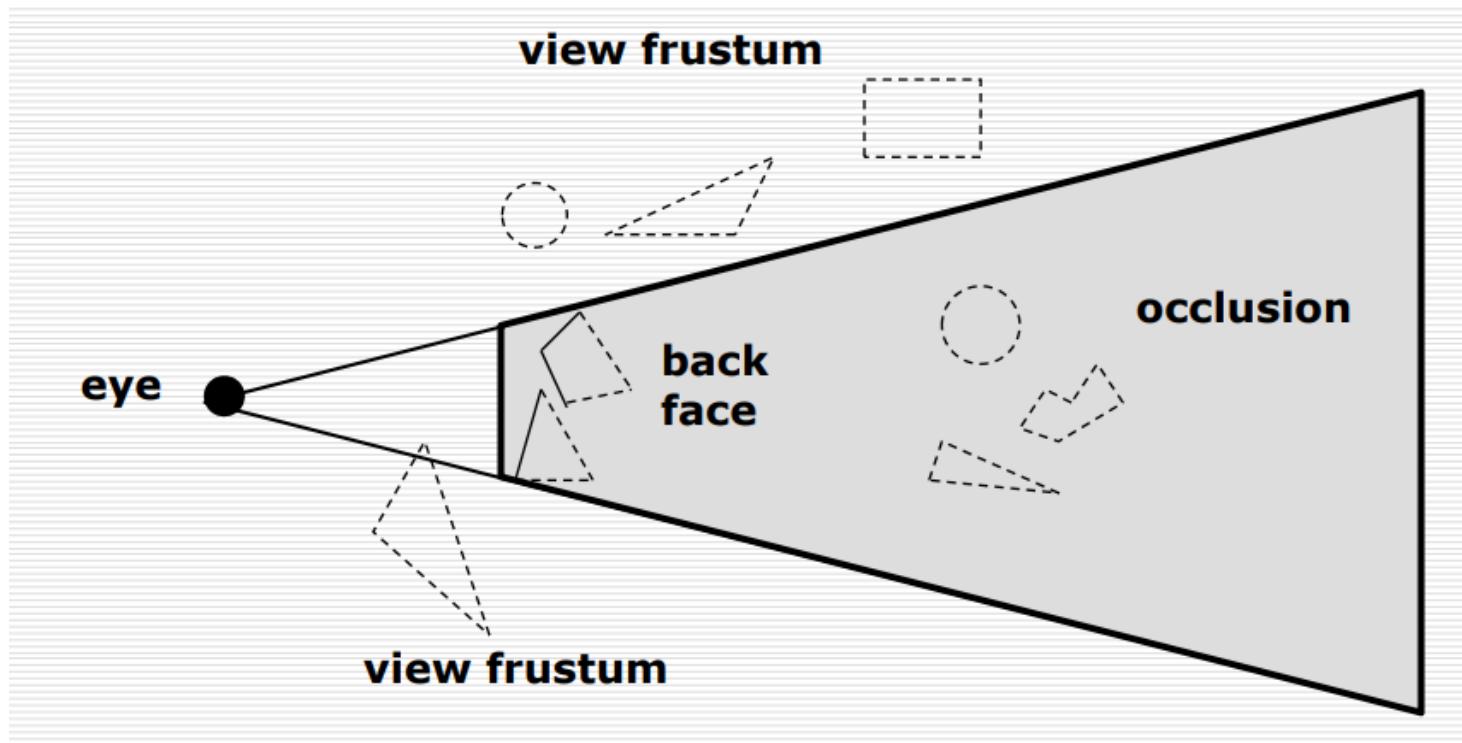
Goal of Visible Surface Determination

- Draw only the surfaces(triangles) that are visible, given a view point and a view direction



Visible Determination

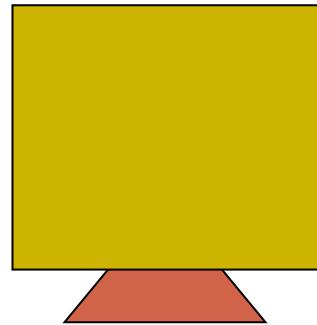
- view frustum (clipping)
- back face culling
- Occlusion (hidden surface removal)



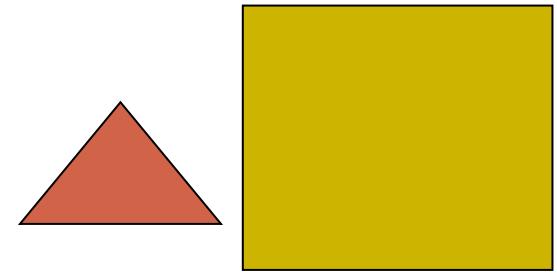
Occlusion: Full, Partial, None



Full



Partial



None

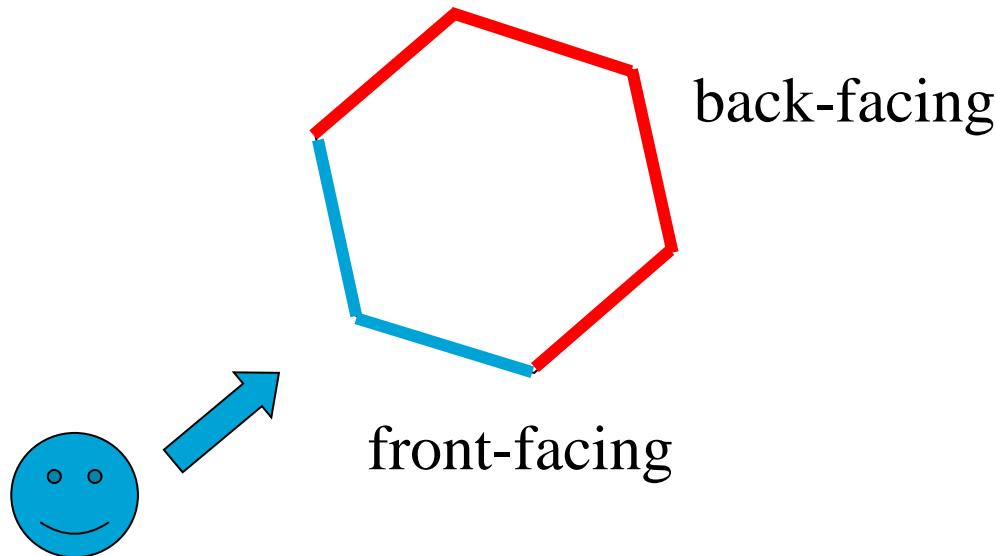
- The rectangle is closer than the triangle
- Should appear in front of the triangle

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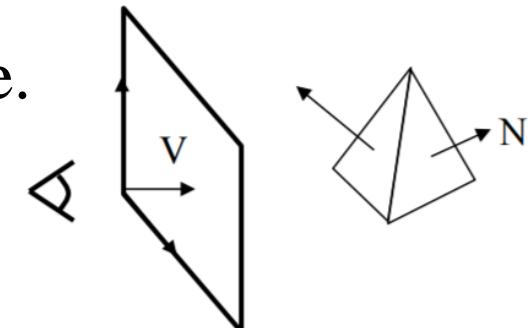
Back Face Culling

- Avoid drawing polygons facing away from the viewer
 - Front-facing polygons occlude these polygons in a closed polyhedron
- Test if a polygon is front- or back-facing



Back Face Culling

- Of all the faces of an object, only the ones facing the viewer need to be rendered to the screen.
 - front-facing polygon points towards the viewer
 - back-facing polygon points away from the viewer
- Back face culling
 - The scalar product $V \cdot N$ must be positive.
 - The Z coordinate of N in eye space is negative.
 - Looking if the polygon vertices lies clockwise.

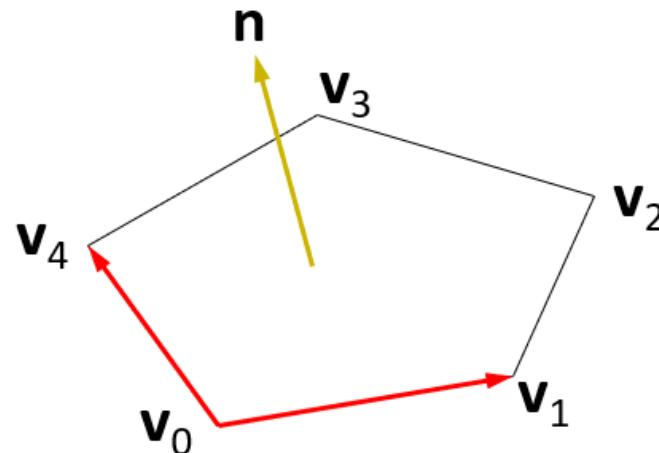


Polygon Normal

- Let polygon vertices $\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1}$ be in counterclockwise order and co-planar
- Calculate normal with cross product:

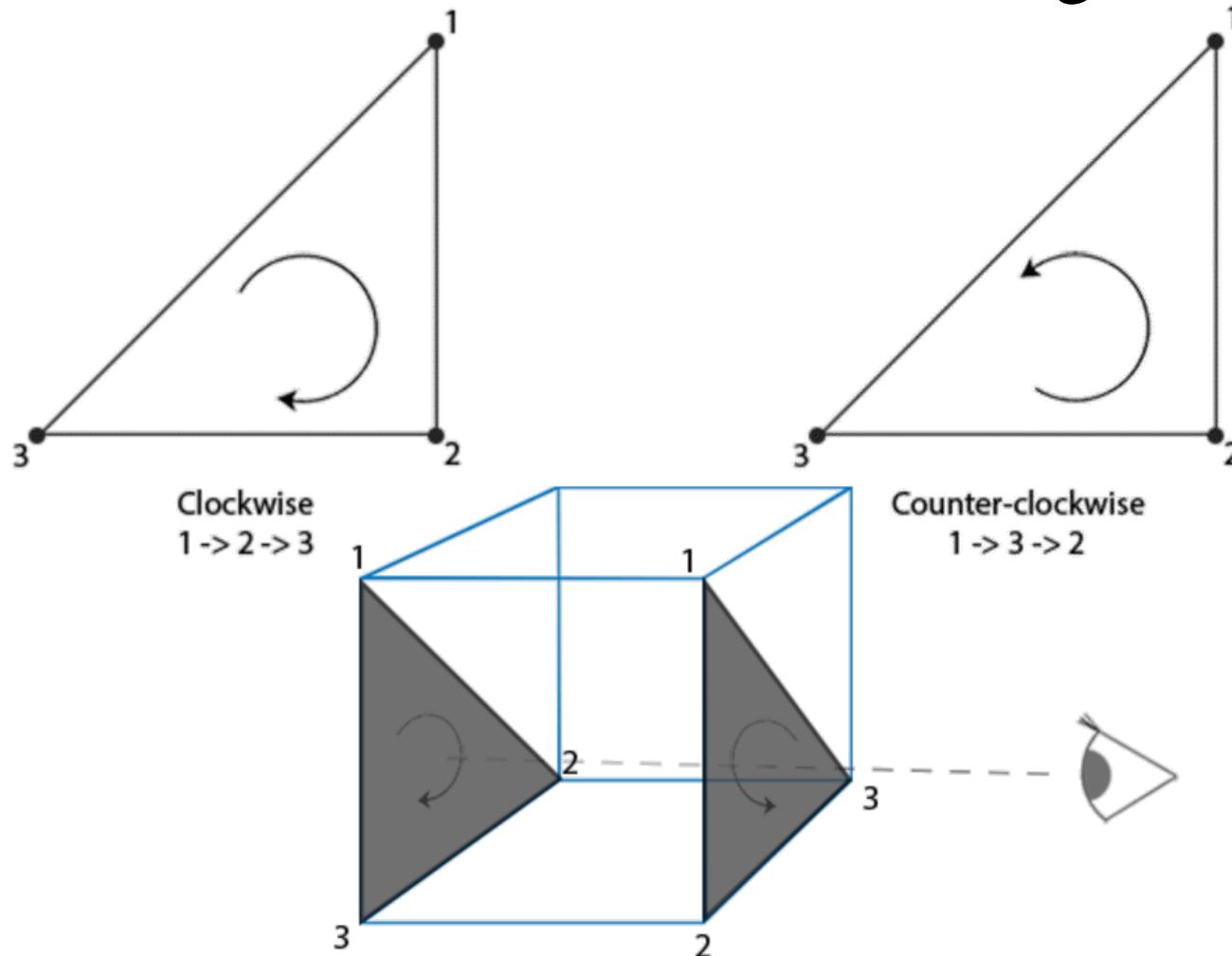
$$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_0) \times (\mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_0)$$

- Normalize to unit vector with $\mathbf{n}/\|\mathbf{n}\|$



Normal Direction

- Vertices counterclockwise \Rightarrow Front-facing
- Vertices clockwise \Rightarrow Back-facing

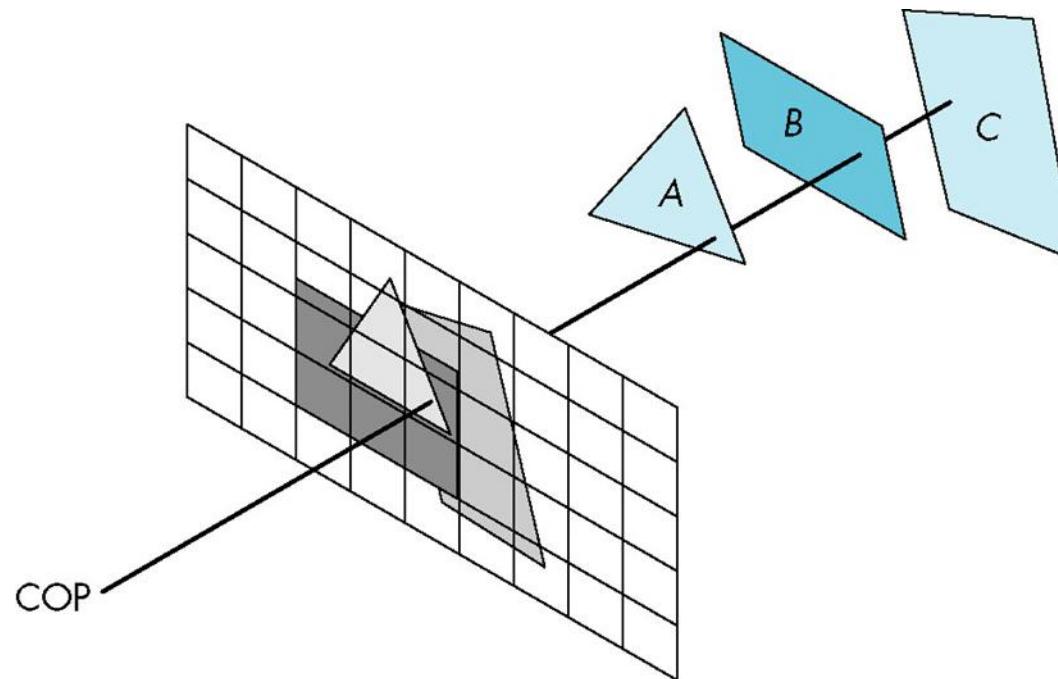


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Visibility

- How do we ensure that closer polygons overwrite further ones in general?



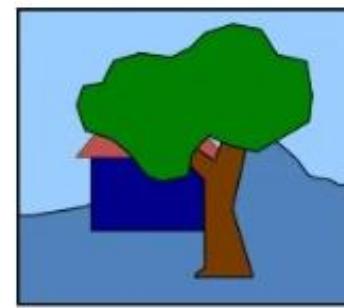
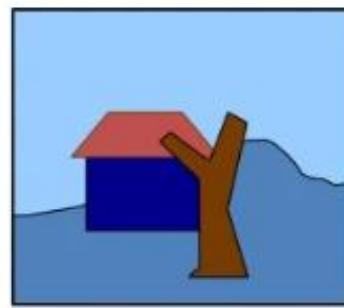
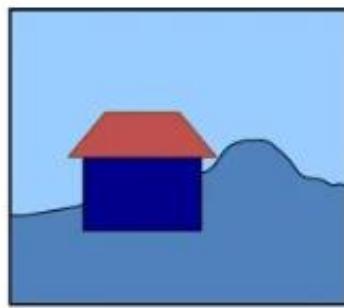
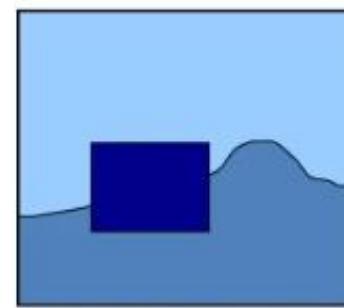
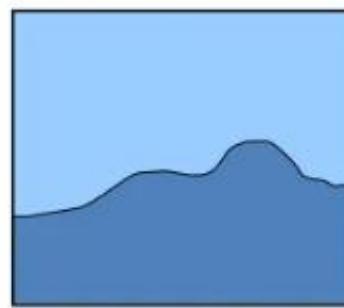
Hidden Surface Removal

- Object space
 - Applied before vertices are mapped to pixels
 - Painter's algorithm, BSP tree

- Image space
 - Decide on visibility at each pixel position
 - Z-buffering

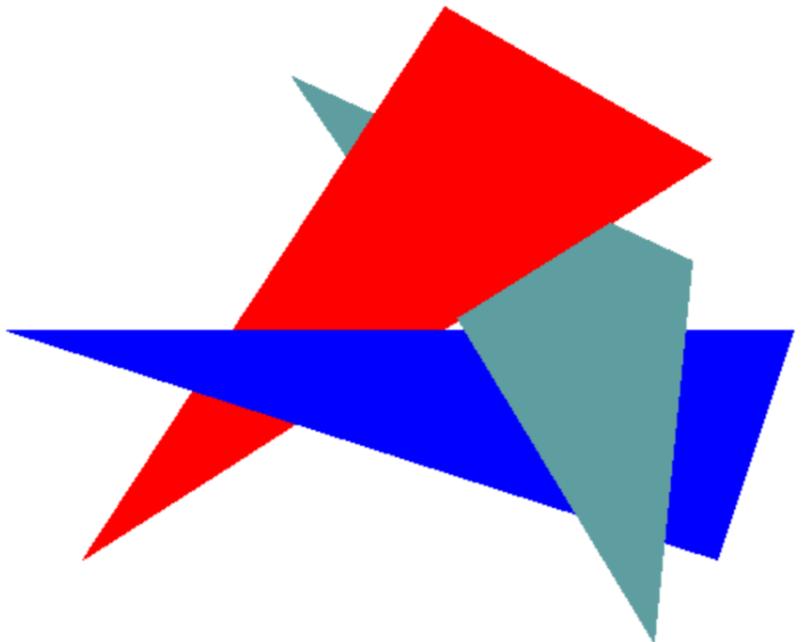
Painter's Algorithm

- Draw surfaces from back to front
 - Sort polygons by their depth (z value)
 - Draw objects in order (farthest to closest)
 - Close objects paint over the top of farther away objects



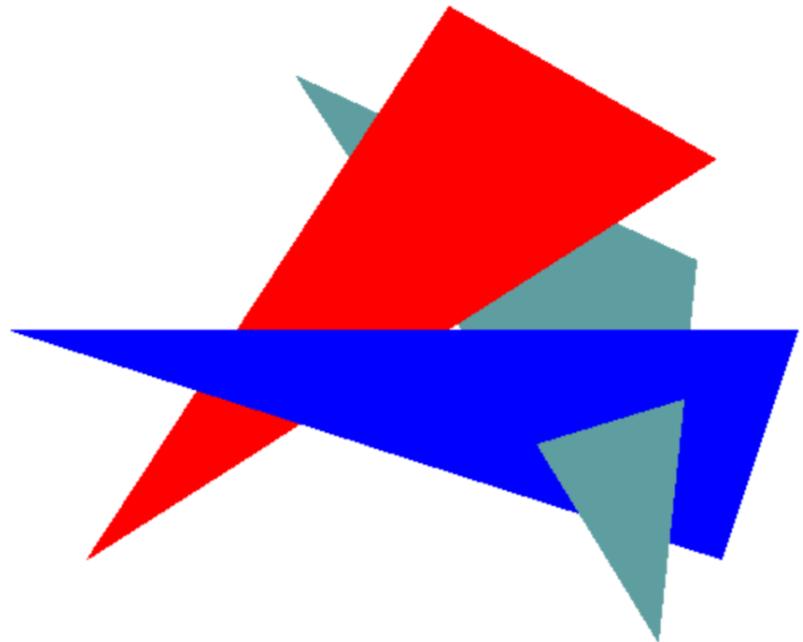
Painter's algorithm

- Main issue is determining the order
- Doesn't always work



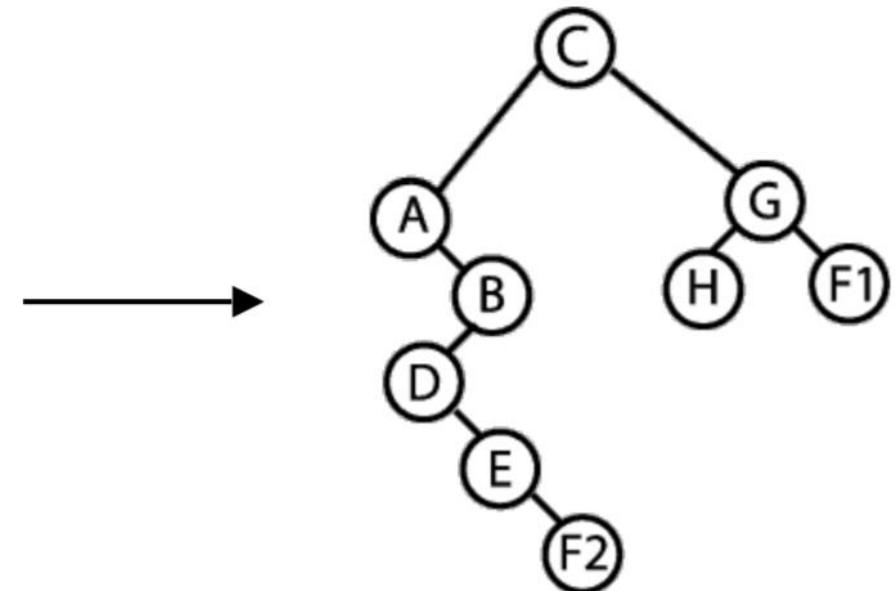
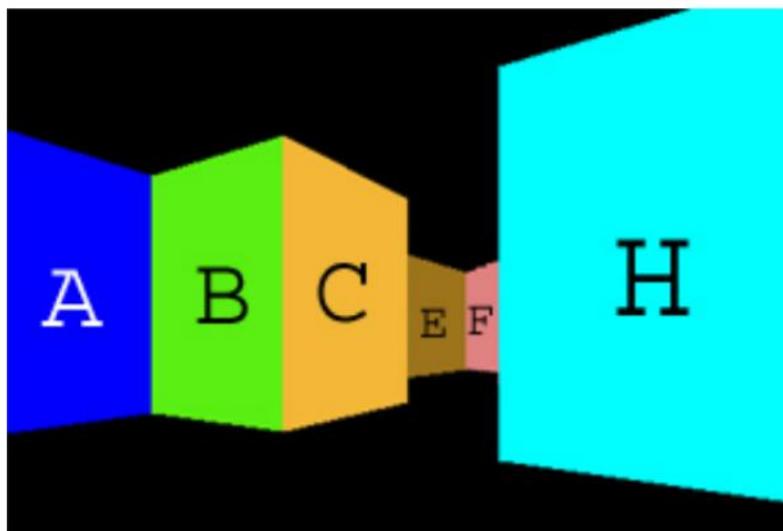
Painter's algorithm

- Another problem case
- Need to segment the triangles so that they can be sorted



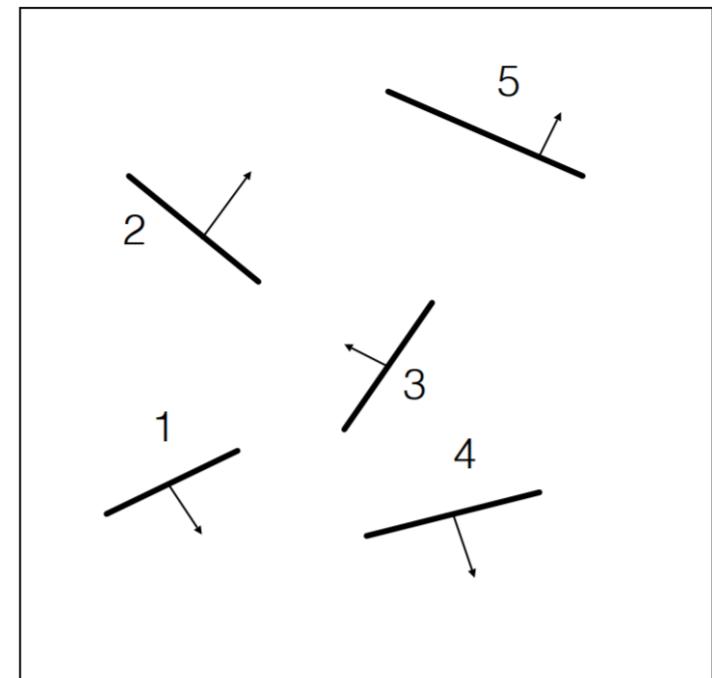
BSP trees

- Binary space partitioning tree
- Represents the scene with a tree
- Scene is drawn by traversing the tree
- Suitable for rendering static scenes



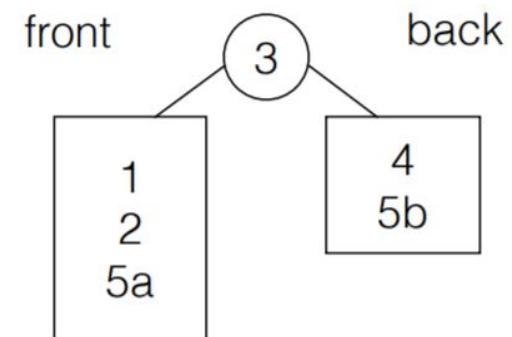
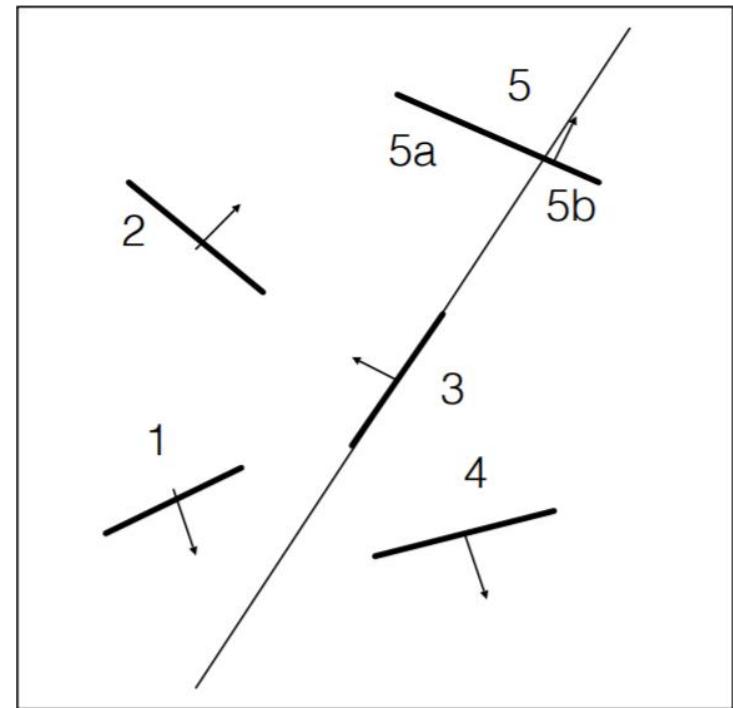
BSP Tree

- Choose polygon arbitrarily



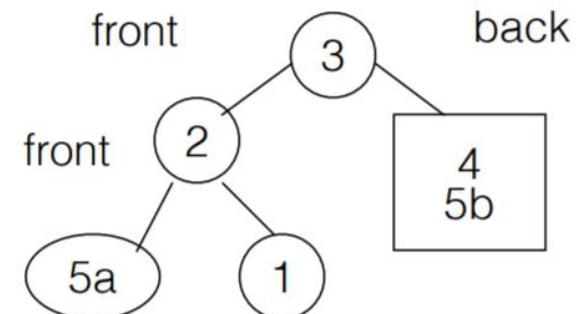
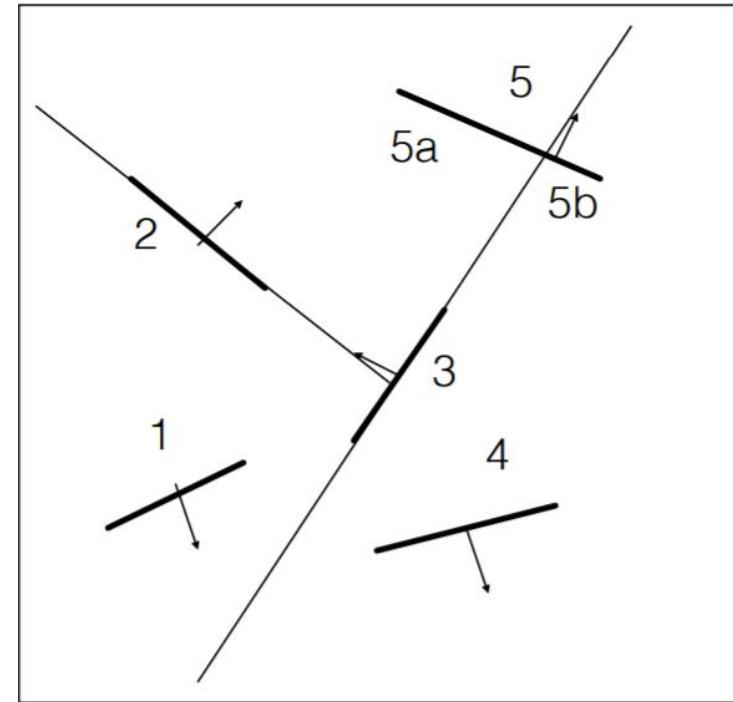
BSP Trees

- Choose polygon arbitrarily
- Divide scene into front (relative to normal) and back half-spaces
- Split any polygon lying on both sides



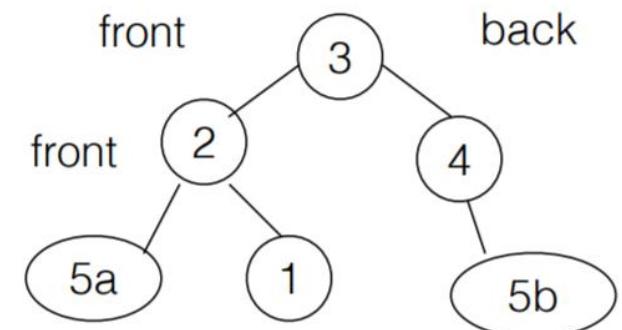
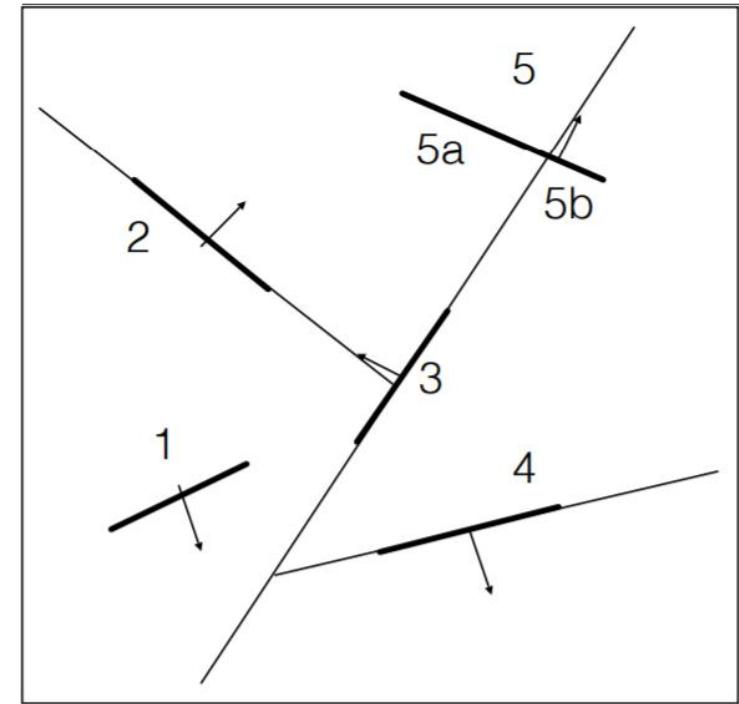
BSP Tree

- Choose polygon arbitrarily
- Divide scene into front (relative to normal) and back half-spaces
- Split any polygon lying on both sides
- Choose a polygon from each side – split scene again.



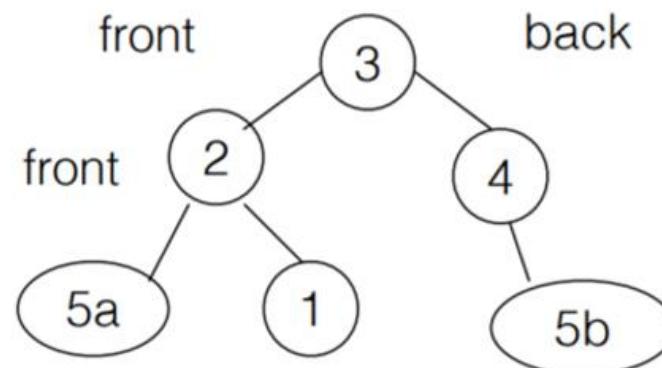
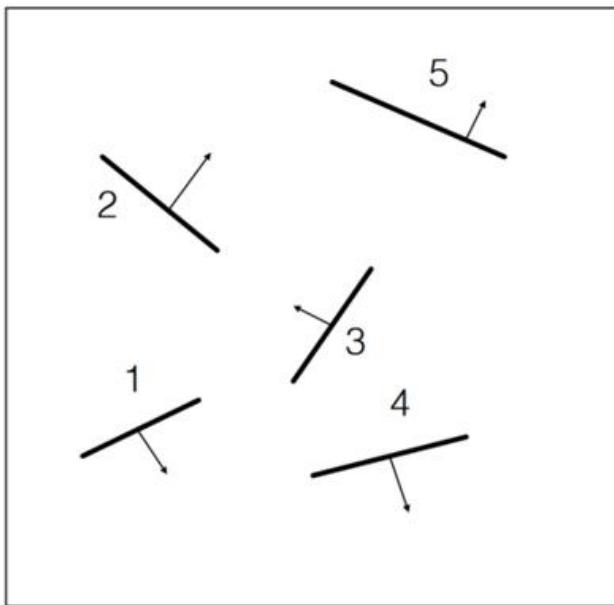
BSP Tree

- Choose polygon arbitrarily
- Divide scene into front (relative to normal) and back half-spaces
- Split any polygon lying on both sides
- Choose a polygon from each side – split scene again.
- Recursively divide each side until each node contains only 1 polygon.



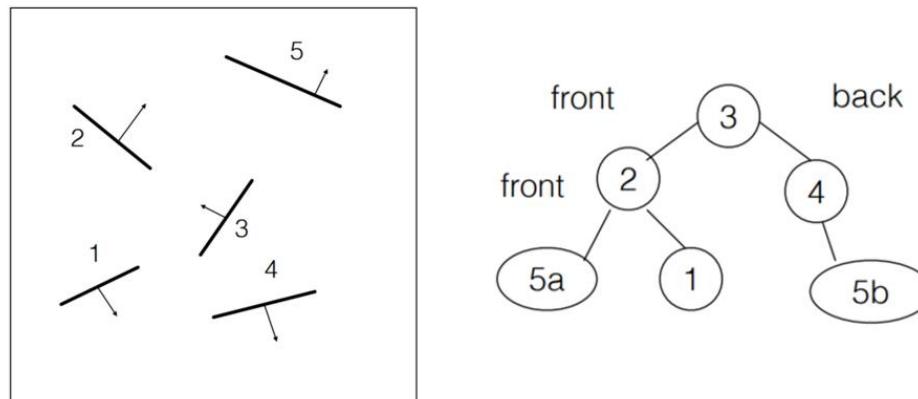
Displaying a BSP tree

- The tree can be traversed to yield an ordering of the polygons for an arbitrary viewpoint
- Back to front using the painter's algorithm



Displaying a BSP tree: back to front

- Start at root polygon.
 - If viewer is in front half-space, draw polygons behind root first, then the root polygon, then polygons in front.
 - If viewer is in back half-space, draw polygons in front of root first, then the root polygon, then polygons behind.
- Recursively descend the tree.



- Always drawing the opposite side from the viewer first

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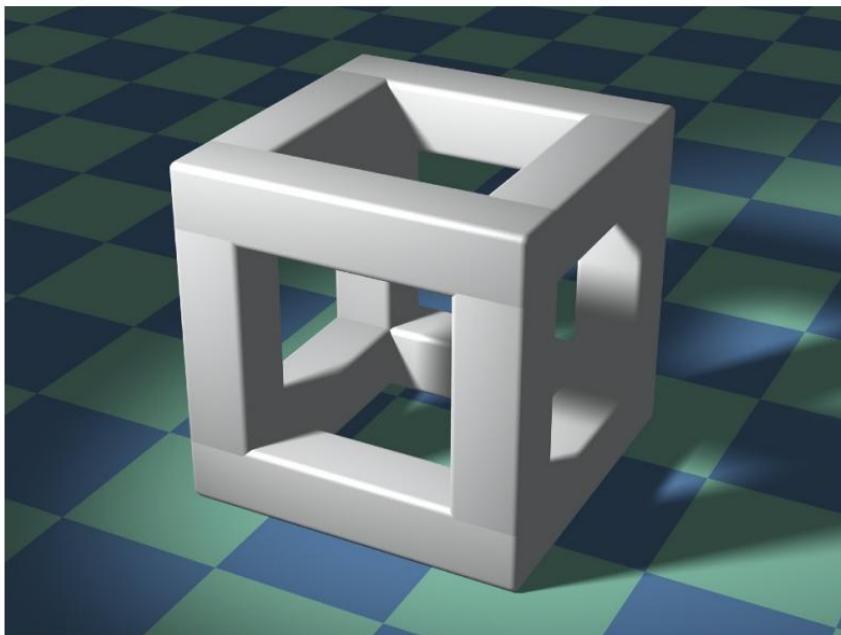
Z-buffer

- An image-based method applied during rasterization
- Standard approach used in graphics hardware and libraries
- Easy to implement in hardware

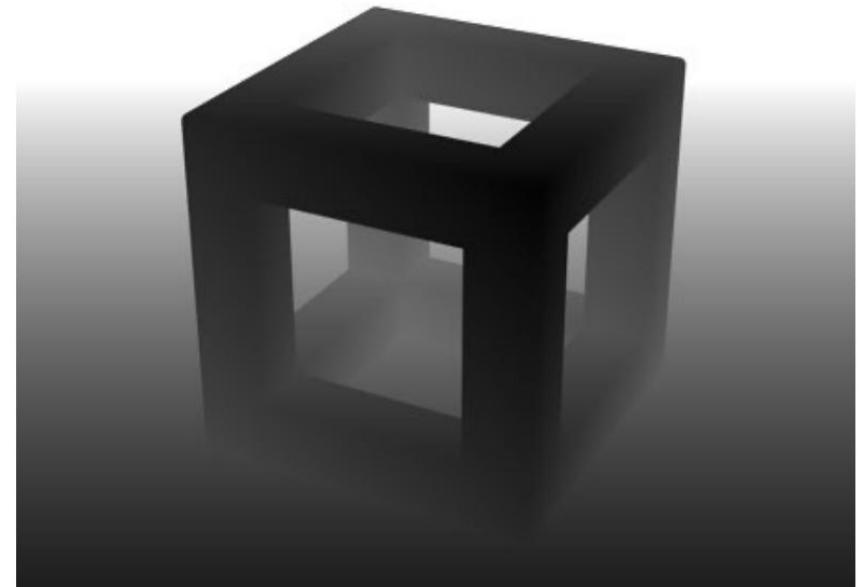
Z-buffer

- Idea
 - Store current min. z-value for each sample (pixel)
 - Needs an additional buffer for depth values
 - Frame buffer stores color values
 - Depth buffer (z-buffer) stores depth
- Important: For simplicity we suppose
 - Z is always positive
 - Smaller z -> closer, larger z -> further

Z-buffer example



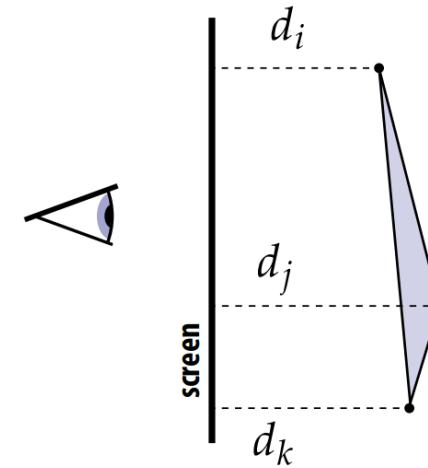
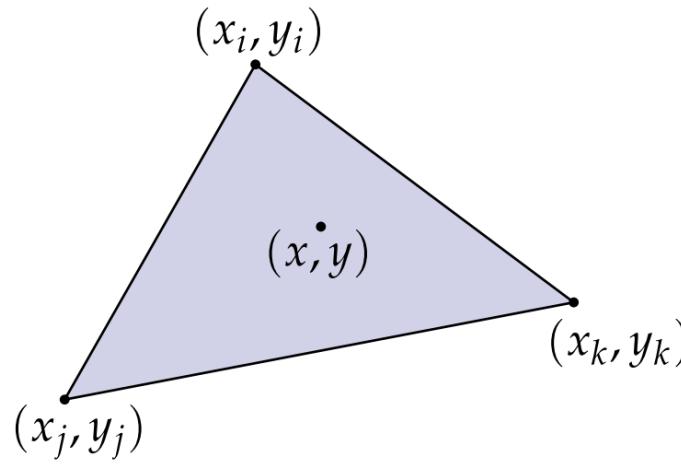
Rendering



Depth / Z buffer

Sampling depth

- Assume we have a triangle given by:
 - the projected 2D coordinates of each vertex
 - the depth of each vertex (i.e., distance from the viewer)



- compute the depth at a given sample point (x, y)
 - Interpolate it using barycentric coordinates

Triangle Barycentric Coordinate

$$b_3 = \frac{A_3}{A}$$

$$v = b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + b_3 v_3$$

$b_1 = \frac{A_1}{A}$

$b_2 = \frac{A_2}{A}$

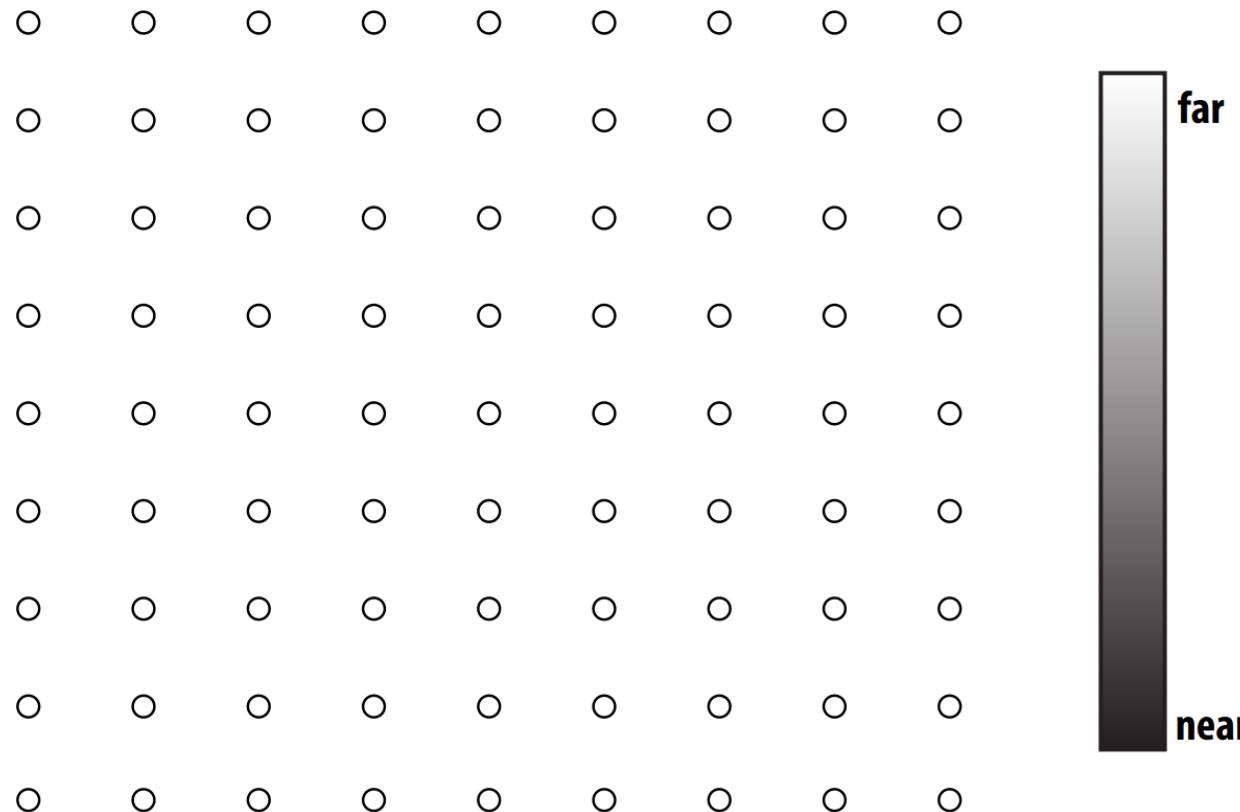
$$A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3$$

Z-buffer Algorithm

- Initialize depth buffer to max. value
 - During rasterization:

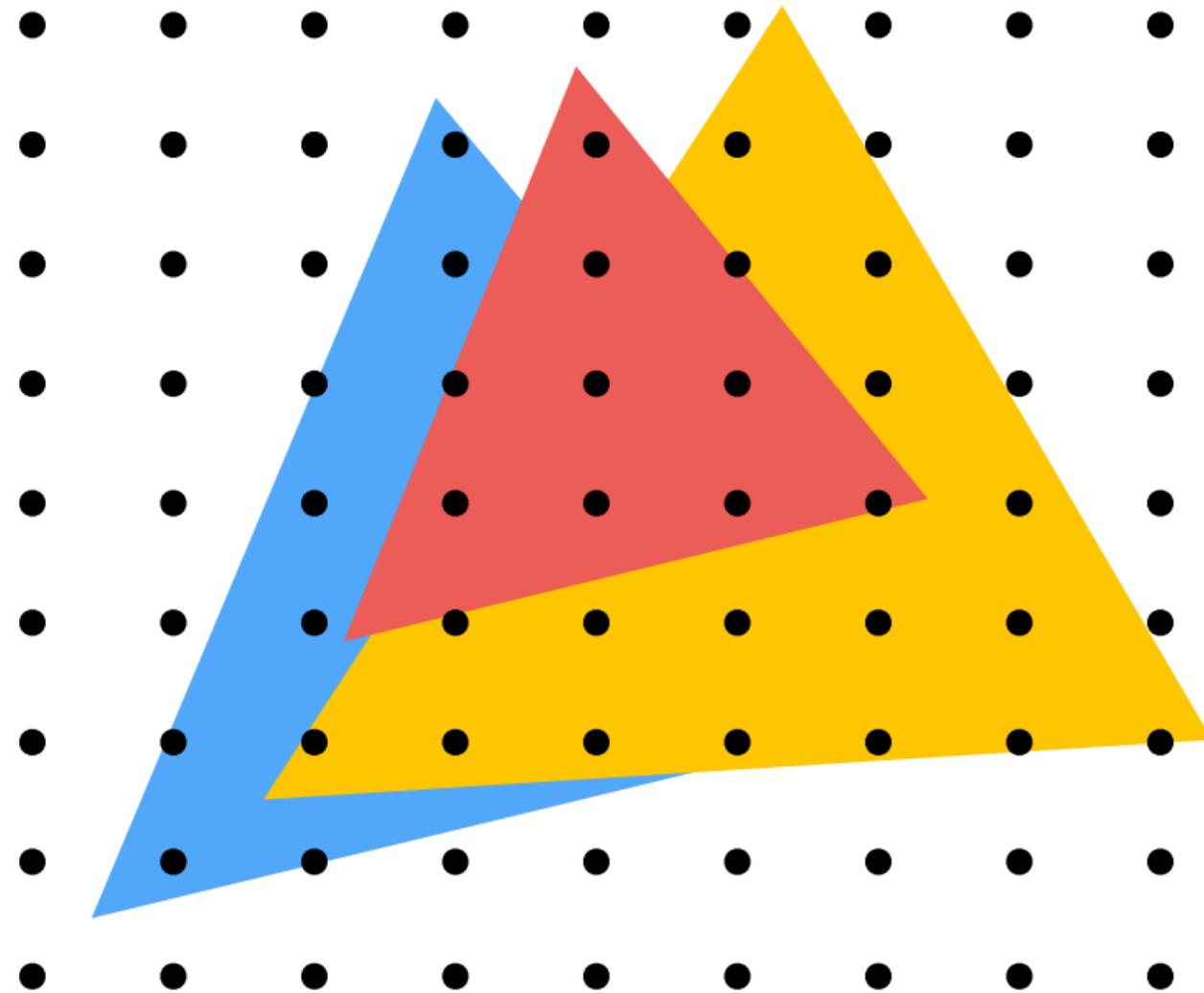
Z-buffer

- For each sample, depth-buffer stores the depth of the closest triangle seen so far



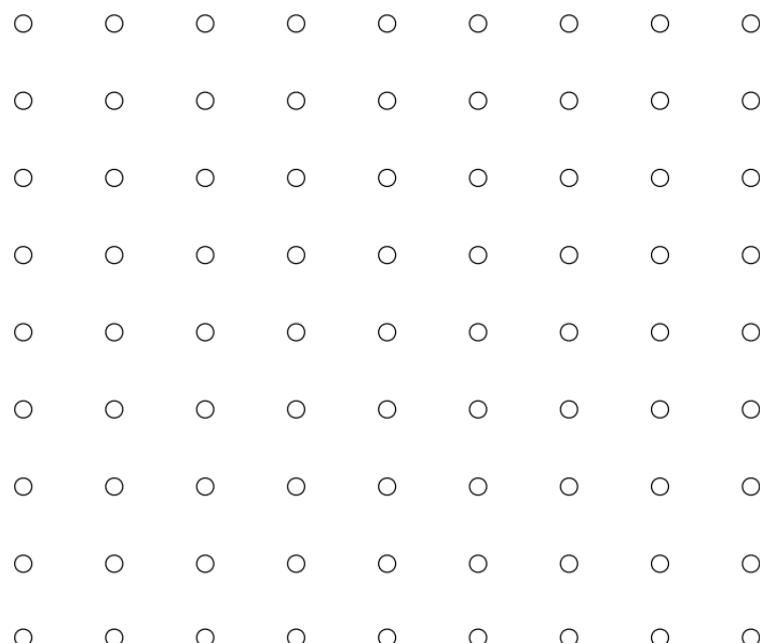
Initialize all depth buffer values to “infinity” (max value)

Example: rendering three opaque triangles



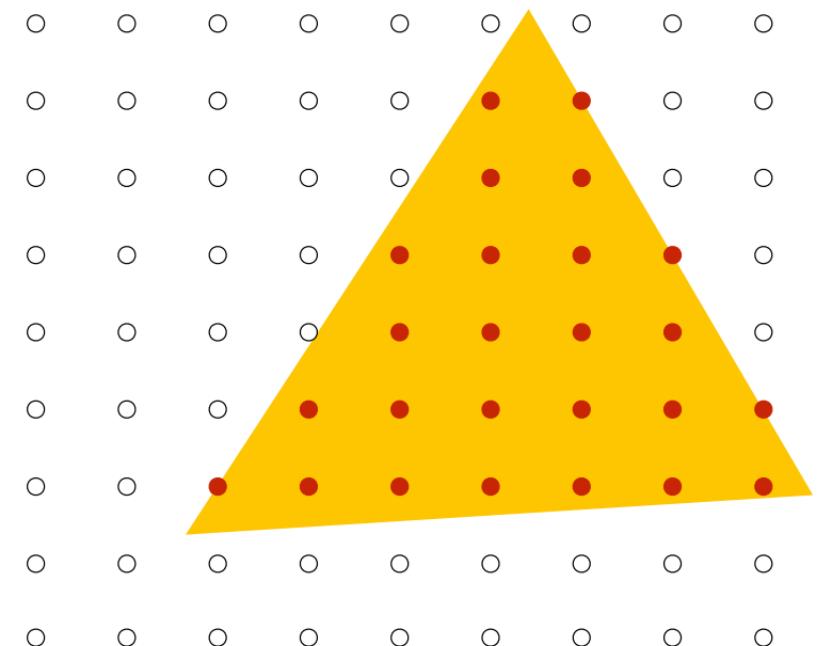
Occlusion using the Z-buffer

Processing yellow triangle:
depth = 0.5



Color buffer contents

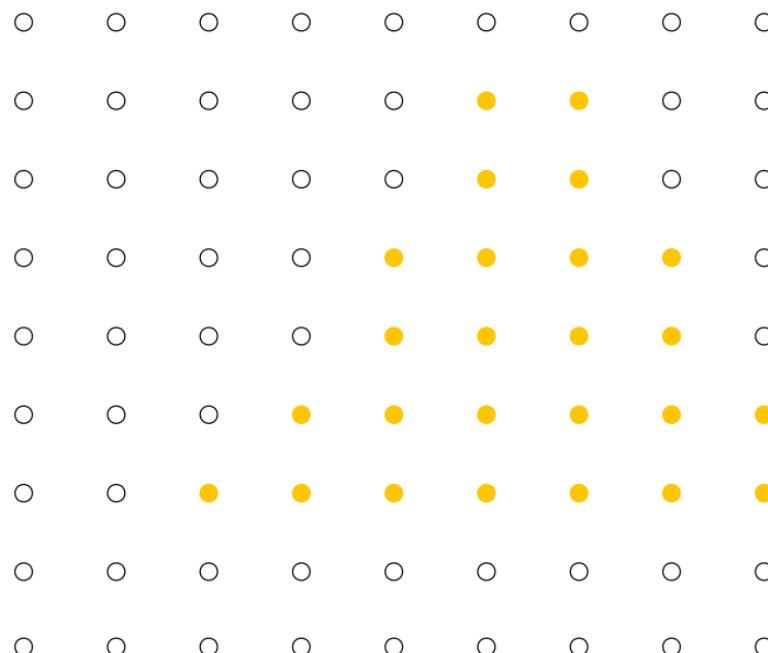
near far
● — sample passed depth test



Depth buffer contents

Occlusion using the Z-buffer

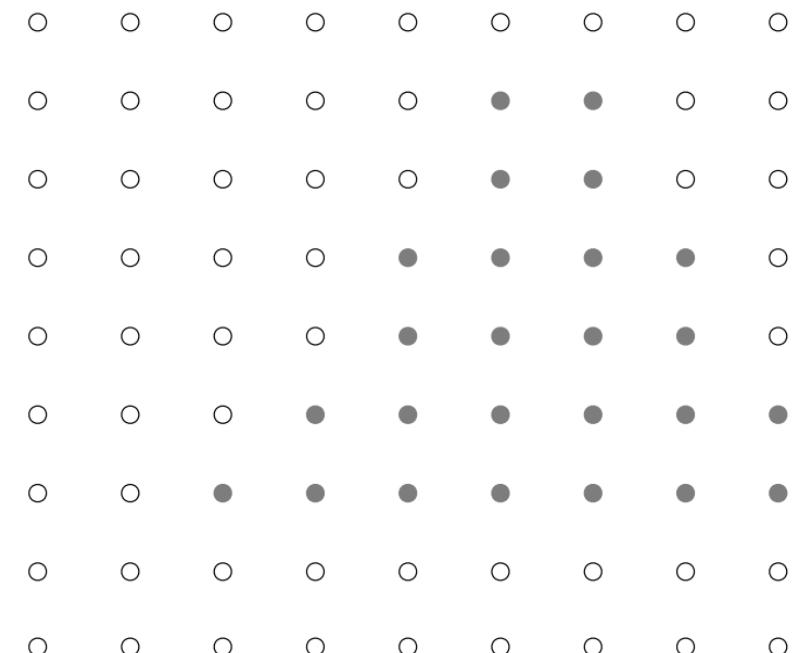
After processing yellow triangle:



Color buffer contents

near  far

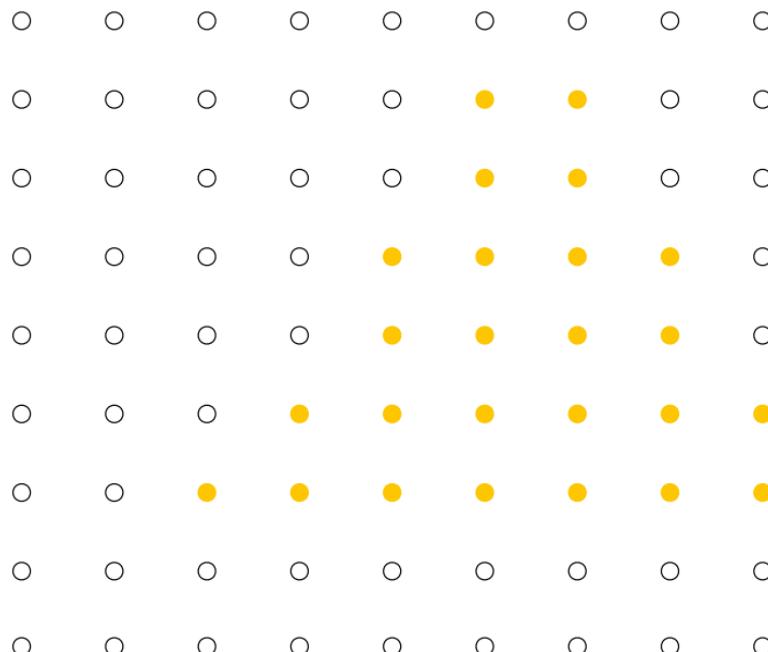
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Depth buffer contents

Occlusion using the Z-buffer

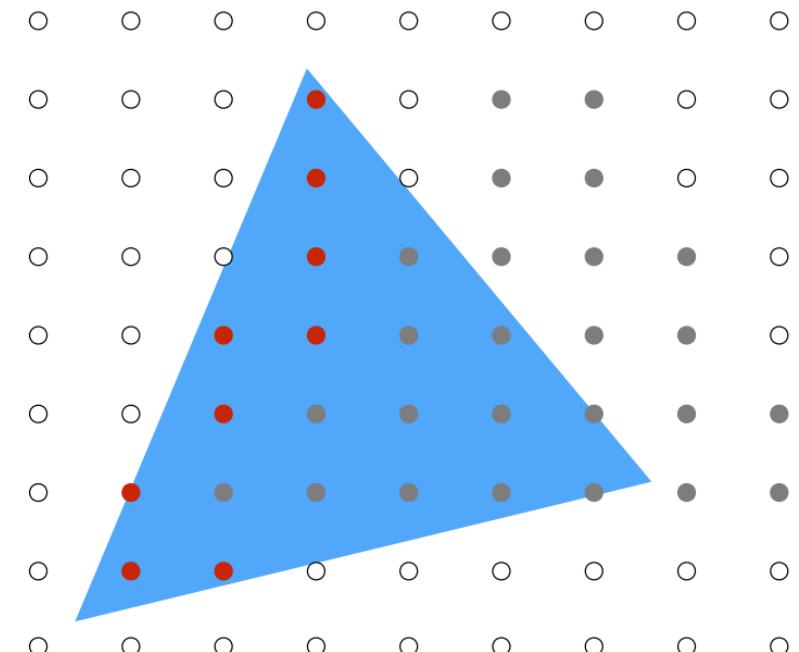
Processing blue triangle:
depth = 0.75



Color buffer contents

near far

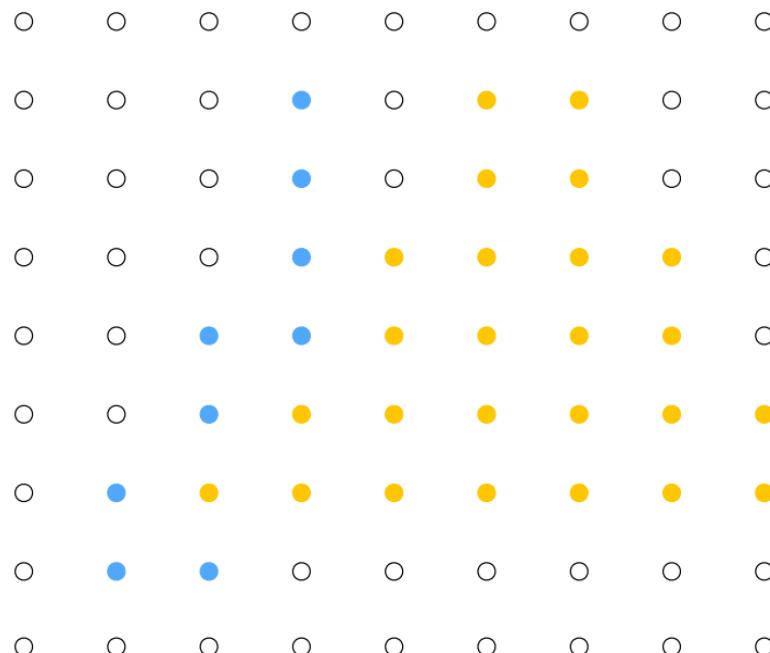
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Depth buffer contents

Occlusion using the Z-buffer

After processing blue triangle:

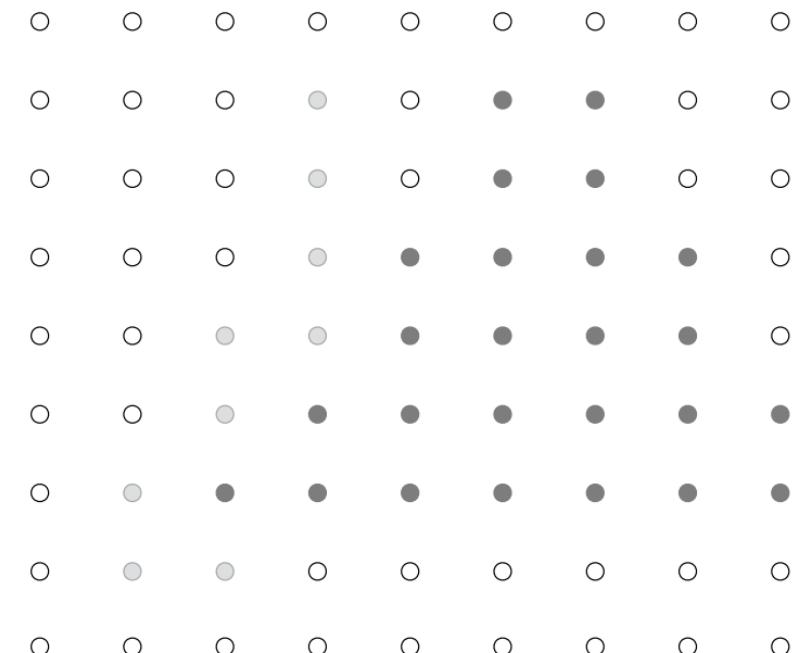


Color buffer contents

near

far

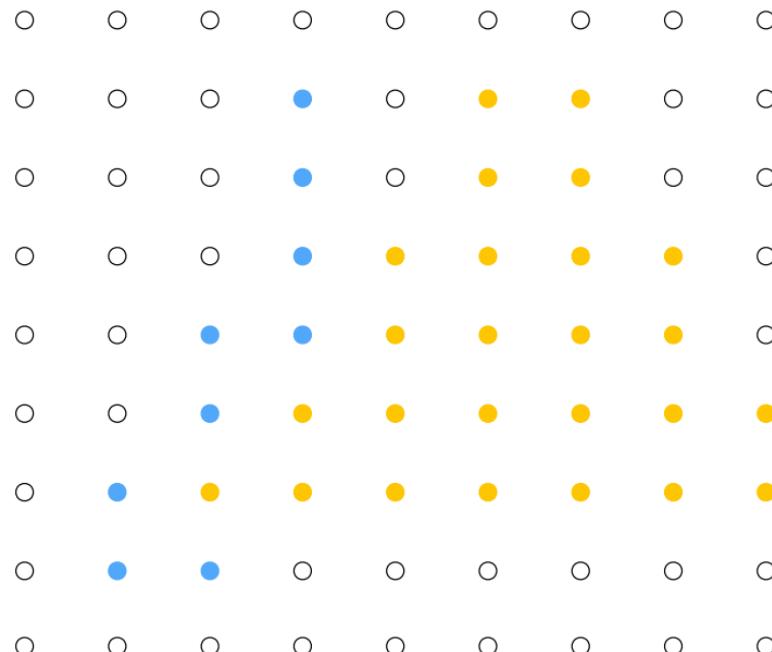
● — sample passed depth test



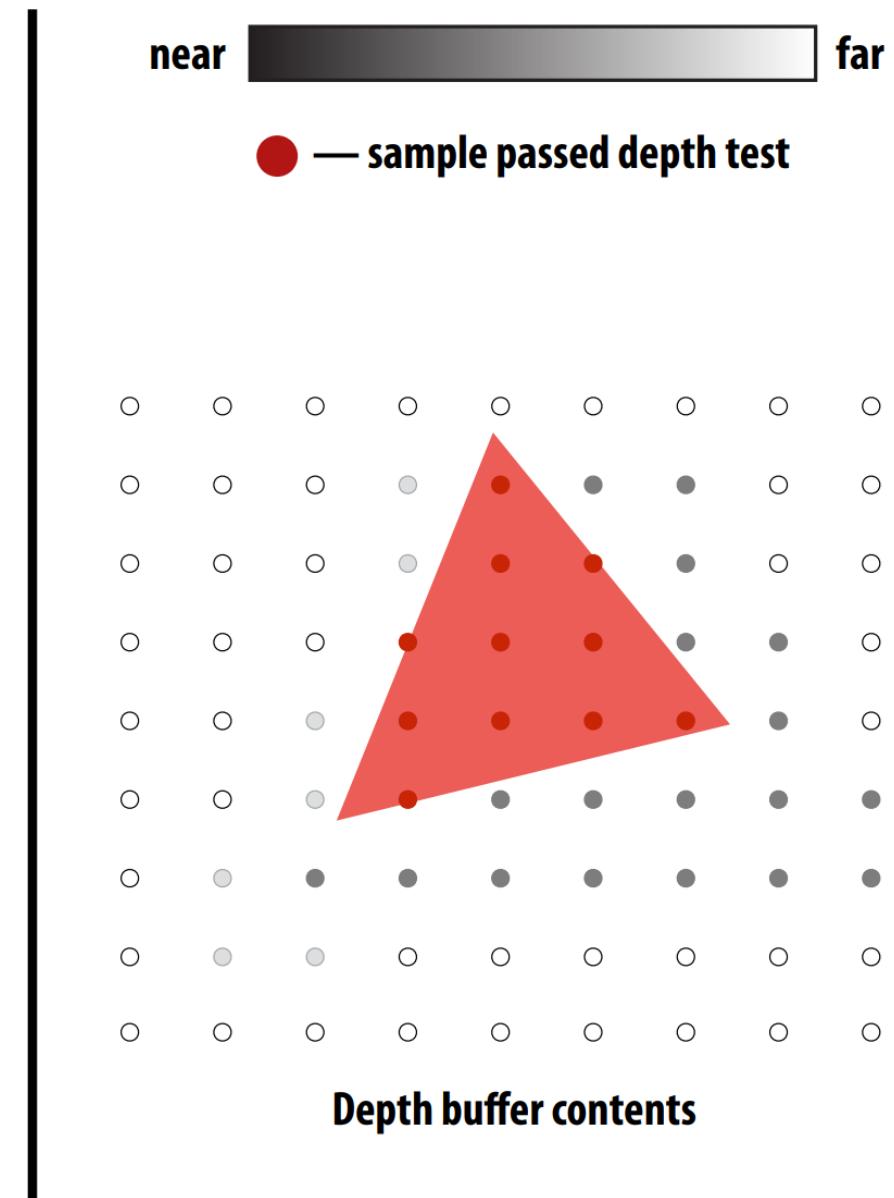
Depth buffer contents

Occlusion using the Z-buffer

Processing red triangle:
depth = 0.25



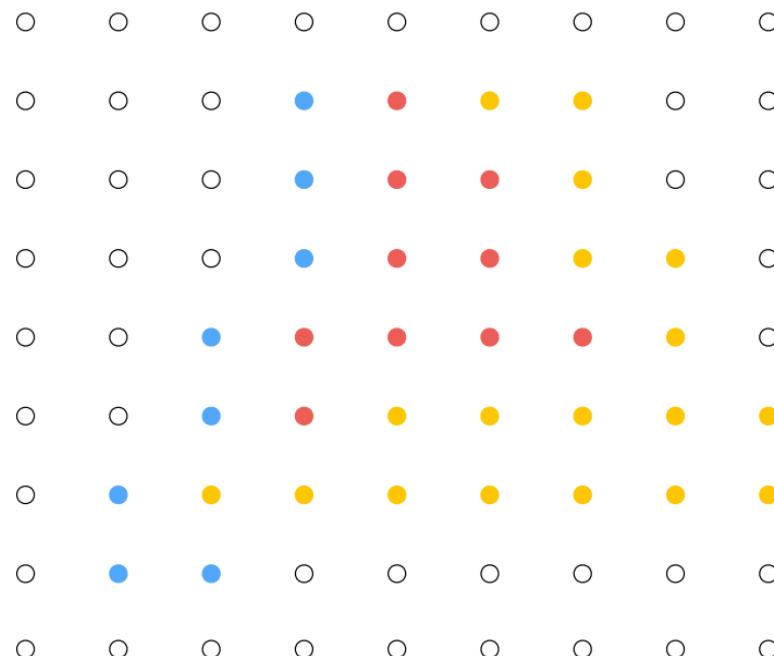
Color buffer contents



Depth buffer contents

Occlusion using the Z-buffer

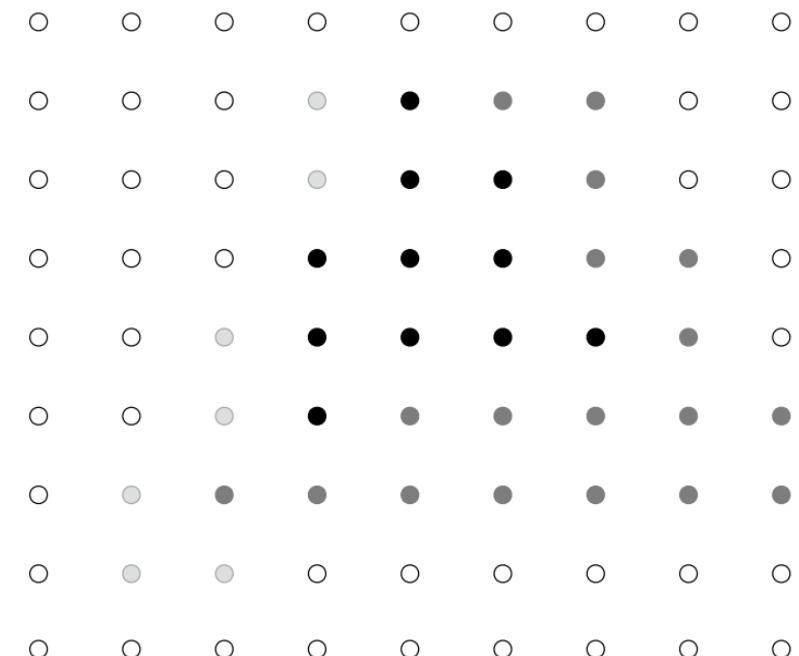
After processing red triangle:



Color buffer contents

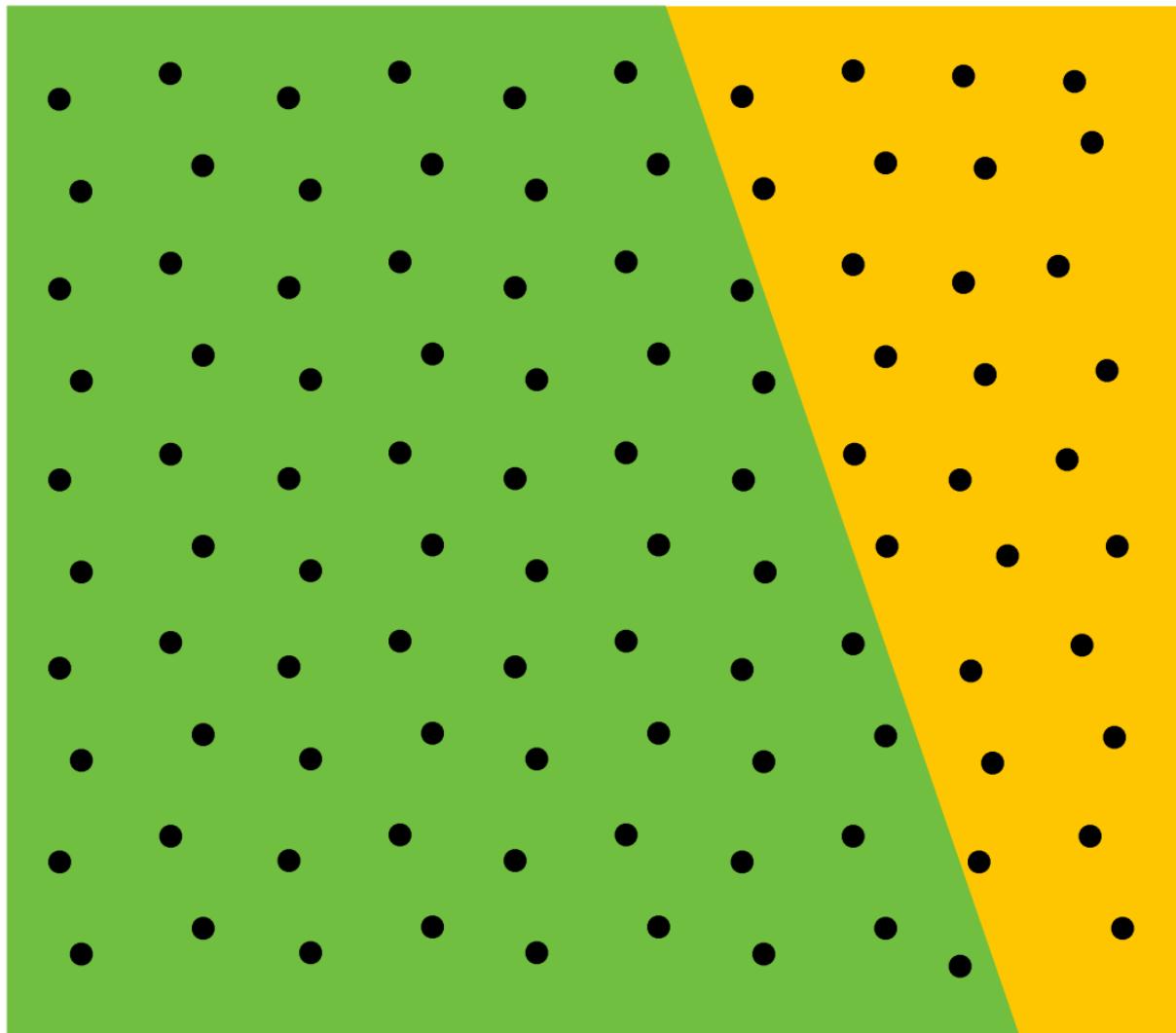
near  far

● — sample passed depth test



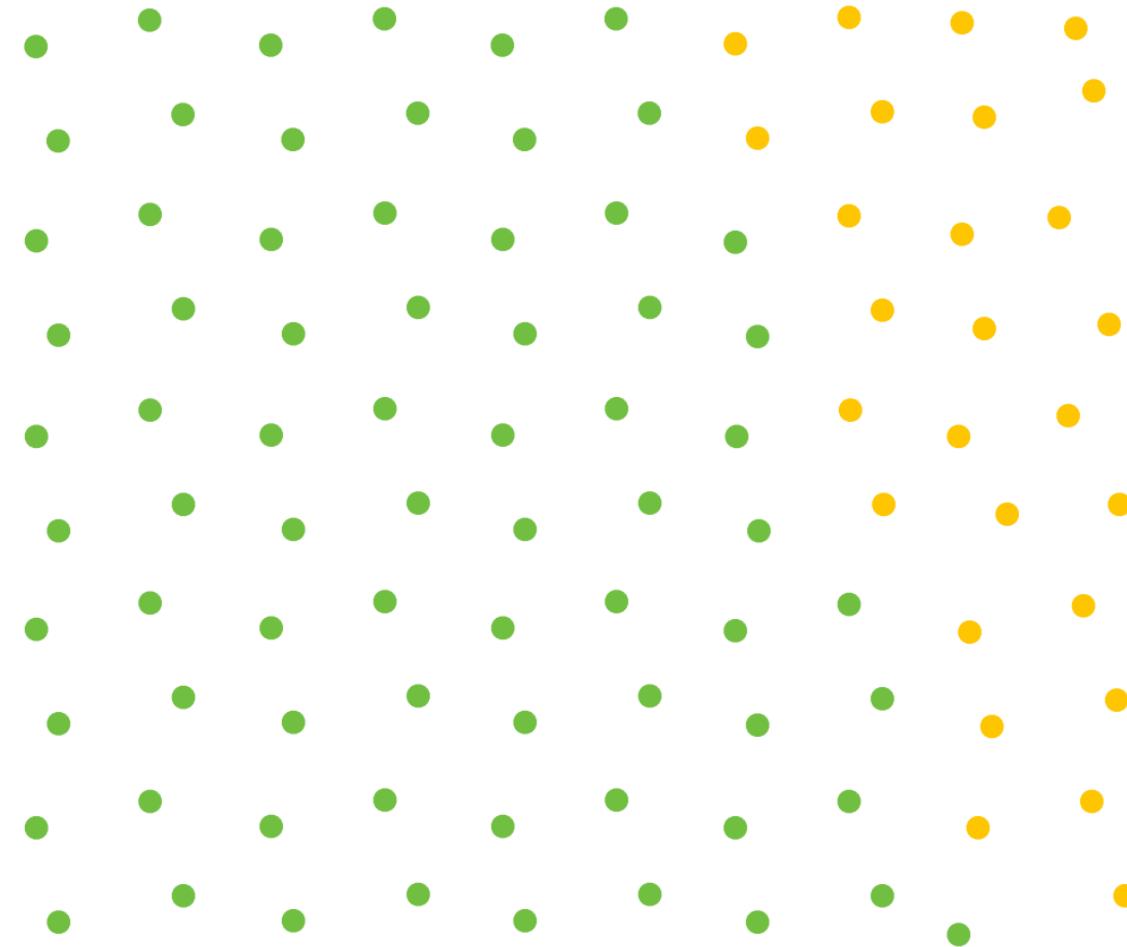
Depth buffer contents

Depth + Supersampling



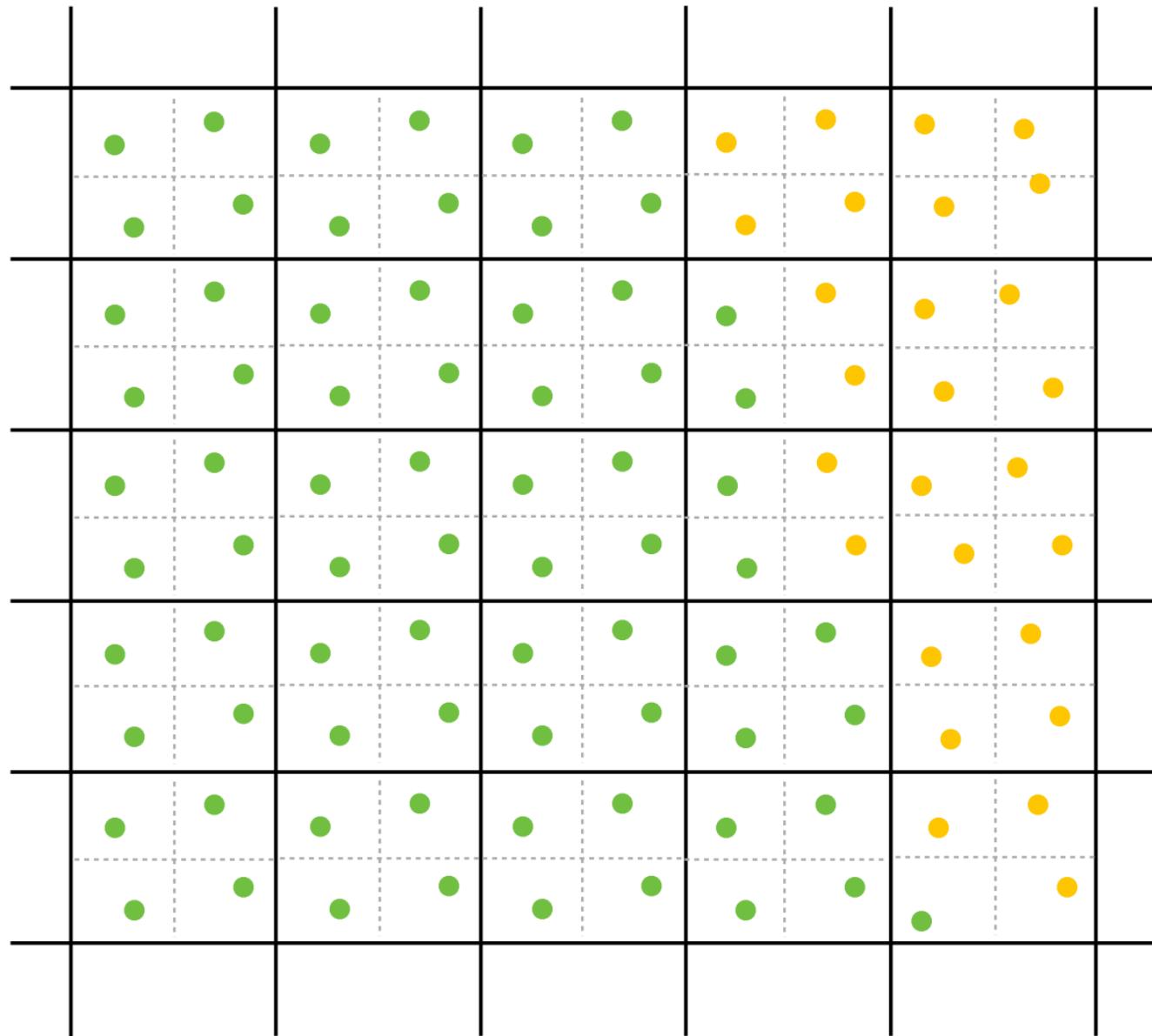
(Here: green triangle occludes yellow triangle)

Depth + Supersampling

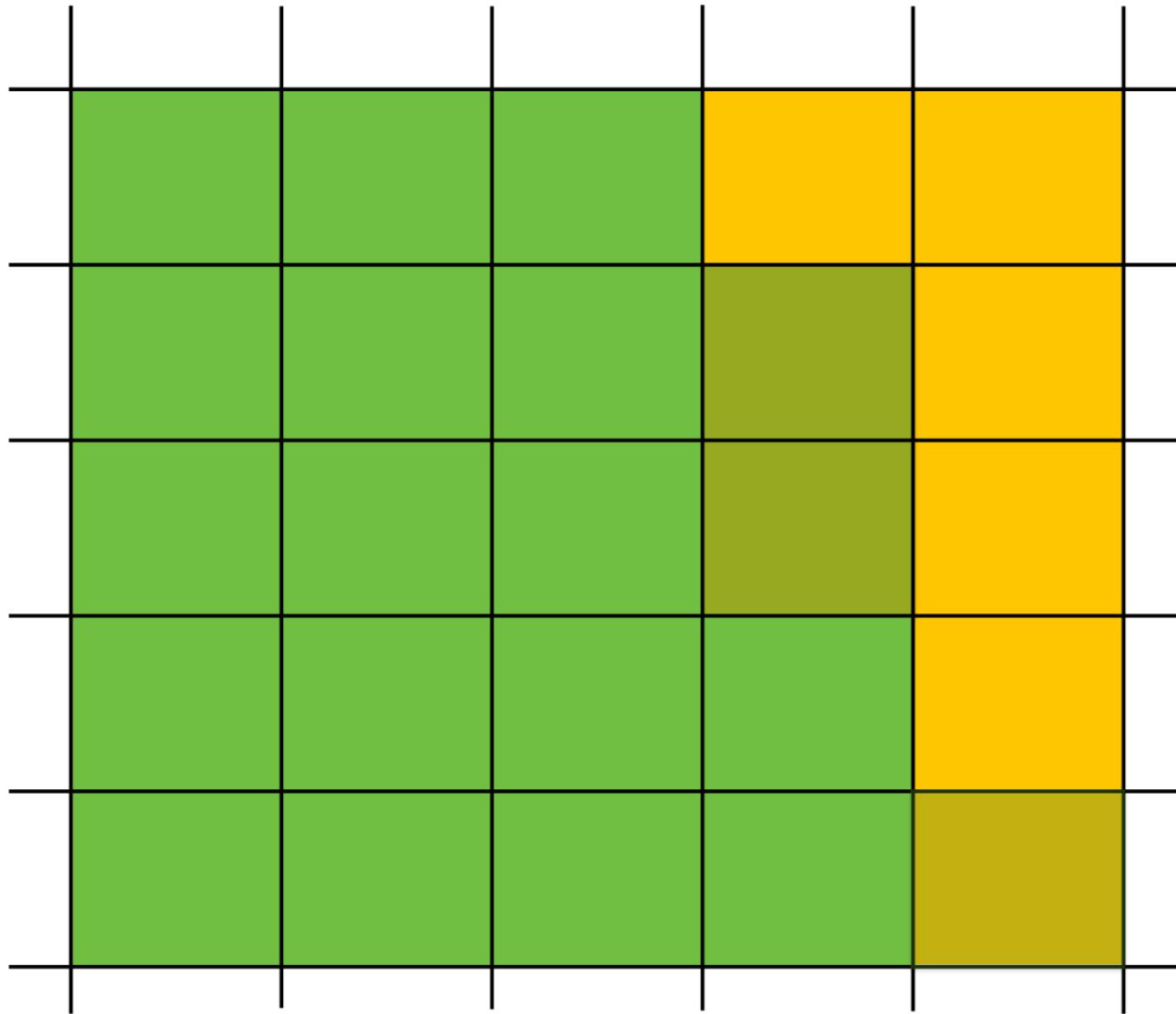


Color of super samples after rasterizing w/ depth buffer

Color buffer contents (4 samples per pixel)



Final resampled result



Note anti-aliasing of edge due to filtering of green and yellow samples

Z-buffer Complexity

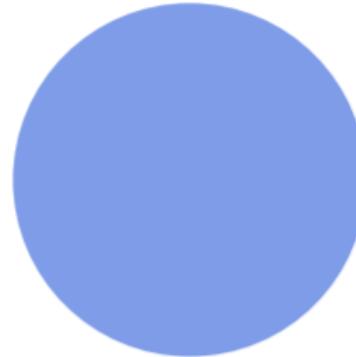
- Complexity
 - $O(n)$ for n triangles (assuming constant coverage)
 - How is it possible to sort n triangles in linear time?
- Drawing triangles in different orders?
- Most important visibility algorithm
 - Implemented in hardware for all GPUs

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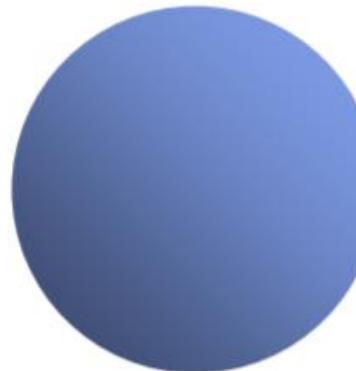
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Why need Lighting & Shading?

- Sphere without lighting & shading

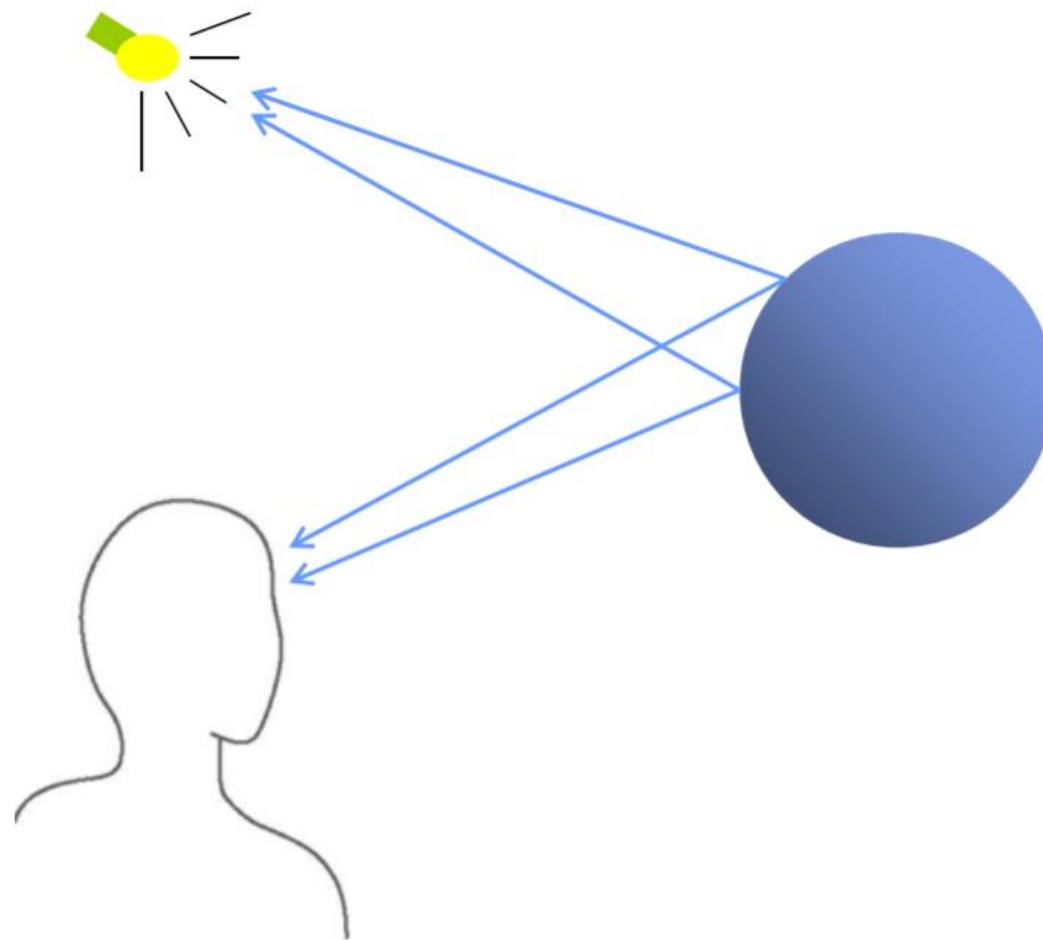


- Sphere with shading
 - Has visual cues for humans (shape, light position, viewer position, surface orientation, material properties, etc)



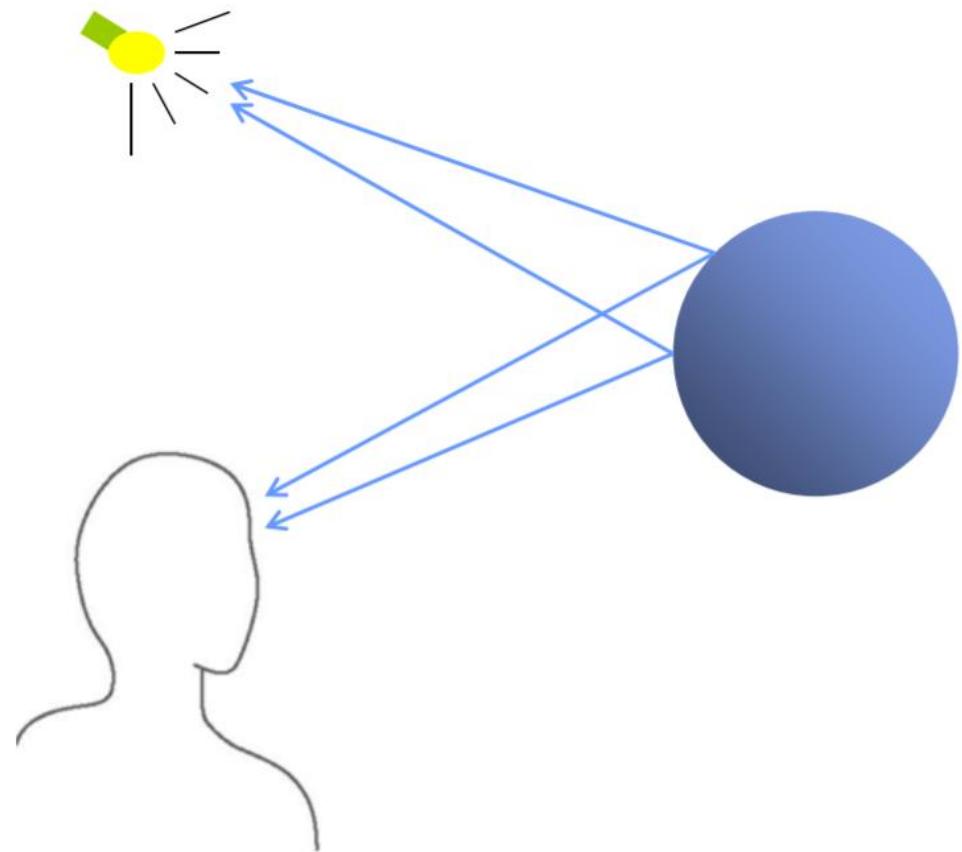
What causes shading

- Shading caused by different angles with light, camera at different points



Shading

- Light-material interactions cause each point to have a different color or shade
- Need to consider
 - Light sources
 - Material properties
 - Location of viewer
 - Surface orientation



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Blinn-Phong Reflectance Model

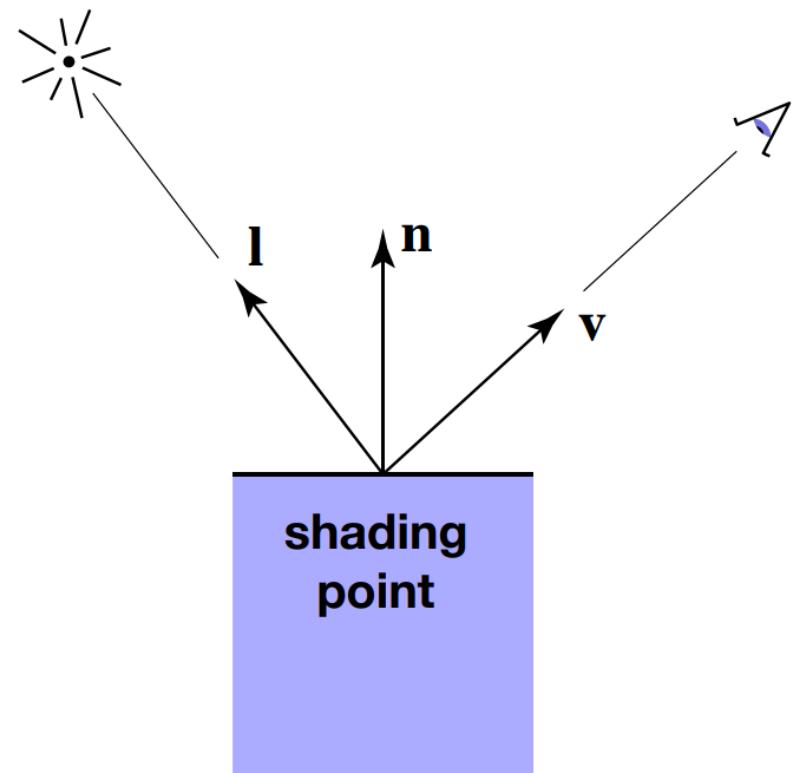
- A simple shading model that can be computed rapidly
- Has three components
 - Diffuse
 - Specular
 - Ambient



Shading is Local

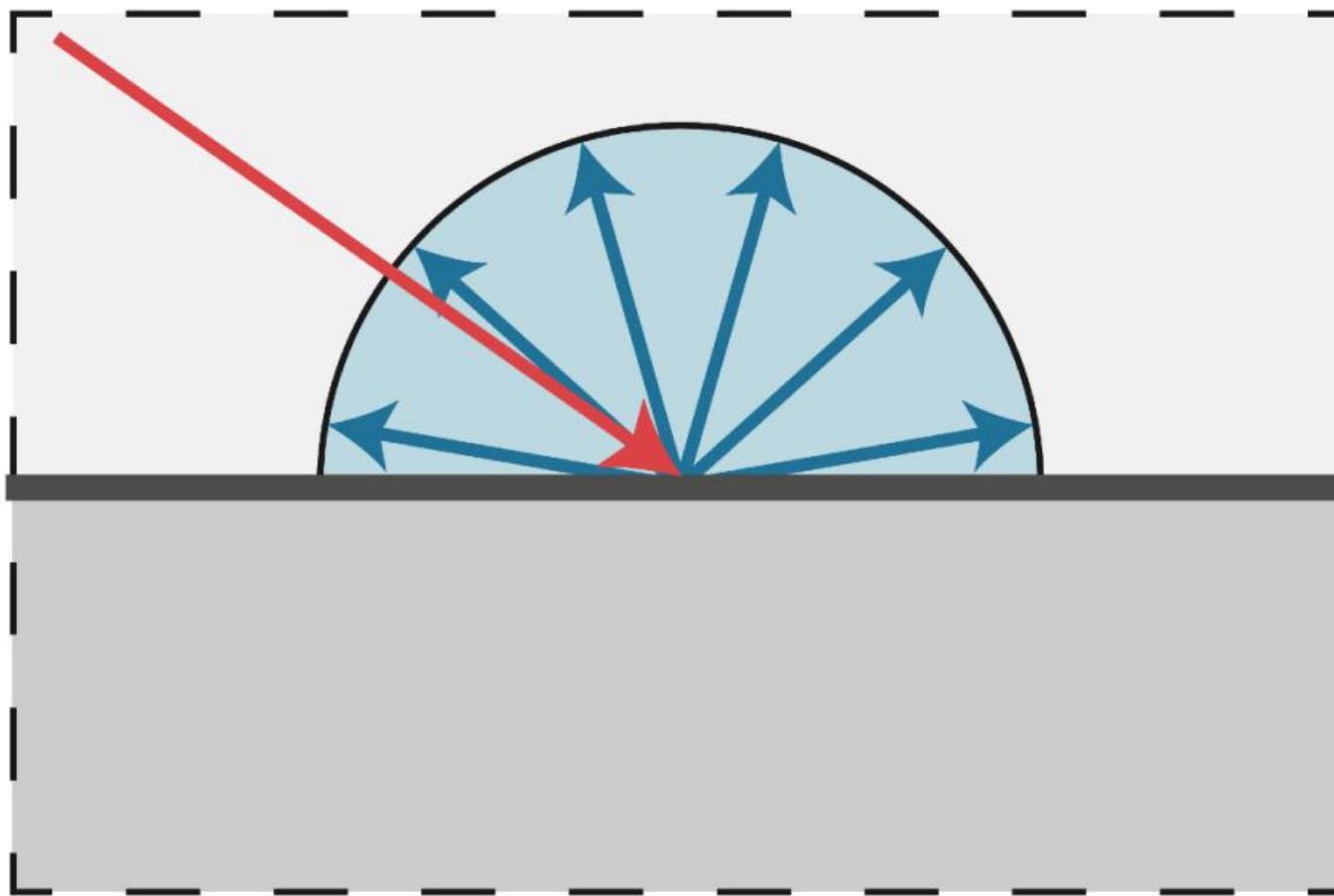
- Compute light reflected toward camera at a specific shading point

- Inputs
 - Viewer direction, v
 - Surface normal, n
 - Light direction, l
 - Surface parameters
(color, shininess, ...)



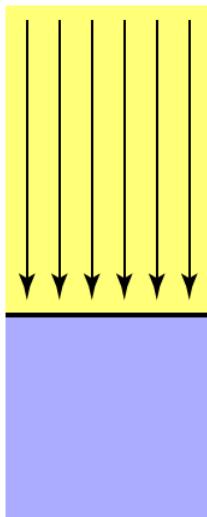
Diffuse Reflection

- Light is scattered uniformly in all directions
 - Surface color is the same for all viewing directions

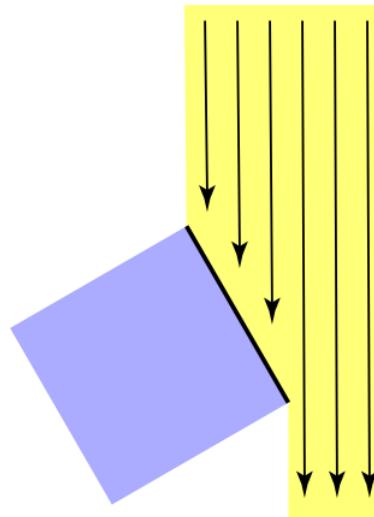


Diffuse Reflection

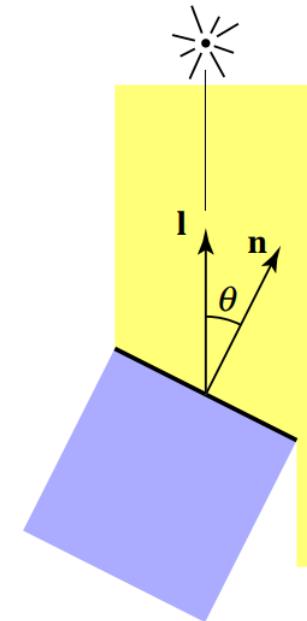
- But how much light (energy) is received?
 - Lambert's cosine law



Top face of cube receives a certain amount of light

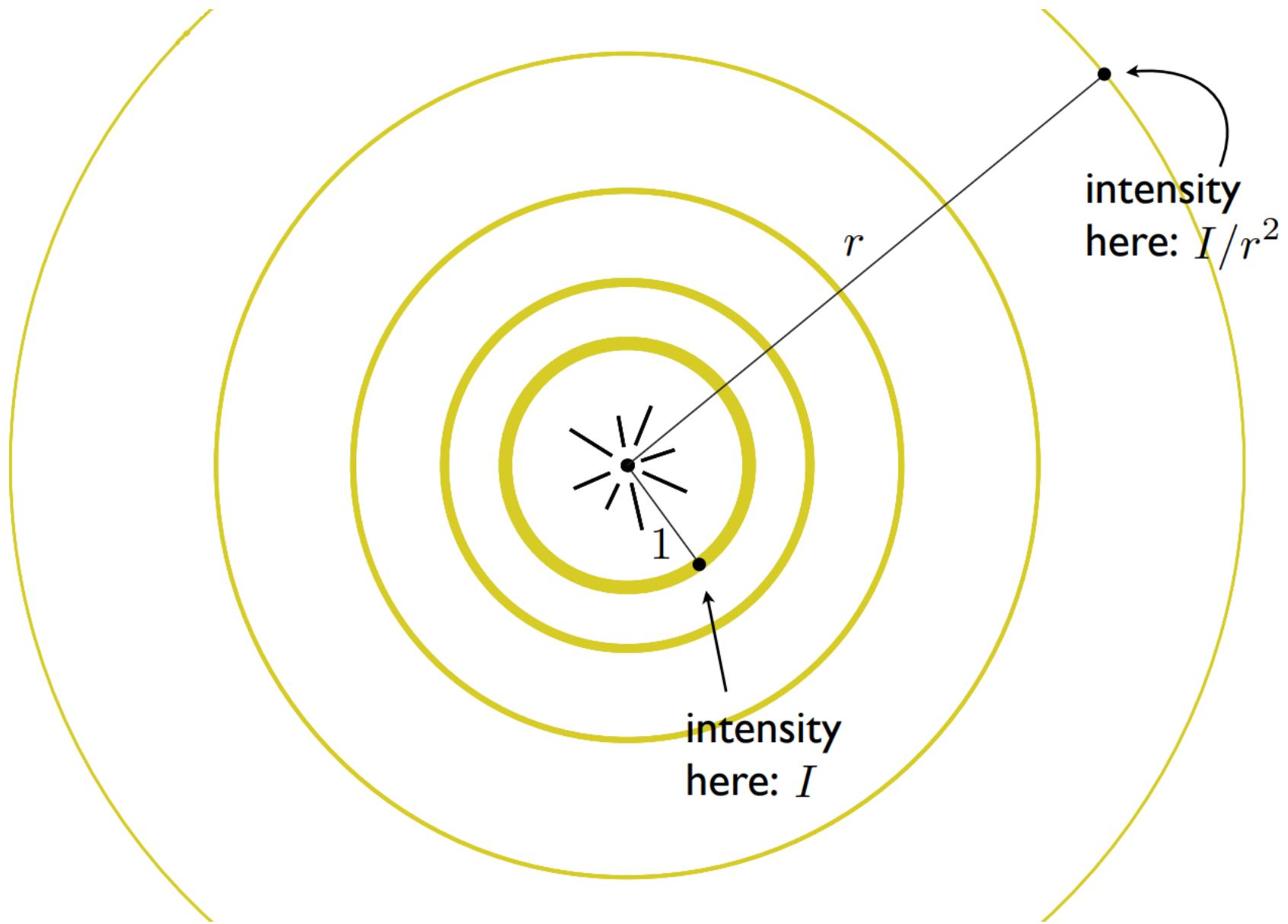


Top face of 60° rotated cube intercepts half the light



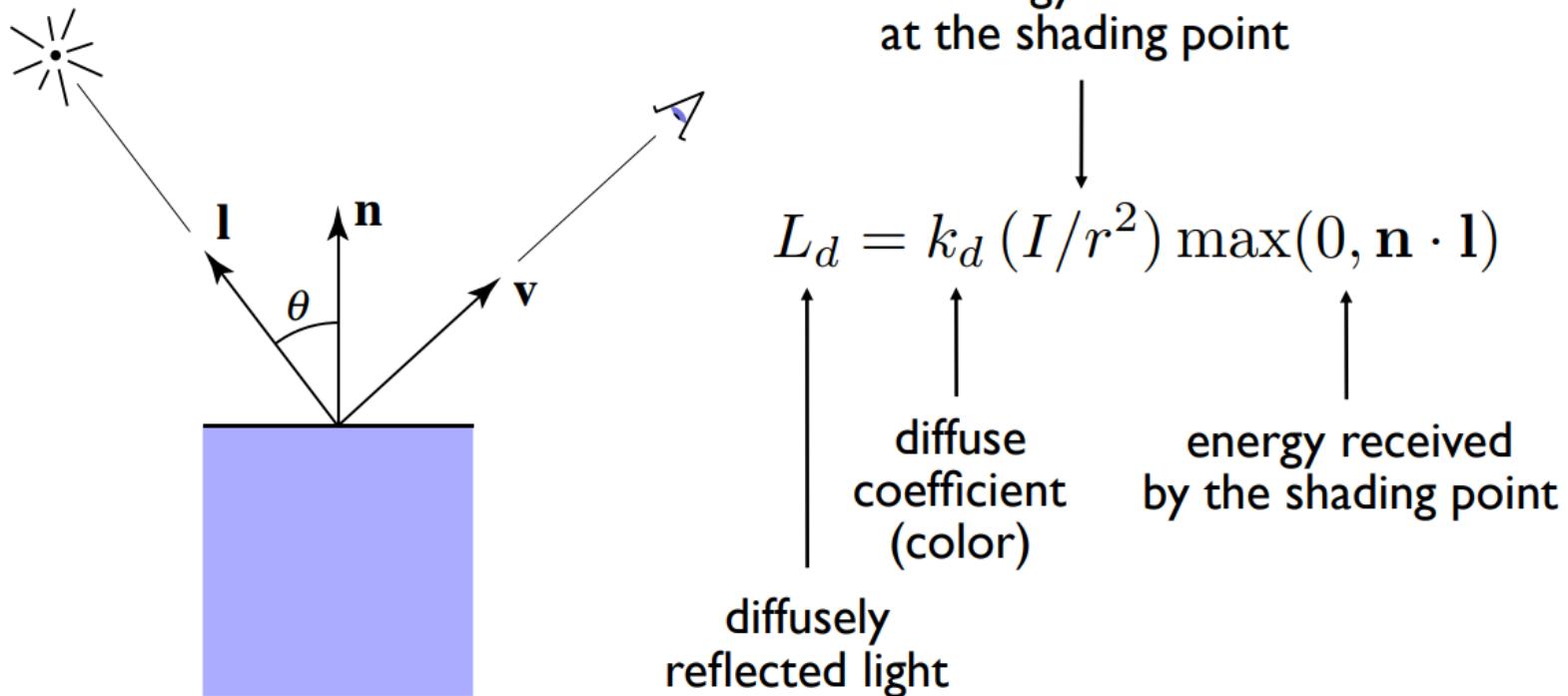
In general, light per unit area is proportional to $\cos \theta = I \cdot n$

Light Fall Off



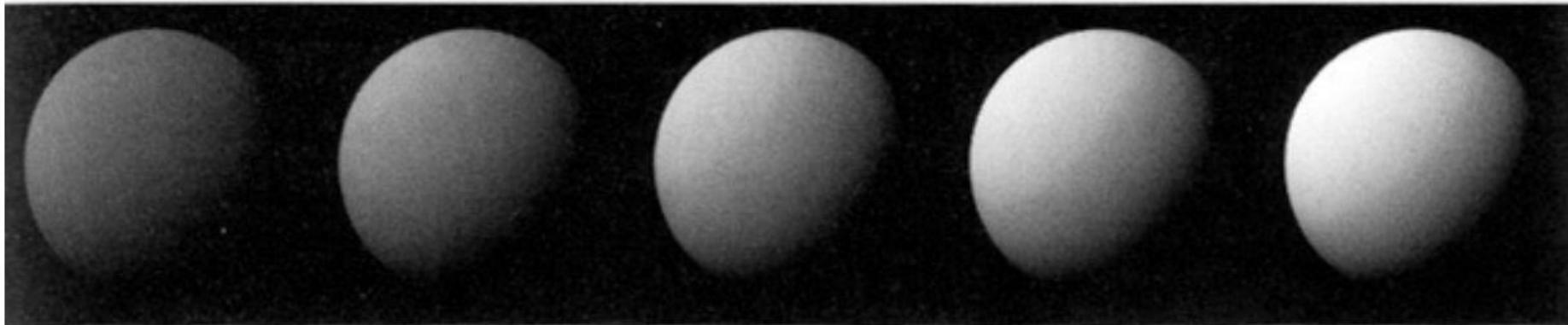
Lambertian (Diffuse) Shading

- Shading independent of view direction



Lambertian (Diffuse) Shading

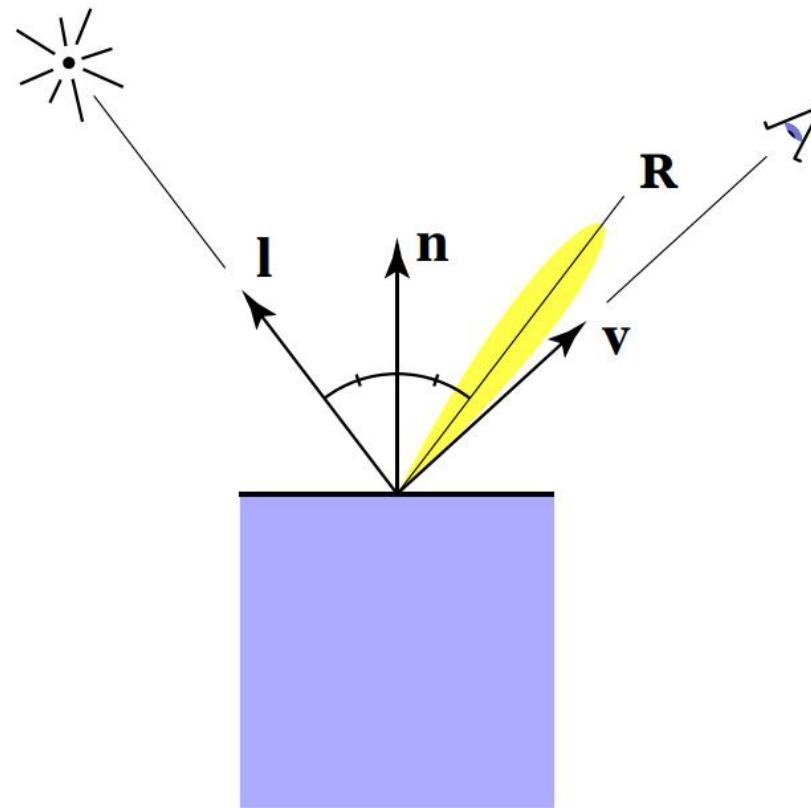
- Produces diffuse appearance



$$k_d \longrightarrow$$

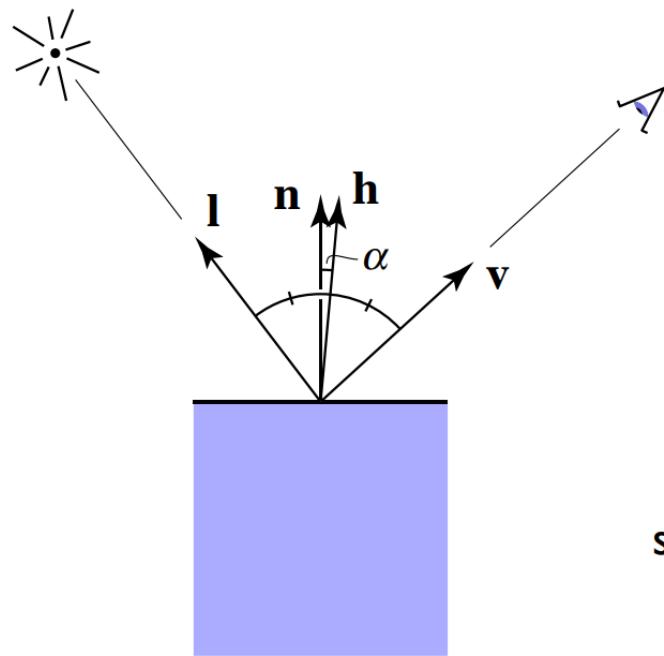
Specular Term

- Intensity depends on view direction
 - Bright near mirror reflection direction



Specular Term

- \mathbf{V} close to mirror direction \Leftrightarrow half vector near normal
 - Measure “near” by dot product of unit vectors



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{h} &= \text{bisector}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{l}) \\ (\text{半程向量}) \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{l}}{\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{l}\|}\end{aligned}$$

$$L_s = k_s \left(I/r^2 \right) \max(0, \cos \alpha)^p$$

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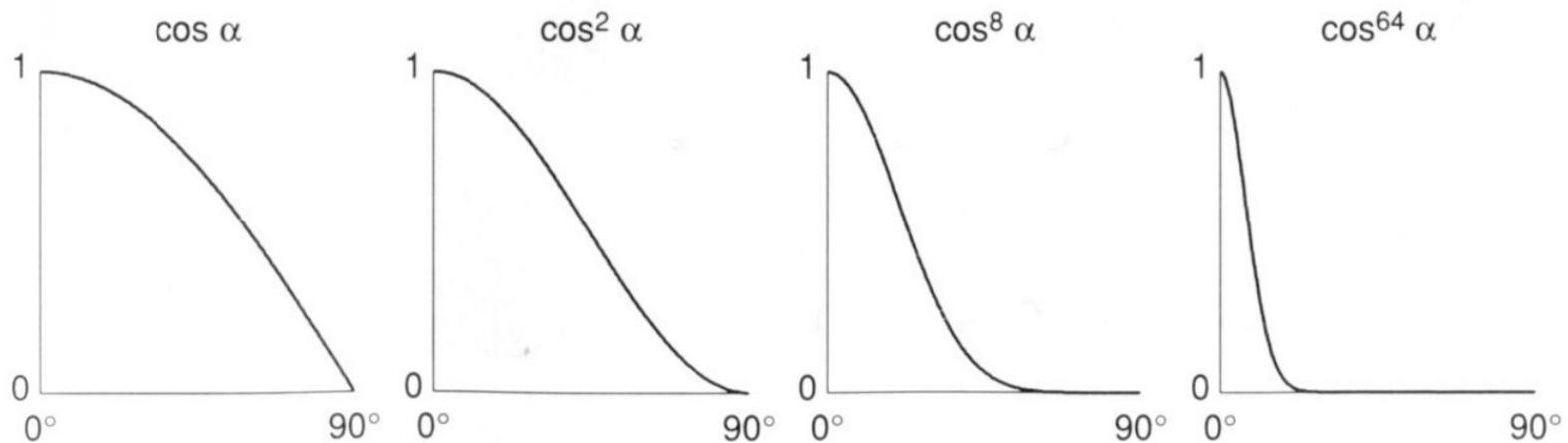
$$= k_s \left(I/r^2 \right) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h})^p$$

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specularly reflected light specular coefficient

Cosine Power Plots

- Increasing p narrows the reflection lobe

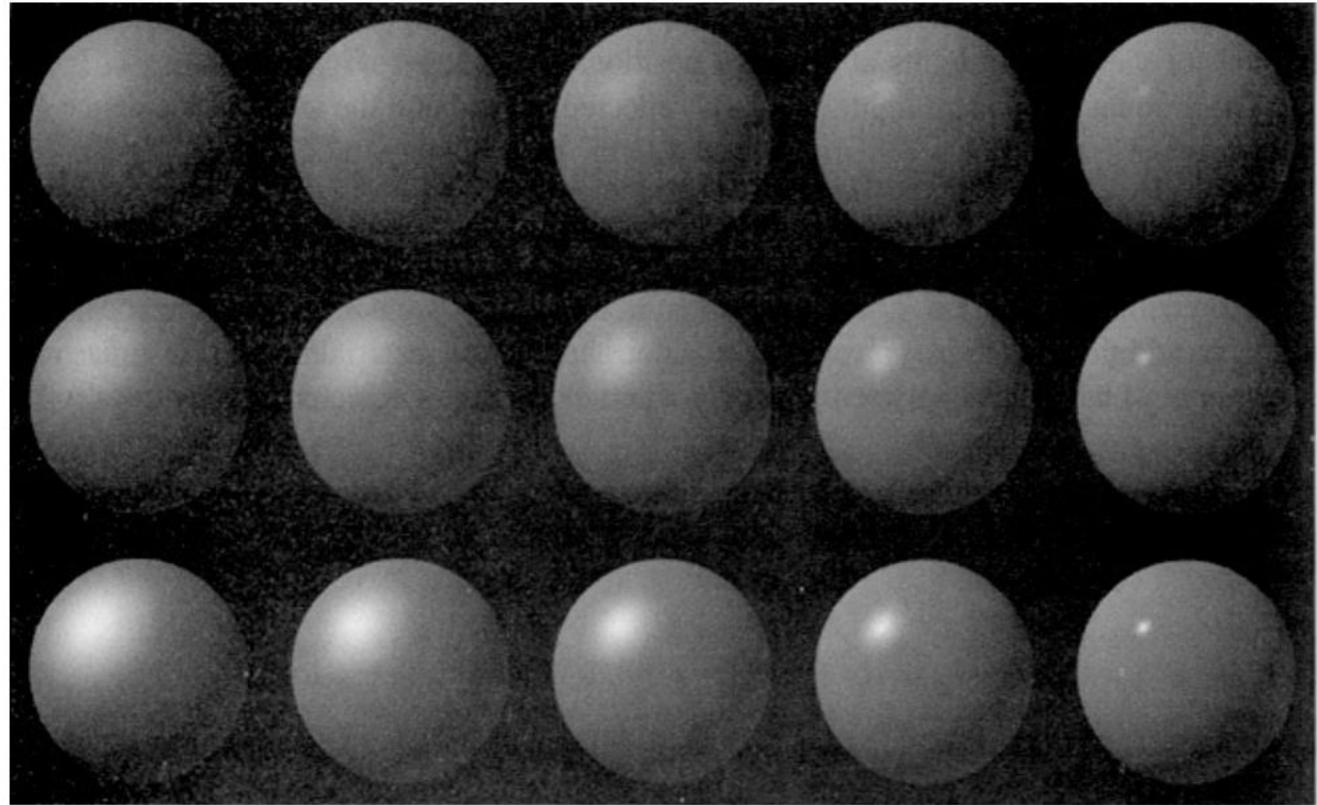


Specular Term

Blinn-Phong

$$L_s = k_s (I/r^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h})^p$$

k_s

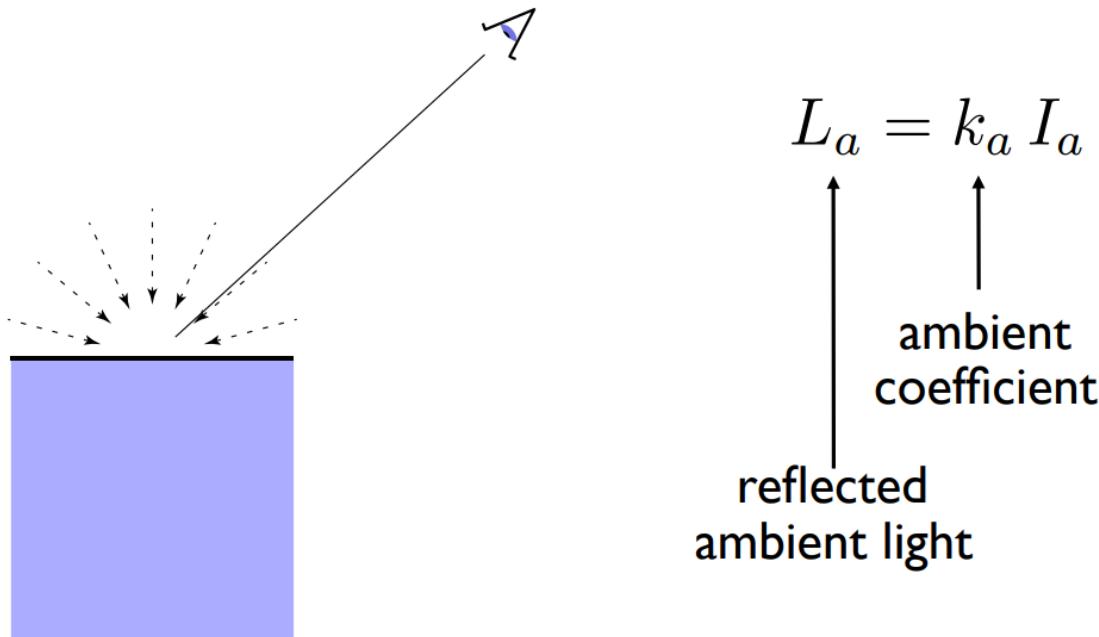


Note: showing
 $L_d + L_s$ together

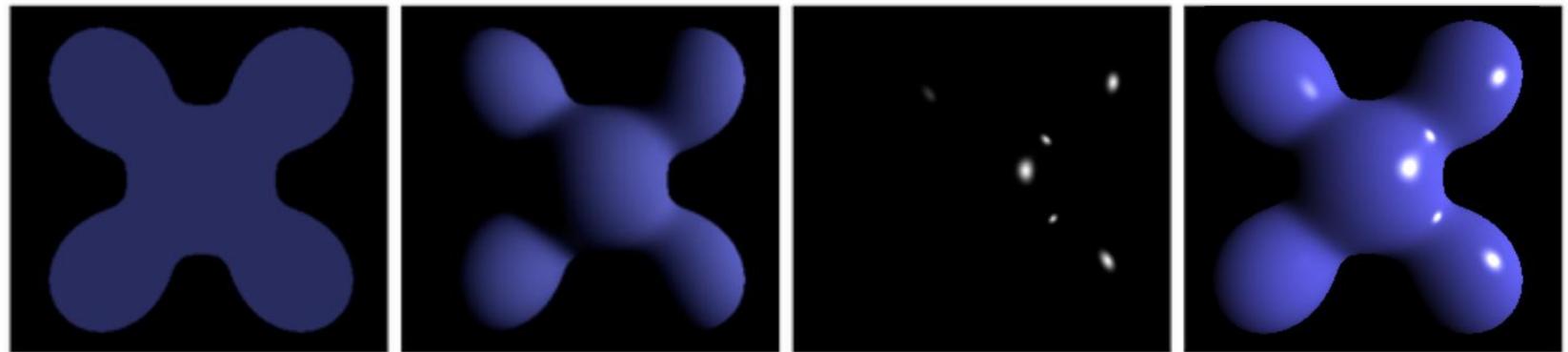
p —————

Ambient Term

- Shading that does not depend on anything
 - Add constant color to account for disregarded illumination and fill in black shadows
 - This is approximate / fake!



Blinn-Phong Reflection Model



Ambient + Diffuse + Specular = Blinn-Phong
Reflection

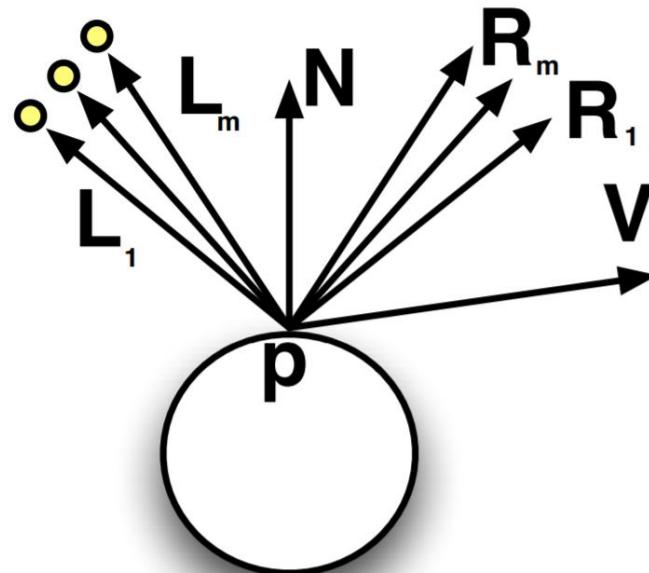
$$L = L_a + L_d + L_s$$

$$= k_a I_a + k_d (I/r^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) + k_s (I/r^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h})^p$$

Multiple Light sources

- For multiple light sources we simply compute the illumination from each source and sum them

$$I = k_a I_a + \sum_{l=1}^m \left(k_d \left(\frac{I_l}{r_l^2} \right) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) + k_s \left(\frac{I_l}{r_l^2} \right) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h})^p \right)$$

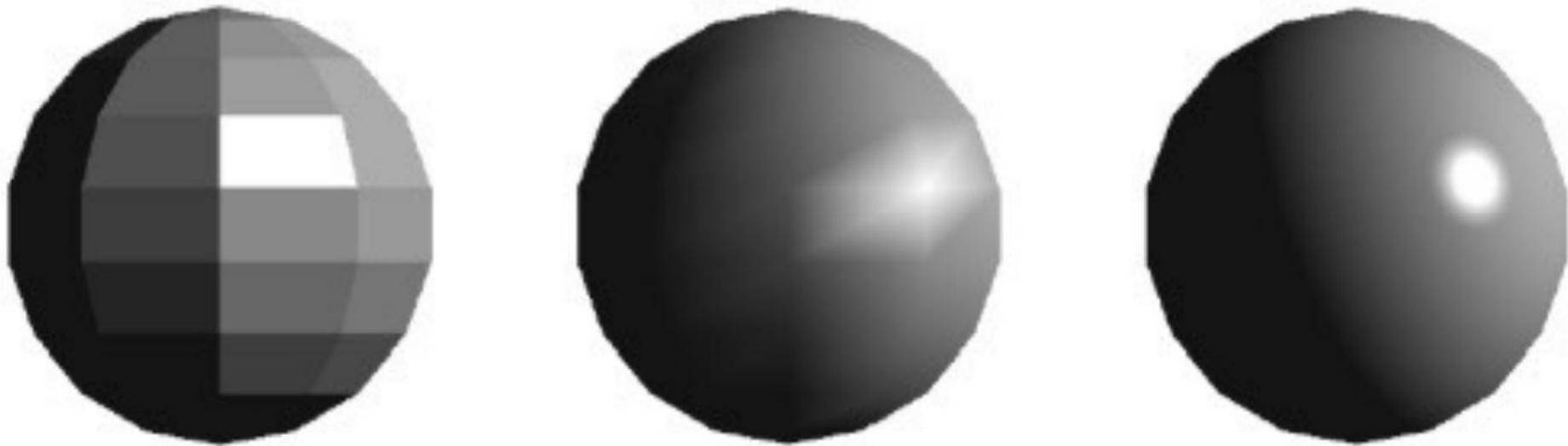


This Lecture

- Visibility
 - Back face culling
 - Hidden Surface Removal
 - Object space
 - Image space
- Shading
 - Phong shading model
 - Shading frequency

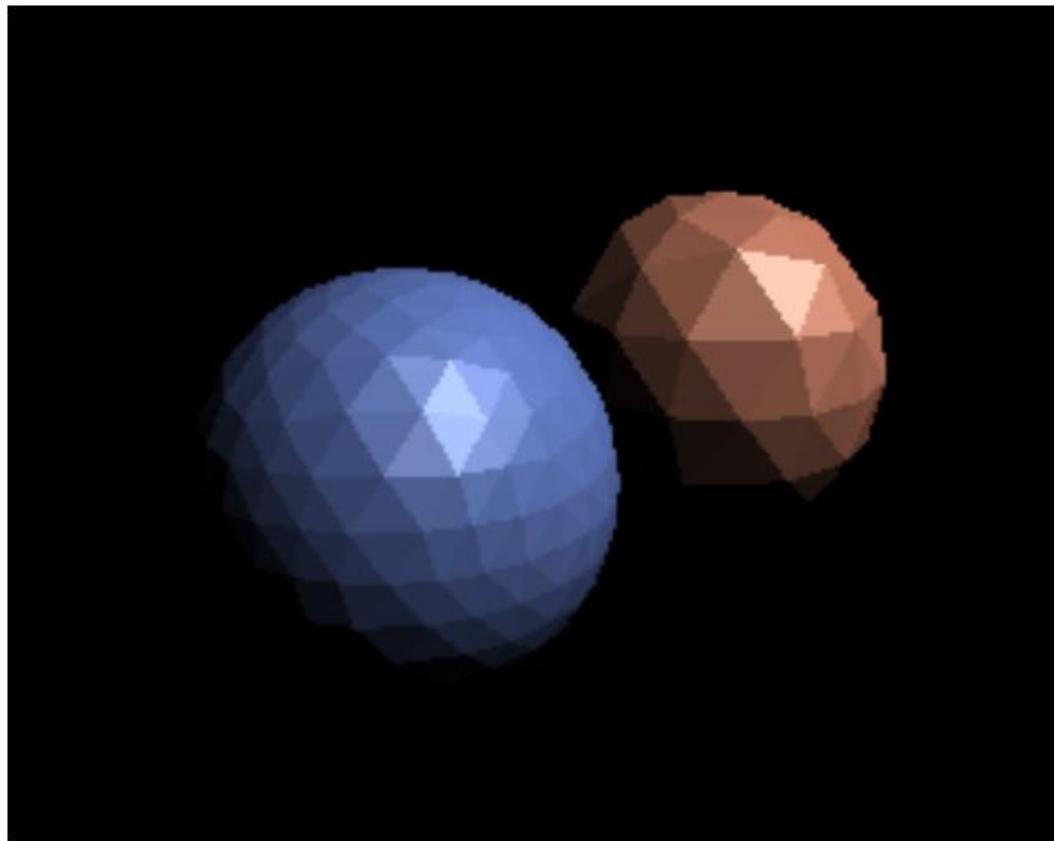
Shading Frequencies

- What caused the shading difference?



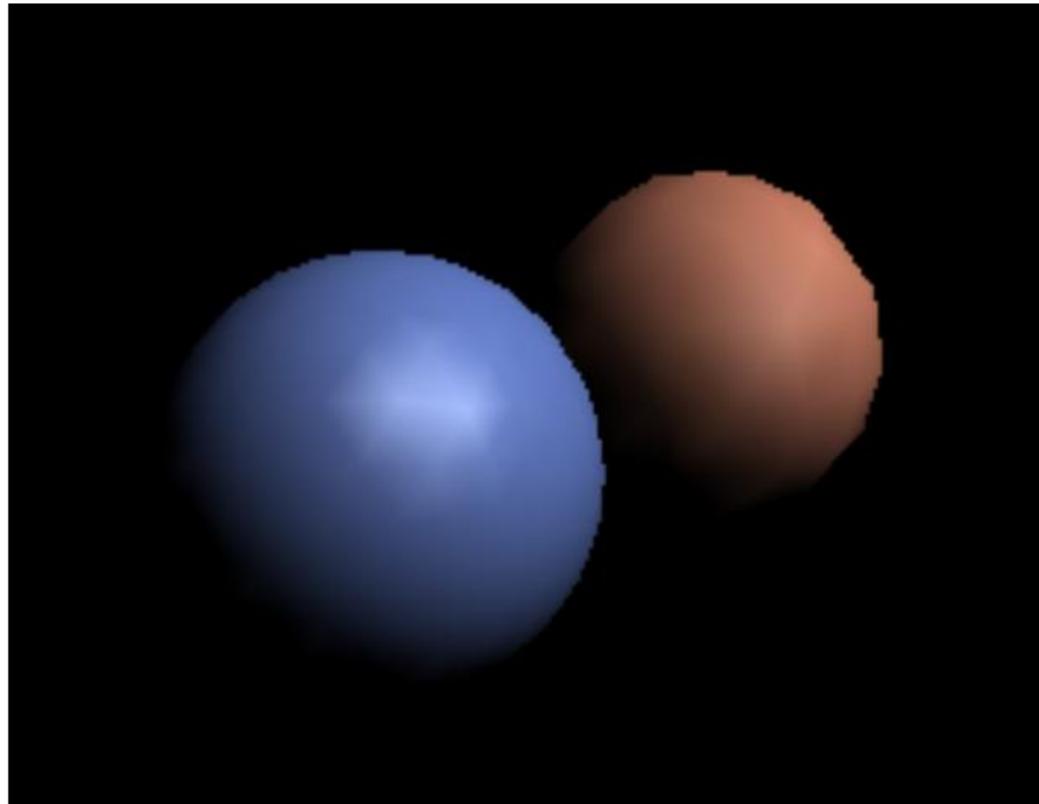
Shade each triangle (flat shading)

- Flat shading
 - Triangle face is flat — one normal vector
 - Not good for smooth surfaces



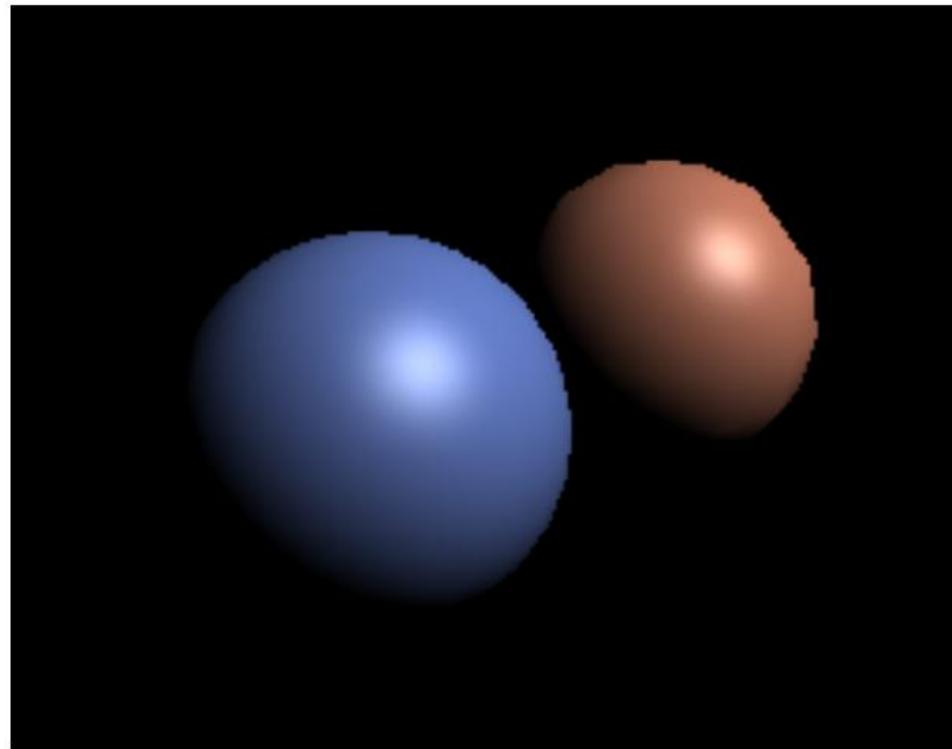
Shade each vertex (Gouraud shading)

- Gouraud shading
 - Interpolate colors from vertices across triangle
 - Each vertex has a normal vector (how?)

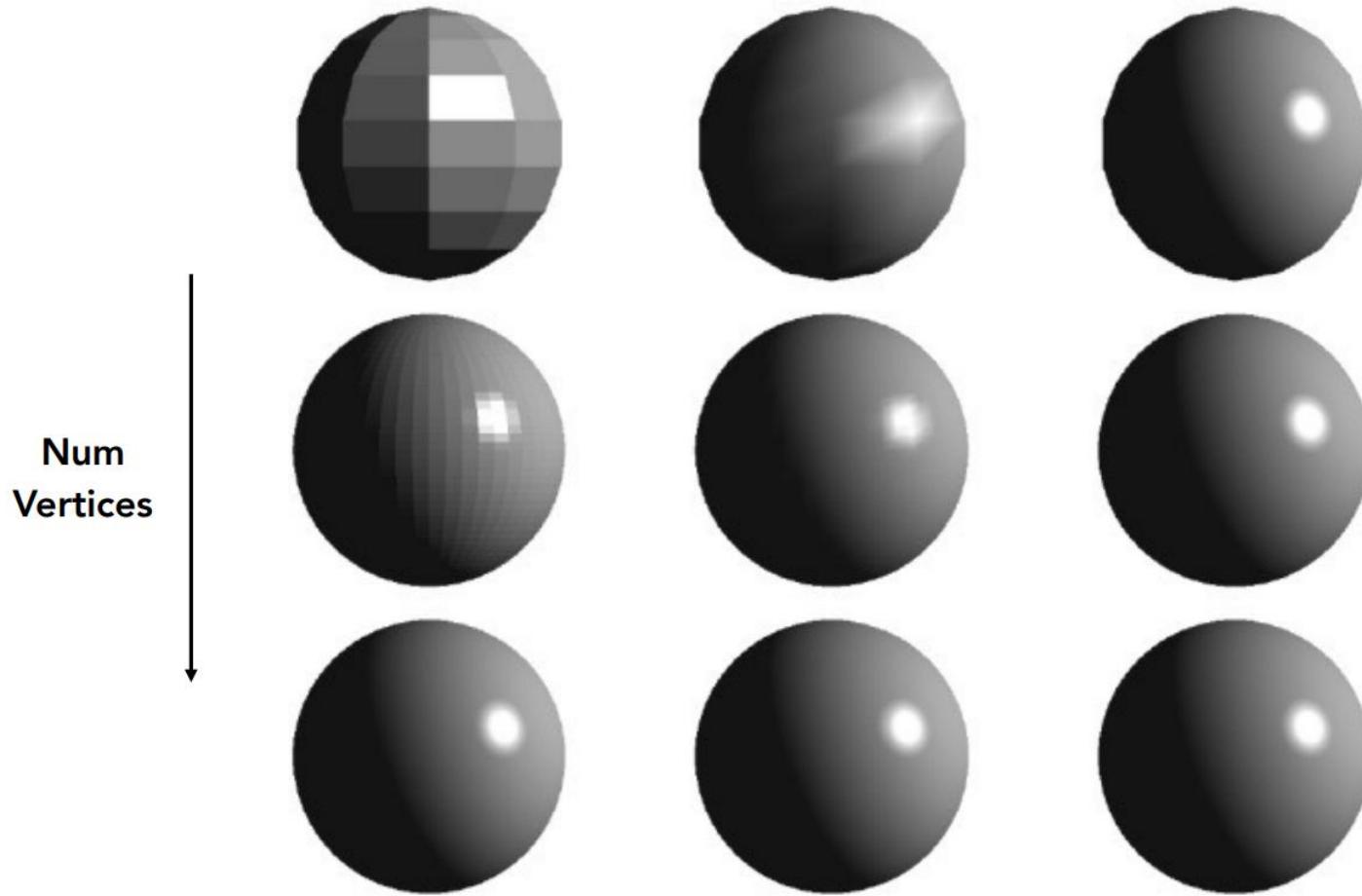


Shade each pixel (Phong shading)

- Phong shading
 - Interpolate normal vectors across each triangle
 - Compute full shading model at each pixel



Shading Frequency: Face, Vertex or Pixel



Shading freq. : Face
Shading type : Flat

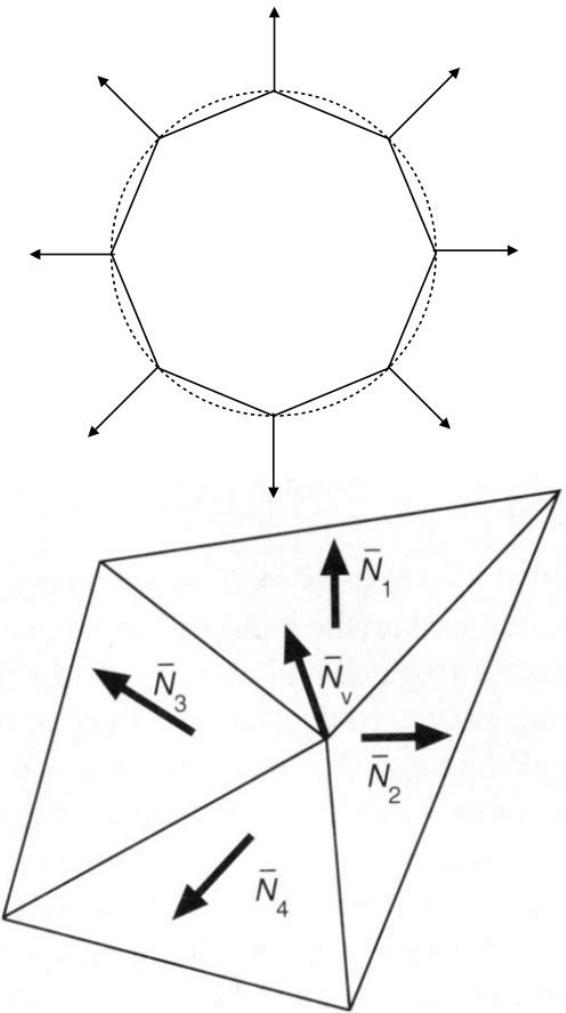
Vertex
Gouraud

Pixel
Phong

Defining Per-Vertex Normal Vectors

- Best to get vertex normals from the underlying geometry
 - e.g. consider a sphere
- Otherwise have to infer vertex normals from triangle faces
 - Simple scheme: average surrounding face normals

$$N_v = \frac{\sum_i N_i}{\|\sum_i N_i\|}$$



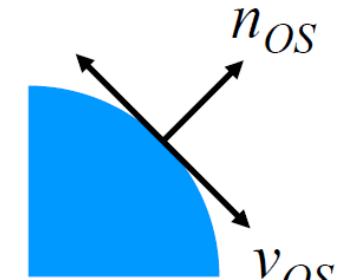
Computing vertex normal

Dot product $n_{OS}^T v_{OS} = 0$

$$n_{OS}^T (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{M}) v_{OS} = 0$$

$$(n_{OS}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1}) (\mathbf{M} v_{OS}) = 0$$

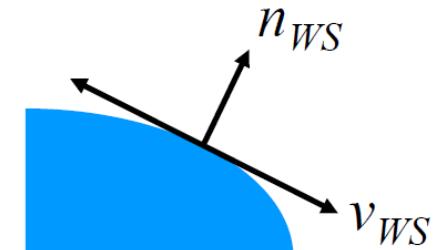
$$(n_{OS}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1}) v_{WS} = 0$$



is perpendicular to normal

$$n_{WS}^T = n_{OS}^T (\mathbf{M}^{-1})$$

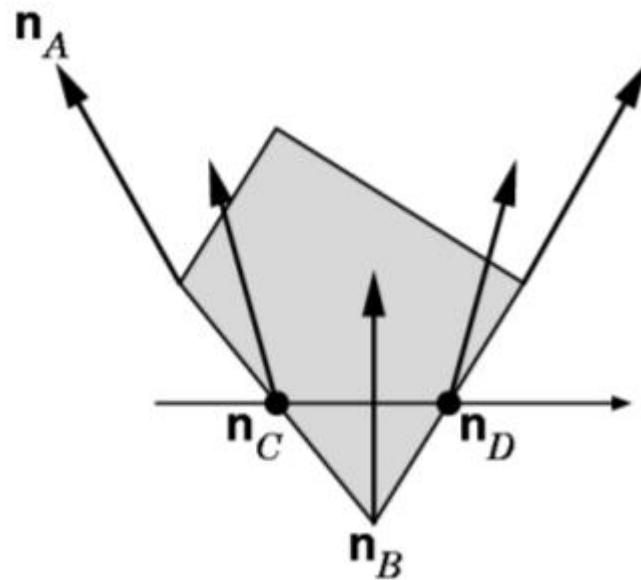
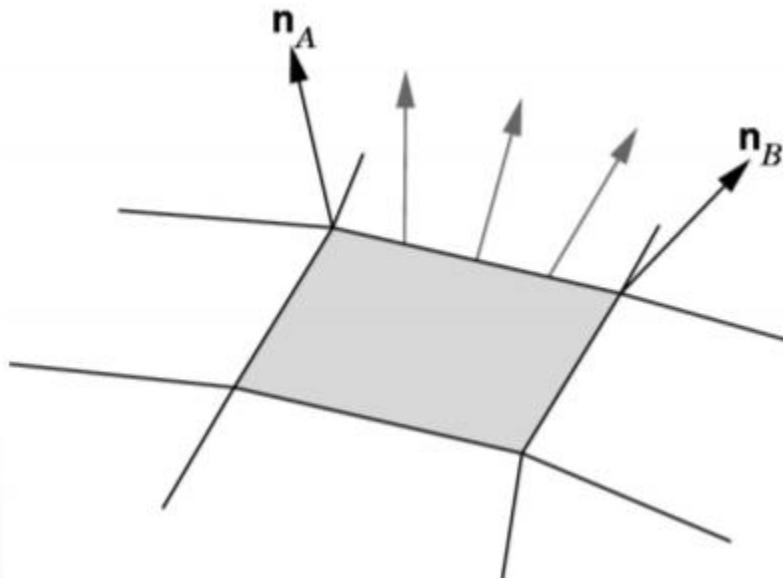
$$n_{WS} = (\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T n_{OS}$$



The matrix is the transpose of inverse of \mathbf{M}

Defining Per-Pixel Normal Vectors

- Interpolate normals at vertices and then edges, then at every interior point



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