Topic 8:

Lighting & Reflection models

- Lighting & reflection
- The Phong reflection model
 - diffuse component
 - ambient component
 - specular component

Showtime



- Welcome back
- Professor Singh is away for the next 3 lectures (including this one).
 - If you need something desperately contact me
 - diwlevin@cs.toronto.edu
- You should have your midterm marks (emailed to UT email)
- We will release solutions to the midterm
- Assignment 2 due March 9th
- Assignment 3 will be available roughly the same time
- Midterm, A1, A2 TA office hours
 - Thursday March 1st 2pm-3pm
 - Friday March 2nd 3pm-4pm









Spot the differences



Illumination

•The transport of luminous flux from light sources between points via direct and indirect paths

Lighting

•The process of computing the luminous intensity reflected from a specified 3-D point

Shading

•The process of assigning a color to a pixel

Illumination Models

- •Simple approximations of light transport
- Physical models of light transport

Two Components of Illumination

Light Sources

- Emission Spectrum (color)
- Geometry (position and direction)
- Directional Attenuation

Surface Properties (Reflectors)

- Reflectance Spectrum (color)
- Geometry (position, orientation, and micro-structure)
- Absorption
- Transmission





Main sources of light:

- Point source
- Directional Light
- Spotlight

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Bessmeltsev et al.

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- defined by location, direction, and angle range







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Point Light Sources

The point light source emits rays in radial directions from its source. A point light source is a fair approximation to a local light source such as a light bulb.





The direction of the light to each point on a surface changes when a point light source is used. Thus, a normalized vector to the light emitter must be computed for each point that is illuminated.

Directional Light Sources

All of the rays from a directional light source have a common direction, and no point of origin. It is as if the light source was infinitely far away from the surface that it is illuminating. Sunlight is an example of an infinite light source.



The direction from a surface to a light source is important for computing the light reflected from the surface. With a directional light source this direction is a constant for every surface. A directional light source can be colored.

Other Light Sources

Spotlights

- Point source whose intensity falls off away from a given direction
- Requires a color, a point, a direction, parameters that control the rate of fall off



Area Light Sources

- Light source occupies a 2-D area (usually a polygon or disk)
- Generates *soft* shadows

Extended Light Sources

- Spherical Light Source
- Generates *soft* shadows







Ambient Light Source

Even though an object in a scene is not directly lit it will still be visible. This is because light is reflected indirectly from nearby objects. A simple *hack* that is commonly used to model this indirect illumination is to use of an *ambient light source*. Ambient light has no spatial or directional characteristics. The amount of ambient light incident on each object is a constant for all surfaces in the scene. An ambient light can have a color.

The amount of ambient light that is reflected by an object is independent of the object's position or orientation. Surface properties are used to determine how much ambient light is reflected.



The Common Modes of "Light Transport"



Two Types of SurfaceReflection

- 1. Diffuse Reflection
- 2. Specular Reflection

Modeling Reflection: Diffuse Reflection

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Diffuse reflection:

- Represents "matte" component of reflected light
- Usually cause by "rough" surfaces (clay, eggshell, etc)



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Modeling Reflection: Transmission



Transmission:

- Caused by materials that are not perfectly opaque ٠
- Examples include glass, water and translucent materials such as • skin

Guetal, EGSR'07



Modeling Reflection: Sub-surface Scattering



Subsurface scattering:

- Represents the component of reflected light that scatters in the material's interior (after transmission) before exiting again.
- Examples include skin, milk, fog, etc.

Rendering with no subsurface scattering (opaque skin)



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Rendering with subsurface scattering (translucent skin)



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Rendering with no subsurface scattering (opaque milk)



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Rendering with subsurface scattering (full milk)



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Rendering with subsurface scattering (skim milk)



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The Phong Reflectance Model



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Phong Reflection: The Diffuse Component



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Lambert's Cosine Law



Ideal diffuse reflectors reflect light according to *Lambert's cosine law*, Lambert's law states that the reflected energy from a small surface area in a particular direction is proportional to cosine of the angle between that direction and the surface normal.

The Diffuse Component: Basic Equation



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intensity at intensity direction of
$$\vec{s} = \frac{\vec{l} \cdot \vec{p}}{\vec{l} \cdot \vec{p}}$$

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independent of
$$\overline{c}$$

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intensity at
projection of \overline{p}
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 $I_{\overline{p}} = \frac{l_{-\overline{p}}}{I_{\overline{p}} - \overline{p}I_{\overline{p}}}$















The Diffuse Component: Self-Shadowing



accounts for cases where light source not visible

The Diffuse Component: Multiple Lights



- A diffuse point looks the same from all viewing positions
- When the scene is illuminated by many point sources, we just sum up their contributions to the diffuse component

intensity at
$$I_{\overline{P}} = r_d \sum_{i=2}^{n} I_i \max(O, \vec{S}_i \vec{n})$$

projection of \overline{P} of source i

The Diffuse Component: Incorporating Color



- A diffuse point looks the same from all viewing positions
- Coloured sources and coloured objects are handled by considering the RGB components of each colour separately

intensity of color
component q at projection of
$$\overline{P}$$
 = $r_{d,q}$ $\sum_{i=1}^{2} I_{i,q} \max(O, \vec{S}_{i}, \vec{n}) q = R_{i}G_{i}B$
intensity of color component q
for light source i

The Diffuse Component: General Equation



Putting it all together:

$$I_{\overline{P},q} = r_{d,q} \quad \overline{\sum_{i} I_{i,q}} \max \left(O_{i} \quad \vec{S}_{i} \quad \vec{n} \right)$$

When we look at a shiny surface, such as polished metal, we see a highlight, or bright spot. Where this bright spot appears on the surface is a function of where the surface is seen from. The reflectance is view dependent.





• Idea: For each incident reflection direction, there is one emittent direction \vec{r}

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Ideal specular reflection term:

is 1 if and only if camera is along vector
$$\vec{r}$$

$$I = V_{S} I_{S} \delta(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} - 1) \text{ where } \delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x = 0 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$
specular intensity of unit vector $\vec{b} = \frac{\overline{c} - \overline{p}}{||\overline{c} - \overline{p}||}$
coefficient light source direction



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Phong Reflection: Off-Specular Reflection

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The Specular Component: Basic Equation



In reality, most specular surfaces reflect light into directions near the perfect direction (e.g. highlights in plastics, metals)

 \rightarrow Introduce cosine power

The Specular Component: Visualization



The length of vector $(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s})^{\alpha} \vec{b}$ represents the contribution of the specular term when the camera is along \vec{b}

$$I = V_s I_s max(0, \vec{r}, \vec{b})$$
 approaches ideal specular
= 1 when $\vec{r}=\vec{b}$

Area Light Source, Direct Lighting



"soft" shadows: shadows created because points visible from part of area light source

"hard" shadow: points not visible from light source

Phong Reflection: Ambient Component

- Solution#2: (simpler) Use an "ambient" term that is independent of any light source or surface normal.
- This term is not meaningful in terms of physics but improves appearance over pure diffuse reflection.





- Diffuse reflectance with a single point light source produces strong shadows
- Surface patches with

are perfectly black

→Looks unnatural

 $\vec{s}\cdot\vec{n}<0$

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Ambient

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Diffuse

Specular

Phong Reflection

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$$L(\vec{b},\vec{n},\vec{s}) = V_a I_a + V_d I_d \max(0,\vec{n}.\vec{s}) + V_s I_s \max(0,\vec{r}.\vec{b})^a$$

intensity at ambrent diffuse specular
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Computing Diffuse Reflection

The angle between the surface normal and the incoming light ray is called the angle of incidence.

- I_{light} : intensity of the incoming light.
- k_d : represents the diffuse reflectivity of the surface at that wavelength.

What is the range of k_d

$$I_{diffuse} = k_d I_{light} \left(\overline{n} \cdot \overline{l} \right)$$

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To this point we have discussed how to compute an illumination model at a point on a surface.

Which points on the surface is the illumination model applied?

Illumination can be costly...

Topic 10:

Shading

- Introduction to Shading
- Flat Shading
- Interpolative Shading
 - Gouraud shading
 - Phong shading
 - Triangle scan-conversion with shading

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Answer:

Assign intensities to every pixel at the meshe's projection in accordance with Phong reflection model.

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Shading: Problem Definition



Flat Shading: Main Idea



Flat Shading: Key Issues



Draw all triangle points \overline{p} with identical colour/intensity

Issues:

steps)

- For large triangles:
 - Specular term is poor approximation ^{mater} because highlight should be sharp (often better to drop this term)
 flat shading essentially assumes a distant light energy
- distant light source
 Triangle boundaries are usually visible (people very sensitive to intensity)





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One solution

 Since flat shading treats a triangle as a point, use small triangles!

Interpolated Shading



FLAT SHADING

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Interpolative Shading: Basic Approaches

Gouraud shading

- 1. Compute $L_i = L(\vec{b}_i, \vec{n}_i, \vec{s}_i)$ for each vertex
- 2. Interpolate the L_i 's to get the value at \bar{p}

Phong shading

- 1. Interpolate $b_i, \vec{n}_i, \vec{s}_i$ to get $\vec{b}, \vec{n}, \vec{s}_i$ at \vec{p}
- 2. Compute $L(\vec{b}, \vec{n}, \vec{s})$



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Gouraud Shading: Computation at Vertices

Gouraud shading

- camera center Compute $L_i = L(\vec{b}_i, \vec{n}_i, \vec{s}_i)$ for 1. each vertex
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Gourand-shaded triangle



Yzmo, Wiki Pedia

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Comparison to flat shading

+ No visible seams between mesh triangles

+ Smooth, visually pleasing intensity variation that "mask" coarse geometry - Specular highlights still a problem for large triangles (why?)









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it is possible to have a significant specular component at \bar{p} even when all vertices have a negligible specular component

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Computationally less efficient (but okay in today's hardware!) (Must interpolate 3 vectors & evaluate Phong reflection model at each triangle pixel)

