# 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  $9<sup>th</sup>$
- 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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Bessmeltsey et al.

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- point light with limited angles
- 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**

Brad Smith, Wikipedia





Diffuse reflection:

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



- Represents shiny component of reflected light
- Caused by mirror like reflection off of smooth or polished surfaces (plastics, polished metals, etc)



 $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$  $\theta_{\rm i}$  $\theta_{\rm r}$ 

Panjasan, Wikipedia

Oi=angle of incidence<br>Or=angle of reflection

minron-like sphere

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Romeiro et al, ECCV'O8





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### **Modeling Reflection: Transmission**



Transmission:

- Caused by materials that are not perfectly opaque
- 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)



#### Rendering with subsurface scattering (translucent skin)



#### Rendering with no subsurface scattering (opaque milk)



#### Rendering with subsurface scattering (full milk)



#### Rendering with subsurface scattering (skim milk)



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### The Phong Reflectance Model



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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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fraction of light reflected	Student	outward unit surface normal
intensity at projection of P	$T_p = r_d^2 \cdot T \cdot Max \cdot (0, 5 \cdot n)$	surface normal direction of P

## The Diffuse Component: Basic Equation



• A diffuse point looks the same from all viewing positions

Independent of 
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$$

\nIntensity at  $\overline{p}$  =  $r_d$ .  $\overline{I}$ .  $\overline{m}a \times (0, \overline{S}, \overrightarrow{n})$  surface normal

\nIntensity at  $\overline{a}$  direction of  $\overline{S} = \frac{\overline{l} - \overline{p}}{||\overline{l} - \overline{p}||}$ 















### 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

$$
\sum_{\text{intensity at point } \rho} \Gamma_{\overline{p}} = r_d \sum_{i} \overline{1}_{i} max(0, \overrightarrow{S}_{i} \overrightarrow{n})
$$

# 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

$$
\sum_{\substack{m \text{ intensity of color} \text{ color} \text{ color} \text{ interval } q}} F_{d,q} = r_{d,q} \sum_{i} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}i,q} \max(0, \vec{S}_i \vec{n}) q = F_{d,\vec{0}} \text{ for } \vec{S}_i
$$

# The Diffuse Component: General Equation



#### Putting it all together:

$$
\boxed{\mathbf{I}_{\overline{P},q} = r_{d,q} \sum_{i} I_{i,q} \max(0, \overrightarrow{S}_{i} \overrightarrow{n})}
$$

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  $\vec{r}$ 

 $\vec{s}$ 

• It is an idealization of a mirror:

$$
angle(\vec{n}, \vec{s}) = angle(\vec{n}, \vec{r})
$$

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\theta_i \hspace{2.6cm} \theta_r
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 $\theta_i$  $\theta_r$ Q: How can we express  $\vec{r}$  in terms of  $\vec{n}, \vec{s}$ ?



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Ideal specular reflection term:

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\overline{1} = \gamma_{s} \overline{1}_{s} \
$$



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\overline{1} = \gamma_{s} \overline{1}_{s} \overline{s} \begin{pmatrix} \overrightarrow{r} & \frac{\overrightarrow{r}}{\sqrt{r}} & \frac{\overrightarrow{r}}{\sqrt{r}}
$$

Brad Smith, Wikipedia



Ideal specular reflection term:

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$$
\overline{1} = y \cdot \overline{1} \cdot \overline{3} \cdot \overline{1} \cdot \overline{3} \cdot \overline{1} \cdot \overline{3} \cdot \overline{1} \cdot \overline{1}
$$

## Phong Reflection: Off-Specular Reflection

Brad Smith, Wikipedia





#### 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

$$
\frac{T}{1} = V_{S} \times I_{S} max(O, \vec{r}.\vec{b})
$$
  
\n=1 when  $\vec{r}=\vec{b}$  where  $\vec{r}$  is the  
\nreflection term

#### 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  $\vec{b}$ 

$$
\frac{T}{1} = \sqrt{5} \pm 5 \text{ max} (0, \vec{r}.\vec{b})
$$
  $\alpha$   $\alpha$   $\alpha$   $\alpha$   $\alpha$   $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\alpha$   $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\alpha$   $\beta$ 

#### 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

 $\rightarrow$  Looks unnatural

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

#### **Phong Reflection: The General Equation**



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**Ambient** 

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**Diffuse** 

Specular

= Phong Reflection

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#### Computing Diffuse Reflection

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

- $I_{\text{light}}$ : intensity of the incoming light.
- $k<sub>d</sub>$ : represents the diffuse reflectivity of the surface at that wavelength.

What is the range of  $k_d$ 

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

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

#### **Flat shading**

Draw all triangle points  $\bar{p}$  with identical camera colour/intensity

Issues:

- For large triangles:
	- Specular term is poor approximation material because highlight should be sharp (often better to drop this term) - flat shading essentially assumes a
	- distant light source
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One solution

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



 $\vec{b}$ 

#### Interpolated Shading



**FLAT SHADING** 

PHONG SHADING
#### Interpolative Shading: Basic Approaches

Gouraud shading

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Phong shading

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- 2. Compute  $L(\vec{b}, \vec{n}, \vec{s})$



$$
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where  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are the values of  $\vec$ 

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Gourand-shouled triangle



Yzmo, Wiki Pedia

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+ 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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 $L = \beta L_1 + \gamma L_2 + \epsilon L_3$ 





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

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