

# CMP205: Computer Graphics



## Lecture 6: Surface Shading

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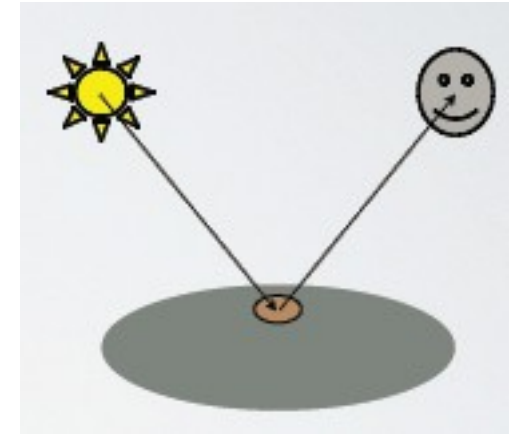
# Agenda

- Lighting and Surface Rendering
- Shading Models
  - Diffuse
  - Ambient
  - Specular
- Light Sources
- Surface Rendering
  - Flat
  - Gourard
  - Phong

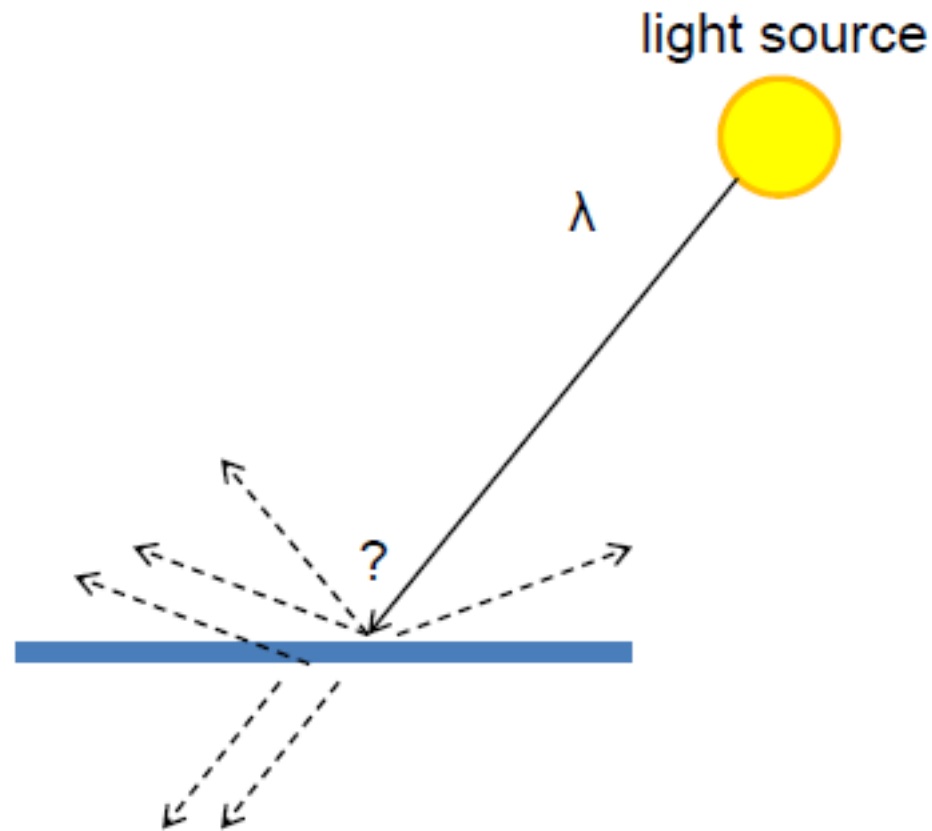
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# Lighting

- **Lighting Model:** what is the color of a particular position on the object surface
  - a.k.a.: Shading Model, Illumination Model
  
- **Surface Rendering Model:** what is the color of a pixel of a rasterized triangle
  - a.k.a.: Shading

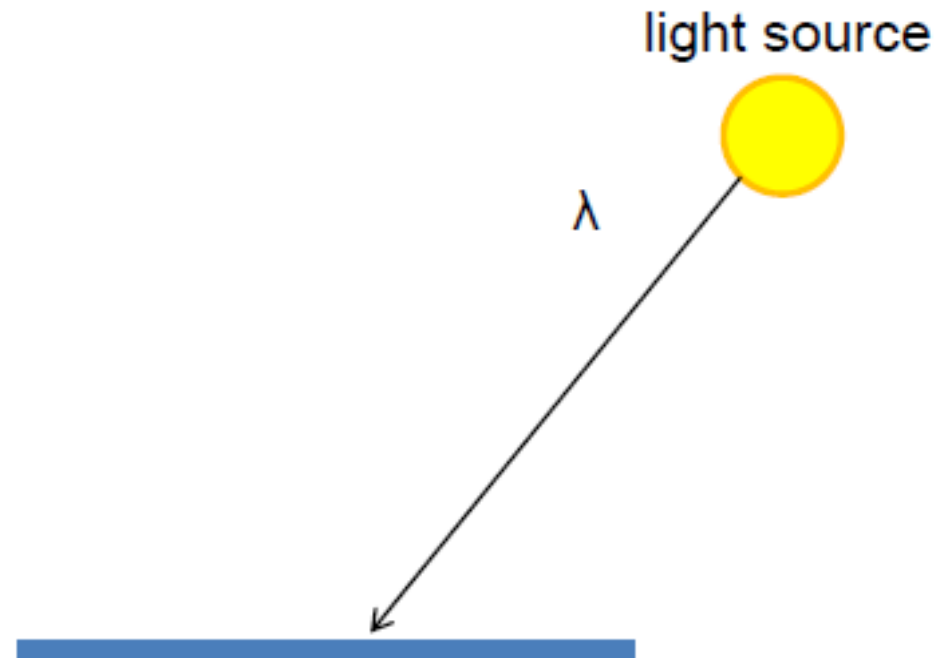


# Light and Surfaces



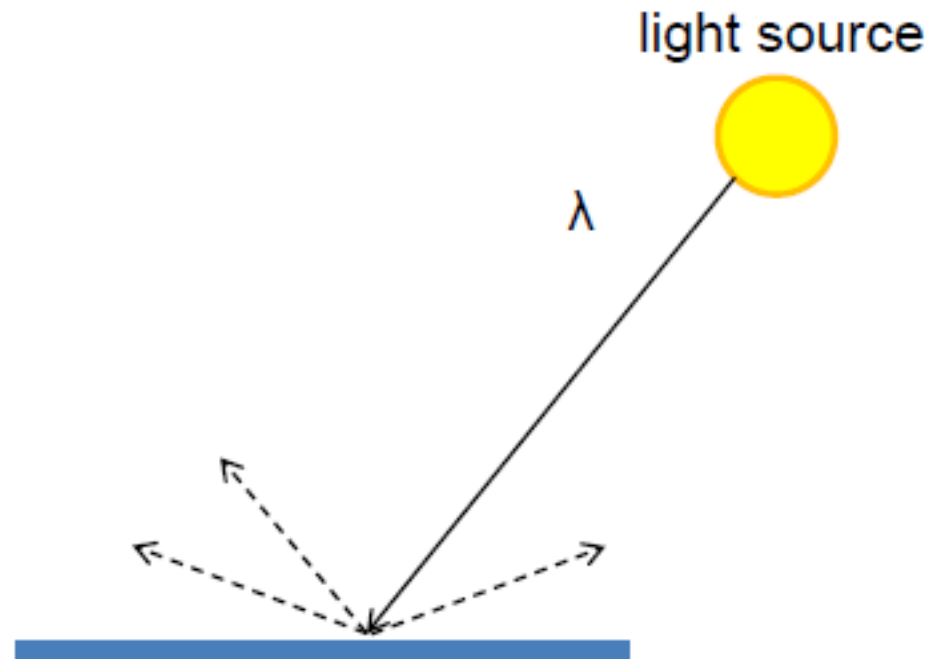
Light can interact with objects' surfaces in different ways

# Light and Surfaces



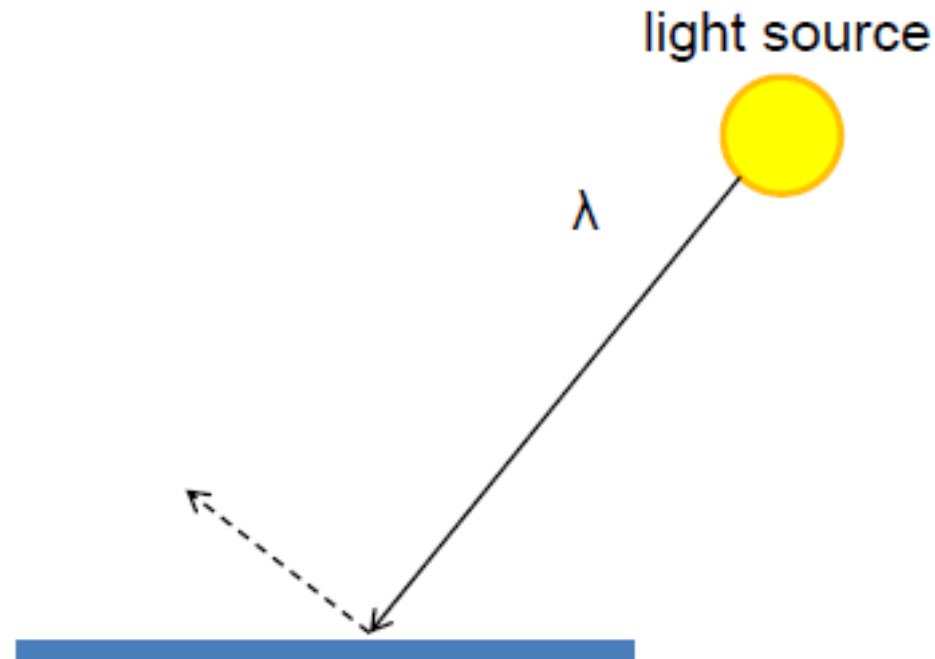
Absorption: the surface absorbs the light

# Light and Surfaces



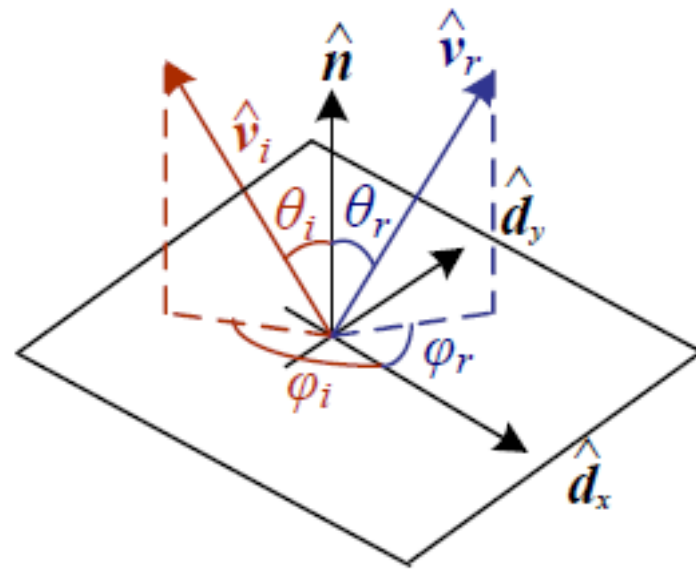
Diffusion: the surfaces reflects the light equally in all directions

# Light and Surfaces



(Specular) Reflection: the surface reflects the light in one direction

# Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)



$$\rho(\hat{v}_i, \hat{v}_r, \hat{n})$$

Used to describe the relationship between the incident and reflected light

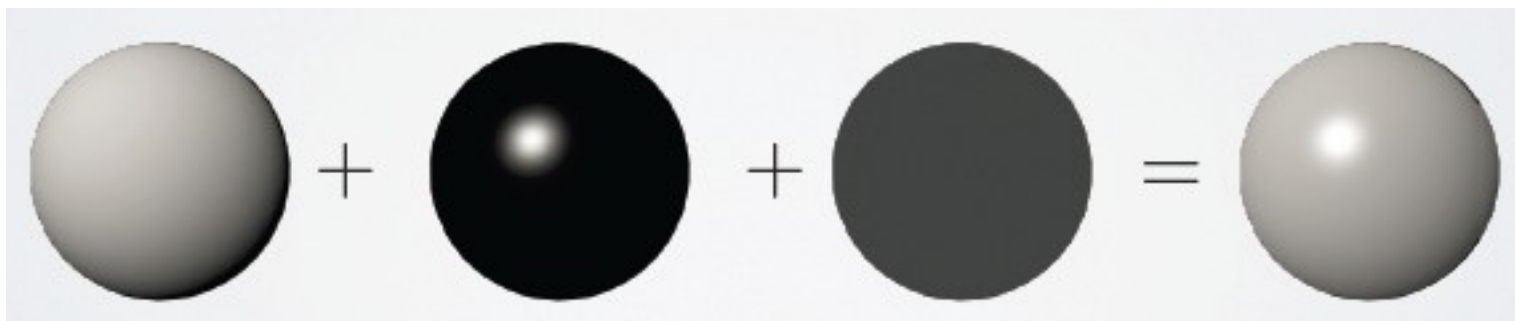
Equals the ratio between reflected and incident light



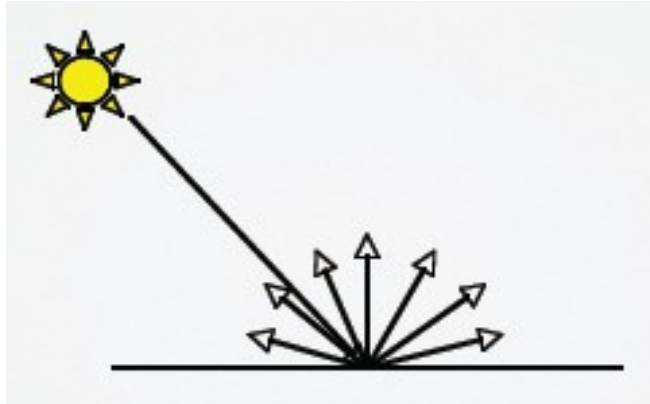
# BRDF

Approximate BRDF as:

- A diffuse component
- A specular component
- An ambient component

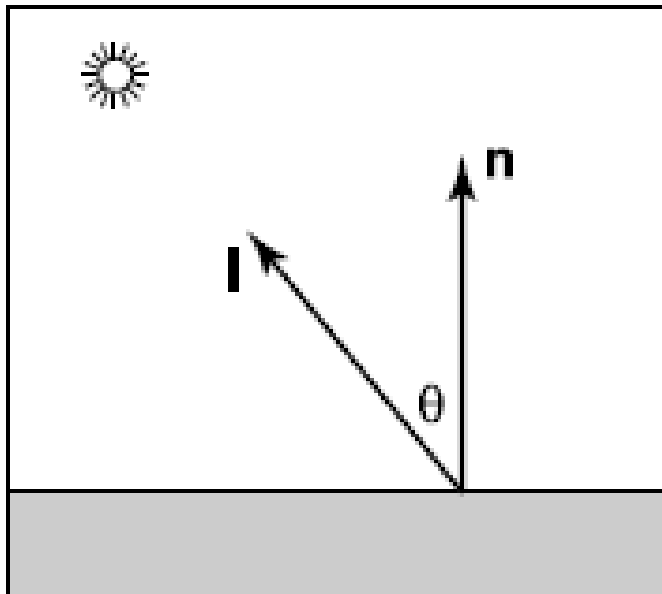


# Diffuse Shading



Described as “matte” where objects are *not* shiny

Reflected light the same in all directions



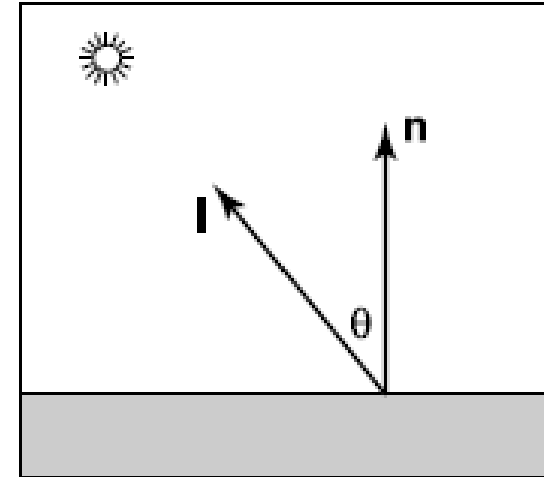
Reflected light depends on  $\theta$  the angle between the surface normal and the light source

# Diffuse Shading

Lambert's Cosine Law

$$\rho_d \propto \cos \theta \quad \text{or} \quad \rho_d \propto \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$$

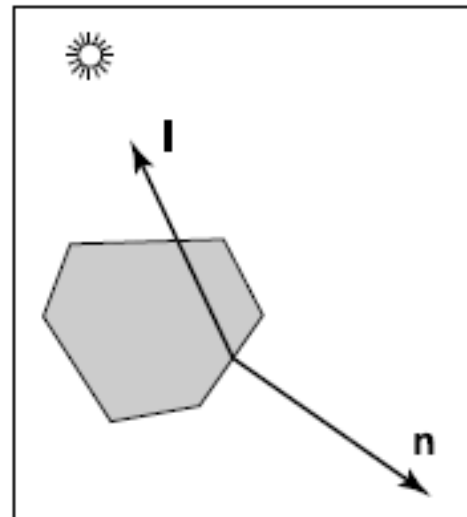
$$\rho_d = k_d (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$



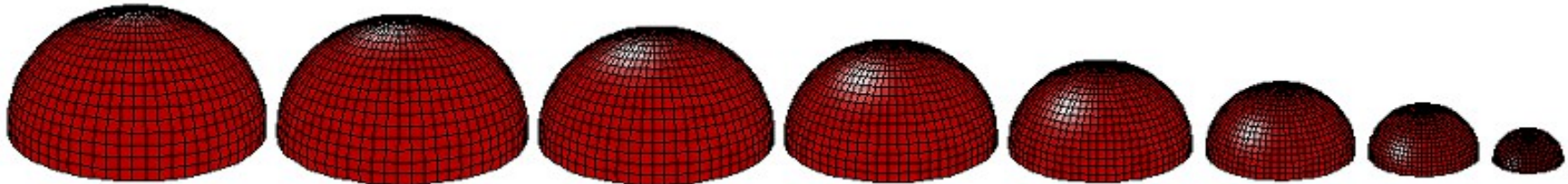
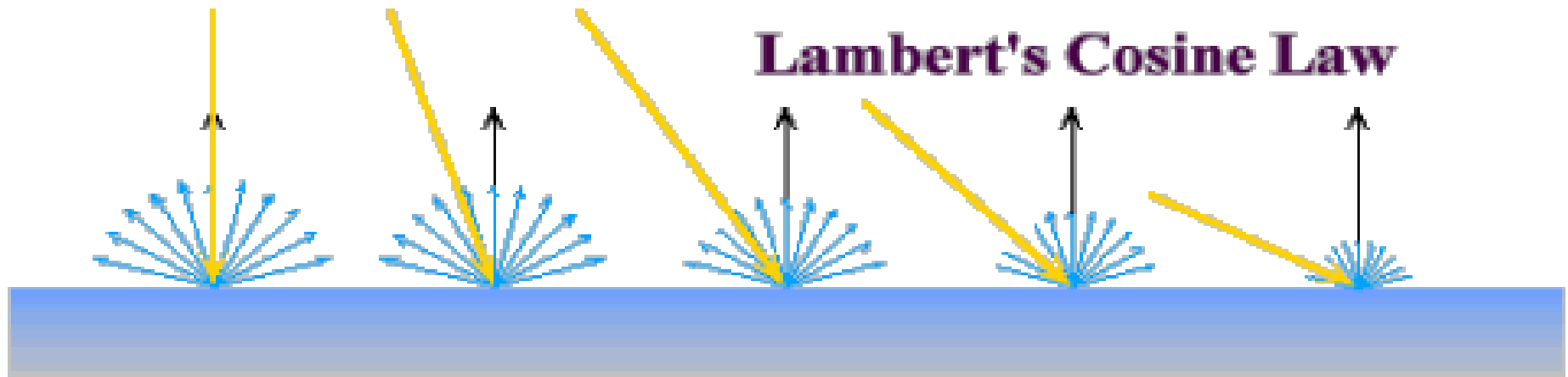
What if *cos* is negative?

$$\rho_d = k_d \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$

$$R = k_d I \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$

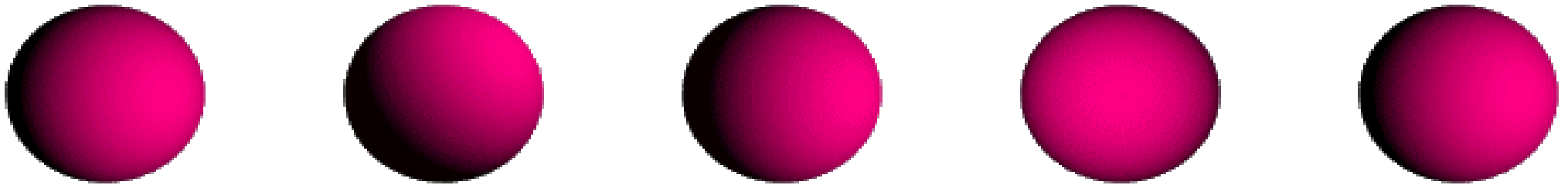


# Diffuse Shading



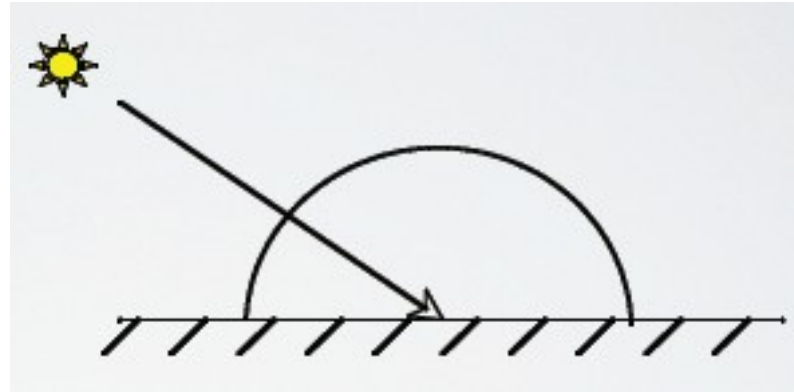
Reflected light independent of viewing direction for the same surface point

# Diffuse Shading

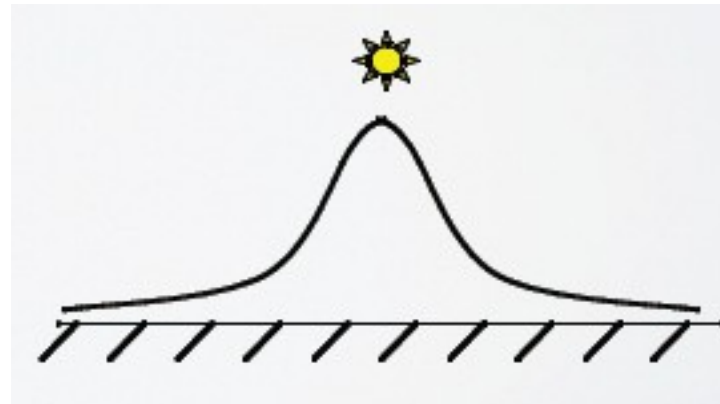


Reflected light depends on position of light source  
relative to the surface point

# Diffuse Shading



Light leaving a surface point in a specific direction



Light leaving each point on the surface

# Ambient Shading

$$\rho_d = k_d \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$

What if  $\theta \geq 90$  ?

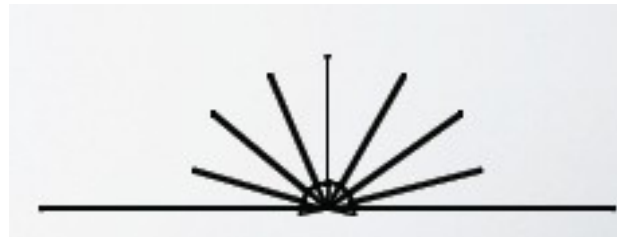
$\rho_d = 0$  i.e. dark surface

Solution?

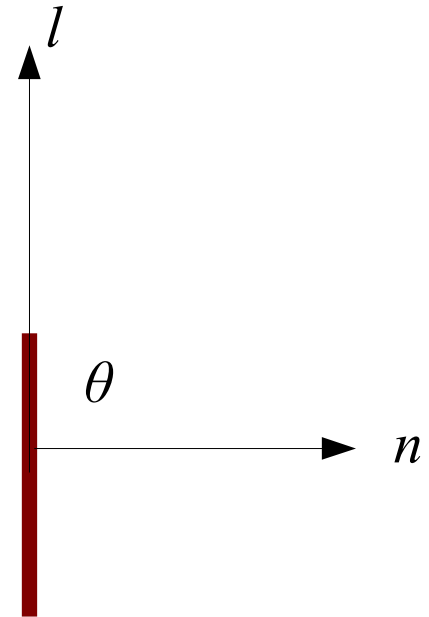
Add *ambient* lighting component.

Accounts for light reflected from the surroundings.

$$\rho_a = k_a$$

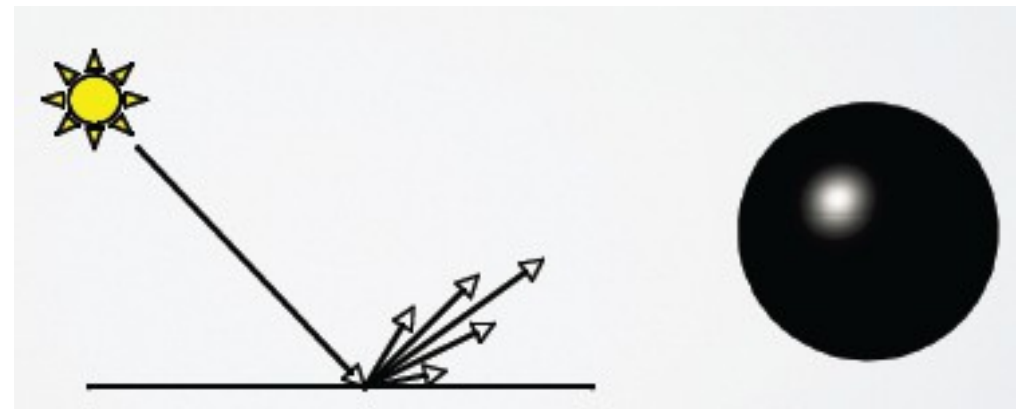


$$R = k_a I_a$$



# Specular Shading

- Mirror-like reflection
- Good approximation for some surfaces
- Depends on the viewing direction
- Phong Illumination Model





# Specular Shading

Incidence angle equals Reflection angle

Specular highlight depends on viewing angle  $\sigma$

$$\rho_s = k_s \max(0, \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

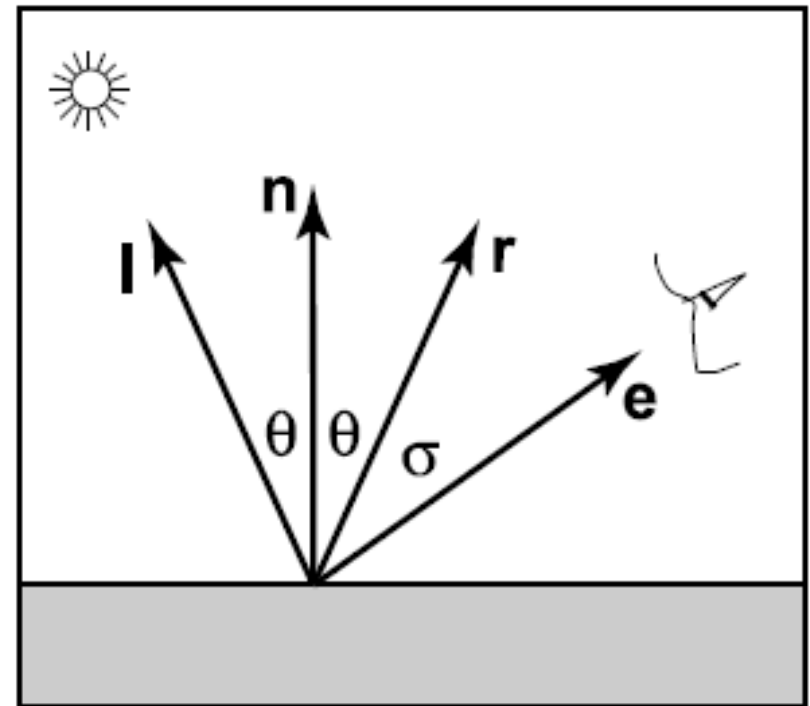
Problem?

The *highlight* produced is very wide!

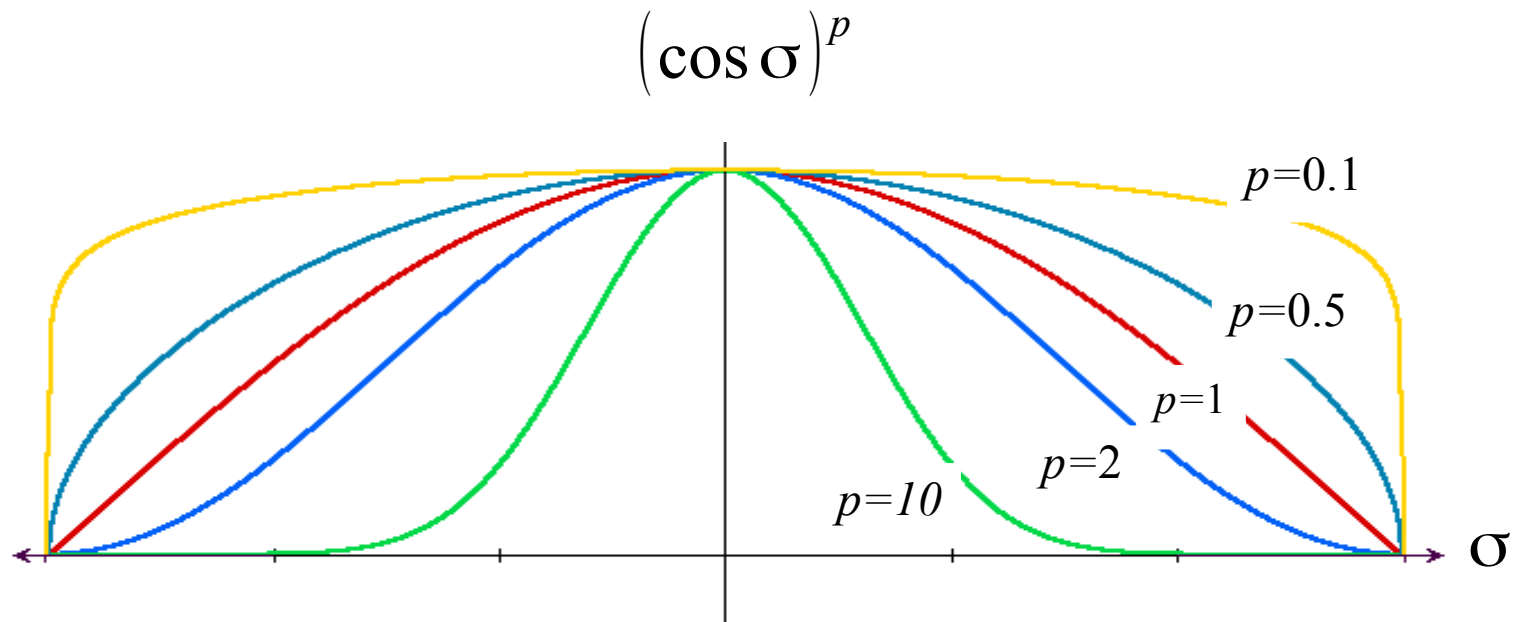
$$\rho_s = k_s \max(0, \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r})^p$$

$p$ : Phong Exponent

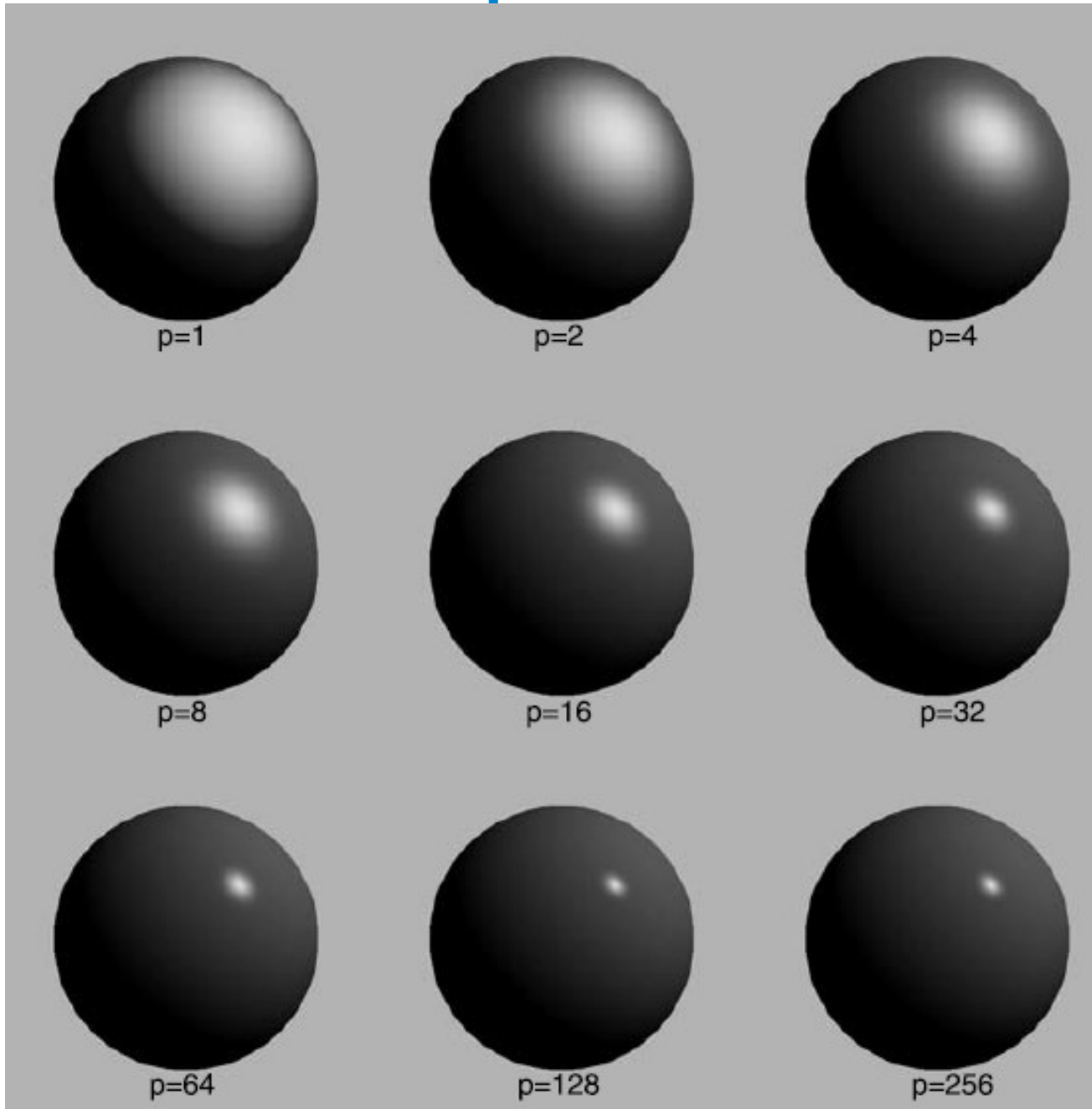
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# Specular Exponent

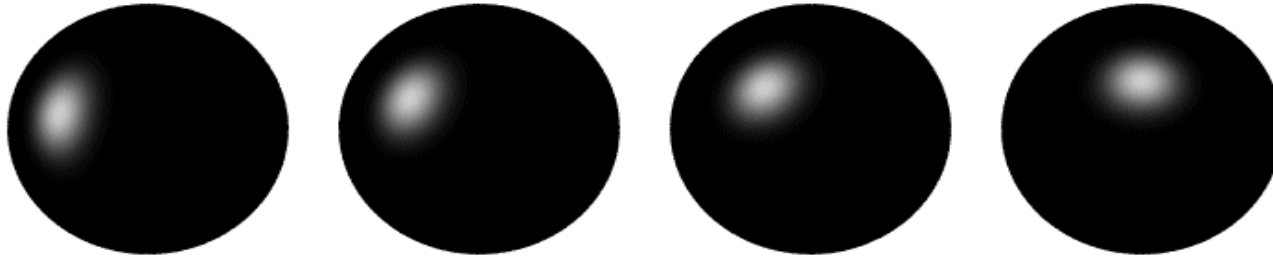


# Specular Shading

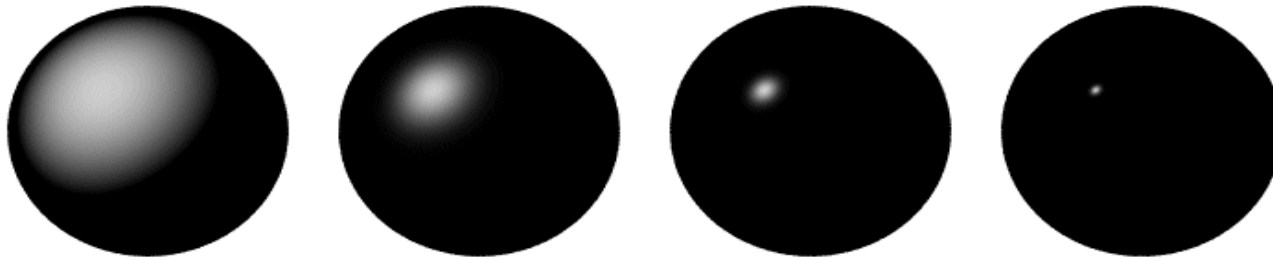


Size of the highlight for  
different values for  $p$

# Specular Shading



Different light source direction



Different values for  $p$

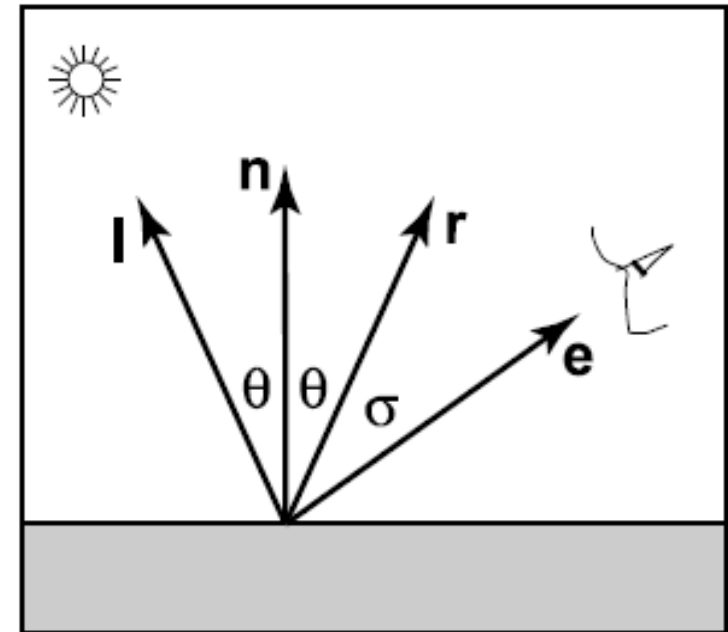
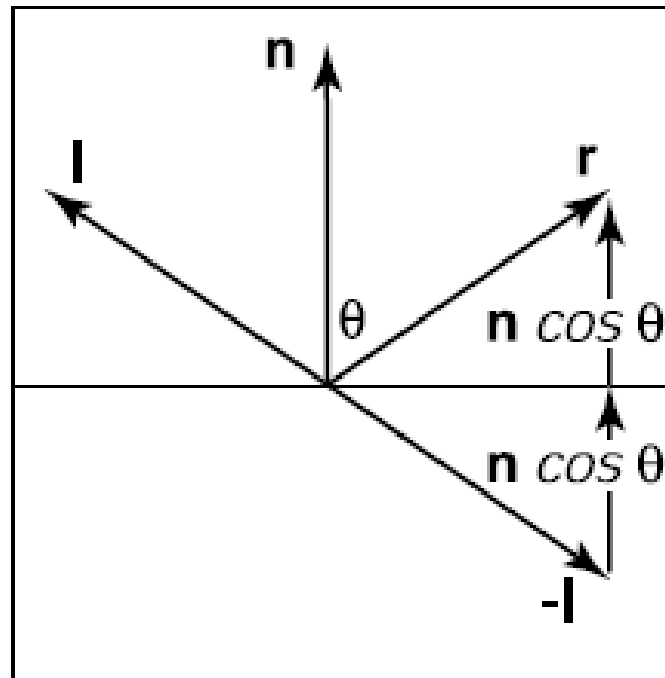
# Specular Shading

$$\rho_s = k_s \max(0, \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r})^p$$

How do we compute  $\mathbf{r}$  from  $\mathbf{l}$  and  $\mathbf{n}$ ?

$$\mathbf{r} = -\mathbf{l} + 2 \cos \theta \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = -\mathbf{l} + 2(\mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}$$



# Specular Shading

**Alternative:** Look at halfway vector  $\mathbf{h}$

Want  $\mathbf{h}$  to line up with  $\mathbf{n}$  i.e.  $\omega = 0$

$$\rho_s = k_s (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})^p \quad \text{or} \quad R = k_s I (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})^p$$

What is  $\mathbf{h}$ ?

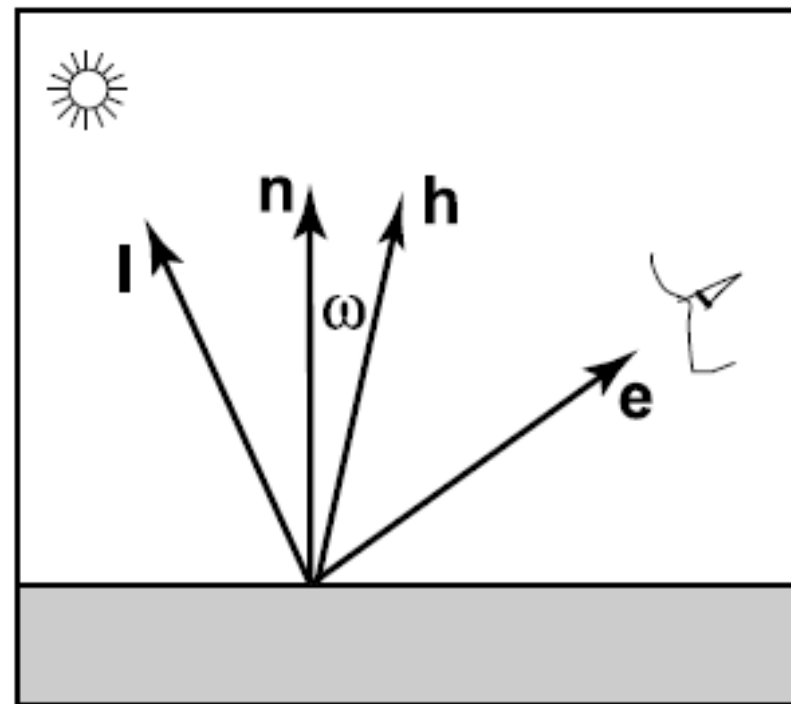
$$\mathbf{h} = \frac{\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{e}}{\|\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{e}\|}$$

Advantage?

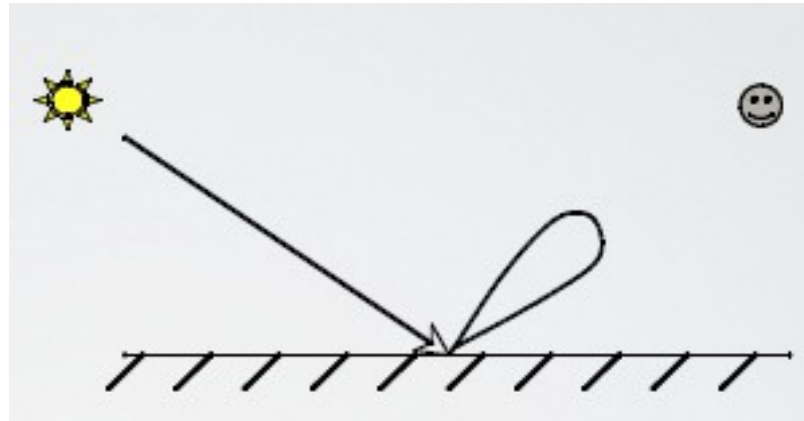
Dot product always +ve above the plane!

Disadvantage?

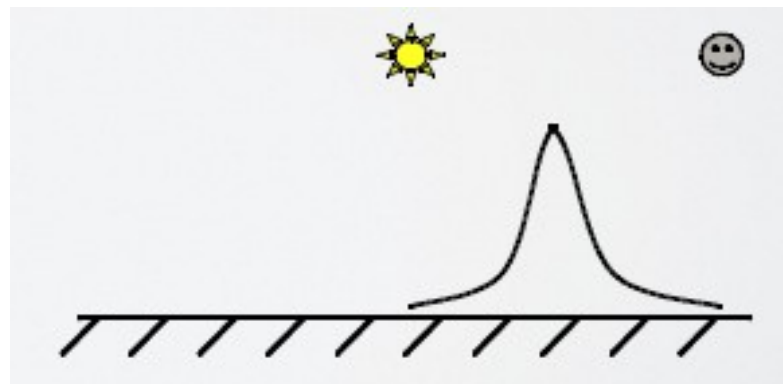
Square root and divide !



# Specular Shading

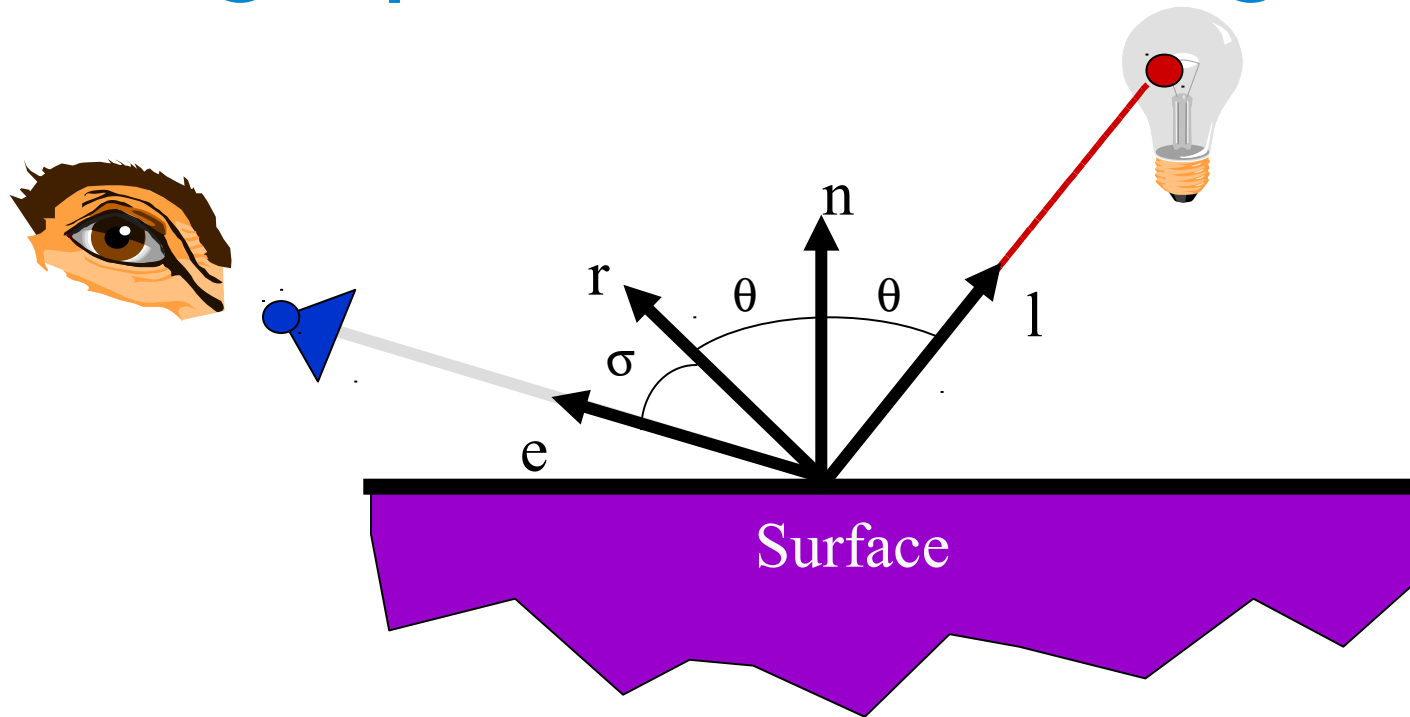


Light leaving a surface point in a specific direction



Light leaving each point on the surface

# Summing Up: Phone Shading Model



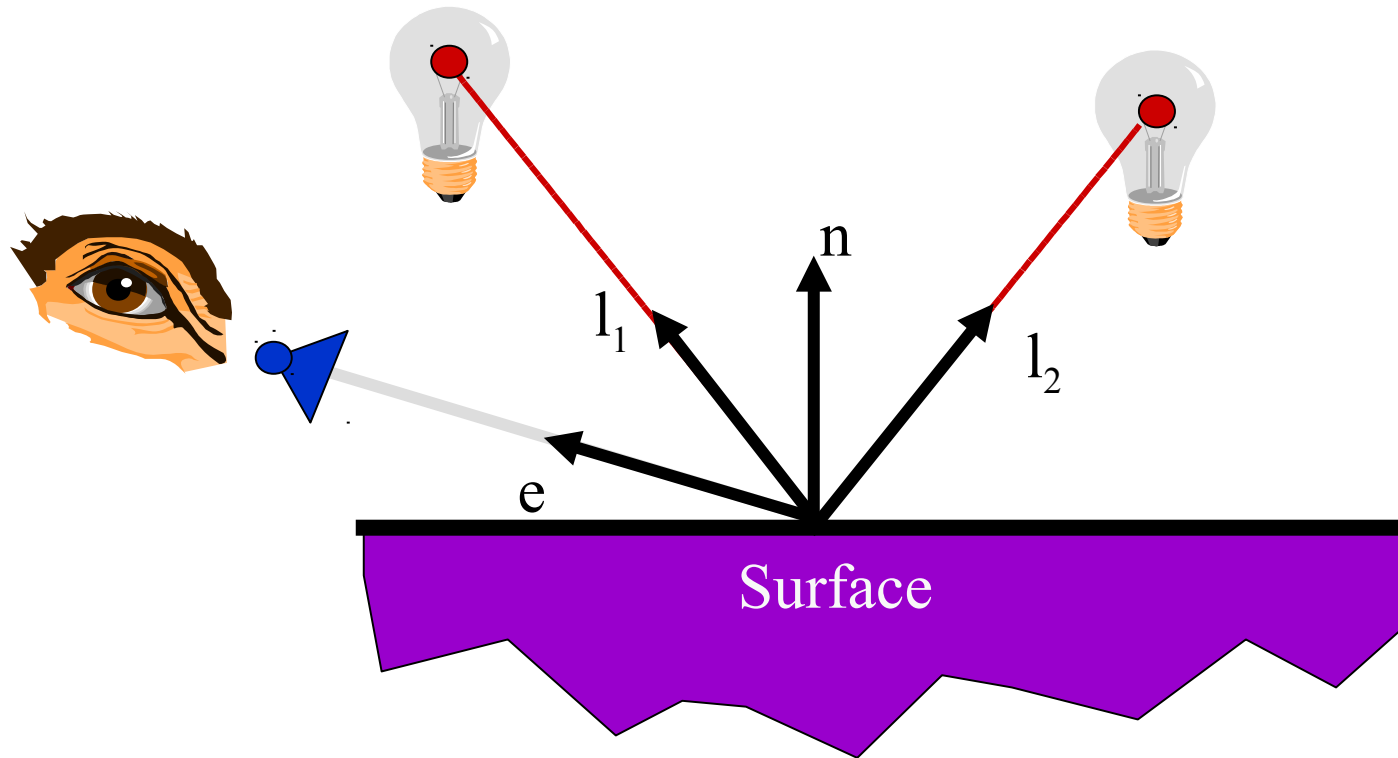
$$R = k_a I_a + k_d I \max(0, l \cdot n) + k_s I \max(0, e \cdot r)^p$$

$R$ : Reflected light

$I$ : Incident light source

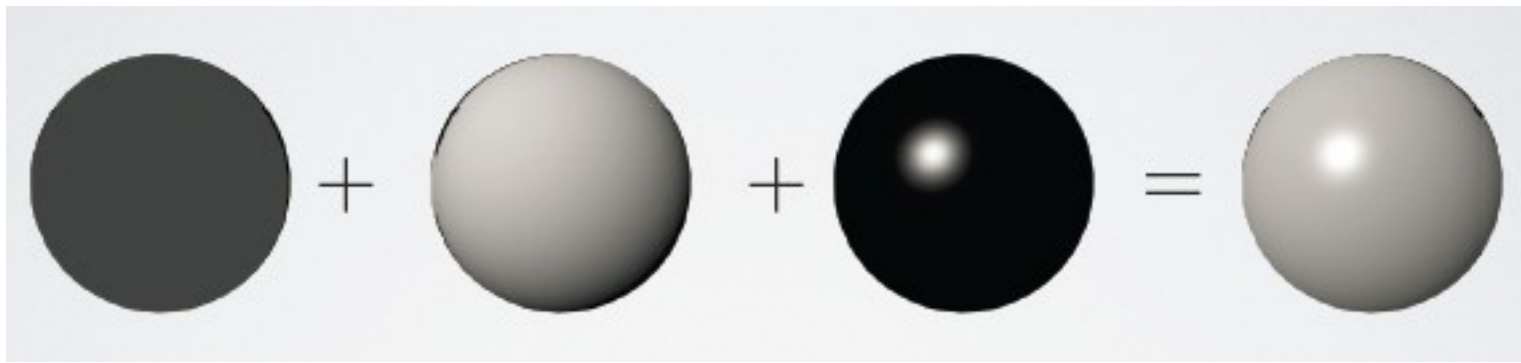


# Summing Up: Phone Shading Model



$$R = k_a I_a + \sum_i \left[ k_d I_i \max(0, l_i \cdot n) + k_s I_i \max(0, e \cdot r_i)^p \right]$$

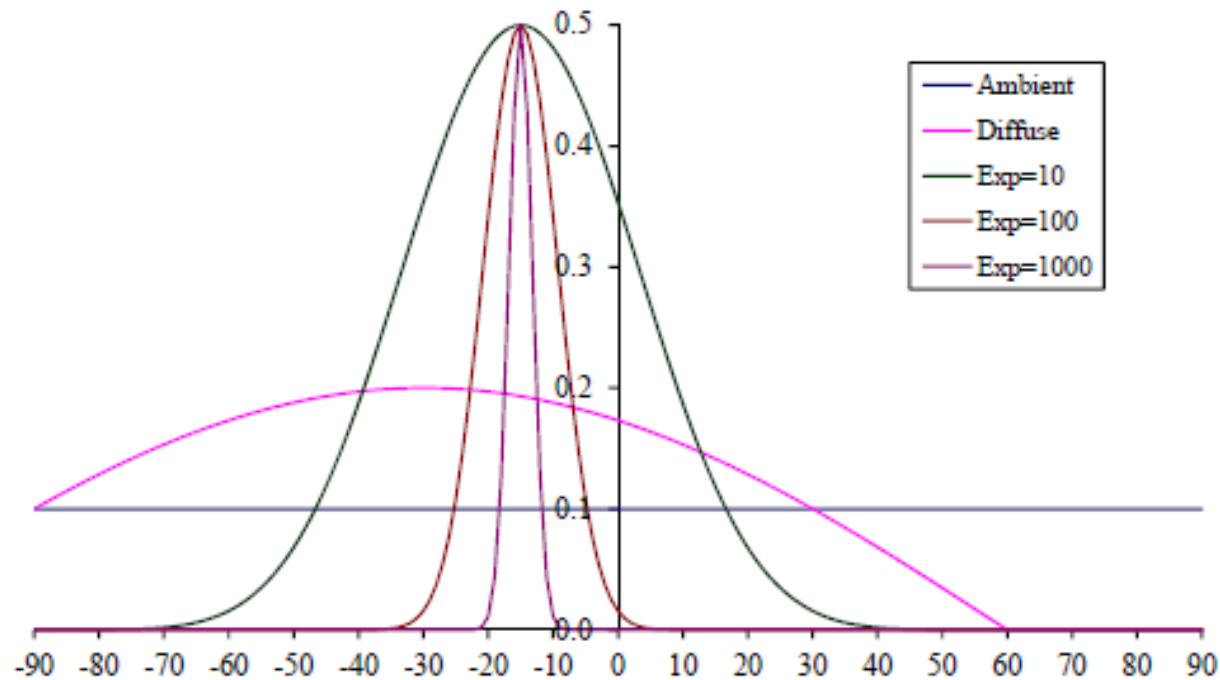
# Summing Up: Phone Shading Model



Ambient

Diffuse

Specular



# Color

What about colored light?

Create different components for R, G, and B !

For example for the **blue** component:

$$R_B = k_{aB} I_{aB} + \sum_i k_{dB} I_{iB} \max(0, \mathbf{l}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}) + k_{sB} I_{iB} \max(0, \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i)^p$$

So we end up with 3 dimensional vectors for:  $\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_d, \mathbf{k}_s$

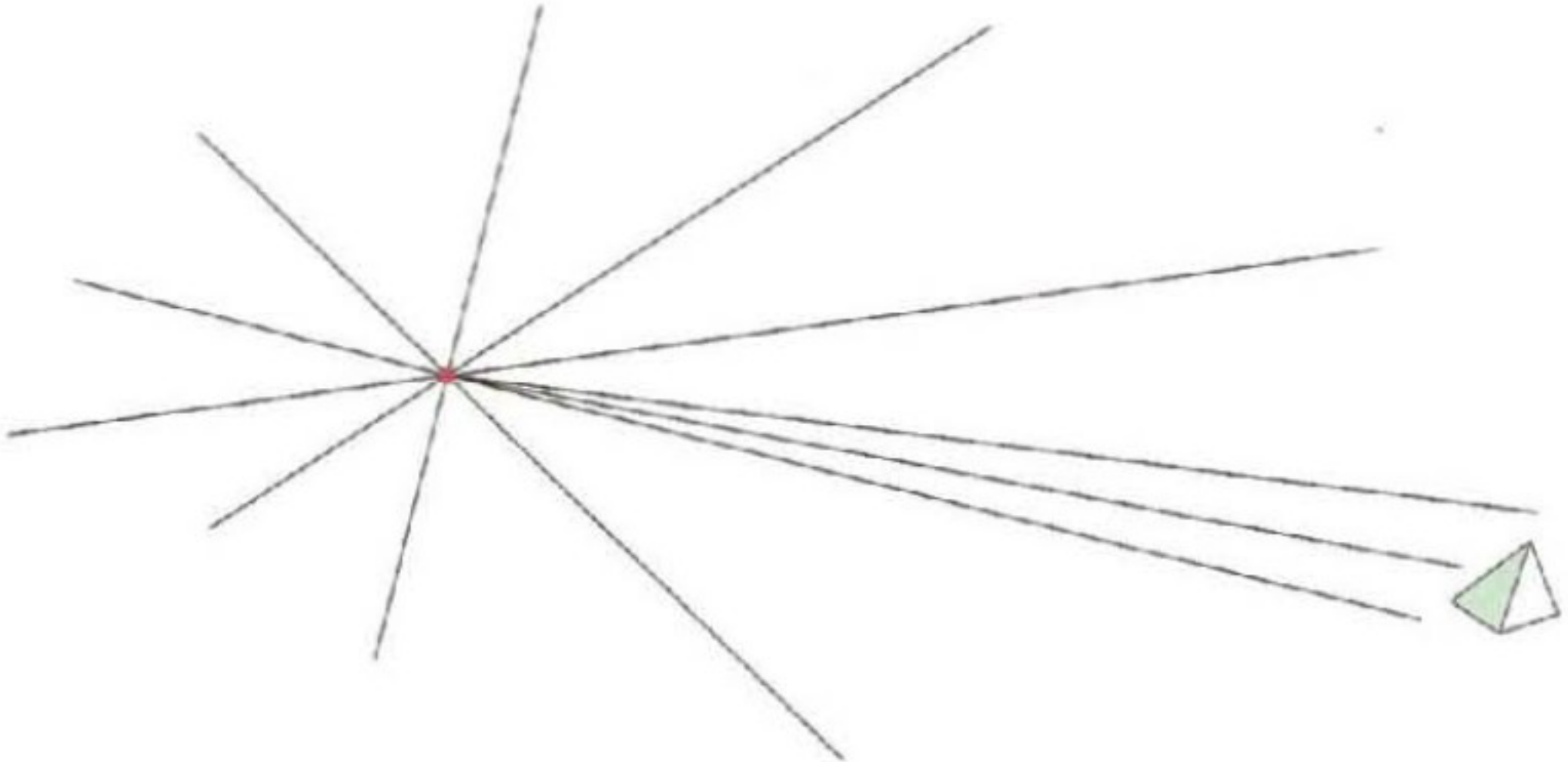
$$\mathbf{k}_a = \begin{bmatrix} k_{aR} \\ k_{aG} \\ k_{aB} \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad \mathbf{k}_d = \begin{bmatrix} k_{dR} \\ k_{dG} \\ k_{dB} \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad \mathbf{k}_s = \begin{bmatrix} k_{sR} \\ k_{sG} \\ k_{sB} \end{bmatrix} \in R^3$$

# Light Sources



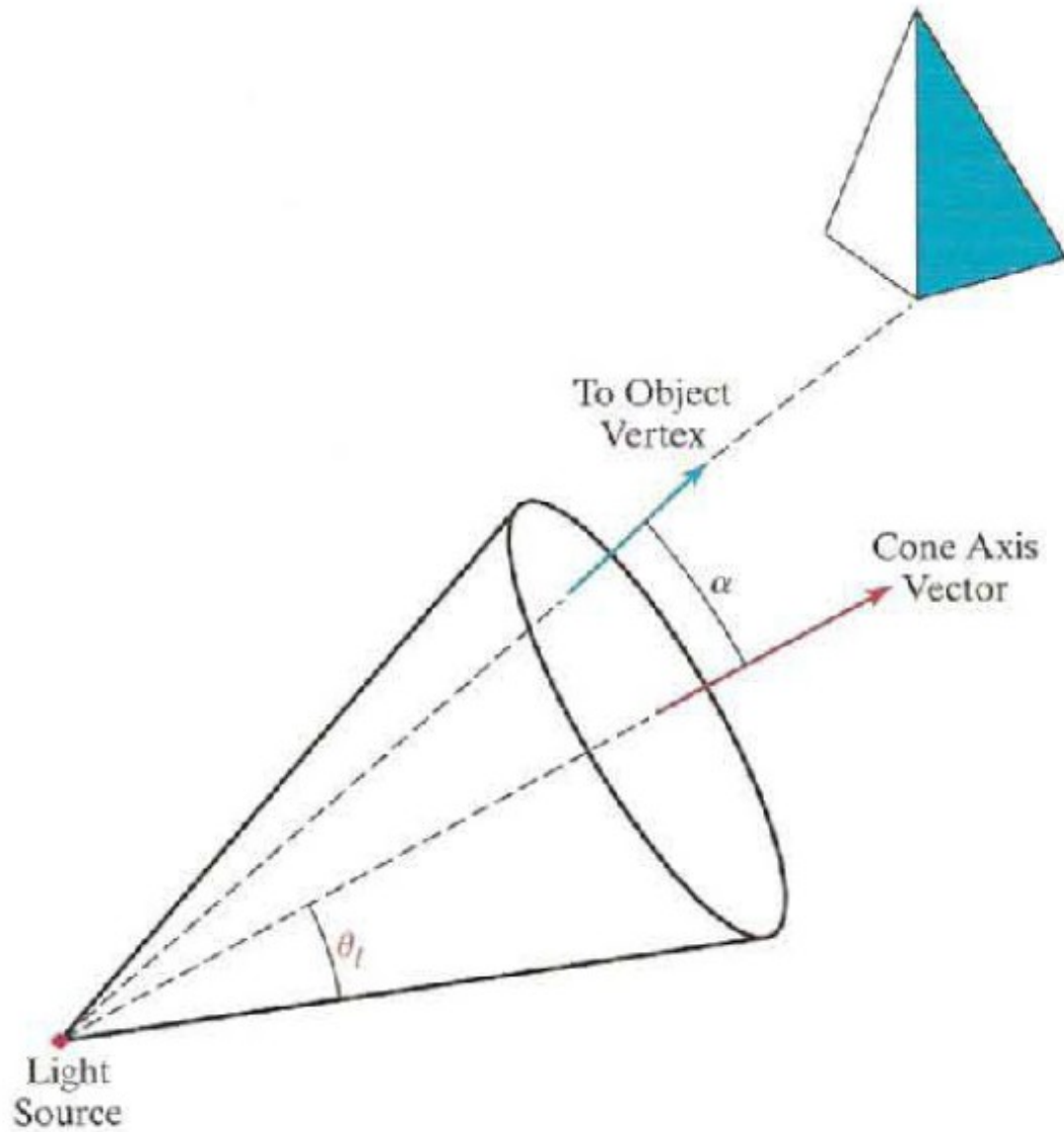
Point Light Source

# Light Sources



Point Light Source at Infinity  
Directional Light Source

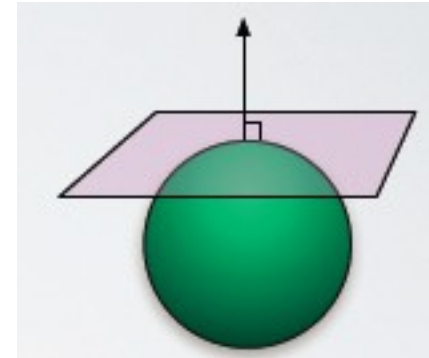
# Light Sources



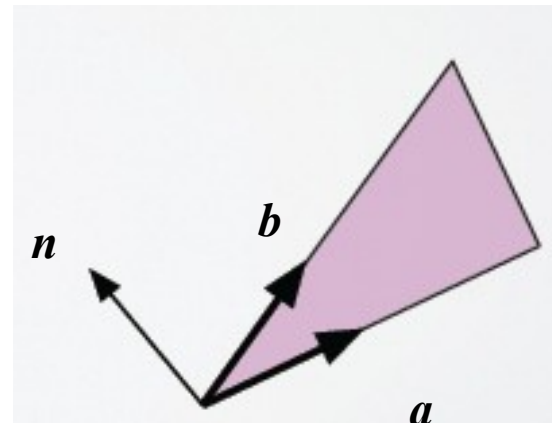
Spotlight Light Source

# Surface Normals

Vector normal to all tangent vectors

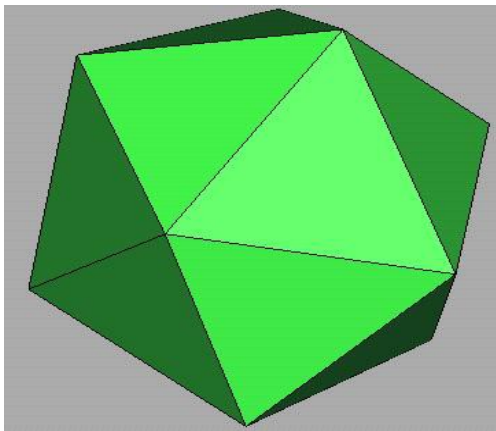
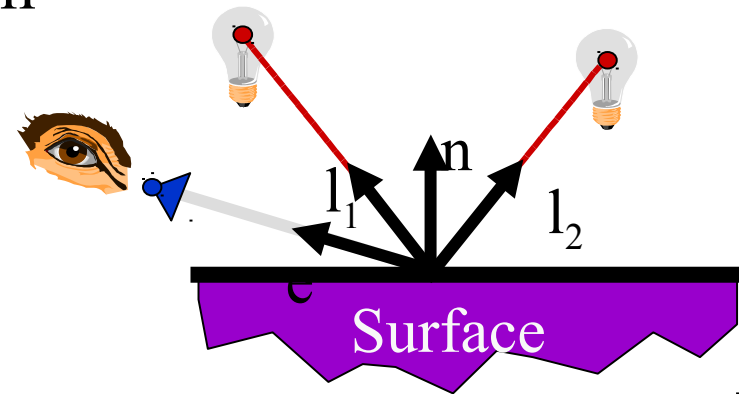


$$n = a \times b$$



# Surface Rendering

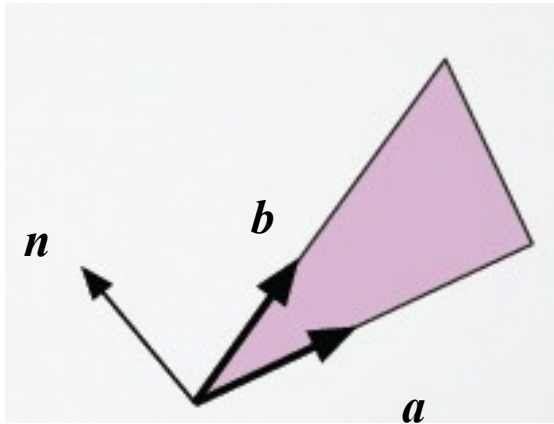
Now we can compute light reflected from any surface point



How can we rasterize a triangle to get pixel color values ?



# Flat Shading

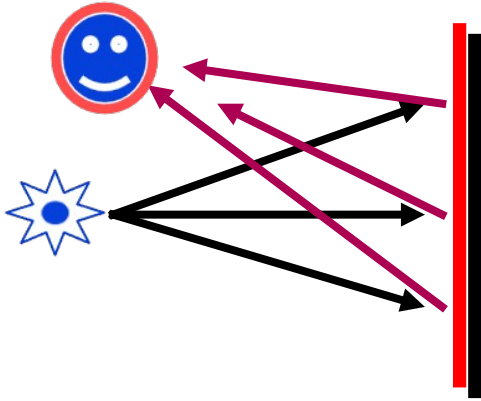


- Every triangle has only surface normal
- One computation per triangle
- One color per triangle

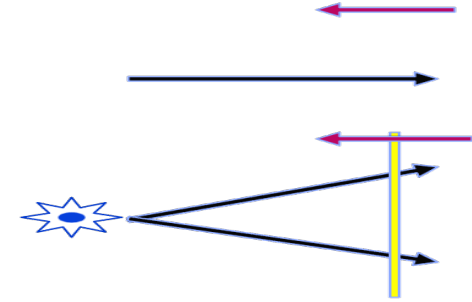
- Very cheap
- Faceted appearance
- Surfaces not smooth



# Flat Shading



Viewing direction not constant !



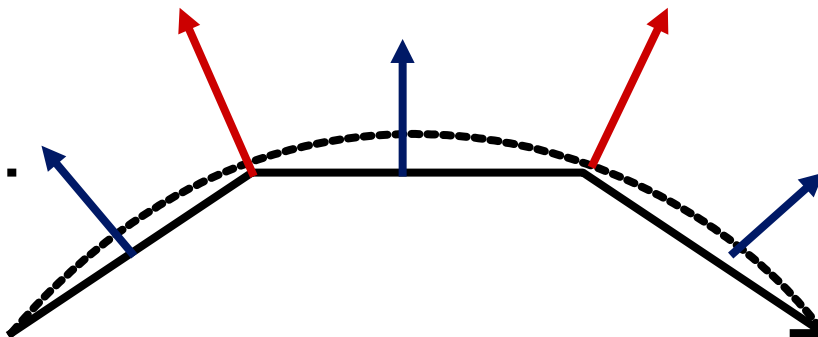
Light direction not constant !

Accurate when:

- Surface is already faceted
- Light source too far from surface
- Viewing direction too far from surface

# Gourard Shading

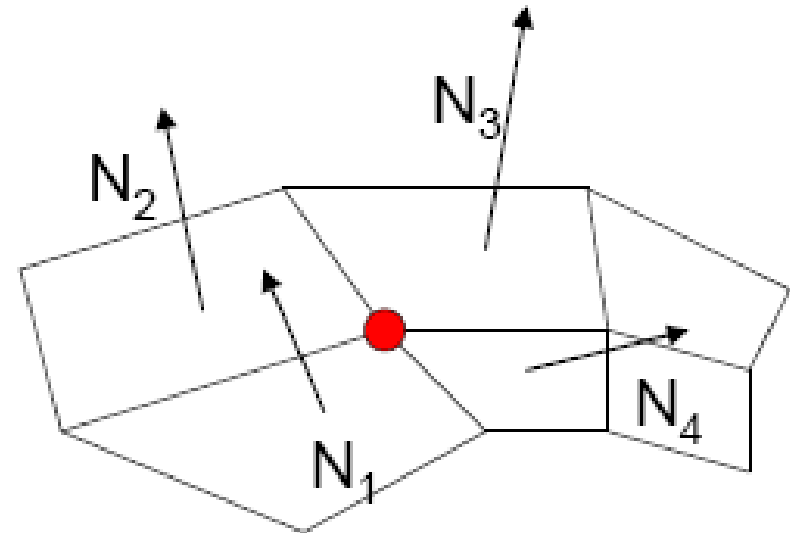
- Normal vector at each *vertex*
- Can be
  - Average of face normals
  - Model supplied
- Used for shading



Vertex Normals

# Gourard Shading

- Compute shading at each vertex using vertex normal
- Interpolate across triangle using Barycentric Coordinates
- Pros
  - Better than flat
  - Fast
- Cons
  - Bad speculars
  - Mach bands



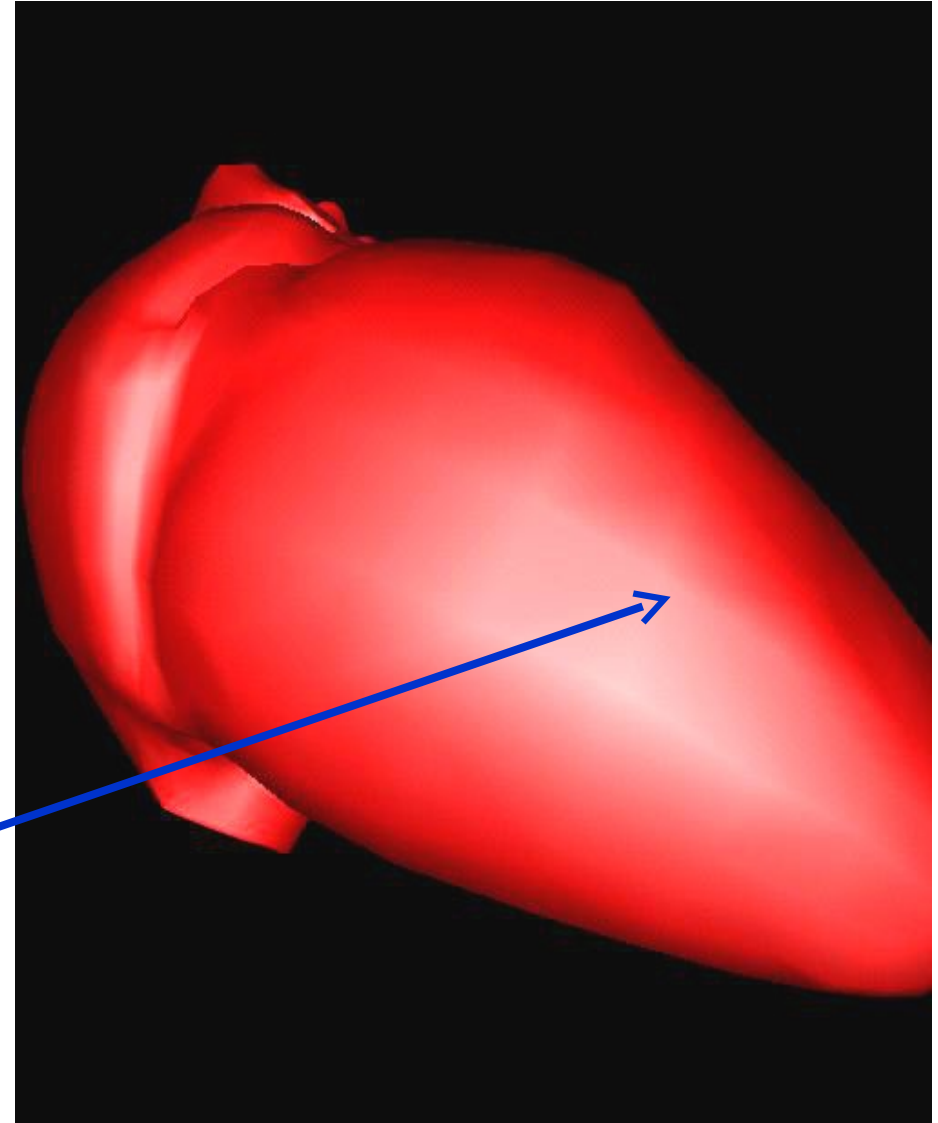
# Gourard Shading



# Gourard shading

Mach Banding

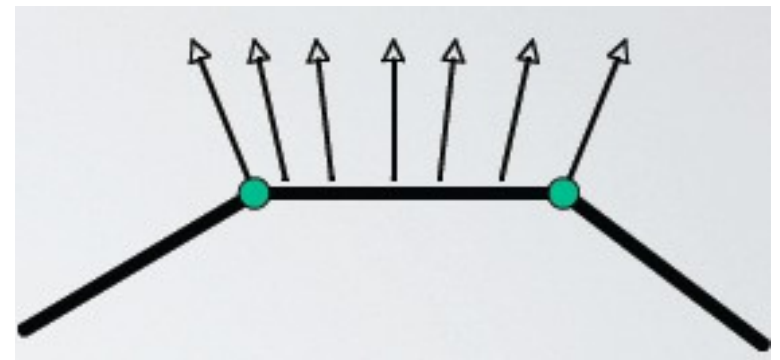
Discontinuities



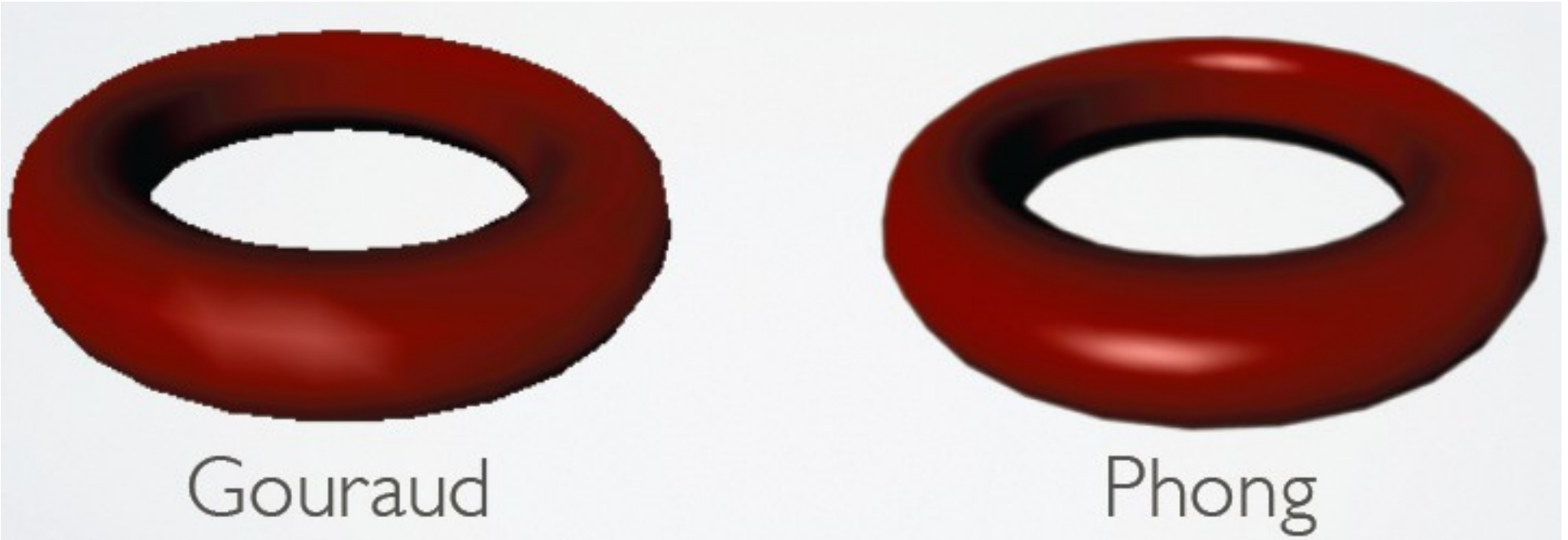
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# Phong Shading

- Interpolate surface normals at each pixel *not* intensities. *How?*
- Compute shading at each pixel
- Very expensive!

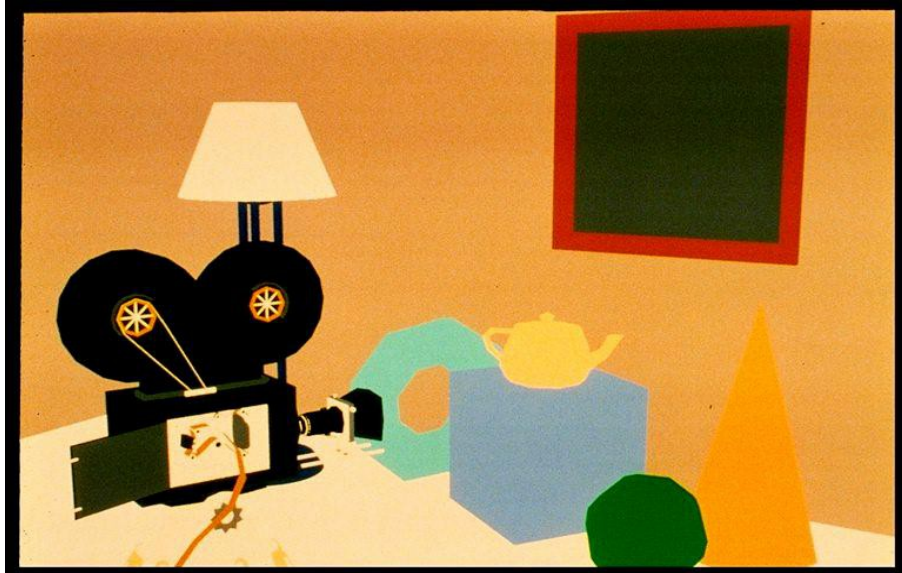


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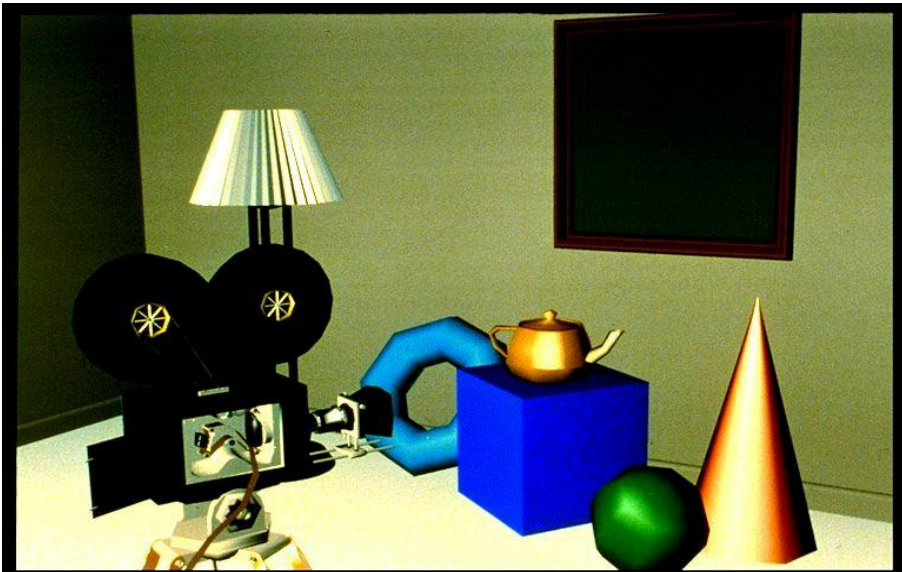
# Surface Shading



Ambient



Flat Shading



Gourard Shading



Phong Shading

# Recap

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