

CMSC 435  
Introductory Computer Graphics  
Basic Ray  
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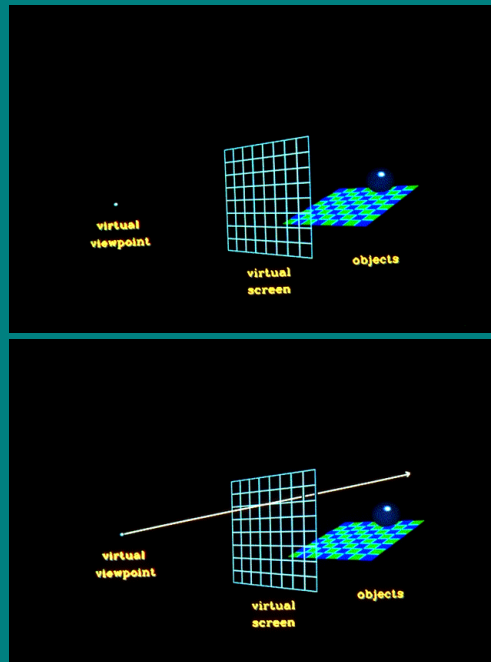
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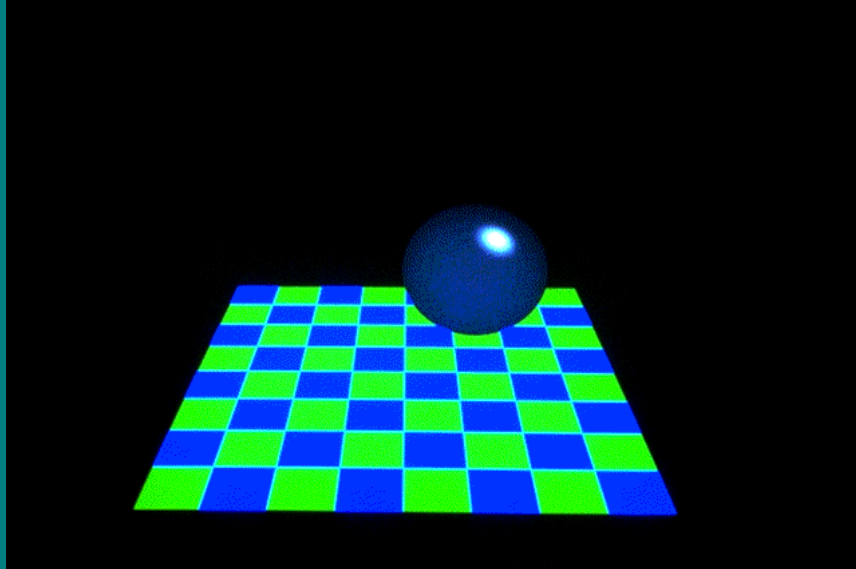
## Visibility Problem

- Rendering: converting a model to an image
- Visibility: deciding which objects (or parts) will appear in the image
  - Object-order
  - Image-order

## Raytracing

- Given
  - Scene
  - Viewpoint
  - Viewplane
- Cast ray from viewpoint through pixels into scene





## Raytracing Algorithm

Given

List of polygons  $\{ P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \}$

An array of intensity  $[ x, y ]$

{

For each pixel  $(x, y)$  {

form a ray  $R$  in object space through the  
camera position  $C$  and the pixel  $(x, y)$

Intensity  $[ x, y ] = \text{trace} ( R )$

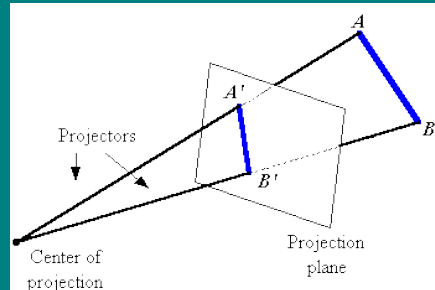
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Display array Intensity

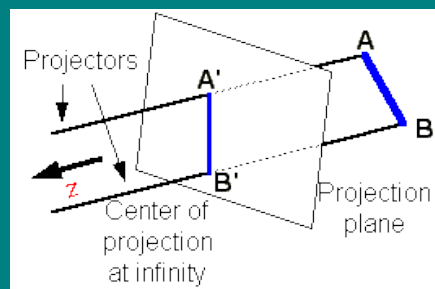
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# Projection

- Perspective
  - Line AB projects to A'B' (perspective projection)



- Parallel
  - Line AB projects to A'B' (parallel projection)
  - Projectors AA' and BB' are parallel



# Simple Parallel Tform

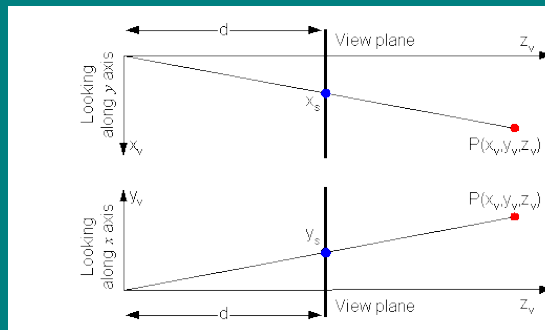
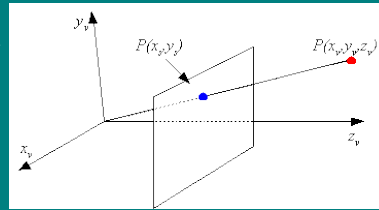
View plane is normal to direction of projection

$$x_s = x_v, y_s = y_v, z_s = 0$$

$$T_{ort} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Simple Perspective Tform

- Assume line from center of projection to center of view plane parallel to view plane normal.
- Center of projection is at origin.
- Have  $P(x_v, y_v, z_v)$
- Want  $P(x_s, y_s)$

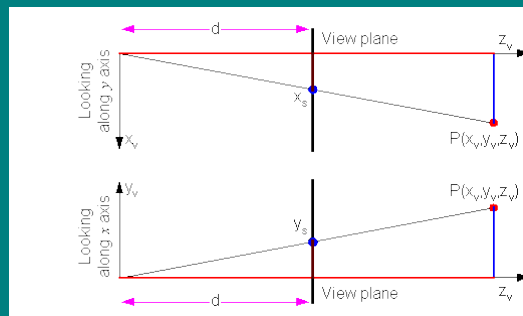
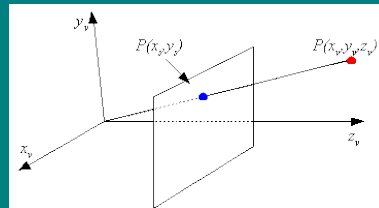


# Simple Perspective Tform

- Have  $P(x_v, y_v, z_v)$
- Want  $P(x_s, y_s)$
- By similar triangles:

$$\frac{x_s}{d} = \frac{x_v}{z_v}, \frac{y_s}{d} = \frac{y_v}{z_v}$$

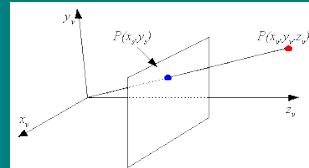
$$\Rightarrow x_s = \frac{x_v}{z_v/d}, y_s = \frac{y_v}{z_v/d}$$



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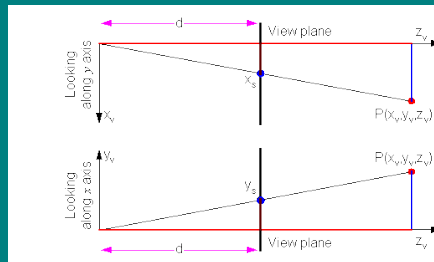
- In homogeneous coords

$$x = x_v, y = y_v, z = z_v, w = z_v/d$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_v \\ y_v \\ z_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Do perspective divide to get screen coords

$$x_s = x/w, y_s = y/w, z_s = z/w = d$$



## Raytracing Algorithm

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For each pixel  $(x, y)$  {

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Display array Intensity

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## Raytracing Algorithm

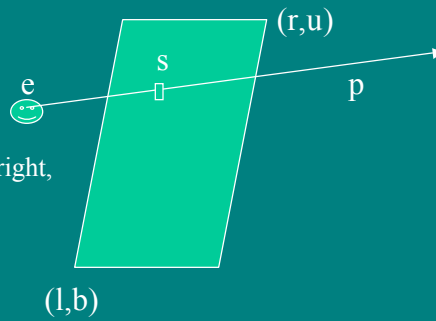
```
intensity Function trace ( Ray )
{
  for each polygon P in the scene
    calculate the intersection of P and the ray R
  if ( The ray R hits no polygon )
    return ( background intensity )
  else {
    find the polygon P with the closest
    intersection
    calculate intensity I at intersection point
    return ( I ) // more to come here later
  }
}
```

## Raytracing Algorithm

```
intensity Function trace ( Ray )
{
  calculate the intersection of nearest polygon P
  and the ray R
  if ( The ray R hits no polygon )
    return ( background intensity )
  else {
    find the polygon P with the closest
    intersection
    calculate intensity I at intersection point
    return ( Illuminate( I, trace(reflect ),
    trace( refract ) ) )
  }
}
```

## Computing Viewing Rays

- Parametric ray
  - $\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{e} + t(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{e})$
- Camera frame
  - E: eye point
  - $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ : basis vectors pointing right, up, backward
- Screen position
  - orthographic
    - $u_s = 1 + (r-l)(i+0.5)/n_x$
    - $v_s = b + (u-b)(j+0.5)/n_y$
    - $\mathbf{s} = (\mathbf{e} + u_s\mathbf{u} + v_s\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{w}$
  - Perspective
    - $u_s = 1 + (r-l)(i+0.5)/n_x$
    - $v_s = b + (u-b)(j+0.5)/n_y$
    - $\mathbf{s} = (\mathbf{e}) + u_s\mathbf{u} + v_s\mathbf{v} - d\mathbf{w}$



## Calculating Intersections

- Define ray parametrically:
 
$$x = x_0 + t(x_1 - x_0) = x_0 + t\Delta x$$

$$y = y_0 + t(y_1 - y_0) = y_0 + t\Delta y$$

$$z = z_0 + t(z_1 - z_0) = z_0 + t\Delta z$$
- If  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is center of projection and  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is center of pixel, then
  - $0 \leq t \leq 1$  : points between those locations
  - $t < 0$  : points behind viewer
  - $t > 1$  : points beyond view window



## Ray-Sphere Intersection

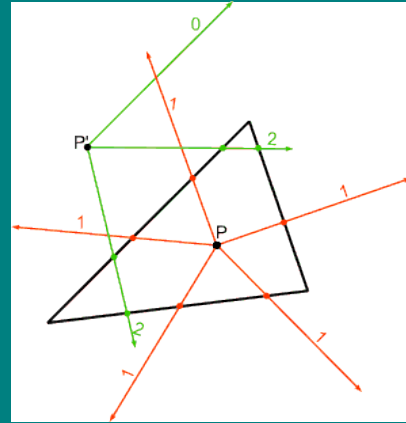
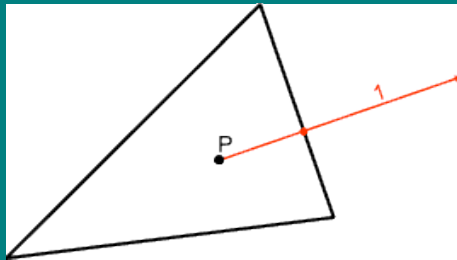
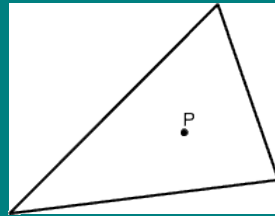
- Sphere in vector form
  - $(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{c})\cdot(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{c})-R^2=0$
- Ray
  - $\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{e} + t\mathbf{d}$
- Intersection with implicit surface  $f(t)$  when
  - $f(\mathbf{p}(t)) = 0$
  - $(\mathbf{e}+t(\mathbf{s}-\mathbf{e})-\mathbf{c})\cdot(\mathbf{e}+t(\mathbf{s}-\mathbf{e})-\mathbf{c})-R^2 = 0$
  - $(\mathbf{d}\cdot\mathbf{d})t^2+2\mathbf{d}\cdot(\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c})t+(\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c})\cdot(\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c})-R^2 = 0$
  - $t=(-\mathbf{d}\cdot(\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c})\pm\text{sqrt}((\mathbf{d}\cdot(\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c}))^2-(\mathbf{d}\cdot\mathbf{d})((\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c})\cdot(\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{c})-R^2))/(\mathbf{d}\cdot\mathbf{d}))$
- Normal at intersection  $\mathbf{p}$ 
  - $\mathbf{n}=(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{c})/R$

## Calculating Intersections: Pgons

- Given ray and polygon:
  - $x = x_0 + t(x_1 - x_0) = x_0 + t\Delta x$
  - $y = y_0 + t(y_1 - y_0) = y_0 + t\Delta y$
  - $z = z_0 + t(z_1 - z_0) = z_0 + t\Delta z$
  - Plane :  $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$
- 1. What is intersection of ray and plane containing pgon?
  - Substituting for  $x, y, z$ :
  - $A(x_0 + t\Delta x) + B(y_0 + t\Delta y) + C(z_0 + t\Delta z) + D = 0$
  - $t(A\Delta x + B\Delta y + C\Delta z) + (Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 + D) = 0$
  - $t = -(Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 + D) / (A\Delta x + B\Delta y + C\Delta z)$
- 2. Does ray/plane intersection point lie in polygon?
  - Substitute into line equations for pgon edges: does point lie inside all edges? (only works for convex)
  - Count edge crossings of ray from point to infinity

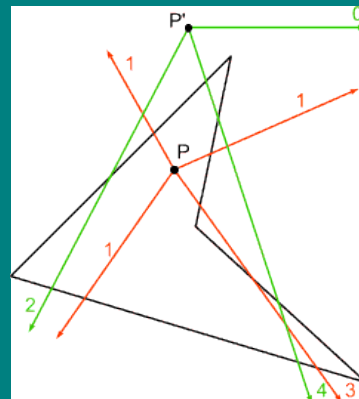
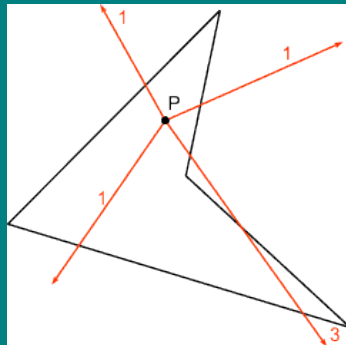
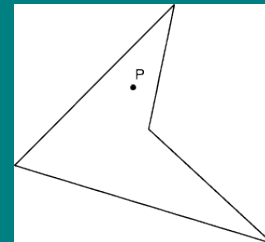
## Point in Polygon?

- Is P in polygon?
- Cast ray from P to infinity
  - One crossing -> inside
  - Zero, Two crossings -> outside

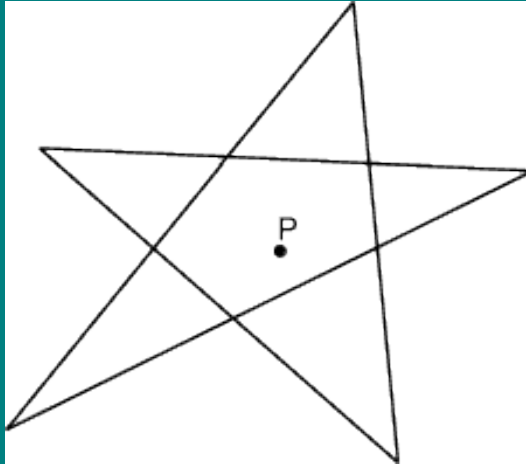


## Point in Polygon?

- Is P in concave polygon?
- Cast ray from P to infinity
  - Odd crossings -> inside
  - Even crossings -> outside



## What happens?



## Ray-Triangle Intersection

- Intersection of ray with barycentric triangle
  - $\mathbf{e} + t\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{a} + \beta(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) + \gamma(\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a})$
  - In triangle if  $\beta > 0, \gamma > 0, \beta + \gamma < 1$

```
boolean raytri (ray r, vector a, vector b, vector c,  
interval [t0, t1] ) {  
    compute t  
    if (( t < t0 ) or ( t > t1 ))  
        return ( false )  
    compute  $\gamma$   
    if (( $\gamma < 0$  ) or (  $\gamma > 1$  ))  
        return ( false )  
    compute  $\beta$   
    if (( $\beta < 0$  ) or (  $\beta > 1$  ))  
        return ( false )  
    return true  
}
```

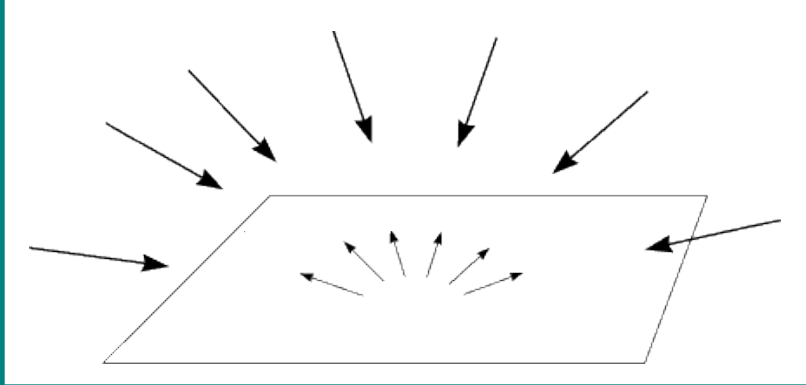
## Raytracing Characteristics

- Good
  - Simple to implement
  - Minimal memory required
  - Easy to extend
- Bad
  - Aliasing
  - Computationally intensive
    - Intersections expensive (75-90% of rendering time)
    - Lots of rays

## Basic Concepts

- Terms
  - Illumination: calculating light intensity at a point (object space; equation) based loosely on physical laws
  - Shading: algorithm for calculating intensities at pixels (image space; algorithm)
- Objects
  - Light sources: light-emitting
  - Other objects: light-reflecting
- Light sources
  - Point (special case: at infinity)
  - distributed

## Ambient light



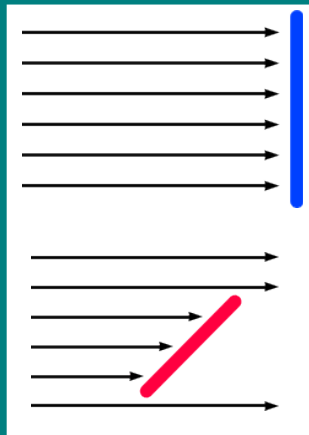
$I_a$  = intensity of ambient light

$K_a$  = reflection coefficient

$I = k_a I_a$  = reflected intensity

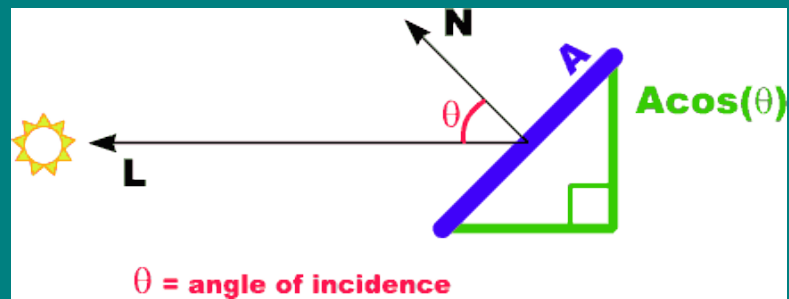
## Lambert's Law

- Intensity of reflected light related to orientation



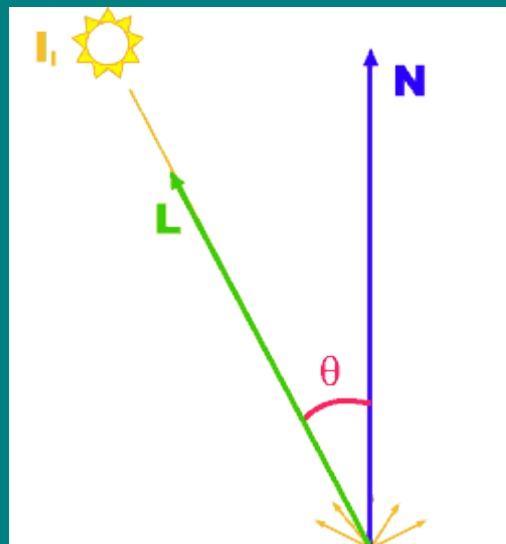
## Lambert's Law

- Specifically: the radiant energy from any small surface area  $dA$  in any direction  $\theta$  relative to the surface normal is proportional to  $\cos \theta$



## Diffuse Reflection

$$I_{\text{diff}} = k_d I_1 \cos \theta$$
$$= k_d I_1 (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L})$$



## Combined Model

$$I_{\text{total}} = I_{\text{amb}} + I_{\text{diff}}$$

$$= k_a I_a + k_d I_l (N \cdot L)$$

Adding color:

$$I_R = k_a I_{aR} O_{dR} + k_d I_{lR} O_{dR} (N \cdot L)$$

$$I_G = k_a I_{aG} O_{dG} + k_d I_{lG} O_{dG} (N \cdot L)$$

$$I_B = k_a I_{aB} O_{dB} + k_d I_{lB} O_{dB} (N \cdot L)$$

For any wavelength  $\lambda$ :

$$I_{\lambda} = k_a I_{a\lambda} O_{d\lambda} + k_d I_{l\lambda} O_{d\lambda} (N \cdot L)$$

## Adding Attenuation

- Attenuation of light source due to distance

- $F_{\text{att}} = 1/d_L^2$  or  $\min(1/(C_1 + C_2 d_L + C_3 d_L^2), 1)$

- where  $d_L$  is distance to the light

- Behavior of  $1/d_L^2$

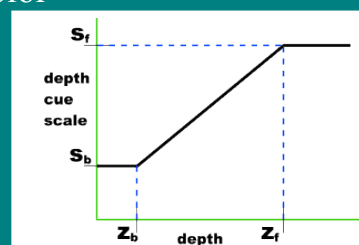
- Far from light: little change
    - Near light: much change
    - Accurate, but looks wrong

- Atmospheric attenuation of color

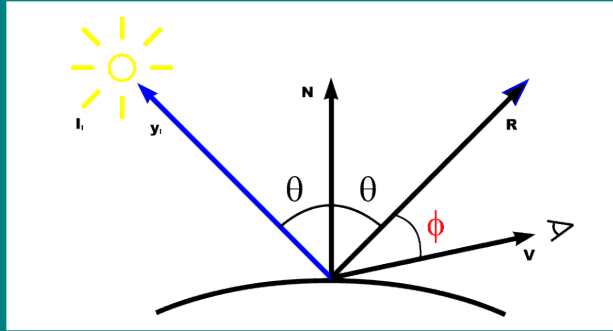
- $I_{\lambda}' = S_O I_{\lambda} + (1 - S_O) I_{dc\lambda}$

- where  $I_{dc\lambda}$  is the depth cue color

- $S_O = S_b + (Z_O - Z_b)(S_r - S_b)/(Z_r - Z_b)$



## Specular Reflection



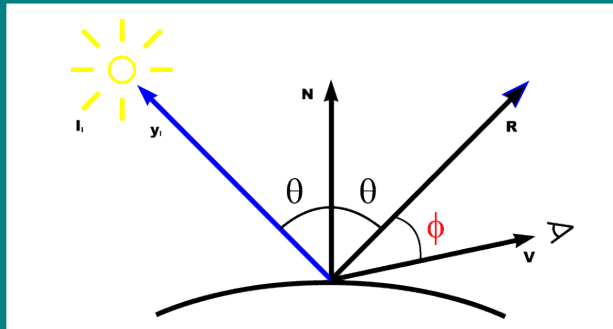
For specific wavelength  $\lambda$

$$I_{\text{spec}\lambda} = k_{s\lambda} I_\lambda \cos^n \phi$$

$$= k_{s\lambda} I_\lambda (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{V})^n$$

Not dependent on surface color  $\rightarrow$  white highlights

## Specular Reflection



For specific wavelength  $\lambda$

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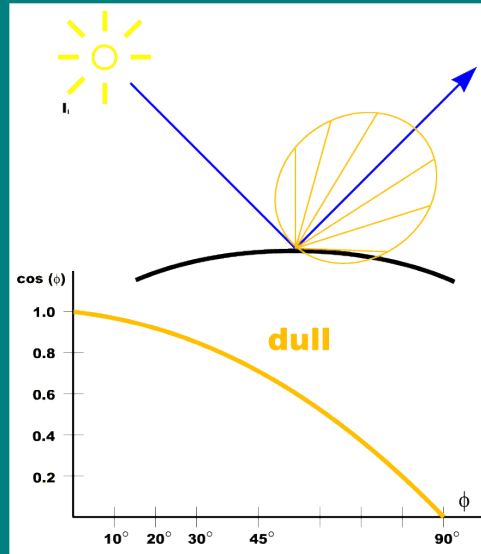
$$= k_{s\lambda} I_\lambda O_{s\lambda} (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{V})^n$$

Dependent on surface color  $\rightarrow$  colored highlights



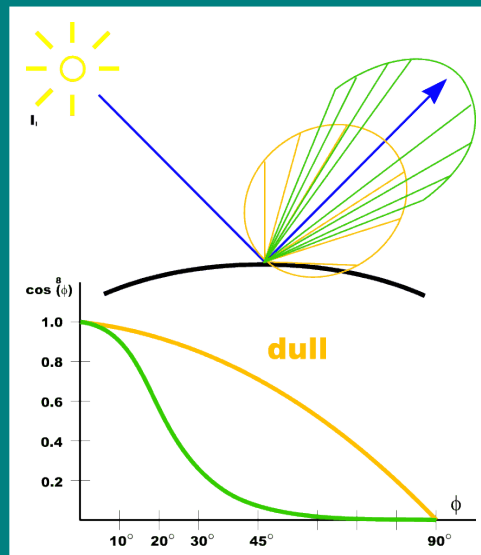
## Specular Reflection

- Dull highlights
  - Gradual falloff
  - Approximated by  $\cos \phi$



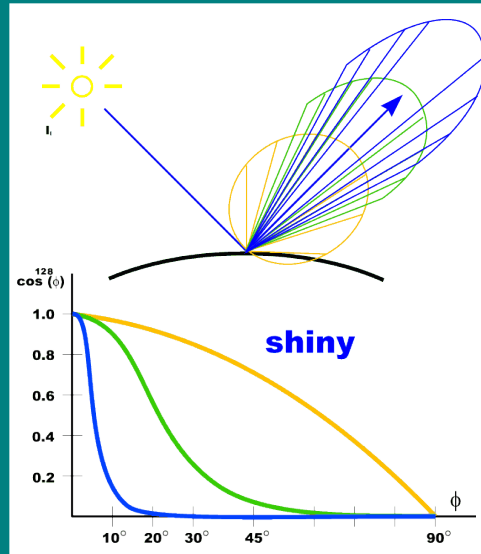
## Specular Reflection

- Glossy highlights
  - Steeper falloff
  - Approximated by  $\cos^8 \phi$



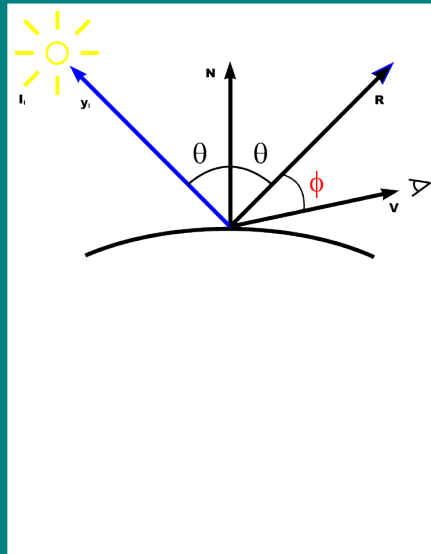
## Specular Reflection

- Shiny highlights
  - Steep falloff
  - Approximated by  $\cos^{128}\phi$



## Calculating the Reflection Vector

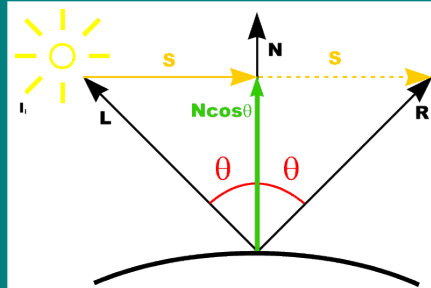
- Specular:
  - $I_{\text{spec}\lambda} = k_{s\lambda} I_{\lambda} O_{s\lambda} (R \cdot V)^n$
- Have L, want R



## Calculating the Reflection Vector

- Mirror L about N

$$\begin{aligned} R &= N \cos\theta + S \\ &= 2N \cos\theta - L \\ &= 2N(N \cdot L) - L \end{aligned}$$

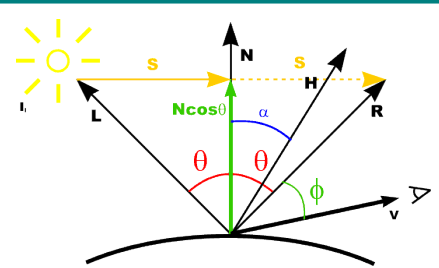


Where N, L are unit length  
Projection of L on N is  $N \cos \theta$   
 $S = N \cos \theta - L$

- $I_{\text{spec}\lambda} = k_{s\lambda} I_{\lambda} O_{s\lambda} (R \cdot V)^n$   
 $= k_{s\lambda} I_{\lambda} O_{s\lambda} (2N(N \cdot L) - L \cdot V)^n$

## Calculating the Reflection Vector

- Alternatively: use halfway vector H
  - $H = (L + V) / |L + V|$
- Maximum highlight when  $H = N$  (because then  $R = V$ )
  - $I_{\text{spec}} = k_s I_l (H \cdot N)^n$
  - $H \cdot N = \cos \alpha$
- Two methods can give different results  $\alpha \neq \phi$



## Combined Model

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{total}} &= I_{\text{amb}} + I_{\text{diff}} + I_{\text{spec}} \\ &= k_a I_a + k_d I_i (N \cdot L) + k_s I_i (N \cdot H)^n \end{aligned}$$

Multiple lights:

$$= k_a I_a + \sum (k_d I_{li} (N \cdot L) + k_s I_{li} (N \cdot H)^n)$$

By wavelength (white highlights):

$$= k_a I_a O_{d\lambda} + \sum (k_d I_{li} (N \cdot L) O_{d\lambda} + k_s I_{li} (N \cdot H)^n)$$

By wavelength (colored highlights):

$$= k_a I_a O_{d\lambda} + \sum (k_d I_{li} (N \cdot L) O_{d\lambda} + k_s I_{li} (N \cdot H)^n O_{s\lambda})$$

By wavelength (more metallic highlights):

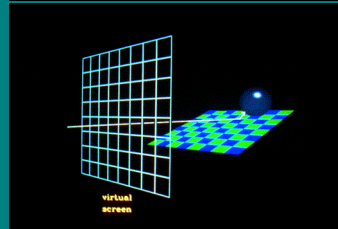
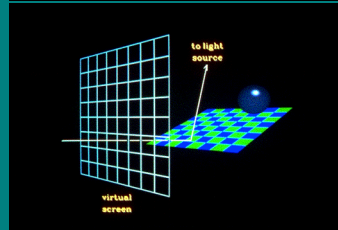
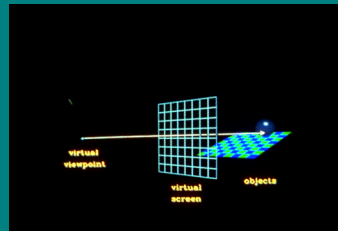
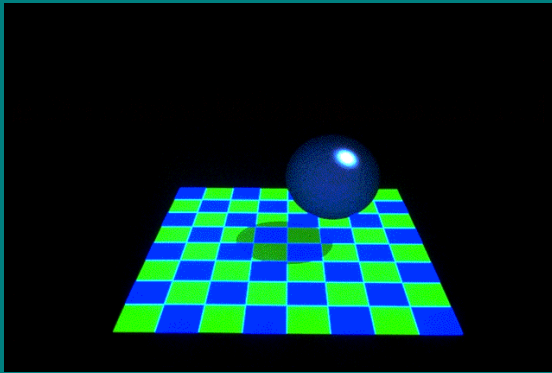
$$= k_a I_a O_{d\lambda} + \sum (k_d I_{li} (N \cdot L) O_{d\lambda} + k_s(\lambda, \theta) I_{li} (N \cdot H)^n O_{s\lambda})$$

## Basic Raytracing Program

```
{
  for each pixel (x, y) do {
    compute viewing ray
    if (ray hit an object with t>0) then {
      compute n
      evaluate shading model
      set pixel to that color
    }
    else
      set pixel color to background color
  }
}
```

## Effects

- Visibility
- Illumination
- Shadow

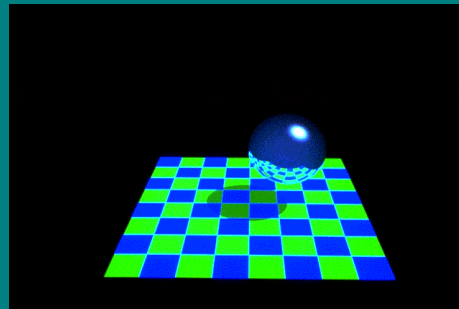
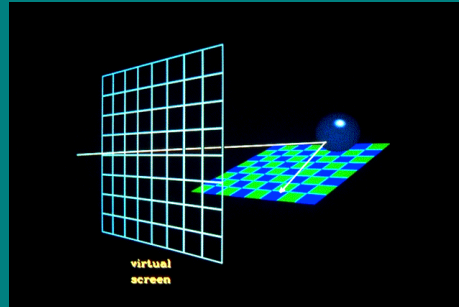


## Shadow Algorithm

```
Function raycolor(ray e+td, real t0, real t1)
{
  hit-record rec, srec
  if (scene->hit(e+td, t0, t1) then {
    p = e+(rec.t)d
    color c = rec.ka*Ia
    if (not scene->hit(p+s1, ε, ∞, srec) then {
      vector h = unit(unit(l)+unit(-d))
      c = c + rec.kd*I*max(0,rec.n•l) +
        rec.ks*I(rec.n•h)rec.p
    }
    return c
  }
  else
    return background color
}
```

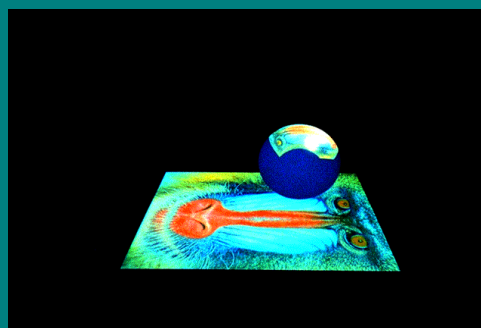
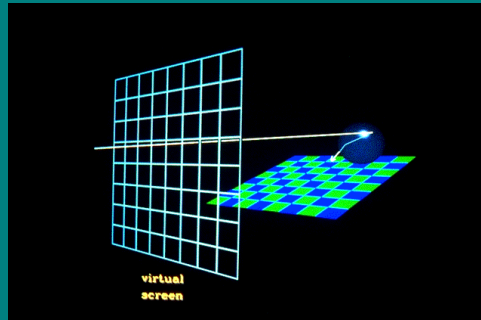
## Effects

- Reflection
  - $r = d - 2(d \cdot n)n$
  - $d$  points from eye to surface
- Trace ray
  - $m = \text{raycolor}(p + sr, \epsilon, \infty)$
- Composite
  - $c = c + k_m m$



## Effects

- Refraction



How many  
bounces?

