

Computer Graphics

Lecture 8
Diffuse Shading
Mirror Reflection
Shadows

Announcements

- Some A1 stats:
 - Time since release: one week
 - Time to deadline: 5 days
 - Office hours remaining before deadline: 2
 - Questions in office hours so far: 1
 - Groups that hadn't created their github repo as of this morning: 8

A0 Artifact results are in...

- A 2-way tie for first place!

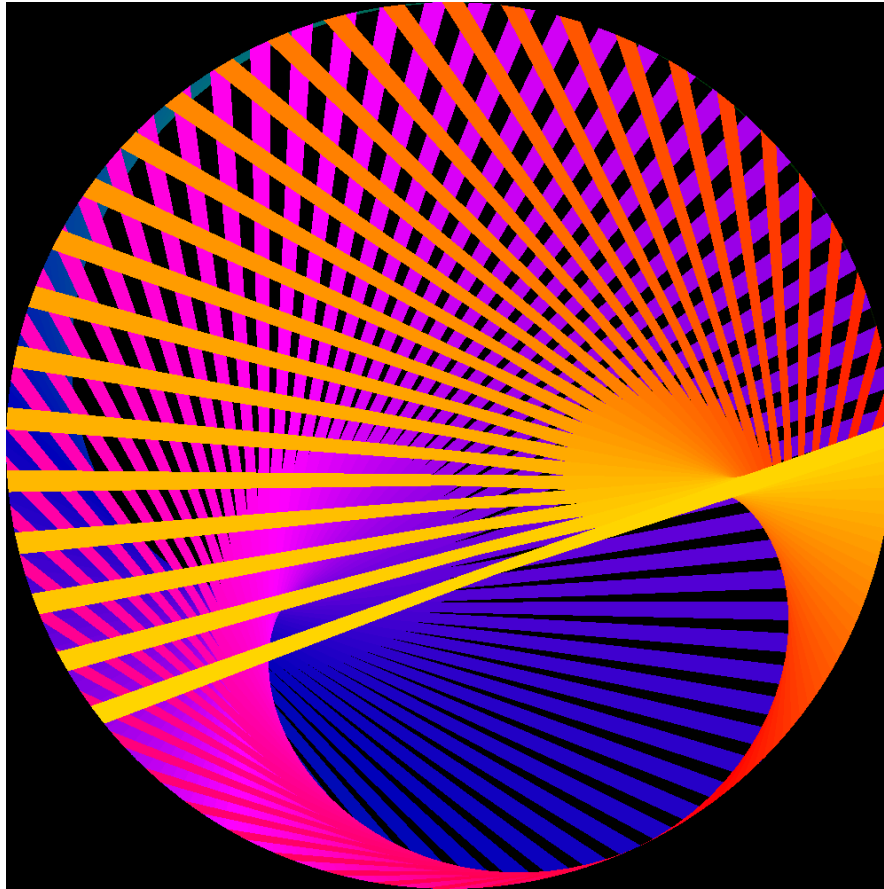
First Place

Alex Ayala!



Also First Place

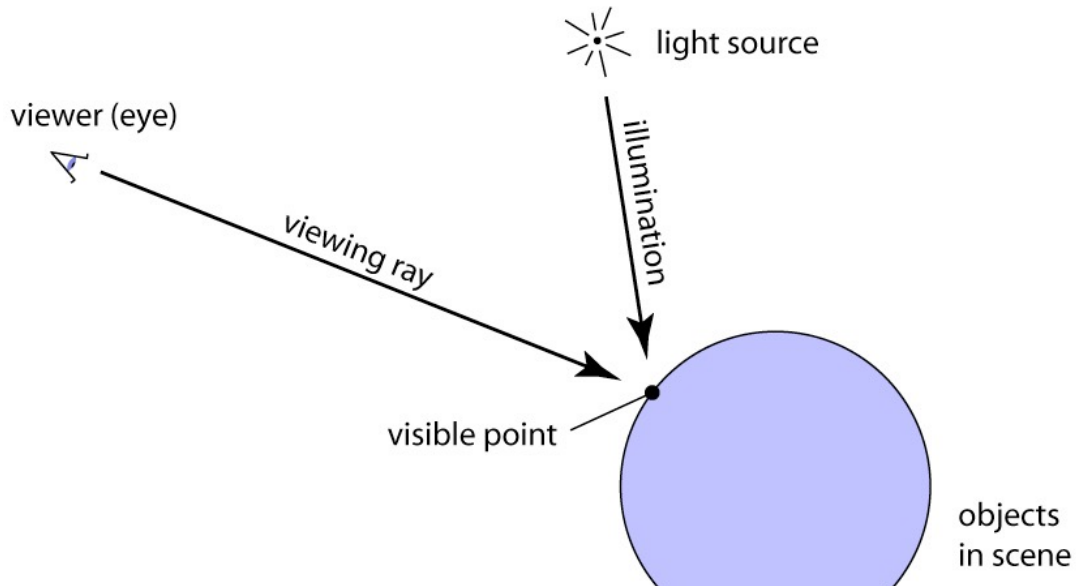
Raiden Van Bronkhorst!



Ray Tracing: Pseudocode

for each pixel:

- generate a viewing ray for the pixel
- find the closest object it intersects
- determine the color of the object



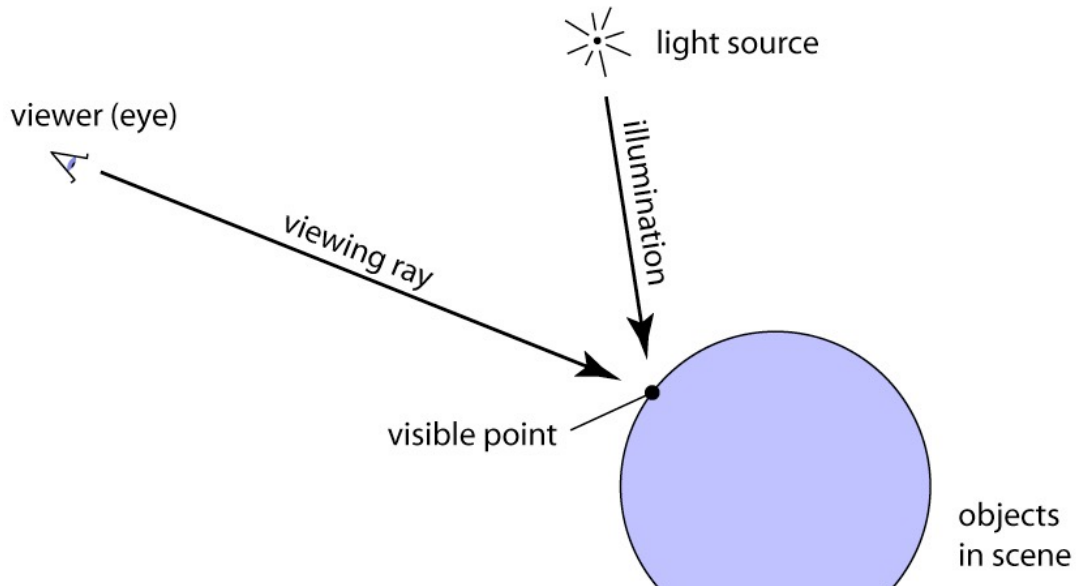
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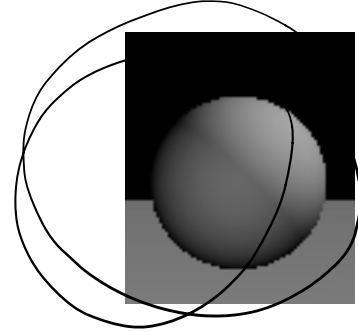
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Shading



What does the color of a pixel depend on?

material

color of object

intensity of light

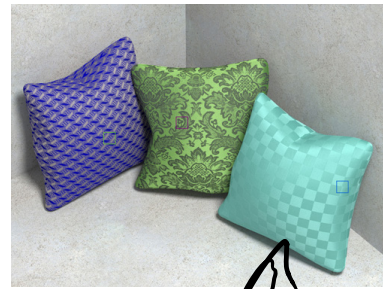
direction of light from surface

occlusions between surface and light?

surface normal

transparency/translucency → stuff shining thru?

Shading



What does the color of a pixel depend on?

Hint: think beyond matte gray spheres.

Wood? Velvet? Hair? Brushed stainless steel? Glass? Wax?

Shading

What does the color of a pixel depend on?

- surface normal



surface properties (color, shininess, ...)



light source

viewer (eye)



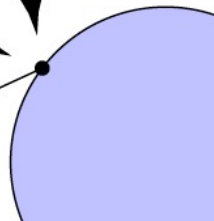
eye direction

viewing ray

illumination

visible point

light direction (for each light)



Shading

What does the color of a pixel depend on?

- surface normal *stored in or calculated from object*
- surface properties (color, shininess, ...) *stored in object*
- eye direction *calculated from viewing ray and intersection point*
- light direction (for each light) *calculated from light and intersection point*

Ray-Sphere: Code Sketch

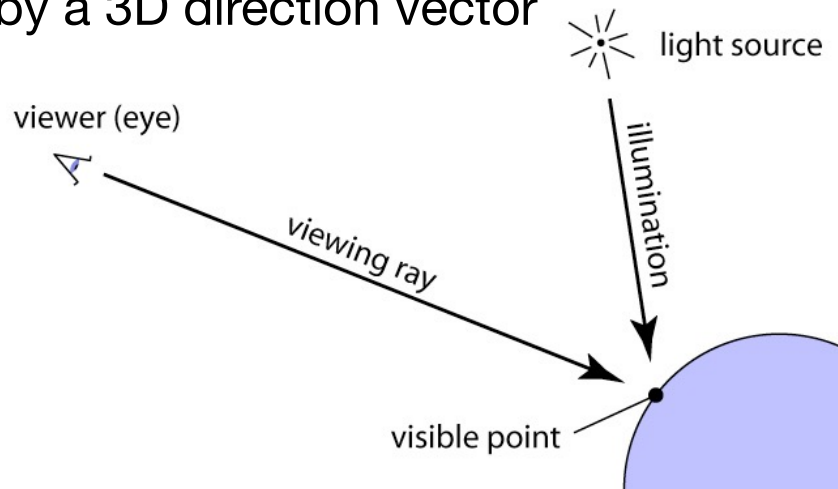
```
function ray_intersect(ray, sphere, tmin, tmax):
```

- Use last lecture's math to find $\pm t$
- If no real solutions, return `nothing`
- Otherwise, return closest t that lies between `tmin` and `tmax`
- Also return info needed for shading - store in a `HitRecord` struct.

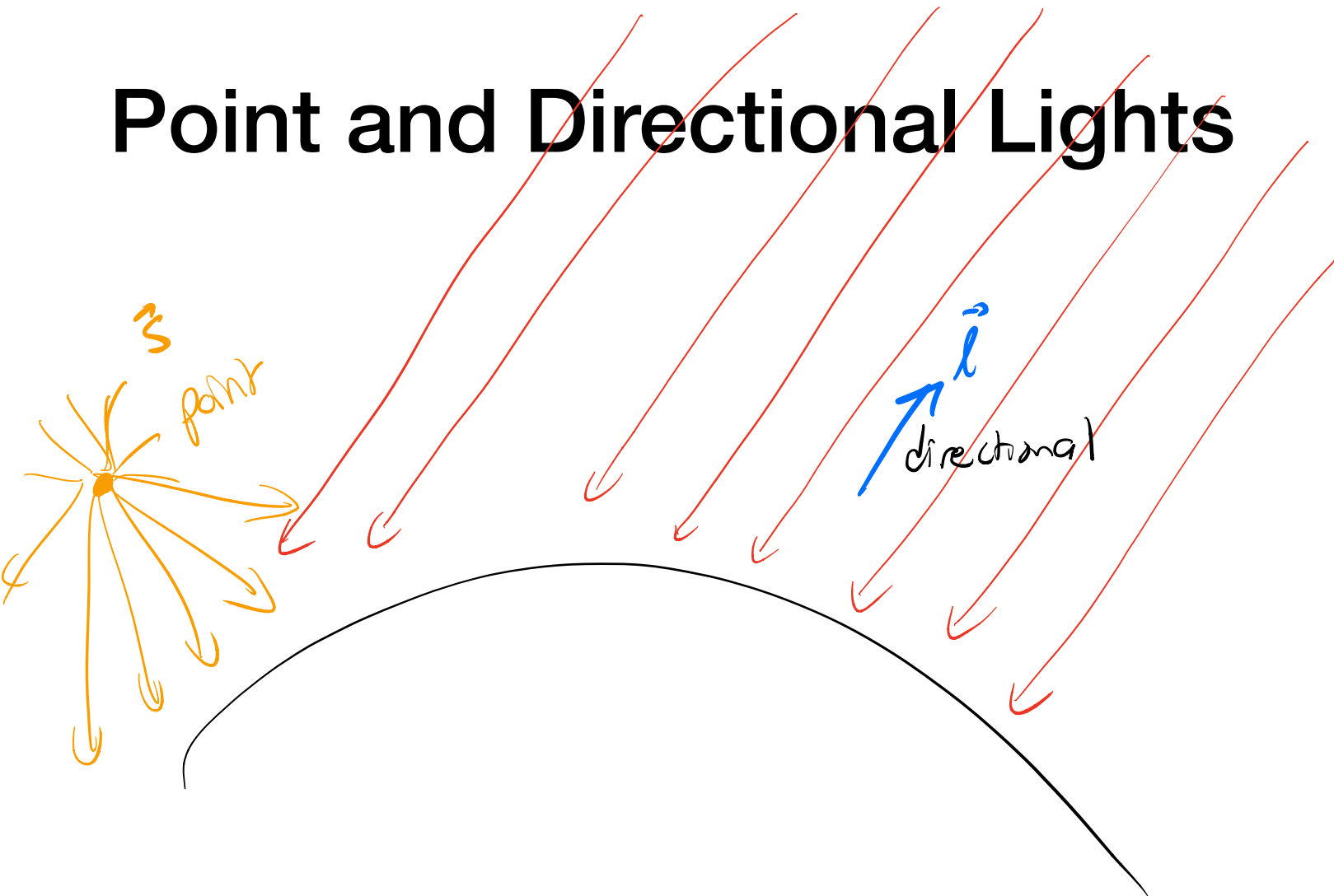
In A2: t, intersection point, normal, texture coordinate, object

Light Sources

- Where does light come from?
- Two simple kinds of sources:
 - point source: defined by a 3D position
 - directional source: defined by a 3D direction vector
- ...many other possibilities!

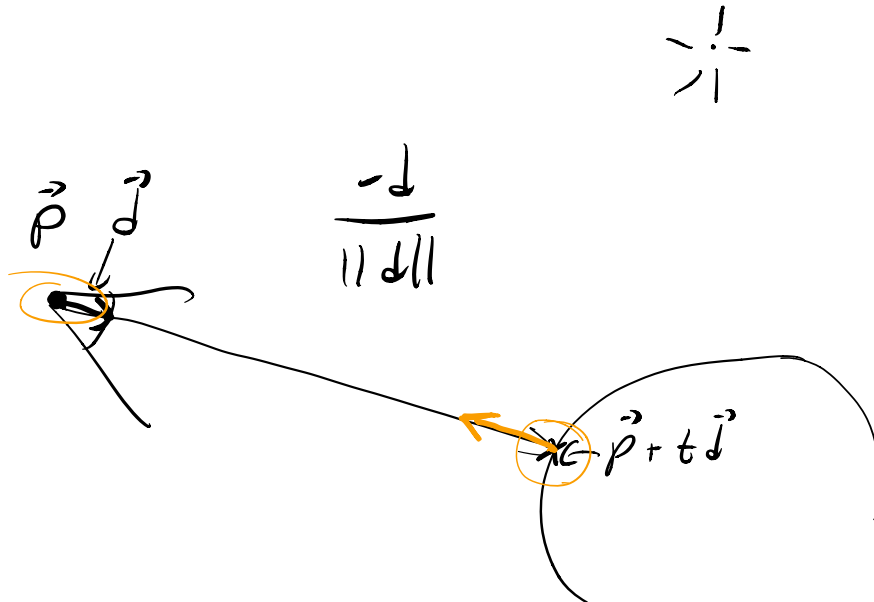


Point and Directional Lights



Problems 1-2: Eye Direction and Light Direction

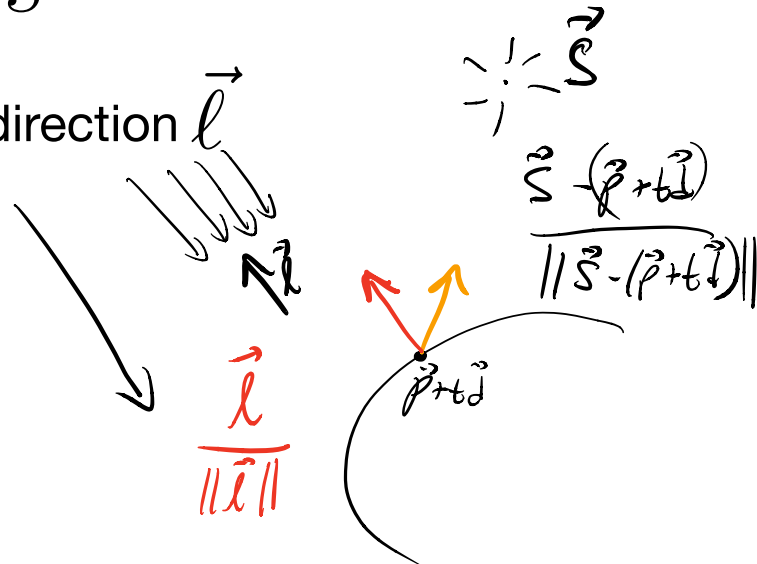
Given a viewing ray $(\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{d})$ and the t at which it intersects a surface, find a unit vector giving the direction from the surface towards the viewer.



Light Sources: Exercise

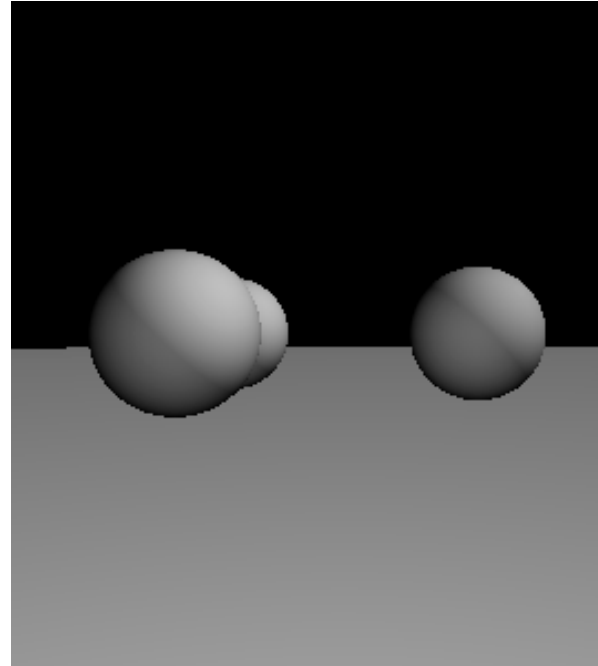
Given a ray $(\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{d})$ and the t at which it intersects a surface, calculate a unit vector giving the direction from the surface towards:

- a point light source at position \vec{S}
- a directional light source with direction \vec{l}

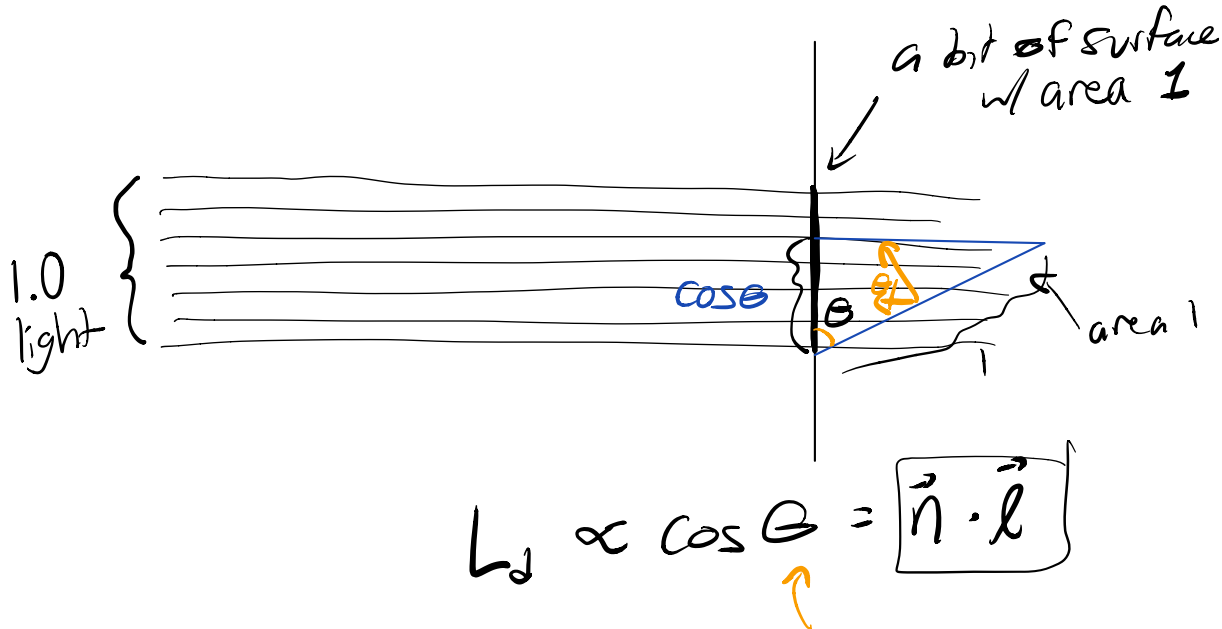


Diffuse (Lambertian) Reflection

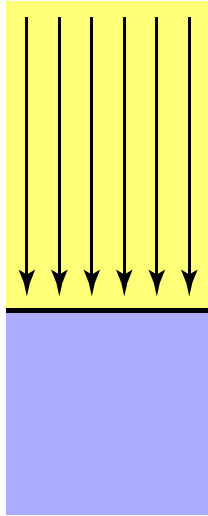
- On a *diffuse* surface, light scatters uniformly in all directions.
- No dependence on view direction.
- Many surfaces are approximately diffuse:
 - matte painted surfaces, projector screens,
 - anything that doesn't look "shiny"



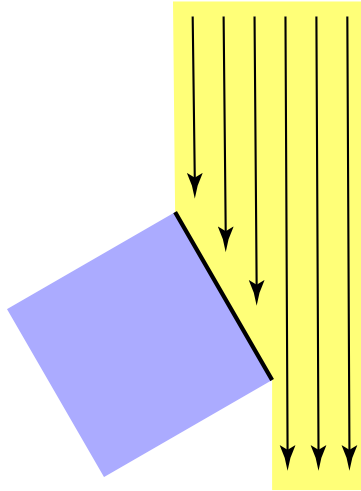
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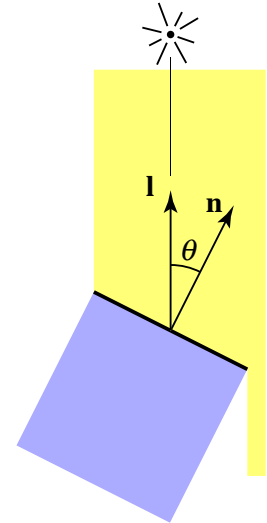
Diffuse (Lambertian) Reflection



The top face of a cube receives some amount of light.



Rotated 60° , the same face receives half the light.



Light per unit area is proportional to $\cos \theta = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{l}$

Highly recommended reading:

<https://ciechanow.ski/lights-and-shadows/>

Diffuse (Lambertian) Shading

- The full model:

$$L_d = k_d I \max(0, \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\ell})$$

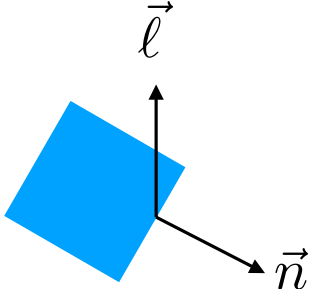
diffusely reflected light

diffuse coefficient

light intensity

why max?

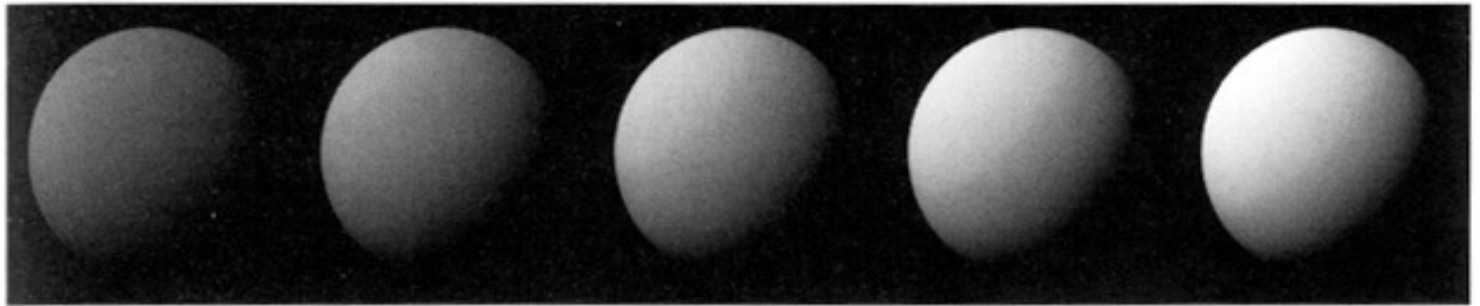
Surface color



The diagram shows a blue square representing a surface. A vector \vec{n} (normal) points upwards and to the right from the center of the square. A vector $\vec{\ell}$ (light direction) points upwards from the center of the square. The angle between \vec{n} and $\vec{\ell}$ is acute, illustrating the dot product $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\ell}$.

Diffuse (Lambertian) Shading

$$L_d = k_d I \max(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\ell})$$



[Foley et al.]

k_d →

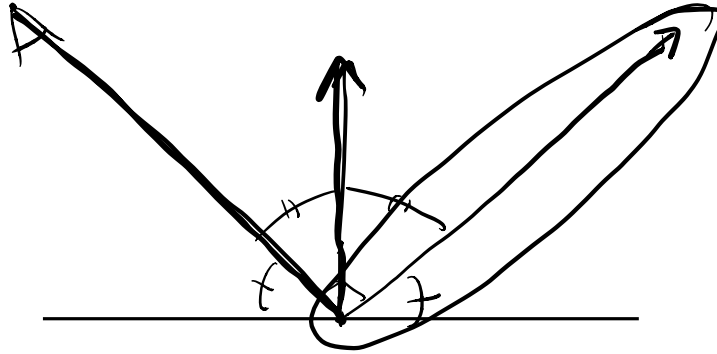
For colored objects, k_d is a 3-vector of R, G, and B reflectances.

Let's talk shinies.



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How does a mirror interact with light?

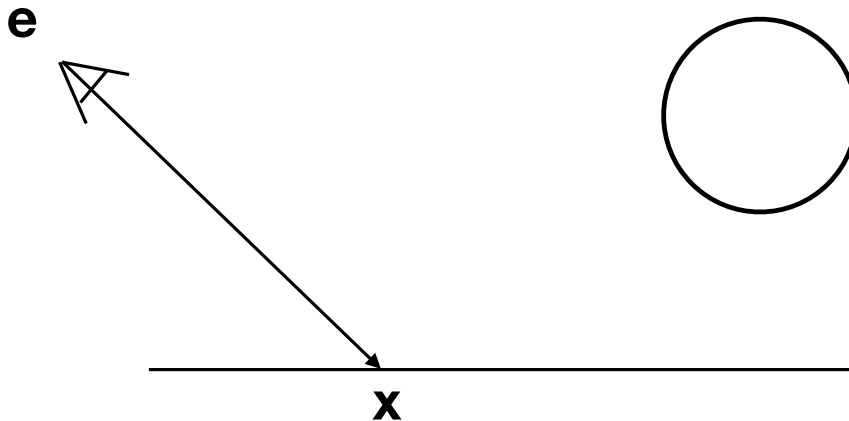


Problems 3-4: Diffuse and Mirror Reflection

Mirror Reflection



What does a camera see when it looks at a mirror?



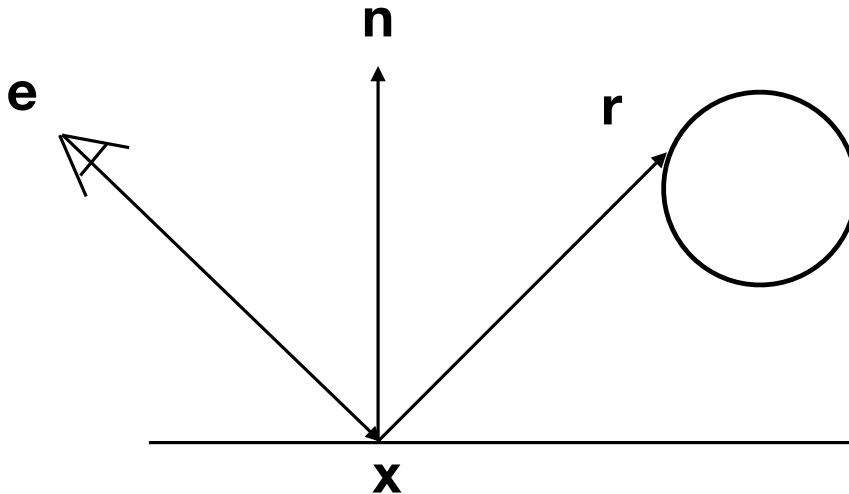
Can we do this using the tools we already have?

(Problem 4)

Mirror Reflection



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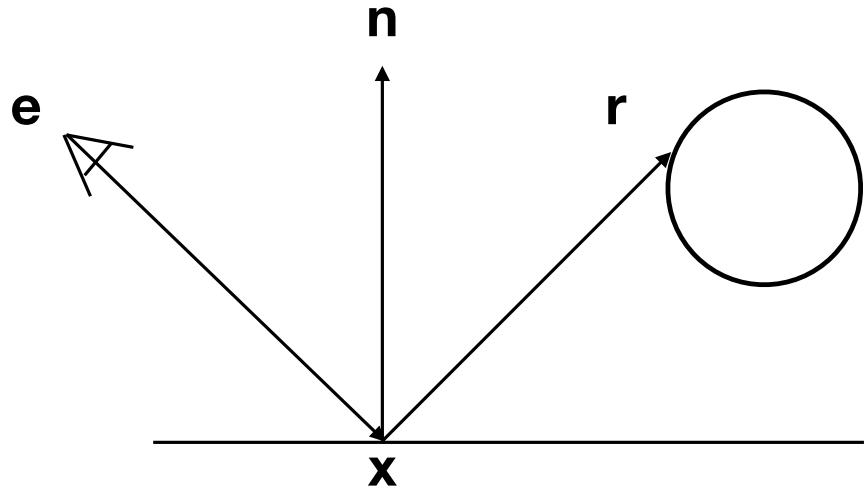
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```
find_intersection(ray, scene)
```

Mirror Reflection



What does a camera see when it looks at a mirror?



```
compute  $\mathbf{r}$ 
```

```
ray = Ray( $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}$ )
```

```
find_intersection(ray, scene)
```

Recursion!?

```
traceray(ray, scene):  
    t, rec = find_intersection(ray, scene)  
    if rec.obj is a mirror:  
        compute r, the reflection direction  
        mirror_ray = Ray(rec.x, r)  
        return traceray(mirror_ray, scene)  
    # other cases, ...
```