

# Computer Graphics

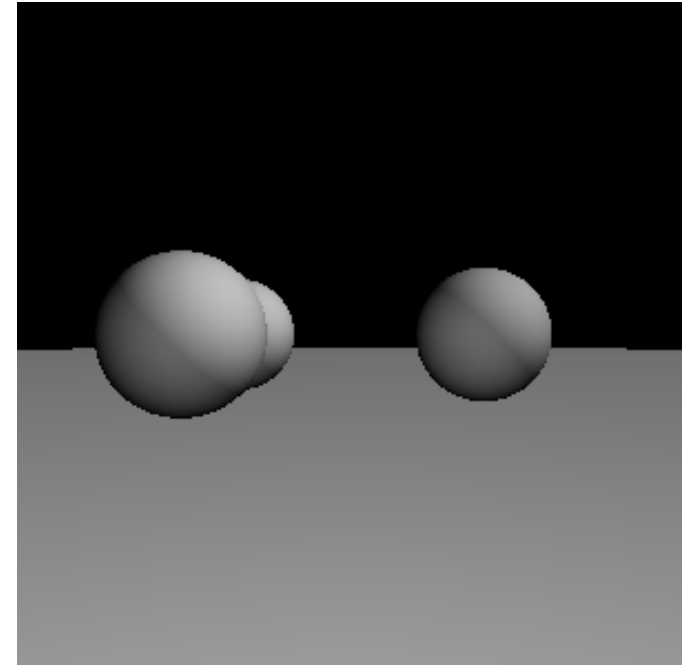
Lecture 10A  
**Mirror Reflection**

# Goals

- Be prepared to implement **mirror-reflective surfaces** in the ray tracing framework.

# Diffuse Reflection

- Quite physically accurate for Lambertian surfaces
- Many surfaces are (close to) Lambertian
- Many others aren't!

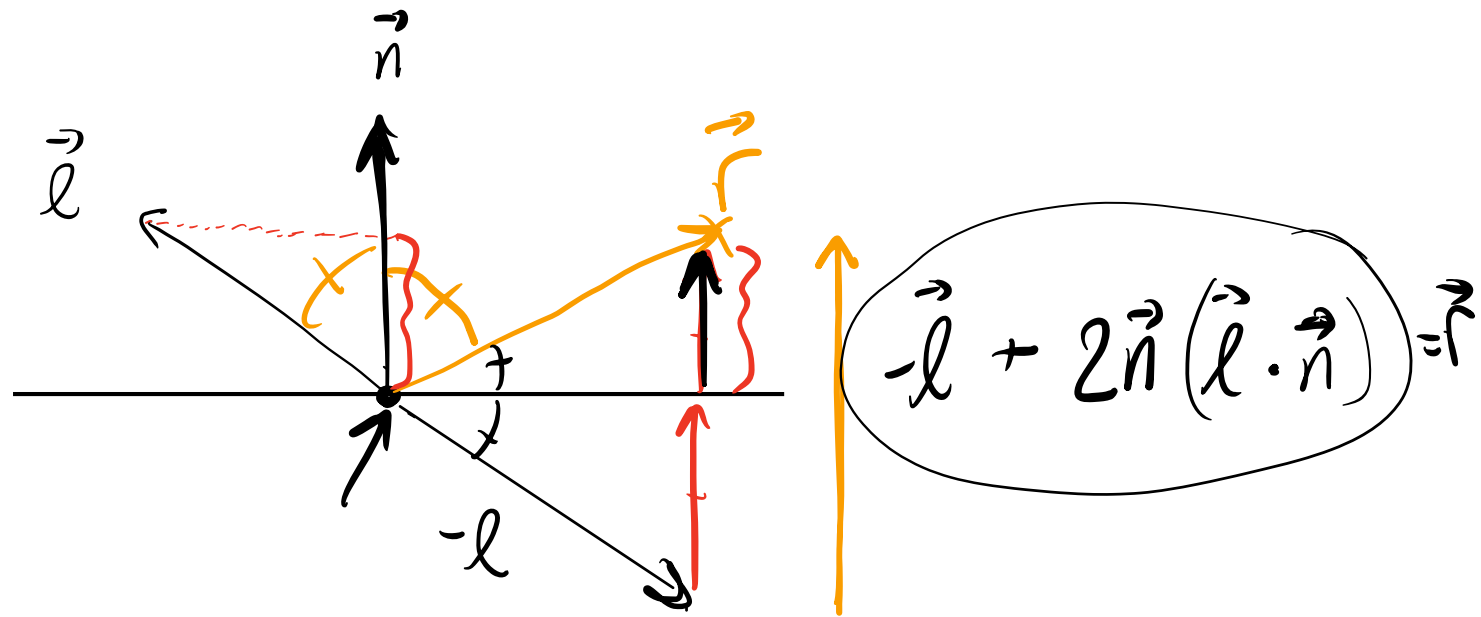


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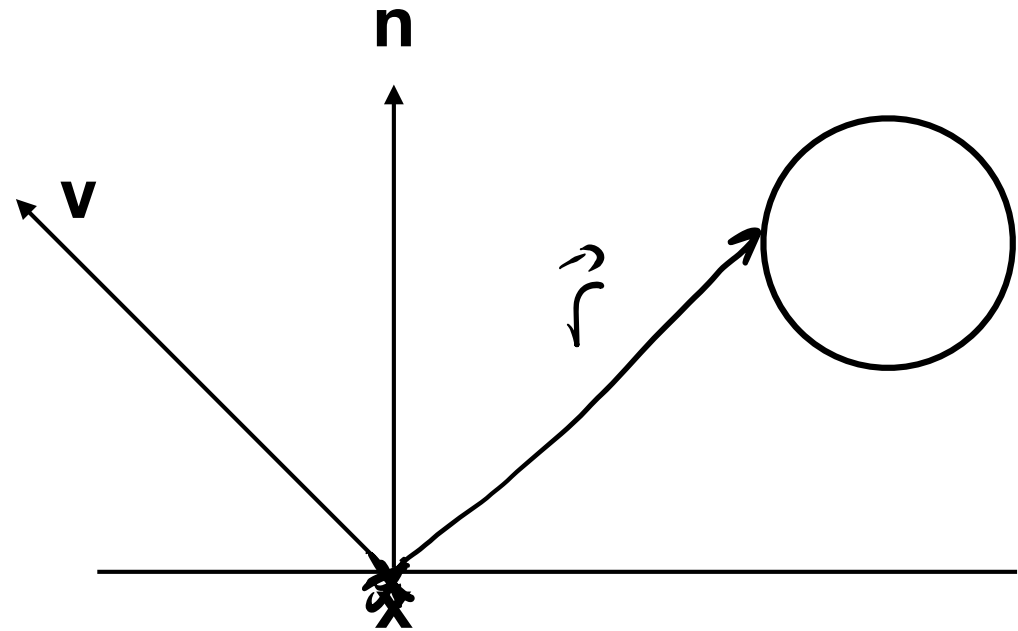
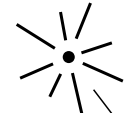
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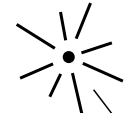


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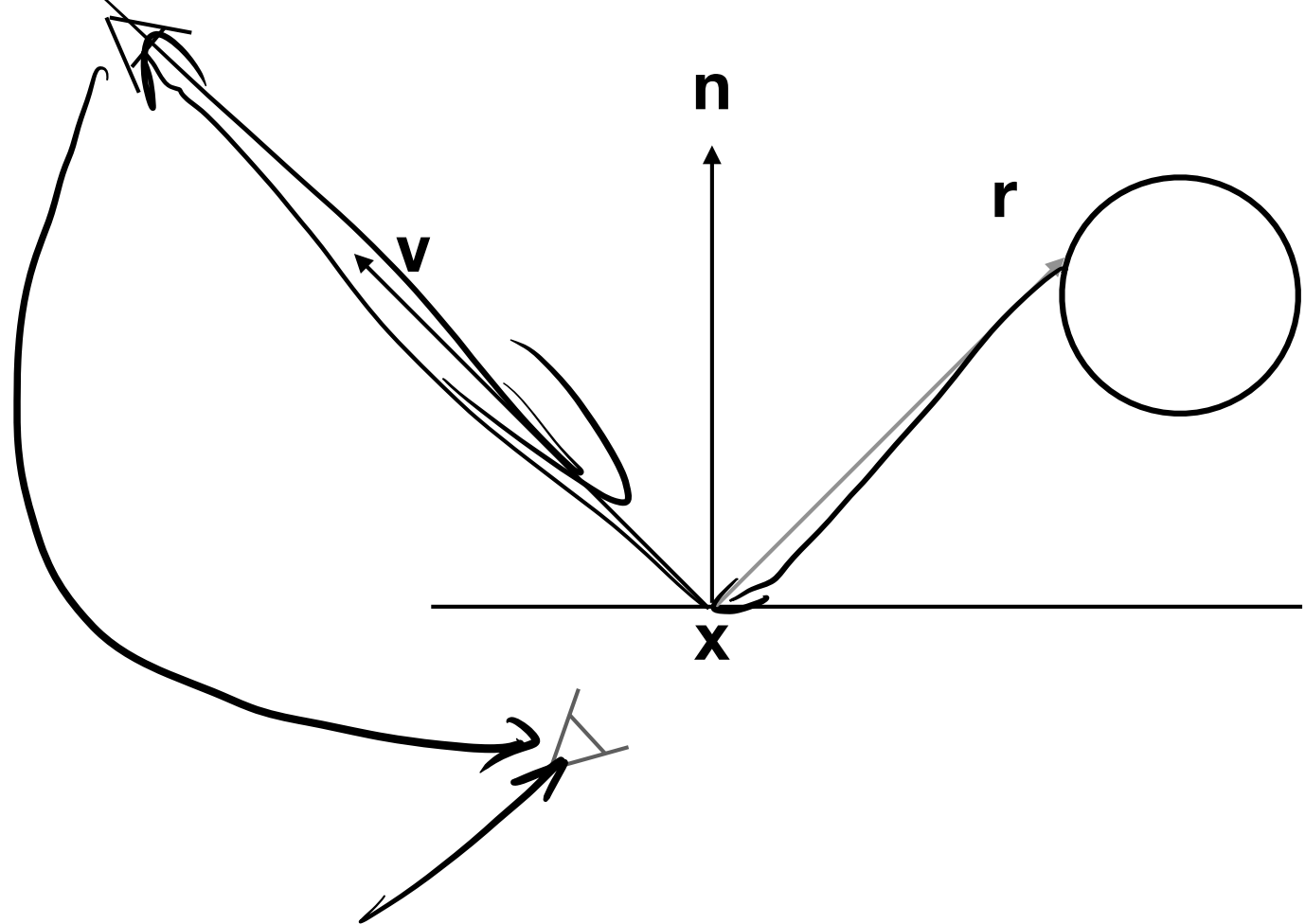
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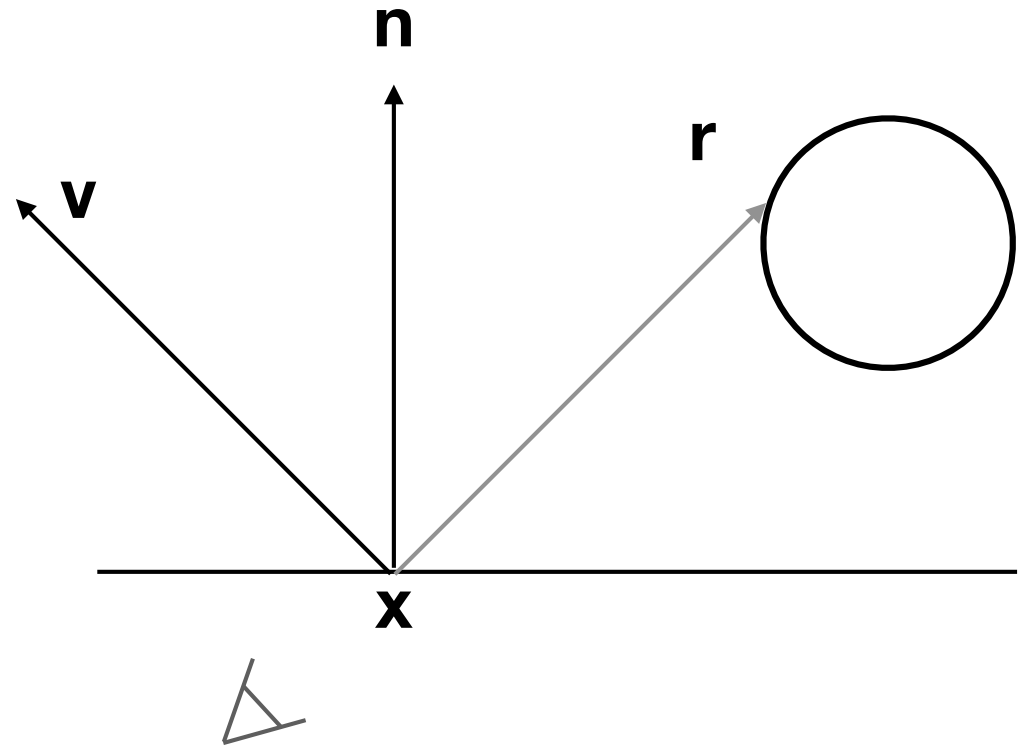
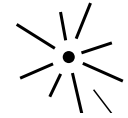


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Can we do this using the tools we already have?

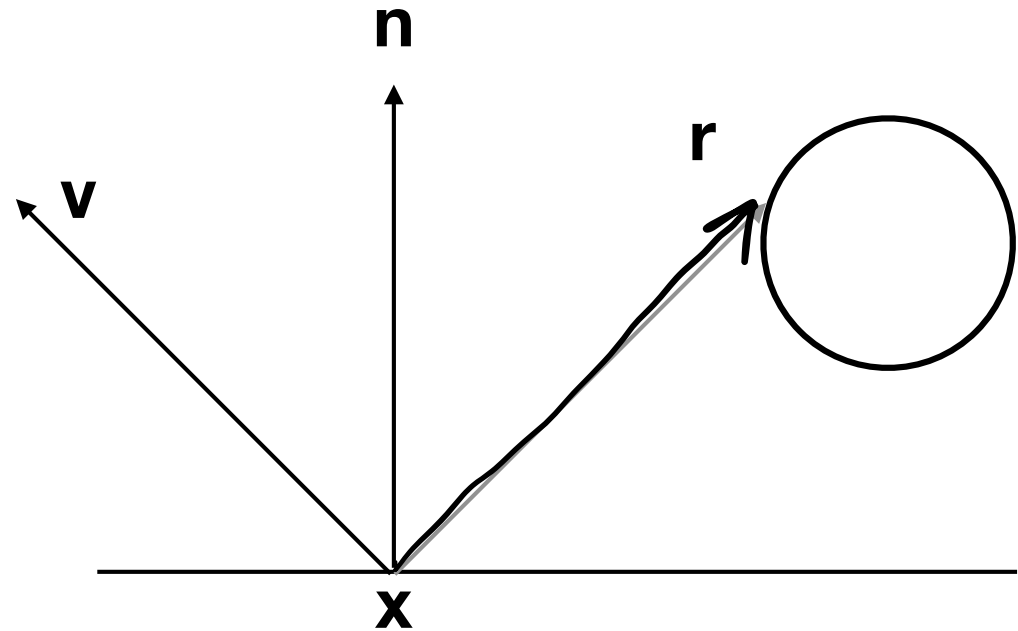


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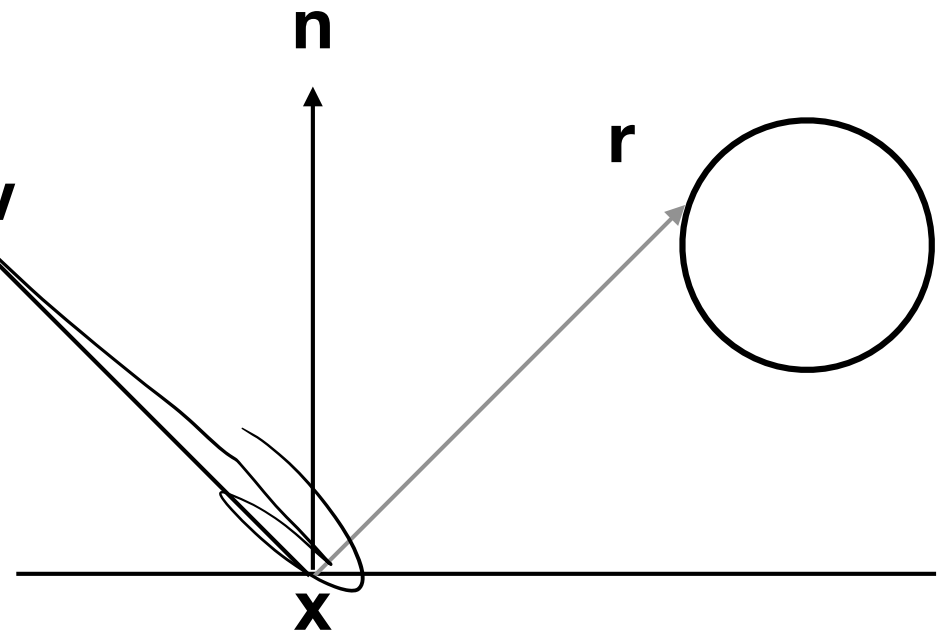
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color = traceray(scene, mirr_ray):
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# Mirror case in traceray

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function 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, ...
```