# Lighting and Shading

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# Why we need shading

- Suppose we build a model of a red sphere
- We get something like



• But we want





#### • Why does a real sphere look like this?



# Shading - lighting



#### Shading - material properties



## Shading - viewing location



#### What if I move?

#### Shading - surface orientation



# General rendering

- Based on physics

   conservation of energy

  Surfaces can
  - absorb light
    - emit light
    - reflect light
    - transmit light



## Idealized light sources





point light



directional light

# Ambient light

- Achieve uniform light level
- No shadows
- Same light level everywhere



# Point light

- $\bullet\,$  Light emitted from a point  ${\bf p}$
- Uniform in all directions
- Falls off with distance:  $\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x} \mathbf{p}\|^2} L$



# Point light - limitations



# Soft shadows



# Spotlight

- $\bullet\,$  Light emitted from a point  ${\bf p}$
- Emitted in a cone
- Brightest in middle of cone
- Falls off with distance





Spotlight



# Spotlight - exploring e



# Directional light

- Light source at infinity
- Rays come in parallel
- No falloff
- Characterized by direction



















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Avoid bug:  $I = LR\max(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}, 0)$ 

#### Ambient reflection

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

# Surfaces facing away from the light will be totally **black**



#### Ambient reflection

$$I = \frac{L_a R_a + L_d R_d \max(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}, 0)}{1}$$

All surfaces get the same amount of ambient light











Ambient + Diffuse + Specular = Phong

- Efficient
- Reasonably realistic
- 3 components
- 4 vectors





Ambient + Diffuse + Specular = Phong

$$I = I_a + I_d + I_s$$
  
=  $R_a L_a + R_d L_d \max(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}, 0) + R_s L_s \max(\cos \phi, 0)^{\alpha}$ 

#### Ambient reflection



$$I_a = R_a L_a \qquad \qquad 0 \le R_a \le 1$$

#### Diffuse reflection



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 $I_d = R_d L_d \max(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}, 0)$ 



#### Specular reflection



 $\mathbf{r}$  is the mirror reflection direction

#### Specular reflection



specular reflection is strongest in reflection direction

#### Specular reflection



specular reflection drops off with increasing  $\phi$ 





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