

# CS 130 : Computer Graphics

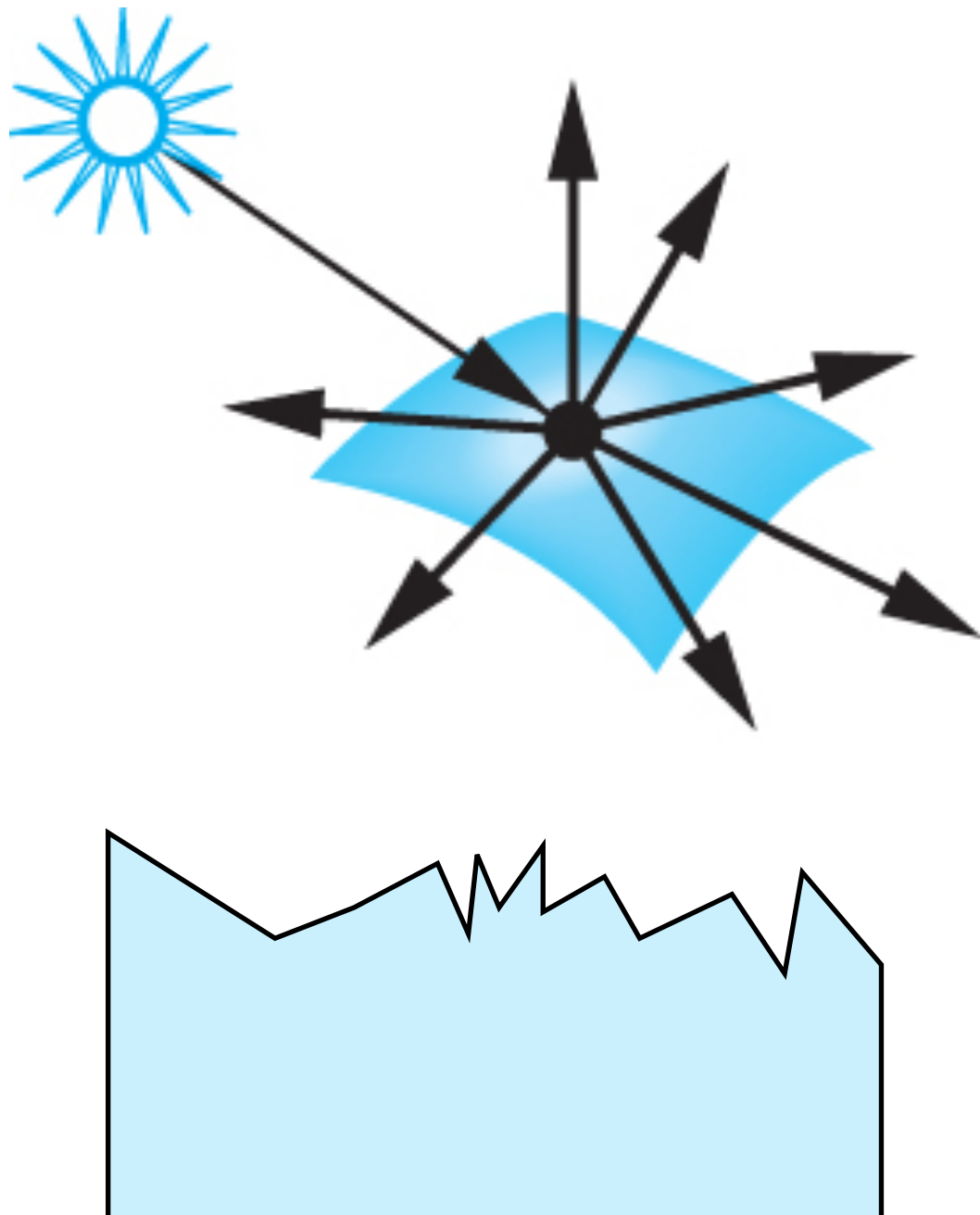
Lecture 13: Lighting and Shading (cont.)

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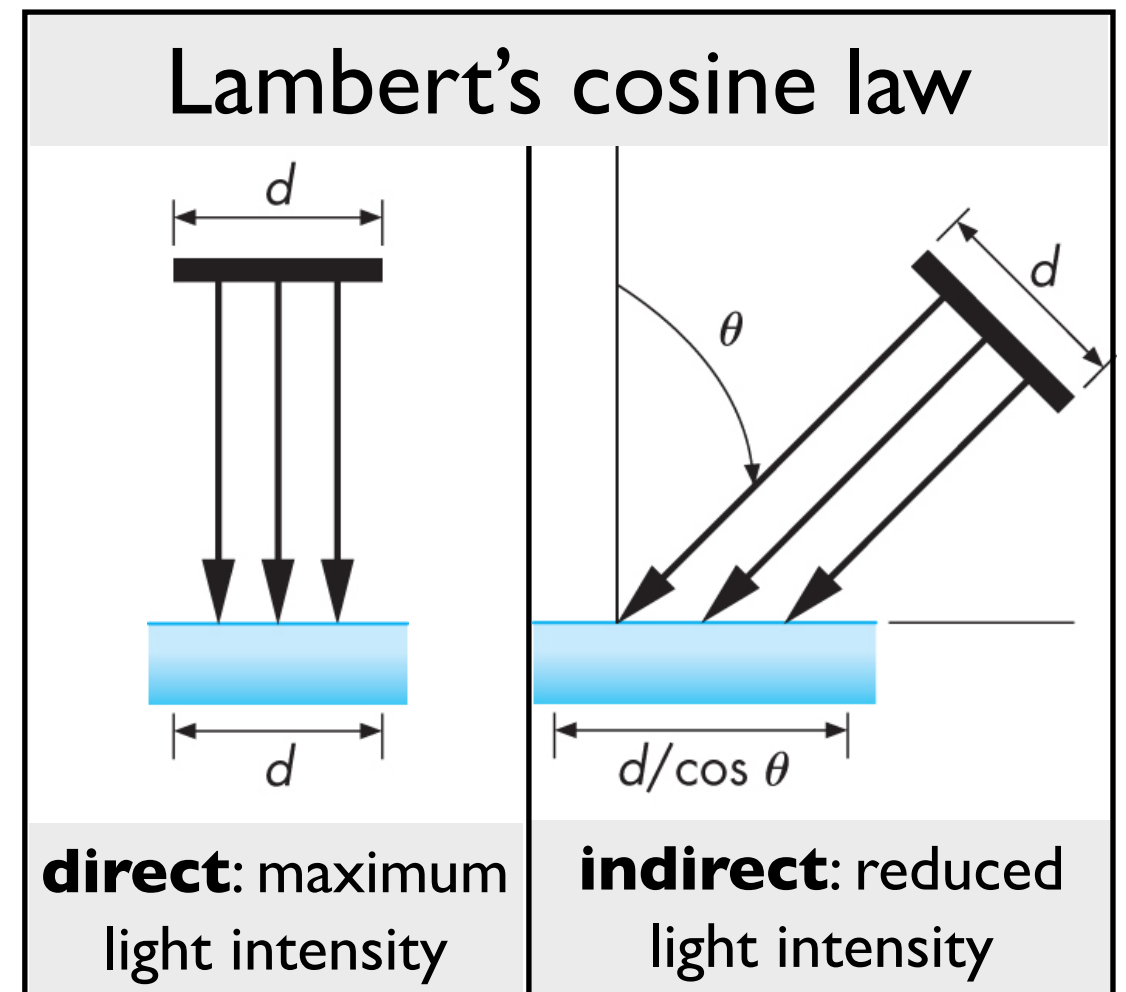
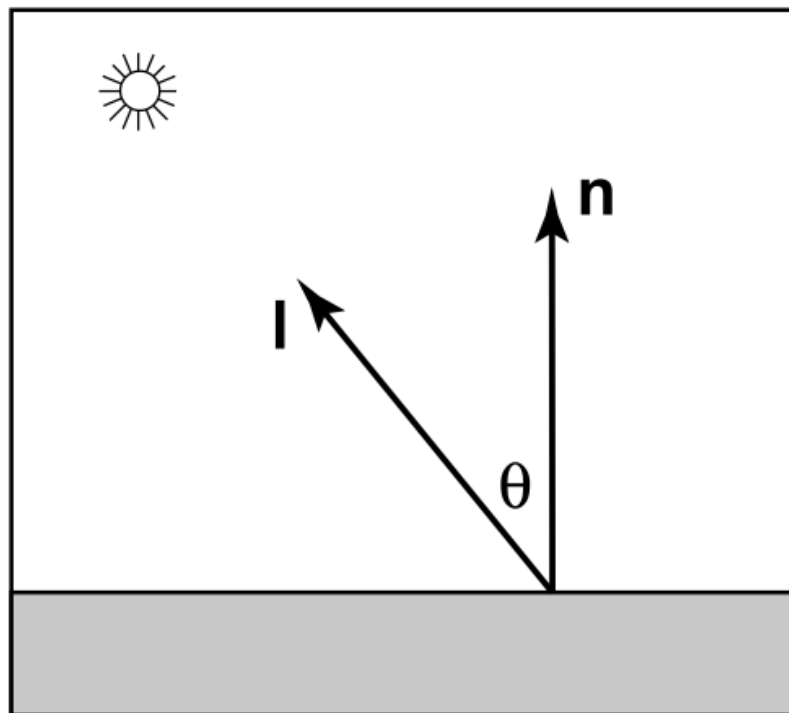
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# Lambertian Reflection Model



The **Lambertian reflection model** is good for **diffuse** surfaces (those with a rough surface). The bottom part of the vase could be rendered with the Lambertian reflection model, since it is matte in appearance. The top part of the vase is reflective and has specular highlights.

# Lambertian Reflection Model

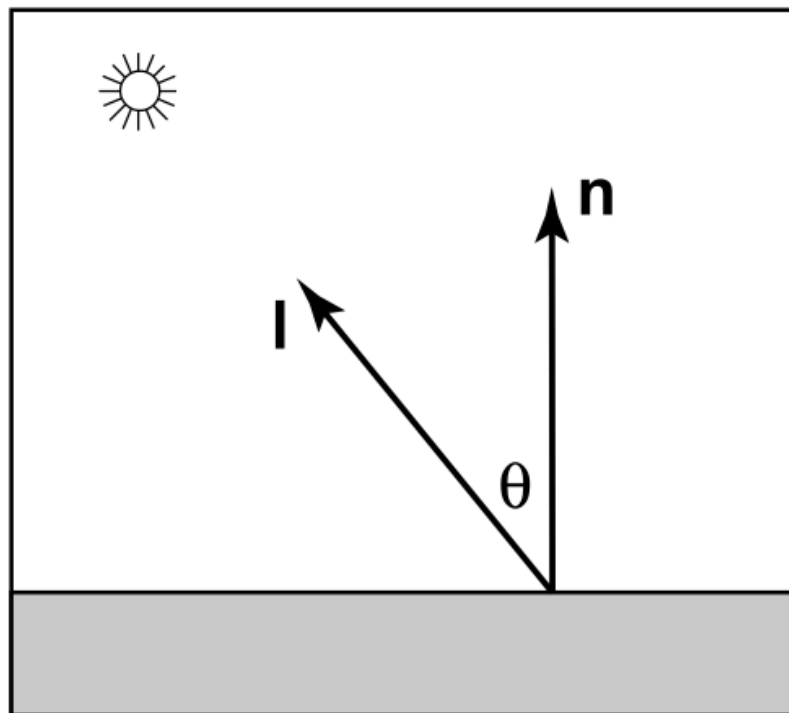


$$I \propto \cos \theta$$

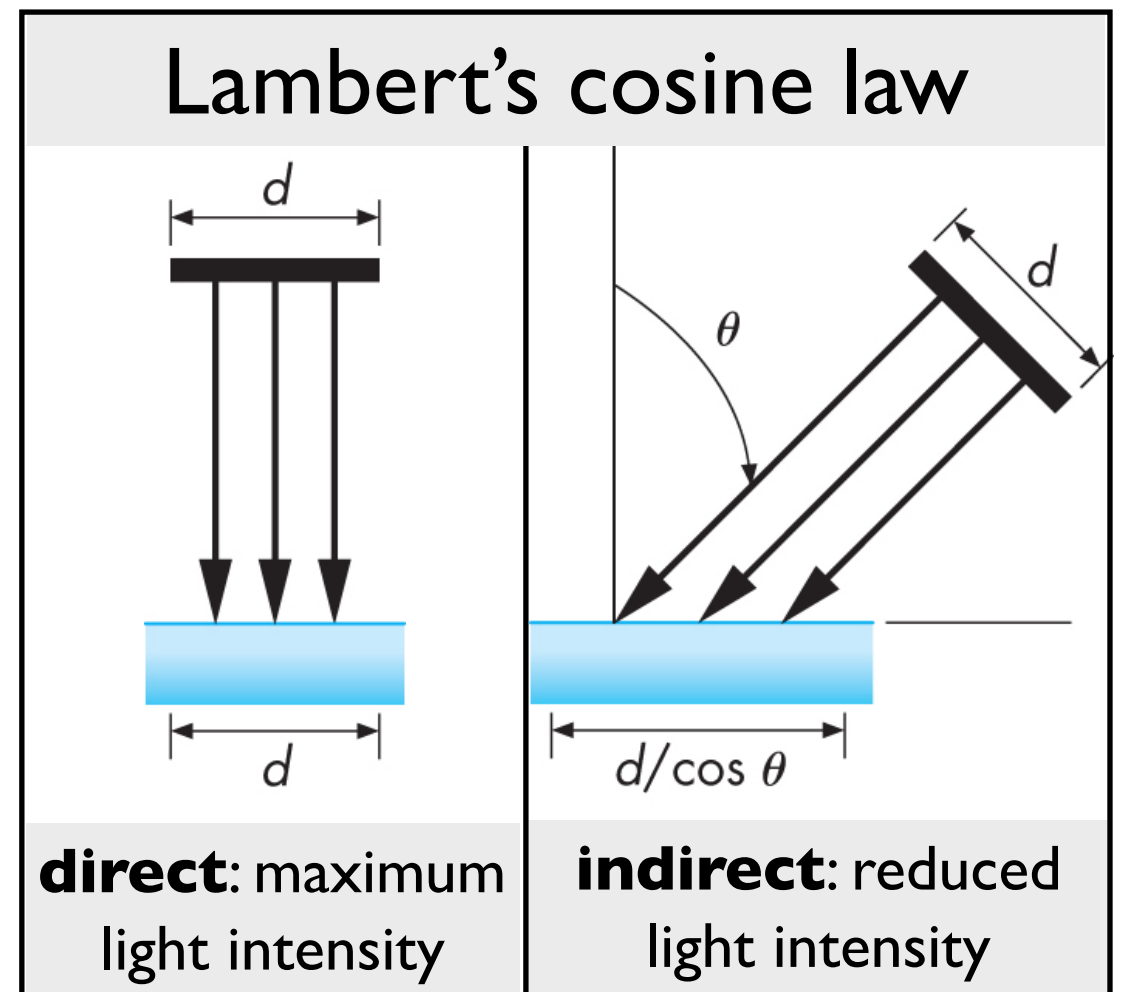
color intensity

Lambert's cosine law says that the color intensity should be proportional to the cosine of the angle between  $l$  and  $n$ . The light with length  $d$  has a certain amount of light energy associated with it. If the light is tilted relative to the surface, the same amount of light energy shines on **more** surface area. Therefore, the intensity of the light is less per unit surface area.

# Lambertian Reflection Model

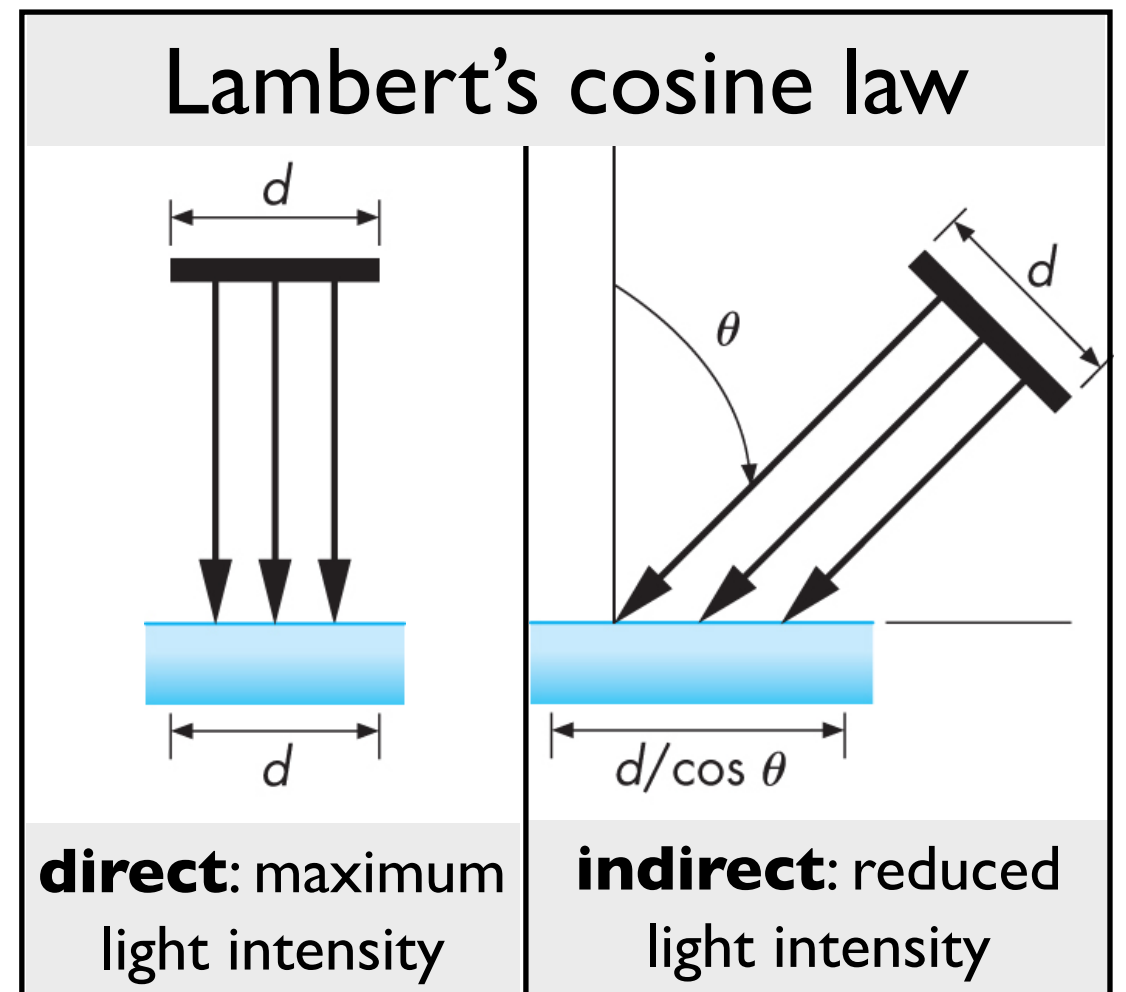
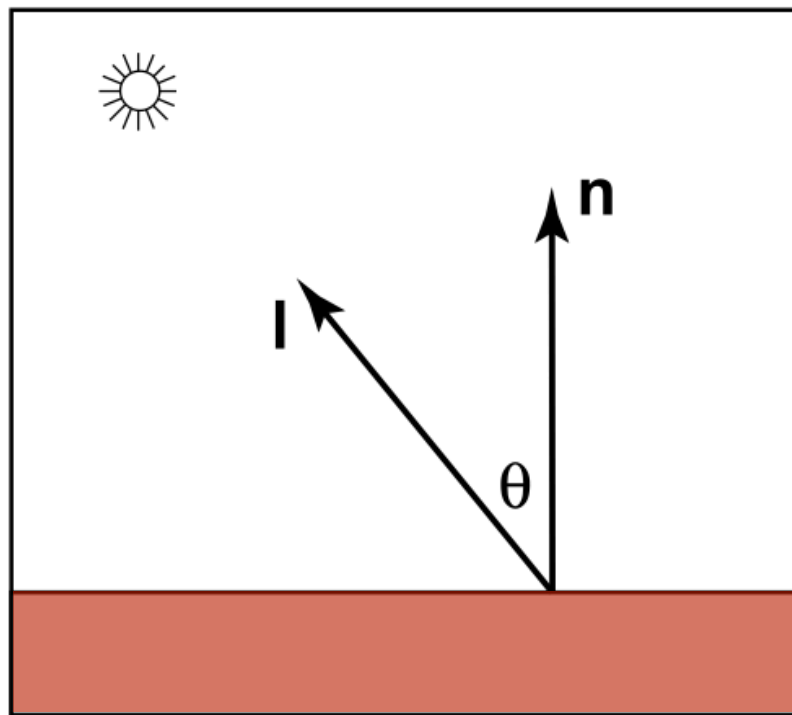


$$I \propto \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$$



$$\cos \theta = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$$

# Lambertian Reflection Model



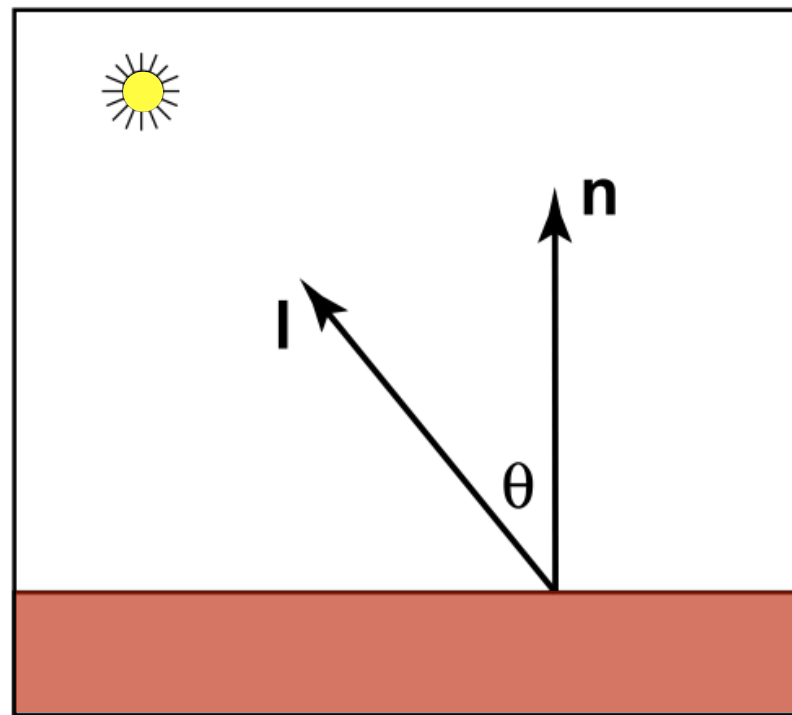
$$I \propto R \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}$$

color intensity

reflectance

the color intensity is also going to be proportional to the reflectance of the object in that color channel

# Lambertian Reflection Model

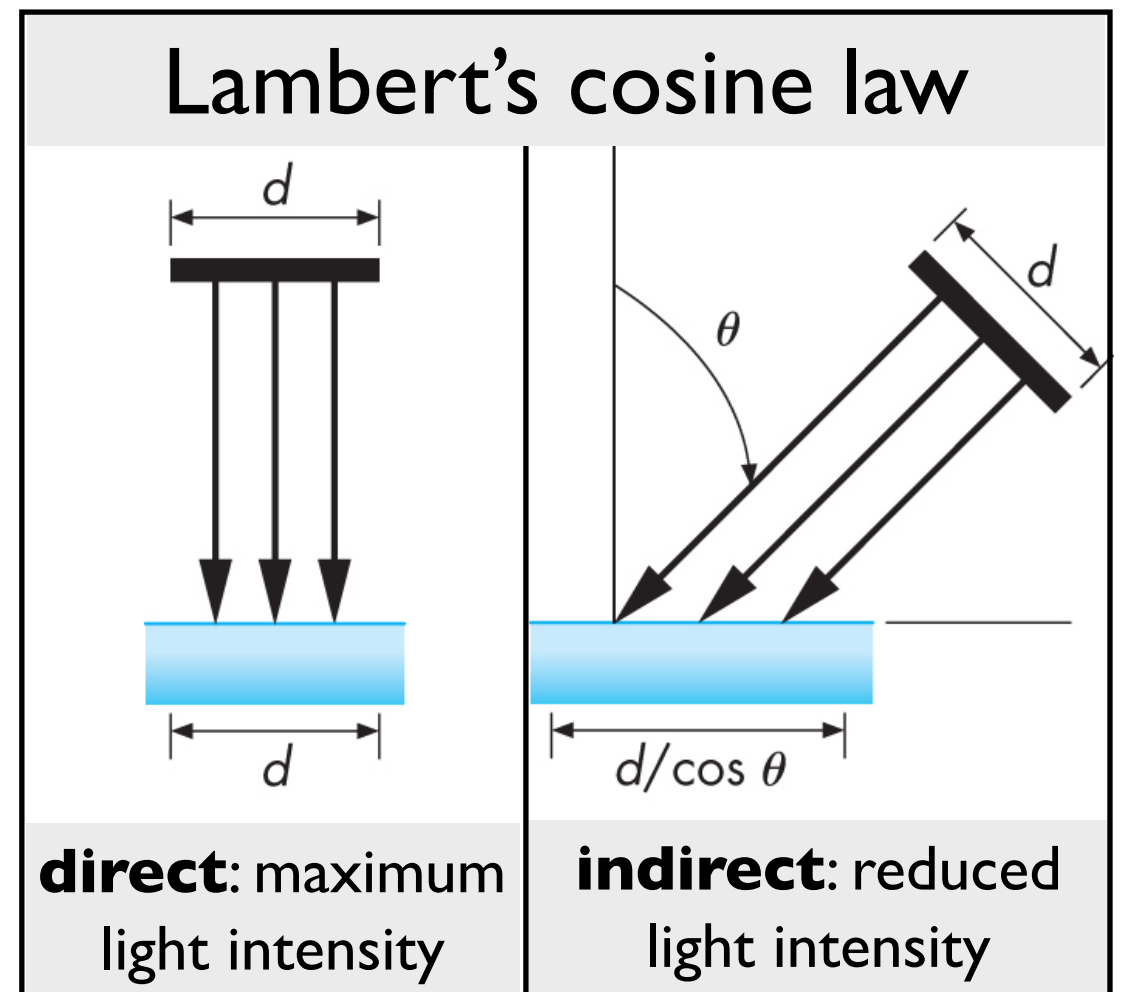


illumination

$$I = LR_n \cdot l$$

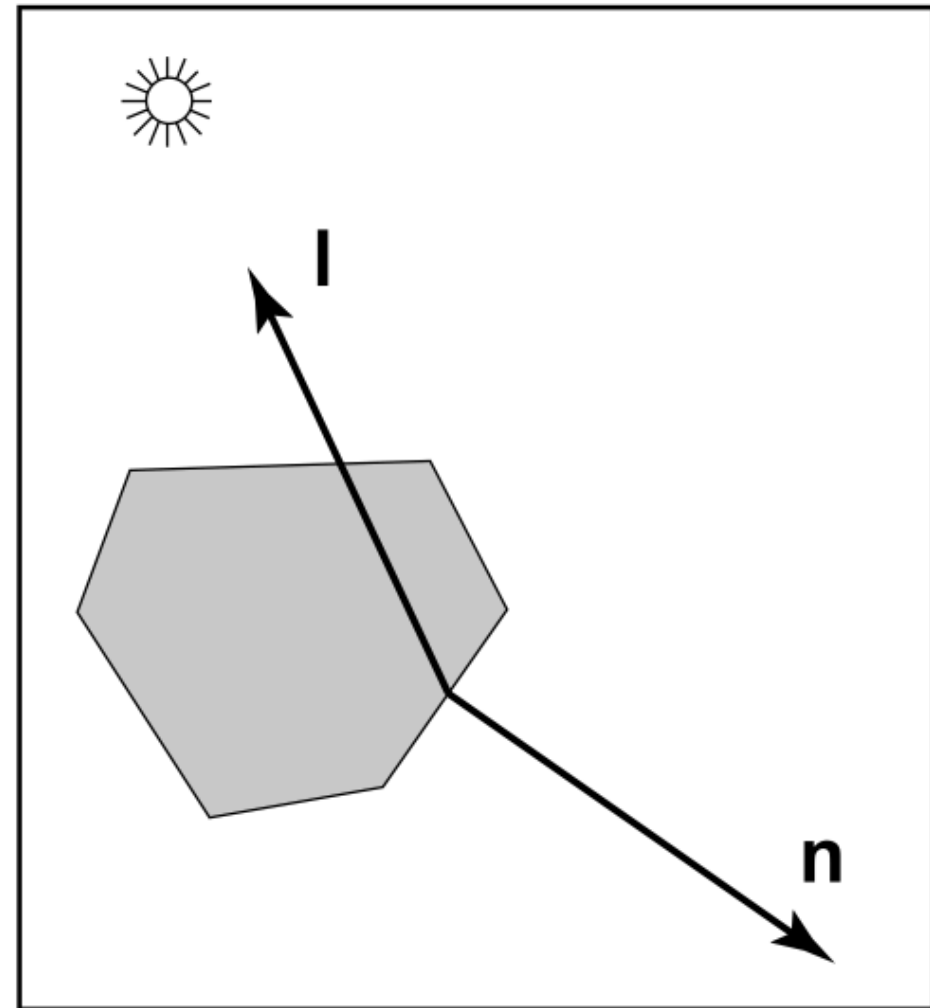
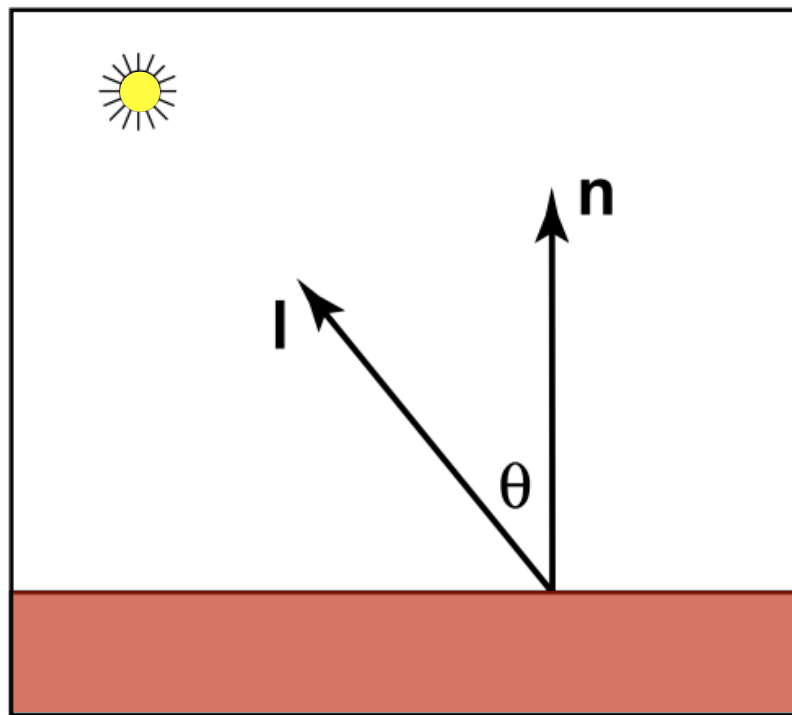
color intensity

reflectance



and it will be proportional to the light intensity

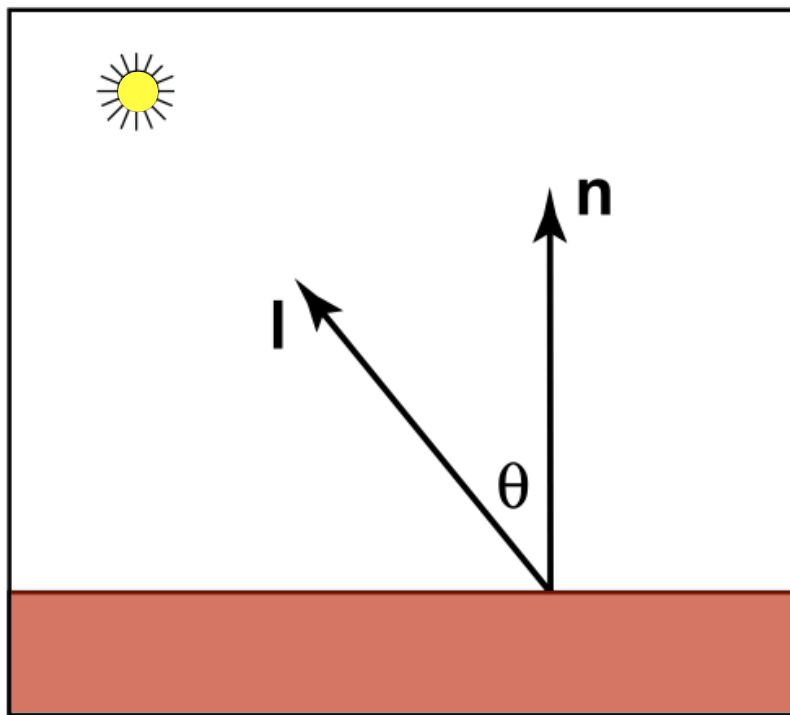
# Lambertian Reflection Model



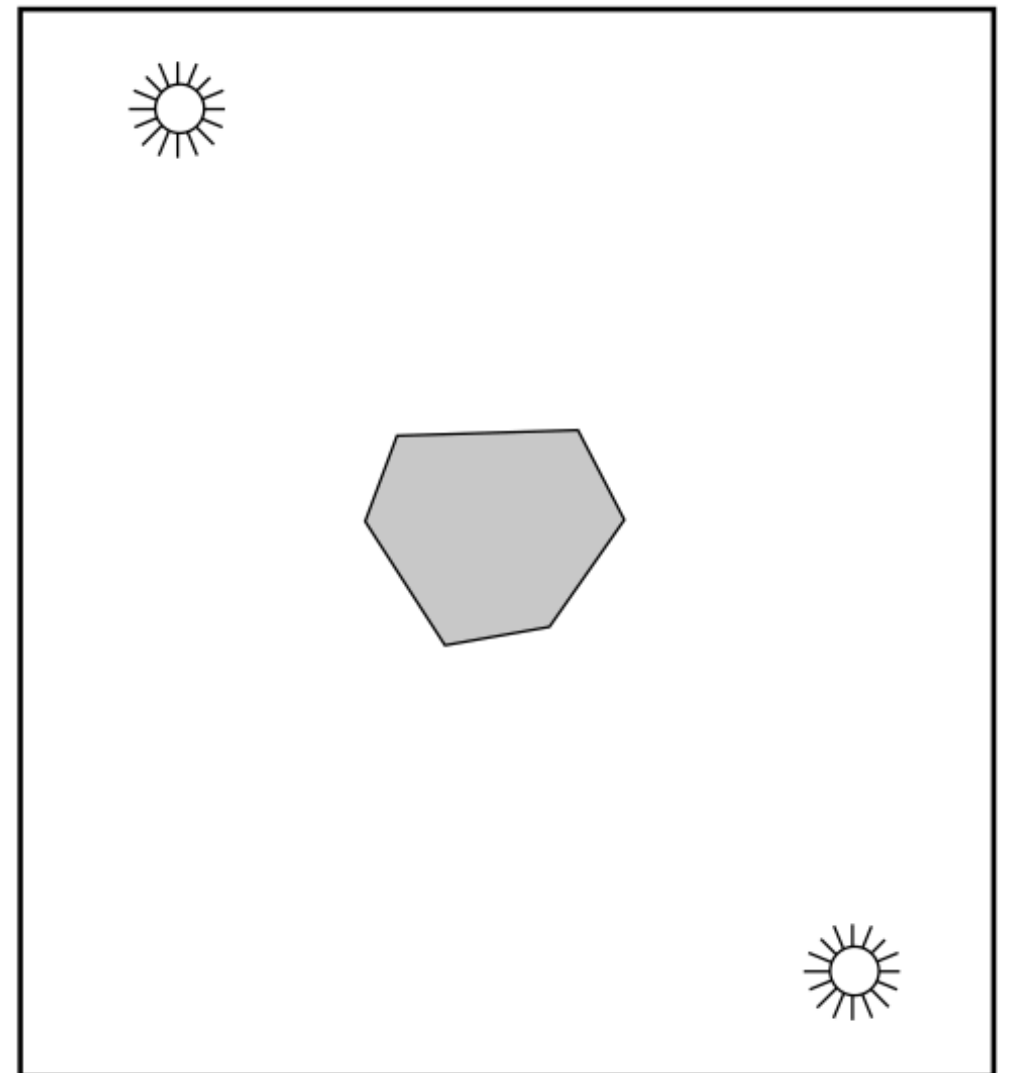
$$I = LR \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$

the cosine is negative if the angle is more than 90 degrees. In this case, the face points away from the light. If we don't modify the formula we'll get a negative intensity. We can put in the max to ensure that if the face points away, it won't be lit by the light.

# Lambertian Reflection Model



$$I = LR|\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}|$$



two-sided lighting

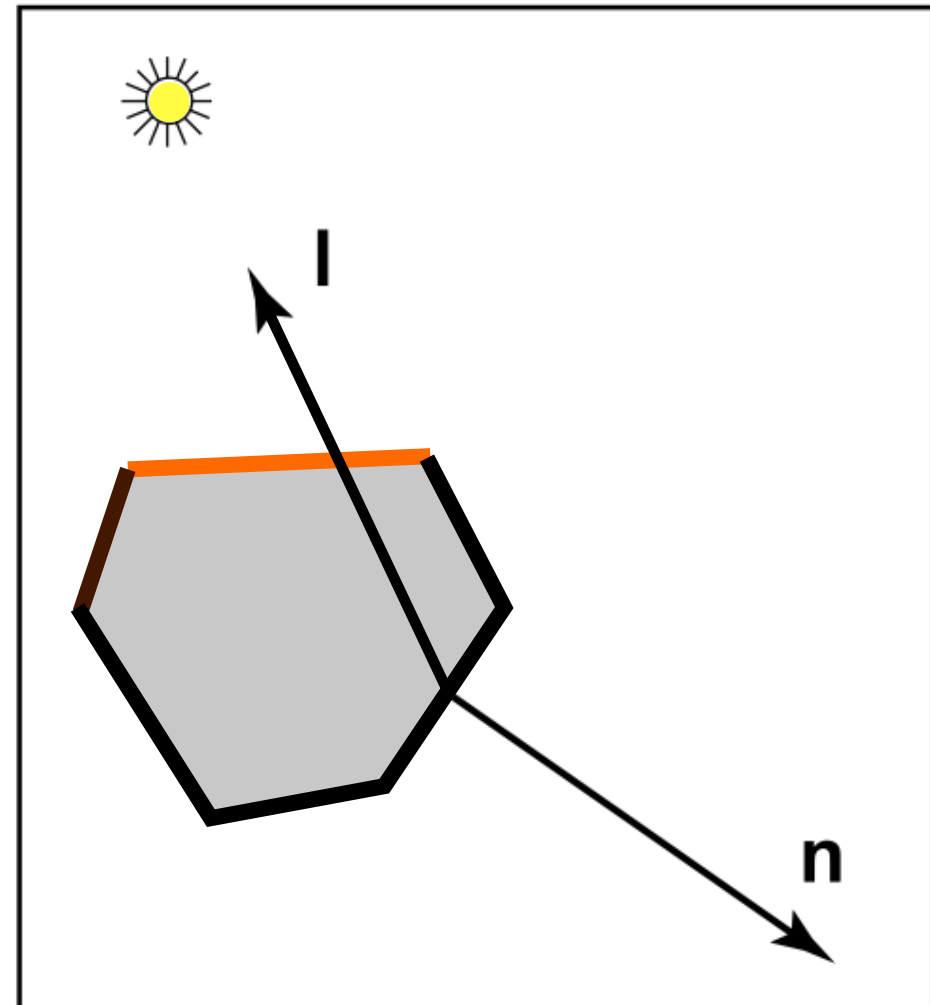
An alternative is to take the absolute value. This is equivalent to having another light on the other side of the object exactly opposite the first.



# Ambient Reflection

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

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

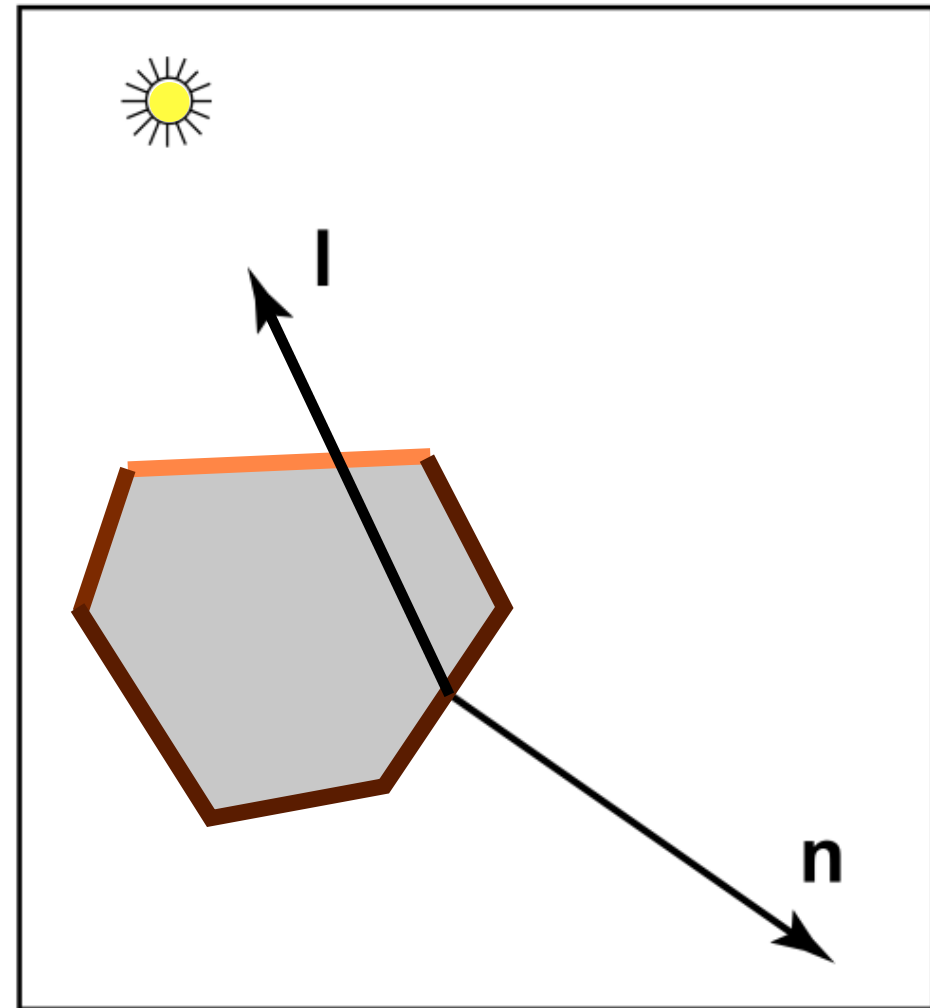


Problem: surfaces facing away from the light will be totally black.

# Ambient Reflection

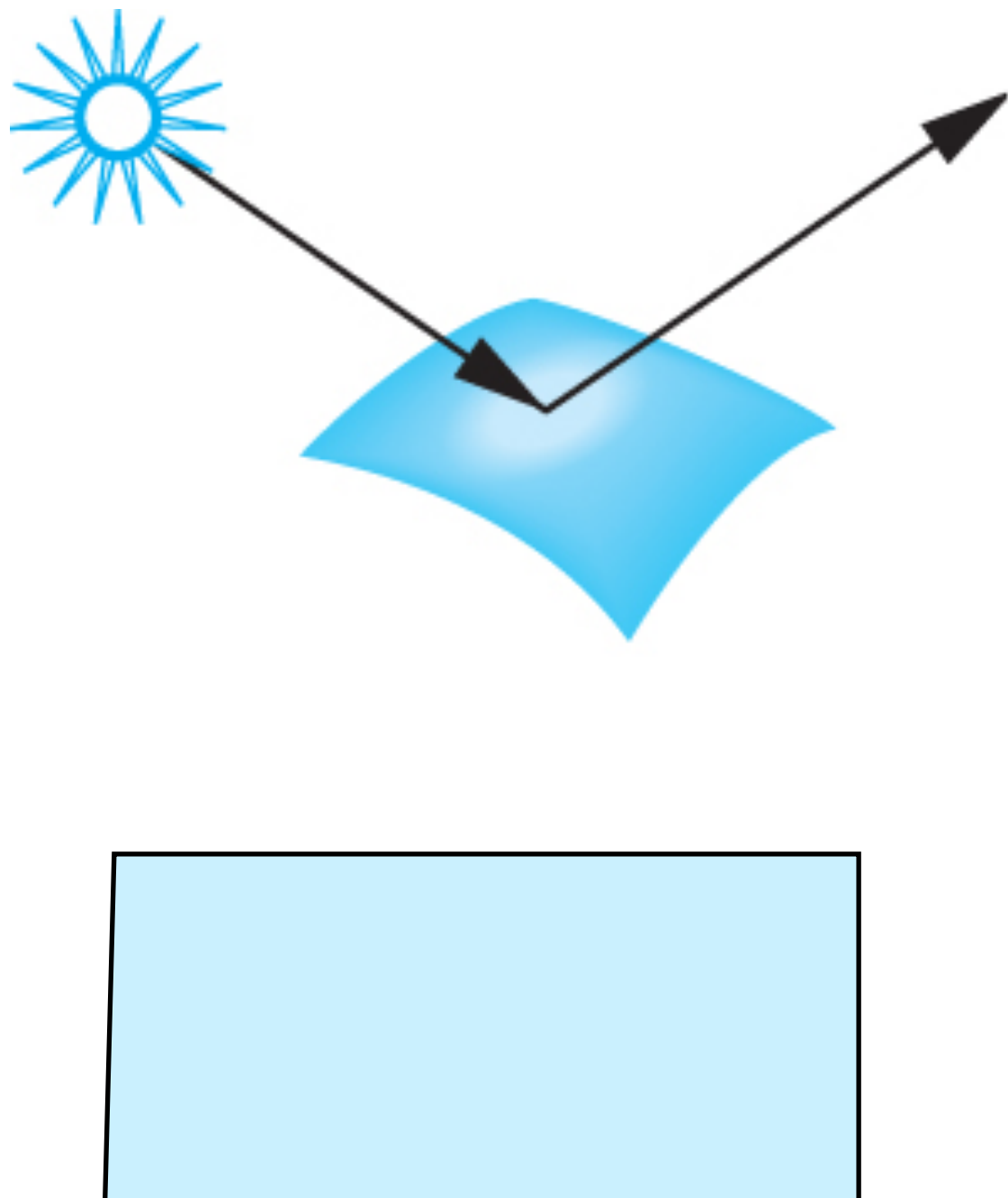
$$I = L_a R_a + L_d R_d \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l})$$

All surfaces get same amount of ambient light



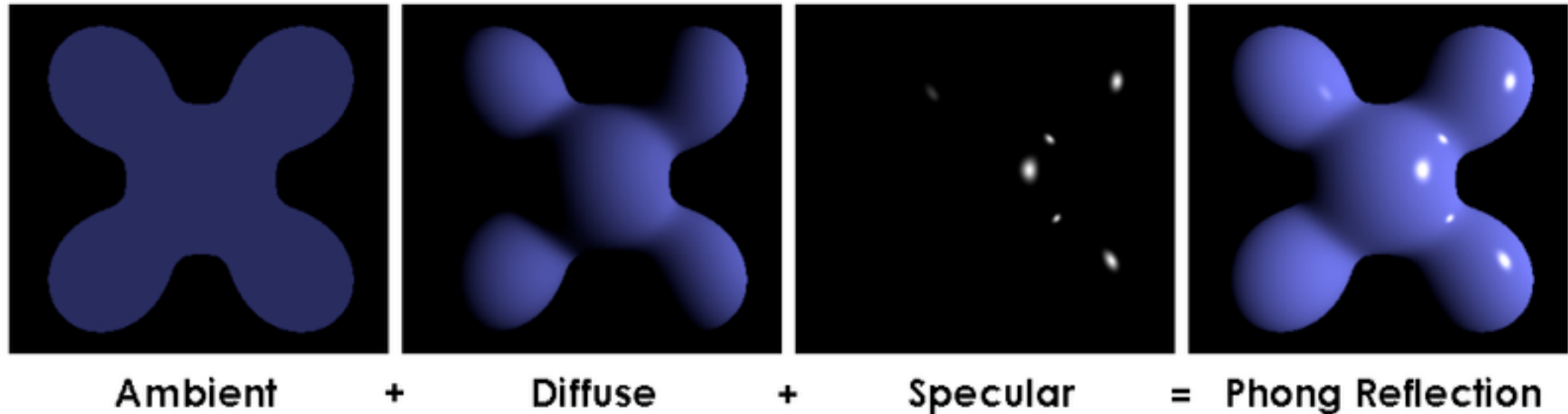
Problem: surfaces facing away from the light will be totally black – ambient light mitigates this by adding some light everywhere

# Phong Reflection Model

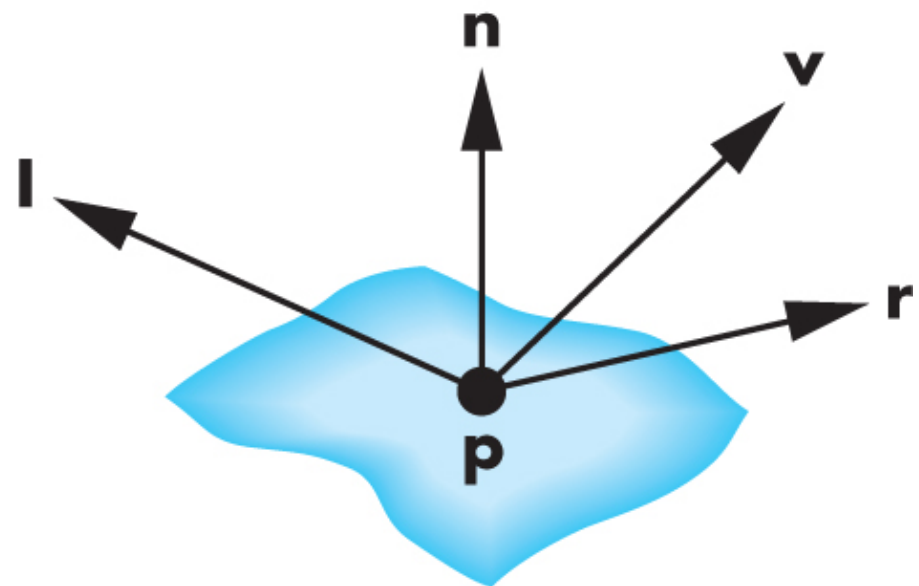


The **Phong reflection model** combines the Ambient and Lambertian reflections with a **specular** reflection to capture highlights such as the white highlight seen on the shiny part of the vase  
The highlight is a reflection of the light and it is the color of the light.

# Phong Reflection Model



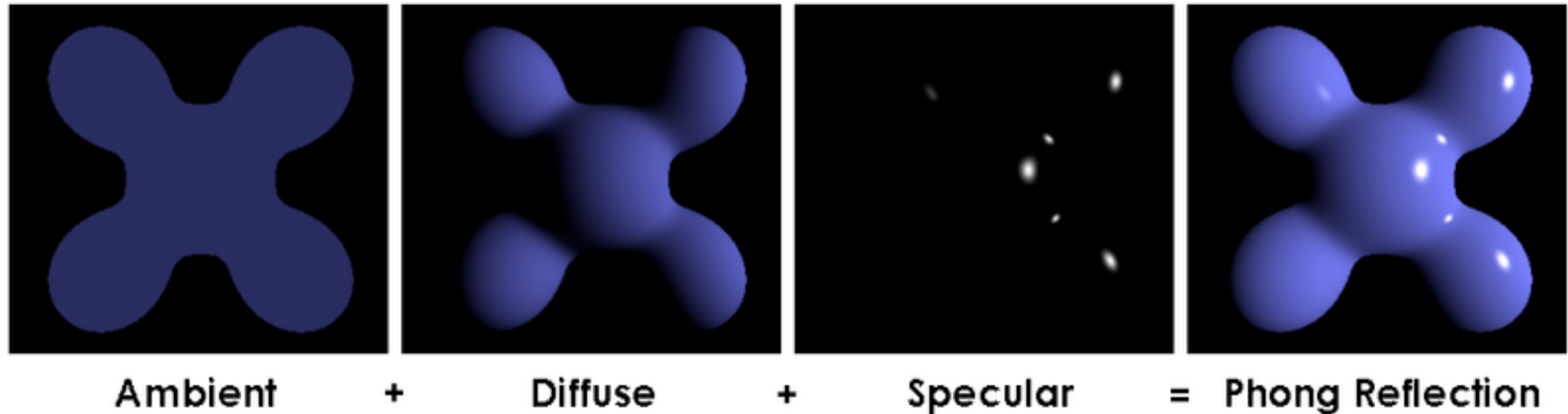
- efficient, reasonably realistic
- 3 components
- 4 vectors



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- $\mathbf{l}$  to light source
- $\mathbf{n}$  surface normal
- $\mathbf{v}$  to viewer
- $\mathbf{r}$  perfect reflector (function of  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\mathbf{l}$ )

# Phong Reflection Model



$$I = I_a + I_d + I_s = L_a R_a + L_d R_d + L_s R_s$$

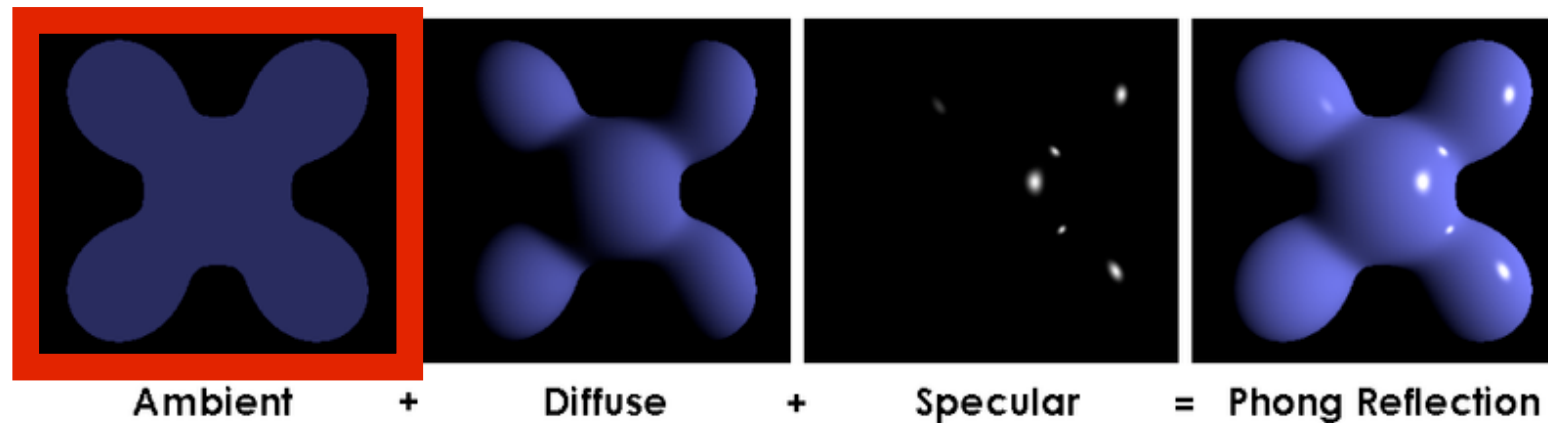
color intensity

illumination

reflectance

This formula will be applied for each of the three color channels independently.

# Ambient reflection



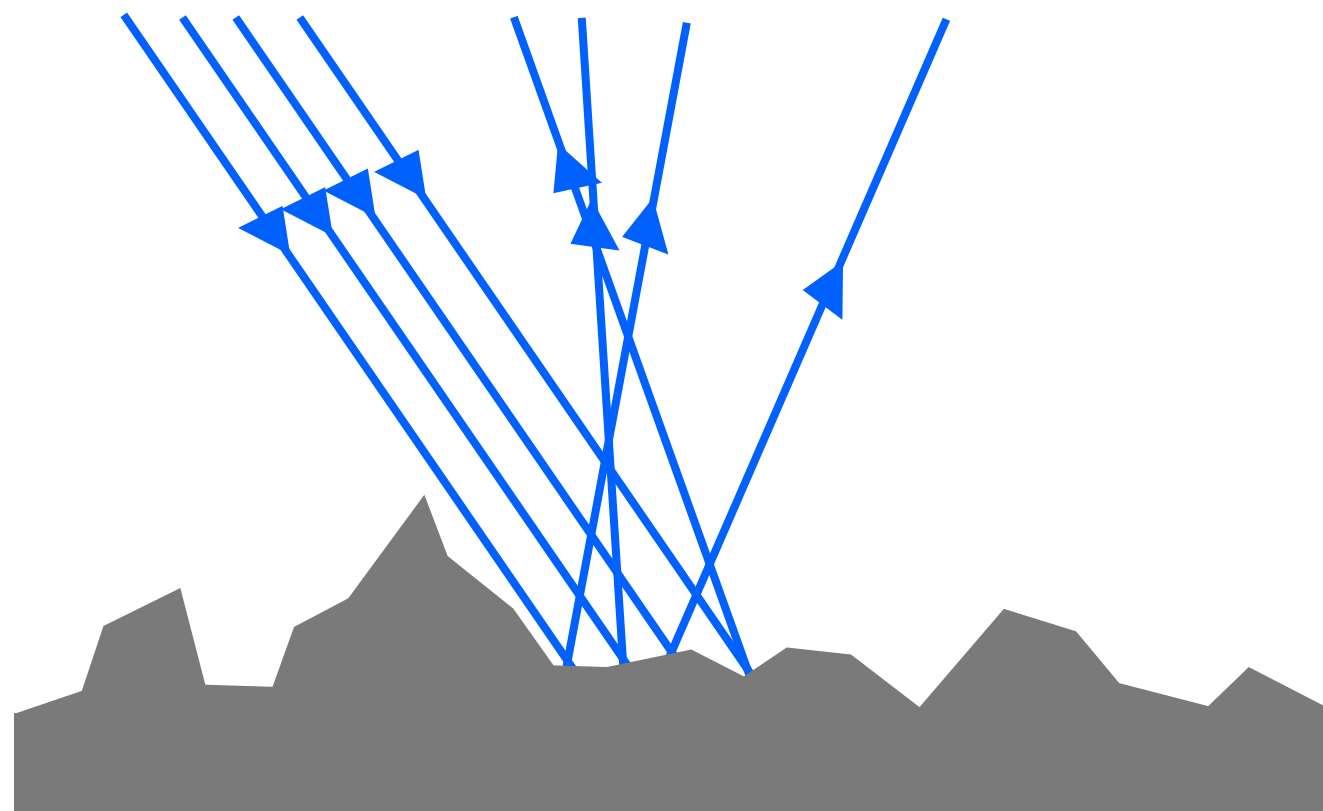
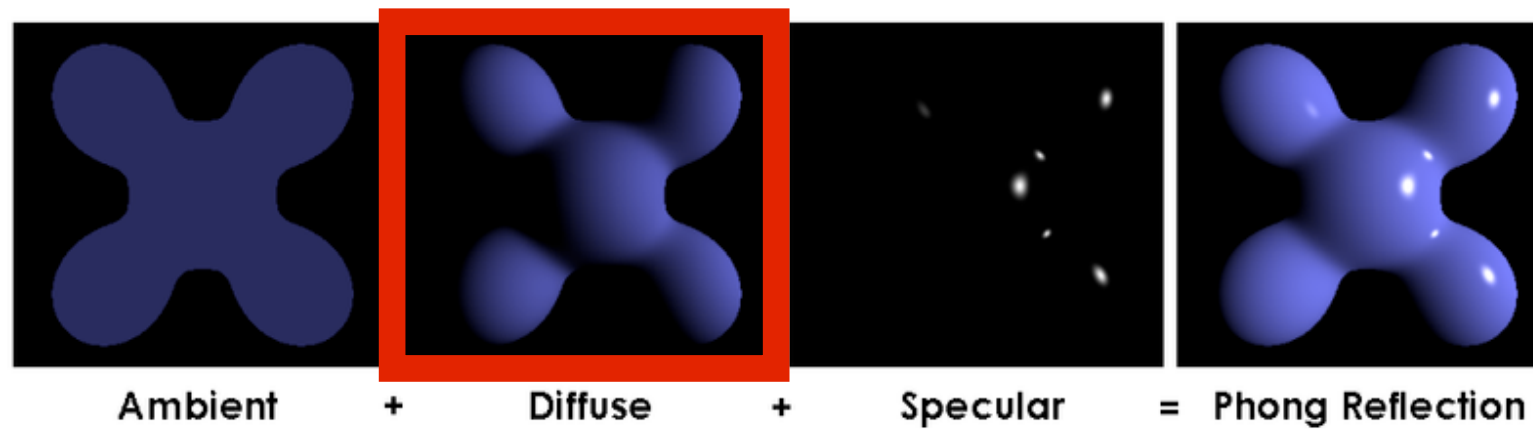
different ambient coefficients for different colors

$$I_a = R_a L_a, \quad 0 \leq R_a \leq 1$$

*ambient reflection coefficient*

e.g., white light shining on the object will be reflected differently in red, green, blue channels  
e.g., more red and blue reflection here

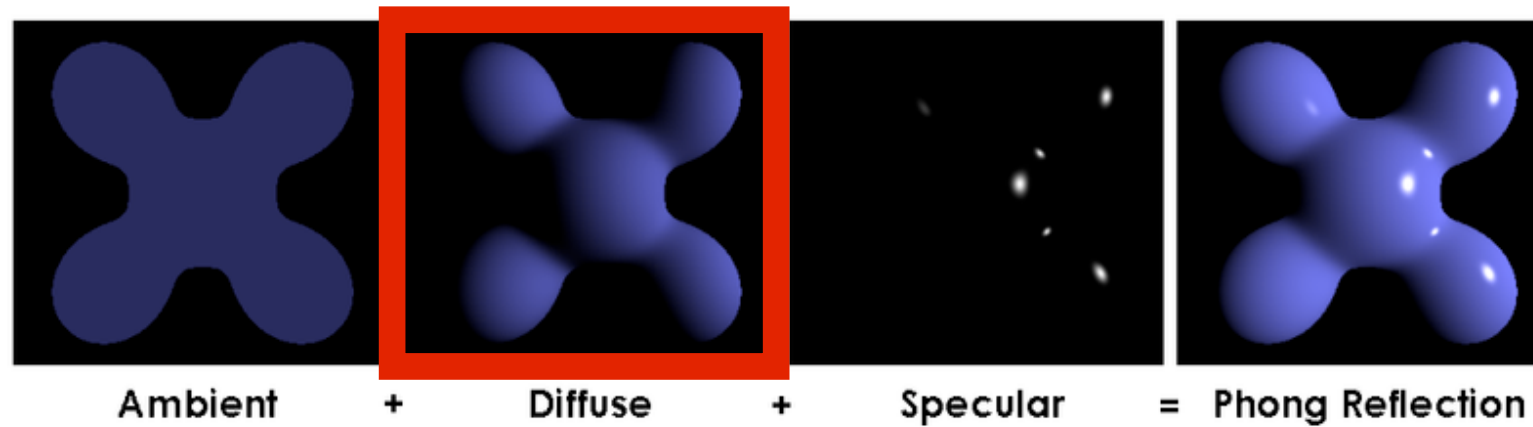
# Diffuse reflection



e.g., paper, unfinished wood, unpolished stone

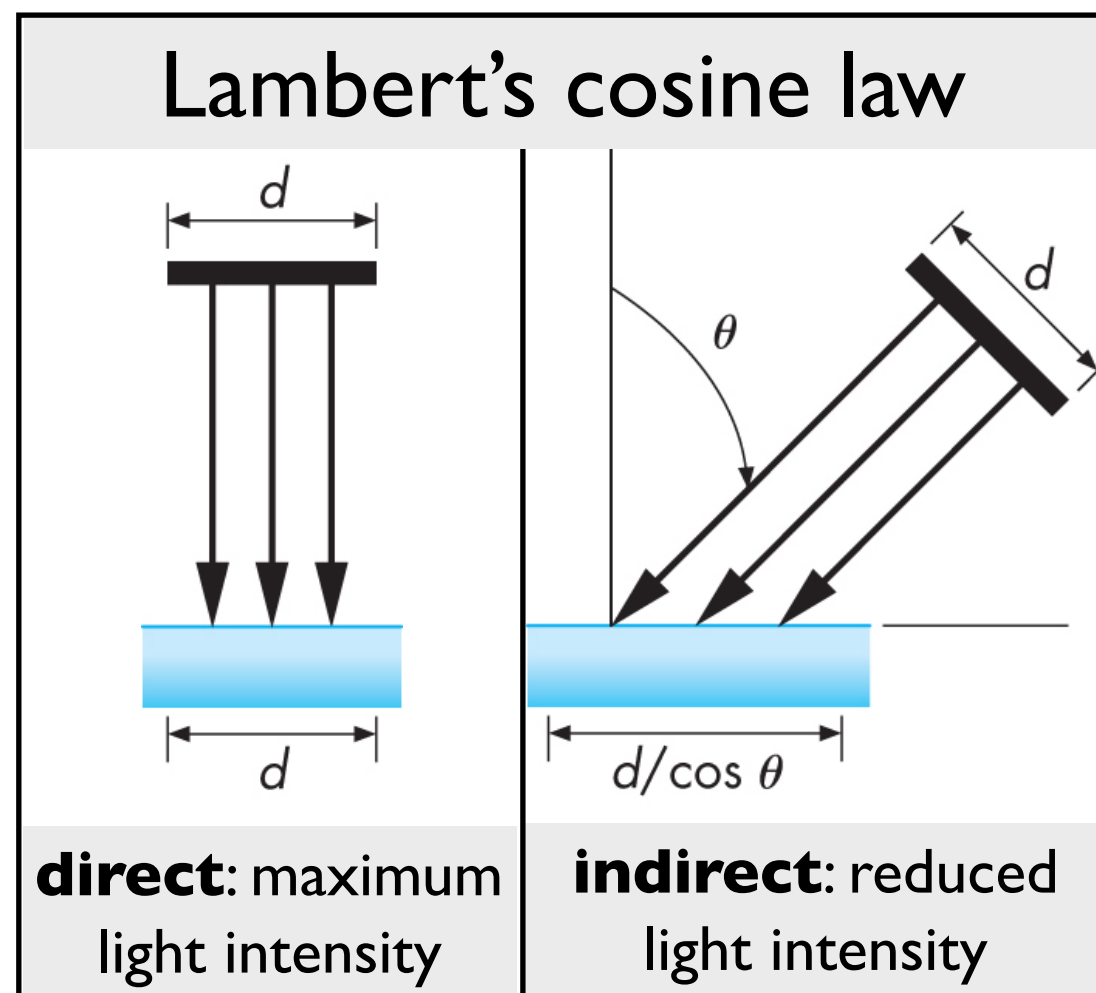
The diffuse component of the Phong reflectance model is the same as the Lambertian reflectance model

# Diffuse reflection



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

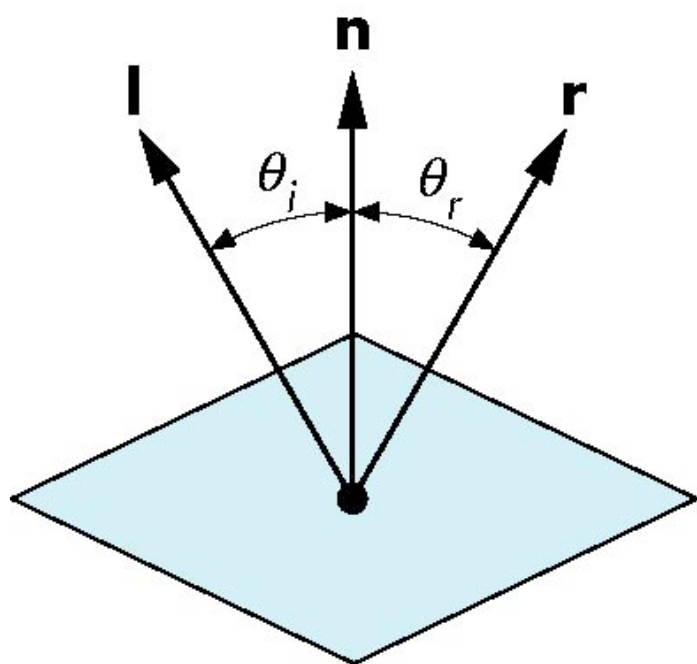
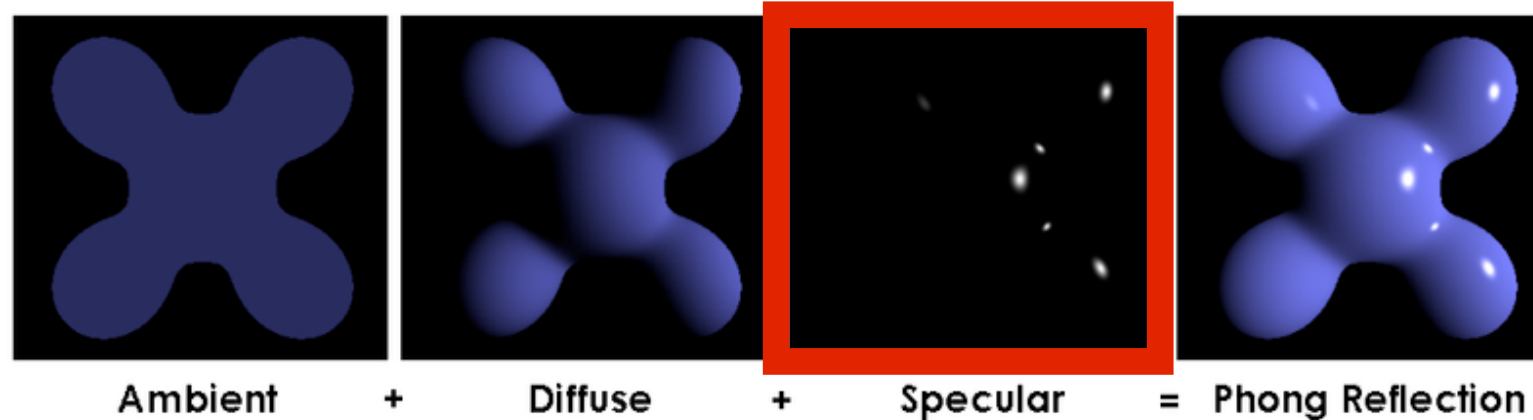
diffuse  
reflection  
coefficient



- the light is reduced by cos of angle
  - this is because same amount of light is spread over larger area when light comes in at an angle



# Specular reflection



Ideal reflector

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

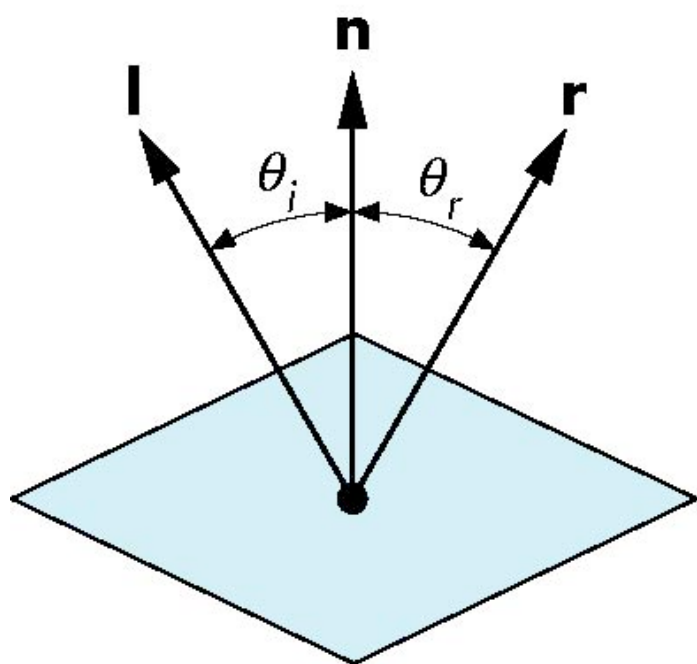
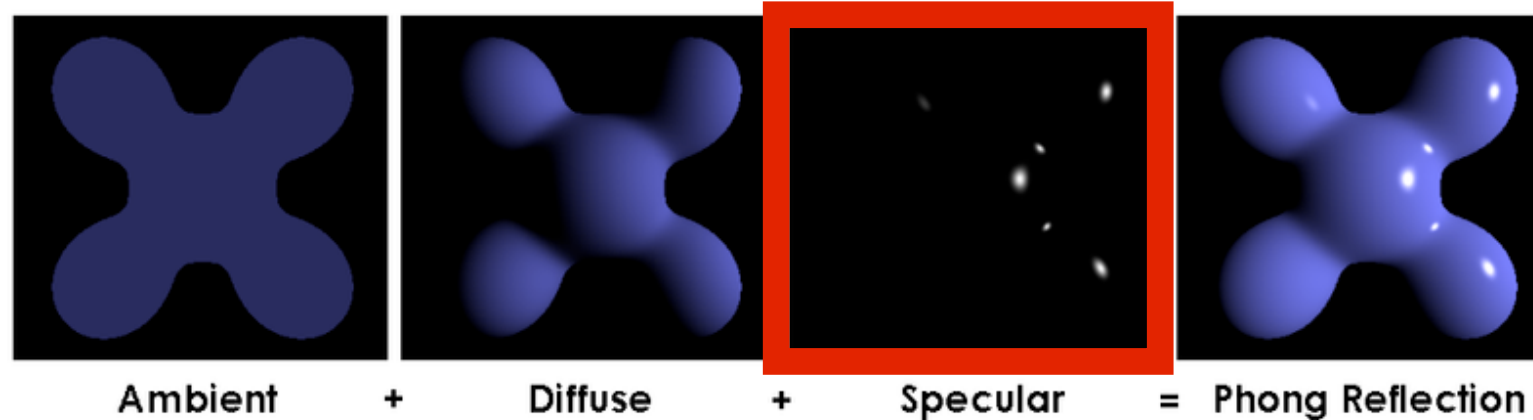
angle of incidence

angle of reflection

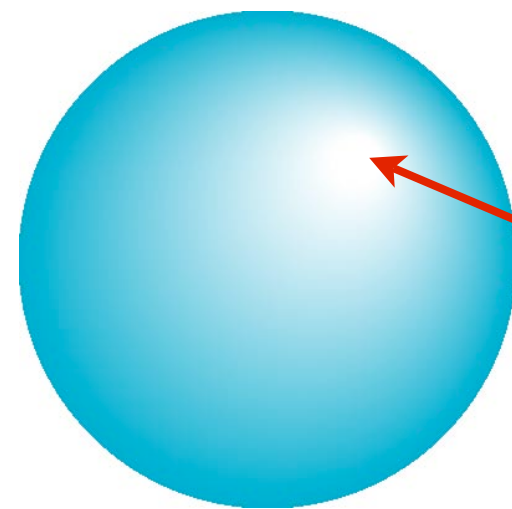
$r$  is the mirror reflection direction

The new thing in the Phong reflection model is the specular component

# Specular reflection



Specular surface

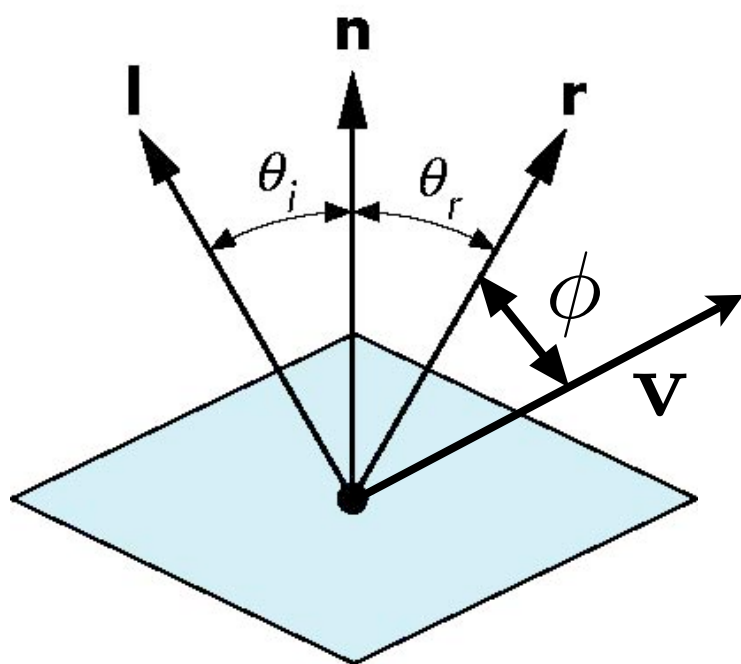
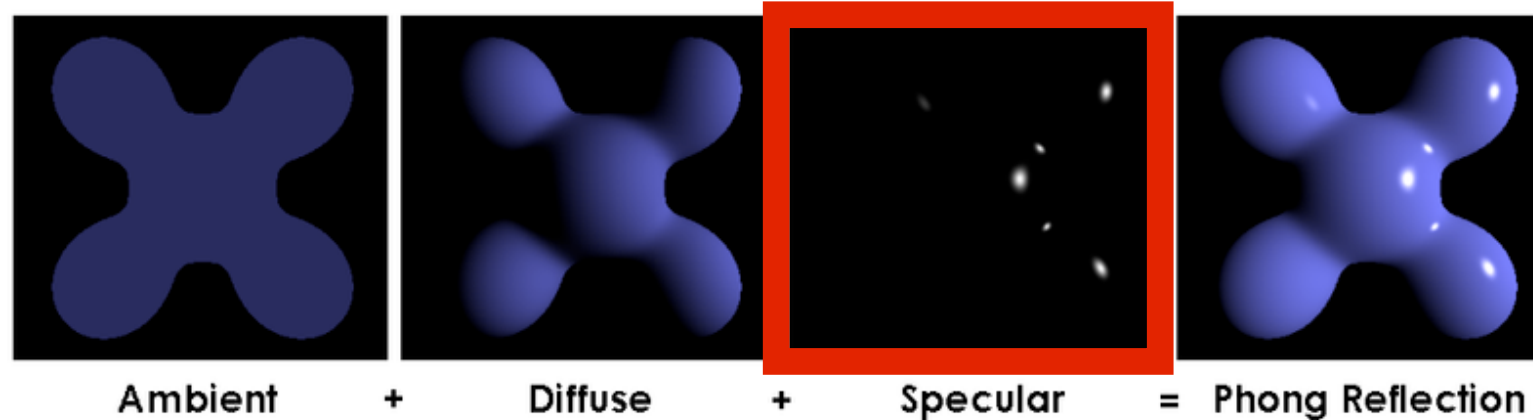


specular highlight

specular reflection is strongest in mirror reflection direction

area of specular highlight depends on how smooth the surface is

# Specular reflection



$$I_s = R_s L_s \cos^\alpha \phi$$

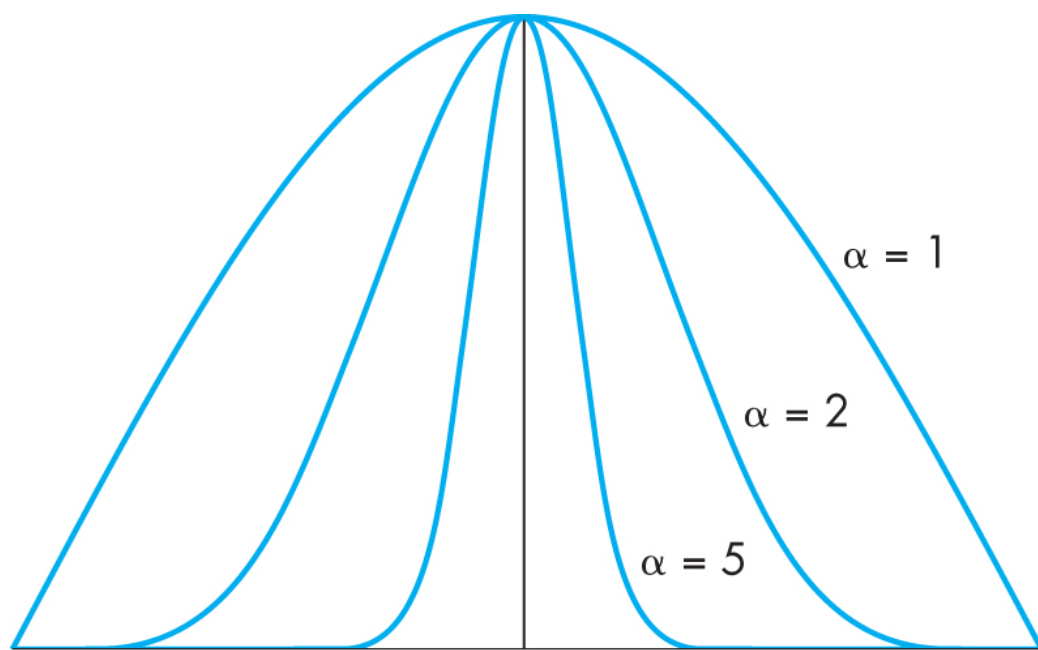
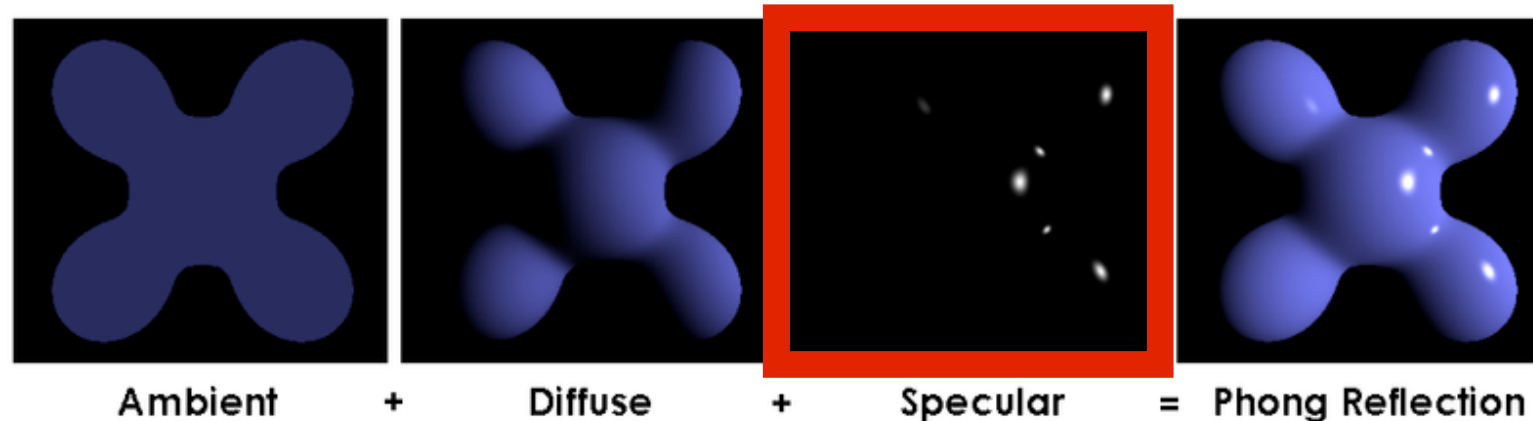
specular  
reflection  
coefficient

Phong  
exponent

specular reflection drops off  
with increasing angle  $\phi$

Phong proposed this model

# Specular reflection



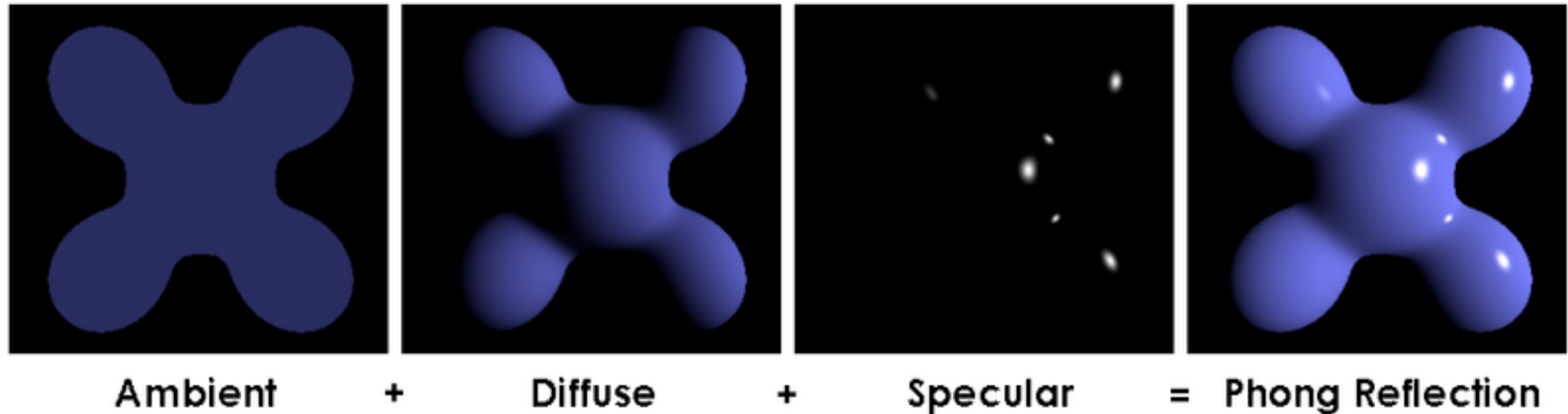
$$I_s = R_s L_s \max(0, \cos \phi)^\alpha$$

Phong  
exponent

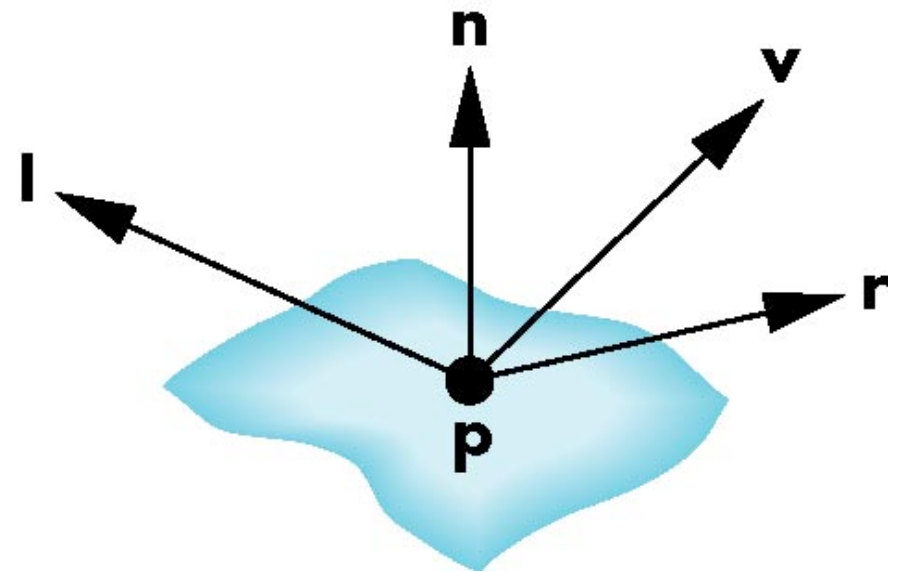
$\alpha = 5..10$  plastic  
 $\alpha = 100..200$  metal

Phong proposed this model  
clamp to 0 -- avoid negative values  
the fuzzy highlight was too big without an exponent

# Phong Reflection Model

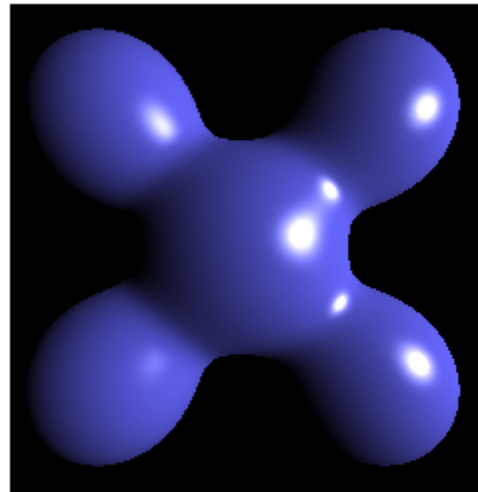


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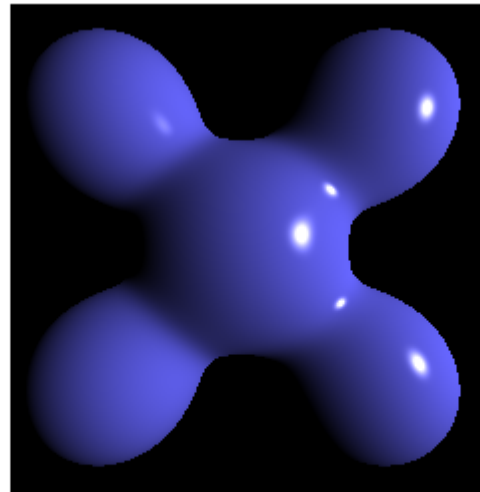


$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_a + I_d + I_s \\ &= \underbrace{R_a L_a}_{\text{Ambient}} + \underbrace{R_d L_d \max(0, \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{n})}_{\text{Diffuse}} + \underbrace{R_s L_s \max(0, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^\alpha}_{\text{Specular}} \end{aligned}$$

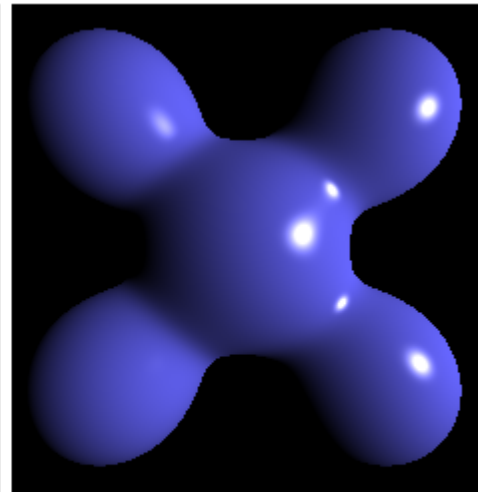
# Alternative: Blinn-Phong Model



Blinn-Phong



Phong

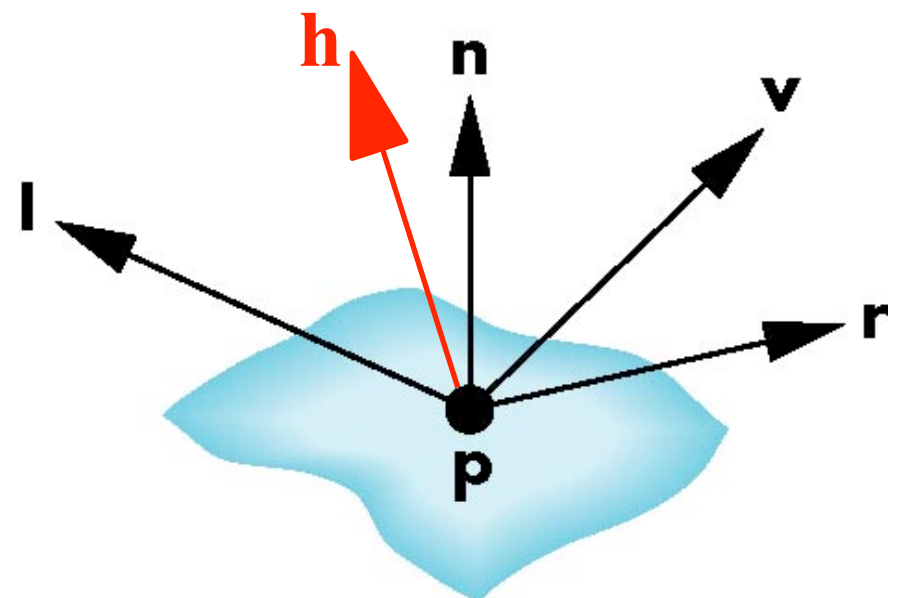


Blinn-Phong  
(Lower Exponent)

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halfway vector

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



$$I = I_a + I_d + I_s$$

$$= R_a L_a + R_d L_d \max(0, \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + R_s L_s \max(0, \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})^\alpha$$

Ambient

Diffuse

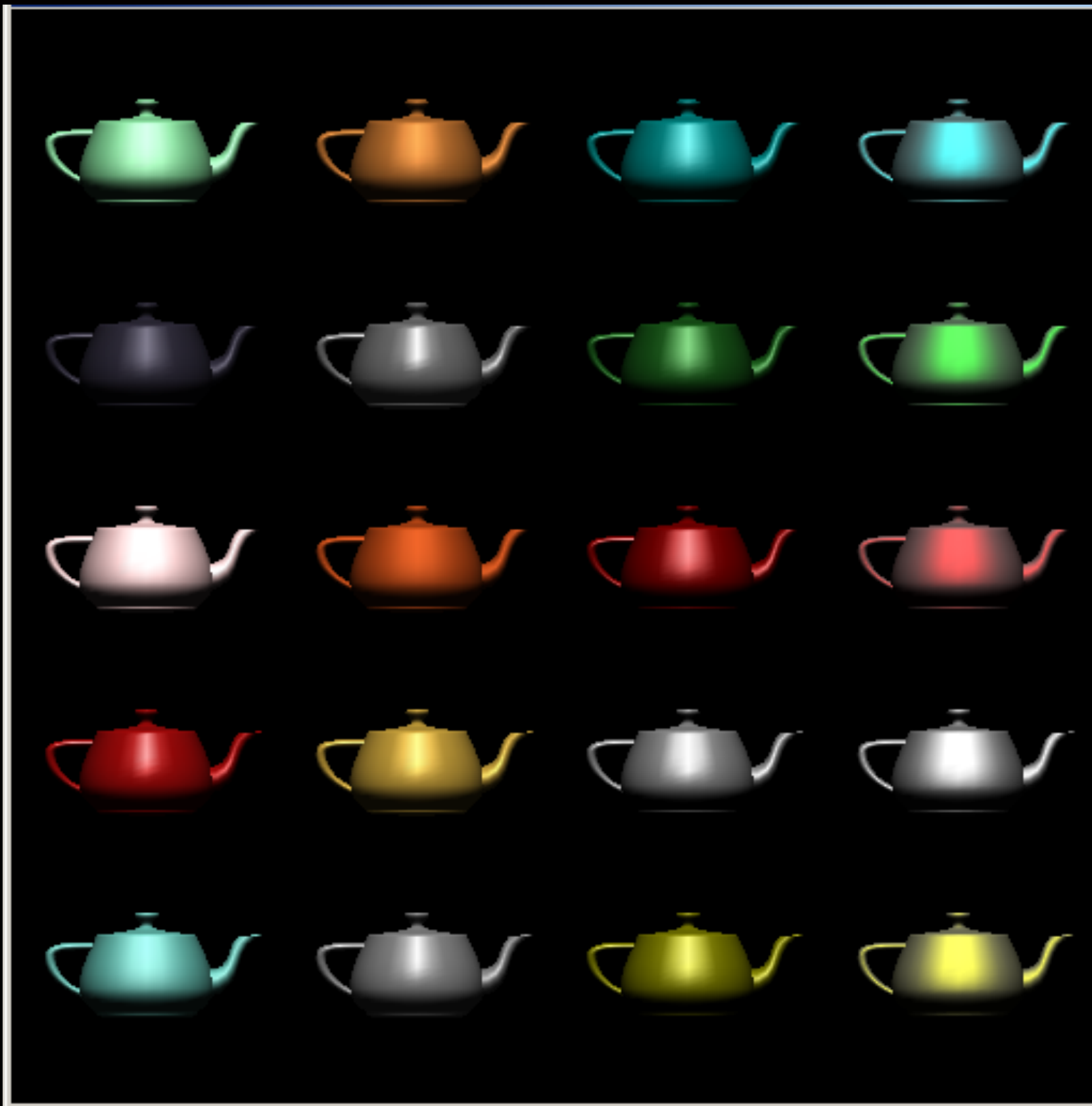
Specular

replace  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r}$  with  $\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}$

this way we don't have to recompute  $\mathbf{r}$ , which depends on  $\mathbf{n}$

$\mathbf{h}$  does not depend on  $\mathbf{n}$

saves a lot especially for directional lights and constant viewing direction



$\alpha$

10: eggshell

100: shiny

1000: glossy

10000: mirror-like