

CSE 167:  
Introduction to Computer Graphics  
Lecture #6: Shading

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# Announcements

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- ▶ **Project 2 due this Friday at 2pm**
  - ▶ Grading in CSE basement labs B260 and B270
  - ▶ This time using Autograder (no whiteboard)
  - ▶ Upload code to TritonEd by 2pm



# Internship Opportunity

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▶ Jurgen –

I actually may need your help sooner than later. I'm actually looking to get one or two interns into this new company to help with the application. It's a web based SAAS app and I'm looking for a full stack developer that knows react and node. They use meteor (which is just a package of custom java scripts), but finding anyone with meteor experience is rare and not mission critical if they know how to trace the information.

The company is called "SimpleForms" ([www.simpleforms.com](http://www.simpleforms.com)). If you know any students that may be interested please let me know.

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Shading



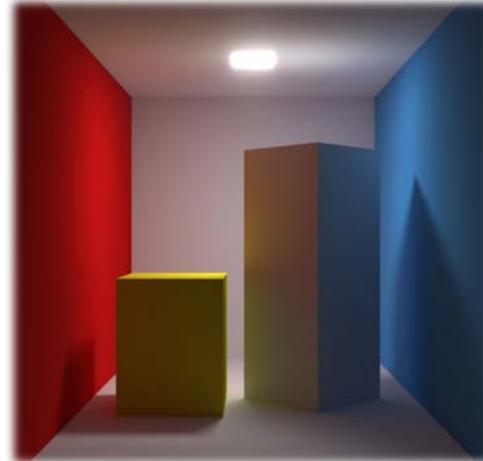
# Shading

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- ▶ Compute interaction of light with surfaces
- ▶ Requires simulation of physics
- ▶ “Global illumination”
  - ▶ Multiple bounces of light
  - ▶ Computationally expensive, minutes per image
  - ▶ Used in movies, architectural design, etc.

# Global Illumination

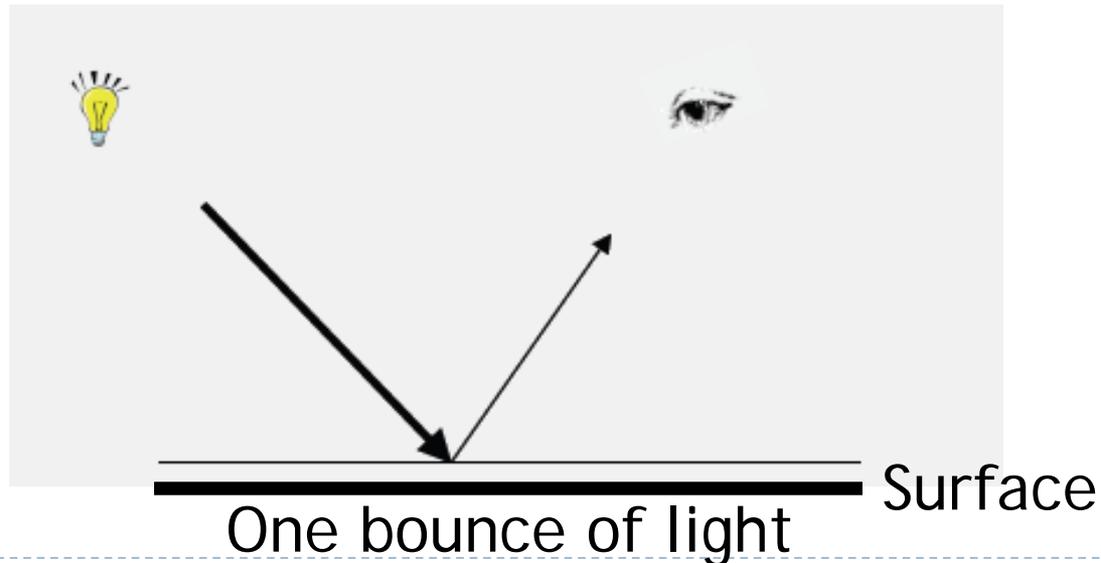
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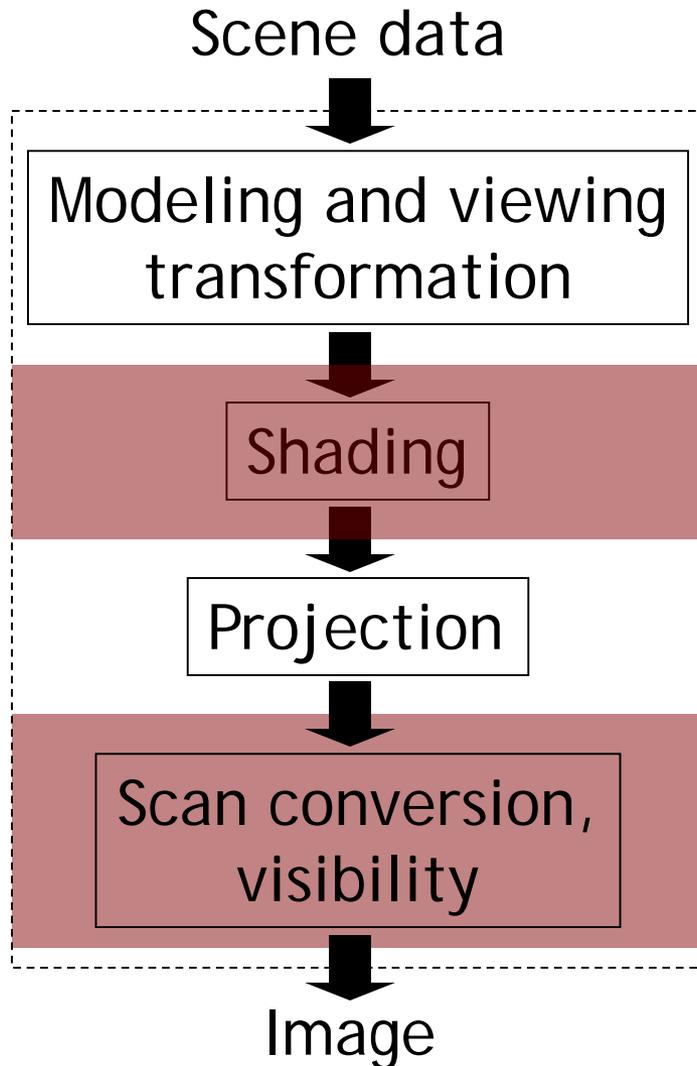
# Interactive Applications

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- ▶ No physics-based simulation
- ▶ Simplified models
- ▶ Reproduce perceptually most important effects
- ▶ Local illumination
  - ▶ Only one bounce of light between light source and viewer



# Rendering Pipeline



- Position object in 3D
- Determine colors of vertices
  - Per vertex shading
- Map triangles to 2D
- Draw triangles
  - Per pixel shading

# Local Illumination

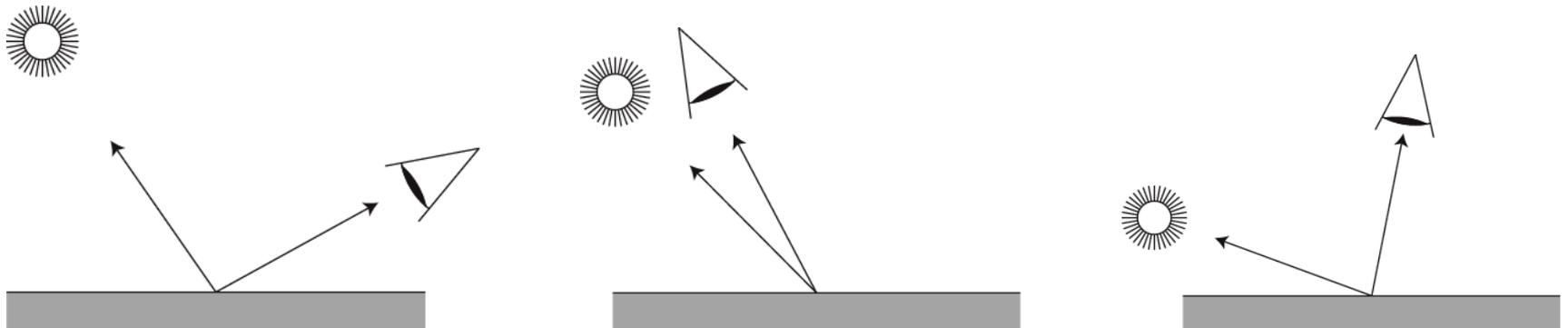
- ▶ Gives material its color
- ▶ Light can be reflected by
  - ▶ Mirror
  - ▶ White wall
  - ▶ Glossy metal
  - ▶ etc.



# Local Illumination

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- ▶ **Model reflection of light at surfaces**
  - ▶ Assumption: no subsurface scattering
- ▶ **Bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF)**
  - ▶ Given light direction, viewing direction, how much light is reflected towards the viewer
  - ▶ For any pair of light/viewing directions!

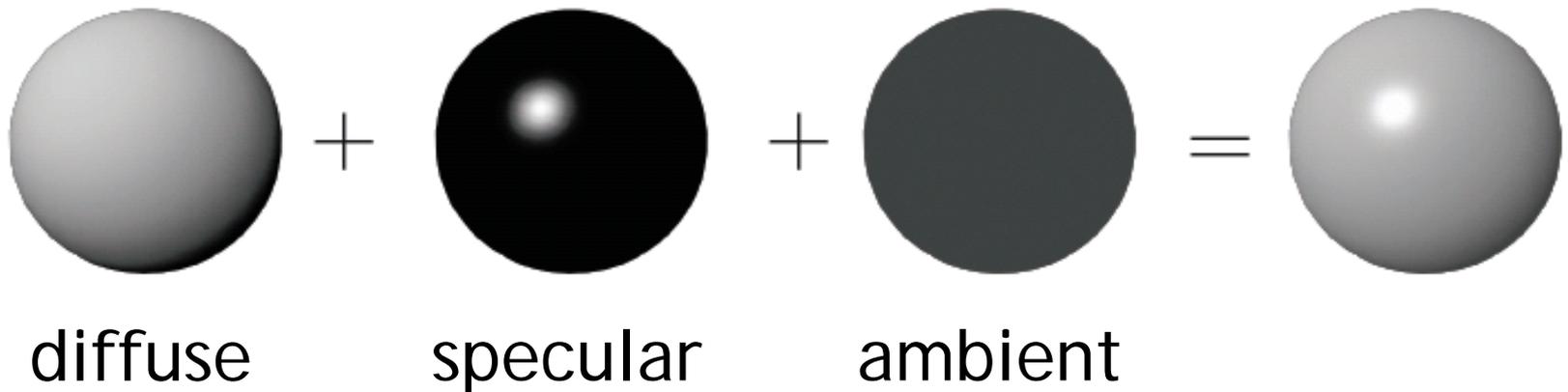


# Local Illumination

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## Simplified model

- ▶ Sum of 3 components
- ▶ Covers a large class of real surfaces

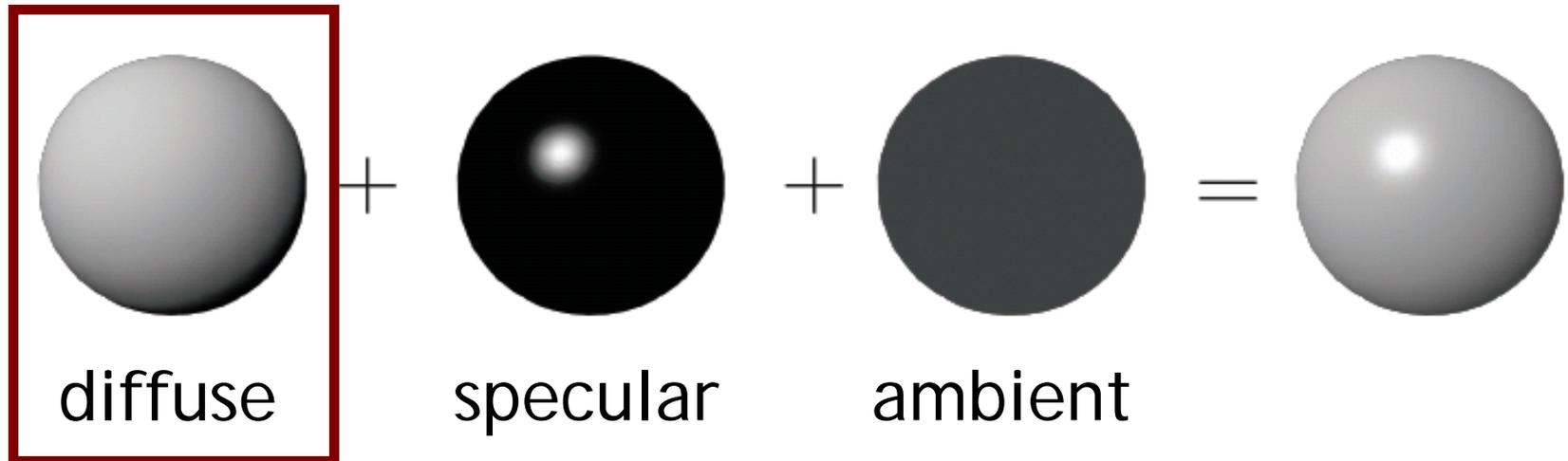


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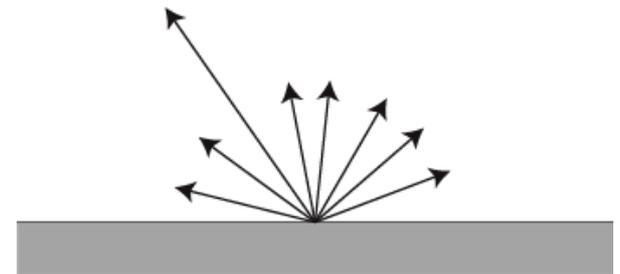
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# Diffuse Reflection

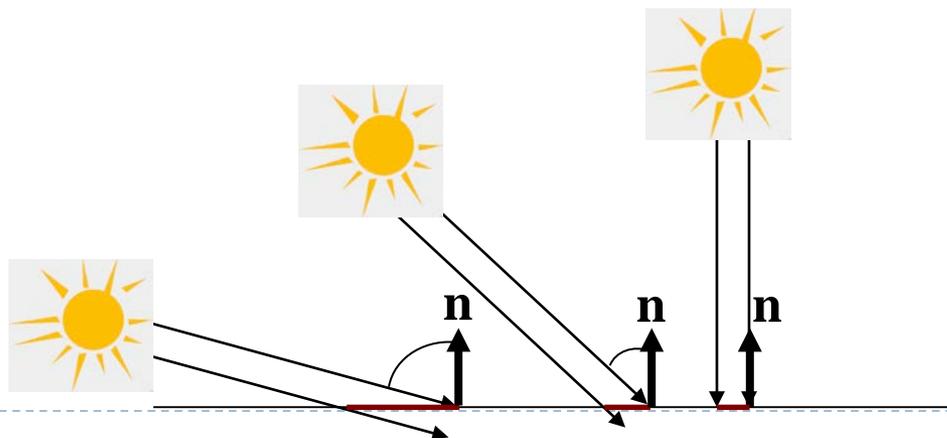
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- ▶ Ideal diffuse material reflects light equally in all directions
- ▶ View-independent
- ▶ Matte, not shiny materials
  - ▶ Paper
  - ▶ Unfinished wood
  - ▶ Unpolished stone



# Diffuse Reflection

- ▶ Beam of parallel rays shining on a surface
  - ▶ Area covered by beam varies with the angle between the beam and the normal
  - ▶ The larger the area, the less incident light per area
  - ▶ Incident light per unit area is proportional to the cosine of the angle between the normal and the light rays
- ▶ Object darkens as normal turns away from light
- ▶ Lambert's cosine law (Johann Heinrich Lambert, 1760)
- ▶ Diffuse surfaces are also called Lambertian surfaces



# Diffuse Reflection

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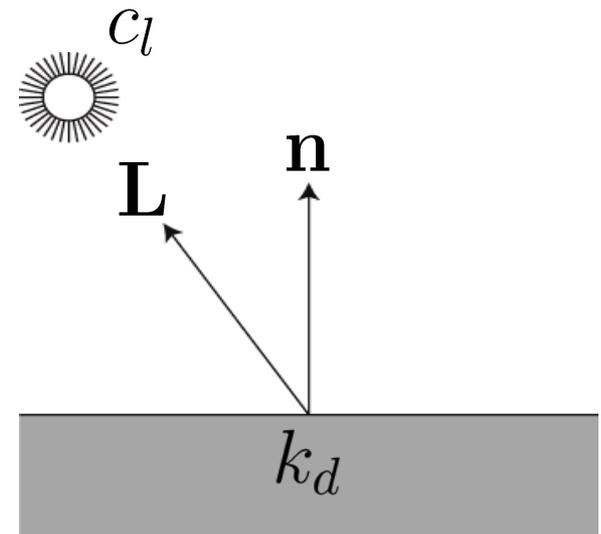
## ▶ Given

- ▶ Unit (normalized!) surface normal  $\mathbf{n}$
- ▶ Unit (normalized!) light direction  $\mathbf{L}$
- ▶ Material diffuse reflectance (material color)  $k_d$
- ▶ Light color (intensity)  $c_l$

## ▶ Diffuse color $c_d$ is:

$$c_d = c_l k_d (\underbrace{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{L}})$$

Proportional to cosine  
between normal and light



# Diffuse Reflection

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## Notes

- ▶ Parameters  $k_d, c_l$  are r,g,b vectors
- ▶ Need to compute r,g,b values of diffuse color  $c_d$  separately
- ▶ Parameters in this model have no precise physical meaning
  - ▶  $c_l$ : strength, color of light source
  - ▶  $k_d$ : fraction of reflected light, material color

# Diffuse Reflection

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- ▶ Provides visual cues
  - ▶ Surface curvature
  - ▶ Depth variation



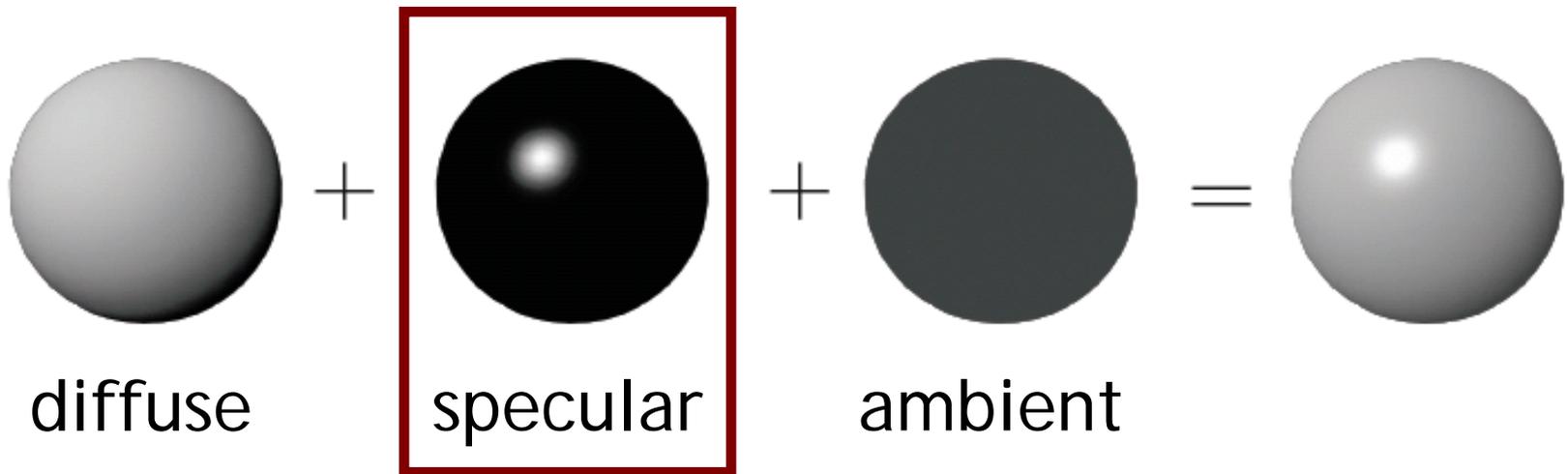
Lambertian (diffuse) sphere under different lighting directions

# Local Illumination

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## Simplified model

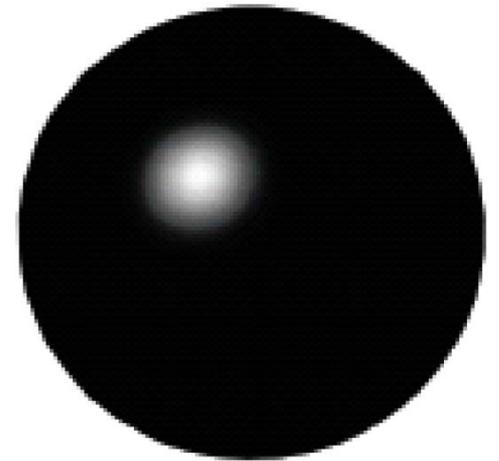
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# Specular Reflection

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- ▶ **Shiny surfaces**
  - ▶ Polished metal
  - ▶ Glossy car finish
  - ▶ Plastics
- ▶ **Specular highlight**
  - ▶ Blurred reflection of the light source
  - ▶ Position of highlight depends on viewing direction

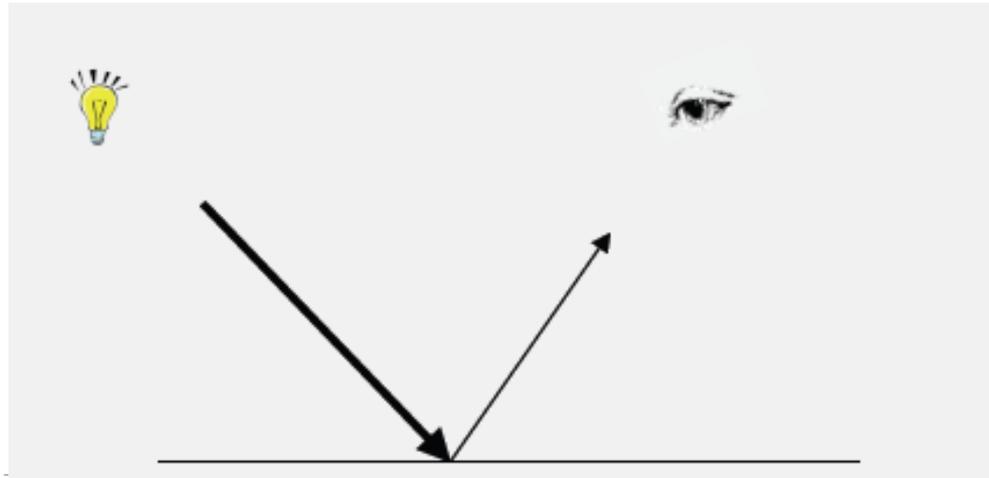


Specular highlight

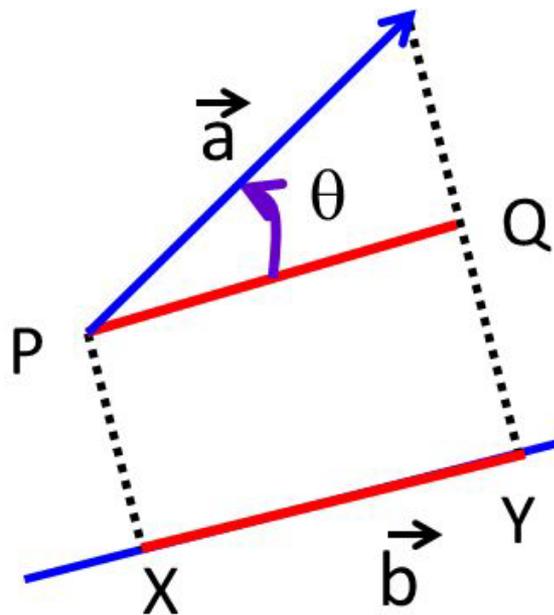
# Specular Reflection

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- ▶ Ideal specular reflection is mirror reflection
  - ▶ Perfectly smooth surface
  - ▶ Incoming light ray is bounced in single direction
  - ▶ Angle of incidence equals angle of reflection



# Projection of vector on another vector



Projection of  $\vec{a}$  on  $\vec{b}$  is  $XY$

The projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  onto  $\mathbf{b}$  will be given by:

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}| \cos \theta \frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$$

In summary, the  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$  has length

$$|\mathbf{a}| \cos \theta, \text{ and direction } \frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$$

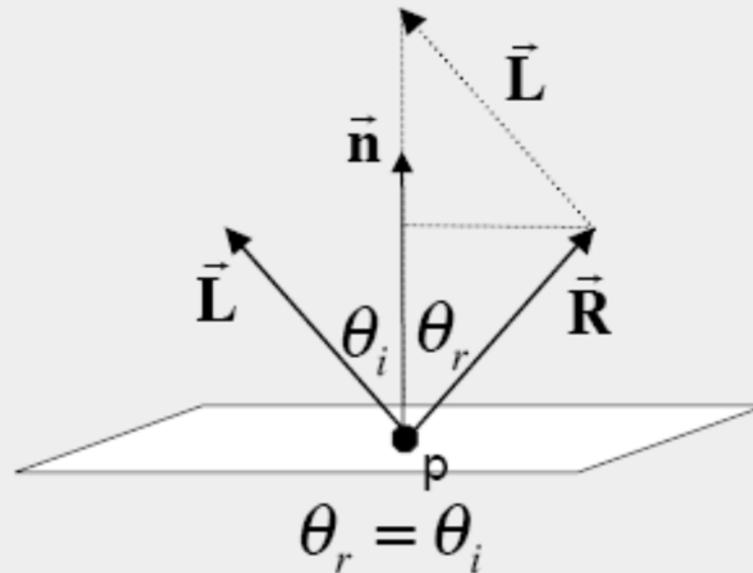
It is called the scalar component of  $\mathbf{a}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{b}$

# Law of Reflection

- ▶ Angle of incidence equals angle of reflection

$$\vec{\mathbf{R}} + \vec{\mathbf{L}} = 2 \cos \theta \vec{\mathbf{n}} = 2(\vec{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{n}})\vec{\mathbf{n}}$$

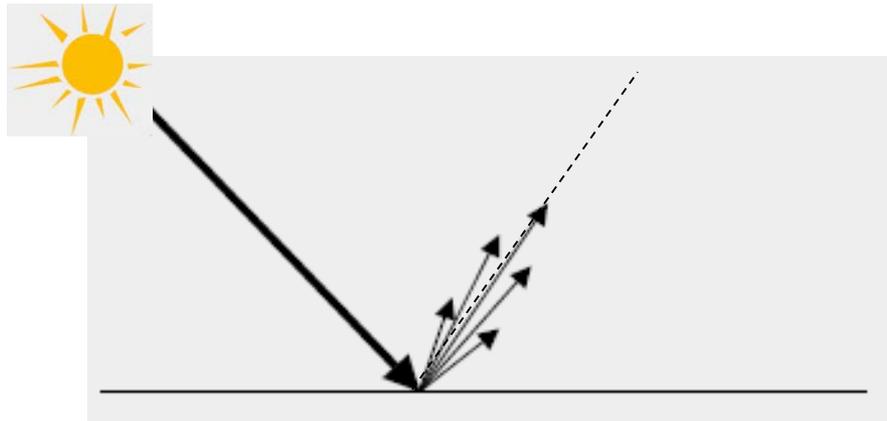
$$\vec{\mathbf{R}} = 2(\vec{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{n}})\vec{\mathbf{n}} - \vec{\mathbf{L}}$$



# Specular Reflection

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- ▶ Many materials are not perfect mirrors
  - ▶ Glossy materials



Glossy teapot

# Glossy Materials

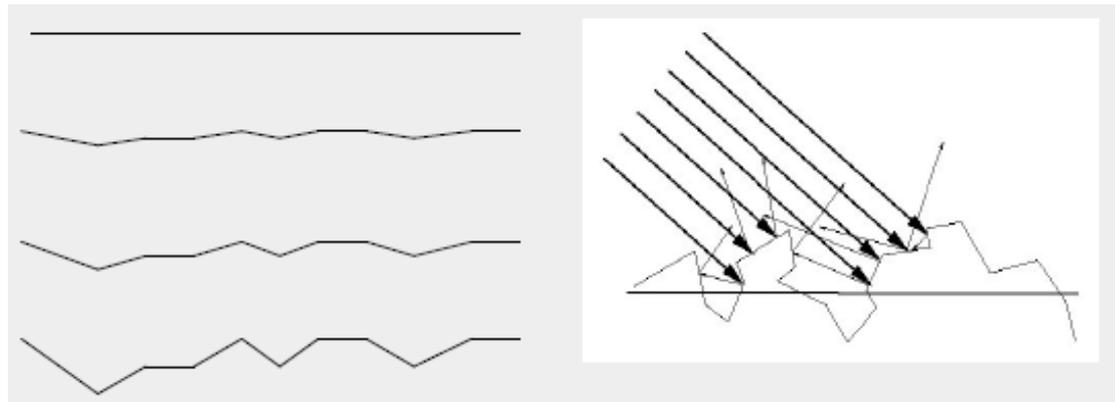
- ▶ Assume surface composed of small mirrors with random orientation (micro-facets)
- ▶ Smooth surfaces
  - ▶ Micro-facet normals close to surface normal
  - ▶ Sharp highlights
- ▶ Rough surfaces
  - ▶ Micro-facet normals vary strongly
  - ▶ Blurry highlight

Polished

Smooth

Rough

Very rough



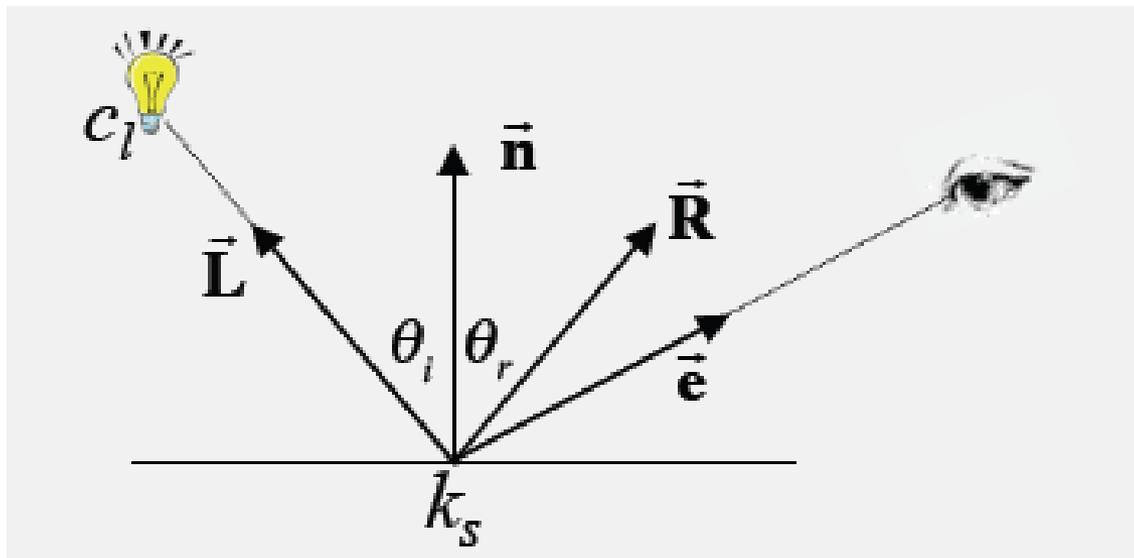
# Glossy Surfaces

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- ▶ Expect most light to be reflected in mirror direction
- ▶ Because of micro-facets, some light is reflected slightly off ideal reflection direction
- ▶ Reflection
  - ▶ Brightest when view vector is aligned with reflection
  - ▶ Decreases as angle between view vector and reflection direction increases

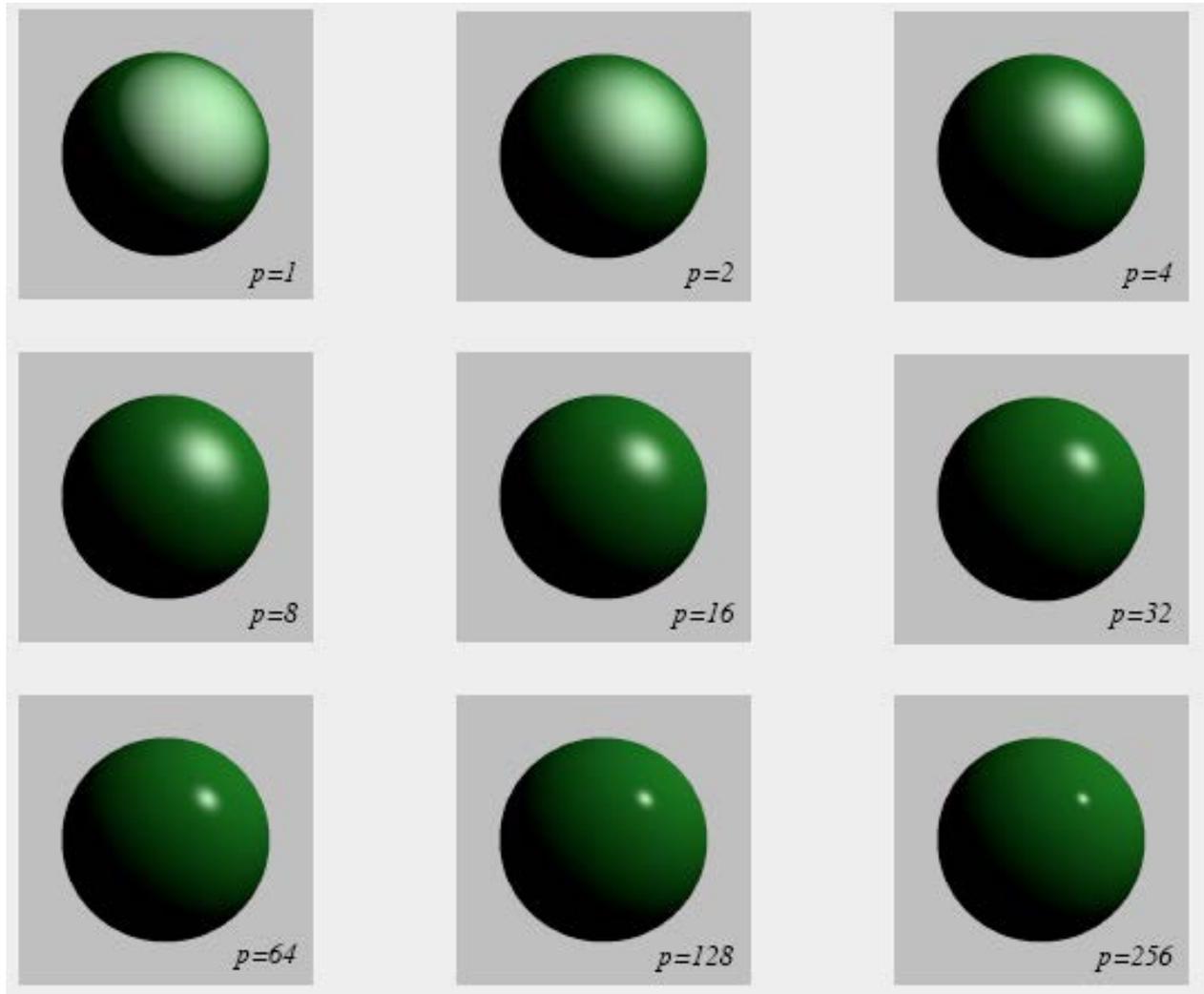
# Phong Shading Model

- ▶ Developed by Bui Tuong Phong in 1973
- ▶ Specular reflectance coefficient  $k_s$
- ▶ Phong exponent  $p$ 
  - ▶ Greater  $p$  means smaller (sharper) highlight



$$c = k_s c_l (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{e})^p$$

# Phong Shading Model



# Local Illumination

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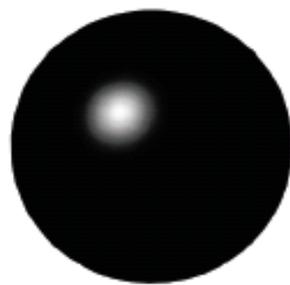
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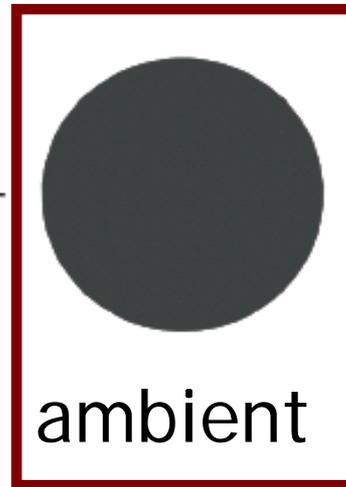
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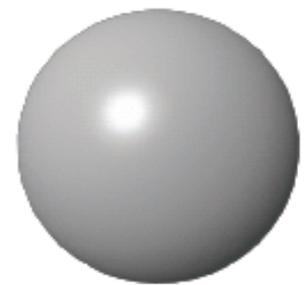
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# Ambient Light

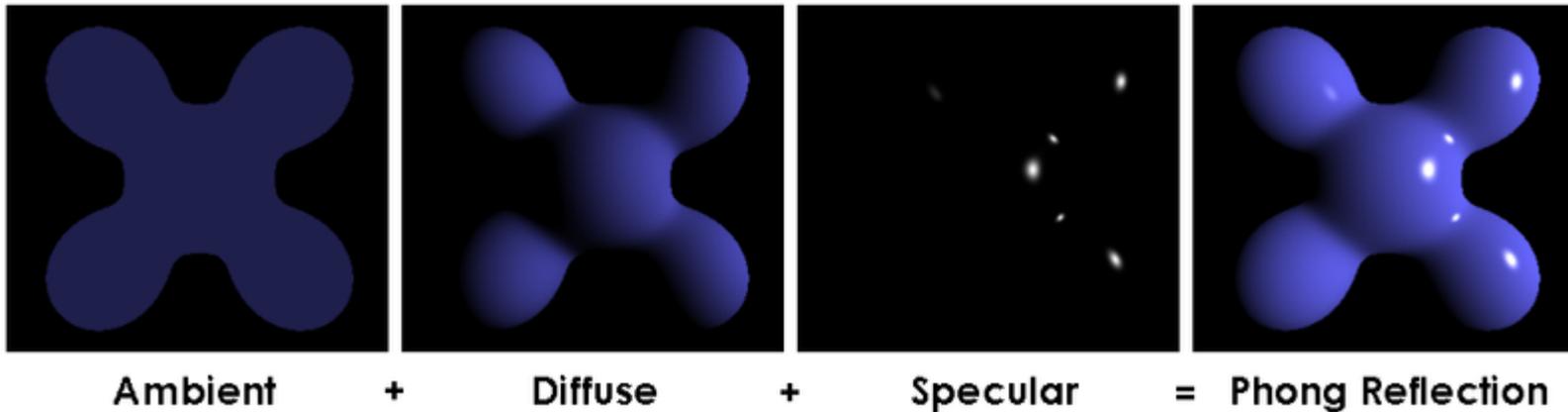
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- ▶ In real world, light is bounced all around scene
- ▶ Could use global illumination techniques to simulate
- ▶ Simple approximation
  - ▶ Add constant ambient light at each point:  $k_a c_a$
  - ▶ Ambient light color:  $c_a$
  - ▶ Ambient reflection coefficient:  $k_a$
- ▶ Areas with no direct illumination are not completely dark

# Complete Phong Shading Model

- ▶ Phong model supports multiple light sources
- ▶ All light colors  $c$  and material coefficients  $k$  are 3-component vectors for red, green, blue

$$c = \sum_i c_{l_i} (k_d(L_i \cdot n) + k_s(R \cdot e)^p + k_a)$$



*Image by Brad Smith*