



Direct Illumination

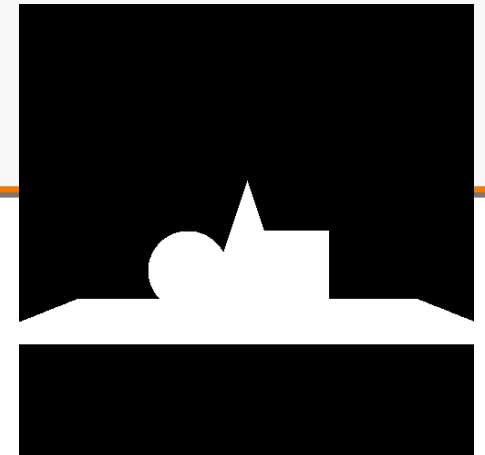
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Ray Casting

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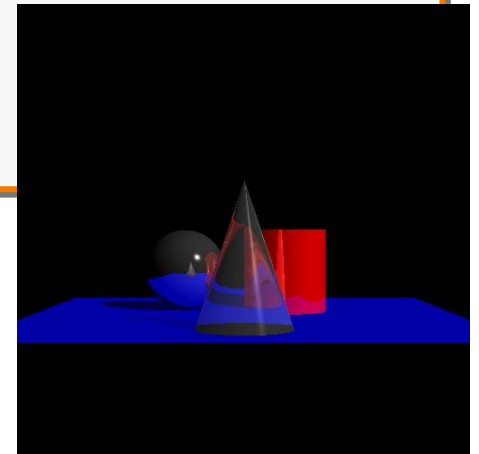


Without Illumination



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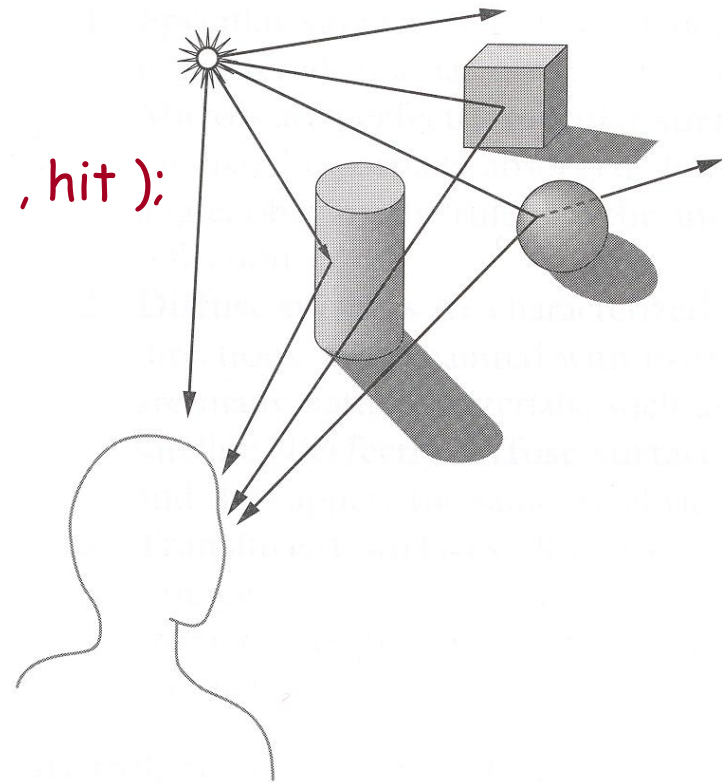
With Illumination



Illumination

How do we compute color for a sample ray?

$\text{image}(i,j) = \text{GetColor}(\text{scene}, \text{ray}, \text{hit});$



Angel Figure 6.2



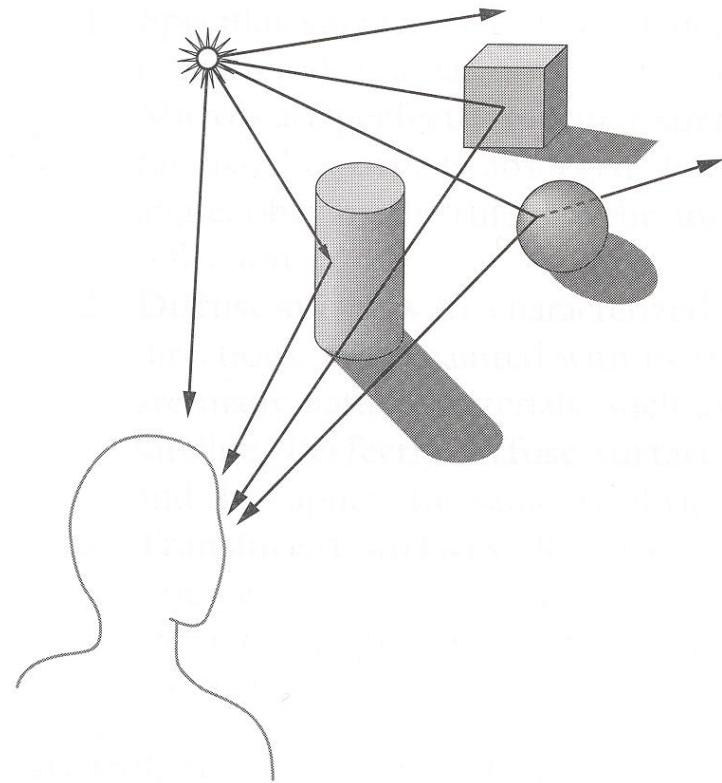
Goal

Must derive models for ...

- Emission at light sources
- Direct reflection
- Indirect scattering

Desirable features ...

- Concise
- Efficient to compute
- Convincing





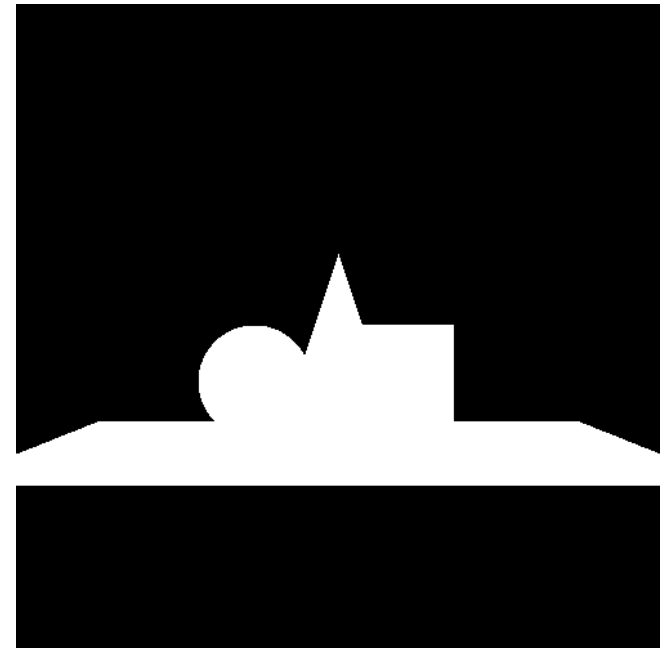
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- Inter-object reflections
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Intersection Testing



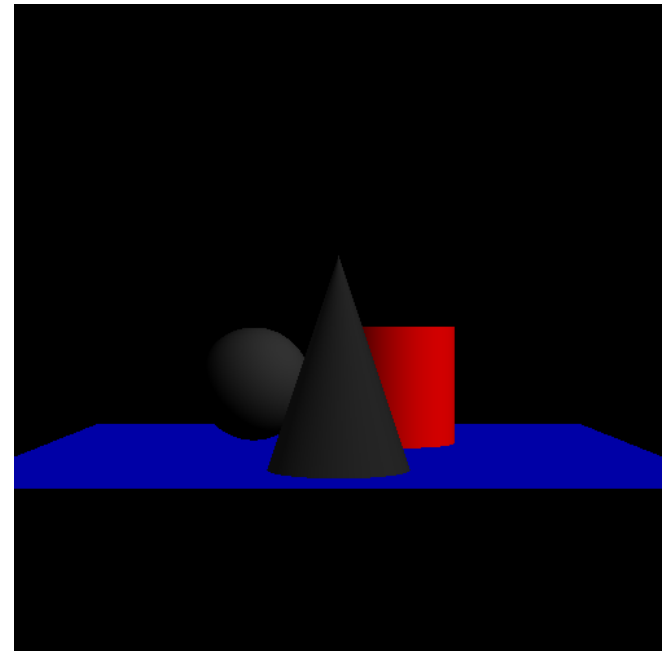
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Lambertian Shading



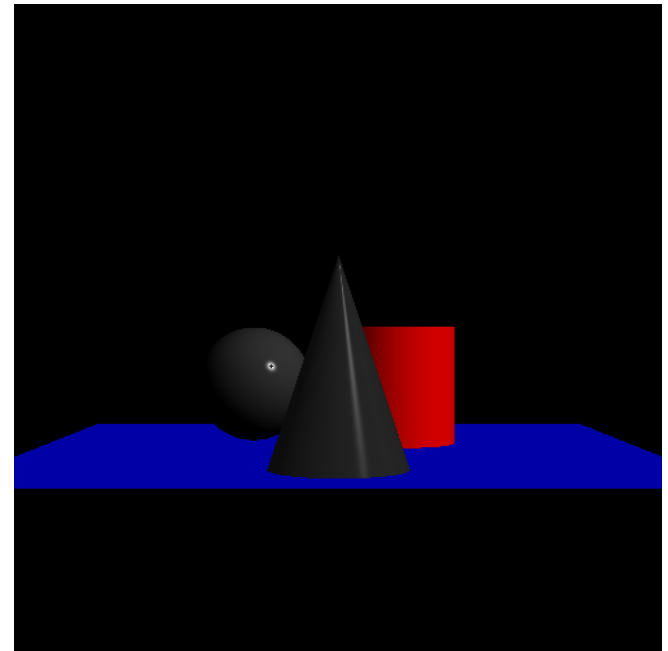
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Phong Shading



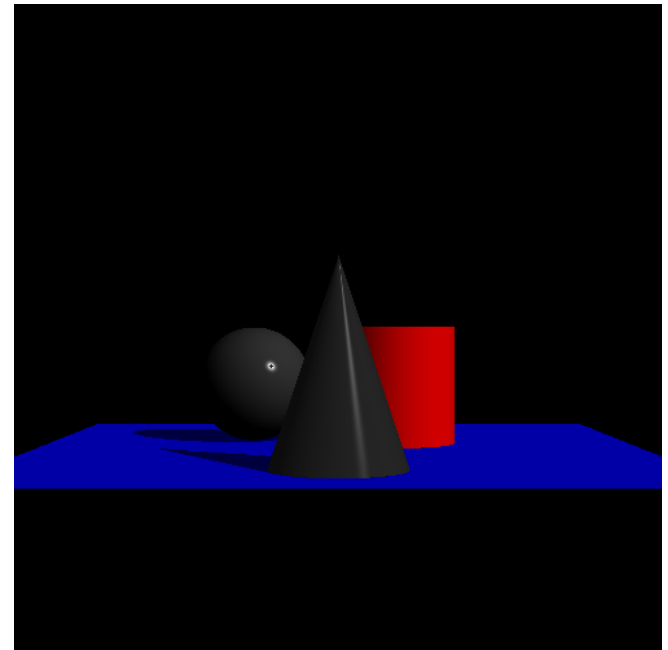
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Shadow Computation



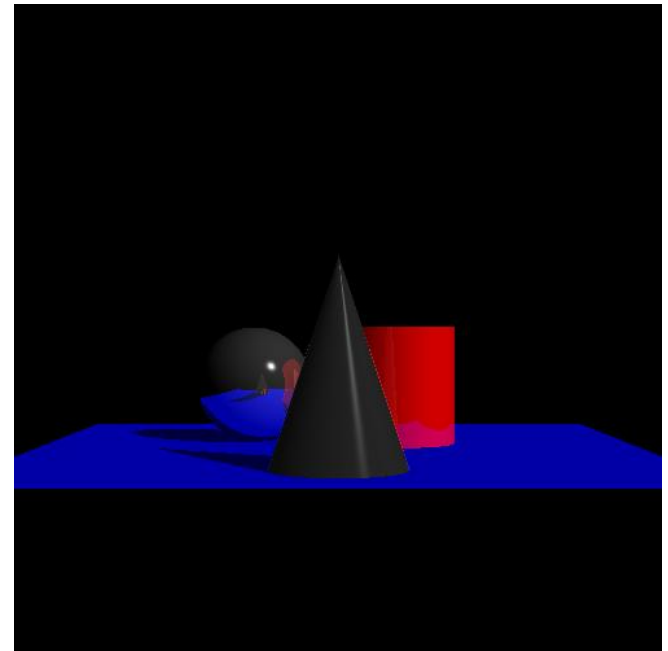
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Reflections



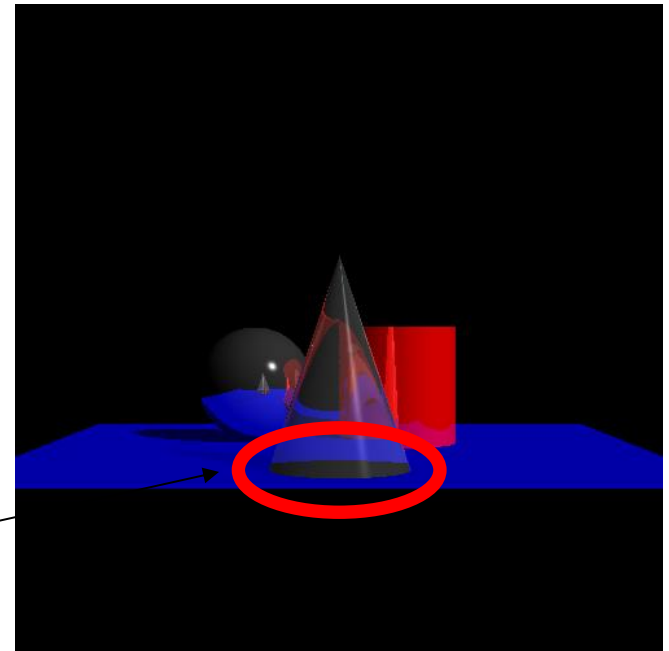
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Ignore this

Refractions



Aside

Recall:

Given two **unit** vectors \vec{v} and \vec{w} , the angle θ between them satisfies:

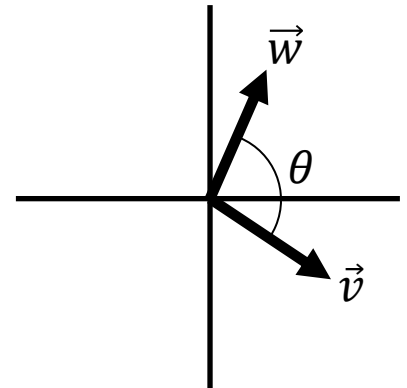
$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \cos(\theta) \in [-1, 1]$$

- Equal to 1 when \vec{v} and \vec{w} are aligned
- Equal to 0 when \vec{v} and \vec{w} are perpendicular
- Negative when \vec{v} and \vec{w} point in opposite directions

⇒ For fixed vector \vec{v} , a simple parametric function measuring the alignment of a vector \vec{w} to \vec{v} can have the form:

$$C_{\vec{v}, \alpha}(\vec{w}) = (\max(0, \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle))^{\alpha} \in [0, 1]$$

for $\alpha \geq 0$.



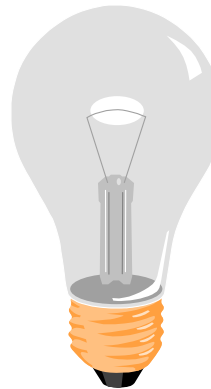
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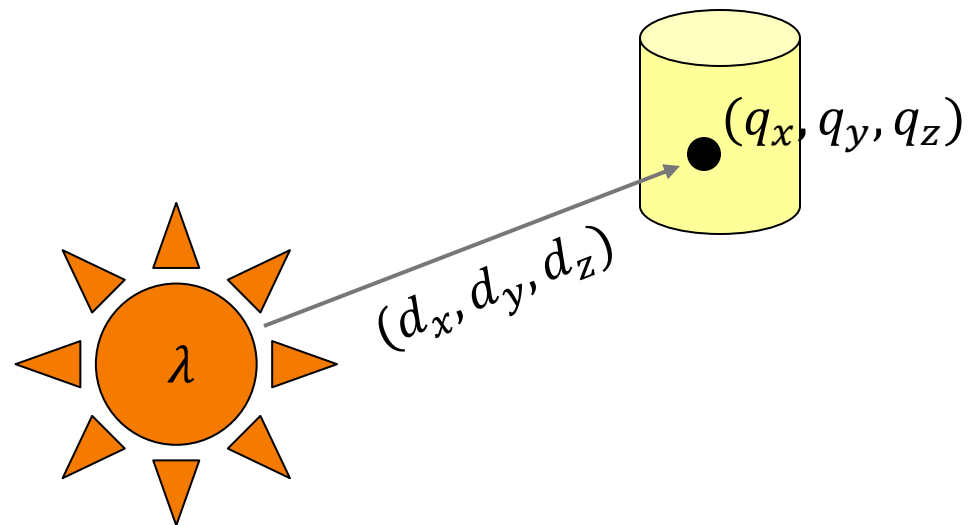




Modeling Light Sources

$I_L(q, d, \lambda)$ describes the intensity of energy:

- arriving at (a patch of surface area at) q ,
- from direction d ,
- with wavelength λ

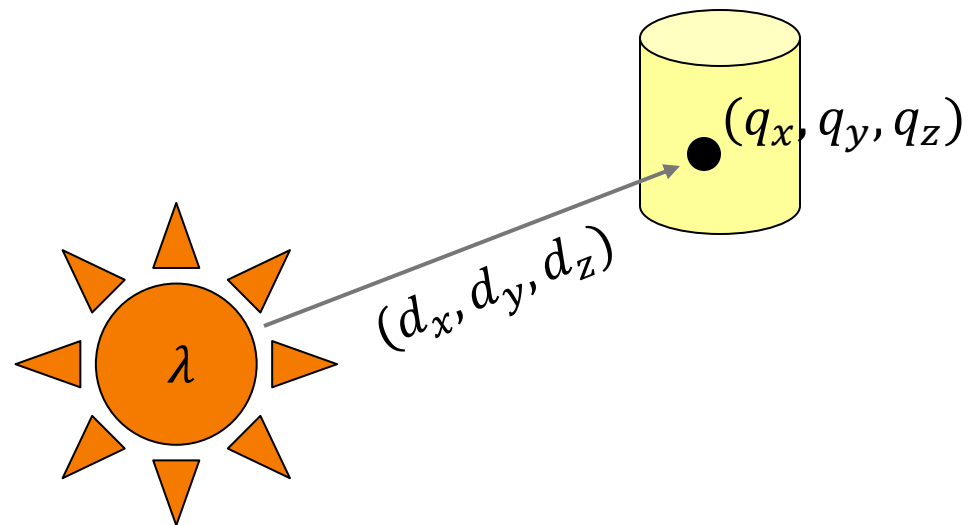




Empirical Models

Ideally, have a fully general model that can describe all light sources

✖ Difficult in practice

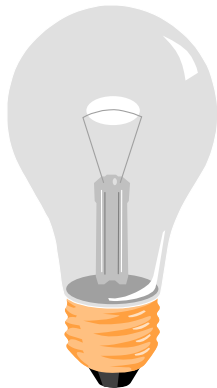




Simplified Light Source Models

Simple mathematical models:

- Directional light
- Point light
- Spot light

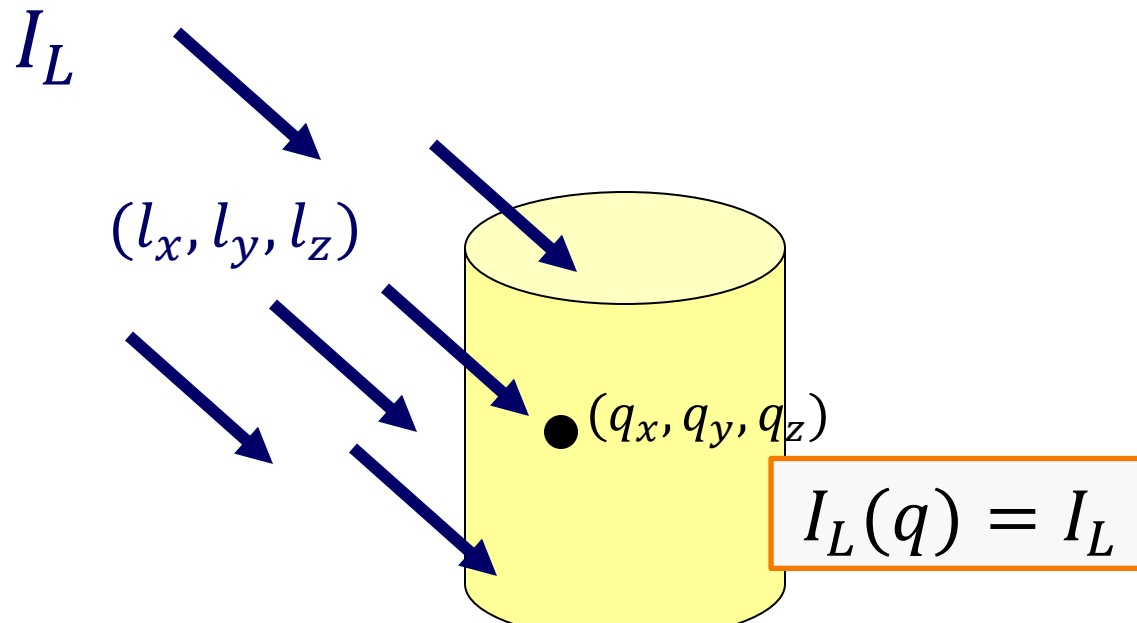


Directional Light Source



Models point light source at infinity

- intensity I_L , (typically a three-channel value)
- direction $\vec{l} = (l_x, l_y, l_z)$



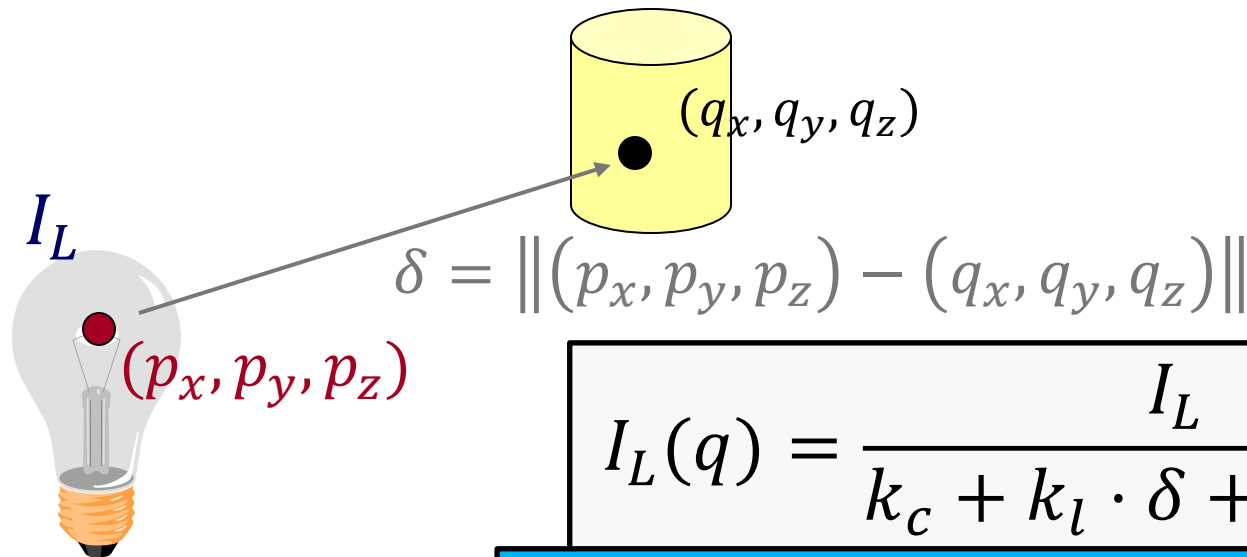
The direction **from** the light to the surface point q is \vec{l} .

Point Light Source



Models omni-directional point source

- Intensity I_L , (typically a three-channel value)
- position $p = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$,
- factors (k_c, k_l, k_q) for attenuation with distance (δ)



$$I_L(q) = \frac{I_L}{k_c + k_l \cdot \delta + k_q \cdot \delta^2}$$

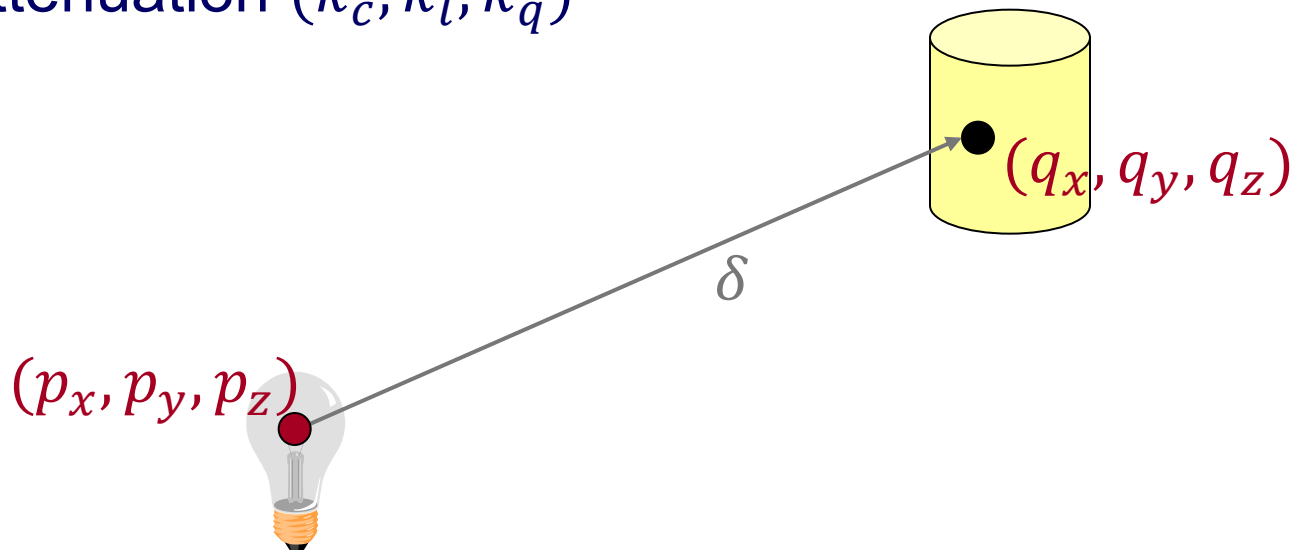
The direction **from** the light to the surface point is $\vec{l} = \frac{q-p}{|q-p|}$.

Spot Light Source



Models point light source

- Intensity I_L , (typically a three-channel value)
- position $p = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$,
- attenuation (k_c, k_l, k_q)



Light

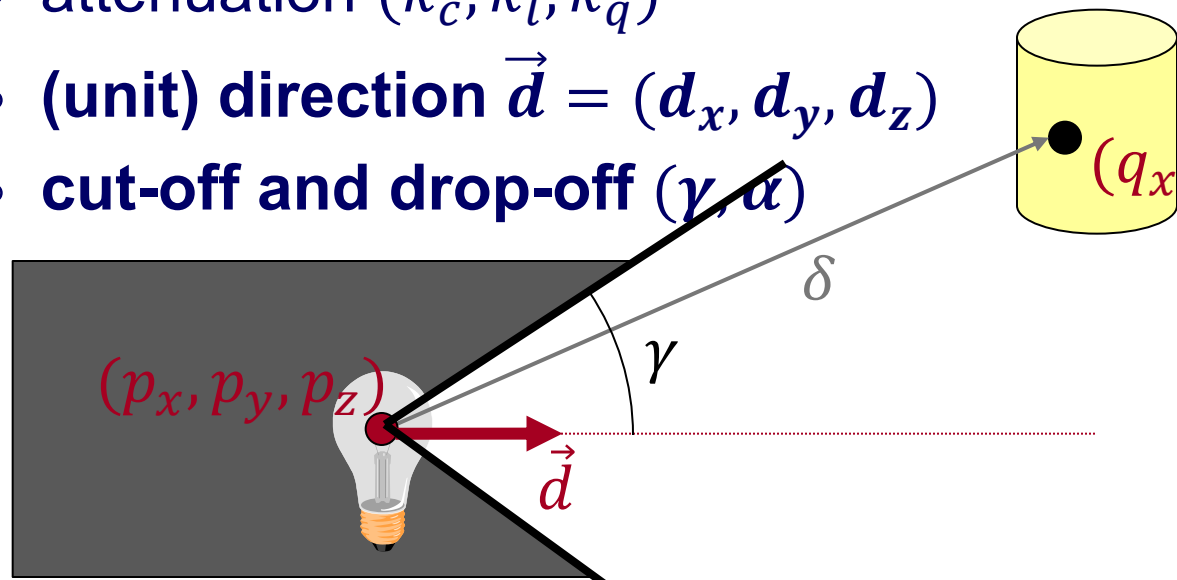
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Spot Light Source



Models point light source with direction and fall-off

- Intensity I_L , (typically a three-channel value)
- position $p = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$,
- attenuation (k_c, k_l, k_q)
- **(unit) direction** $\vec{d} = (d_x, d_y, d_z)$
- **cut-off and drop-off** (γ, α)



How can we modify the intensity of a point light to decrease as γ increases?

Light

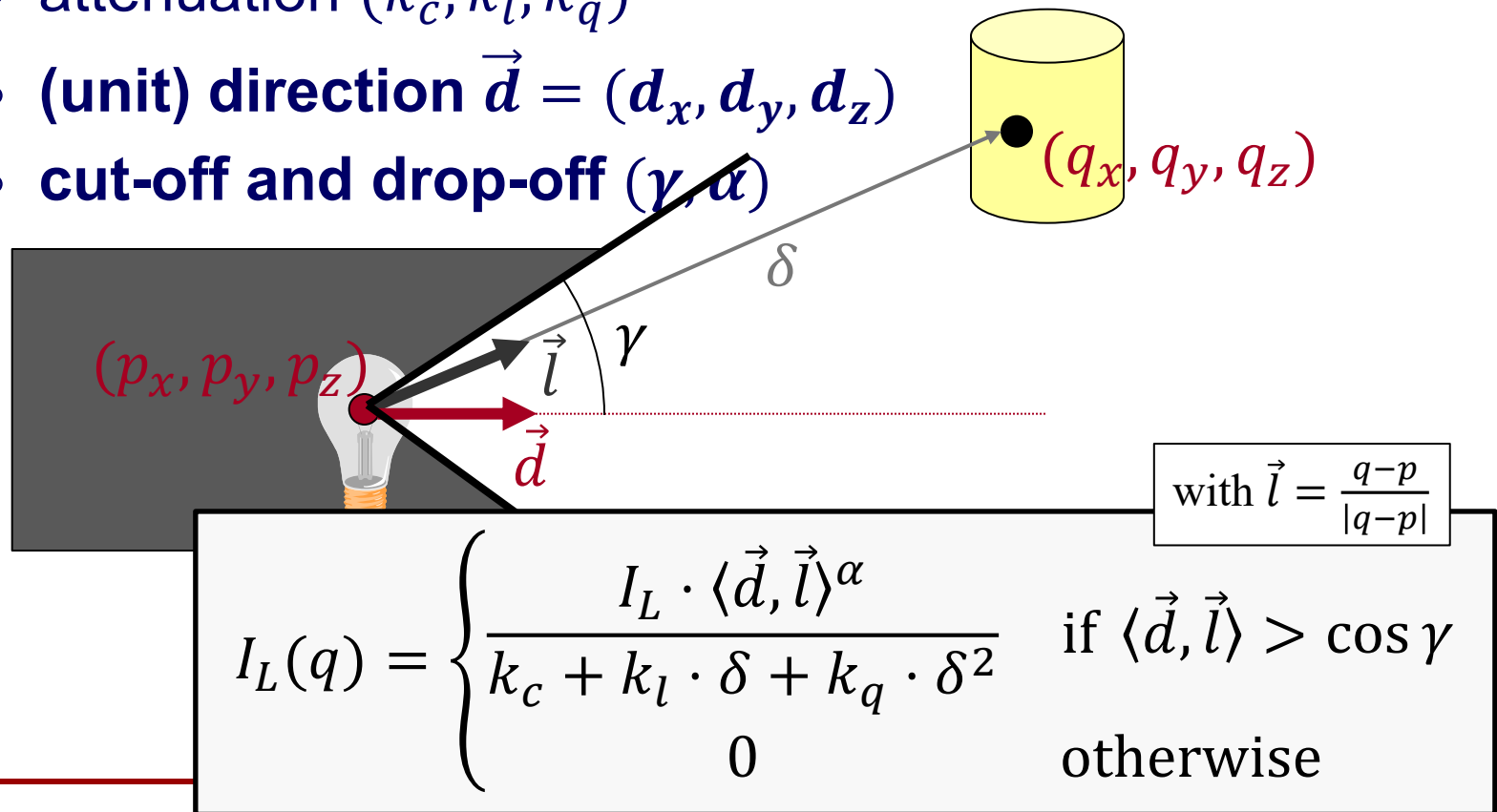
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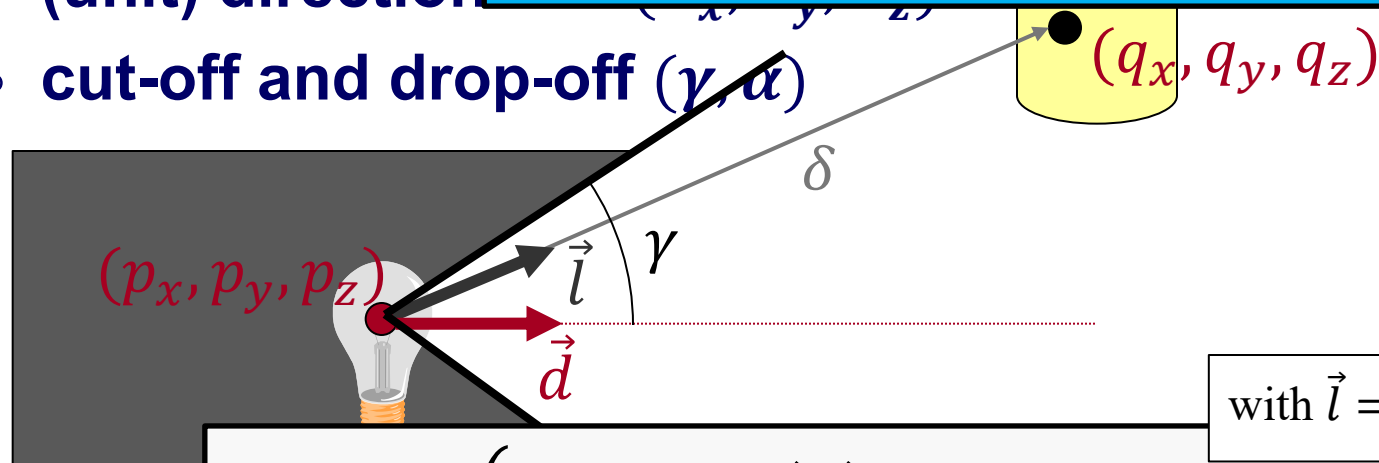
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$\gamma \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ so that $\langle \vec{d}, \vec{l} \rangle \in [0, 1]$.

$\alpha \in [0, \infty)$

The direction **from** the light to the surface point is $\vec{l} = \frac{q-p}{|q-p|}$ (not \vec{d}).



with $\vec{l} = \frac{q-p}{|q-p|}$

$$I_L(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{I_L \cdot \langle \vec{d}, \vec{l} \rangle^\alpha}{k_c + k_l \cdot \delta + k_q \cdot \delta^2} & \text{if } \langle \vec{d}, \vec{l} \rangle > \cos \gamma \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Directional/Point/Spot Light Source



In addition to the light directly reaching a point, light can arrive at the point indirectly by bouncing around the scene.

Approximate with a constant intensity represented by a (directionless) **ambient** term:

$$I_L^A(q) = I_L^A$$

Note:

In some applications, there is a single ambient light, independent of the number of lights in the scene.

⇒ Makes it hard to turn on/off individual lights.





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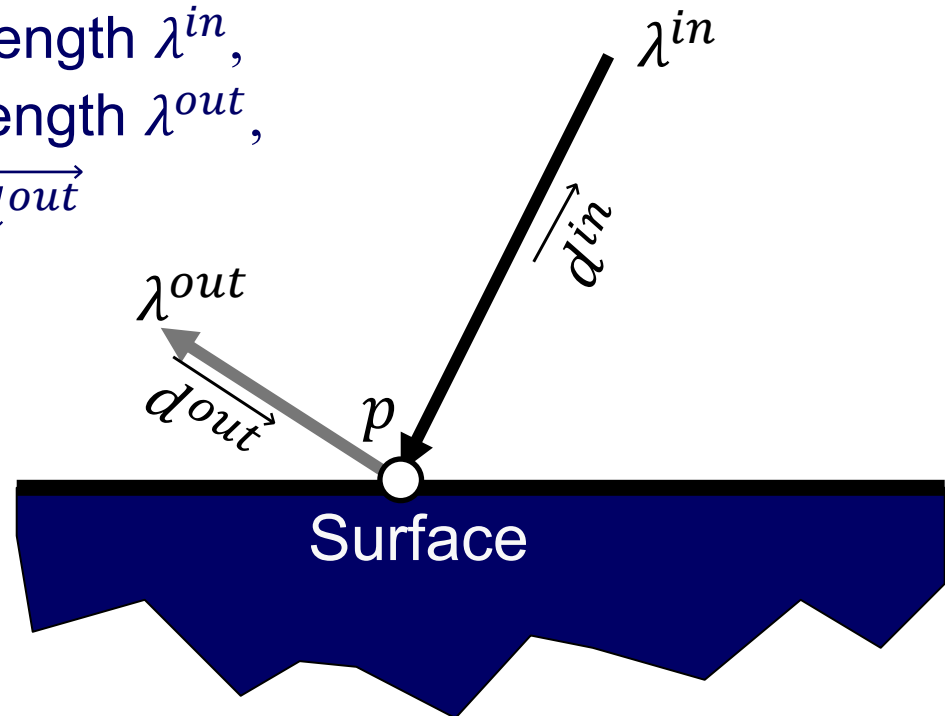
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Modeling Surface Reflectance

$SVBRDF(p, \vec{d}^{in}, \lambda^{in}, \vec{d}^{out}, \lambda^{out})$ describes the fraction of incident energy (R)

- arriving at point p
- from direction \vec{d}^{in} ,
- with incoming wavelength λ^{in} ,
- with outgoing wavelength λ^{out} ,
- leaving in direction \vec{d}^{out}



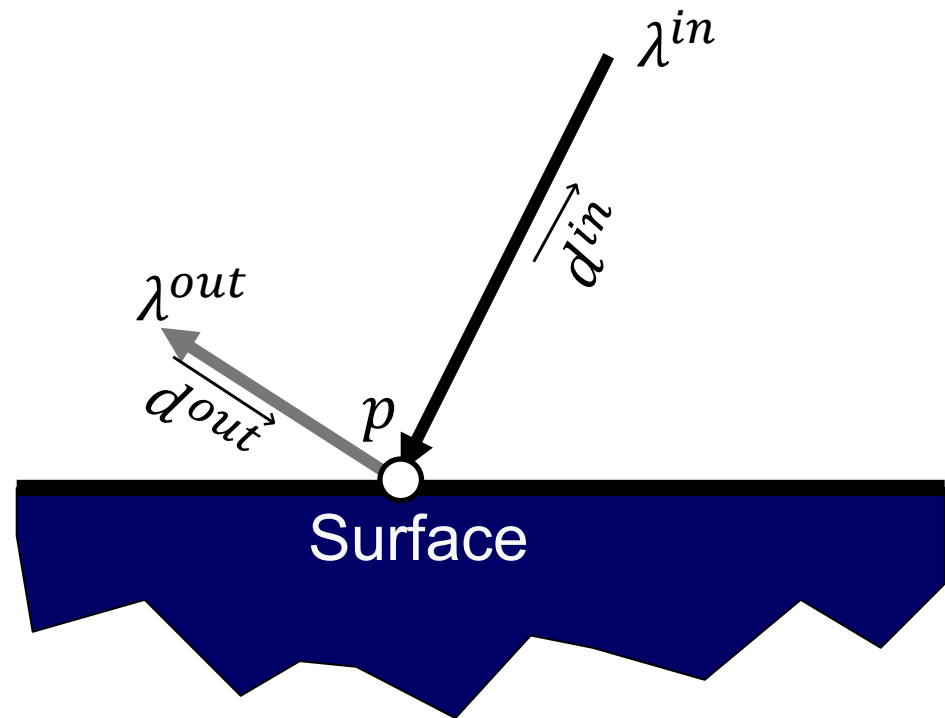
SVBRDF = Spatially Varying Bi-Directional Reflectance Distribution Function



Empirical Models

Ideally, model reflectance for all combinations of incoming/outgoing angles/wavelengths, and all surface positions

✗ Difficult in practice



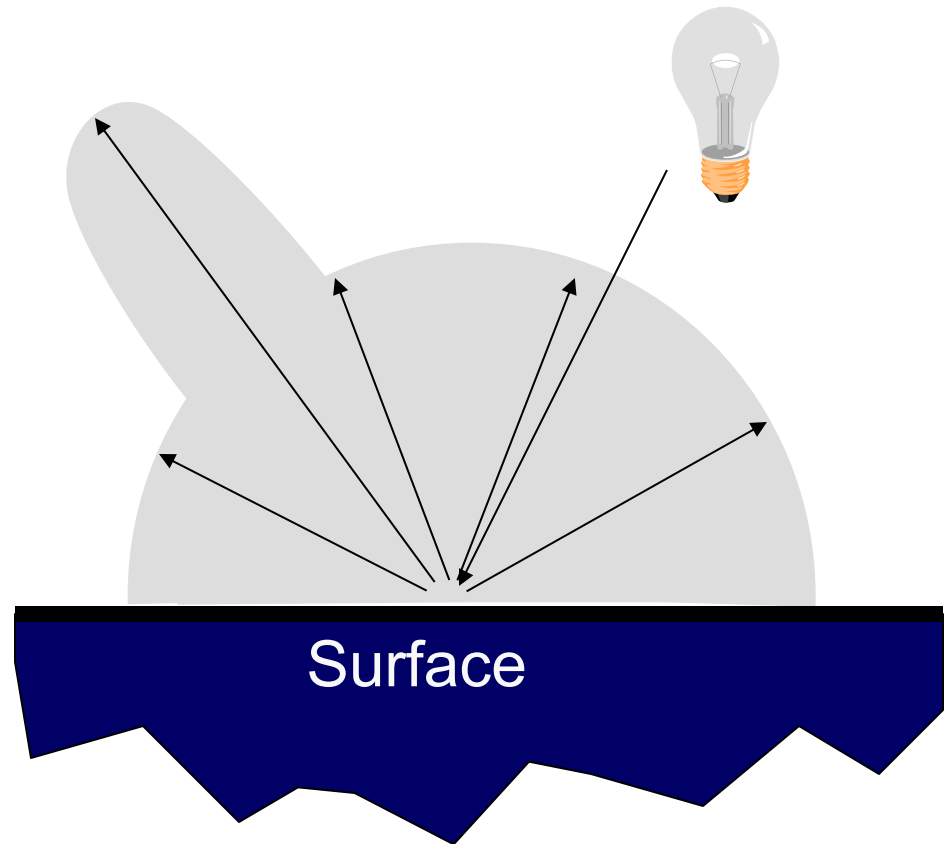


Simple Reflectance Model

Simple analytic model:

- diffuse reflection +
- specular reflection +
- emission +
- “ambient”

Based on model
proposed by Phong

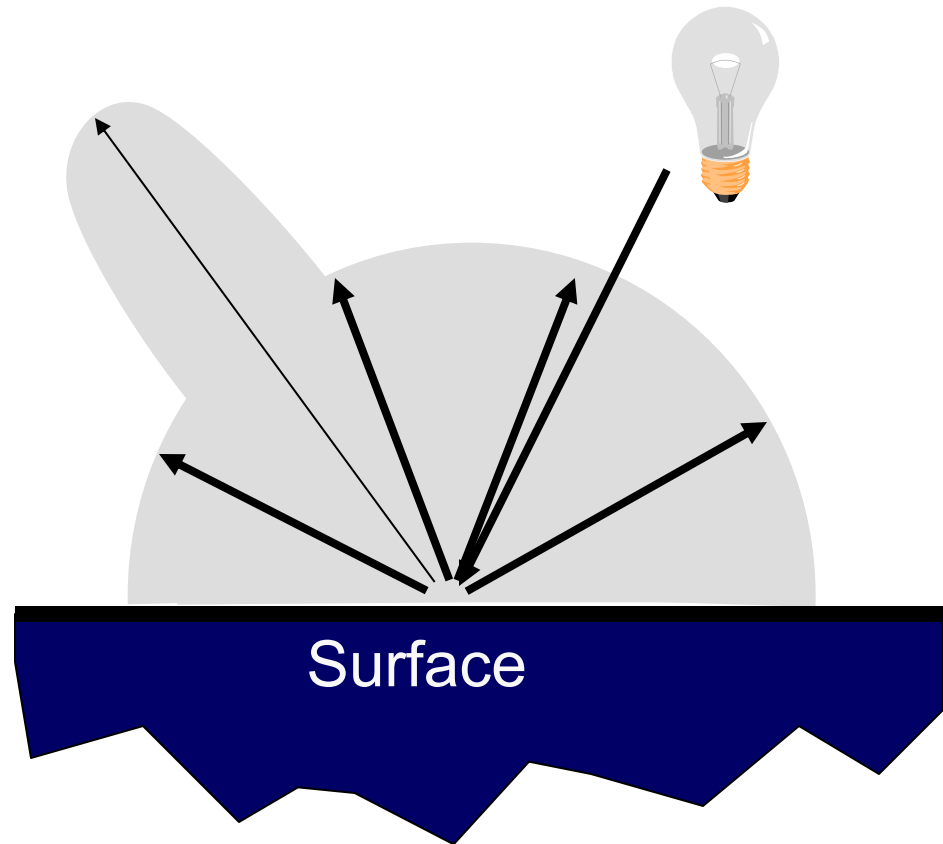




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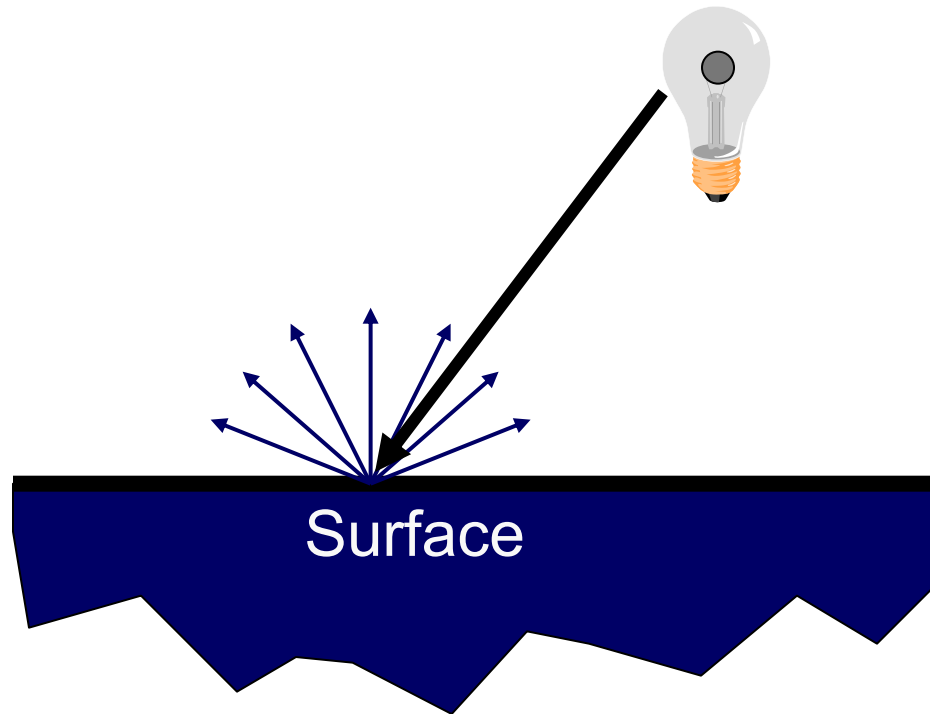




Diffuse Reflection

Assume surface intensity is viewer independent

- Examples: chalk, clay

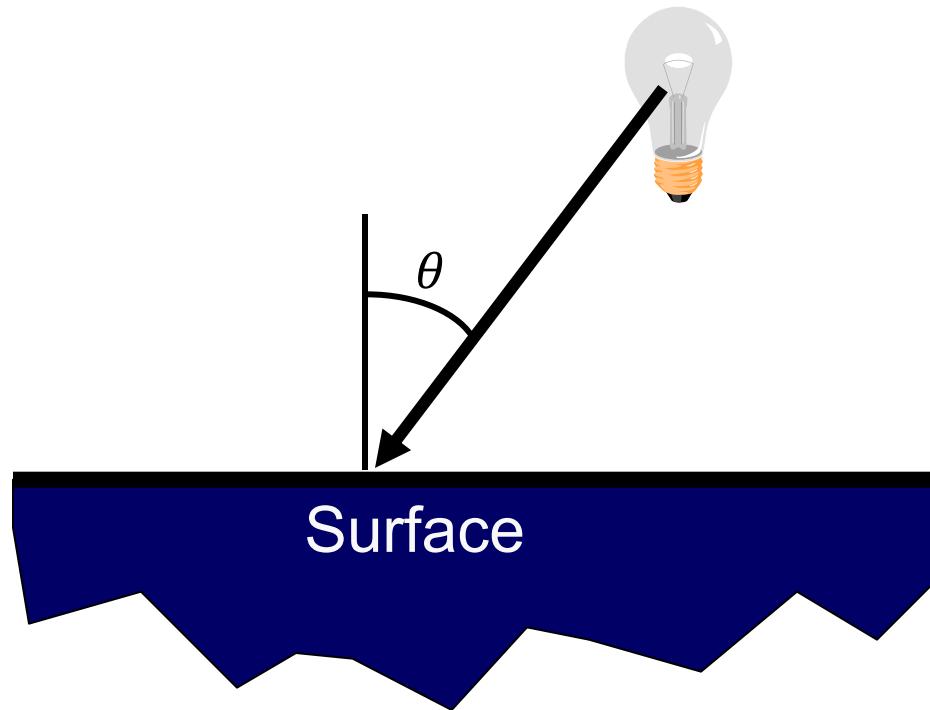




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How much light is reflected?

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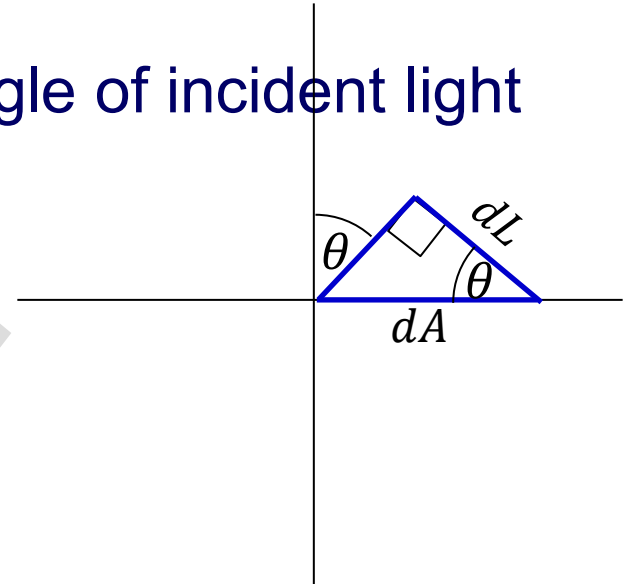
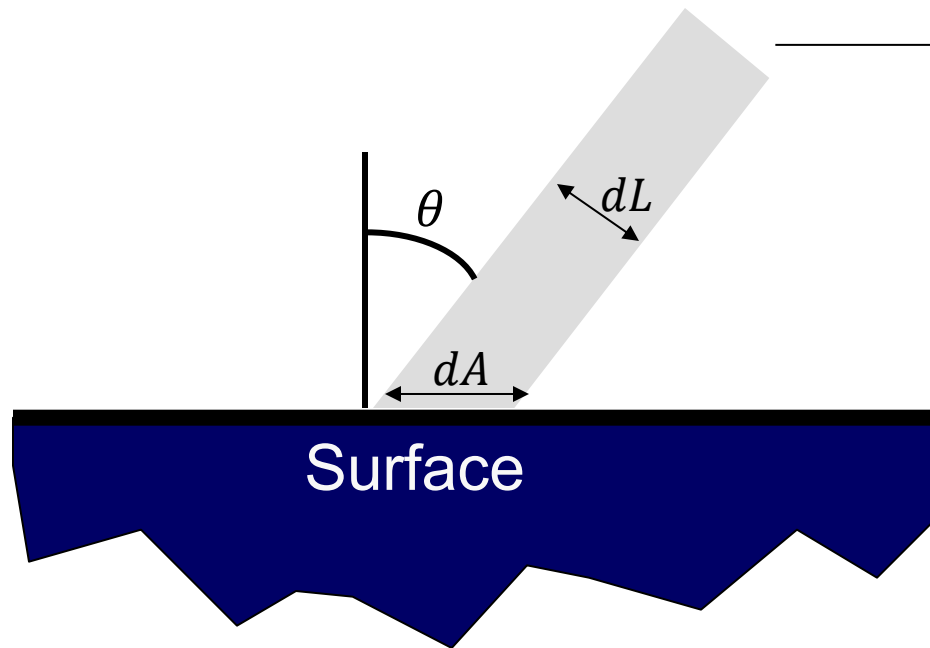


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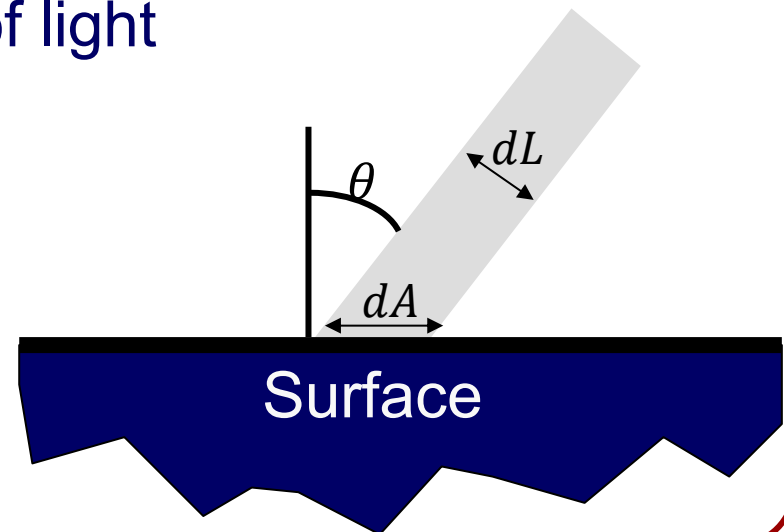
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A unit area of light along the beam is spread across a patch of surface with area $1 / \cos \theta$.

⇒ A unit surface area receives only $\cos \theta$ of the light coming through a unit area of light along the beam.





Diffuse Reflection

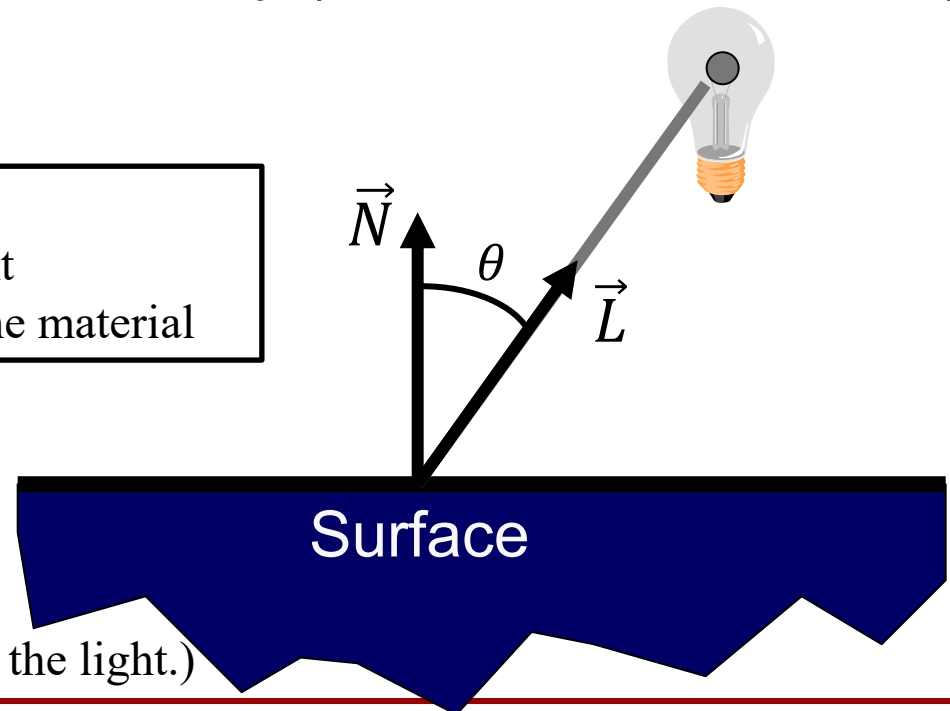
Lambertian model:

$$I_D = K_D \cdot \langle \vec{N}, \vec{L} \rangle \cdot I_L$$

- cosine law: $\cos \theta = \langle \vec{N}, \vec{L} \rangle$, with \vec{N} and \vec{L} **unit** vectors
- K_D is surface/material property (how much is reflected)
- I_L is incoming light

Throughout:

- Variable I_L^* denotes intensity of light
- Variable K_* denotes a property of the material



Note:

Here, \vec{L} is the direction **to** the light,
(i.e. The negative of \vec{l} , the direction **from** the light.)



Diffuse Reflection

Light/surface properties have RGB components!

- Run calculation on EACH color channel
- This holds true for all lighting calculations

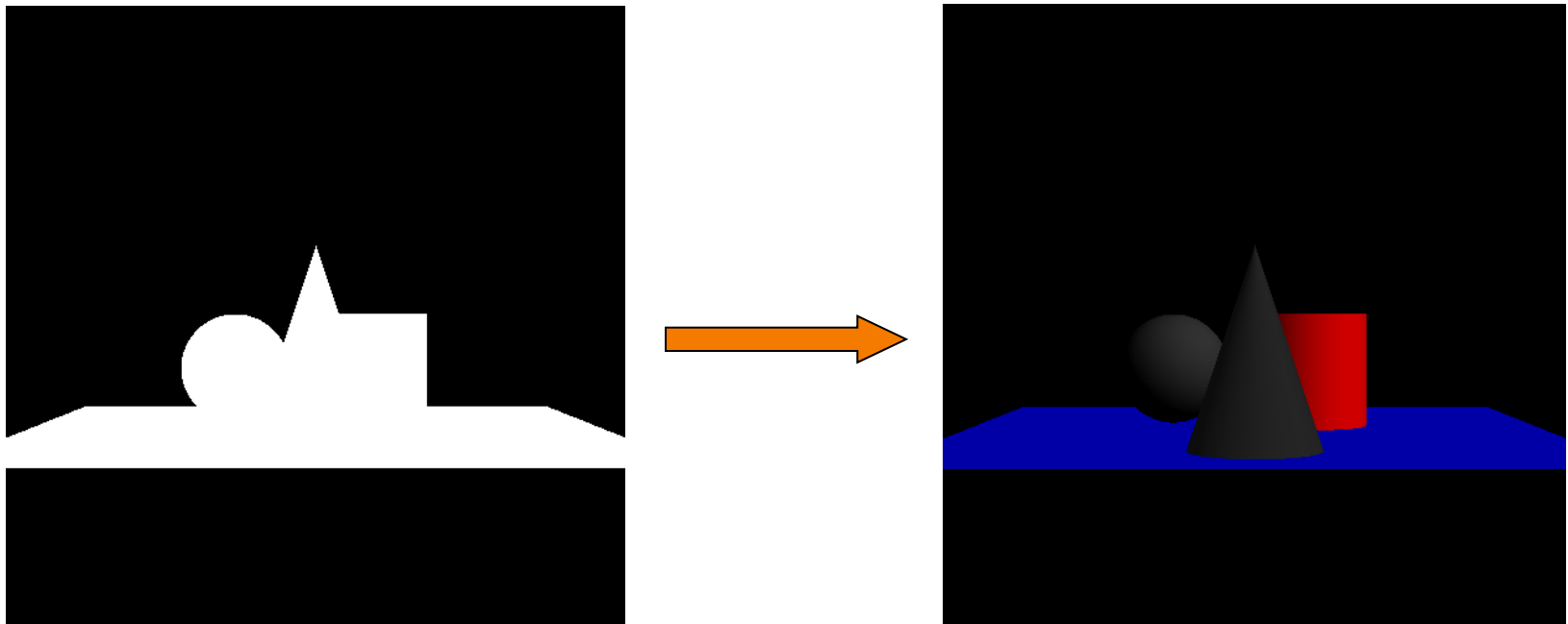
$$I_D^C = K_D^C \cdot \langle \vec{N}, \vec{L} \rangle \cdot I_L^C, \quad C \in \{R, G, B\}$$



Diffuse Reflection

Assume surface reflects equally in all directions

- Examples: chalk, clay

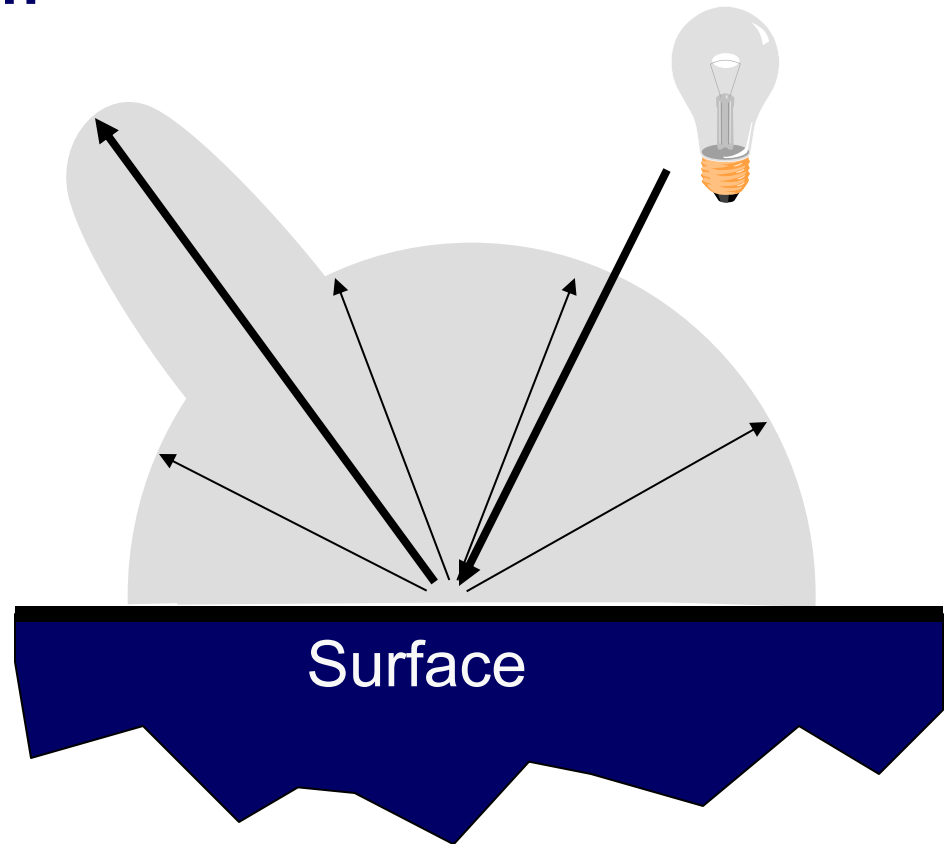




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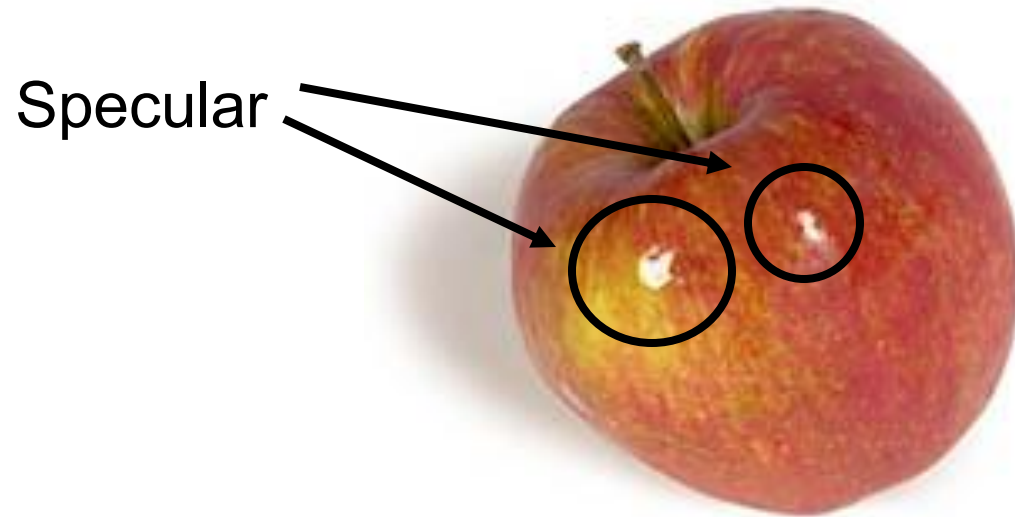




Specular Reflection

Reflection is strongest near mirror angle

- Examples: metals, shiny apples



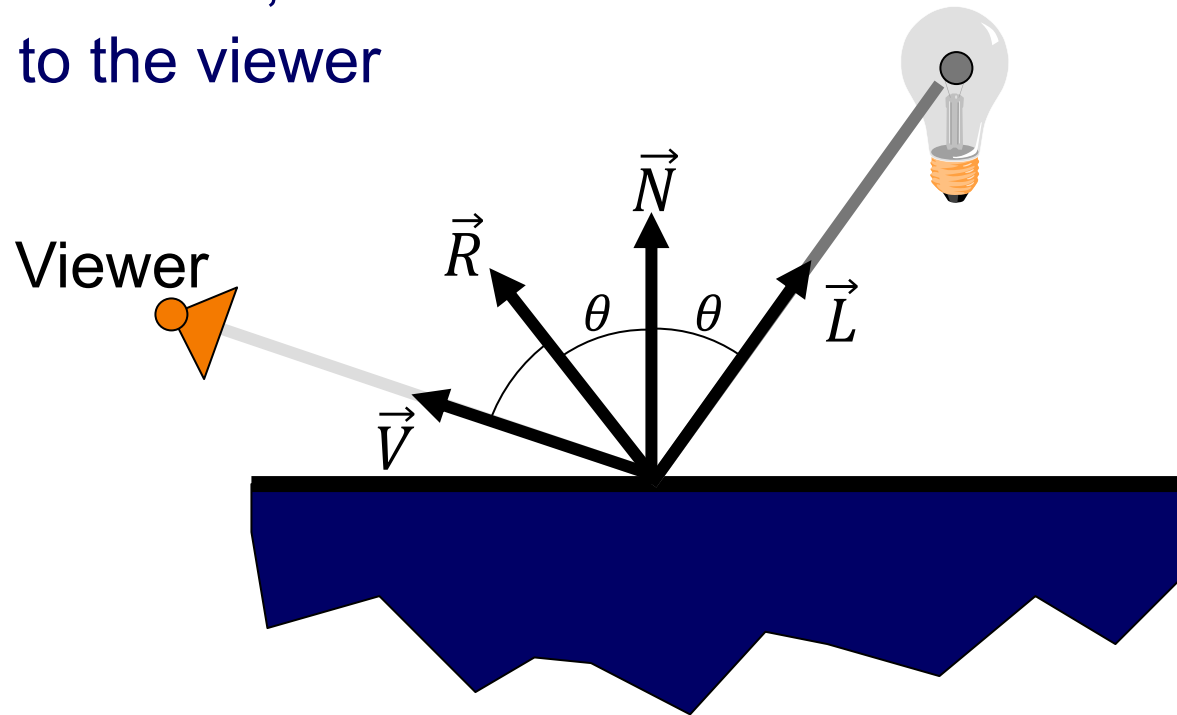


Specular Reflection

How much light is seen?

Depends on the alignment of the:

- reflected direction, and
- direction to the viewer

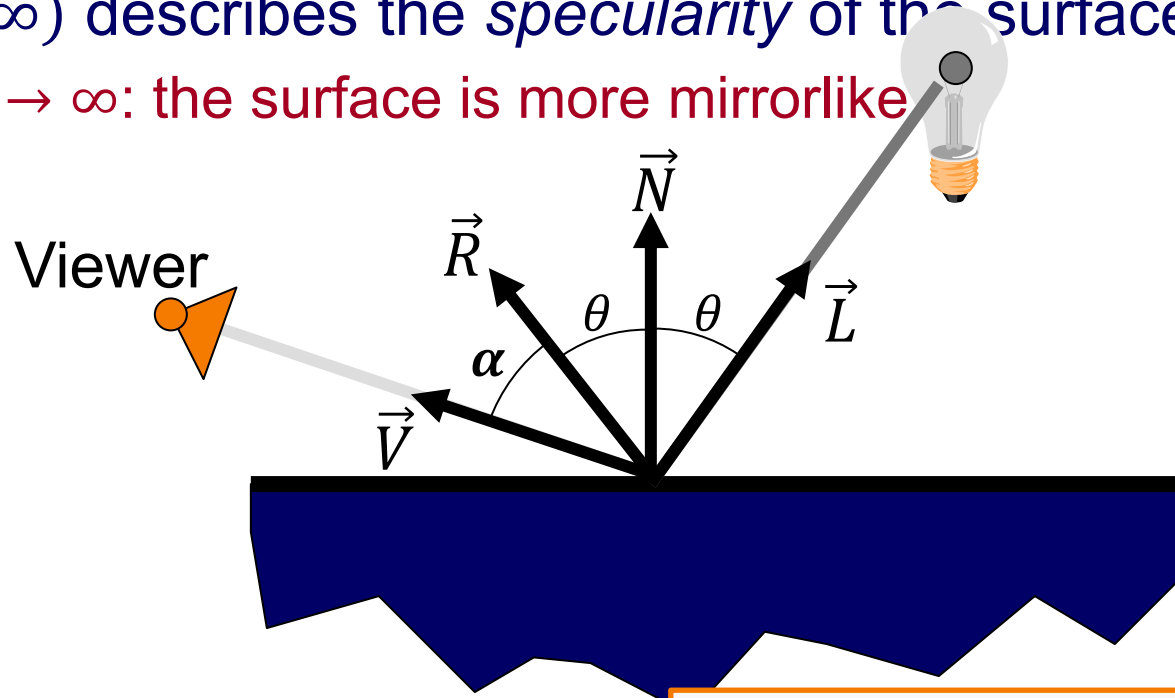




Specular Reflection

Phong Model:

- $\cos(\alpha) = \langle \vec{V}, \vec{R} \rangle \in [-1, 1]$ describes how aligned the reflected and view directions are
- $K_n \in [0, \infty)$ describes the *specularity* of the surface
 - » As $K_n \rightarrow \infty$: the surface is more mirrorlike



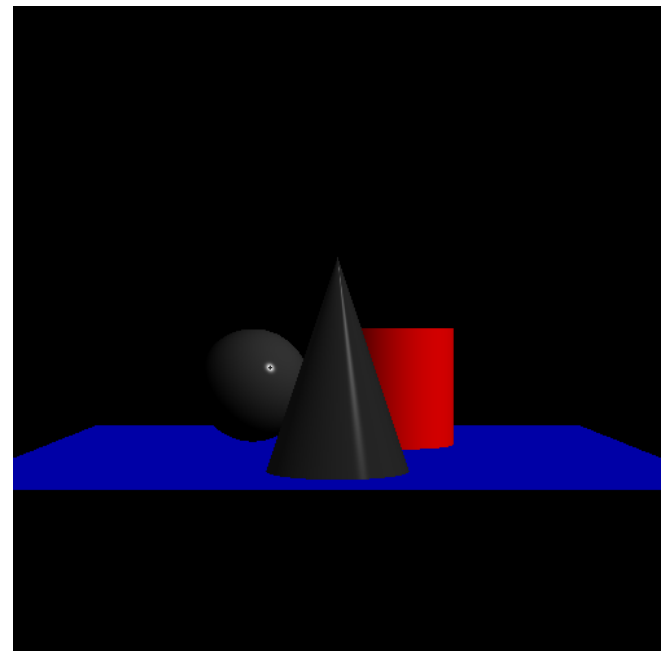
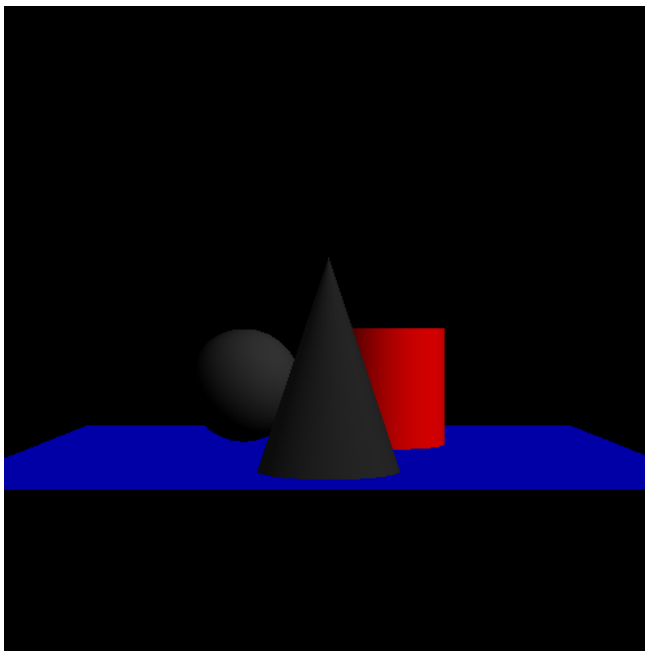
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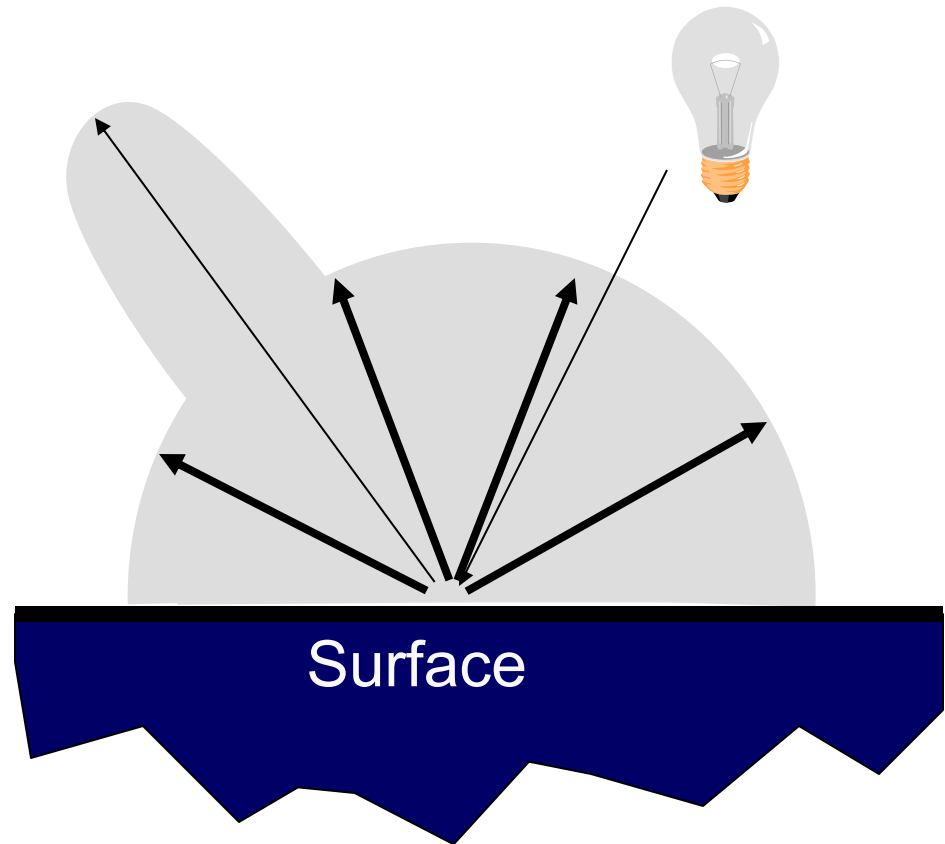




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Emission

Represents light emanating **uniformly** from a surface that cannot be described by the three light sources (e.g. area lights)

Emission $\neq 0$

$$K_E = K_E$$

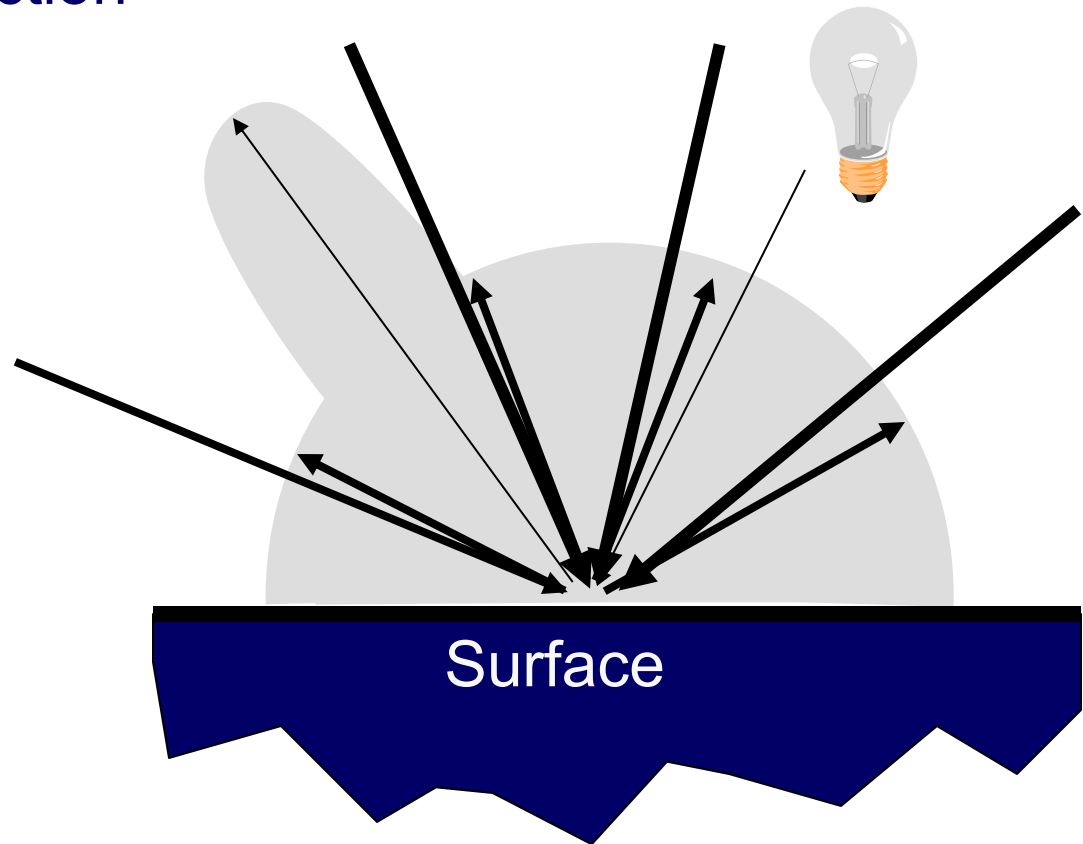




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Ambient Term

Represents reflection from all indirect illumination

$$I_A = K_A \cdot I_L^A$$

Note:

Because it is directionless, ambient light cannot be incorporated in the specular/diffuse calculations.



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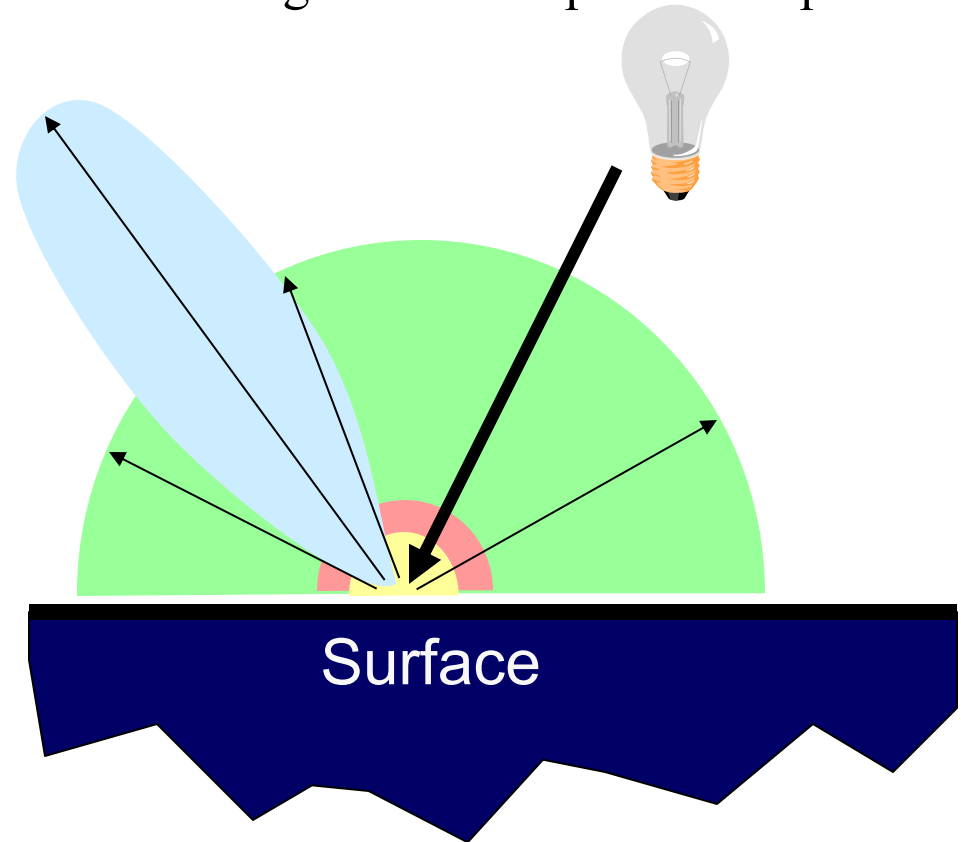
Typically, $K_A = K_D$ describe the color of the material.



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- specular reflection + ← Light + viewer position dependent
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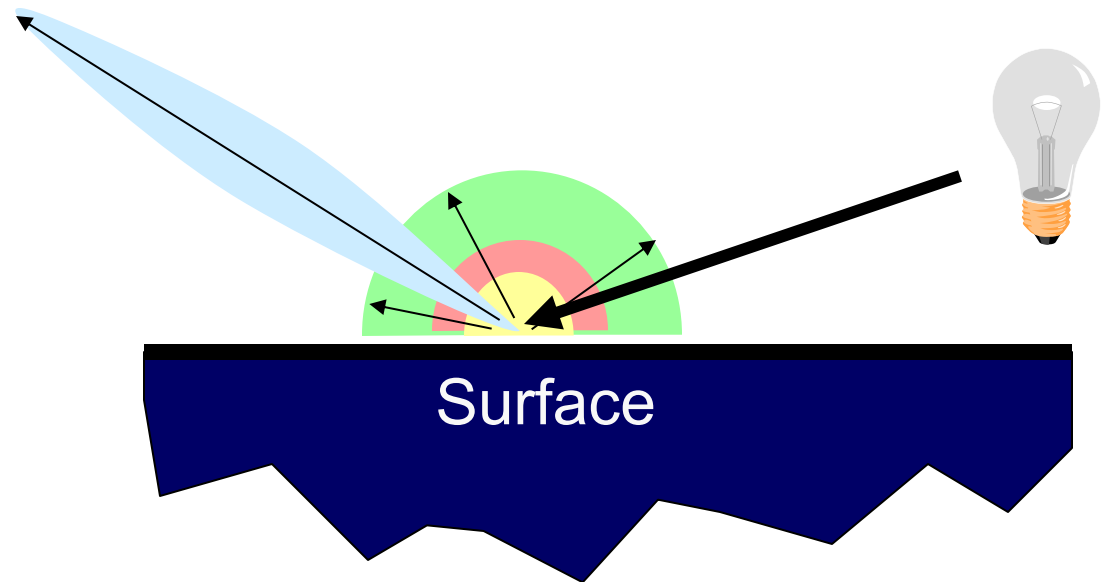




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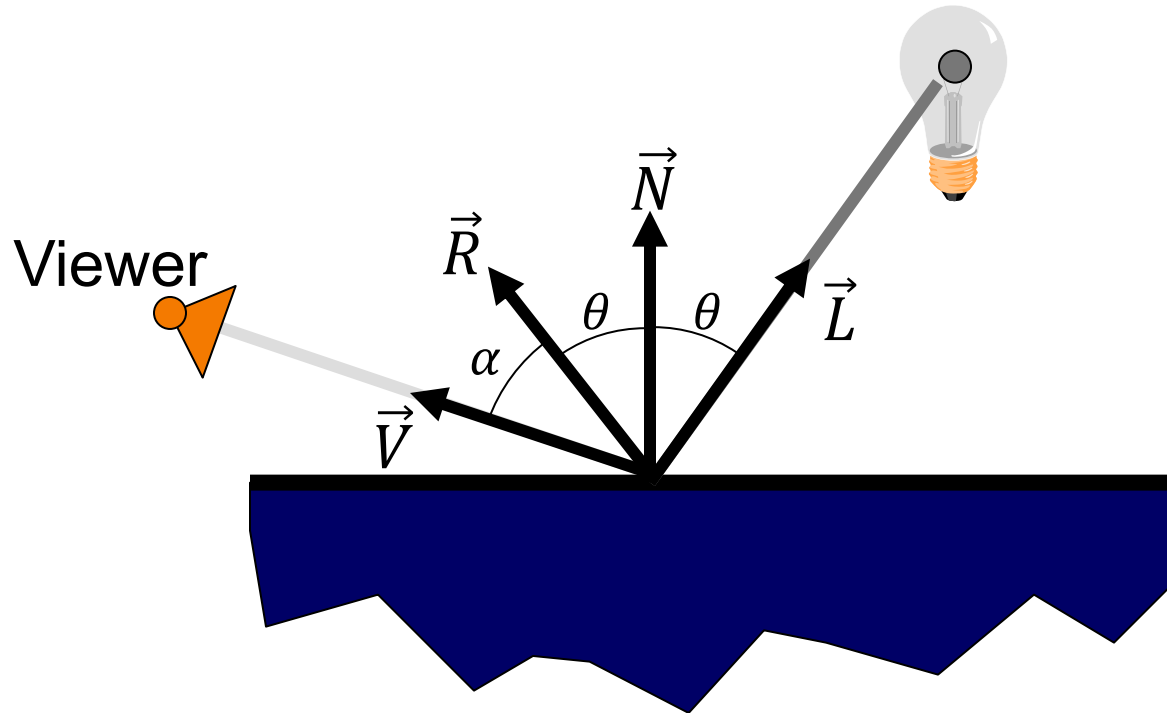
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Surface Illumination Calculation

Single light source:

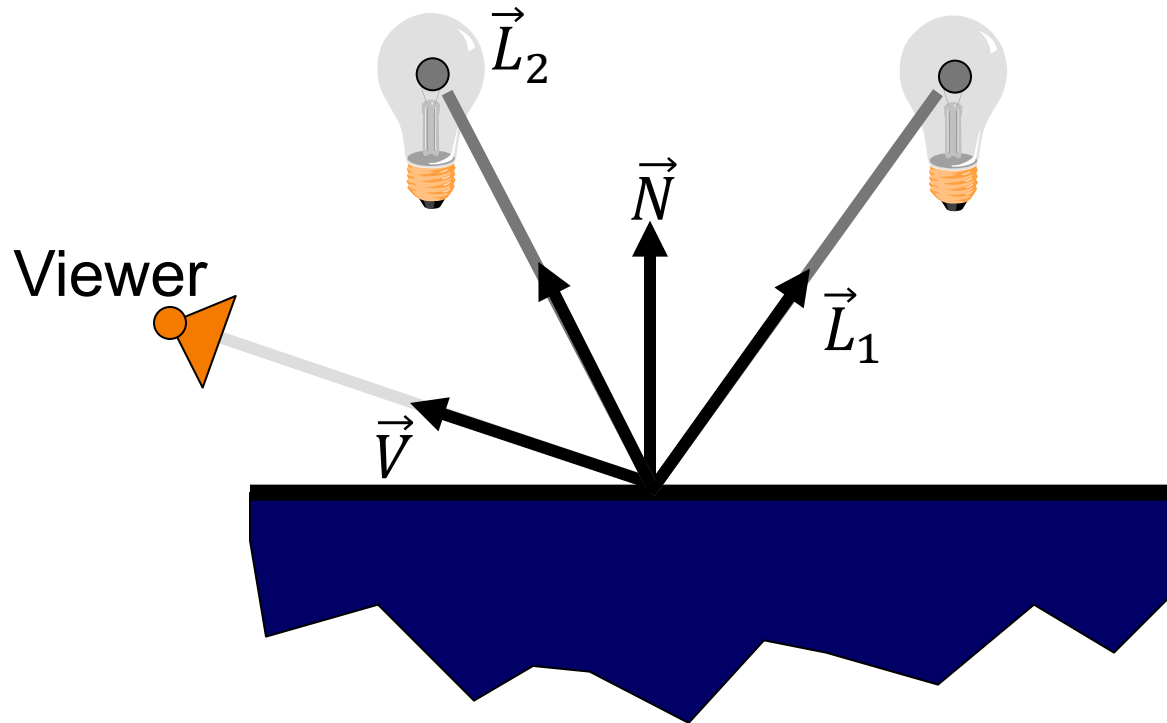


$$I = K_E + K_A \cdot I_L^A + \left(K_D \cdot \langle \vec{N}, \vec{L} \rangle + K_S \cdot \langle \vec{V}, \vec{R}(\vec{L}) \rangle^{K_n} \right) \cdot I_L$$



Surface Illumination Calculation

Multiple light source:



$$I = K_E + \sum_L \left[K_A \cdot I_L^A + \left(K_D \cdot \langle \vec{N}, \vec{L} \rangle + K_S \cdot \langle \vec{V}, \vec{R}(\vec{L}) \rangle^{K_n} \right) \cdot I_L \right]$$