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# Lighting

# Why Lighting?

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- What light source is used and how the object response to the light makes difference
  - Ocean looks bright bluish green in sunny day but dim gray green in cloudy day
- Lighting gives you a 3D view to an object
  - A unlit sphere looks no different from a 2D disk
- To get realistic pictures, the color computation of pixels must include lighting calculations

# Types of Light

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- Ambient

Light that's been scattered so much by the environment that its direction is impossible to determine - it seems to come from all directions

- Diffuse

Light that comes from one direction, but it gets scattered equally in all directions

- Specular

Light comes from a particular direction, and it tends to bounce off the surface in a preferred direction

# Materials Colors

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- A material's color depends on the percentage of the incoming different lights it reflects
- Materials have different ambient, diffuse and specular reflectances
- Material can also have an emissive color which simulates light originating from an object
  - **Headlights on a automobile**

# OpenGL Lighting Model

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- Lighting has four independent components that are computed independently
  - Emission, Ambient, Diffuse, and Specular
- OpenGL approximates lighting as if light can be broken into red, green, and blue components
  - The RGB values for lights mean different than for materials
    - For light, the numbers correspond to a percentage of full intensity for each color
    - For materials, the numbers correspond to the reflected proportions of those colors
- Total effect is a combination of corresponding components of incoming light and illuminated material surface
  - $(LR*MR, LG*MG, LB*MB)$

# Theory of Illumination

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- Not only knowledge about light but also about what happens when light is reflected from an object into our eyes is important to obtain realistic images
- The general problem is to compute the apparent color at each pixel that corresponds to part of the object on the screen
- The color produced by lighting a vertex (or a object) has several contributions
  - Emission
  - Global ambient light
  - Contributions from light sources

# Material Emission

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- Emissive brightness of the material =  $M_e$
- There is no attempt to model properties of the light or its effects on the objects
- The emissive color adds intensity to the object

$$I_E = M_e$$

# Global Ambient Light

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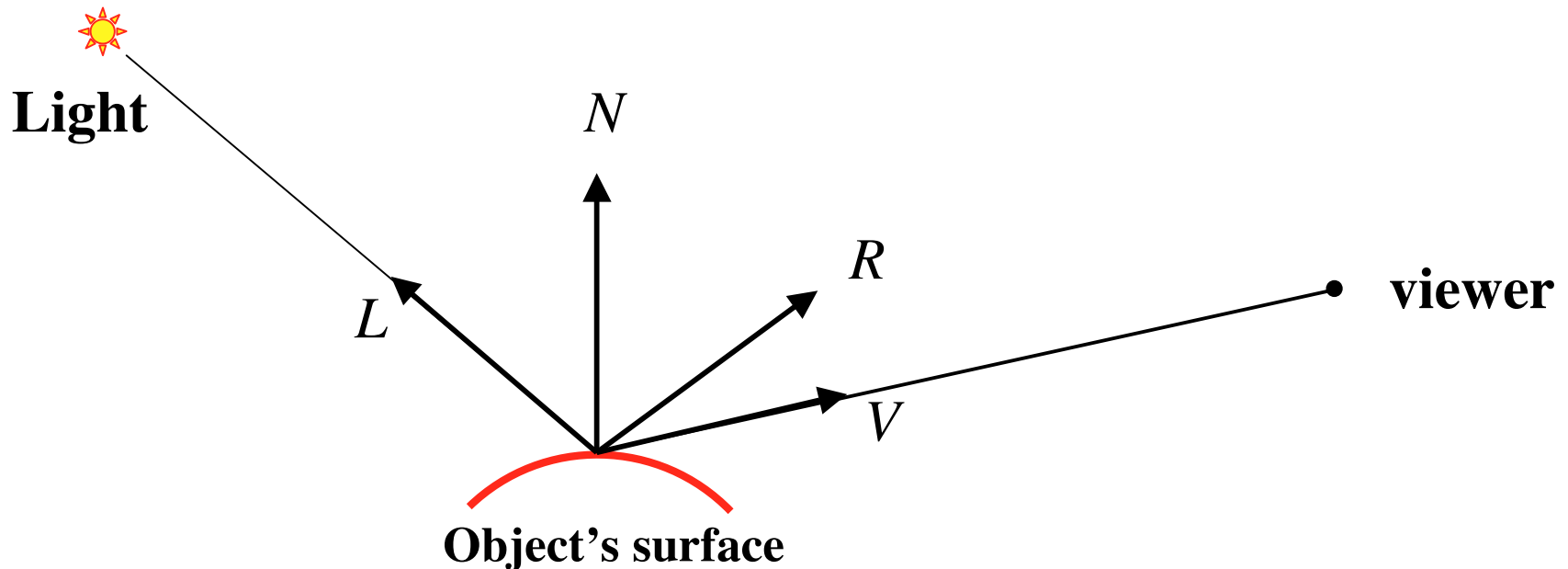
- Light from all directions but not from any specific sources
- Ambient light intensity =  $G_a$
- Ambient reflection coefficient of material =  $M_a$

$$I_G = G_a M_a$$

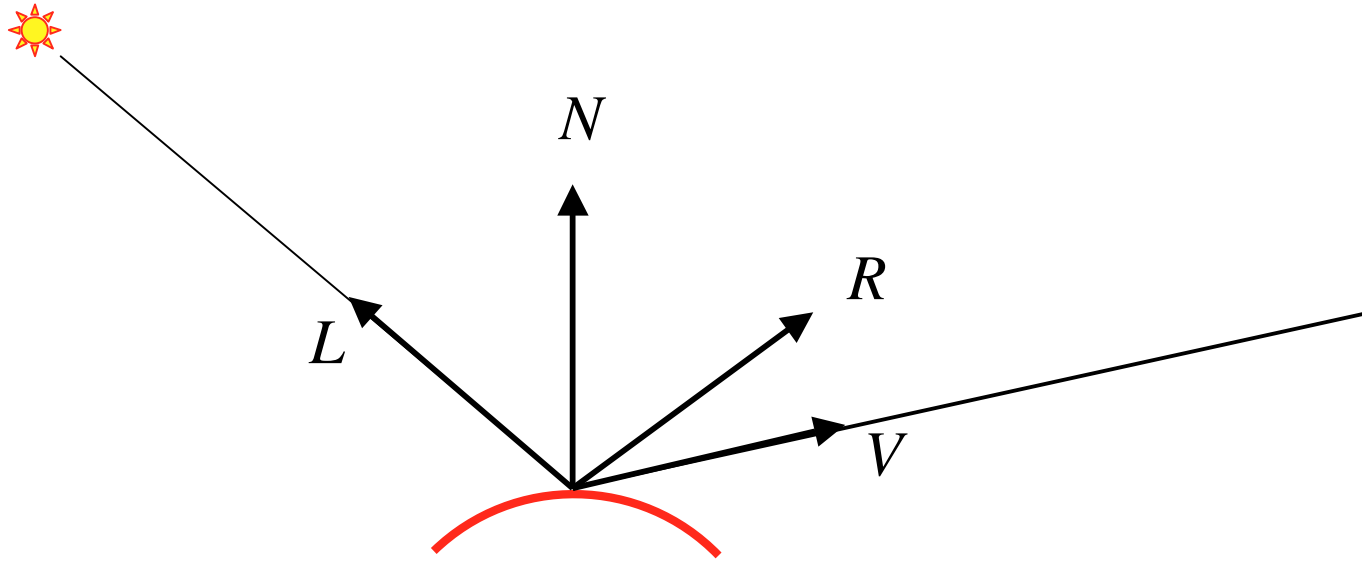


# A Point Source of Light

- Contribution from a point source of light include three terms
  - Light has ambient ( $I_a$ ), diffuse ( $I_d$ ) and specular ( $I_s$ ) components
  - Material has ambient ( $M_a$ ), diffuse ( $M_d$ ) and specular reflection ( $M_s$ ) properties



# Point Light's Contribution



$$I_L^1 = I_a M_a + I_d M_d (\max\{N \cdot L, 0\}) + I_s M_s (\max\{R \cdot V, 0\})^n$$

First term = ambient

Second term = diffuse

Third term = specular

# Point Light's Contribution

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- Ambient term
  - The ambient component of each incoming light source is combined with a material's ambient reflectance
- Diffuse term
  - Brightness is inversely proportional to the area of the object illuminated (dot product of light vector and surface normal)  
greatest when  $N$  and  $L$  are parallel  
smallest when  $N$  and  $L$  are orthogonal
  - In calculations,  $\max\{N.L, 0\}$  is used to avoid negative values
- Specular term
  - Brightness depends on the angle between reflection vector ( $R$ ) and viewer vector ( $V$ ), i.e, on direction of viewer
  - The specular reflection exponent  $n$  is 1 for a slightly glossy surface and infinity for a perfect mirror

# Attenuation

- Attenuation factor

➤ Light attenuates with distance from the source

$$f = \frac{1}{k_c + k_l d + k_q d^2}$$

where  $d$  = distance between the light and object

$k_c$  = constant attenuation

A light source does not give an infinite amount of light

$k_l$  = linear term

The light source is not a point

$k_q$  = quadratic term

Models the theoretical attenuation from a point source

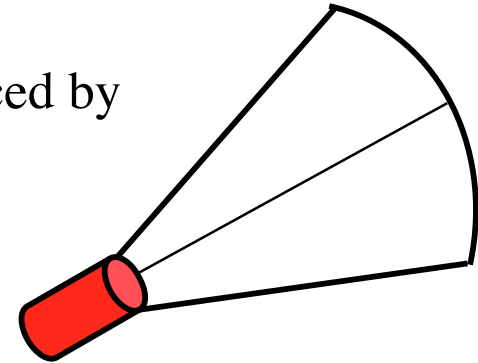
- The intensity becomes

$$I_L^2 = f [I_a M_a + I_d M_d (\max\{N \cdot L, 0\}) + I_s M_s (\max\{R \cdot V, 0\})^n]$$

# Spotlight Effect

When the vertex lies inside the cone of illumination produced by spotlight, its contribution to the light intensity is

$$s = (\max\{D \cdot L, 0\})^m$$



Where  $D$  gives the spotlight's direction. The intensity is maximum in the center of cone and is attenuated toward the edge of the cone  
 $s$  is 1 if the source is not spotlight  
 $m$  is exponent determining the concentration of the light

The intensity of light source is

$$I_L = fs[I_a M_a + I_d M_d (\max\{N \cdot L, 0\}) + I_s M_s (\max\{R \cdot V, 0\})^n]$$

# Putting All Together

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Entire lighting calculation in RGB mode gives

Vertex color =  $M_e + G_a M_a +$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i s_i [I_a M_a + I_d M_d (\max\{N \cdot L, 0\}) + I_s M_s (\max\{R \cdot V, 0\})^n]_i$$

# Adding Lighting to the Scene

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- Define normal vectors for each vertex of each object
- Create, select, and position one or more light sources
- Create and select a lighting model
- Define material properties for the objects in the scene

# Creating Light Sources

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- Properties of light sources are color, position, and direction
- `void glLight{if}(GLenum light, GLenum pname, TYPE param);`  
`void glLight{if}v(GLenum light, GLenum pname, TYPE *param);`
  - Creates the light specified by *light* that can be `GL_LIGHT0`, `GL_LIGHT1`, ... or `GL_LIGHT7`
  - *Pname* specifies the characteristics of the light being set
  - *Param* indicates the values to which the *pname* characteristic is set
- `glEnable(GL_LIGHT0);`



# Color for a Light Source

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```
GLfloat light_ambient[] = {0.0,0.0,0.0,1.0};
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GLfloat light_diffuse[] = {1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0};
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GLfloat light_specular[] = {1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0};
```

```
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_AMBIENT, light_ambient);
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```
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_DIFFUSE, light_diffuse);
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```
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPECULAR, light_specular);
```

# Position of Light Source

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- Positional light source

- $(x, y, z)$  values specify the location of the light

```
GLfloat light_position[] = {x, y, z, w};
```

```
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, light_position);
```

- Directional light source

- $(x, y, z)$  values specify the direction of the light located at the infinity

- No attenuation

```
GLfloat light_position[] = {x, y, z, 0};
```

```
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, light_position);
```

# Attenuation

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- Attenuation factor for a positional light
  - Needs to specify three coefficients
    - `glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 2.0);`
    - `glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION, 1.0);`
    - `glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 1.0);`
- Ambient, diffuse, and specular contributions are all attenuated

# Spotlights

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- The shape of the light emitted is restricted to a cone
- **glLightf**(GL\_LIGHT0, GL\_SPOT\_CUTOFF, 45.0);
  - The cutoff parameter is set to 45 degrees
- GLfloat spot\_direction[] = {-1.0, -1.0, 0.0];  
**glLightfv**(GL\_LIGHT0, GL\_SPOT\_DIRECTION, spot\_direction);
  - specifies the spotlight's direction which determines the axis of the cone of light
- **glLightf**(GL\_LIGHT0, GL\_SPOT\_EXPONENT, 2.0);
  - Controls how concentrated the light is

# Multiple Lights

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- You can define up to eight light sources
  - Need to specify all the parameters defining the position and characteristics of the light
- OpenGL performs calculations to determine how much light each vertex gets from each source
- Increasing number of lights affects performance

# Controlling a Light's Position and Direction

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- A light source is subject to the same matrix transformations as a geometric model
  - Position or direction is transformed by the current modelview matrix and stored in eye coordinates
- Keeping the light stationary
  - Specify the light position after modelview transformations
- Independently moving the light
  - Set the light position after the modeling transformation that you want to apply for light
- Moving the light together with the viewpoint
  - Set the light position before the viewing transformation

# Selecting a Lighting Model

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- How to specify a lighting model
- **glLightModel**{if}(GLenum *pname*, TYPE *param*);  
**glLightModel**(if)v(GLenum *pname*, TYPE \**param*);
  - Sets properties of the lighting model
  - *pname* defines the characteristic of the model being set
  - *param* indicates the values to which the *pname* characteristic is set
- Needs to be enabled or disabled
  - glEnable**(GL\_LIGHTING);
  - glDisable**(GL\_LIGHTING);

# Components of Lighting Model

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- Global ambient light

- Ambient light from not any particular source

```
GLfloat lmodel_ambient[] = {0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 1.0}
```

```
glLightModelfv(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_AMBIENT, lmodel_ambient);
```

- Local or Infinite viewpoint

- Whether the viewpoint position is local to the scene or whether it should be considered to be an infinite distance away

```
glLightModeli(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_LOCAL_VIEWER,  
              GL_TRUE);
```

Default is an infinite viewpoint

- Two-sided lighting

- Whether lighting calculations should be performed differently for both the front and back faces of objects

```
glLightModeli(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_TWO_SIDE, GL_TRUE);
```



# Defining Material Properties

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- Specifying the ambient, diffuse, and specular colors, the shininess, and the color of any emitted light
- `void glMaterial{if}(GLenum face, GLenum pname, TYPE param);`  
`void glMaterial{if}v(GLenum face, GLenum pname, TYPE *param);`
  - Specifies a current material property for use in lighting calculations
  - *Face* can be GL\_FRONT, GL\_BACK, or GL\_FRONT\_AND\_BACK
  - *Pname* identifies the particular material property being set
  - *Param* defines the desired values for that property

# Reflectances

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- Diffuse and ambient reflection
  - Gives color

```
GLfloat mat_amb_diff[] = {0.1, 0.5,0.8,1.0};
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK,
             GL_AMBIENT_AND_DIFFUSE, mat_amb_diff);
```
- Specular reflection
  - Produces highlights

```
GLfloat mat_specular[] = {1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0};
GLfloat low_shininess[] = {5.0};
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_SPECULAR, mat_specular);
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_SHININESS, low_shininess);
```
- Emission
  - Make an object glow (to simulate lamps and other light sources)

```
GLfloat mat_emission[] = {0.3,0.2,0.2,0.0};
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_EMISSION, mat_emission);
```

# Changing Material Properties

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- Different material properties for different vertices on the same object or different objects
- **glMaterialfv()** needs to be called repeatedly to set the material property that needs to be re-specified for each case
- **glColorMaterial(GLenum *face*, GLenum *mode*);**
  - Specifies the property (properties) defined by *mode* of the selected material *face* (or faces) to track the value of the current color at all times
  - Needs enabling

# Example: A lit sphere

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- 2D disk in the absence of lighting
- 3D sphere
- Shinning sphere
- Emissive sphere
- Moving light source