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# Computer Graphics

- BRDFs & Texturing -

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# Overview

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- **Last time**
  - Radiance
  - Light sources
  - Rendering Equation & Formal Solutions
- **Today**
  - Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)
  - Reflection models
  - Projection onto spherical basis functions
  - Shading
- **Next lecture**
  - Varying (reflection) properties over object surface: texturing

# Reflection Equation - Reflectance

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- **Reflection equation**

$$L_o(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_o) = \int_{\Omega_+} f_r(\underline{\omega}_i, \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_o) L_i(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) \cos \theta_i d\underline{\omega}_i$$

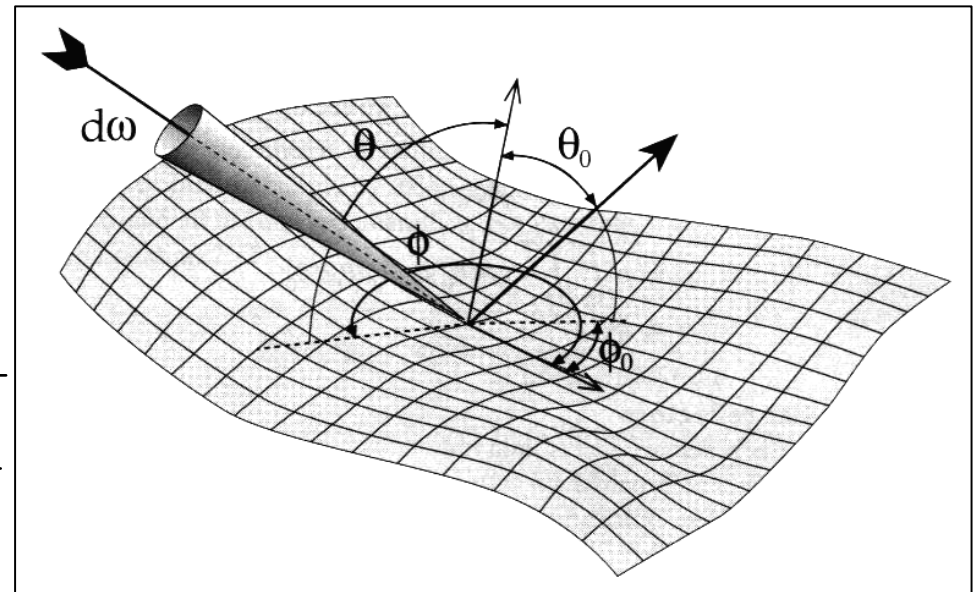
- **BRDF**
  - Ratio of reflected radiance to incident irradiance

$$f_r(\omega_o, x, \omega_i) = \frac{dL_o(x, \omega_o)}{dE_i(x, \omega_i)}$$

# Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function

- **BRDF describes surface reflection for light incident from direction  $(\theta_i, \varphi_i)$  observed from direction  $(\theta_o, \varphi_o)$**
- **Bidirectional**
  - Depends on two directions and position (6-D function)
- **Distribution function**
  - Can be infinite
- **Unit [1/sr]**

$$\begin{aligned} f_r(\underline{\omega}_o, \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) &= \frac{dL_o(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_o)}{dE_i(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i)} \\ &= \frac{dL_o(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_o)}{dL_i(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i} \end{aligned}$$



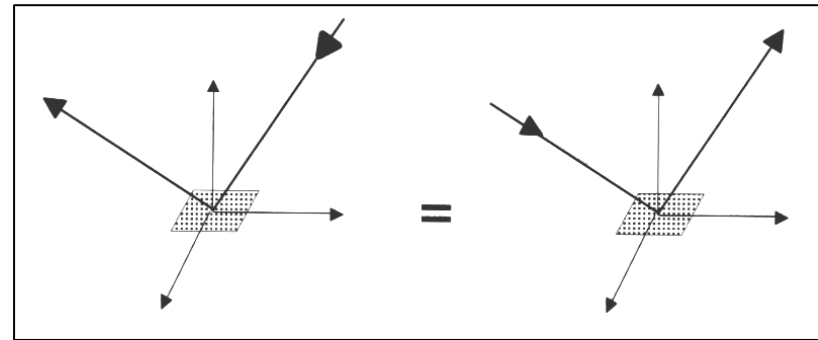
# BRDF Properties

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- **Helmholtz reciprocity principle**

- BRDF remains unchanged if incident and reflected directions are interchanged

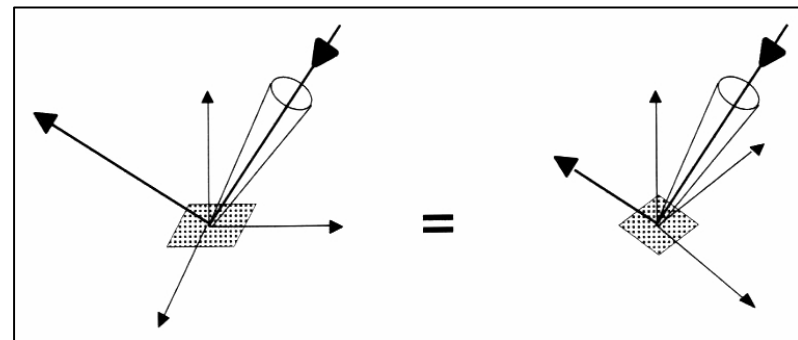
$$f_r(\omega_o, \omega_i) = f_r(\omega_i, \omega_o)$$



- **Smooth surface: isotropic BRDF**

- reflectivity independent of rotation around surface normal
- BRDF has only 3 instead of 4 directional degrees of freedom

$$f_r(\underline{x}, \theta_i, \theta_o, \varphi_o - \varphi_i)$$



# BRDF Properties

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- **Characteristics**

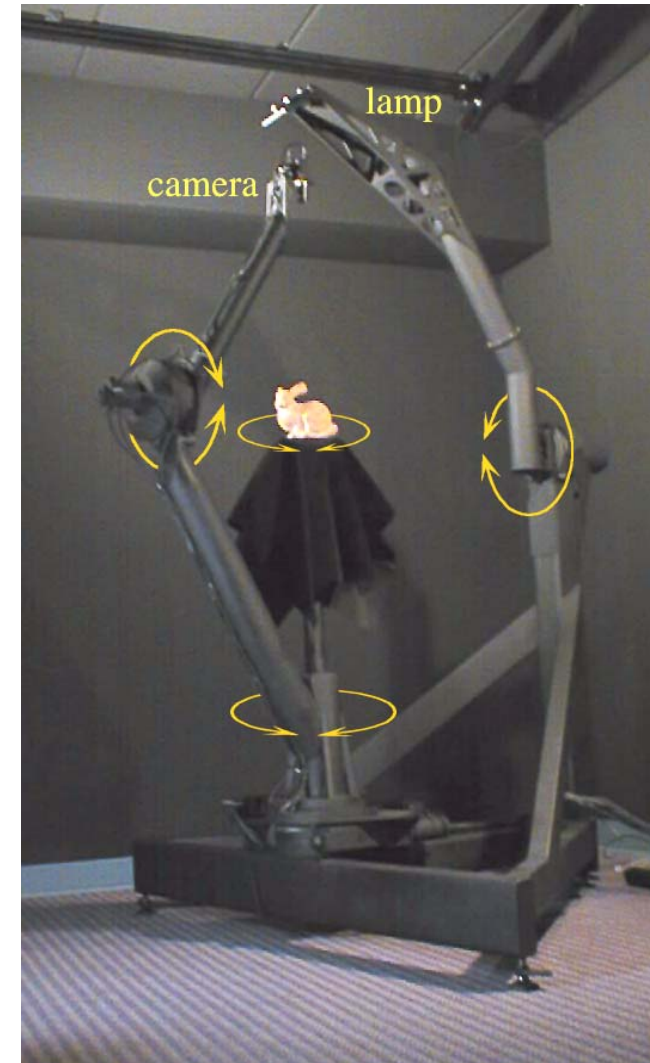
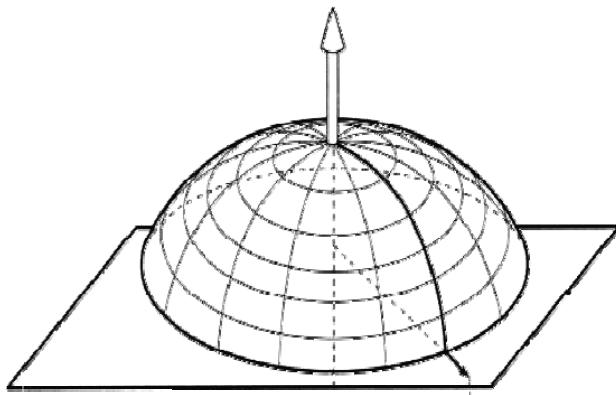
- BRDF units [ $\text{sr}^{-1}$ ]
  - Not intuitive
- Range of values:
  - From 0 (absorption) to  $\infty$  (reflection,  $\delta$ -function)
- Energy conservation law
  - No self-emission
  - Possible absorption

$$\int_{\Omega} f_r(\underline{\omega}_o, \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) \cos \theta_o d\omega_o \leq 1 \quad \forall \theta, \varphi$$

- Reflection only at the point of entry ( $x_i = x_o$ )
  - No subsurface scattering

# BRDF Measurement

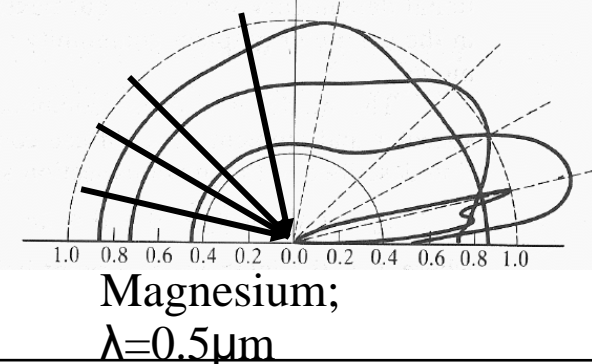
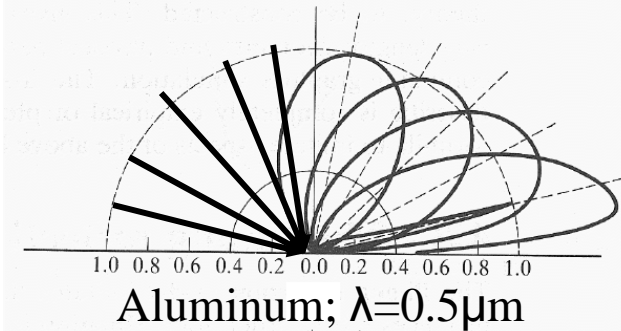
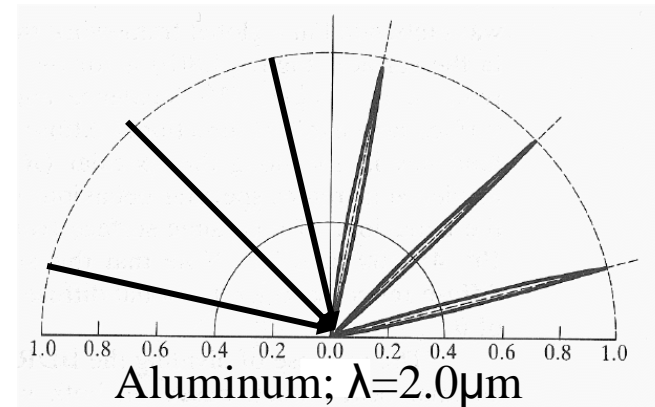
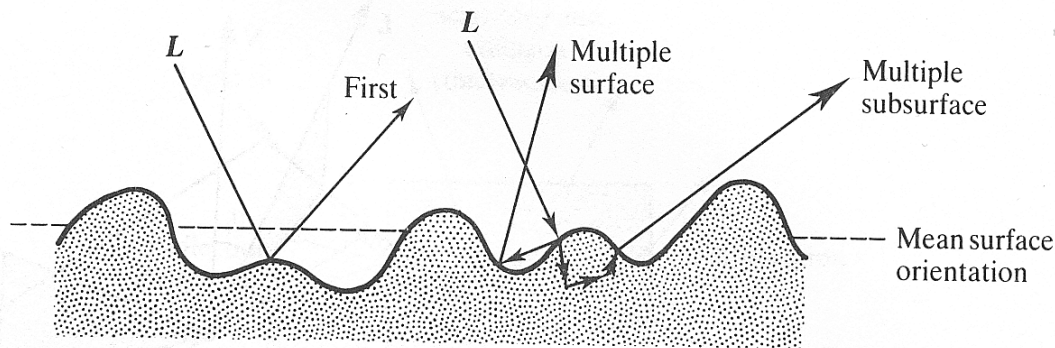
- **Gonio-Reflectometer**
- **BRDF measurement**
  - point light source position  $(\theta, \varphi)$
  - light detector position  $(\theta_o, \varphi_o)$
- **4 directional degrees of freedom**
- **BRDF representation**
  - $m$  incident direction samples  $(\theta, \varphi)$
  - $n$  outgoing direction samples  $(\theta_o, \varphi_o)$
  - $m*n$  reflectance values (large!!!)



Stanford light gantry

# Reflectance

- **Reflectance may vary with**
  - Illumination angle
  - Viewing angle
  - Wavelength
  - (Polarization, ...)
- **Variations due to**
  - Absorption
  - Surface micro-geometry
  - Index of refraction / dielectric constant
  - Scattering

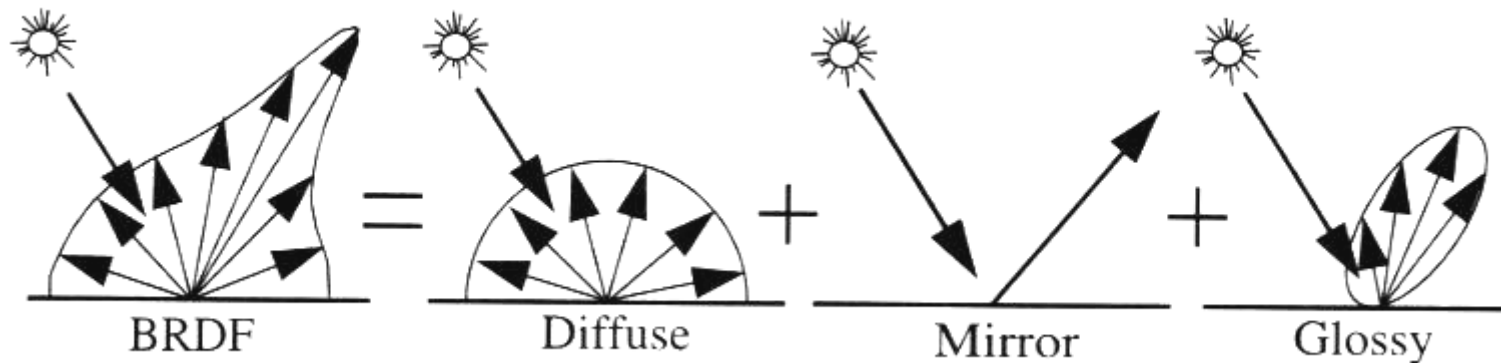




# BRDF Modeling

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- **Phenomenological approach**
  - Description of visual surface appearance
- **Ideal specular reflection**
  - Reflection law
  - Mirror
- **Glossy reflection**
  - Directional diffuse
  - Shiny surfaces
- **Ideal diffuse reflection**
  - Lambert's law
  - Matte surfaces



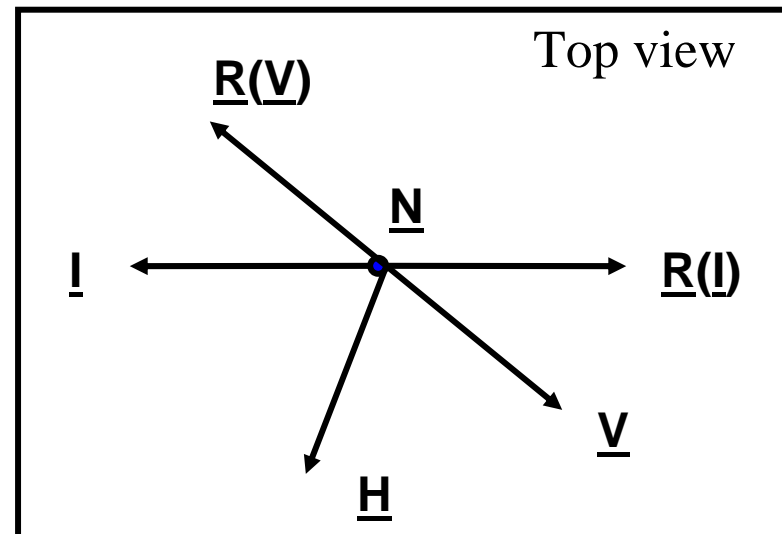
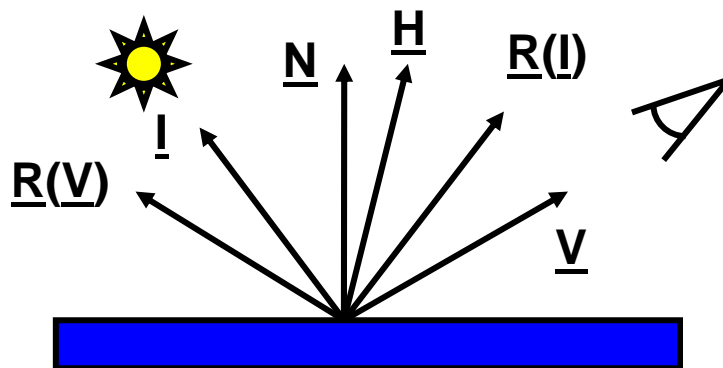
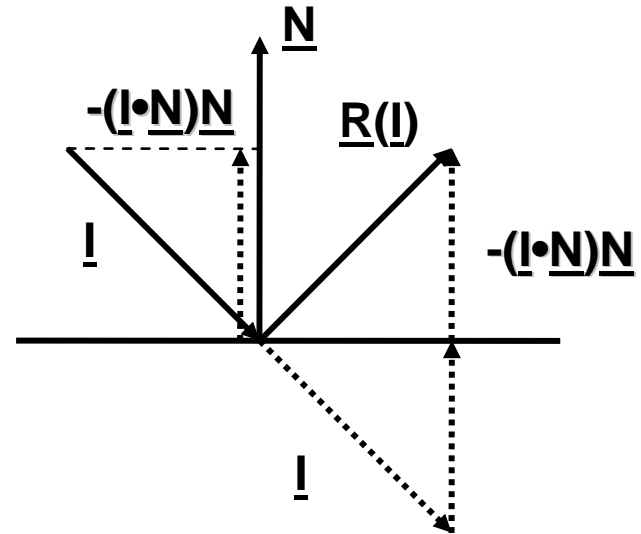
# Reflection Geometry

- **Direction vectors (normalize):**

- $\underline{N}$ : surface normal
- $\underline{l}$ : vector to the light source
- $\underline{v}$ : viewpoint direction vector
- $\underline{H}$ : halfway vector  

$$\underline{H} = (\underline{l} + \underline{v}) / |\underline{l} + \underline{v}|$$
- $\underline{R}(\underline{l})$ : reflection vector  

$$\underline{R}(\underline{l}) = \underline{l} - 2(\underline{l} \cdot \underline{N})\underline{N}$$
- Tangential surface: local plane

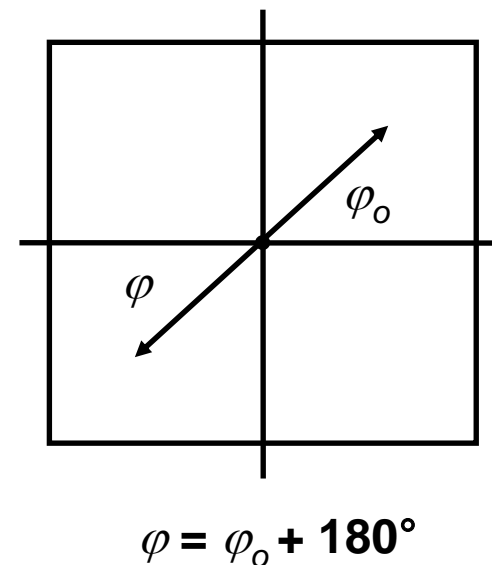
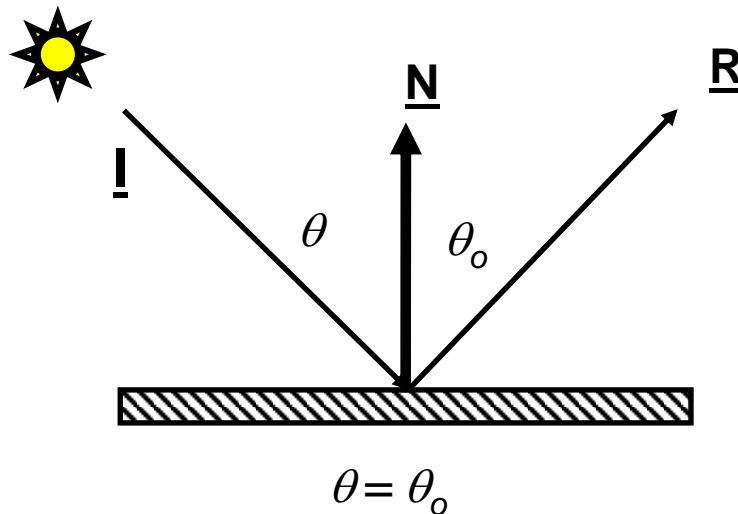


# Ideal Specular Reflection

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- Angle of reflectance equal to angle of incidence
- Reflected vector in a plane with incident ray and surface normal vector

$$\underline{\mathbf{R}} + (-\underline{\mathbf{I}}) = 2 \cos\theta \underline{\mathbf{N}} = -2(\underline{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{N}}) \underline{\mathbf{N}}$$
$$\underline{\mathbf{R}}(\underline{\mathbf{I}}) = \underline{\mathbf{I}} - 2(\underline{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{N}}) \underline{\mathbf{N}}$$



# Mirror BRDF

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- **Dirac Delta function  $\delta(x)$**

- $\delta(x)$  : zero everywhere except at  $x=0$
- Unit integral iff integration domain contains zero (zero otherwise)

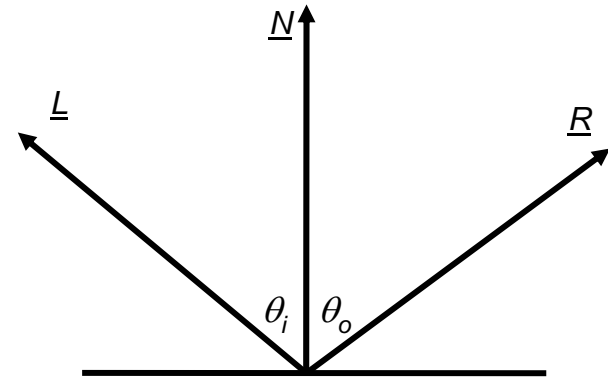
$$f_{r,m}(\omega_o, x, \omega_i) = \rho_s(\theta_i) \cdot \frac{\delta(\cos \theta_i - \cos \theta_o)}{\cos \theta_i} \cdot \delta(\varphi_i - \varphi_o \pm \pi)$$

$$L_o(x, \omega_o) = \int_{\Omega_+} f_{r,m}(\omega_o, x, \omega_i) L_i(\theta_i, \varphi_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i = \rho_s(\theta_i) L_i(\theta_o, \varphi_o \pm \pi)$$

- **Specular reflectance  $\rho_s$**

- Ratio of reflected radiance in specular direction and incoming radiance
- Dimensionless quantity between 0 and 1

$$\rho_s(\theta_i) = \frac{\Phi_o(\theta_o)}{\Phi_i(\theta_i)}$$



# Diffuse Reflection

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- Light equally likely to be reflected in any output direction (independent of input direction)
- Constant BRDF

$$f_{r,d}(\underline{\omega}_o, \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) = k_d = \text{const}$$

$$L_o(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_o) = \int k_d L_i(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) \cos \theta_i d\Omega_i = k_d \int L_i(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_i) \cos \theta_i d\Omega_i = k_d E$$

–  $k_d$ : diffuse coefficient, material property [1/sr]



# Lambertian Diffuse Reflection

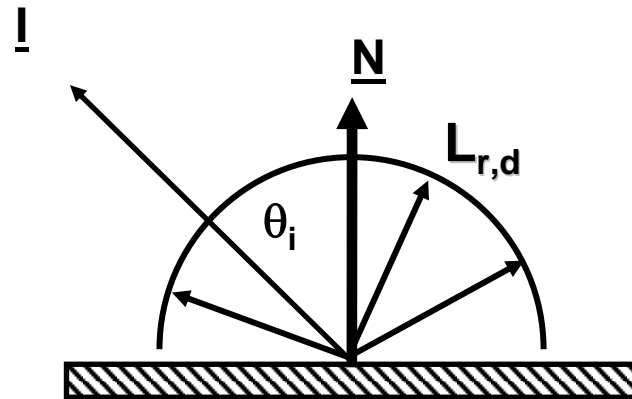
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- **Radiosity**  $B = \int_{\Omega} L_o(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}_o) \cos \theta_o d\underline{\omega}_o = L_o \int_{\Omega} \cos \theta_o d\underline{\omega}_o = \pi L_o$

- **Diffuse Reflectance**  $\rho_d = \frac{B}{E} = \pi k_d$

- **Lambert's Cosine Law**  $B = \rho_d E = \rho_d E_i \cos \theta_i$

- **For each light source**
  - $L_{r,d} = k_d L_i \cos \theta_i = k_d L_i (\underline{I} \cdot \underline{N})$

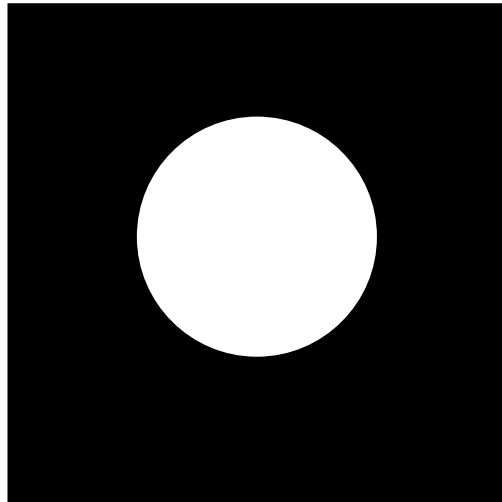


# Lambertian Objects

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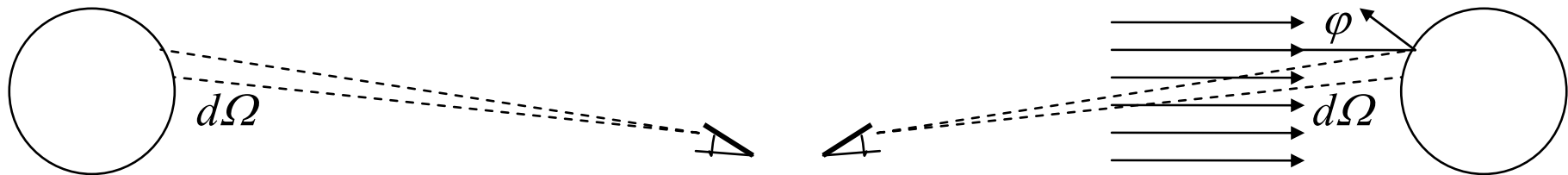
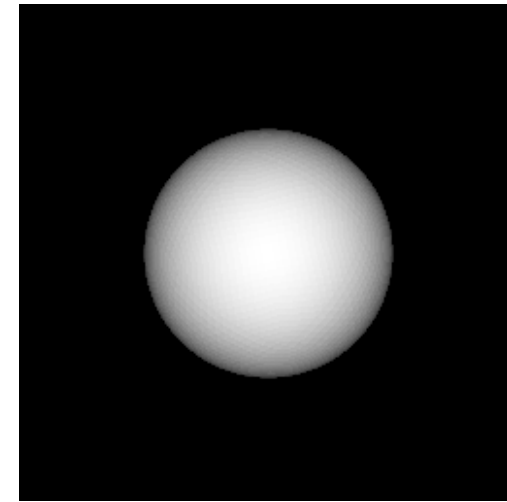
Self-Luminous  
spherical Lambertian Light Source

$$\Phi_0 \propto L_0 \cdot d\Omega$$



Eye-light illuminated  
Spherical Lambertian Reflector

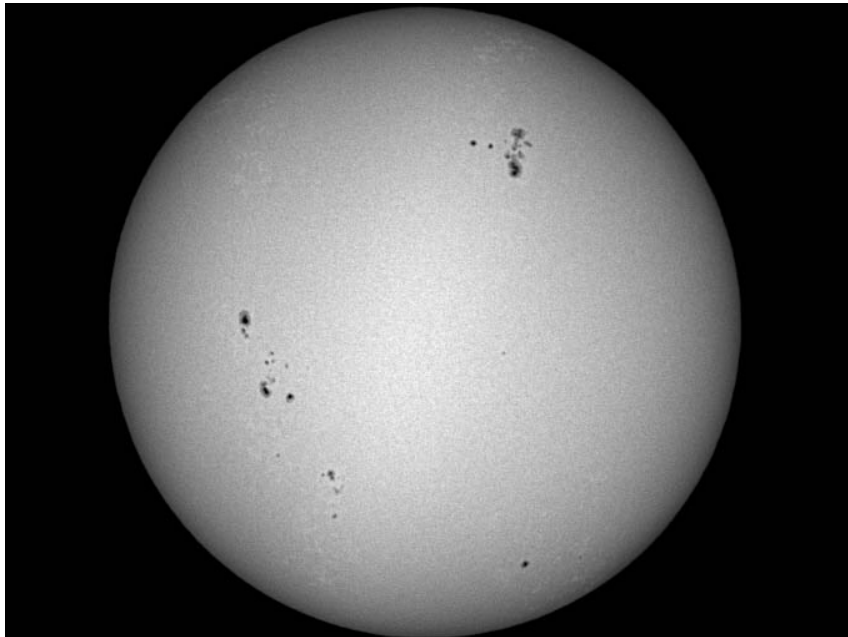
$$\Phi_1 \propto L_0 \cdot \cos \varphi \cdot d\Omega$$



# Lambertian Objects II

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The Sun



- Absorption in photosphere
- Path length through photosphere longer from the Sun's rim

The Moon



- Surface covered with fine dust
- Dust on TV visible best from slanted viewing angle

⇒ Neither the Sun nor the Moon are Lambertian



# “Diffuse” Reflection

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- **Theoretical explanation**
  - Multiple scattering
- **Experimental realization**
  - Pressed magnesium oxide powder
  - Almost never valid at high angles of incidence

**Paint manufacturers attempt to create ideal diffuse paints**

# Glossy Reflection

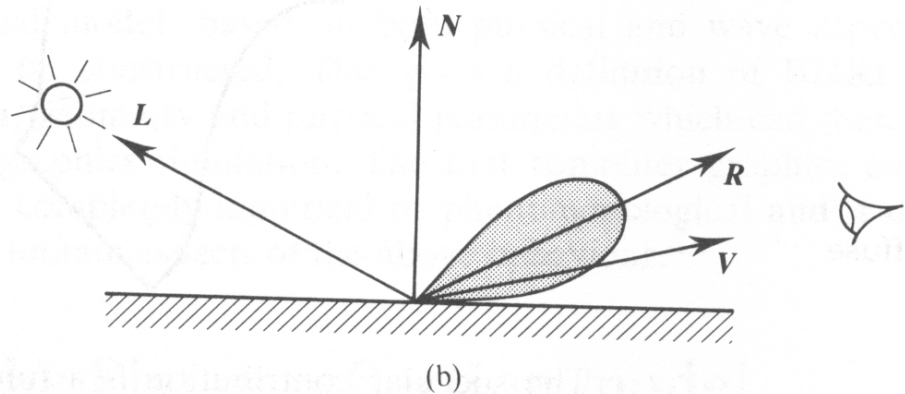
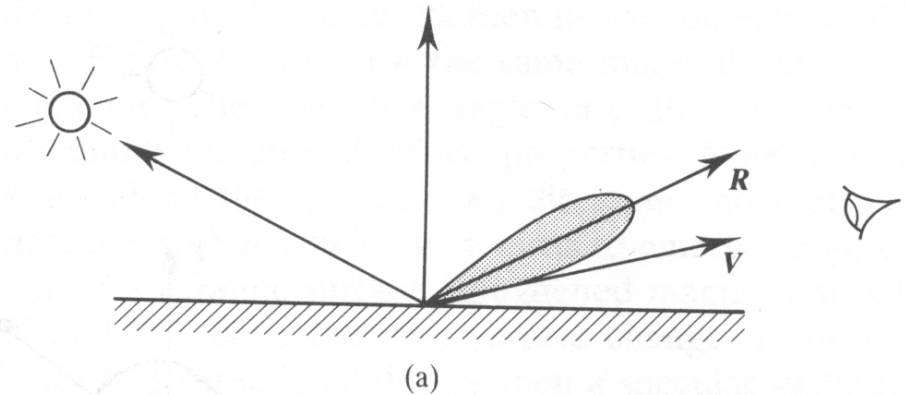
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# Glossy Reflection

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- **Due to surface roughness**
- **Empirical models**
  - Phong
  - Blinn-Phong
- **Physical models**
  - Blinn
  - Cook & Torrance



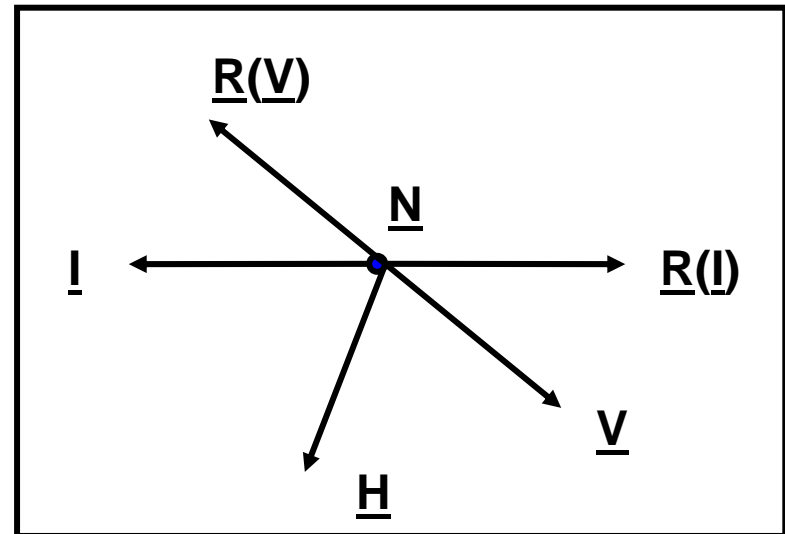
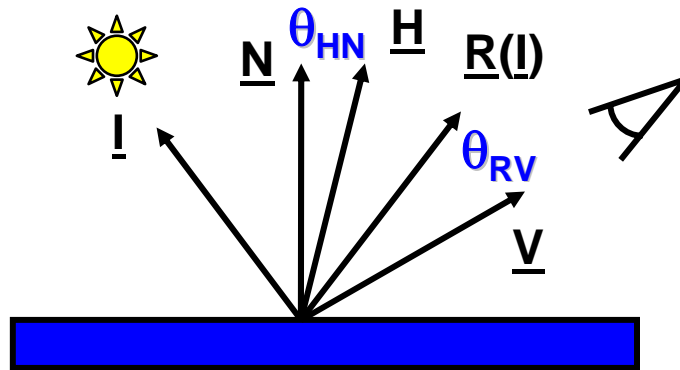
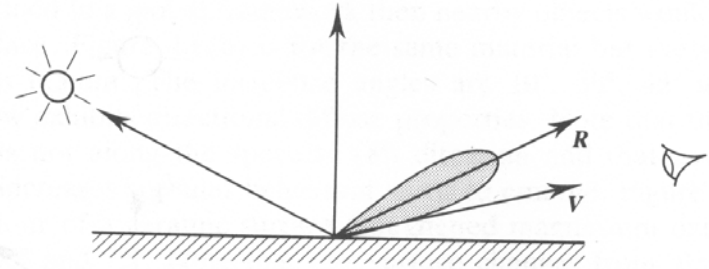
# Phong Reflection Model

- Cosine power lobe

$$f_r(\omega_o, x, \omega_i) = k_s (\underline{R}(\underline{I}) \cdot \underline{V})^{k_e}$$

$$- L_{r,s} = L_i k_s \cos^{k_e} \theta_{RV}$$

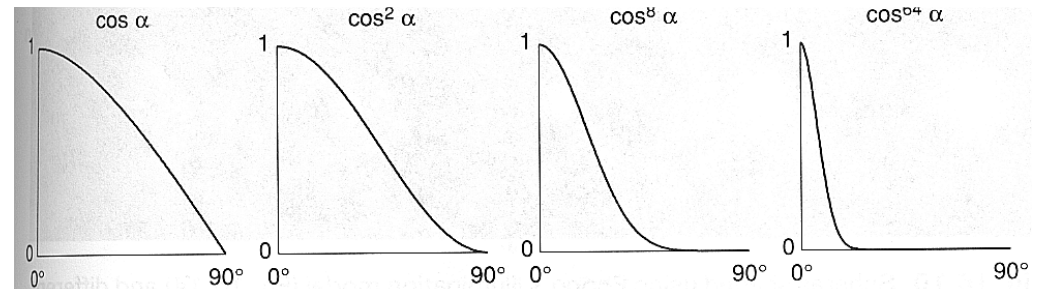
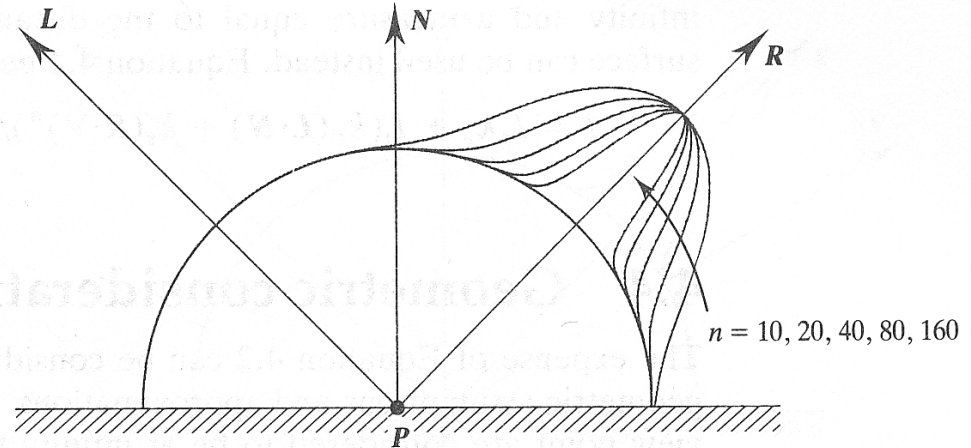
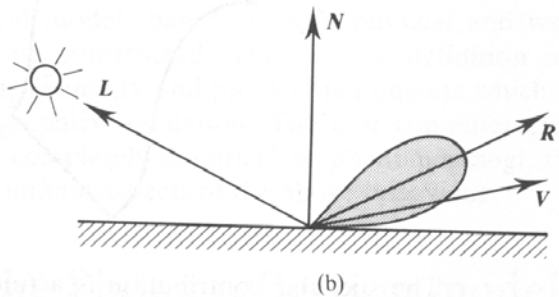
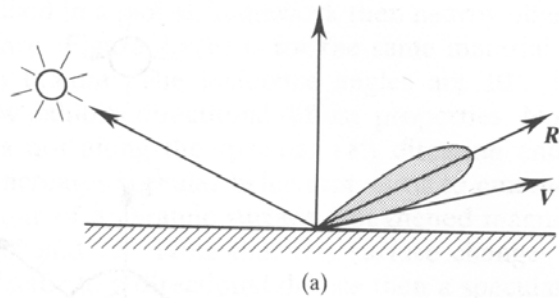
- Dot product & power
- Not energy conserving/reciprocal
- Plastic-like appearance



# Phong Exponent $k_e$

$$f_r(\omega_o, x, \omega_i) = k_s (\underline{R}(\underline{I}) \cdot \underline{V})^{k_e}$$

- **Determines size of highlight**

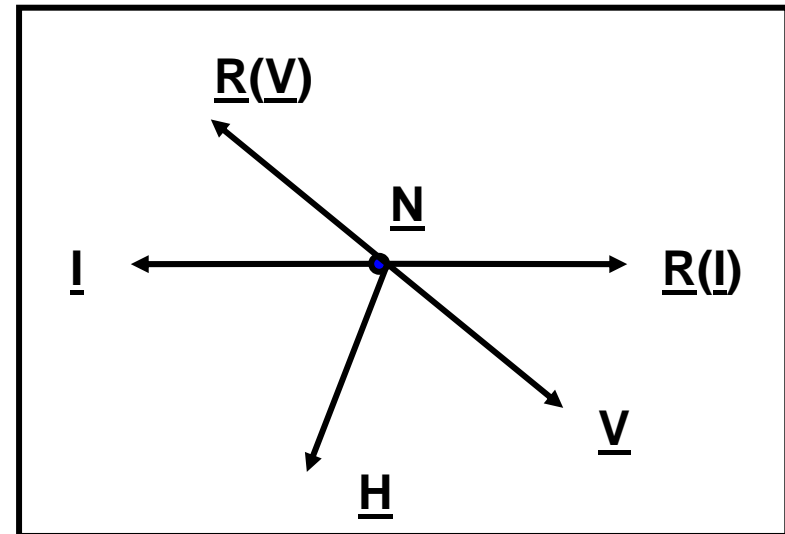
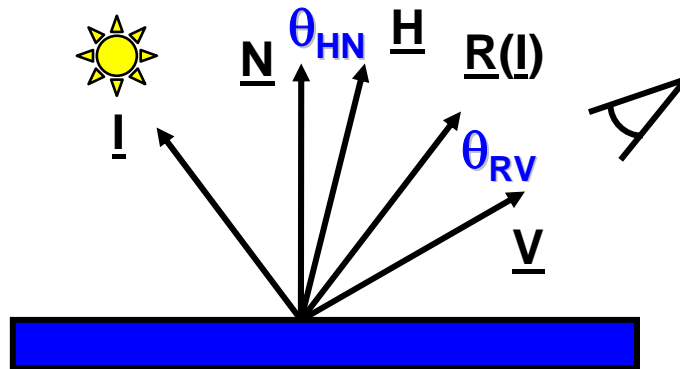
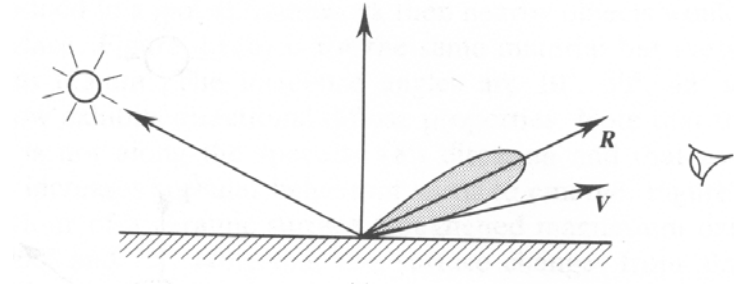


# Blinn-Phong Reflection Model

- **Blinn-Phong reflection model**

$$f_r(\omega_o, x, \omega_i) = k_s (H \cdot N)^{k_e}$$

- $L_{r,s} = L_i k_s \cos^{k_e} \theta_{HN}$
- $\theta_{RV} \Rightarrow \theta_{HN}$
- Light source, viewer far away
- $\underline{I}$ ,  $\underline{R}$  constant:  $\underline{H}$  constant
- $\theta_{HN}$  less expensive to compute



# Phong Illumination Model

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- **Extended light sources:  $l$  point light sources**

$$L_r = k_a L_{i,a} + k_d \sum_l L_l (I_l \cdot N) + k_s \sum_l L_l (R(I_l) \cdot V)^{k_e} \quad (\text{Phong})$$

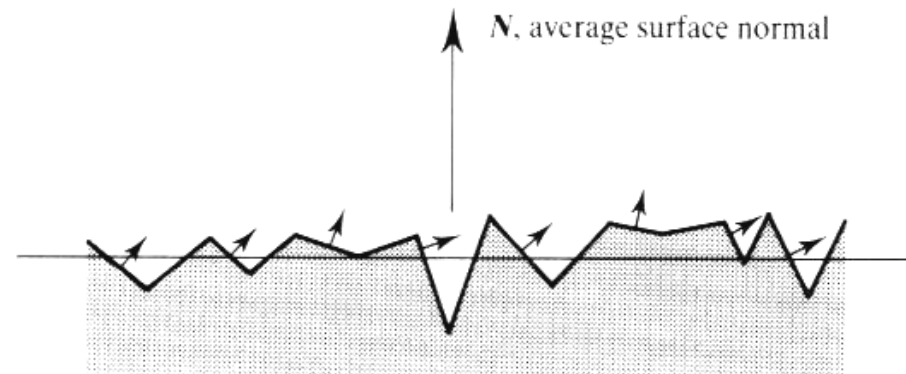
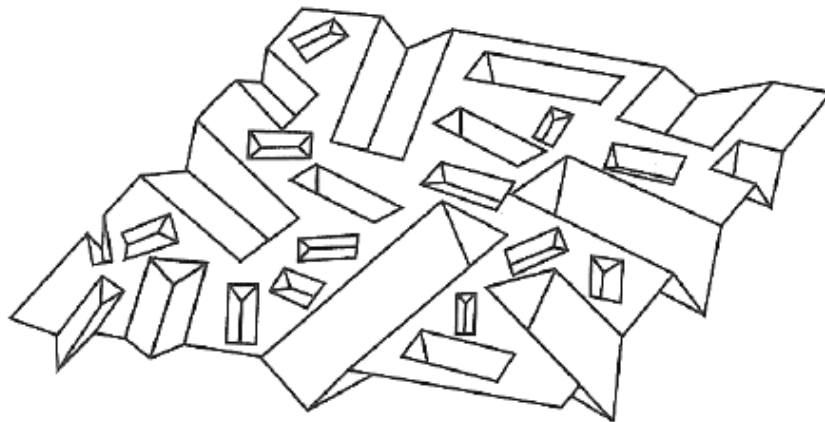
$$L_r = k_a L_{i,a} + k_d \sum_l L_l (I_l \cdot N) + k_s \sum_l L_l (H_l \cdot N)^{k_e} \quad (\text{Blinn})$$

- **Color of specular reflection equal to light source**
- **Heuristic model**
  - Contradicts physics
  - Purely local illumination
    - Only direct light from the light sources
    - No further reflection on other surfaces
    - Constant ambient term
- **Often: light sources & viewer assumed to be far away**

# Microfacet Model

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- **Isotropic microfacet collection**
- **Microfacets assumed as perfectly smooth reflectors**
- **BRDF**
  - Distribution of microfacets
    - Often probabilistic distribution of orientation or V-groove assumption
  - Planar reflection properties
  - Self-masking, shadowing



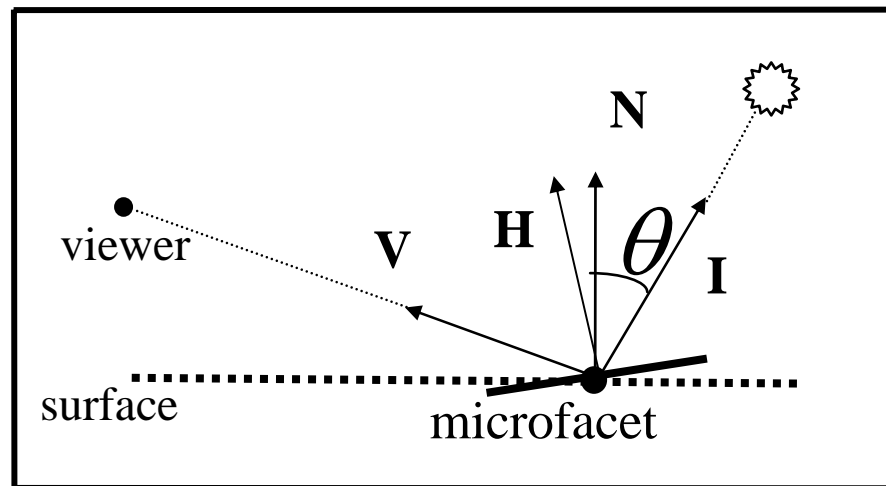


# Ward Reflection Model

- **BRDF**

$$f_r = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi} + \rho_s \frac{1}{\sqrt{(I \cdot N)(V \cdot N)}} \cdot \frac{\exp(-\tan^2 \angle(H, N) / \sigma^2)}{4\pi\sigma^2}$$

- $\sigma$  standard deviation (RMS) of surface slope
- Simple expansion to anisotropic model ( $\sigma_x, \sigma_y$ )
- Empirical, not physics-based
- Inspired by notion of reflecting microfacets
- Convincing results
- Good match to measured data



# Physics-inspired BRDFs

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- **Notion of reflecting microfacet**
- **Specular reflectivity of the form**

$$f_r = \frac{D \cdot G \cdot F_\lambda(\lambda, \theta_i)}{\pi \underline{N} \cdot \underline{V}}$$

- D : statistical microfacet distribution
  - G : geometric attenuation, self-shadowing
  - F : Fresnel term, wavelength, angle dependency of reflection along mirror direction
  - $\underline{N} \cdot \underline{V}$  : flaring effect at low angle of incidence
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- **Cook-Torrance model**
    - F : wavelength- and angle-dependent reflection
    - Metal surfaces

# Cook-Torrance Reflection Model

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- **Cook-Torrance reflectance model** is based on the *microfacet* model. The BRDF is defined as the sum of a diffuse and specular components:

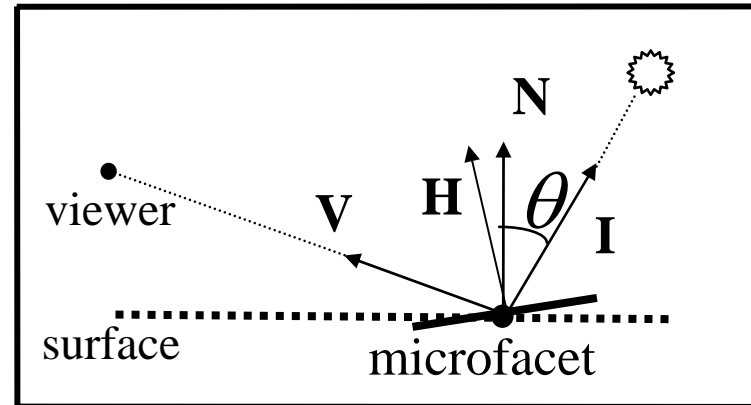
$$f_r = k_d \rho_d + k_s \rho_s; \quad k_d + k_s \leq 1$$

where  $k_s$  and  $k_d$  are the specular and diffuse coefficients.

- Derivation of the specular component  $\rho_s$  is based on a **physically derived** theoretical reflectance model

# Cook-Torrance Specular Term

$$\rho_s = \frac{F_\lambda DG}{\pi(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{V})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{I})}$$



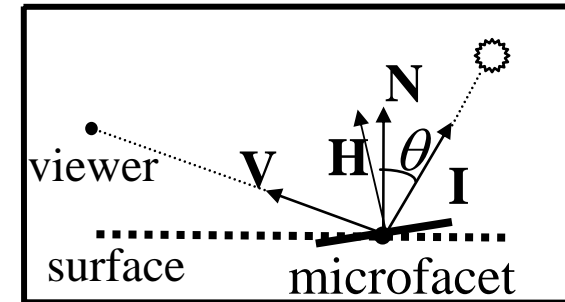
- **D : Distribution function of microfacet orientations**
- **G : Geometrical attenuation factor**
  - represents self-masking and shadowing effects of microfacets
- **$F_\lambda$  : Fresnel term**
  - computed by Fresnel equation
  - relates incident light to reflected light for each planar microfacet
$$F_\lambda \approx (1 + (V \cdot N))^\lambda$$
- **N·V : Proportional to visible surface area**
- **N·I : Proportional to illuminated surface area**

# Microfacet Distribution Functions

- **Isotropic Distributions**  $D(\underline{\omega}) \Rightarrow D(\alpha)$   $\alpha = \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{H}$

- $\alpha$  : angle to average normal of surface
- Characterized by half-angle  $\beta$

$$D(\beta) = \frac{1}{2}$$



- **Blinn**

$$D(\alpha) = \cos^{\frac{\ln 2}{\ln \cos \beta} \alpha}$$

- **Torrance-Sparrow**

$$D(\alpha) = e^{-\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\beta} \alpha\right)^2}$$

- **Beckmann**

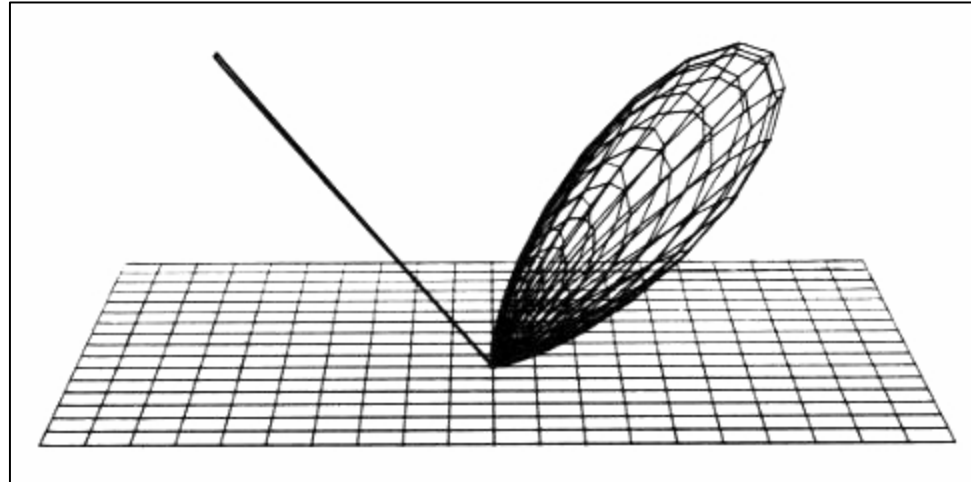
- $m$  : average slope of the microfacets
- Used by Cook-Torrance

$$D(\alpha) = \frac{1}{4m^2 \cos^4 \alpha} e^{-[\tan \alpha / m]^2}$$

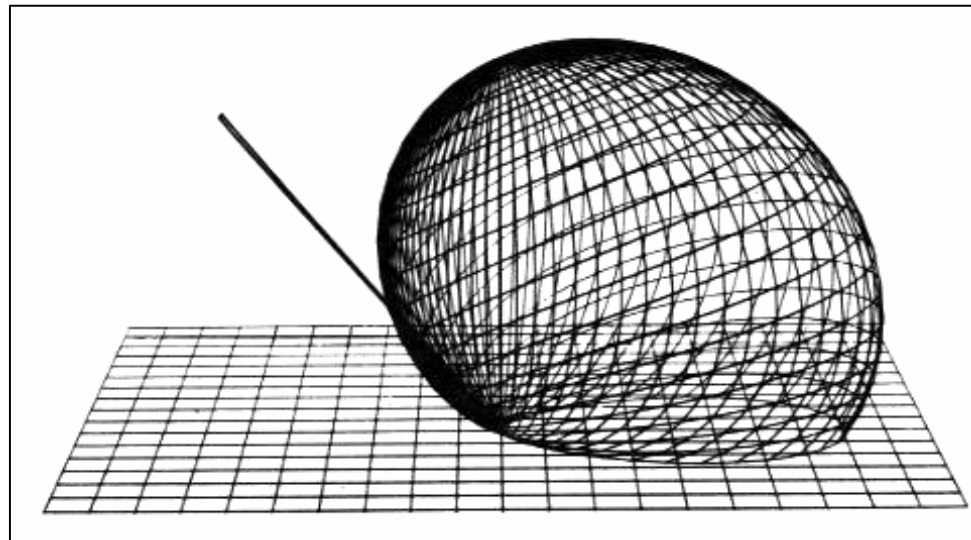
# Beckman Microfacet Distribution Function

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$m=0.2$



$m=0.6$



# Geometric Attenuation Factor

- **V-shaped grooves**
- Fully illuminated and visible

$$G = 1$$

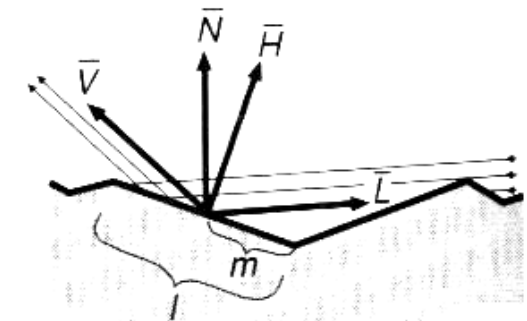
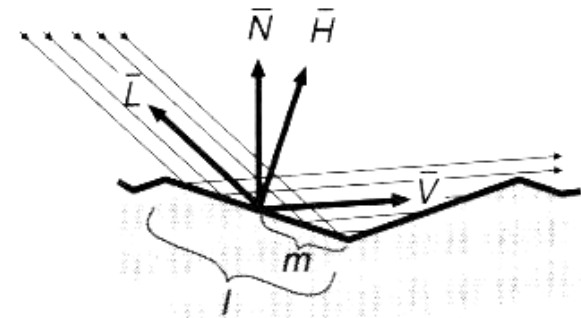
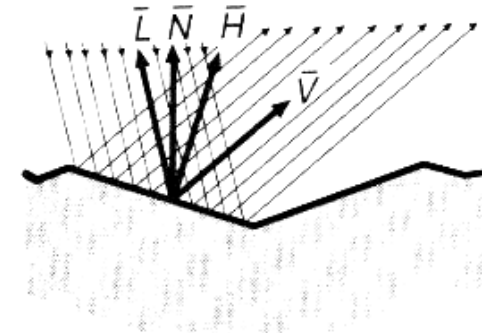
- Partial masking of reflected light

$$G = \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{V})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})}$$

- Partial shadowing of incident light

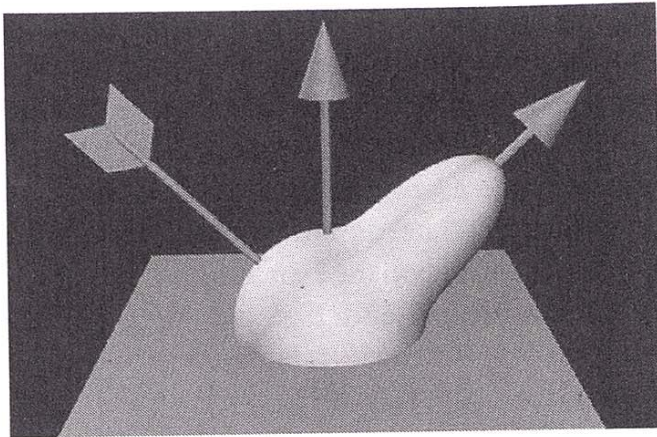
$$G = \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{I})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})}$$

$$G = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{V})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})}, \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{I})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})} \right\}$$

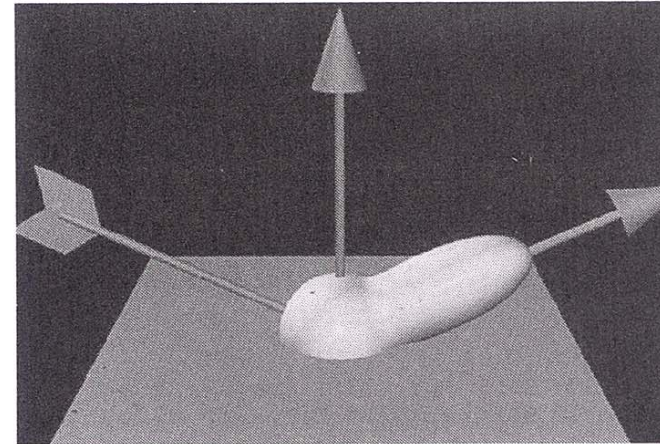


# Comparison Phong vs. Torrance

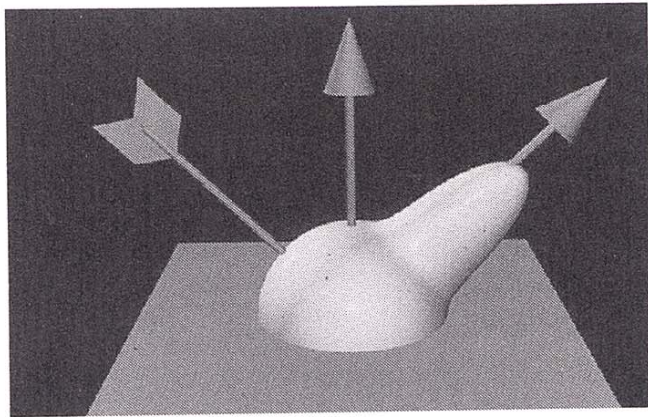
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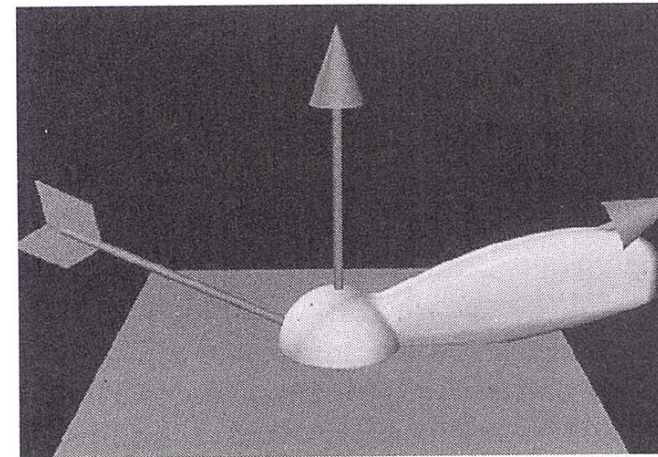
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



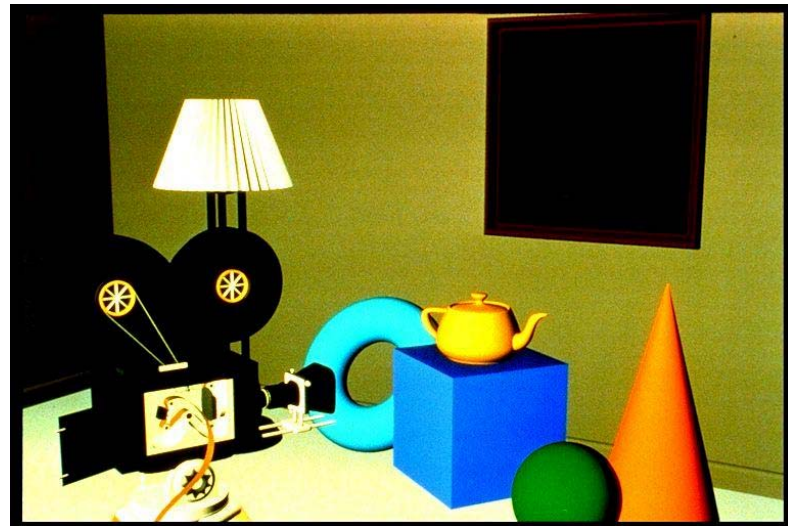
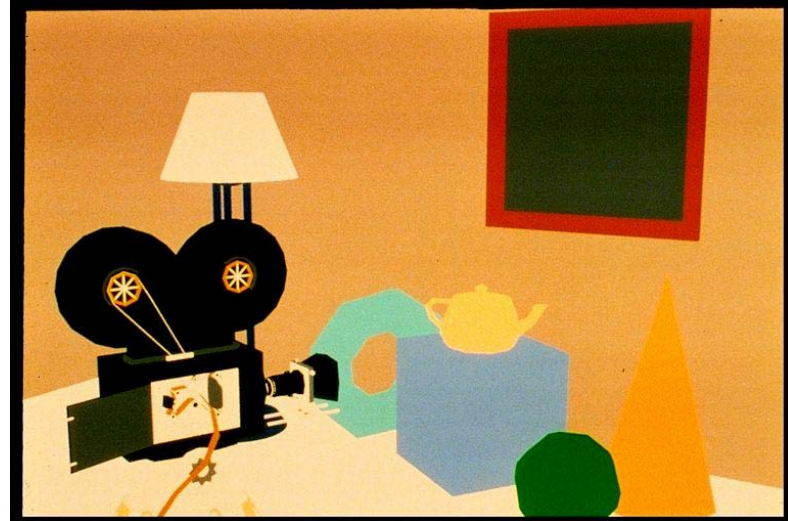
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# Texturing

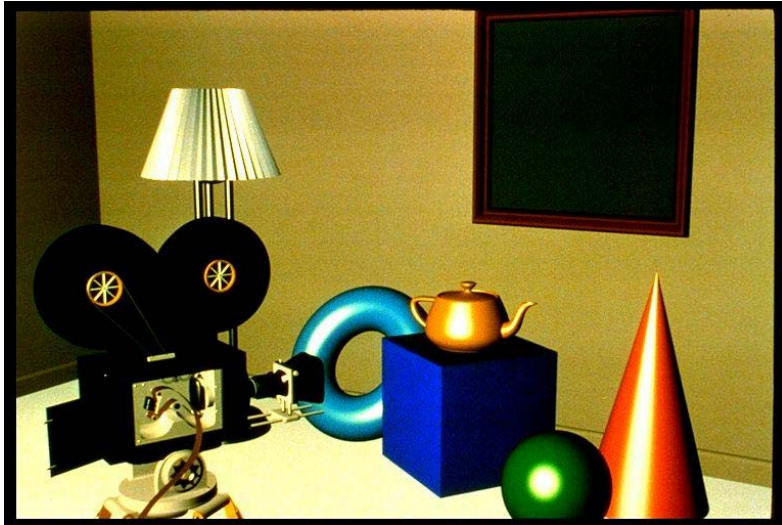
# Simple Illumination

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- **No illumination**
- **Constant colors**
  
- **Parallel light**
- **Diffuse reflection**



# Standard Illumination



- **Parallel light**
- **Specular reflection**



- **Multiple local light sources**
- **Different BRDFs**

**Object properties constant over surface**

# Texturing

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Locally varying  
object characteristics

- 2D Image Textures
- Shadows
- Bump-Mapping
- Reflection textures



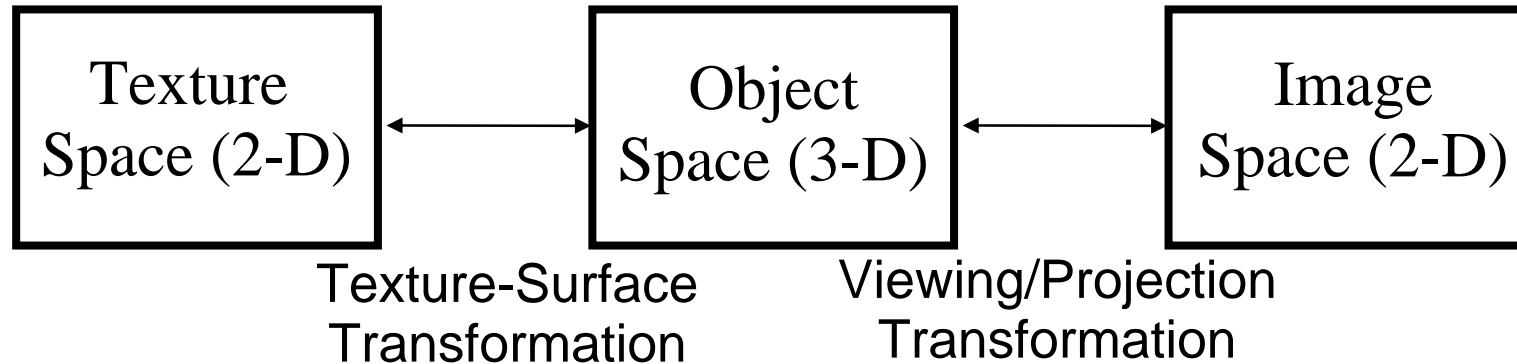
# Texture-modulated Quantities

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- **Modulation of object surface properties**
- **Reflectance**
  - Color (RGB), diffuse reflection coefficient  $k_d$
  - Specular reflection coefficient  $k_s$
- **Opacity ( $\alpha$ )**
- **Normal vector**
  - $N(P) = N(P + t N)$  or  $N = N + dN$
  - „Bump mapping“ or „Normal mapping“
- **Geometry**
  - $P = P + dP$
  - „Displacement mapping“
- **Distant illumination**
  - “Environment mapping“, “Reflection mapping“

# Texture Mapping Transformations

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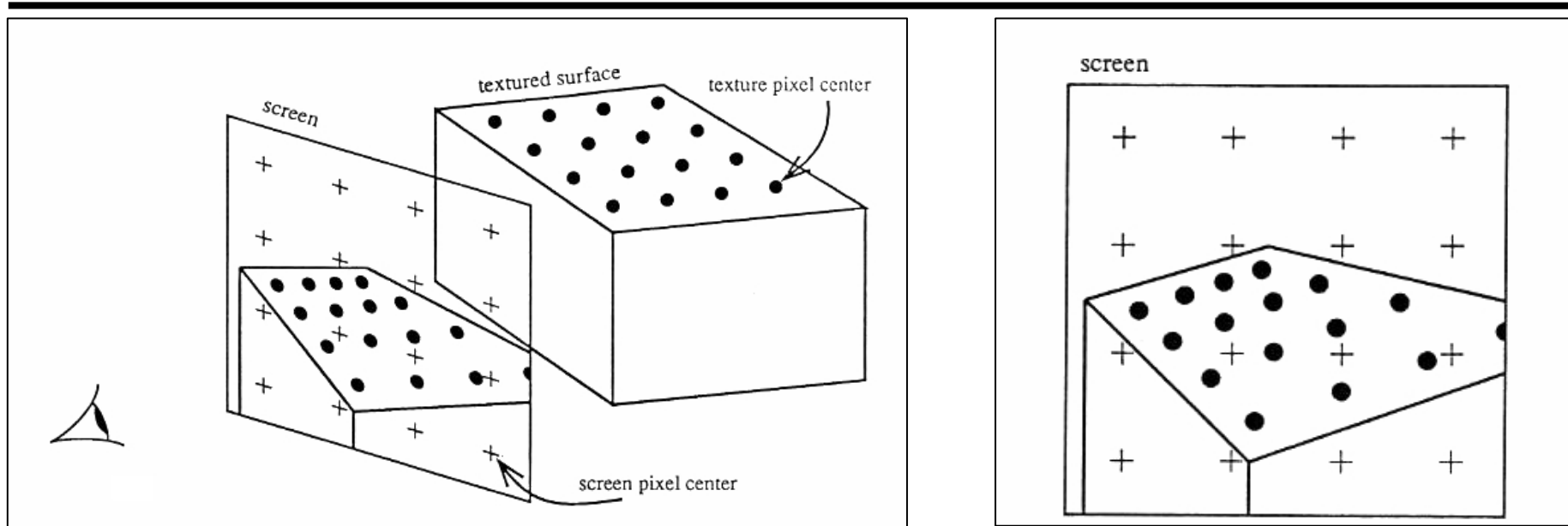
The texture is mapped onto a surface in 3-D object space, which is then mapped to the screen by the viewing projection. These two mappings are composed to find the overall 2-D texture space to 2-D image space mapping, and the intermediate 3-D space is often forgotten. This simplification suggests texture mapping's close ties with image warping and geometric distortion.

**Texture space**  $(u, v)$

**Object space**  $(x_o, y_o, z_o)$

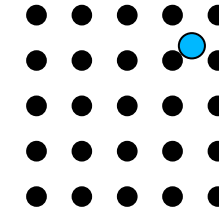
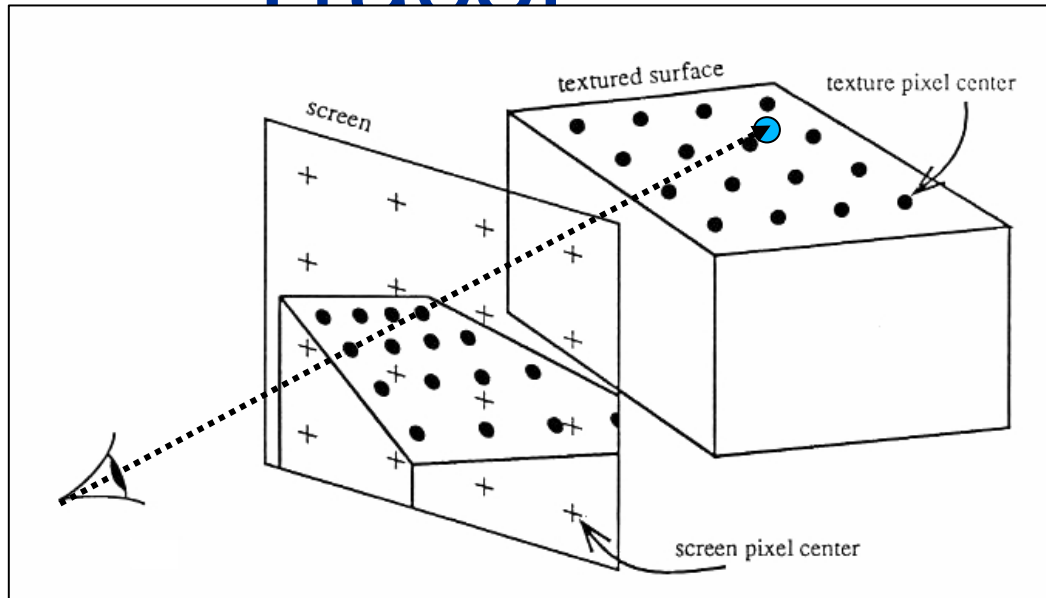
**Screen space**  $(x, y)$

# 2D Texturing



- **2D texture mapped onto object**
- **Object projected onto 2D screen**
- **2D→2D: warping operation**
- **Uniform sampling ?**
- **Hole-filling/blending ?**

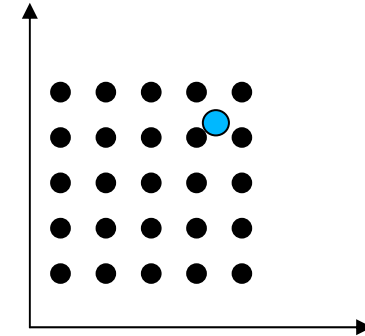
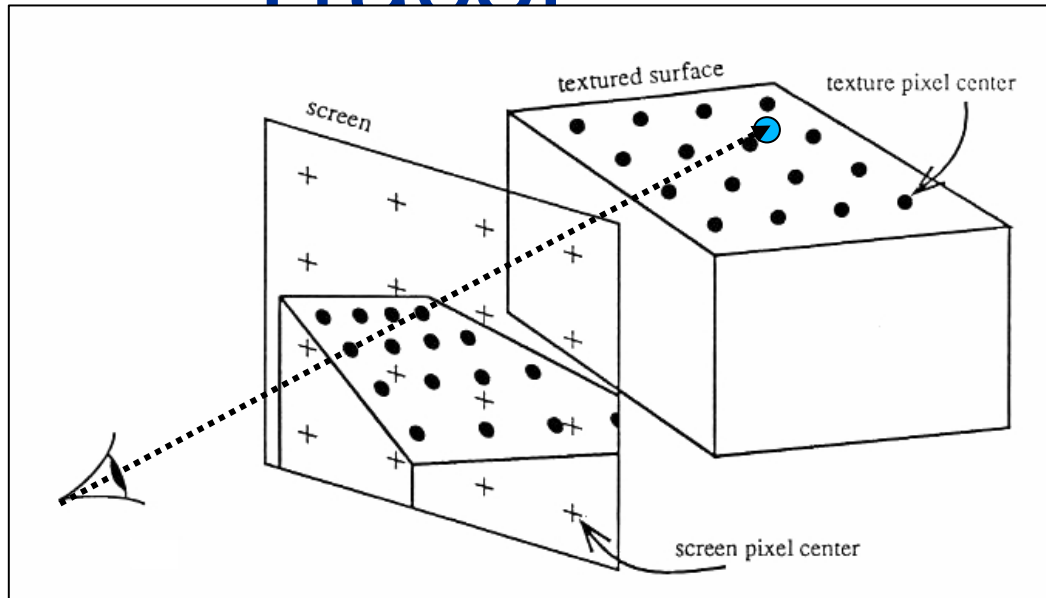
# Texture Mapping in a Ray Tracer



- **approximation:**
  - ray hits surface
  - surface location corresponds to coordinate inside a texture



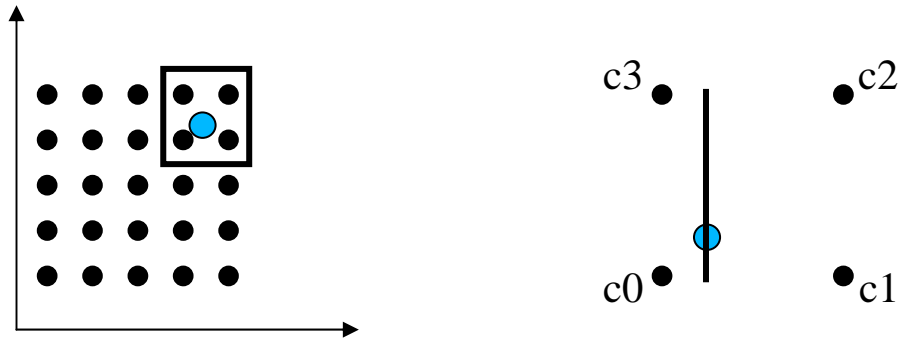
# Texture Mapping in a Ray Tracer



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# Interpolation 1D

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- **How to interpolate the color of the pixel?**

# Interpolation 1D

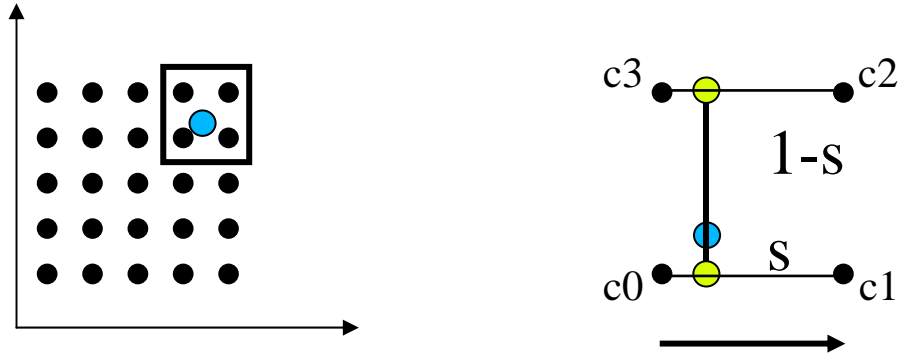
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- **How to interpolate the color of the pixel?**

# Interpolation 2D

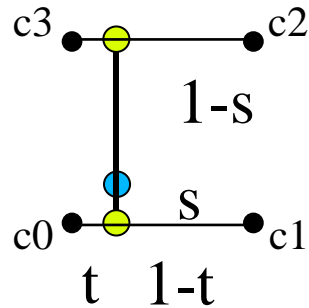
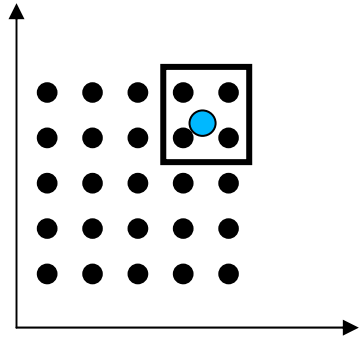
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- **How to interpolate the color of the pixel?**

# Interpolation 2D

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- How to interpolate the color of the pixel?
- 1D:  $i_0 = (1-t)c_0 + tc_1$   
 $i_1 = (1-t)c_3 + tc_2$
- 2D:  $c = (1-s) i_0 + s i_1$