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CPSC 414 Computer Graphics

Shading

Week 5, Wed 1 Oct 2003

- recap: lighting
- shading

News

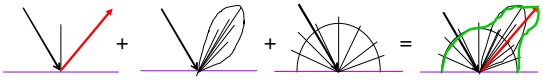
- final signup for project 1 demo slots
- extra lab coverage
  - Wed 10-1, 4-5:30, Thu 11-1
- normal lab hours: Wed 1-3
- newsgroup working externally
- door code
- handin from remote.ugrad.cs.ubc.ca

Readings

- Chapter 6

Reflectance recap

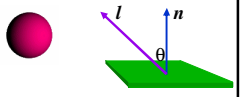
- *specular*: perfect mirror with no scattering
- *gloss*: mixed, partial specularity
- *diffuse*: all directions with equal energy



specular + glossy + diffuse =
reflectance distribution

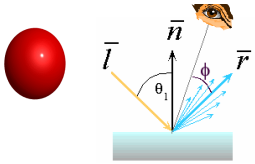
Reflection Equations recap

$$I_{diffuse} = k_d I_{light} (\mathbf{n} \bullet \mathbf{l})$$



$$I_{specular} = k_S I_{light} (\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{r})^{n_{shiny}}$$

2 (**N** (**N** · **L**)) – **L** = **R**

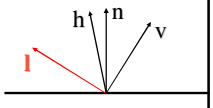


Reflection Equations 2 recap

- Blinn improvement

$$I_{out}(\mathbf{x}) = k_s \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})^{n_{shiny}} \cdot I_{in}(\mathbf{x});$$

$$\mathbf{h} = (\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{v}) / 2$$

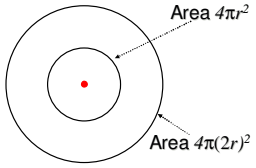


- full Phong lighting model
  - combine ambient, diffuse, specular components

$$I_{total} = k_a I_{ambient} + \sum_{i=1}^{\#lights} I_i \left(k_d (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{l_i}) + k_s (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r_i})^{n_{shiny}} \right)$$

Light Source Falloff

- quadratic falloff
  - brightness of objects depends on power per unit area that hits the object
  - the power per unit area for a point or spot light decreases quadratically with distance



Light Source Falloff

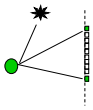
- non-quadratic falloff
  - many systems allow for other falloffs
  - allows for faking effect of area light sources
  - OpenGL / graphics hardware
    - I_0: intensity of light source
    - $\boldsymbol{x}$: object point
    - r: distance of light from $\boldsymbol{x}$

$$I_{in}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{ar^2 + br + c} \cdot I_0$$

Lighting vs. Shading

- **lighting**: process of computing the luminous intensity (i.e., outgoing light) at a particular 3-D point, usually on a surface
- **shading**: the process of assigning colors to pixels

(why the distinction?)



Applying Illumination

- we now have an illumination model for a point on a surface
- if surface defined as mesh of polygonal facets, *which points should we use?*
  - fairly expensive calculation
  - several possible answers, each with different implications for visual quality of result

Applying Illumination

- polygonal/triangular models
  - each facet has a constant surface normal
  - if light is directional, diffuse reflectance is constant across the facet.
  - why?

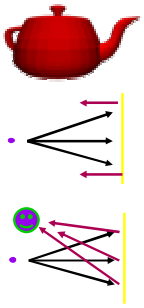
Flat Shading

- simplest approach calculates illumination at a single point for each polygon

- obviously inaccurate for smooth surfaces

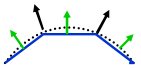
Flat Shading Approximations

- if an object really is faceted, is this accurate?
- no!
  - for point sources, the direction to light varies across the facet
  - for specular reflectance, direction to eye varies across the facet



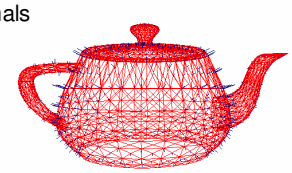
Improving Flat Shading

- what if evaluate Phong lighting model at each pixel of the polygon?
  - better, but result still clearly faceted
- for smoother-looking surfaces we introduce *vertex normals* at each vertex
  - usually different from facet normal
  - used *only* for shading
  - think of as a better approximation of the *real* surface that the polygons approximate



Vertex Normals

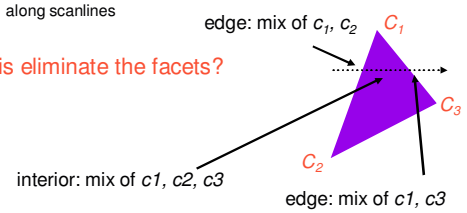
- vertex normals may be
  - provided with the model
  - computed from first principles
  - approximated by averaging the normals of the facets that share the vertex



Gouraud Shading

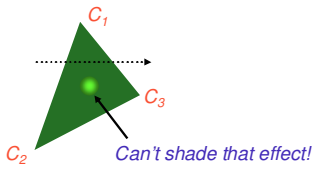
- most common approach, and what OpenGL does
  - perform Phong lighting at the vertices
  - linearly interpolate the resulting colors over faces
    - along edges
    - along scanlines

does this eliminate the facets?



Gouraud Shading Artifacts

- often appears dull, chalky
- lacks accurate specular component
  - if included, will be averaged over entire polygon



Gouraud Shading Artifacts

- Mach bands
  - eye enhances discontinuity in first derivative
  - very disturbing, especially for highlights

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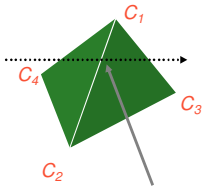
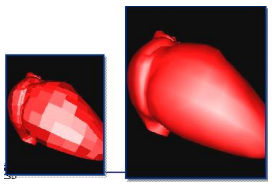
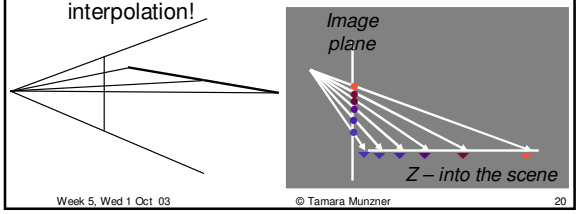




Discontinuity in rate of color change occurs here

Gouraud Shading Artifacts

- perspective transformations
  - Affine combinations only invariant under affine, **not** under perspective transformations
  - Thus, perspective projection alters the linear interpolation!



Gouraud Shading Artifacts

- perspective transformation problem
  - colors slightly "swim" on the surface as objects move relative to the camera
  - usually ignored since often only small difference
    - usually smaller than changes from lighting variations
  - to do it right
    - either shading in object space
    - or correction for perspective foreshortening
    - expensive – thus hardly ever done for colors

Phong Shading

- linearly interpolating surface normal across the facet, applying Phong lighting model at every pixel
  - same input as Gouraud shading
  - pro: much smoother results
  - con: considerably more expensive

- **not** the same as Phong lighting
  - common confusion
  - Phong lighting: empirical model to calculate illumination at a point on a surface

Phong Shading

- linearly interpolate the vertex normals
  - compute lighting equations at each pixel
  - can use specular component

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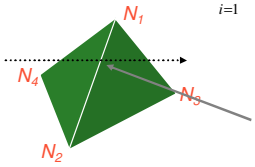
remember: normals used in diffuse and specular terms



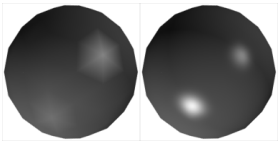
discontinuity in normal's rate of change harder to detect

Phong Shading Difficulties

- computationally expensive
  - per-pixel vector normalization and lighting computation!
  - floating point operations required
- lighting after perspective projection
  - messes up the angles between vectors
  - have to keep eye-space vectors around
- no **direct** support in hardware
  - but can be simulated with texture mapping

Shading Artifacts: Silhouettes

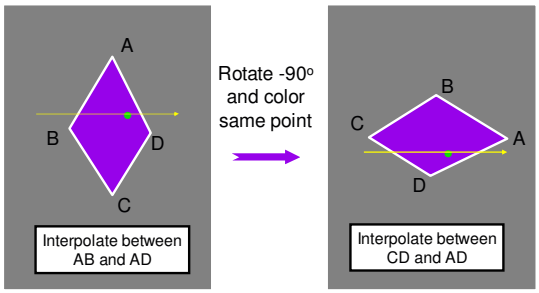
- polygonal silhouettes remain



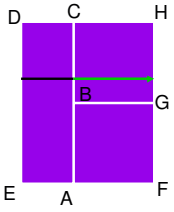
Gouraud *Phong*

Shading Artifacts: Orientation

- interpolation dependent on polygon orientation



Shading Artifacts: Shared Vertices



vertex B shared by two rectangles on the right, but not by the one on the left

first portion of the scanline is interpolated between DE and AC

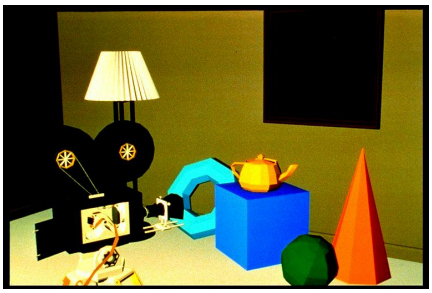
second portion of the scanline is interpolated between BC and GH

a large discontinuity could arise

Shading Models Summary

- flat shading
  - compute Phong lighting once for entire polygon
- Gouraud shading
  - compute Phong lighting at the vertices and interpolate lighting values across polygon
- Phong shading
  - compute averaged vertex normals
  - interpolate normals across polygon and perform Phong lighting across polygon

Shutterbug: Flat Shading



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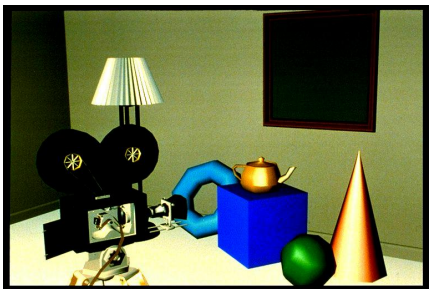

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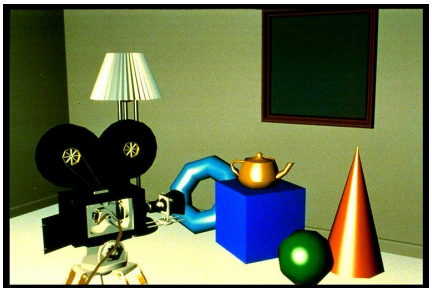

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