



### **Specular Highlights**



Surface Roughness

· each "microfacet" is treated as a perfect mirror.

· incident light reflected in different directions by

· smoother surfaces are more specular or glossy.

· random distribution of facet normals results in diffuse

· notice another effect of roughness:

· end result is mixed reflectance.

different facets.

reflectance.

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#### **Types of Reflection**

- retro-reflection occurs when incident energy reflects in directions close to the incident direction, for a wide range of incident directions.
- *gloss* is the property of a material surface that involves mixed reflection and is responsible for the mirror like appearance of rough surfaces.

# **Reflectance Distribution Model**

- most surfaces exhibit complex reflectances
  vary with incident and reflected directions.
- model with combination

Lambert's Cosine Law

the energy reflected by a small portion of a surface from a

light source in a given direction is proportional to the cosine

of the angle between that direction and the surface normal

specular + glossy + diffuse = reflectance distribution

ideal diffuse surface reflection

independent of viewing direction

often called Lambertian surfaces

· depends on surface orientation wrt light

reflected intensity

## Surface Roughness

 at a microscopic scale, all real surfaces are rough



 cast shadows on themselves

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· "mask" reflected light:



# Lambert's Law



intuitively: cross-sectional area of the "beam" intersecting an element of surface area is smaller for greater angles with the normal.



# Computing Diffuse Reflection



#### always normalize vectors used in lighting !!!

- n, I should be unit vectors
- scalar (B/W intensity) or 3-tuple or 4-tuple (color)
- k<sub>d</sub>: diffuse coefficient, surface color
- · Ilight: incoming light intensity
- I<sub>diffuse</sub>: outgoing light intensity (for diffuse reflection)

# **Physics of Diffuse Reflection**

- ideal diffuse reflection
- very rough surface at the microscopic level
  real-world example: chalk
- microscopic variations mean incoming ray of light equally likely to be reflected in any direction over the hemisphere
- what does the reflected intensity depend on?



## Diffuse Lighting Examples

• Lambertian sphere from several lighting angles:

need only consider angles from 0° to 90°

- why?
- demo: Brown exploratory on reflection
- http://www.cs.brown.edu/exploratories/freeSoftware/repository/edu/brown/cs/ex ploratories/applets/reflection2D/reflection\_2d\_java\_browser.html

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