

The Graphics Pipeline and OpenGL II: Lighting and Shading, Fragment Processing

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Lecture 3

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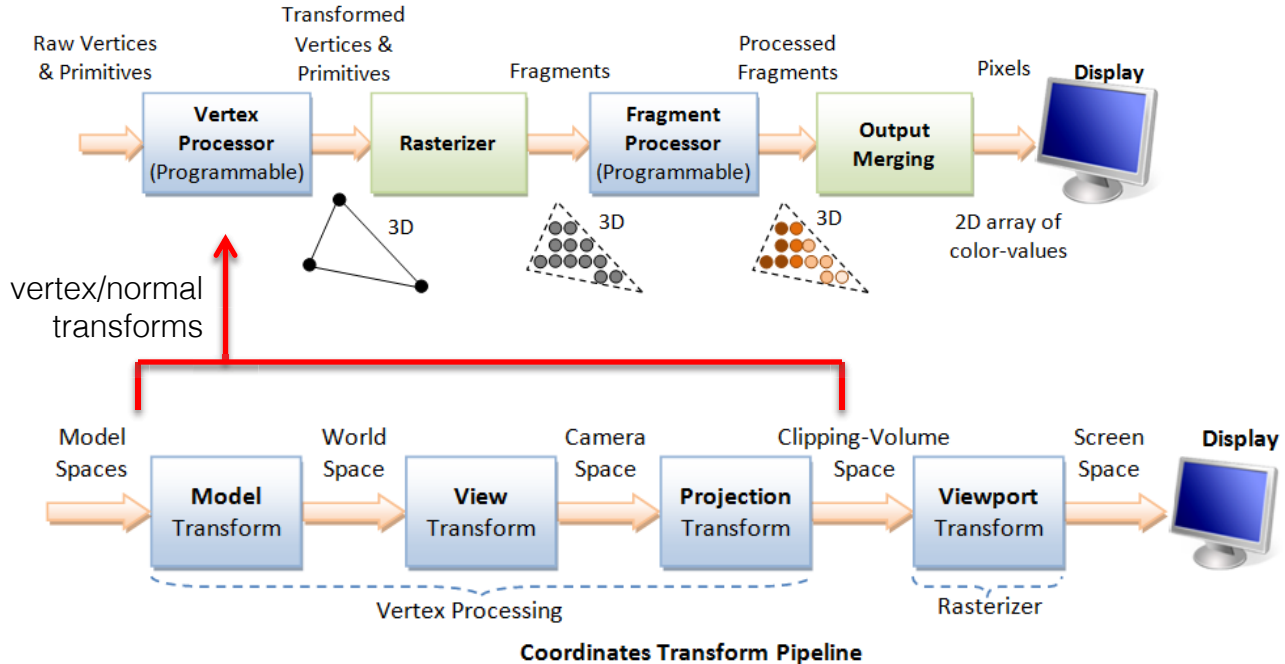
Announcements

- Waitlist is getting smaller, so stay on it if you're planning on taking the class; some students also offered to share kits
- questions for HW1? post on Ed Discussion and zoom office hours!
- WIM workshop 1: this Friday 2-3 pm, Packard 204 → if you are a WIM student, you ~~must~~ should attend!
- WIM HW1 going out this Friday

Lecture Overview

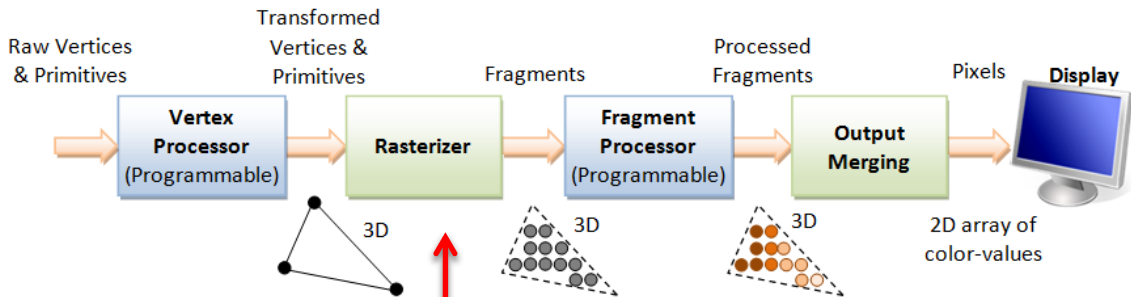
- rasterization
- the rendering equation, BRDFs
- lighting: computer interaction between vertex/fragment and lights
 - Phong lighting
- shading: how to assign color (i.e. based on lighting) to each fragment
 - Flat, Gouraud, Phong shading
- vertex and fragment shaders
- texture mapping

Review of Vertex/Normal Transforms



Rasterization

Rasterization



A primitive is formed by one or more vertices. Vertices are not aligned to the pixel-grid

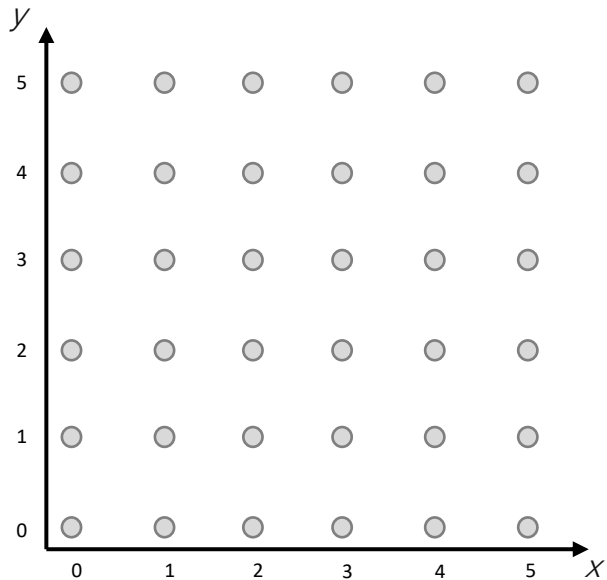
Rasterizer

A fragment is aligned to the pixel-grid with a depth

Purpose:

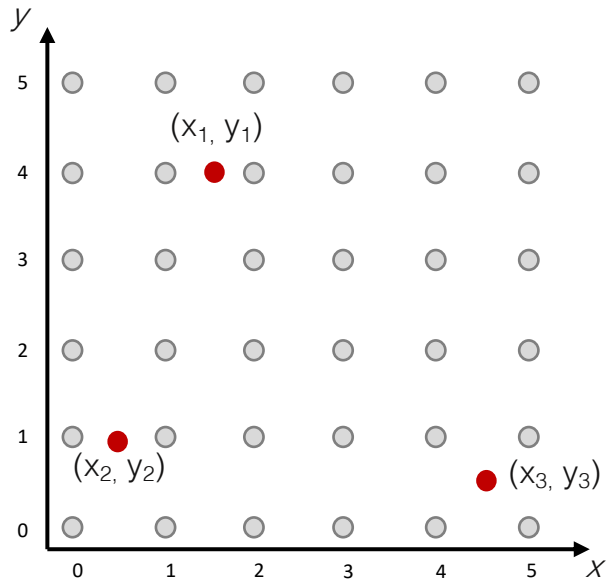
1. determine which fragments are inside the triangles
2. interpolate vertex attributes (e.g. color) to all fragments

Rasterization / Scanline Interpolation



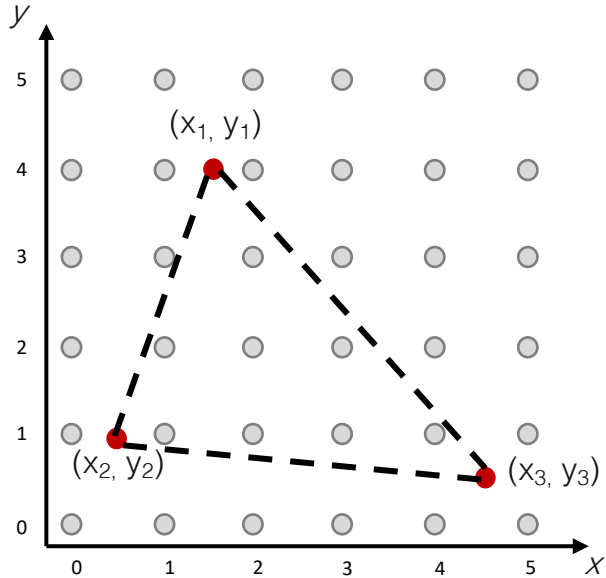
- grid of 6x6 fragments

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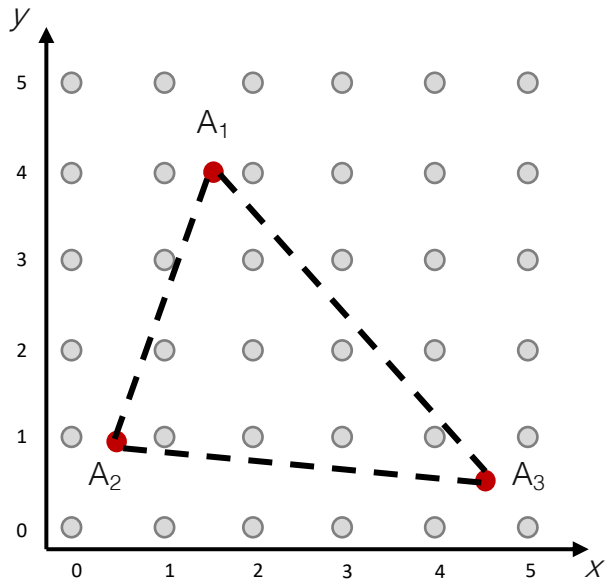
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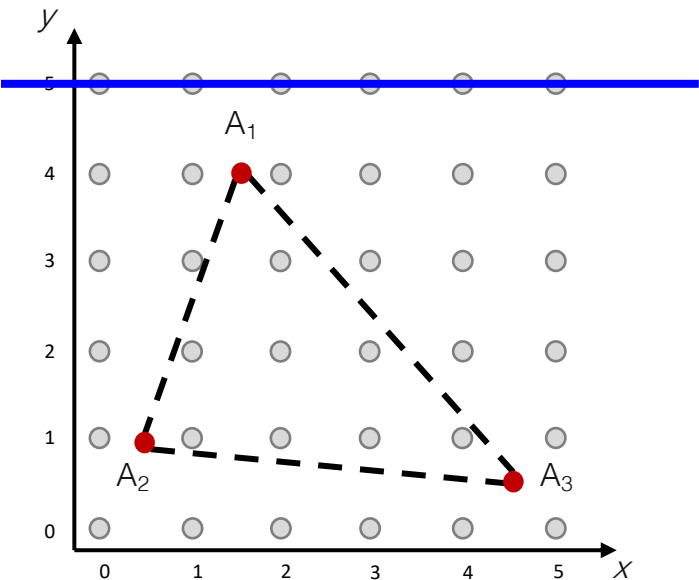
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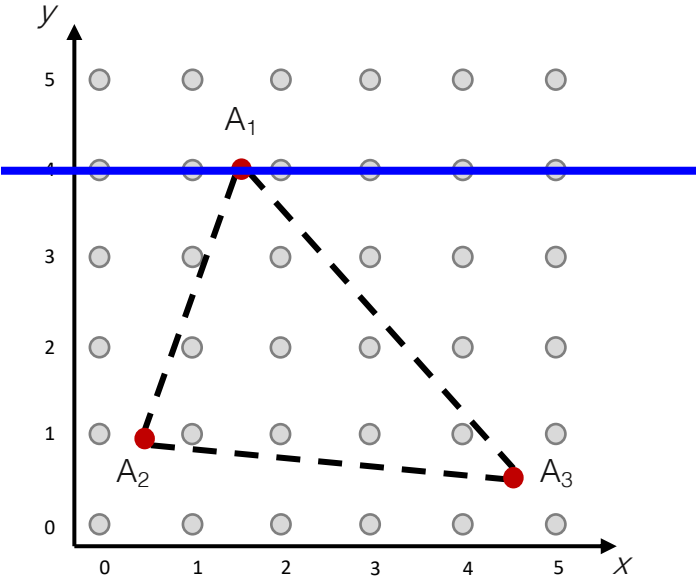
- grid of 6x6 fragments
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+ edges = triangle
- each vertex has 1 or more attributes A ,
such as R/G/B color, depth, ...
- user can assign arbitrary attributes, e.g.
surface normals

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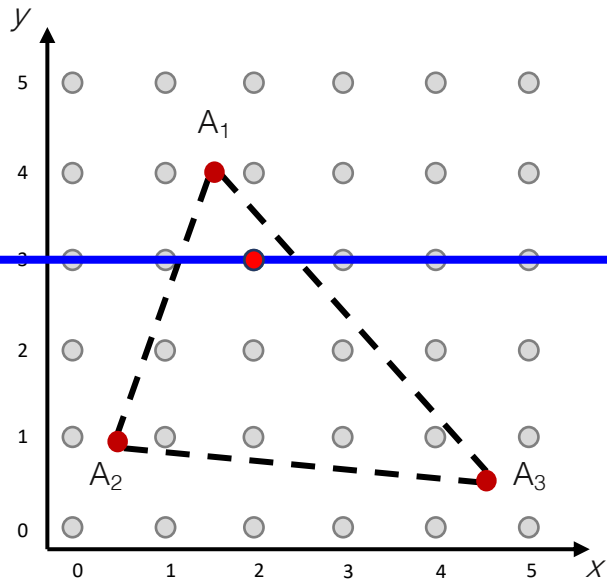
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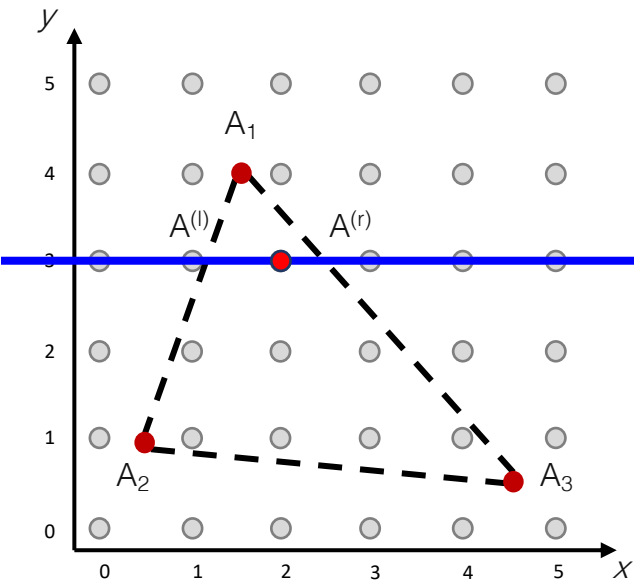
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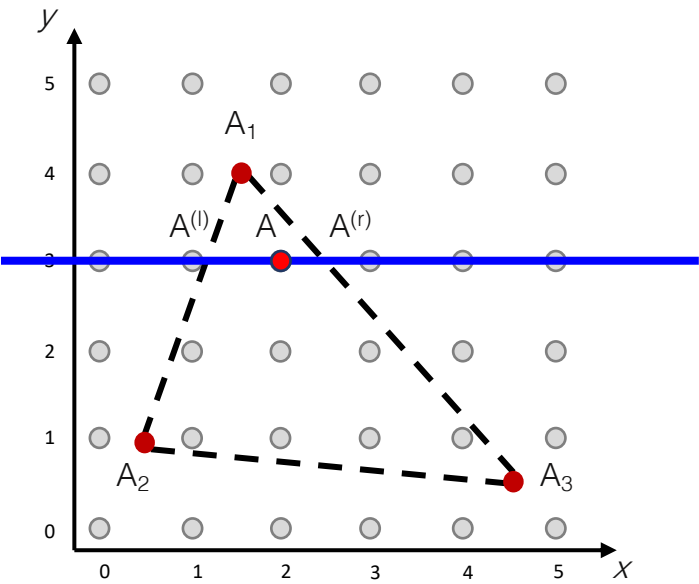


- scanline moving top to bottom
- determine which fragments are inside the triangle
- **interpolate attribute along edges in y**
- $y^{(l/r)}$ are the y coordinates of $A^{(l/r)}$, i.e. the y coordinate of the scanline

$$A^{(l)} = \left(\frac{y^{(l)} - y_2}{y_1 - y_2} \right) A_1 + \left(\frac{y_1 - y^{(l)}}{y_1 - y_2} \right) A_2$$

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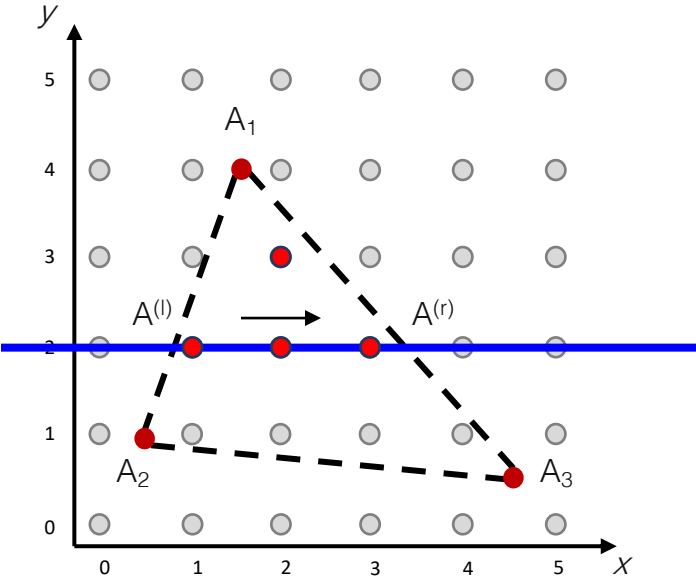


- scanline moving top to bottom
- determine which fragments are inside the triangle
- interpolate attribute along edges in y
- **then interpolate along x**
- $x^{(l/r)}$ are the x coordinates of $A^{(l/r)}$, which can be computed via similar triangles

final, interpolated attribute A at fragment

$$A = \left(\frac{x - x^{(l)}}{x^{(r)} - x^{(l)}} \right) A^{(r)} + \left(\frac{x^{(r)} - x}{x^{(r)} - x^{(l)}} \right) A^{(l)}$$

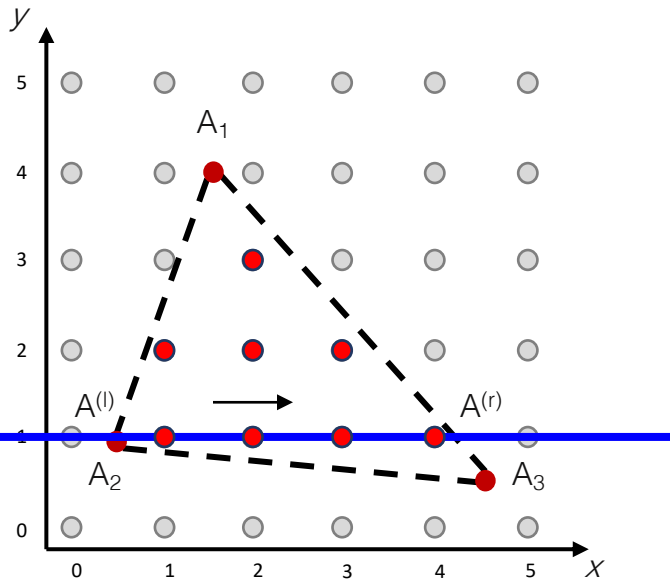
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repeat:

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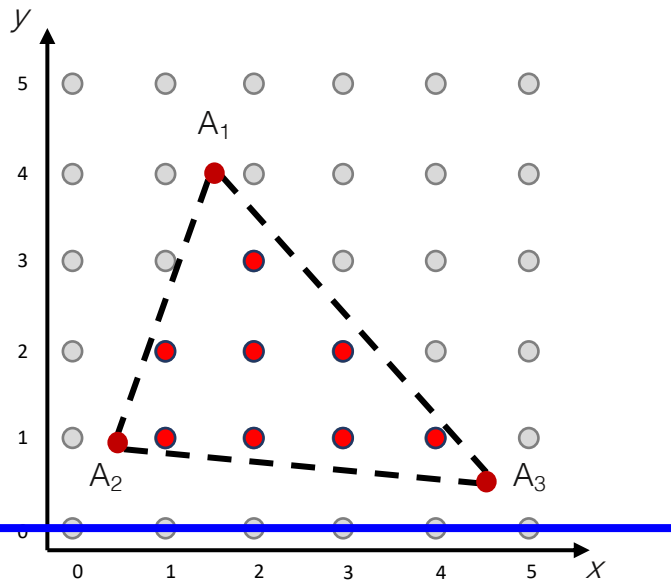
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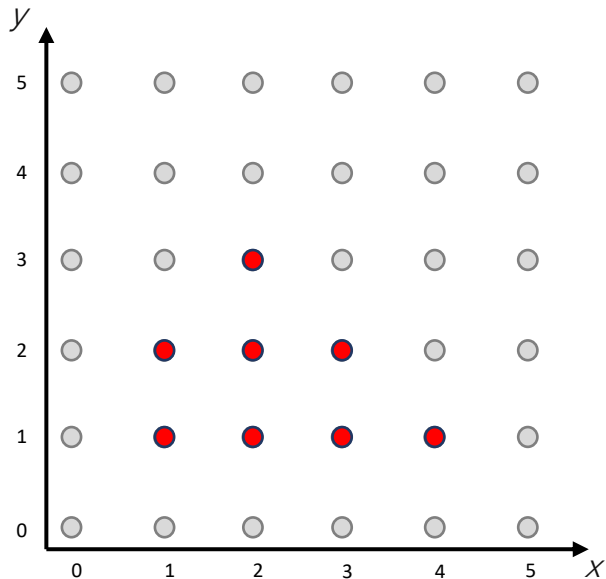
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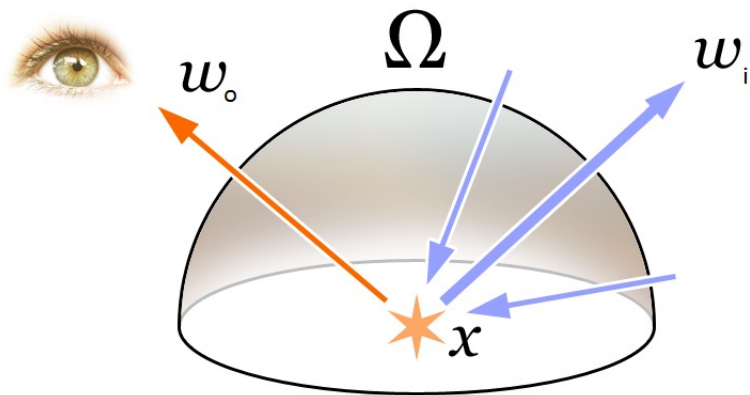


output: set of fragments inside triangle(s)
with interpolated attributes for each of
these fragments

Lighting & Shading

(how to determine color and what attributes to interpolate)

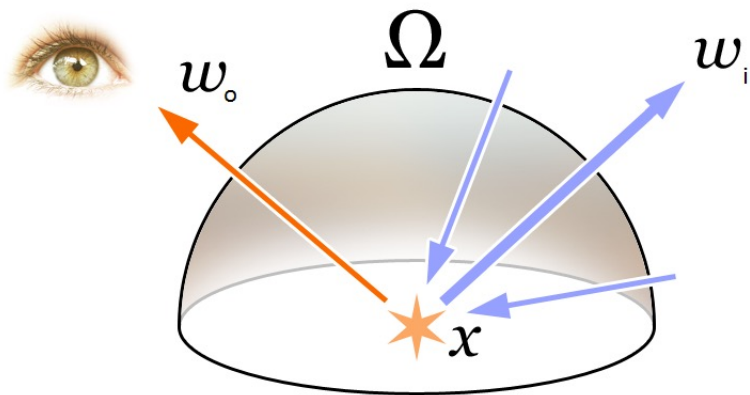
The Rendering Equation



- direct (local) illumination:
light source \rightarrow surface \rightarrow eye
- indirect (global) illumination:
light source \rightarrow surface \rightarrow ... \rightarrow surface \rightarrow eye

$$L_o(\mathbf{x}, \omega_o, \lambda, t) = L_e(\mathbf{x}, \omega_o, \lambda, t) + \int_{\Omega} f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda, t) L_i(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \lambda, t) (\omega_i \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\omega_i$$

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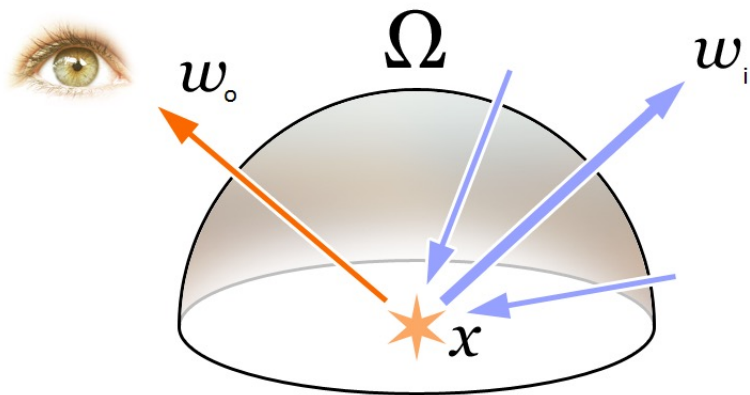
radiance towards viewer

emitted radiance

BRDF

incident radiance from some direction

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3D location

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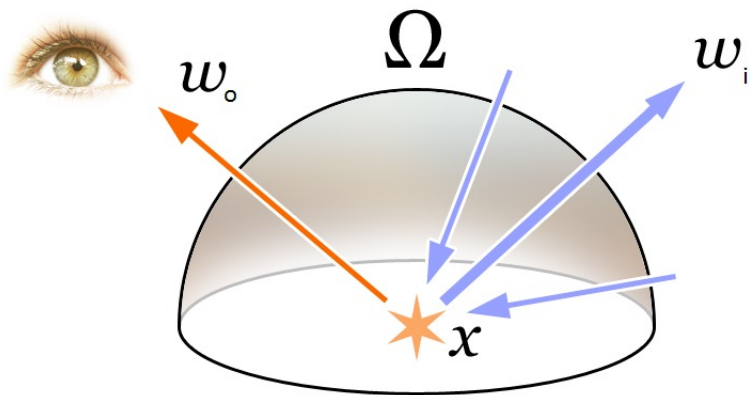
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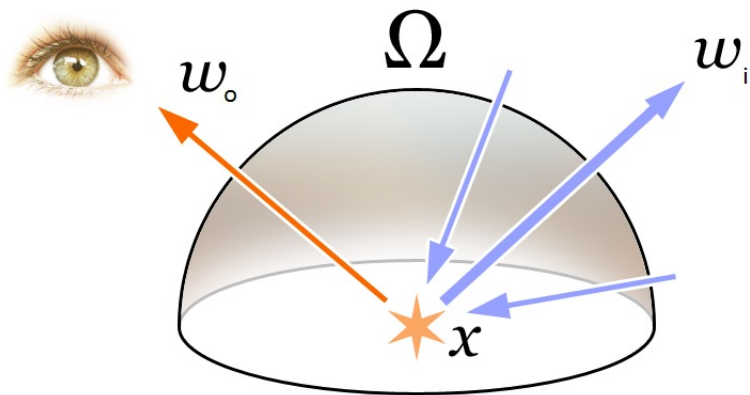
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wavelength

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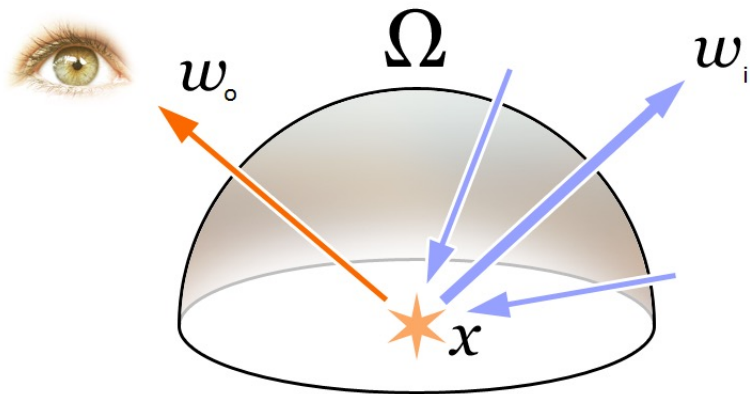
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time

radiance towards viewer emitted radiance BRDF incident radiance from some direction

The Rendering Equation

- drop time, wavelength (RGB) & global illumination to make it simple

- direct (local) illumination:

light source \rightarrow surface \rightarrow eye

- ~~indirect (global) illumination.~~

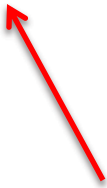
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The Rendering Equation

- drop time, wavelength (RGB), emission & global illumination to make it simple

$$L_o(x, \omega_o) = \sum_{k=1}^{num_lights} f_r(x, \omega_k, \omega_o) L_i(x, \omega_k) (\omega_k \cdot \mathbf{n})$$



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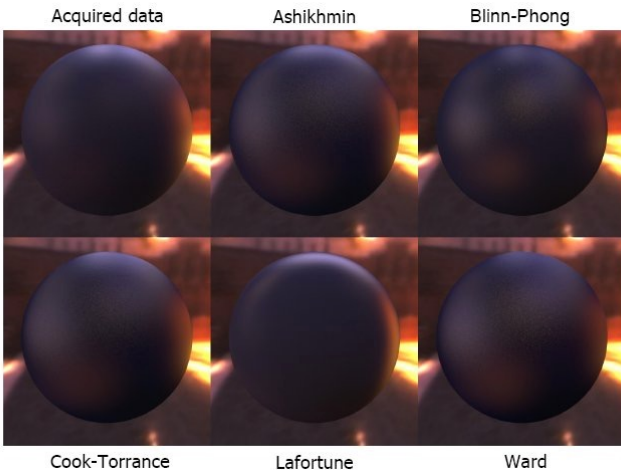
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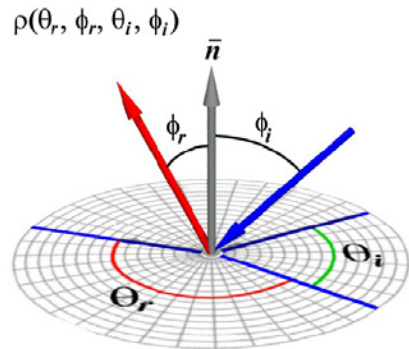
$$L_0(x, \omega_0) = \sum_{k=1}^{num_lights} f_r(x, \omega_k, \omega_o) L_i(x, \omega_k) (\omega_k \cdot n)$$

Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)

- many different BRDF models exist: analytic, data driven (i.e. captured)

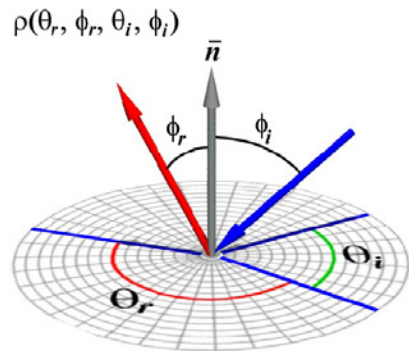
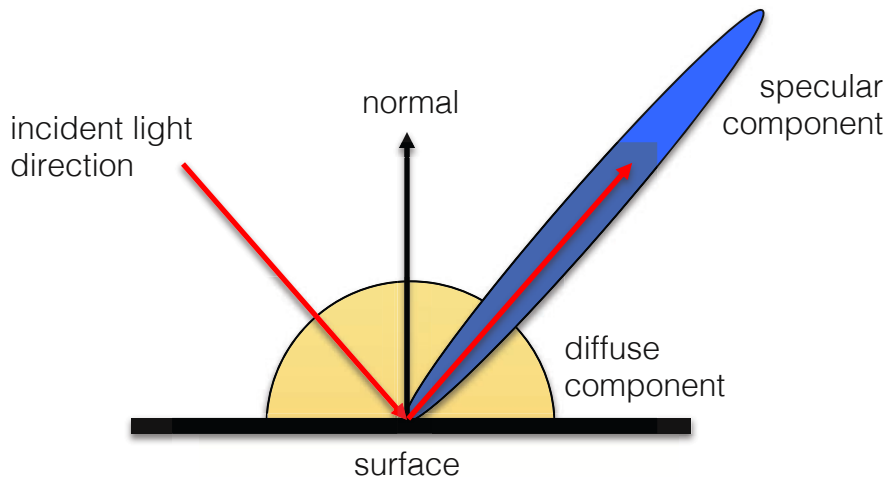


Ngan et al. 2004



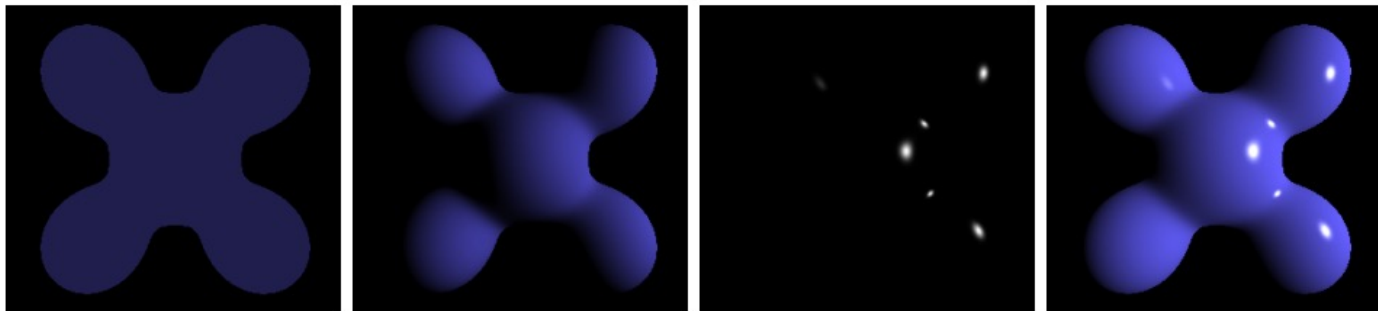
Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)

- can approximate BRDF with a few simple components



Phong Lighting

- emissive part can be added if desired
- calculate separately for each color channel: RGB



Ambient

+

Diffuse

+

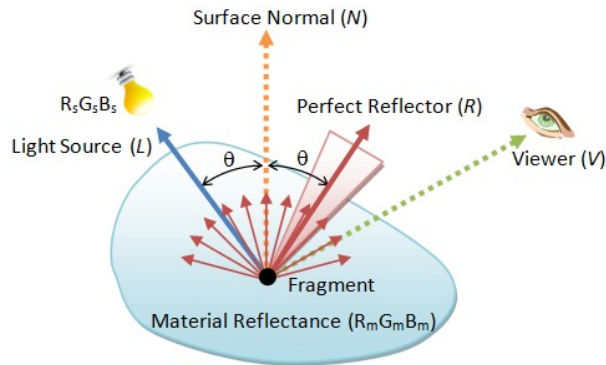
Specular

=

Phong Reflection

Phong Lighting

- simple model for direct lighting
- ambient, diffuse, and specular parts
- requires:
 - material color m_{RGB} (for each of ambient, diffuse, specular)
 - light color I_{RGB} (for each of ambient, diffuse, specular)



L normalized vector pointing towards light source

N normalized surface normal

V normalized vector pointing towards viewer

$$R = 2(N \cdot L)N - L$$

normalized reflection on surface normal

Phong Lighting: Ambient

- independent of light/surface position, viewer, normal
- basically adds some background color

$$m_{\{R,G,B\}}^{ambient} \cdot l_{\{R,G,B\}}^{ambient}$$

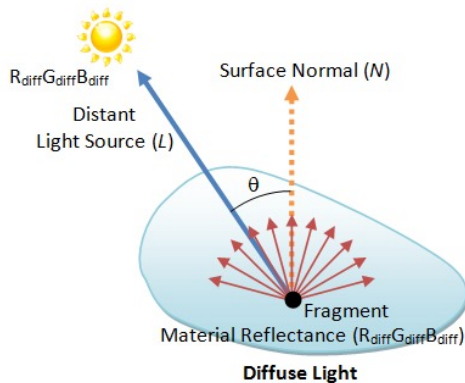


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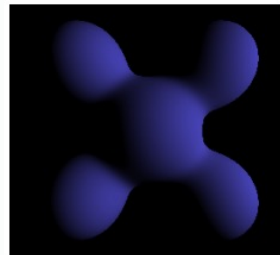
Phong Lighting: Diffuse

- needs normal and light source direction
- adds intensity \cos -falloff with incident angle



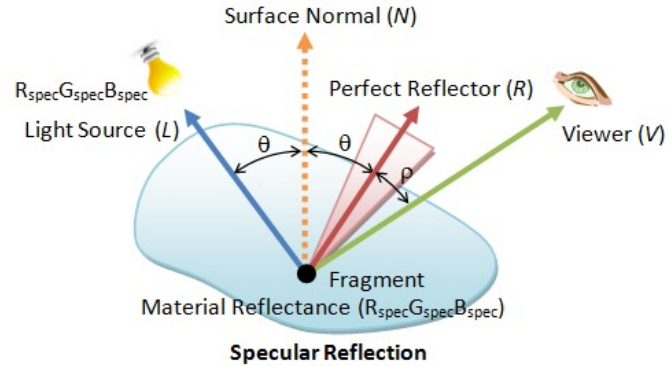
$$m_{\{R,G,B\}}^{diffuse} \cdot l_{\{R,G,B\}}^{diffuse} \cdot \max(L \cdot N, 0)$$

↑
dot product

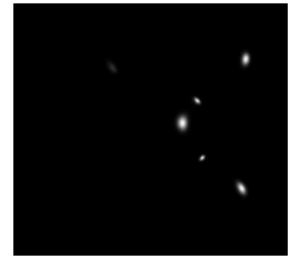


Phong Lighting: Specular

- needs normal, light & viewer direction
- models reflections = specular highlights
- shininess – exponent, larger for smaller highlights (more mirror-like surfaces)



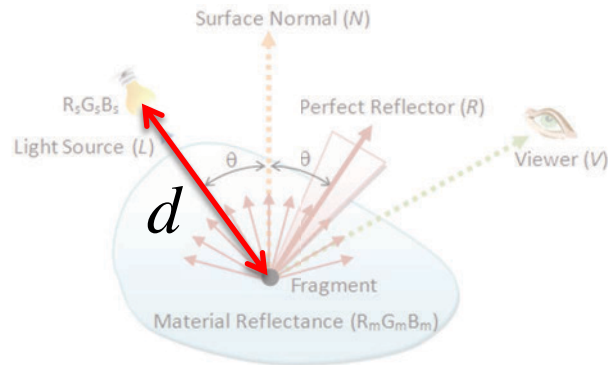
$$m_{\{R,G,B\}}^{specular} \cdot I_{\{R,G,B\}}^{specular} \cdot \max(R \cdot V, 0)^{shininess}$$



Specular

Phong Lighting: Attenuation

- models the intensity falloff of light w.r.t. distance
- The greater the distance, the lower the intensity



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

↑ ↑ ↑

constant linear quadratic attenuation

Phong Lighting: Putting it all Together

- this is a simple, but efficient lighting model
- has been used by OpenGL for ~25 years
- absolutely NOT sufficient to generate photo-realistic renderings (take a computer graphics course for that)

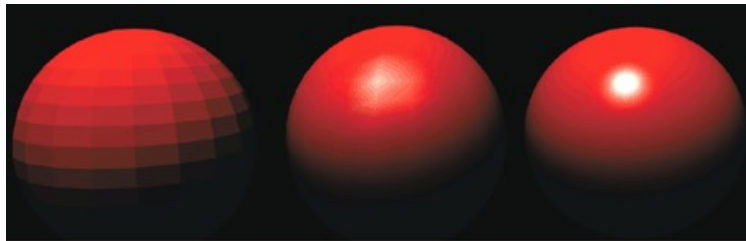
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Lighting Calculations

- *all lighting calculations happen in camera/view space!*
 - transform vertices and normals into camera/view space
 - calculate lighting, i.e. per color (i.e., given material properties, light source color & position, vertex position, normal direction, viewer position)

Lighting v Shading

- lighting: interaction between light and surface (e.g. using Phong lighting model; think about this as “what formula is being used to calculate intensity/color”)
- shading: how to compute color of each fragment (e.g. what attributes to interpolate and where to do the lighting calculation)
 1. Flat shading
 2. Gouraud shading (per-vertex lighting)
 3. Phong shading (per-fragment lighting) - different from Phong lighting



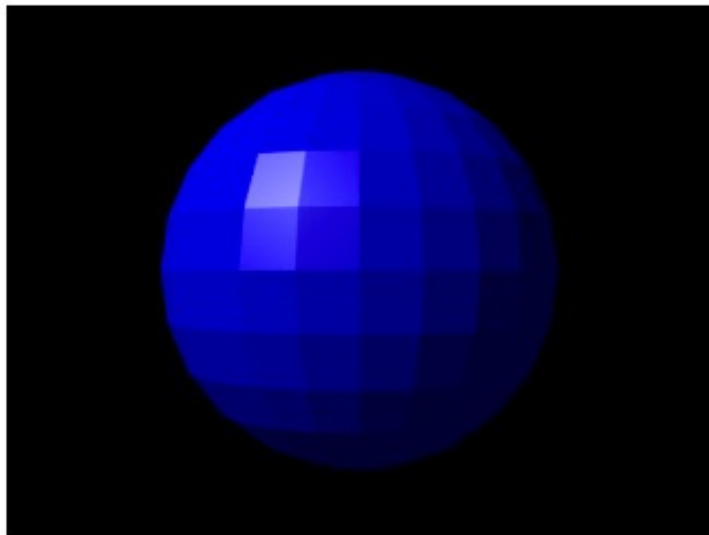
Flat

Gouraud

Phong

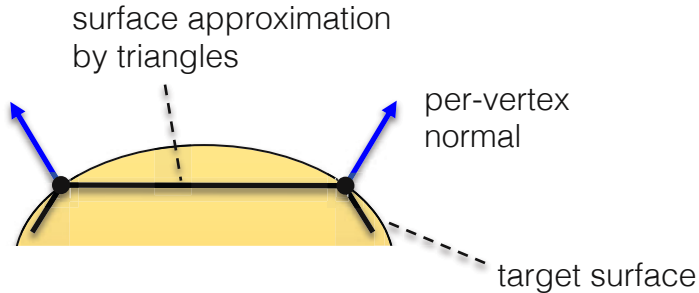
Flat Shading

- compute color only once per triangle (i.e. with Phong lighting)
- pro: usually fast to compute; con: creates a flat, unrealistic appearance
- we won't use it



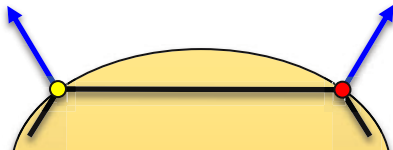
Gouraud or Per-vertex Shading

- compute color once per vertex (i.e. with Phong lighting)
- interpolate per-vertex colors to all fragments within the triangles!
- pro: usually fast-ish to compute; con: flat, unrealistic specular highlights



Gouraud Shading or Per-vertex Lighting

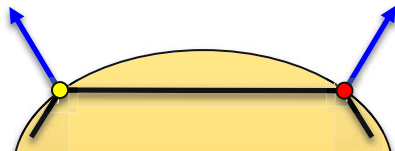
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per-vertex lighting

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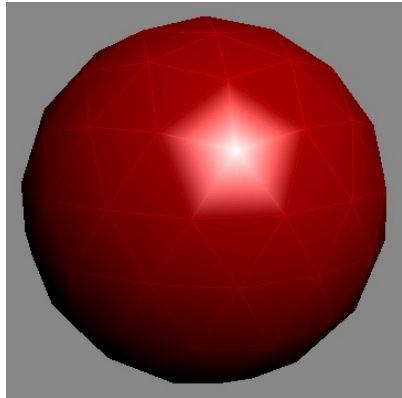
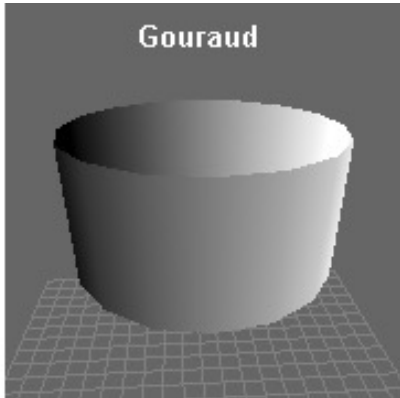
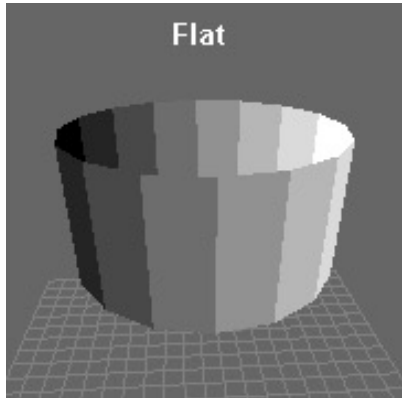
interpolate colors



shaded surface

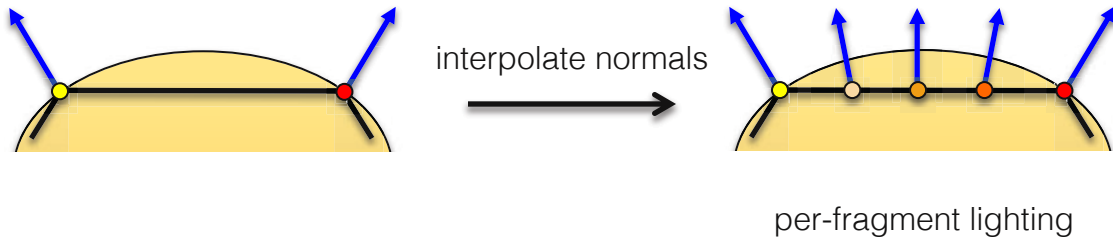
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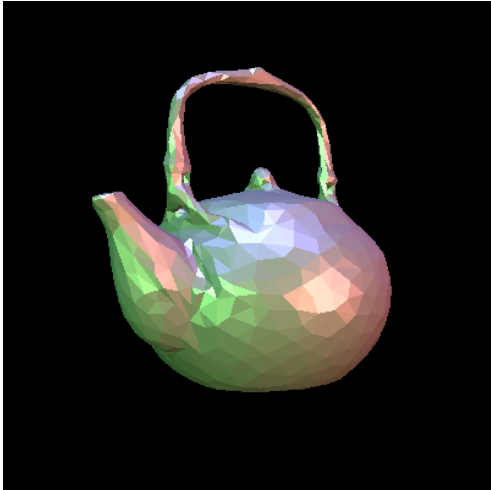
Phong Shading or Per-fragment Lighting

- compute color once per fragment (i.e. with Phong lighting)
- need to interpolate per-vertex normals to all fragments to do the lighting calculation!
- pro: better appearance of specular highlights; con: usually slower to compute

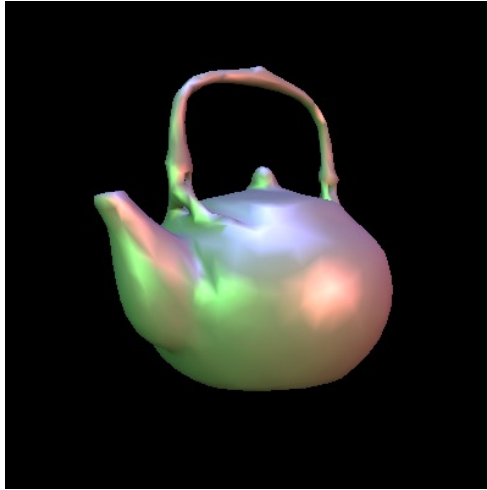


Shading

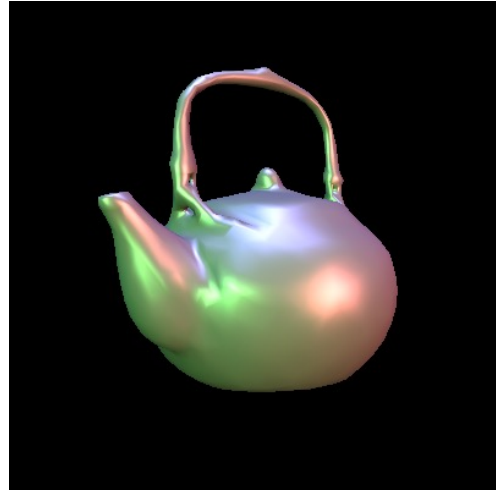
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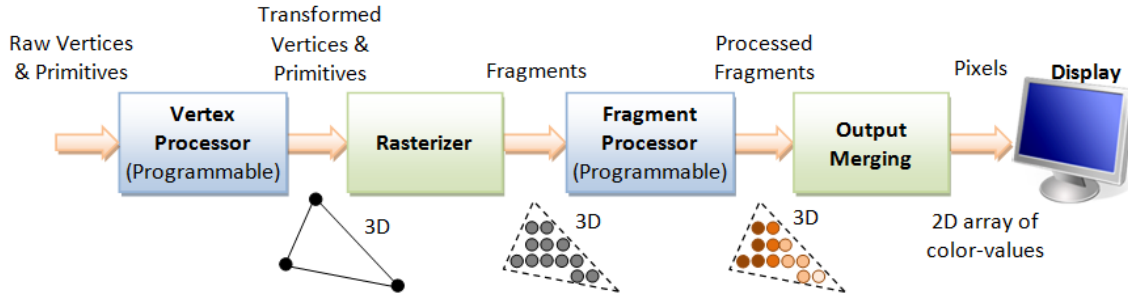
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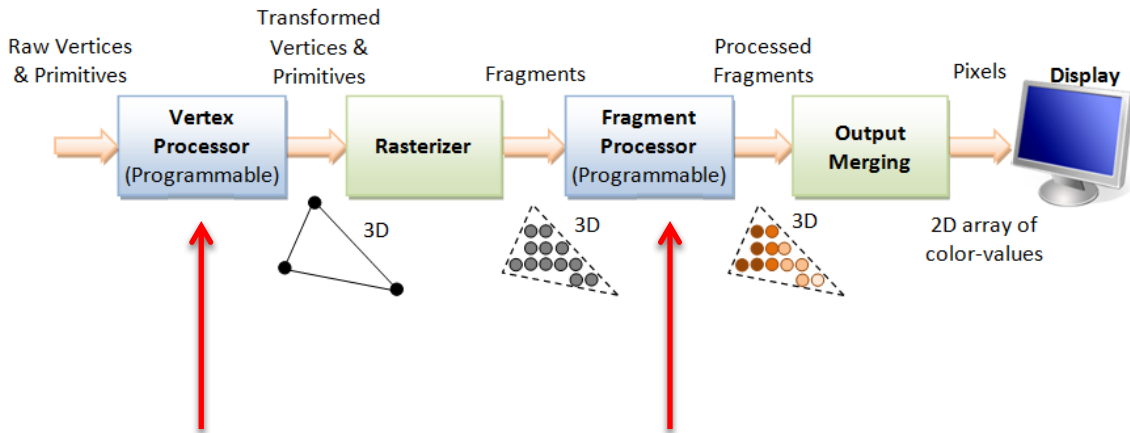
Phong Shading



Back to the Graphics Pipeline



Per-vertex Lighting v Per-fragment Lighting



- lighting calculations done for each vertex

- lighting calculations done for each fragment

Vertex and Fragment Shaders

- shaders are small programs that are executed in parallel on the GPU for each vertex (vertex shader) or each fragment (fragment shader)
- vertex shader (*before rasterizer*):
 - modelview projection transform of vertex & normal (see last lecture)
 - if per-vertex lighting: do lighting calculations here (otherwise omit)
- fragment shader (*after rasterizer*):
 - assign final color to each fragment
 - if per-fragment lighting: do all lighting calculations here (otherwise omit)

Fragment Processing

- lighting and shading (per-fragment) – same calculations as per-vertex shading, but executed for each fragment
- texture mapping

these also happen, but don't worry about them (we won't touch these):

- fog calculations
- alpha blending
- hidden surface removal (using depth buffer)
- scissor test, stencil test, dithering, bitmasking, ...

Depth Test

- oftentimes we have multiple triangles behind each other, the depth test determines which one to keep and which one to discard
- if depth of fragment is smaller than current value in depth buffer \rightarrow overwrite color and depth value using current fragment; otherwise discard fragment



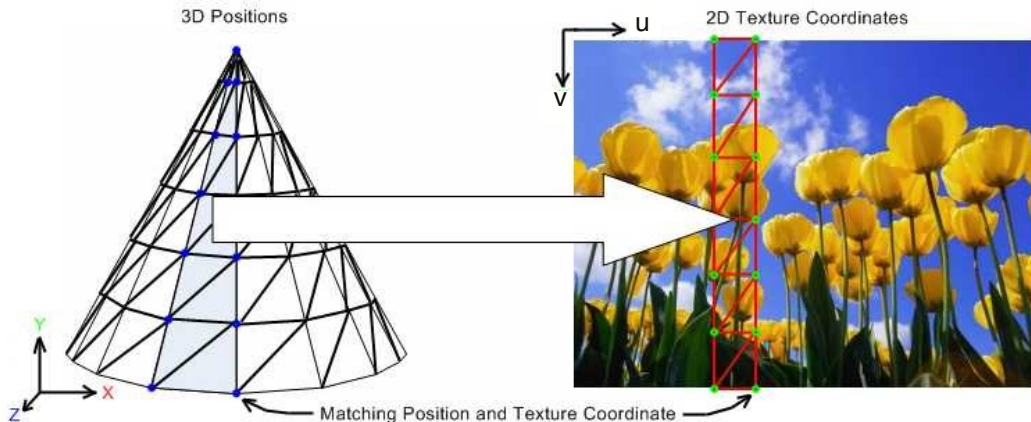
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depth buffer

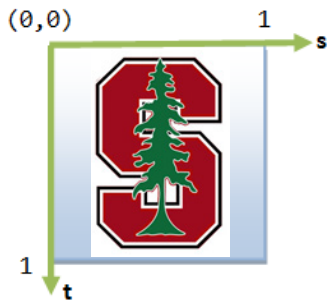
Texture Mapping

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- we want to use it as a “sticker” on our 3D surfaces
- mapping from vertex to position on texture (texture coordinates u,v)

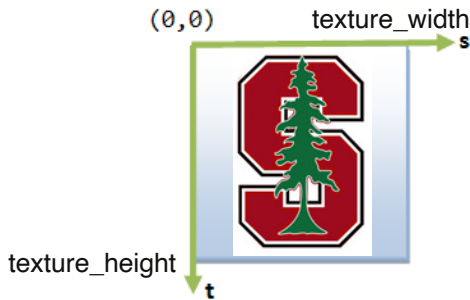


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Normalized Texture Coordinates

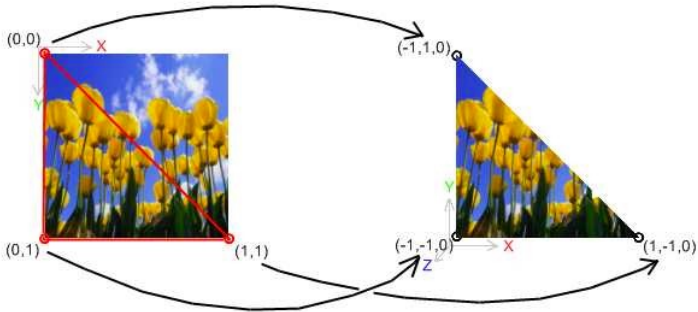


Non-normalized Texture Coordinates

Texture Mapping

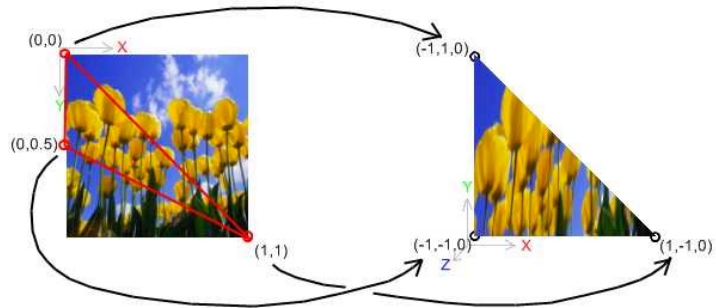
- same texture, different texture coordinates

Texture Coordinates



Rendered Triangle

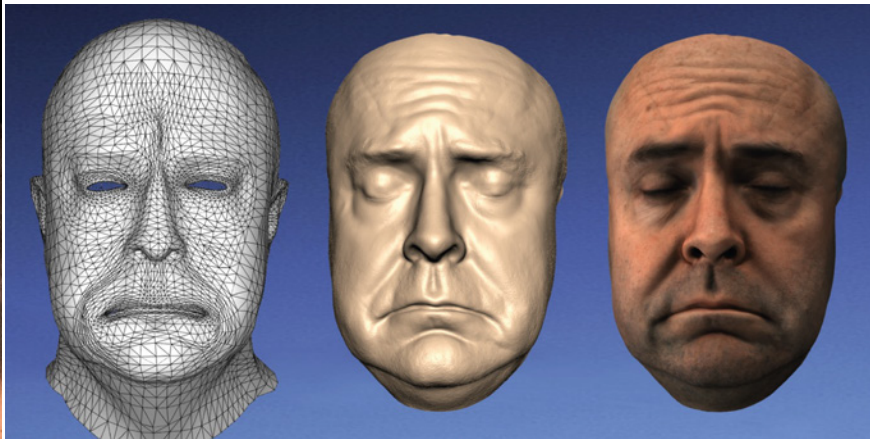
Texture Coordinates



Rendered Triangle

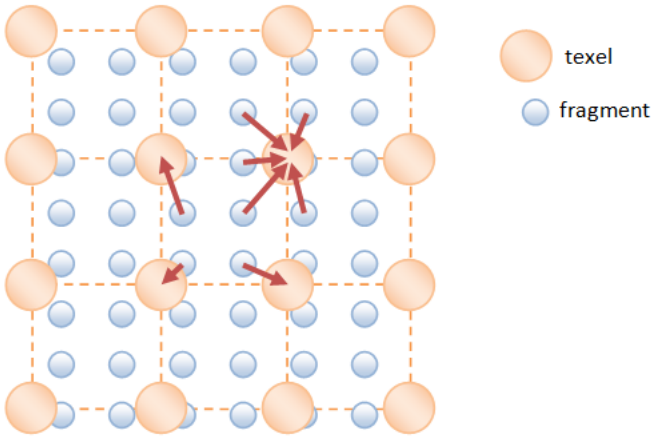
Texture Mapping

- texture mapping faces

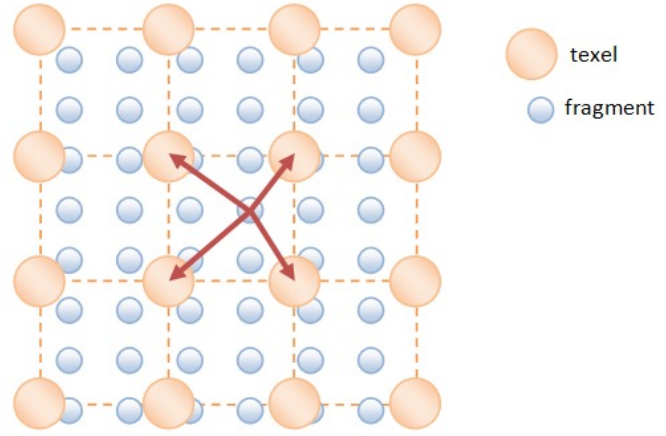


Texture Mapping

- texture filtering: fragments don't align with texture pixels (texels) → interpolate

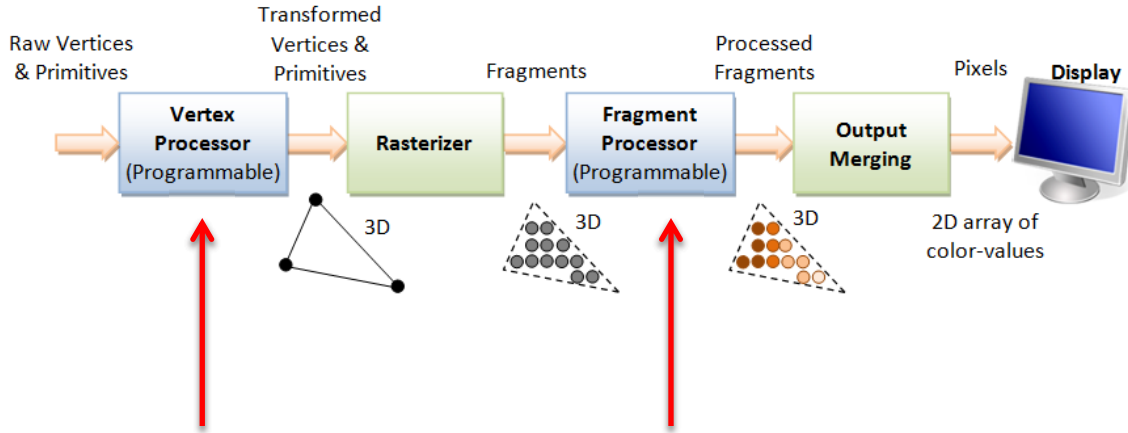


Magnification – Nearest Point Sampling



Magnification – Bilinear Interpolation

Next Lecture: Vertex & Fragment Shaders, GLSL



vertex shader

- transforms & (per-vertex) lighting

fragment shader

- texturing
- (per-fragment) lighting

Summary

- rasterization
- the rendering equation, BRDFs
- lighting: computer interaction between vertex/fragment and lights
 - Phong lighting
- shading: how to assign color (i.e. based on lighting) to each fragment
 - Flat, Gouraud, Phong shading
- vertex and fragment shaders
- texture mapping

Further Reading

- good overview of OpenGL (deprecated version) and graphics pipeline (missing a few things) :
https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/opengl/CG_BasicsTheory.html
- textbook: Shirley and Marschner “Fundamentals of Computer Graphics”, AK Peters, 2009
- definite reference: “OpenGL Programming Guide” aka “OpenGL Red Book”
- **WebGL / three.js tutorials: <https://threejs.org/>**