Shader Lighting, Textures and Shadows

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Shader Lighting

- Ultimate flexibility
 - Lighting method
 - Phong reflection
 - Blinn-Phong reflection
 - Lighting
 - Per vertex with Gouraud shading
 - Per pixel lighting
 - Special effects
 - High Dynamic Range lighting
- Ultimate responsibility
 - Nothing happens automatically

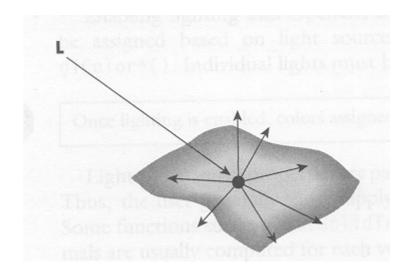
OpenGL Lighting Components

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$$C = M_E + M_A (C_A + C_G) + (N \cdot L) M_D C_D + (N \cdot H)^S M_S C_S$$

- C_x are light components
- M_x are material components
- Components
 - Emission
 - Ambient (also Global Ambient)
 - Diffuse
 - Specular
- Calculated for each light, vertex, RGBA
- Assumes values in the range 0-1

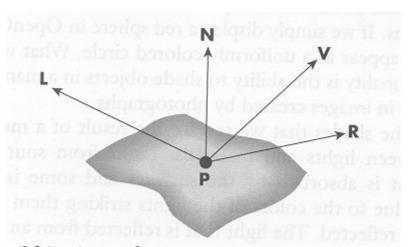
Diffuse Reflections

- Diffuse light scatters in all directions
 - Lambertian reflection
- Intensity depends on cosine of the angle of incidence
- Intensity (N*L)MC_D



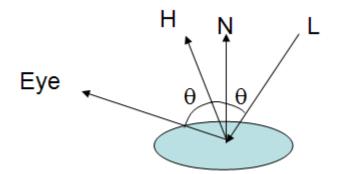
Phong Reflection Model

- L light source
- N normal vector for surface
- R reflected light
 - $-R = 2(L \cdot N)N L$
- V viewer (eye)
- Intensity $(V \cdot R)^S MC$
 - S shininess
 - M material reflection coefficient
 - C color if light source
- Calculated independently for R,G,B



Blinn-Phong Reflection Model

- Also called modified Phong or Fast Phong
- Simpler and faster
- Half angle H = L + V (renormalize)
- Intensity (N•H)^SMC



Per Vertex Lighting

- Calculate lighting at vertex
- Linearly interpolate across polygon
 - This is often called Gouraud shading
 - Real Gouraud shading averages normals at vertexes and then interpolates
- Effort proportional to number of vertexes
- May miss important effects for large polygons

Per pixel lighting

- Calculate lighting at pixel
- Calculate ambient and emission by vertex
 - Set L,P,V,H for use in frag shader
- Calculate diffuse and specular by pixel
- Effort proportional to number of pixels

Shader Textures

- Pointer to texture
 - sampler2D name;
 - Points to current texture from glBindTexture()
- Extract pixel at vec2 texture coordinate pos
 - texture2D(name,pos);
- Different sampler/function for 1D,2D,LOD,....
- Returns vec4 (RGBA)

Assignment 3: Performance

- Explore the performance of different ways to do things in shaders
 - int vs. float
 - built-in functions vs. expressions
 - functions vs. inline
 - OS, hardware, etc dependencies
- Use lighting, textures, procedural textures, etc. to measure performance
 - Use fps(int) signal from Ex04
- Make sure VSYNC is disabled

Shadows in Computer Graphics

- Shadows are important to realism
 - Depth cues
 - Relative positions of objects
- Doesn't "just happen" when lighting is turned on
 - Nor is there a glEnable(GL_SHADOWS)
- Scene must be rendered 2-4 times
- Shader implementation can be efficient
 - Draw once every time the light or scene changes
 - Draw once for every eye position

Shadow Methods

- Planar Shadows (CSCI 5229 ex34)
 - Shadows on the floor only
- Shadow Volumes (CSCI 5229 ex35)
 - True shadow, very hard
 - Requires four passes (two are fast)
- Shadow Maps (CSCI 5229 ex36)
 - True shadows, depth in textures
 - Fast implementation via shader

Shadow Mapping

- Project with light as viewpoint
- Depth buffer from light
- Light/shadow determined just like visibility
 - Objects in light foremost in depth buffer
 - Objects in shadow depth obscured

Requires second depth buffer

- Store depth to texture
- Compare R to texture
- In OpenGL extensions
- Used in Toy Story etc.

Shadow Map Shader

- Draw shadow map
 - Bind framebuffer to depth texture
 - Draw scene with eye at light to generate depths
 - Update if light or scene changes
- Draw scene
 - Generate texture coordinates with light PoV
 - Compare depth (R) with depth texture
 - R=depth means lit light as normal
 - R>depth means shadowed ambient light only
- Fast, Simple, Realistic