

Lighting and Shading



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Announcements

- Programming Assignment 1 is out today
- Due next Thursday by 11:59pm
- ACM Programming Contest
 - Meeting tonight at 7pm in 011

Last Time

- Reviewed Homework 1
- Assigned / Demoed Programming Assignment 1
 - Due next Thursday (9/27) by 11:59pm
- Discussed different ways of representing geometric objects for computer graphics
 - Procedural
 - Tessellated polygons

Today

- Programming assignment 1 is out
- Any questions?
- Talking about lighting and shading
 - Focusing on OpenGL

Light and Matter

- Review:
 - Materials do NOT have color
 - Light does
 - Material objects appear to have color because they reflect only certain wavelengths of light
- How does light interact with matter?











- So what are some properties of lights?
 - Wavelength (Color)
 - Position
 - Size
- Intensity
- Distribution of light











The Rendering Equation

- This is a theoretical model of light transport
- It's not actually solvable by conventional means
 - Radiosity and various ray-tracing methods attempt to approximate it's actual solution in various ways
 - OpenGL uses a simplified model

Light Simplifications

- We must simplify lights for real-time rendering:
 - Single RGB color instead of wavelength distribution (denoted L_m)
 - Intensity is rolled into L_m
 - No area lights
 - Distribution of light is uniform
 - Except for spot lights

Light Simplifications

- We must simplify lights for real-time rendering: (cont'd)
- No indirect light
 - Use an ambient light term
 - Really just a hack
- Shadows are hard shadows, or are not included at all



- Diffuse
- Specular
- The sum of these components describes the color at a point





One each for R, G, and B

Phong Reflection Model: Ambient Term Assume that ambient light is the same

- Assume that ambient light is the same everywhere
 - Is this generally true?
- $I_a(R_a, L_a) = R_a * L_a$
- The contribution of ambient light at a point is just the intensity of the light modulated by how reflective the surface is (for that color)





• Why not just take |n • I|?



- We can simulate that by adding an attenuation term
 - $(R_d / (a + bd + cd^2))$
 - User can choose the *a,b,c* constants to achieve the desired "look"



- r v is maximized when the viewpoint vector (or really the vector to the viewpoint) is in the same direction as r
- What is n?





Where do vectors come from?

- So how do we compute these vectors?
- Viewer (v) = normalize(*eyePos_{xyz}* P)These are
- Light (I) = normalize(*lightPos_{xyz}* **p**) easy
- Normal (n)
- Reflection (r)









Summing up Lighting

- So that's how we think about lighting
 - Computing the color of a single point on a surface
- Now we're going to talk about *shading*
- Not shadows
- Graphics term: Filling in a polygon with color

Types of Shading

- There are several well-known / commonly-used shading methods
- Flat shading
- Gouraud shading
- Phong shading

Flat Shading Simplest type of shading Treat the entire polygon as one point (usually the center) Solve the Phong lighting equations once Fill in the whole polygon with that color



Gouraud Shading

- A bit more complicated than flat shading
 - Compute normals at each vertex
 - Solve the Phong lighting equations at each vertex
 - Linearly interpolate color in 20 date to Animatos
- Gouraud shading is the default in OpenGL
- Flat shading is also built i



Gouraud vs. Phong

- Gouraud shading is:
 - Still very fast
 - MUCH nicer looking than flat shading
- However:
- Specular highlights brighten/fade near vertices
- The change in linear function is noticeable at triangle edges

Phong Shading

- Not the same as Phong lighting
- Compute normals at each vertex
- Linearly interpolate *normals* at each point inside the triangle
- Solve the Phong lighting equations at each fragment (pixel)
- Not built into OpenGL
- Can now be done in real-time with programmable shaders





• Ambient lights



Next Time

- Continuing our discussion of lighting and shading
- OpenGL demo of lighting/shading functions
- Introducing stylized shading techniques