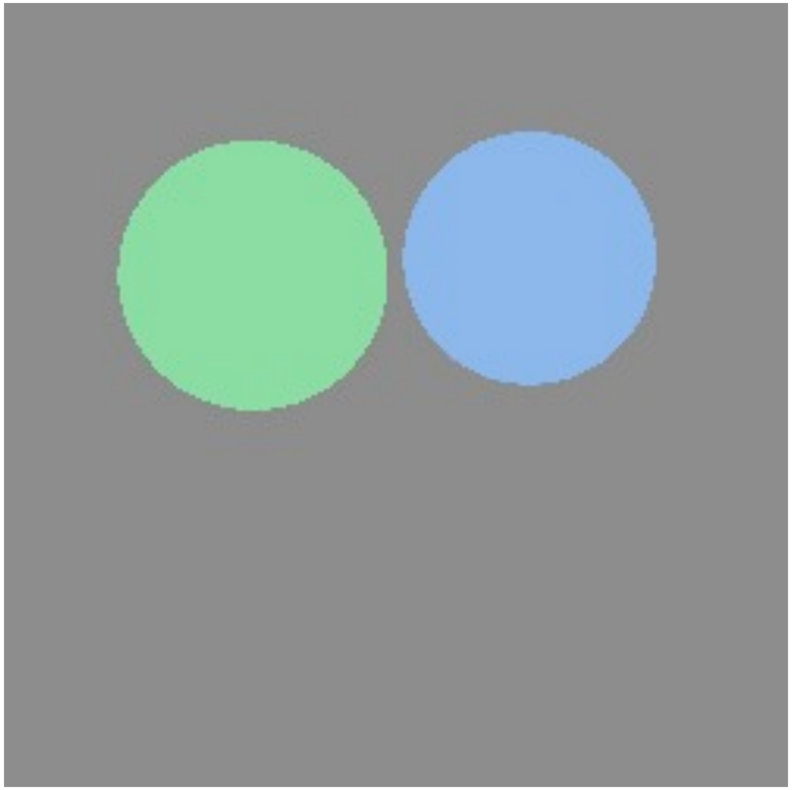
Ray Tracing: shading

CS 4620 Lecture 5

Image so far

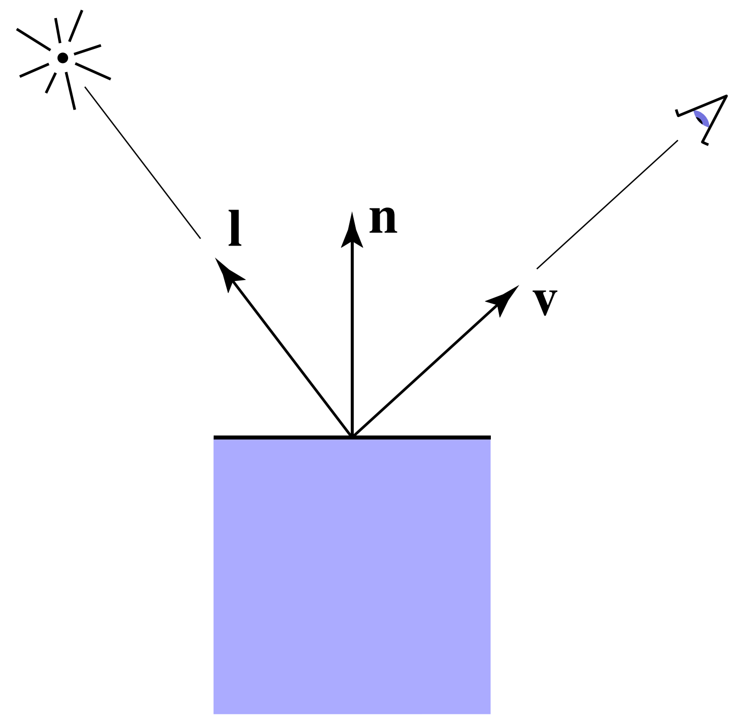
- With eye ray generation and scene intersection

```
for 0 <= iy < ny
    for 0 <= ix < nx {
        ray = camera.getRay(ix, iy);
        c = scene.trace(ray, 0, +inf);
        image.set(ix, iy, c);
    }

...

Scene.trace(ray, tMin, tMax) {
    surface, t = surfs.intersect(ray, tMin, tMax);
    if (surface != null) return surface.color();
    else return black;
}
```



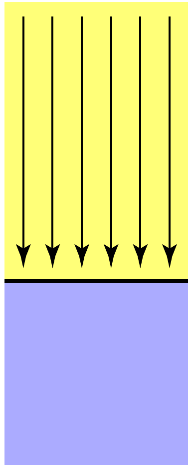
Shading

- Compute light reflected toward camera
- Inputs:
  - eye direction
  - light direction
    (for each of many lights)
  - surface normal
  - surface parameters
    (color, shininess, …)

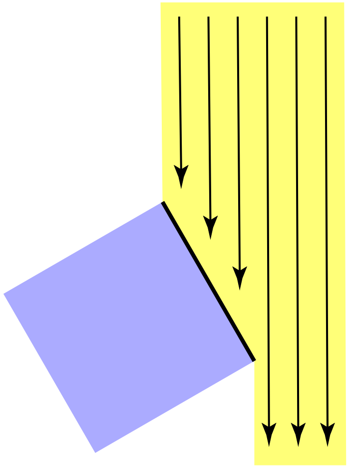


Diffuse reflection

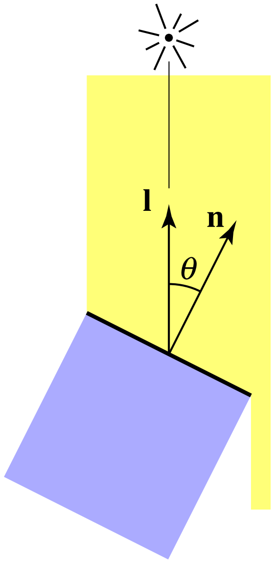
- Light is scattered uniformly in all directions
  - the surface color is the same for all viewing directions
- Lambert's cosine law



Top face of cube receives a certain amount of light

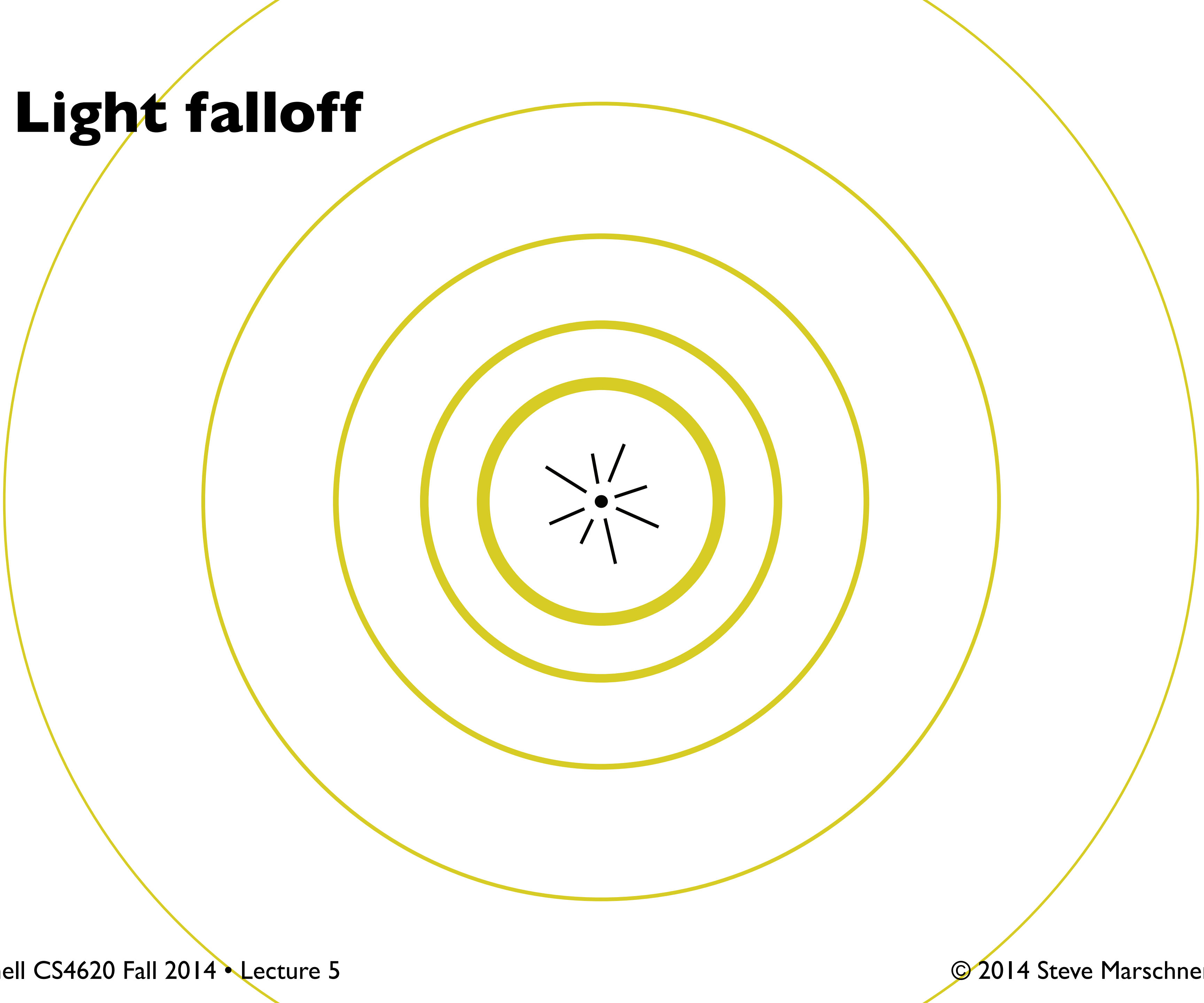


Top face of 60° rotated cube intercepts half the light



In general, light per unit area is proportional to $\cos\theta = \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{n}$

Light falloff



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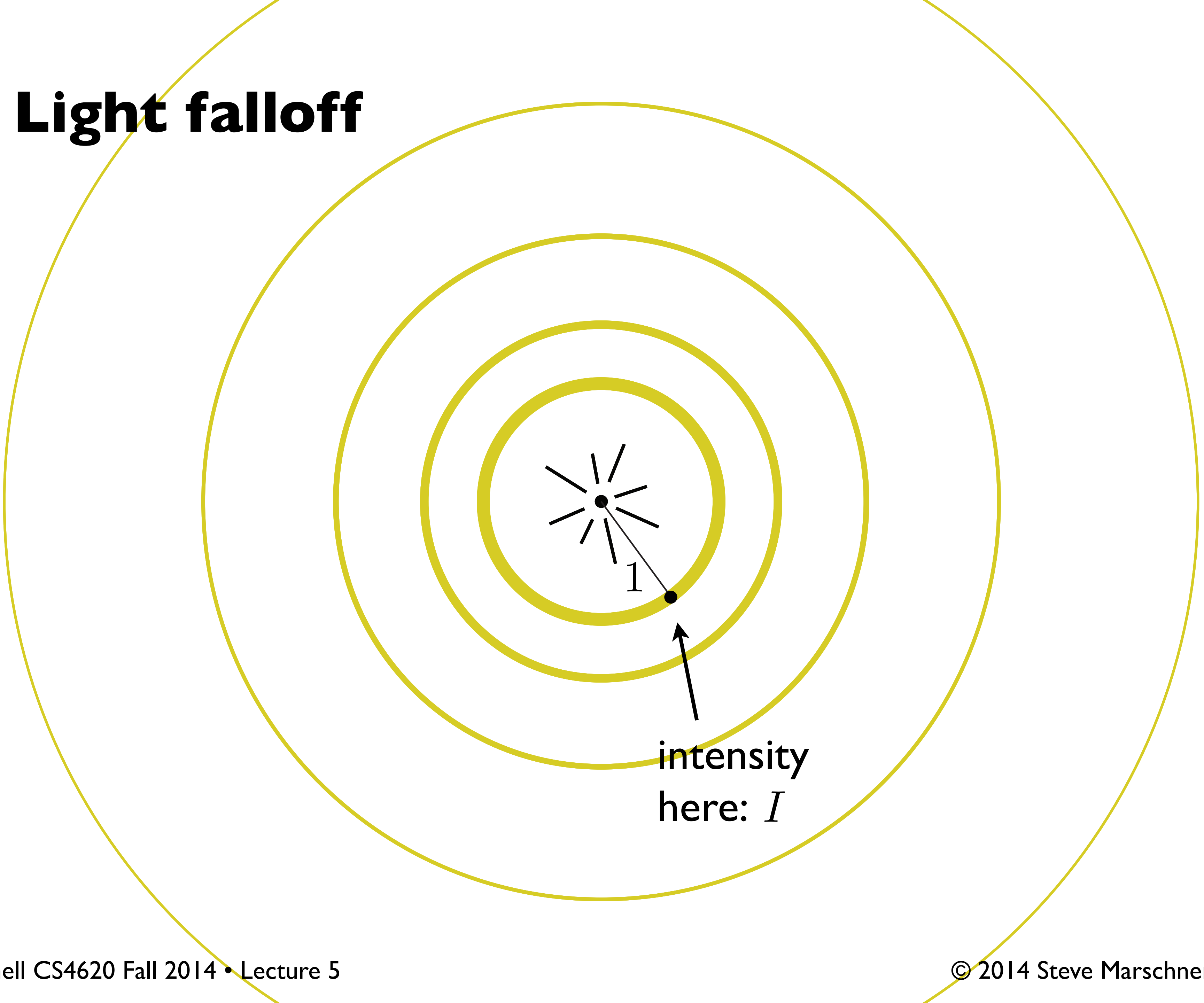

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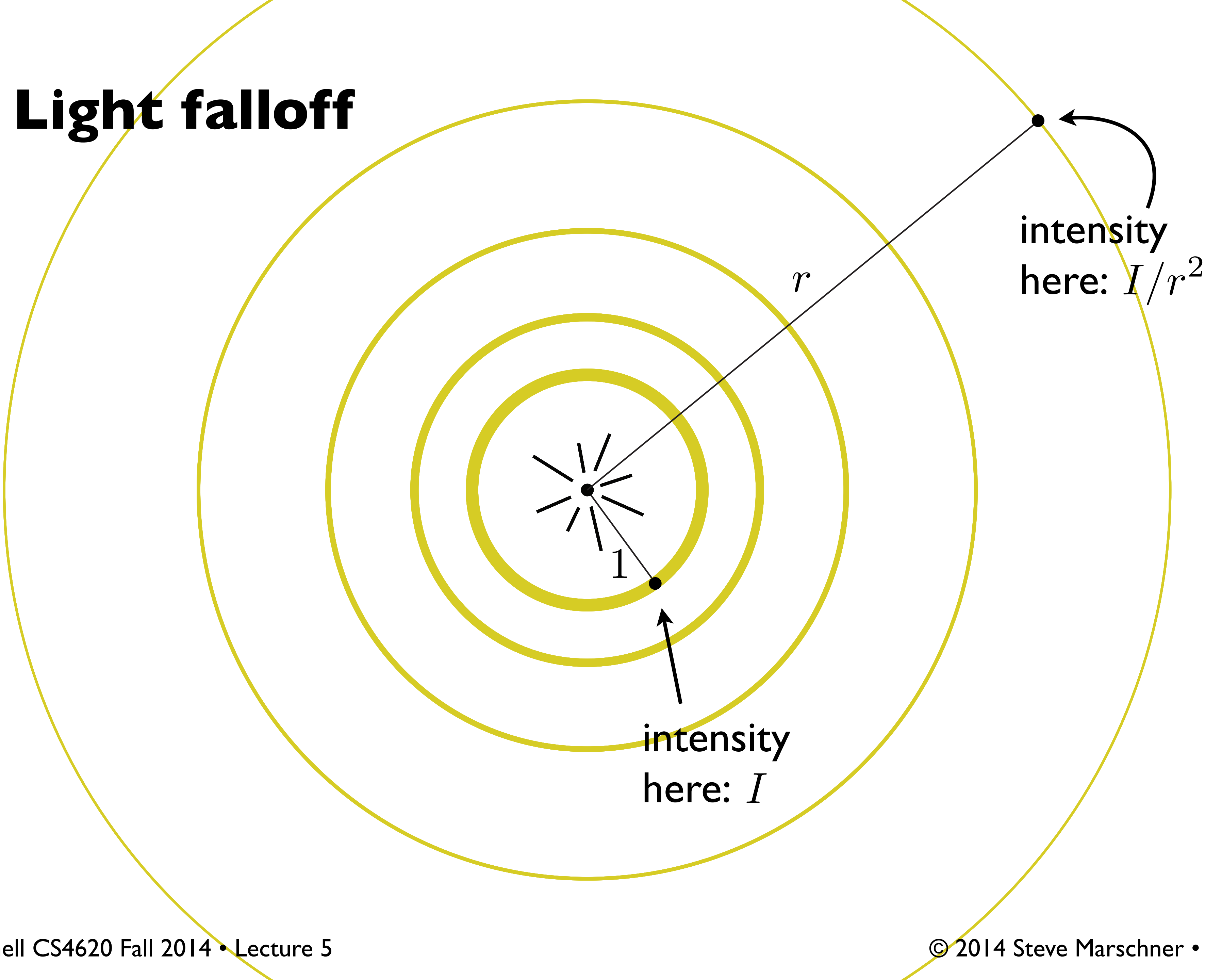
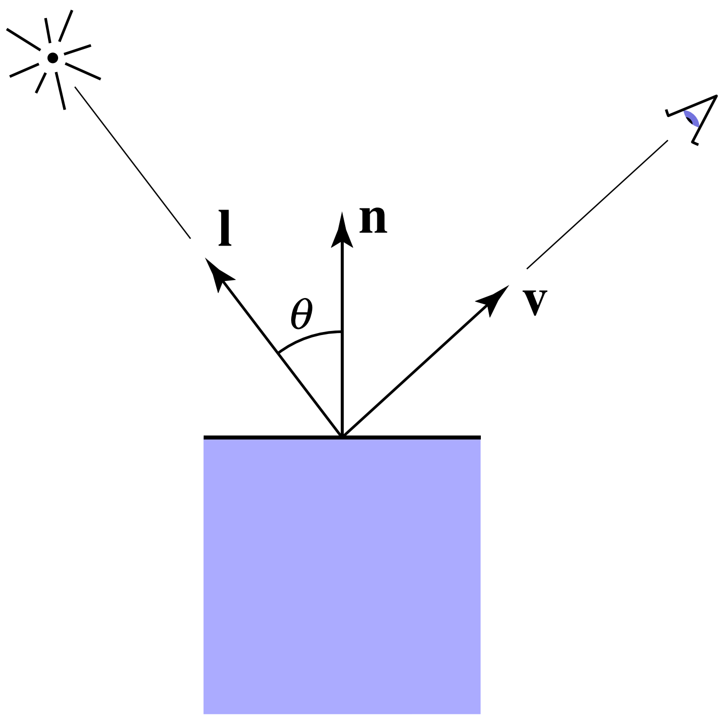


Lambertian shading

- Shading independent of view direction



illumination from source

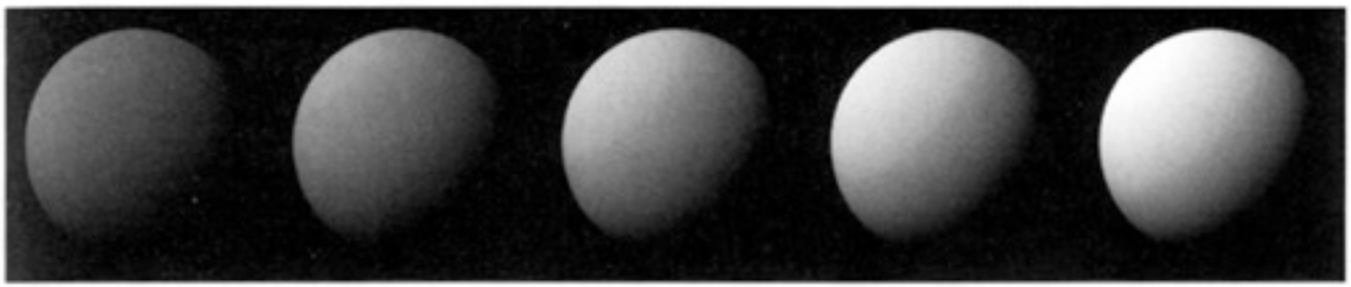
$$L_d = k_d\,(I/r^2)\max(0, \mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{l})$$

diffuse coefficient

diffusely reflected light

Lambertian shading

- Produces matte appearance



$k_d \longrightarrow$

[Foley et al.]

Diffuse shading

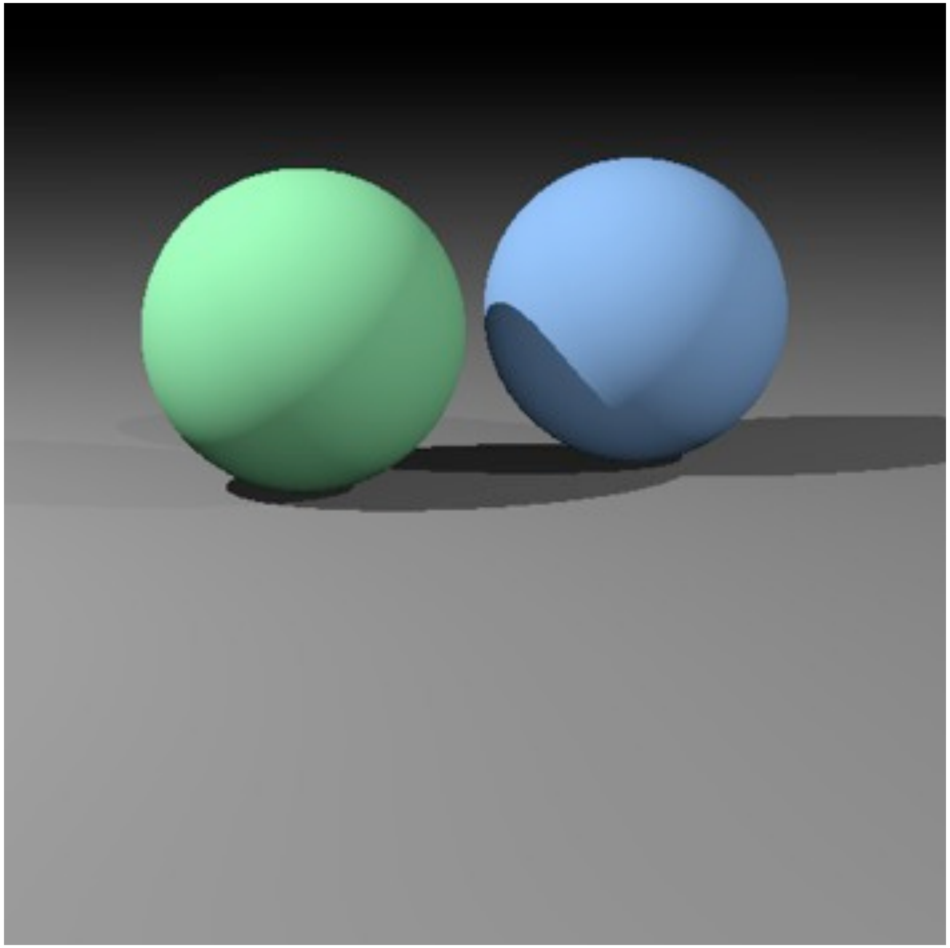
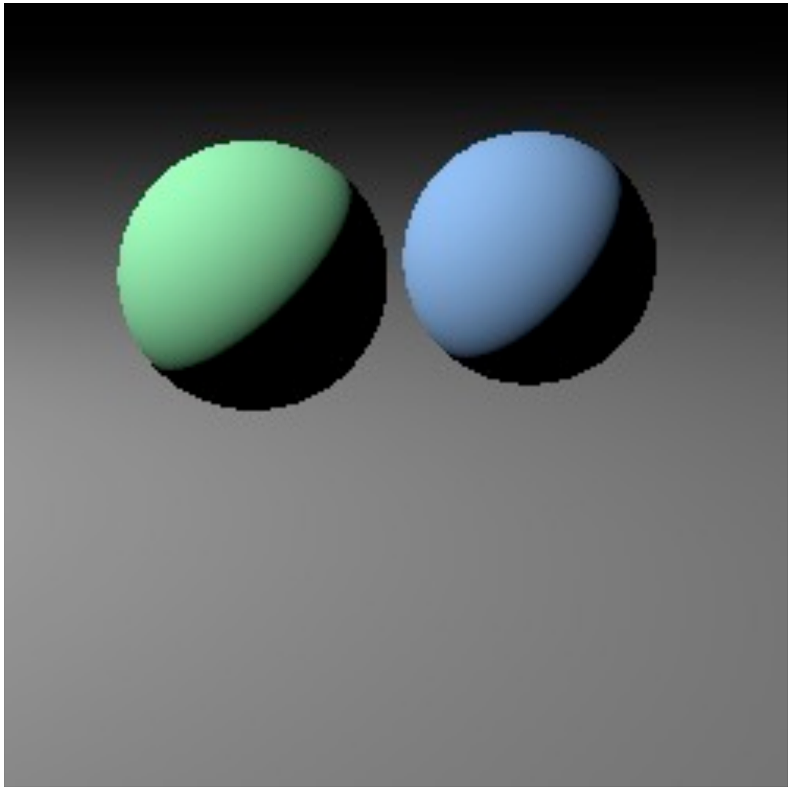


Image so far

```
Scene.trace(Ray ray, tMin, tMax) {
    surface, t = hit(ray, tMin, tMax);
    if surface is not null {
        point = ray.evaluate(t);
        normal = surface.getNormal(point);
        return surface.shade(ray, point,
            normal, light);
    }
    else return backgroundColor;
}

...

Surface.shade(ray, point, normal, light) {
    v = −normalize(ray.direction);
    l = normalize(light.pos − point);
    // compute shading
}
```

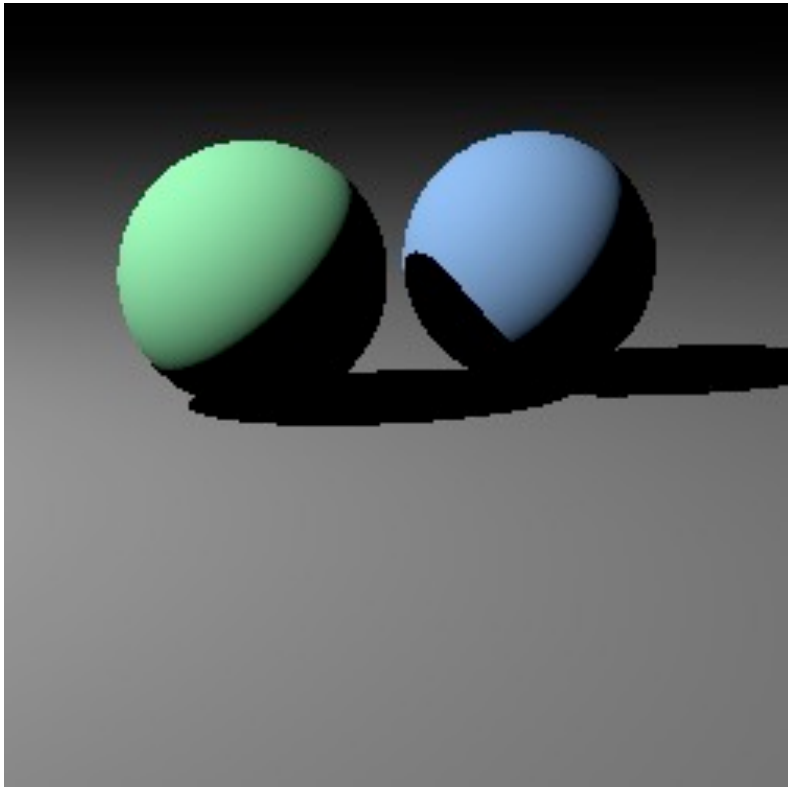


Shadows

- Surface is only illuminated if nothing blocks its view of the light.
- With ray tracing it's easy to check
  - just intersect a ray with the scene!

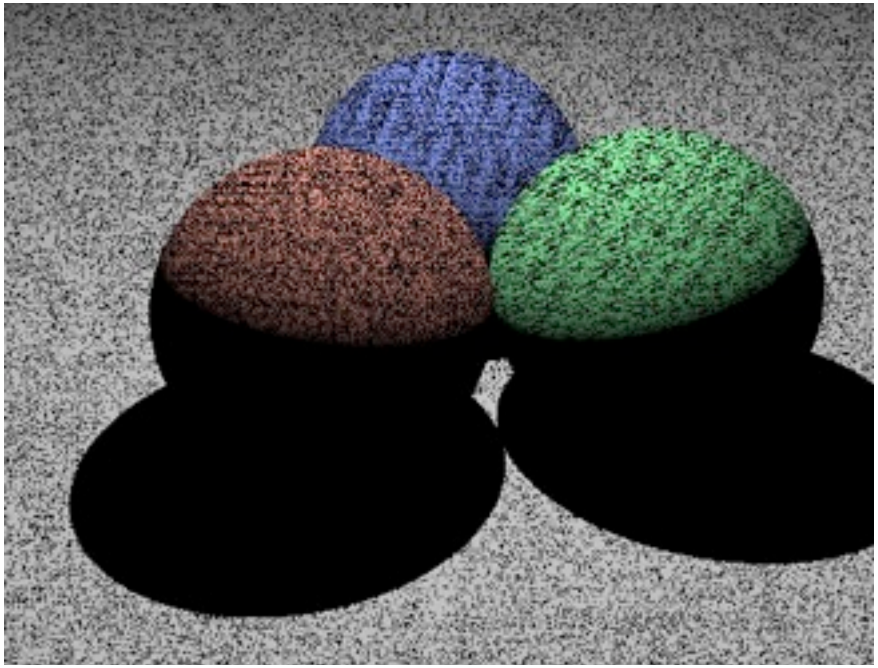
Image so far

```
Surface.shade(ray, point, normal, light) {
    shadRay = (point, light.pos – point);
    if (shadRay not blocked) {
        v = –normalize(ray.direction);
        l = normalize(light.pos – point);
        // compute shading
    }
    return black;
}
```



Shadow rounding errors

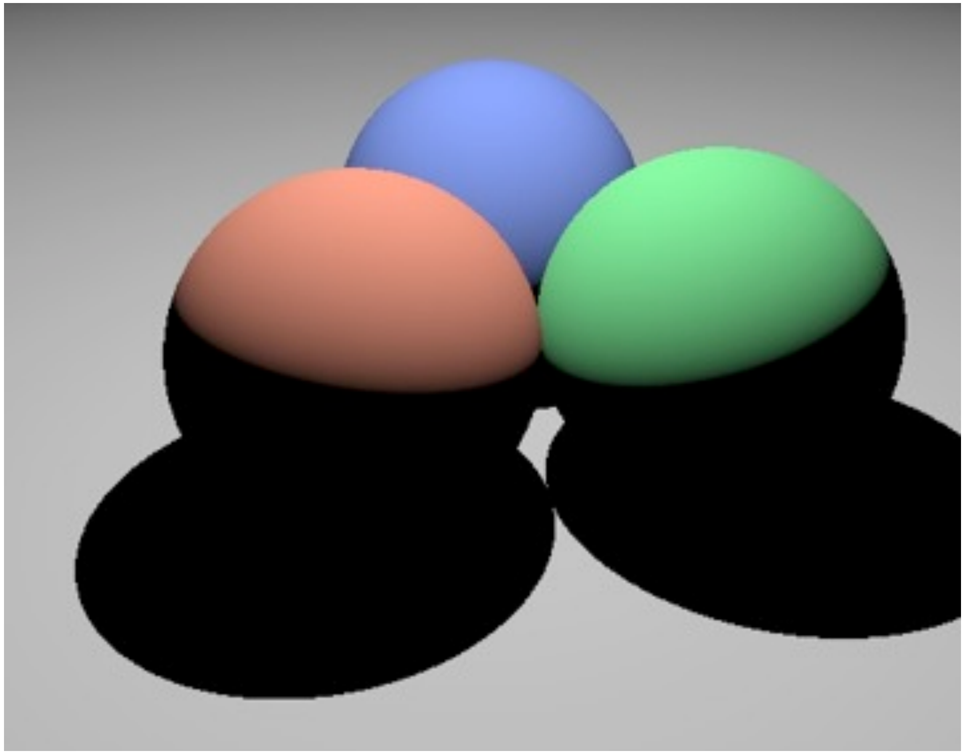
- Don't fall victim to one of the classic blunders:



- What's going on?
  - hint: at what *t* does the shadow ray intersect the surface you're shading?

Shadow rounding errors

- Solution: shadow rays start a tiny distance from the surface



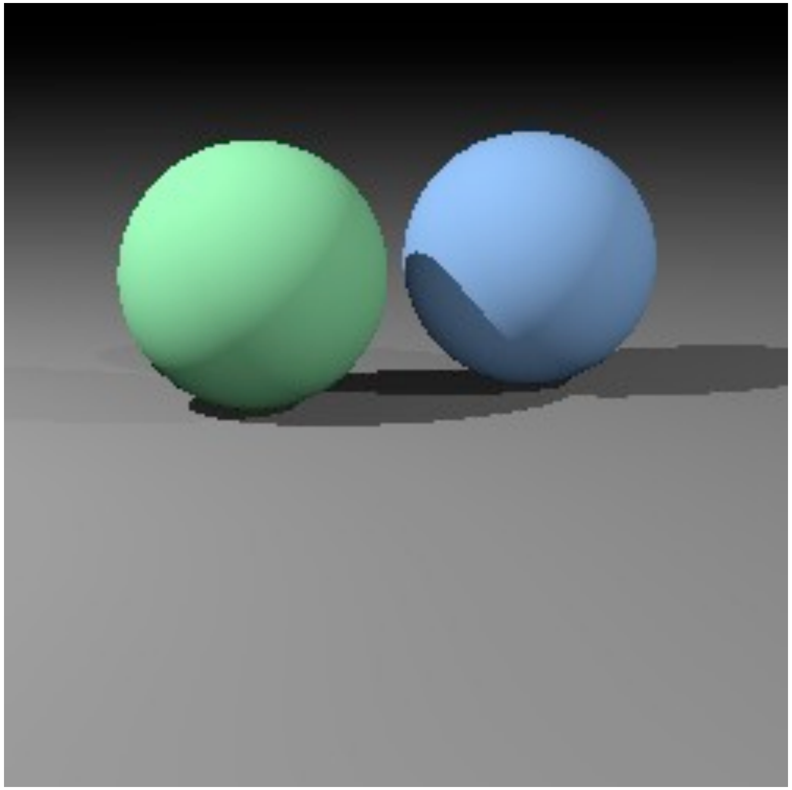
- Do this by moving the start point, or by limiting the *t* range

Multiple lights

- Important to fill in black shadows
- Just loop over lights, add contributions
- Ambient shading
  - black shadows are not really right
  - one solution: dim light at camera
  - alternative: add a constant “ambient” color to the shading…

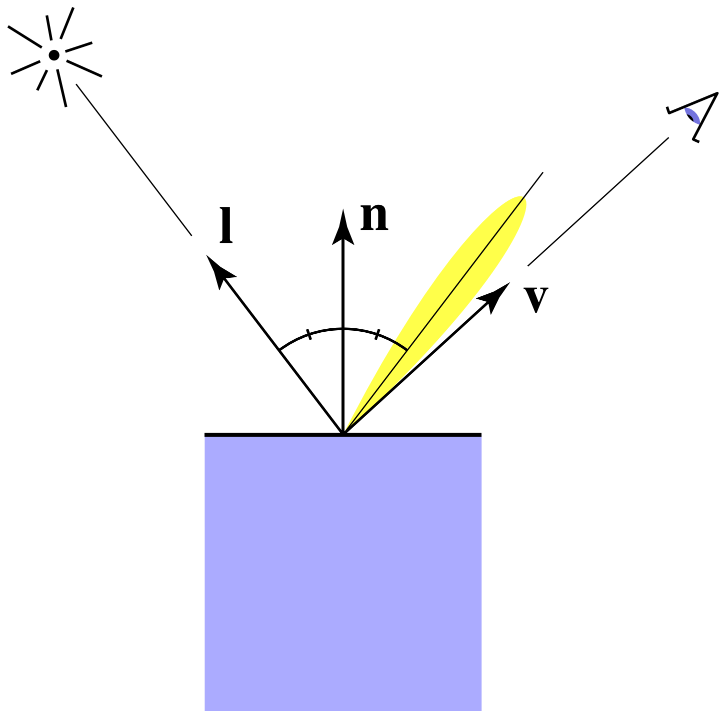
Image so far

```
shade(ray, point, normal, lights) {
    result = ambient;
    for light in lights {
        if (shadow ray not blocked) {
            result += shading contribution;
        }
    }
    return result;
}
```



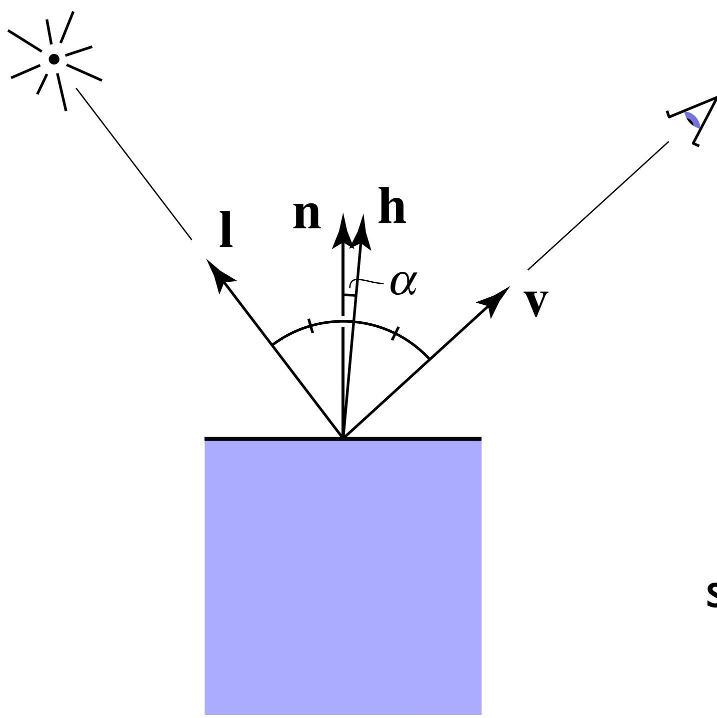
Specular shading (Blinn-Phong)

- Intensity depends on view direction
  - bright near mirror configuration



Specular shading (Blinn-Phong)

- Close to mirror ⇔ half vector near normal
  - Measure "near" by dot product of unit vectors



$$\mathbf{h} = \mathrm{bisector}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{l}) = \frac{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{l}}{\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{l}\|}$$

$$L_s = k_s\,(I/r^2)\max(0, \cos\alpha)^p = k_s\,(I/r^2)\max(0, \mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{h})^p$$

L_s: specularly reflected light

k_s: specular coefficient

Phong model—plots

- Increasing *n* narrows the lobe

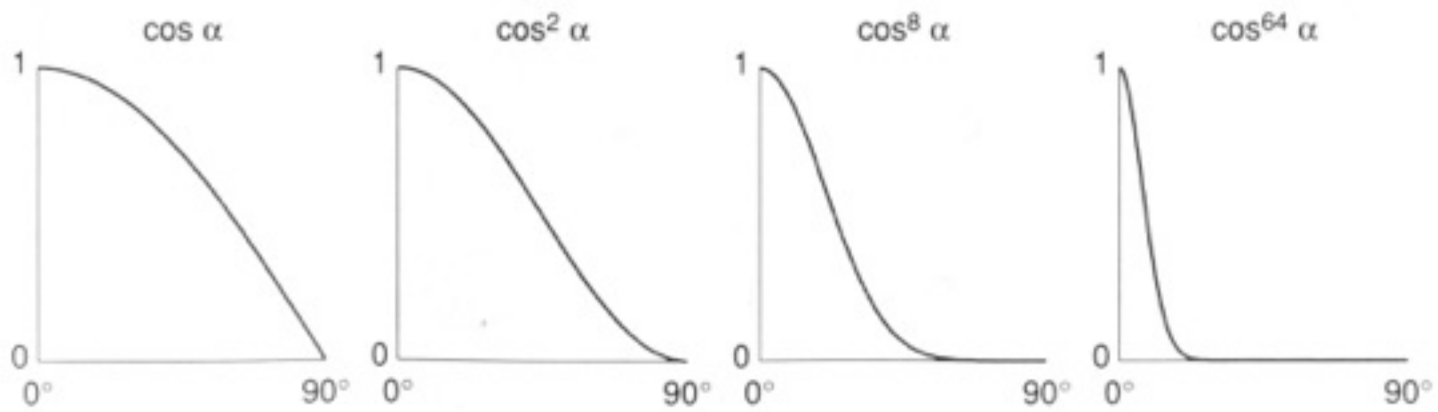
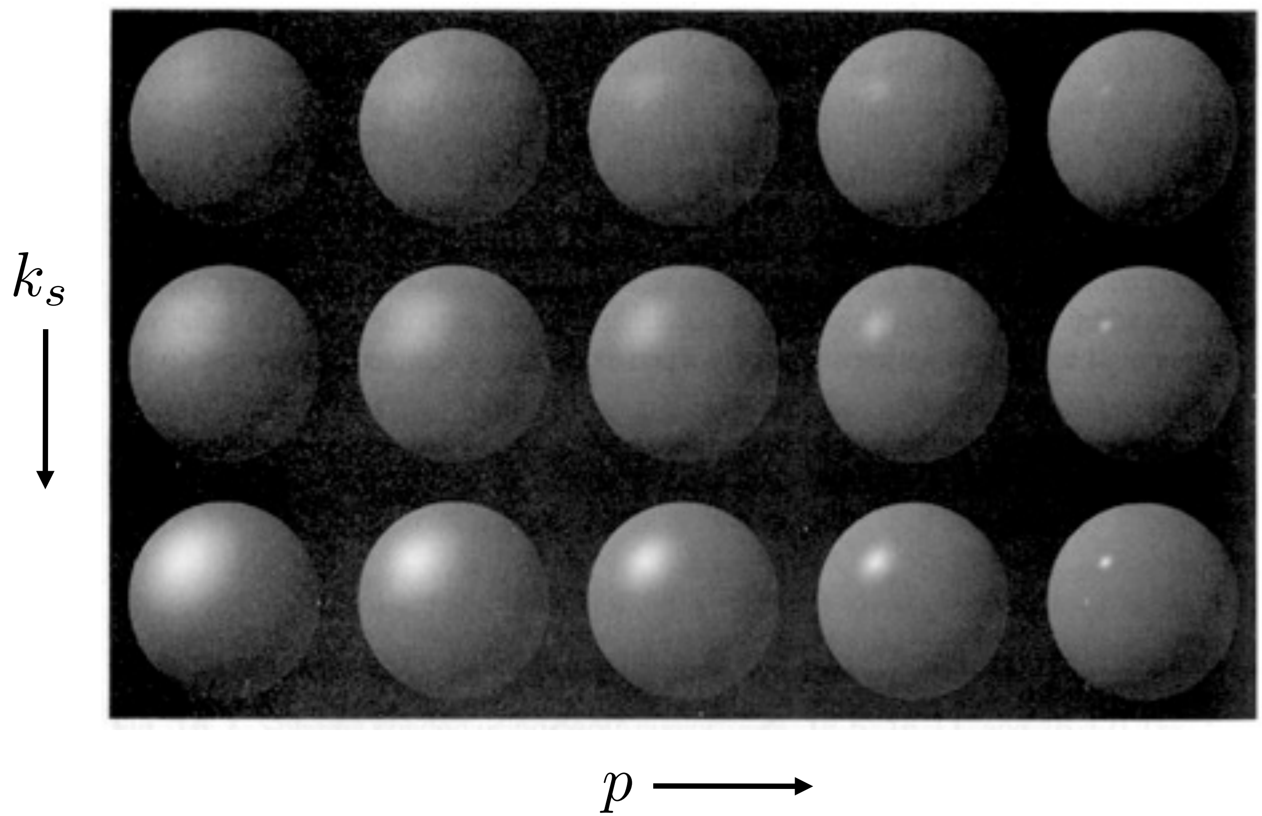


Fig. 16.9 Different values of $\cos^n \alpha$ used in the Phong illumination model.

[Foley et al.]

Specular shading



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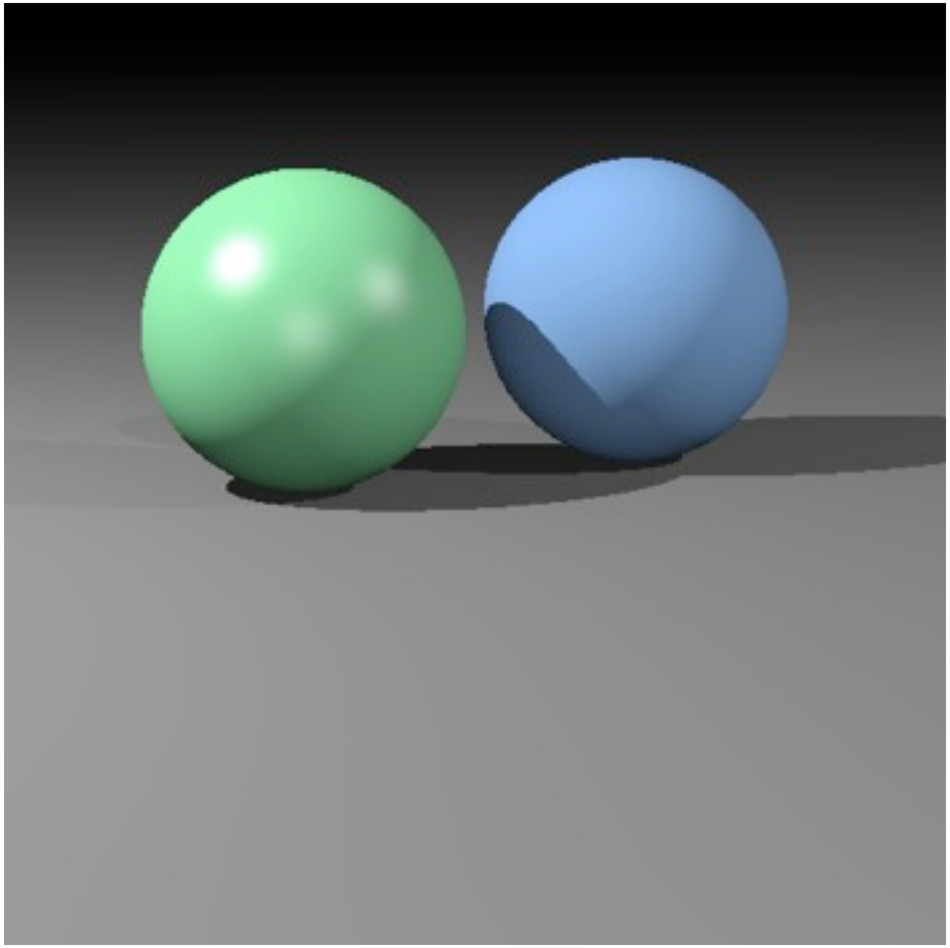
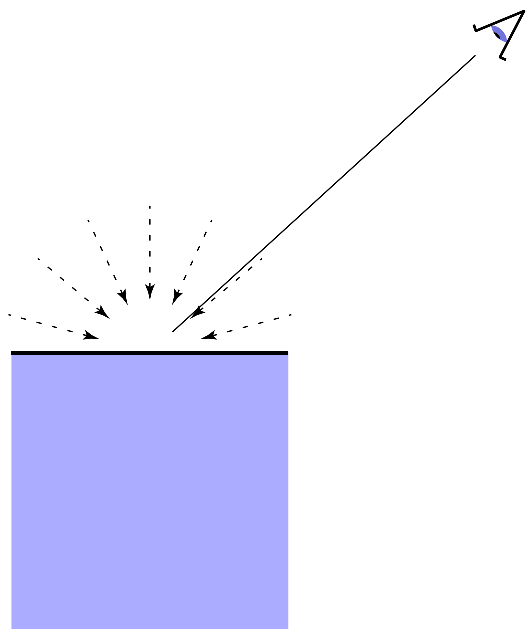
Diffuse + Phong shading



Ambient shading

- Shading that does not depend on anything
  - add constant color to account for disregarded illumination and fill in black shadows



$$L_a = k_a \, I_a$$

L_a: reflected ambient light

k_a: ambient coefficient

Putting it together

- Usually include ambient, diffuse, Phong in one model

$$
\begin{aligned}
L &= L_a + L_d + L_s \\
&= k_a\, I_a + k_d\, (I/r^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) + k_s\, (I/r^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h})^p
\end{aligned}
$$

- The final result is the sum over many lights

$$
L = L_a + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[(L_d)_i + (L_s)_i \right]
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
L = k_a\, I_a + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \Big[& k_d\, (I_i/r_i^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}_i) + \\
& k_s\, (I_i/r_i^2) \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h}_i)^p \Big]
\end{aligned}
$$

