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# Raytracing

also today: giving a 2 minute talk

CS 4300/5310

Computer Graphics

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Upcoming Deadlines

- 2D Project main deadline: February 5<sup>th</sup>
  - That's in 5 days!



# My office has moved!

- New office: Meserve Hall, Room 146
- Directions
  - Go through unmarked grey door facing Centennial Common
  - Go up a few stairs, left through the door at top
  - Follow signs for game design, along right hallway



continued from last time...

# RAYCASTING

# Algorithm Overview

for every pixel,  $p$ , in the image

let  $r$  be the ray from camera through pixel

**calculate intersection between  $r$  and scene objects**

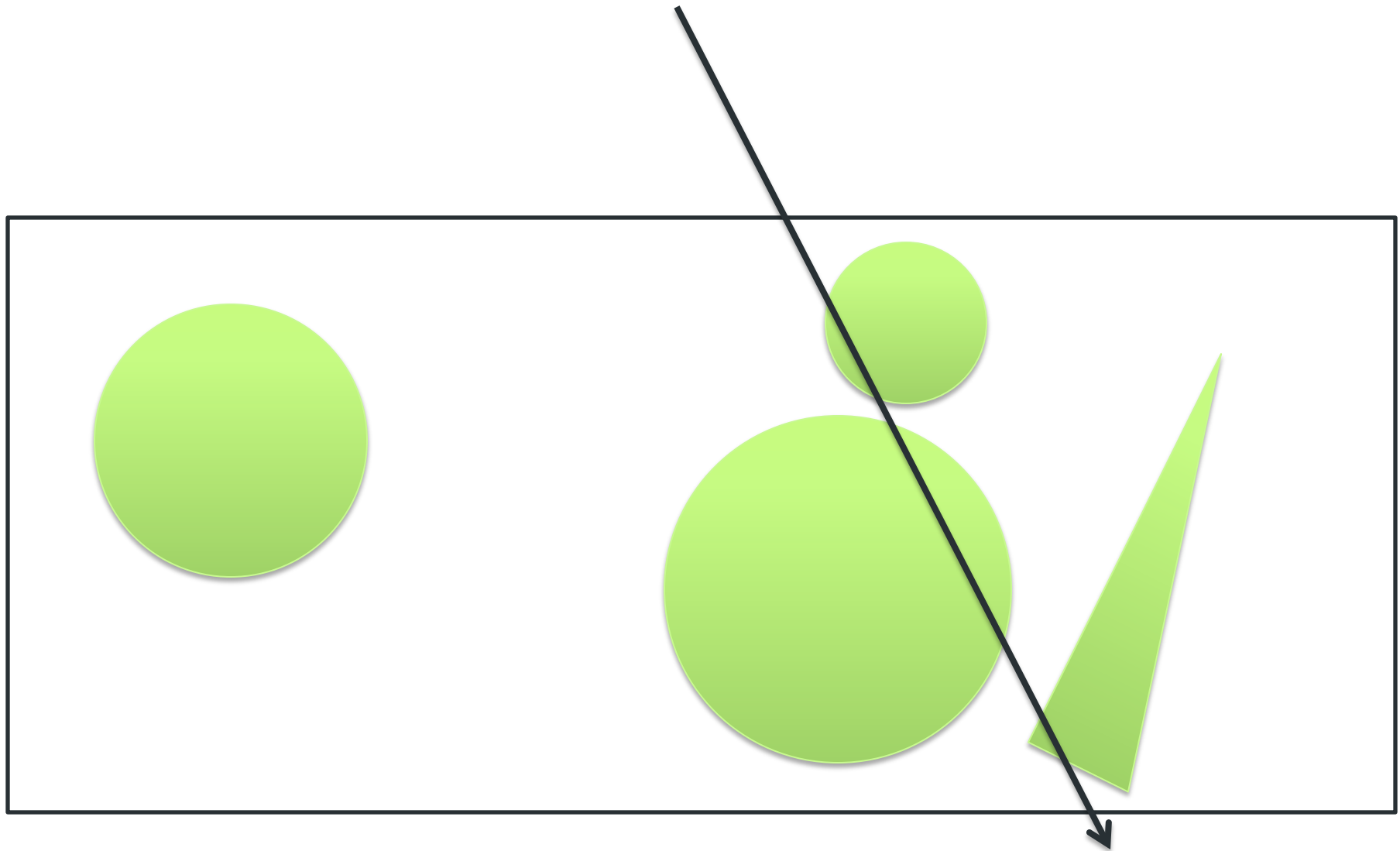
if (!intersection)

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# Intersecting with Scene Objects



# Aside: 3D Picking

- When we click on the screen, what object are we selecting?
  - We can use raycasting to figure this out!



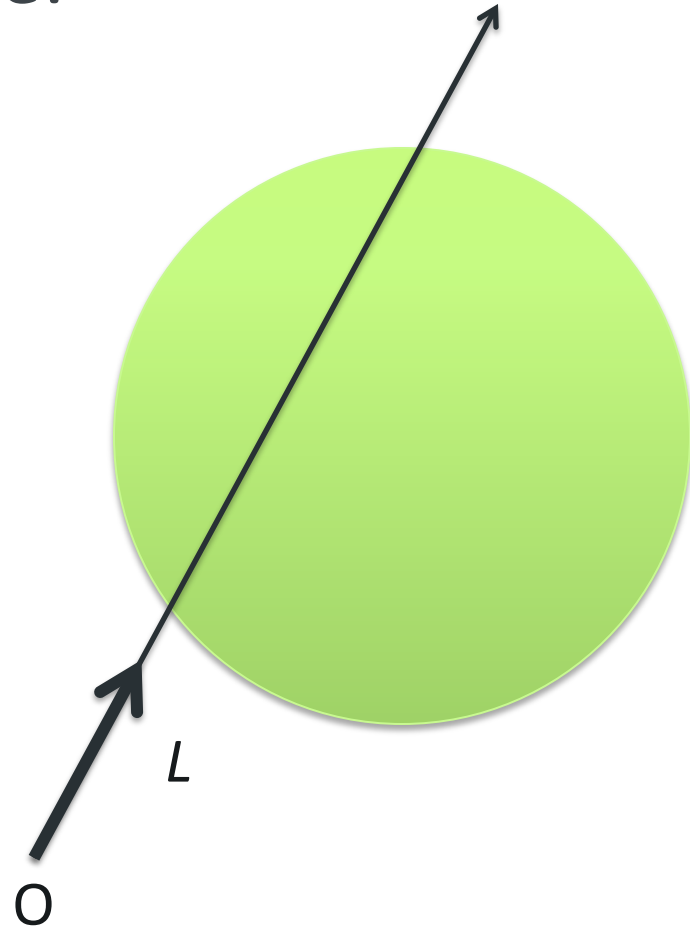
# Spheres

- Representation of a sphere:

- Center,  $C$
- Radius,  $r$
- $||x - c||^2 = r^2$

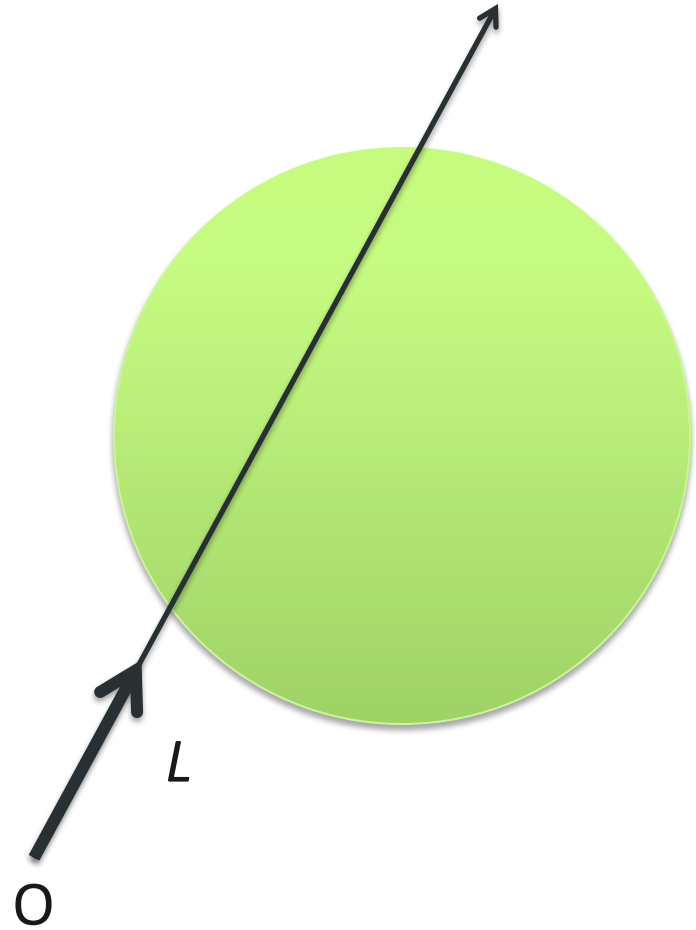
- Ray:

- Origin,  $O$
- Direction,  $L$
- Distance along line,  $d$
- $x = O + dL$



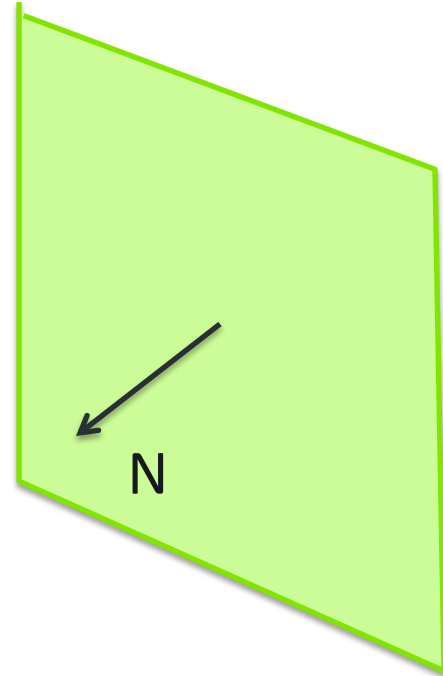
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- $||O + dL - C||^2 = r^2$
- Solve for  $d$ ....



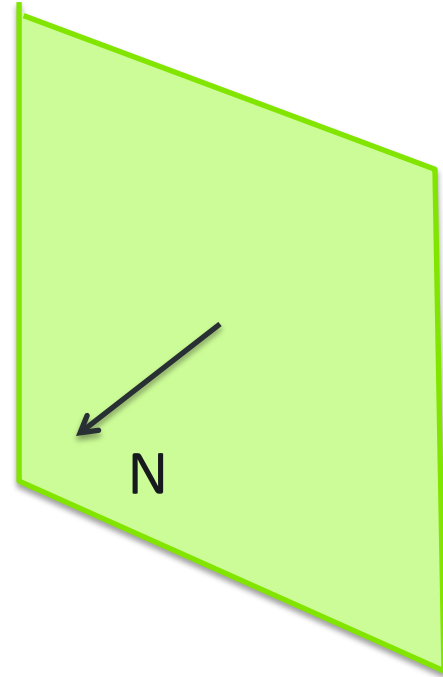
# Planes

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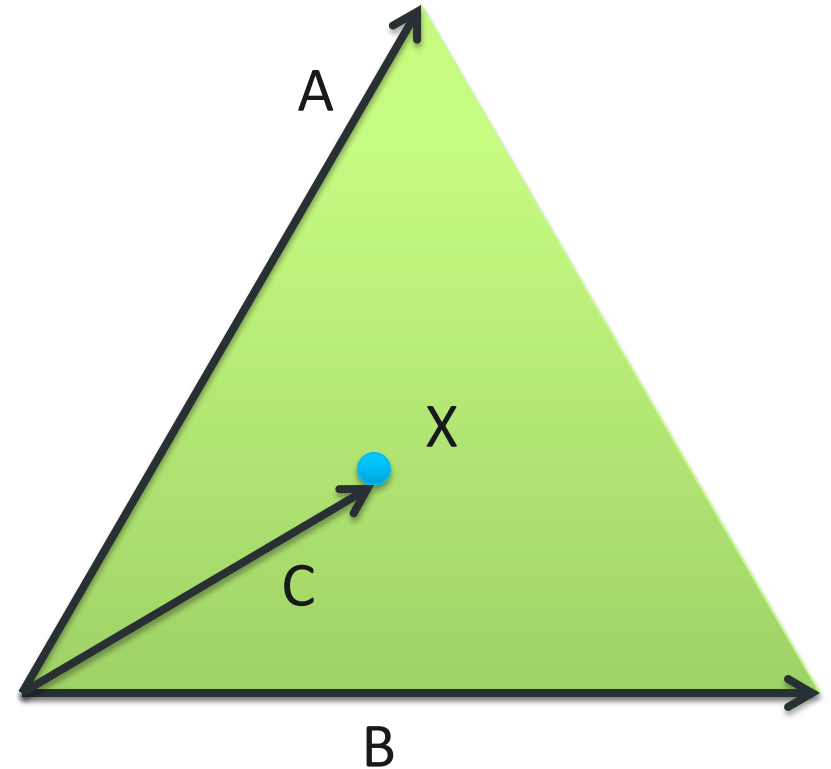
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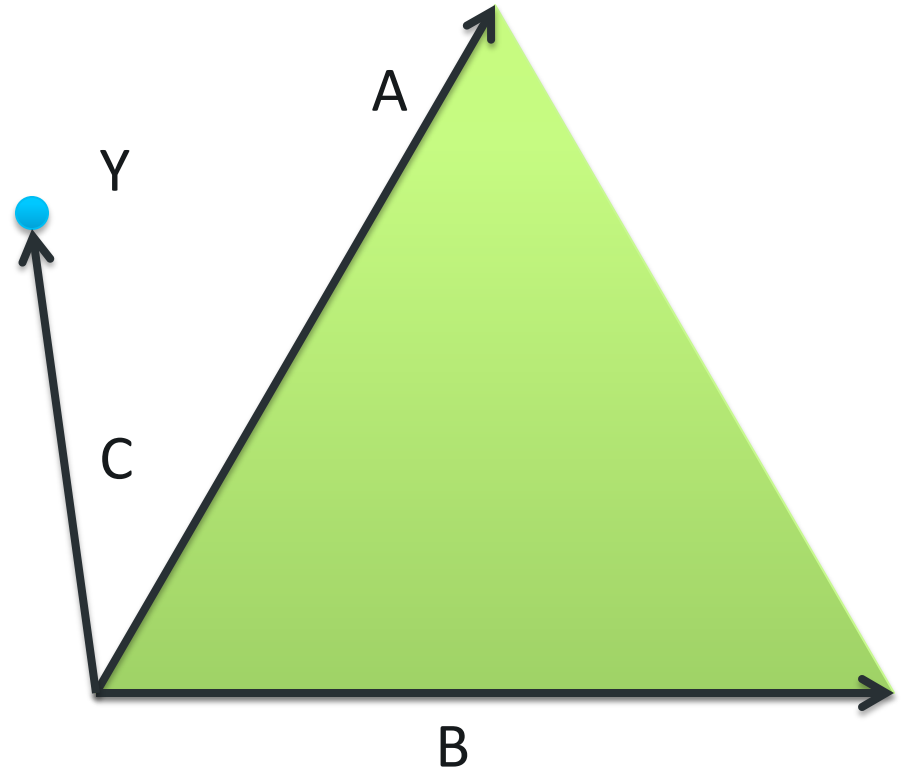
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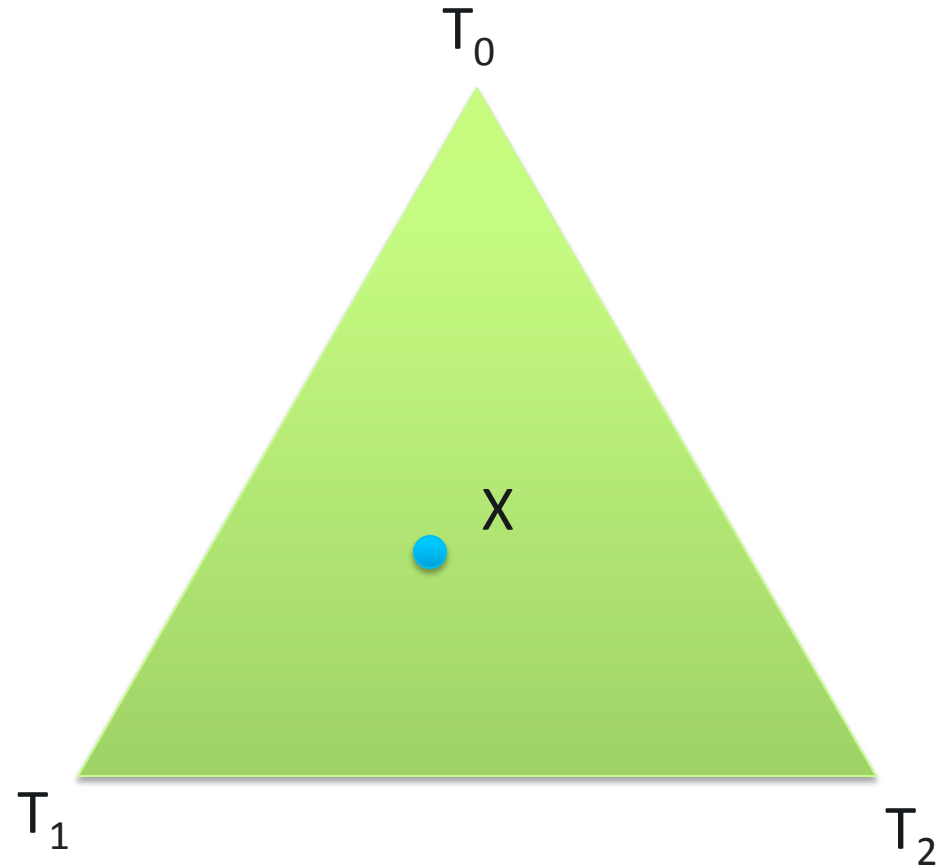
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- $A \times C$  should be same direction as  $A \times B$ 
  - And its not!



# Triangles (Strategy II)

- Barycentric coordinates
- $X = \alpha(T_2 - T_1) + \beta(T_0 - T_1)$
- Solve for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ 
  - if  $\alpha > 1$  or  $\beta > 1$ , fail
  - if  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ , fail





# More complicated things?

- Can intersect with any mathematical representation of a 3D structure!
  - But sometimes the math gets kinda complicated
- Examples
  - Cones, cylinders
  - Boxes
  - Polygons (convex, concave)
  - Compound geometry

# Optimization Approaches

- Bounding volumes
- Uniform grid
- Octrees
- BSP Trees
  
- “Embarrassingly parallel”

# LIGHTING AND SHADING

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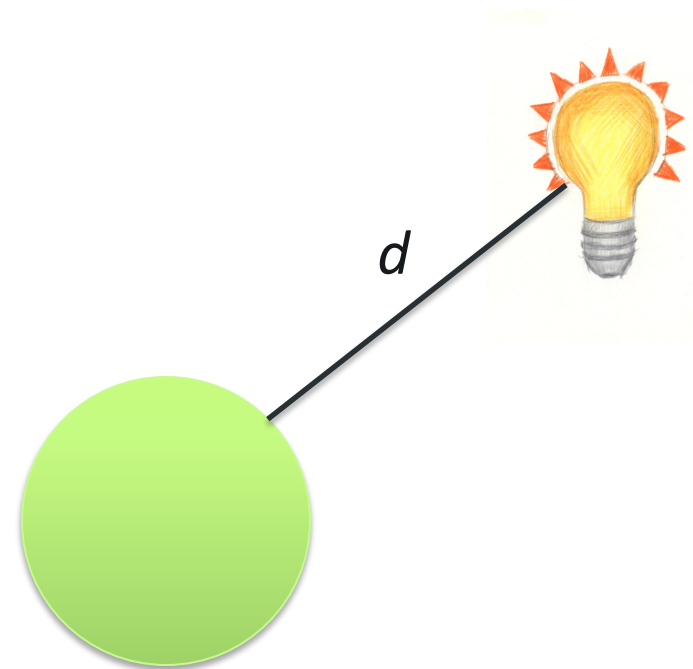
# Light Sources

- Point light
- Directional light
- Spot light
- Ambient light

# Point Light

- Like a light bulb that radiates light equally in all directions
  - Attenuation: the further an object is from the light, the less light it receives
- Parameters:
  - Position:  $x, y, z$
  - Intensity ( $I_0$ ):  $r, g, b$
  - Attenuation factor:  $a, b, c$

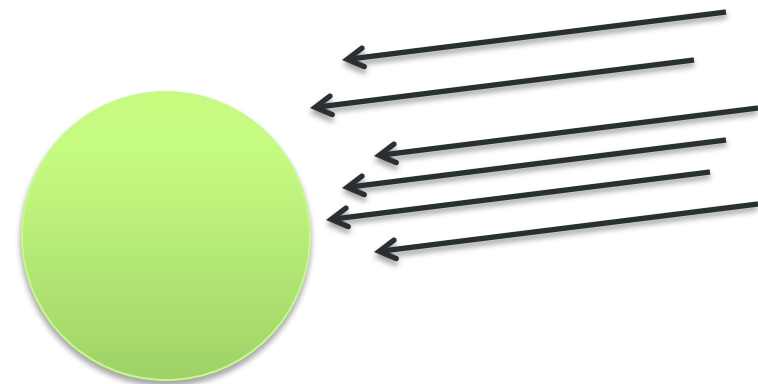
$$I_L = \frac{I_0}{a + b * d + c * d^2}$$



# Directional Light

- Like a point light that is infinitely far away with no attenuation
  - Good for modeling “daylight”
- Parameters:
  - Direction:  $d_x, d_y, d_z$
  - Intensity ( $I_0$ ): r, g, b

$$I_L = I_0$$

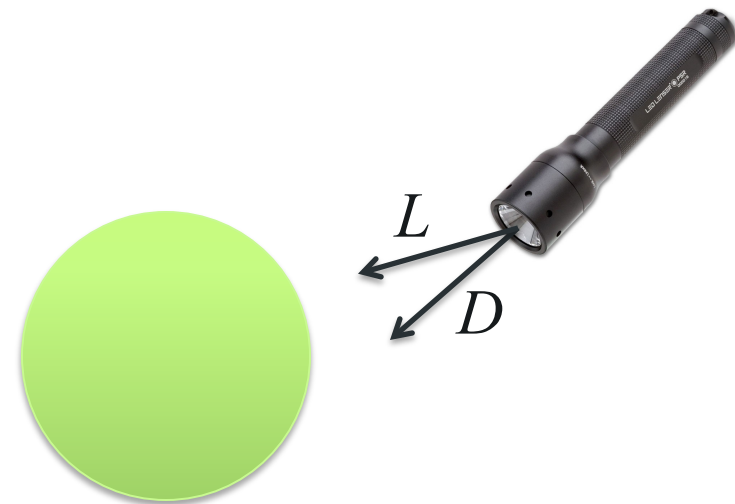




# Spot Light

- Directional light that is anchored to a point
  - Desk lamp, flashlight, spotlight
- Parameters:
  - Position:  $x, y, z$
  - Direction:  $dx, dy, dz$
  - Attenuation:  $a, b, c$
  - Intensity ( $I_0$ ):  $r, g, b$

$$I_L = \frac{I_0(L \cdot D)}{a + bd + cd^2}$$



# Ambient Light

- “Hacky” model of light in a scene resulting from it bouncing around everywhere
  - Good for modeling “background” light
- Parameters
  - Intensity: r, g, b

$$I_A = I_0$$

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# Surface Material Properties

- $M_A$ : ambient color
- $M_D$ : diffuse color
- $M_S$ : specular color
- $n$ : specular light exponent
- $M_E$ : emissive light color
- $M_T$ : transmissive color
- $M_R$ : index of refraction

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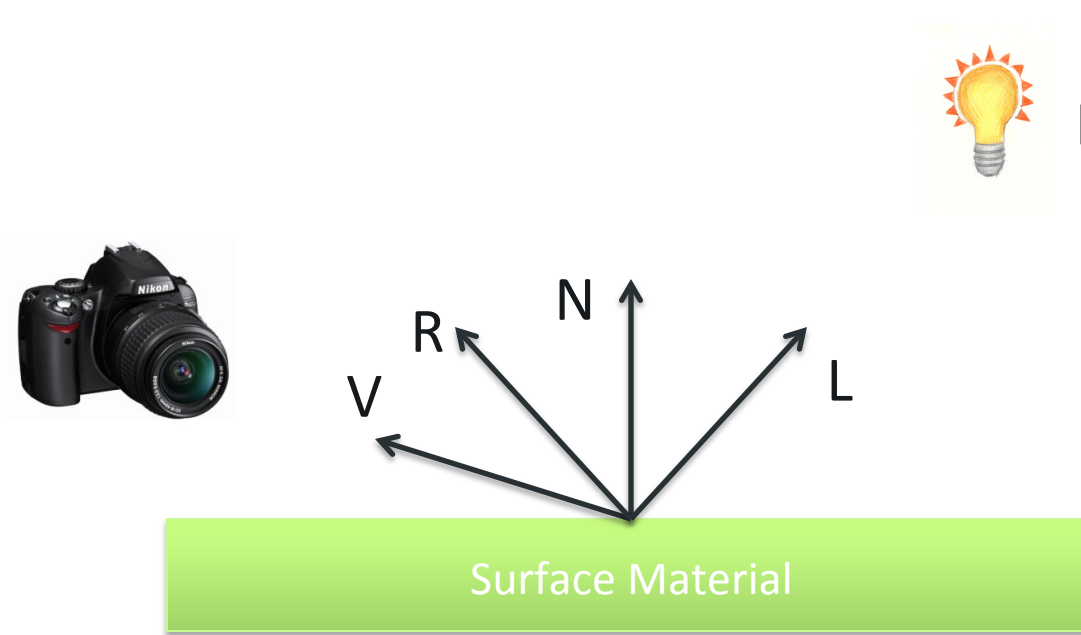
# What color is my pixel?

Amount of ambient light at surface +  
amount of diffuse light at surface +  
amount of specular light at surface +  
amount of emissive light from material +  
light reflected by the object +  
light due to transparency of object

$$\text{color} = \Sigma_L \dots$$

# How much ambient light?

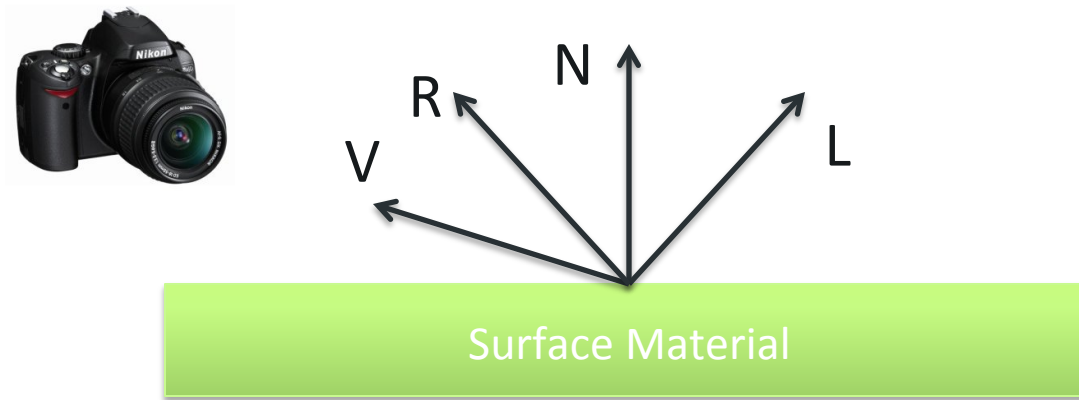
- There is usually only one ambient light in a scene



$$\text{color} = M_A I_A$$

# How much diffuse light? (Lambertian Shading)

- Diffuse shading: matte color
  - Assume material reflects light evenly in all directions

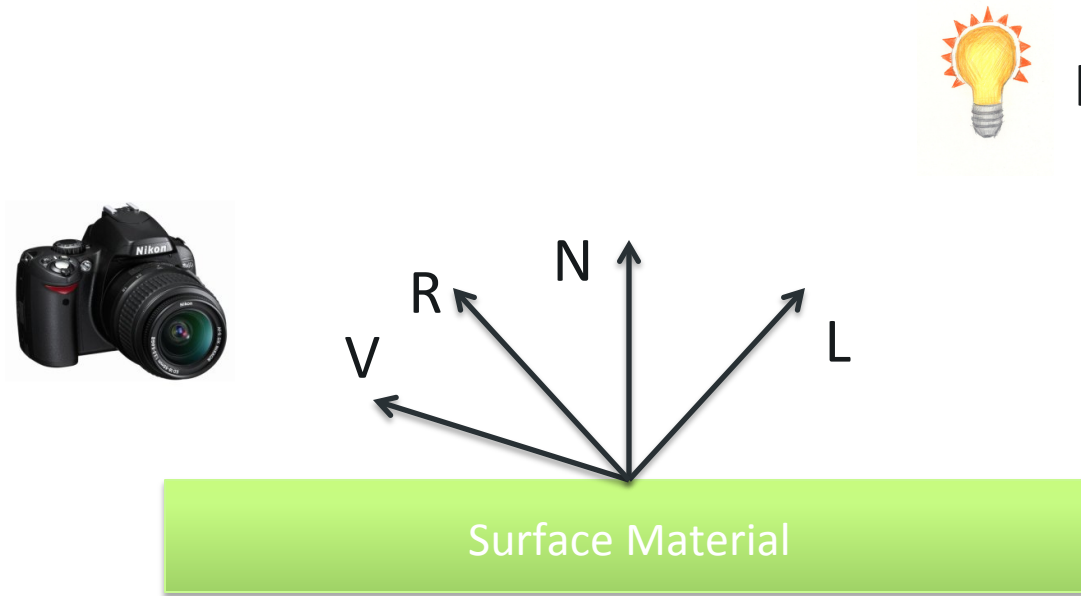


$$\text{color} = M_A I_A + \sum_L M_D (N \cdot L) I_L$$



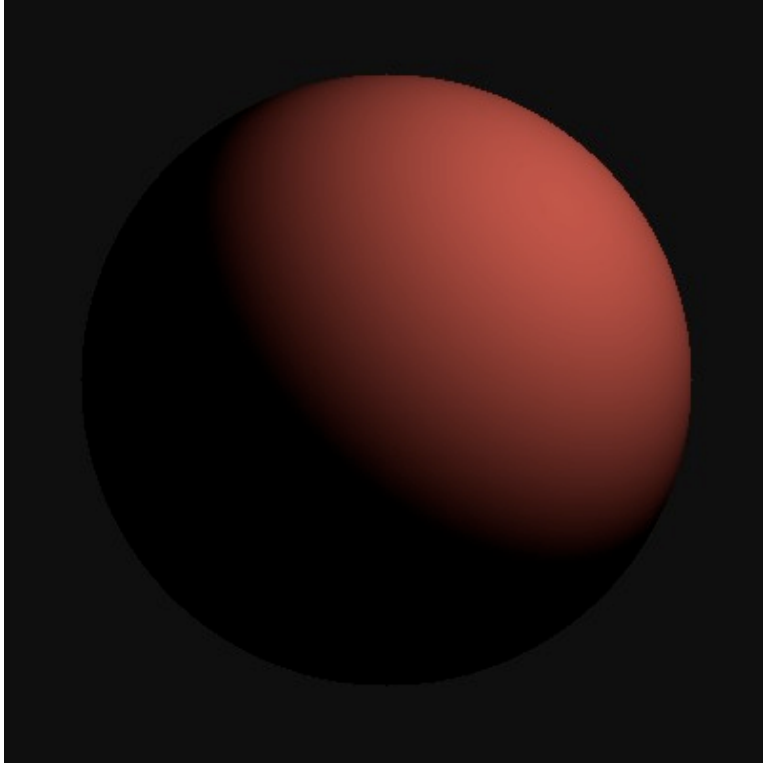
# How much specular light? (Phong Shading)

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  - Depends on how much is seen by viewer

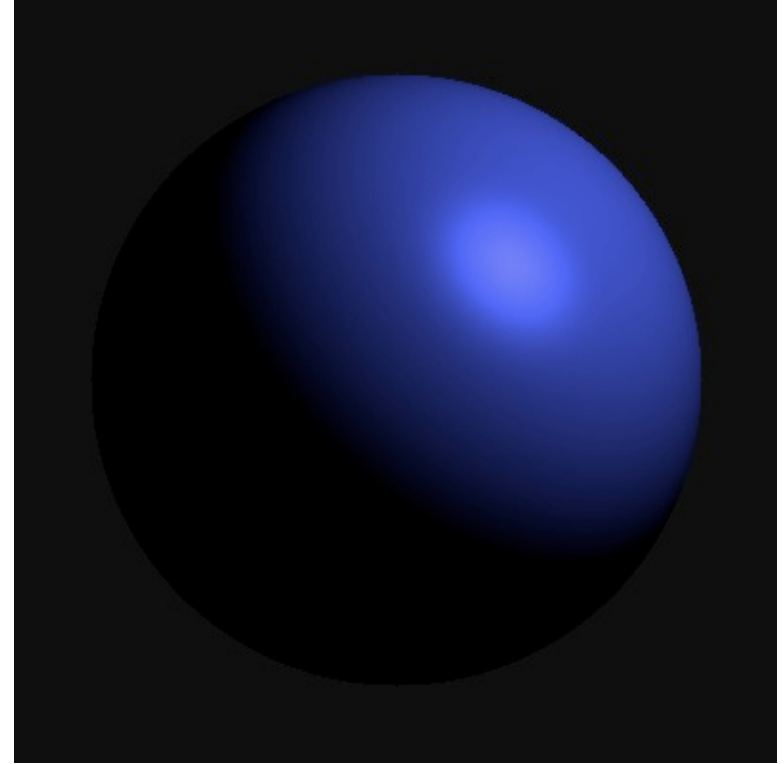


$$\text{color} = M_A I_A + \sum_L (M_D (N \cdot L) I_L + M_S (V \cdot R)^n I_L)$$

# Lambertian and Phong Shading: Examples



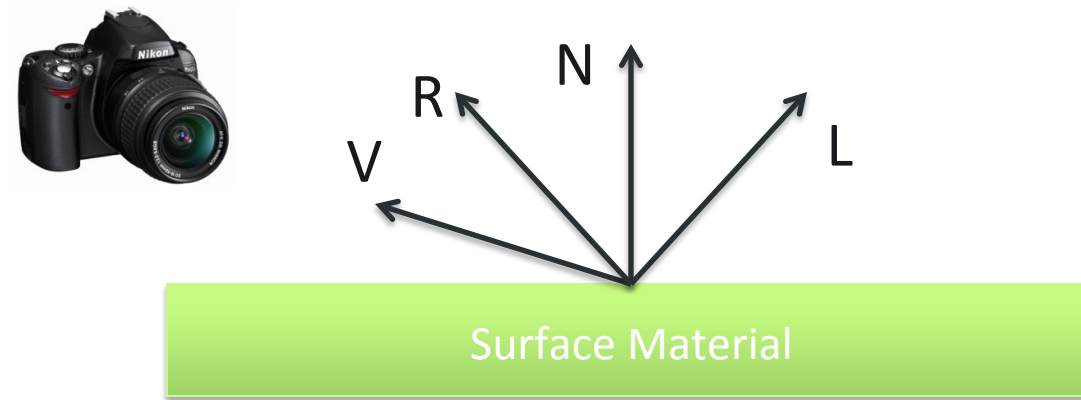
Lambertian (Diffuse)



Blinn-Phong (Specular)

# How much emissive light?

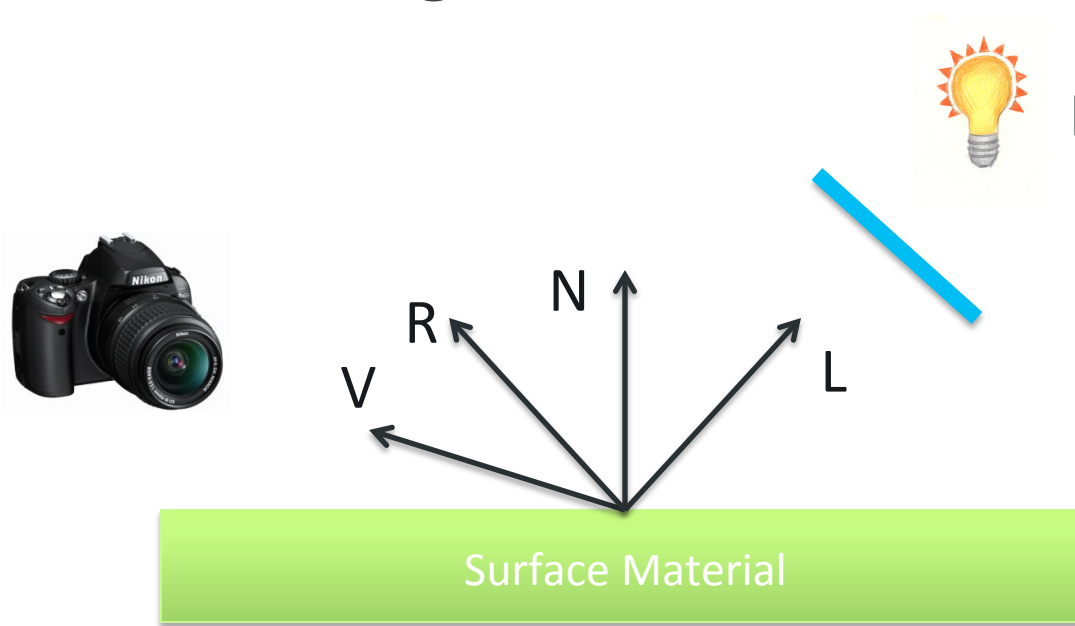
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$$\text{color} = M_A I_A + \mathbf{M}_E + \sum_L (M_D (N \cdot L) I_L + M_S (V \cdot R)^n I_L)$$

# Shadows

- If there is an object in the way of the light, it's in shadow for that light



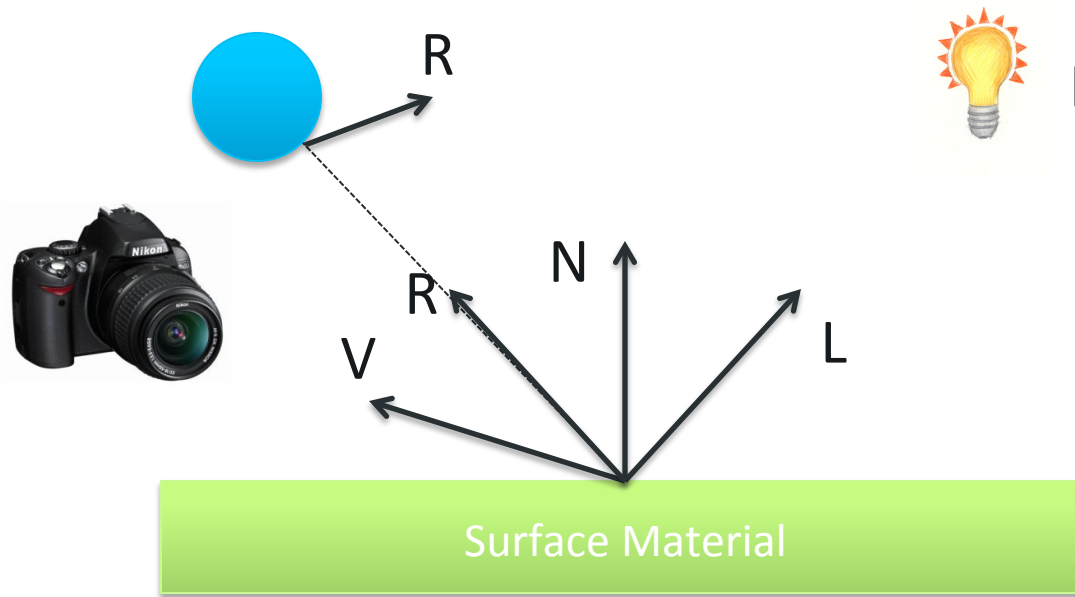
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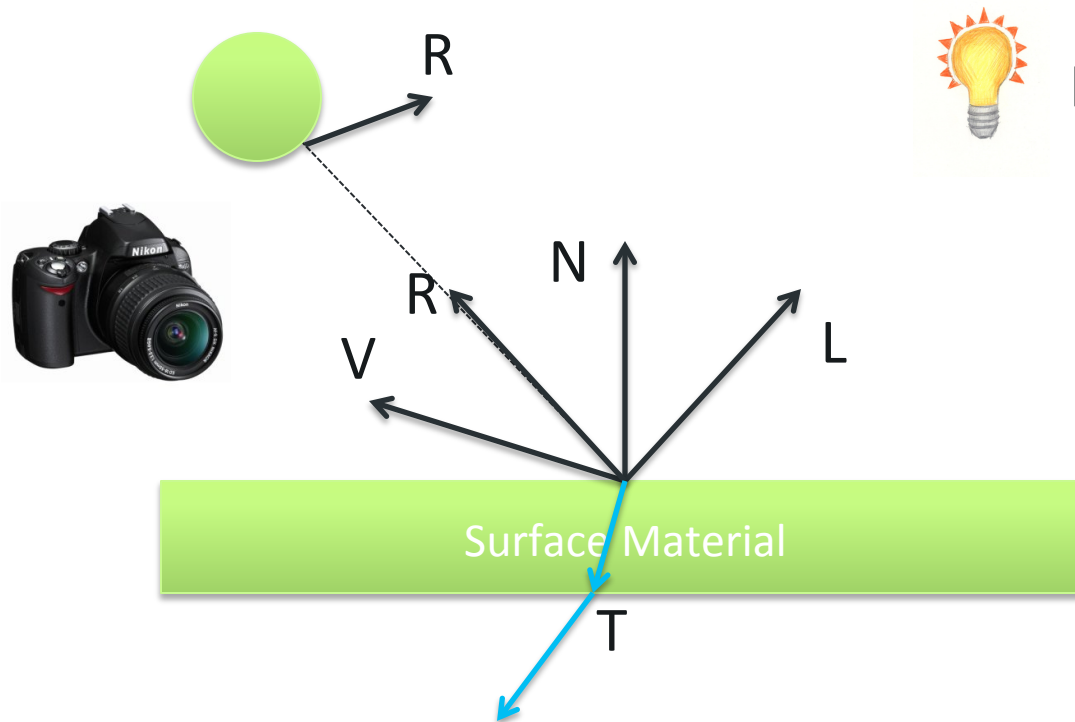
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# Refraction

- Transmissive light: how does light bend as it goes through the surface? [Book chapter 13.1]



$$\text{color} = M_A I_A + M_E + \sum_L S_L (M_D (N \cdot L) I_L + M_S (V \cdot R)^n I_L) + M_S I_R + M_T I_T$$

# Raytracing vs. Raycasting

- Raycasting
  - Non-recursive
  - Only capable of diffuse, specular, emissive lighting
- Raytracing
  - Recursive
  - Send out rays for:
    - Shadow
    - Reflection
    - Refraction
  - Important to have maximum depth of rays to avoid infinite loops (e.g. hall of mirrors)



practice your elevator pitch

## **2 MINUTE TALKS**

# Ideal Talk Presentation Format

- 15 seconds
  - Who you are, what your project is called
- 1 minute
  - Summary of what you did
- 45 seconds
  - Video demonstrating what you did

# Goals of the Elevator Pitch

- Creating a positive impression
- Opening the door to further conversation