Why Do We Care About Lighting?

Lighting "dis-ambiguates" 3D scenes

Without lighting

With lighting

The Surface Normal

A surface normal is a vector perpendicular to the surface.

Sometimes surface normals are defined or computed per-face.

\[ n = ( P_1 - P_0 ) \times ( P_2 - P_0 ) \]

Sometimes they are defined per-vertex to best approximate the underlying surface that the face is representing.

Setting a Surface Normal in OpenGL

```c
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );

glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glNormal3f( nx, ny, nz );

Per-face

// Color

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_TRIANGLES );
glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
glEnd();
```
Setting a Surface Normal in OpenGL

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glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
gTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
gRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
gScalef( sx, sy, sz );
gColor3f( r, g, b );
gBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );
gNormal3f( nx0, ny0, nz0 );
gVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
gNormal3f( nx1, ny1, nz1 );
gVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
gNormal3f( nx2, ny2, nz2 );
gVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
gEnd();
```

Flat Shading (Per-face)

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
gTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
gRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
gScalef( sx, sy, sz );
gShadeModel( GL_FLAT );
gNormal3f( nx, ny, nz );
gColor3f( r, g, b );
gBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );
gVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
gVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
gVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
gEnd();
```

Smooth Shading (Per-vertex)

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
gTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
gRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
gScalef( sx, sy, sz );
gShadeModel( GL_SMOOTH );
gColor3f( r, g, b );
gBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );
gNormal3f( nx0, ny0, nz0 );
gVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
gNormal3f( nx1, ny1, nz1 );
gVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
gNormal3f( nx2, ny2, nz2 );
gVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
gEnd();
```
Open GL Surface Normals Need to be Unitized by Someone

```gl
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );
glNormal3f( nx, ny, nz );
```

OpenGL expects the normal vector to be a unit vector, that is: $nx^2 + ny^2 + nz^2 = 1$

If it is not, or if you are using scaling transformations, you can force OpenGL to do the unitizing for you with:

```gl
glEnable( GL_NORMALIZE );
```

The OpenGL "built-in" Lighting Model

1. Ambient = a constant  
   Accounts for light bouncing "everywhere"

2. Diffuse = $I \cdot \cos \Theta$  
   Accounts for the angle between the incoming light and the surface normal

3. Specular = $I \cdot \cos \Phi$  
   Accounts for the angle between the "perfect reflector" and the eye. The exponent, S, accounts for surface shininess

- Note that $\cos \Theta$ is just the dot product between unit vectors L and n
- Note that $\cos \Phi$ is just the dot product between unit vectors R and E

You are all familiar with the Diffuse Lighting effects
Diffuse Lighting actually works because of spreading out the same amount of light energy across more surface area.

\[
\text{Diffuse} = I \cdot \cos \Theta
\]

You are all familiar with the Specular Lighting effects. These all have metallic-looking surfaces. What tells you that? It's the shiny-reflection spots.

These are not actually metal. They are wood with special paint that mimics the metallic reflection highlights. We can mimic the same effects digitally!

The Specular Lighting equation is a heuristic that approximates reflection from a rough surface.

\[
\text{Specular} = I \cdot \cos S
\]

\[S = \text{“shininess”}\]
\[1/S = \text{“roughness”}\]
The Three Elements of OpenGL Lighting

Ambient + Diffuse + Specular =

Types of Light Sources

Point

Directional (Parallel, Sun)

Spotlight

Lighting Examples

Point Light at the Eye

Point Light at the Origin

Lighting Examples

Spot Lights
Colored Lights Shining on Colored Objects

What the light can produce

What the eye sees

Colored Lights Shining on Colored Objects

White Light

Green Light

ER = LR * MR
EG = LG * MG
EB = LB * MB

What the material can reflect

Ways to Simplify Too Many Lighting Options

1. Set the ambient light globally using, for example,
   glLightModelfv( GL_LIGHT_MODEL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( .3f, White ) )
   i.e., set it to some low intensity of white.
2. Set the light’s ambient component to zero.
3. Set each light’s diffuse and specular components to the full color of the light.
4. Set each material’s ambient and diffuse to the full color of the object.
5. Set each material’s specular component to some fraction of white.

Too Many Lighting Options

If there is one light and one material, the following things can be set independently:

- Global scene ambient red, green, blue
- Light position: x, y, z
- Light ambient red, green, blue
- Light diffuse red, green, blue
- Light specular red, green, blue
- Material reaction to ambient red, green, blue
- Material reaction to diffuse red, green, blue
- Material reaction to specular red, green, blue
- Material specular shininess

This makes for 25 things that can be set for just one light and one material! While many combinations are possible, some make more sense than others.

float White[ ] = { 1.,1.,1.,1. };
// utility to create an array from 3 separate values:
float * MulArray3( float factor, float array0[3] ) {
    static float array[4];
    array[0] = factor * array0[0];
    array[1] = factor * array0[1];
    array[2] = factor * array0[2];
    array[3] = 1.;
    return array;
}

The 4th element of the array being set to 1.0 is there on purpose. The reason is coming up soon!
Setting the Material Characteristics

```c
glMaterialfv(GL_BACK, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3(.4, White));
glMaterialfv(GL_BACK, GL_DIFFUSE, MulArray3(1., White));
glMaterialfv(GL_BACK, GL_SPECULAR, Array3(0., 0., 0.));
glMaterialf(GL_BACK, GL_SHININESS, 5.);
glMaterialfv(GL_BACK, GL_EMISSION, Array3(0., 0., 0.));
```

```c
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3(1., rgb));
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_DIFFUSE, MulArray3(1., rgb));
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_SPECULAR, MulArray3(.7, White));
glMaterialf(GL_FRONT, GL_SHININESS, 8.);
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_EMISSION, Array3(0., 0., 0.));
```

Setting the Light Characteristics

```c
glLightModelfv(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_AMBIENT, MulArray3(.2, White));
glLightModeli(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_TWO_SIDE, GL_TRUE);
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_AMBIENT, Array3(0., 0., 0.));
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_DIFFUSE, LightColor);
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPECULAR, LightColor);
glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1.);
glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION, 0.);
glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0.);
```

You can have multiple lights, nominally 0-7

```
Attenuation = \frac{1}{C + Ld + Qd^2} \quad \text{where } d \text{ is the distance from the light to the point being lit}
```

Setting the Light Position

```c
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
gLoadIdentity();
```

```
// if we do this, then the light will be wrt the scene at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:
gLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT));
```

```
// translate the object into the viewing volume:
gluLookAt(XEYE, YEYE, ZEYE, 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0.);
```

```
// if we do this, then the light will be wrt the eye at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:
// glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT));
```

```
// if we do this, then the light will be wrt the object at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:
// glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT));
```

```
// specify the shading model:
gShadeModel(GL_SMOOTH);
```

```
// if we do this, then the light will be wrt to the object at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:
// glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT));
```

```
// enable lighting:
gEnable(GL_LIGHTING);
```

```
// you can enable and disable lighting "at all". (This toggles between using what the lighting equations say and what glColor3f( ) says)
```

```
// you can enable and disable each light independently
```

```
// it is usually good form to disable the lighting after you are done using it
```

```
// perform the rotations and scaling about the origin:
gRotatef(Xrot, 1., 0., 0.);
gRotatef(Yrot, 0., 1., 0.);
gScalef(Scale, Scale, Scale);
```

```
// if we do this, then the light will be wrt the object at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:
// glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT));
```
float * Array3( float a, float b, float c )
{
    static float array[4];
    array[0] = a;
    array[1] = b;
    array[2] = c;
    array[3] = 1.;
    return array;
}

Sidebar: Why are Light Positions 4-element arrays where the 4th element is 1.0? Homogeneous Coordinates!

We usually think of a 3D point as being represented by a triple: (x,y,z).
Using homogeneous coordinates, we add a 4th number: (x,y,z,w)
Graphics systems take (x,y,z,w) and then divide x, y, and z by w before using them.

\[ \frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w} \]

Thus (1,2,3,1), (2,4,6,2), (-1,-2,-3,-1) all represent the same 3D point.

Homogeneous Coordinates let us Represent Points at Infinity

This is useful to be able specify a parallel light source by placing the light source position at infinity.
The point (1,2,3,1) represents the 3D point (1,2,3)
The point (1,2,3,5) represents the 3D point (2,4,6)
The point (1,2,3,.01) represents the point (100,200,300)
So, (1,2,3,0) represents a point at infinity, along the ray from the origin through (1,2,3).

Points-at-infinity are used for parallel light sources and some shadow algorithms

Additional Parameters for Spotlights

glLightf( GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPOT_DIRECTION, Array3(xdir,ydir,zdir) )
Specifies the spotlight-pointing direction. This gets transformed by the current value of the ModelView matrix.

glLightf( GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPOT_EXPONENT, e )
Specifies the spotlight directional intensity. This acts very much like the exponent in the specular lighting equation.

glLightf( GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPOT_CUTOFF, deg )
Specifies the spotlight maximum spread angle.

A Shortcut I Like

void SetMaterial( float r, float g, float b, float shininess )
{
    glMaterialf( GL_BACK, GL_EMISSION, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_BACK, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( .4f, White ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_BACK, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( 1., White ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_BACK, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glMaterialf ( GL_BACK, GL_SHININESS, 2.f );
    glMaterialf( GL_FRONT, GL_EMISSION, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_FRONT, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( .8f, White ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_FRONT, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_FRONT, GL_SPECULAR, MulArray3( .8f, White ) );
    glMaterial( ( GL_FRONT, GL_SHININESS, shininess ) ;
}
How Does OpenGL Define GL_FRONT and GL_BACK?

Vertices are CCW when viewed from the outside

Vertices are CW when viewed from the outside

Sidebar: Note that we are computing the light intensity at each vertex first, and then interpolating that intensity across the polygon second. That is, you are only using the lighting model at each vertex. You can do an even better job if you interpolate the normal across the polygon first, and then compute the light intensity with the lighting model at each fragment second:

But, for that, you will need the Shaders course (CS 457/557)

Shortcuts I Like

void SetPointLight( int ilight, float x, float y, float z, float r, float g, float b )
{
  glLightf( ilight, GL_POSITION, Array3( x, y, z ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_AMBIENT, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( r, g, b ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( r, g, b ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1. );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION, 0. );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0. );
  glEnable( ilight );
}

void SetSpotLight( int ilight, float x, float y, float z, float xdir, float ydir, float zdir, float r, float g, float b )
{
  glLightf( ilight, GL_POSITION, Array3( x, y, z ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_SPOT_DIRECTION, Array3( xdir, ydir, zdir ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_SPOT_EXPONENT, 1. );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_SPOT_CUTOFF, 45. );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_AMBIENT, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( r, g, b ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( r, g, b ) );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1. );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION, 0. );
  glLightf( ilight, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0. );
  glEnable( ilight );
}
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );
glShadeModel( GL_SMOOTH );
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );
    glColor3f( r0, g0, b0 );
    glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
    glColor3f( r1, g1, b1 );
    glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
    glColor3f( r2, g2, b2 );
glEnd( );

Sidebar: Smooth Shading can also interpolate vertex colors, not just the results of the lighting model

Tricky Lighting Situations

Smooth Shading can also interpolate vertex colors, not just the results of the lighting model

This is especially useful when using colors for scientific visualization:

 Pixar

Notice the lighting in the fur!