Shading

Shading algorithms apply lighting models to polygons, through interpolation from the vertices.

OPENGL:

glShadeModel(GL-FLAT)



Gouraud Shading: Lighting is only computed at the vertices, via reflection illumination model, and the RGB reflection intensities are interpolated across the (convex) polygon

Phong Shading: A normal is specified at each vertex, and this normal is interpolated across the polygon. At each pixel, a lighting calculation is performed based on reflection illumination model.



Gouraud Shading

- Gouraud shading interpolates colors across a polygon from the vertices
- Lighting calculations are only performed at the vertices
- Highlights can be missed or blurred
- Common in hardware renderers; model that OpenGL supports
- Gouraud shading is well-defined only for triangles... Equivalent to a *barycentric combination*
- Barycentric combinations are also *affine combinations*... Triangular Gouraud shading is *invariant* under affine transformations

Triangle Gouraud Shading



$$\alpha_A = D(P, B, C) / D(A, B, C)$$

$$\alpha_B = D(A, P, C) / D(A, B, C)$$

$$\alpha_C = D(A, B, P) / D(A, B, C)$$

$$\alpha_A + \alpha_B + \alpha_C = 1$$

$$P = \alpha_A A + \alpha_B B + \alpha_C C$$

$$D(A, B, C) = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \ 1 & x_A & y_A & z_A \ 1 & x_B & y_B & z_B \ 1 & x_C & y_C & z_C \end{bmatrix}$$

- Gouraud shading for polygons with more than three vertices:
 - Sort the vertices by y coordinate
 - Slice the polygon into trapezoids with parallel top and bottom
 - Interpolate colors along each edge of the trapezoid...
 - Interpolate colors along each scanline



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- Gouraud shading gives *bilinear* interpolation within each trapezoid
- Since rotating the polygon can result in a different trapezoidal decomposition, *n*-sided Gouraud interpolation is *not affine invariant*

glShadeModel(GL-SMOOTH)



Phong Shading

- Phong Shading interpolates lighting model parameters, not colors
- Much better rendition of highlights
- A *normal* is specified at each vertex of a polygon
- Vertex normals are independent of the polygon normal
- Vertex normals should relate to the surface being approximated by the polygon
- The normal is interpolated across the polygon (using Gouraud techniques).
- At each pixel,
 - Interpolate the normal...
 - Interpolate other shading parameters...
 - Compute the view and light vectors...
 - Evaluate the lighting model
- The lighting model does not have to be the Phong lighting model...
- Normal interpolation is nominally done by vector addition and renormalization
- Several "fast" approximations are possible

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• The view and light vectors may also be interpolated or approximated



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