CG Programming II (VGP 352)

- Agenda:
 - Pretest for final
 - The pretest is graded.
 - Some of these questions will appear on the final.
 - Work on term project

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Dielectric or non-conducting materials. Plastic, glass, paint, wood, etc.

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The specular factor descreases and the surface becomes more diffuse.

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Surfaces are made of tiny microfacets, each of which is too small to see. These microfacets scatter light in different directions and shadow each other.

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D represents the distribution of microfacet normal *directions*. G represents the surface self-shadowing or *geometry* factor.

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Complex reflection lobes can be approximated using multiple cosine lobes. Each cosine lobe uses a different transformed reflection vector.

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Being directionally dependent. An anisotropic surface may appear different or have different characteristics when viewed from different directions.

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The surface tangent.

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j and k.

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If k is larger than j, the specular highlight will be smaller / sharper in the direction of T.

Questions?

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