

VGP352 – Week 5

⇒ Agenda:

- Anisotropic reflection
 - Ward BRDF
 - Ashikhmin BRDF
- Metals
 - The skin effect
 - Lafortune BRDF



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Anisotropy Refresher

Anisotropy...is the property of being directionally dependent, as opposed to isotropy, which means homogeneity in all directions. It can be defined as a difference in a physical property (absorbance, refractive index, density, etc.) for some material when measured along different axes. An example is the light coming through a polarizing lens.

- ⇒ We saw this last term with filter areas for texture sampling



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Anisotropic Reflection

- What does anisotropy mean for lighting and reflections?
 - Some materials reflect light differently depending on the orientation of the material w.r.t. the light and viewer



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Anisotropic Reflection



Statue near 707 NW 11th Ave, Portland OR



Floor in the Fourth Avenue Building,
Portland State University



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Anisotropic Reflection

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 - Think about the micro-facet theory of surfaces



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Anisotropic Reflection

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 - Think about the micro-facet theory of surfaces
 - The distribution of normals is random, but the distribution depends on the orientation



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Anisotropic Reflection

- What additional information is needed to implement an anisotropic normal distribution function?
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- The surface tangent!
 - If \mathbf{v}' is the projection of \mathbf{v} onto the plane containing \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{b} , $\arccos(\mathbf{v}' \cdot \mathbf{t})$ is the relative orientation angle



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Ward's Anisotropic Model

- Map \mathbf{n} , \mathbf{t} , and \mathbf{b} to the z , x , and y axes
 - θ_v is the angle between the vector and the Z-axis
 - We can get this from the usual dot-products
 - ϕ_v is the angle between the vector and the X-axis
 - Project \mathbf{v} into the X/Y plane by setting $Z=0$ and re-normalizing
 - Take the dot-product with the tangent



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Ward's Anisotropic Model

$$f(\omega_i, \omega_o) = \frac{\mathbf{k}_d}{\pi} + \frac{\mathbf{k}_s}{4\pi\alpha_x\alpha_y\sqrt{\cos\theta_i\cos\theta_o}} e^{-\tan^2\theta_h\left(\frac{\cos^2\phi_h}{\alpha_x^2} + \frac{\sin^2\phi_h}{\alpha_y^2}\right)}$$

- α_x and α_y control the width of the highlight in the two principal directions
 - $\alpha_x = \alpha_y$ the reflection is isotropic
 - $\tan^2\theta = (1 - \cos^2\theta) / \cos^2\theta$
 - $\sin^2\theta = 1 - \cos^2\theta$



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- Essentially an elliptical version of the Gaussian distribution
- $1 / (4\pi\alpha_x\alpha_y)$ is a semi-magic normalization factor that “is accurate as long as α is not much greater than 0.2, when the surface becomes mostly diffuse.”



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- Ward presents an approximation that is cheaper to compute, but Schlick found the direct vector implementation to be both exact and faster still:

$$f(\omega_i, \omega_o) = \frac{\mathbf{k}_d}{\pi} + \frac{\mathbf{k}_s}{4\pi\alpha_x\alpha_y\sqrt{(\mathbf{n}\cdot\omega_i)(\mathbf{n}\cdot\omega_o)}} e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{\mathbf{h}\cdot\mathbf{t}}{\alpha_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}\cdot\mathbf{b}}{\alpha_y}\right)^2}{(\mathbf{h}\cdot\mathbf{n})^2}}$$

- Note: Because a squared dot-product of \mathbf{h} appears in the numerator and denominator, we don't need to

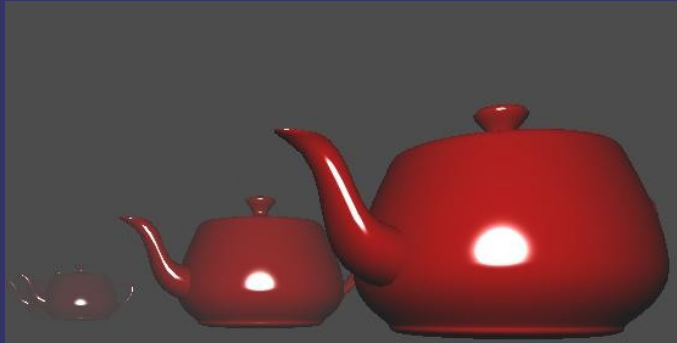


normalize \mathbf{h}

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Ward's Anisotropic Model



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Ashikhmin Model

$$f_s(\omega_i, \omega_o) = \frac{\sqrt{(n_x + 1)(n_y + 1)}}{8\pi} \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{h})^{n_x \cos^2 \phi_h + n_y \sin^2 \phi_h}}{(\mathbf{h} \cdot \omega) \max((\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \omega_i), (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \omega_o))} F(\omega \cdot \mathbf{h})$$

- Most of the notation is the same as on the previous slides
- This differs from the notation in Ashikhmin's paper
- n_x and n_y are Phong-like exponents that control the shape of the specular lobe
 - Roughly analogous to α_x and α_y in Ward's model
- $F(\theta)$ is the Fresnel term



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Ashikhmin Model

$$f_d(\omega_i, \omega_o) = \frac{28 K_d}{23 \pi} (1 - F(0^\circ)) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i}{2} \right)^5 \right) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_o}{2} \right)^5 \right)$$

- The strange constant factor is “designed to ensure energy conservation.”



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Anisotropic Reflections

- Both models allow control of specular highlight relative to some coordinate space
 - What coordinate space?
 - How can the orientation of the highlight be controlled?



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Anisotropic Reflections

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 - What coordinate space?
 - How can the orientation of the highlight be controlled?
- We're in surface space!
 - Rotate \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{b} by an angle
 - This is \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{b} in tangent space
 - Or use a “tangent map”
 - Or use procedural tangents
 - Or...



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E.M. Waves in Conductors

- Electromagnetic waves in conductors cause free electrons in the material to oscillate
 - The frequency of this oscillation is proportional to the frequency of the electromagnetic wave
 - These oscillations create eddy currents inside the material
 - These eddy currents force the primary current very near the surface
 - The change in current density w.r.t. change of depth is known as the *skin effect*



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E.M. Waves in Conductors

- Higher frequency waves cause the current to be limited to thinner and thinner skins on the material
 - A 1GHz wave in copper is restricted to $\sim 0.5\text{mm}$
 - A 60Hz wave in copper is restricted to $\sim 10\text{mm}$
 - Note: I'm trading a lot of physics here for a lot of hand waving!



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E.M. Waves in Conductors

⇒ What does this have to do with lighting?!?



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E.M. Waves in Conductors

- What does this have to do with lighting?!?
 - Light is “just” an electromagnetic wave
 - Visible light is $\sim 400\text{THz}$ - $\sim 700\text{THz}$
 - THz is tera-Hz or 1,000GHz
- As a result, light cannot penetrate deeply into metals
 - Diffuse reflection in dielectrics is primarily caused subsurface scattering
 - Lacking this, metal doesn't have a traditional diffuse reflection component
 - Cook & Torrance pointed this out as well



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Metals

- Two main components to metallic reflection:
 - A mostly pure specular component
 - A la Phong or Blinn
 - A *directional* diffuse component
 - Diffuse in the sense that the reflected color is the color of the material
- None of our current models have a directional diffuse component



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Lafortune BRDF

⇒ Remember Phong:

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_s (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r})^s \mathbf{i}_s$$

- \mathbf{r} is the ideal reflection vector
- Calculation using vectors:

$$\mathbf{r} = 2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}) \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{l}$$

- Calculation using the Householder matrix:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{l}^T (2\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T - \mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{M}$$



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⇒ If we're in surface space, what is \mathbf{M} ?

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– Remember: $\mathbf{n} = \{ 0, 0, 1 \}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M} &= 2\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T - \mathbf{I} \\ &= 2\{0, 0, 1\}\{0, 0, 1\}^T - \mathbf{I} \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \mathbf{I} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$



Lafortune BRDF

- ⇒ What if we could replace \mathbf{M} with some other matrix?



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Lafortune BRDF

- What if we could replace \mathbf{M} with some other matrix?
 - We could move the specular lobe!
 - The new matrix must be symmetric ($\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^T$) or it will violate Helmholtz Reciprocity
 - It turns out that almost all cases except very unusual types of anisotropy, \mathbf{M} is also diagonal
 - $c_x = c_y$ is also typical

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} c_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_z \end{bmatrix}$$



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⇒ We can rearrange the math a bit:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{k}_s (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v})^s \mathbf{i}_s \\ &= \mathbf{k}_s \left((\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{M}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right)^s \mathbf{i}_s && \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{M} \\ &= \mathbf{k}_s \left((\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{l}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right)^s \mathbf{i}_s \\ &= \mathbf{k}_s \left((\mathbf{M} \mathbf{l}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right)^s \mathbf{i}_s && \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^T \\ &= \mathbf{k}_s \left((\mathbf{c} * \mathbf{l}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right)^s \mathbf{i}_s \\ &= \mathbf{k}_s \left(\mathbf{c}_x \mathbf{l}_x \mathbf{v}_x + \mathbf{c}_y \mathbf{l}_y \mathbf{v}_y + \mathbf{c}_z \mathbf{l}_z \mathbf{v}_z \right)^s \mathbf{i}_s \end{aligned}$$

⇒ What if we could fit measured data to a series of cosine lobes?

$$\mathbf{k} = \sum_i \mathbf{k}_s \left(\mathbf{c}_{x,i} \mathbf{l}_x \mathbf{v}_x + \mathbf{c}_{y,i} \mathbf{l}_y \mathbf{v}_y + \mathbf{c}_{z,i} \mathbf{l}_z \mathbf{v}_z \right)^{s_i} \mathbf{i}_s$$



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⇒ What does the data look like?

– For matte steel:

	C_{xy}	C_z	s
Lobe 1, red	-1.11954	1.01272	15.8708
Lobe 1, green	-1.11845	1.01469	15.6489
Lobe 1, blue	-1.11999	1.01942	15.4571
Lobe 2, red	-1.05334	0.69541	111.267
Lobe 2, green	-1.06409	0.662178	88.9222
Lobe 2, blue	-1.08378	0.626672	65.2179
Lobe 3, red	-1.01684	1.00132	180.181
Lobe 3, green	-1.01635	1.00112	184.152
Lobe 3, blue	-1.01529	1.00108	195.773



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Next week...

⇒ Fur and hair

- Two final BRDFs
 - Grand unifying theory of anisotropic BRDFs
 - BRDFs for hair
- Fins and shells



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