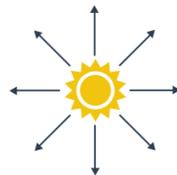


# Illumination

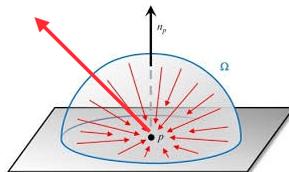
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## Basic Concepts

- Light Sources



- Surfaces / Materials



# Illumination Models

- Principle
  - Conservation of Energy
- Electromagnetic Model

(Local)

$$\Phi_o = F_r \Phi_i + F_t \Phi_i$$

$$F_r + F_t = 1$$

- Thermodynamic Model

(Global)

$$\Phi_{tot} = \mathbf{E}_{tot}$$

$$\Phi_{out} = \mathbf{E} + \Phi_{in}$$

# The Rendering Equation

$$\phi(s, \omega) = E(s, \omega) + \int_s k(s, \omega', \omega) \phi(s, \omega') d\omega'$$

- **Kernel of the integral**
  - Geometry
  - Visibility
  - Reflectivity

# Radiant Energy

- **Flux of R.E.**

*Phase Space*

$$\phi(s, \omega)$$



$$\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2$$

$$\phi = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

Radiant energy passing through unity  
of volume per unity of time

# Transport of Energy

- **System in Equilibrium**

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0$$

i.e.,

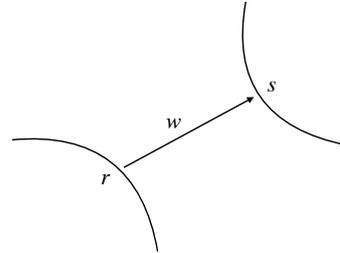
$$\phi = \text{constant}$$

# Transport Equation

- Non-participating Medium (*vacuum*)

$$\phi(r, \omega) = \phi(s, \omega)$$

$$r, s \in \cup M_i \text{ and } \omega \in S^2$$

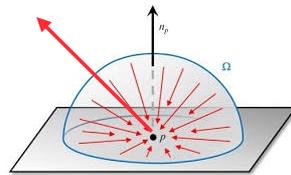


- Visibility Function btw Surfaces

$$\nu(r, \omega) \equiv \inf\{\alpha > 0 : (r - \alpha\omega) \in M\}$$

$$s = r - \nu(r, \omega)\omega$$

# Illumination Hemisphere



- Equilibrium of Energy

$$\phi_o - \phi_i = \phi_e - \phi_a$$

outgoing      incoming      emitted      absorbed

# Boundary Conditions

- Explicit

$$\phi(s, \omega) = \mathcal{E}(f, \omega) \quad s \in \text{Lights}$$

- Implicit

$$\phi(s, \omega) = f_s(\phi(s, \omega')) \quad \text{scattering function}$$
$$\phi(s, \omega) = \int_{\Theta_i} k(s, \omega' \mapsto \omega) \phi(s, \omega') d\omega'$$

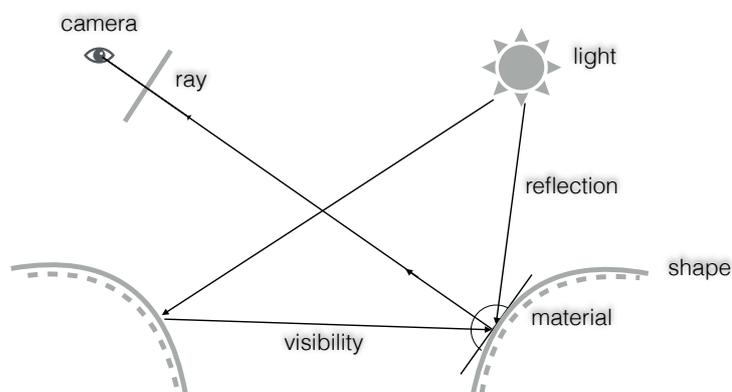
$\uparrow$  out                       $\uparrow$  in

OBS: Physical Limitation

$$\int k d\omega \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad k \geq 0$$

# In Practice

- Rendering Context



# Anatomy of the Equation

$$L_o(p, w_o) = L_e(p, w_o) + \int_{\omega} f(p, w_o, w_i) L(p, w_i) |\cos \theta| dw_i$$

The diagram illustrates the components of the rendering equation. Labels and their corresponding parts are as follows:

- camera**: points to  $L_o(p, w_o)$
- ray**: points to  $w_o$
- light**: points to  $L_e(p, w_o)$
- integration**: points to the integral symbol  $\int_{\omega}$
- material**: points to  $f(p, w_o, w_i)$
- shape**: points to  $G$
- visibility**: points to  $V$
- reflection**: points to  $L(p, w_i)$
- sampling + reconstruction**: points to the entire integral term.

# Numerical Solution

## ★ Approximation

### • Operator Notation

$$(Kf)(x) = \int k(x, y) f(y) dy$$

Fredholm Eq.  
of 1st Kind

### • Radiance Equation in operator Form

$$L(r, \omega) = L^e(s, \omega) + (KL)(s, \omega)$$

or

$$L = L^e + KL$$

## Method of Substitution

$$\begin{aligned}L &= L^e + K(L^e + KL) \\ &= L^e + KL^e + K^2L\end{aligned}$$

- repeating

$$\begin{aligned}&= L^e + KL^e + \dots + K^{n-1}L^e + K^nL \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum K^n L^e \\ &\approx \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} K^i L^e\end{aligned}$$

Intuition: *Bounces of Light*

## Approximating the Illumination Integral

$$I = g\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{gMI}$$

$$M = \int k(s, \omega', \omega)$$

- Newman Series

$$(1 - gM)I = g\mathbf{E}$$

$$I = (1 - gM)^{-1}g\mathbf{E}$$

$$I = g\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{gMgE} + \mathbf{g(Mg)^2E} + \dots$$

# Quality of Approximation

- **Error Analysis**

- Norm of  $\|K\| < 1$

- **Residual**

$$e_n = \| M_\infty - M_n \|$$

- **Physical Interpretation**

- Direct Lighting (Local)
- Direct + Indirect Lighting (Global)

# Computational Methods

- **Explicit Approximation** (Radiosity / Radiance)

- Compute L on Surfaces
- Sample L in Image
- *Finite Element Methods*
- Viewer Independent

- **Implicit Sampling** (Ray Tracing)

- Sample L in Image
- *Monte Carlo Methods*
- Viewer Dependent

# Direct Lighting

## Utah Solution

$$I = g\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{gM}\mathbf{E}_0$$

- Local Illumination  
(only for light sources)
- No Shadows
- Direct Computation
- No Integration

# Indirect Diffuse

$$\phi(s, \omega) = \mathbf{E}(s, \omega) + \int_{\mathbf{g}} \mathbf{k}(s, \omega', \omega) \phi(r, \omega') d\omega'$$

Kernel of Integral

- Geometry
- Visibility
- Reflectivity

Diffuse

$$\mathbf{k}(s, \omega', \omega) = \rho(s) \frac{\cos \theta_s \cos \theta_b}{\pi r_{sb}^2} V_{sb} = \rho(s) F_{a,b} V_{a,b}$$

Visibility

Form Factor

$$\phi(s, \omega) = E(s, \omega) + \rho(s) \int F_{a,b} V_{a,b} \phi(r, \omega') d\omega'$$

# Radiosity

$$\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{gM})\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{GI}$$

- Global Illumination (diffuse)
- View Independent

Finite Element Solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ \vdots \\ E_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \rho_1 F_{11} & \dots & -\rho_1 F_{1n} \\ -\rho_2 F_{21} & \dots & -\rho_2 F_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ -\rho_n F_{n1} & \dots & 1 - \rho_n F_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \vdots \\ I_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Relaxation Computation

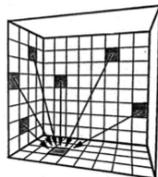
$$I_i^{(k)} = E + \rho_i \sum_j F_{ij} I_j^{(k-1)}$$

# Radiosity Solution

## • Methods

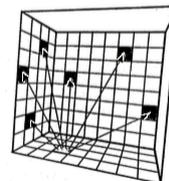
- Invert  $G = O(n^3)$       *Direct*
- Iterative =  $O(n^2)$       *Gathering*
- Progressive  $< O(n^2)$       *Shooting*

Gathering



Row of  $F$  times  $B$   
Calculate one row of  $F$  and discard

Shooting



Brightness order  
Column of  $F$  times  $B$

# Ray Tracing

$$I = g\mathbf{E} + gM_0g\mathbf{E}_0 + g(M_0g)^2\mathbf{E}_0 + \dots$$

- Global Illumination (specular)
- View Dependent

## Stochastic Integration

- Monte Carlo Methods

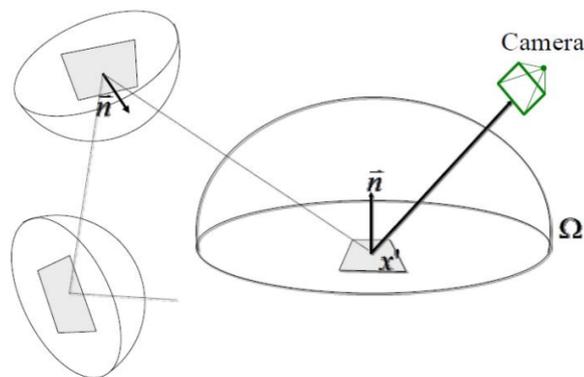
## Recursive Computation

- Path Tracing
- Photon Mapping

# Path Tracing

- **Random Sampling**

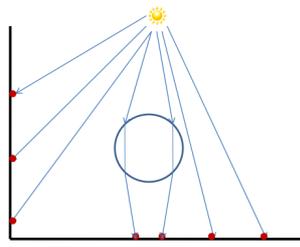
Estimate integral for each pixel by sampling paths from the camera



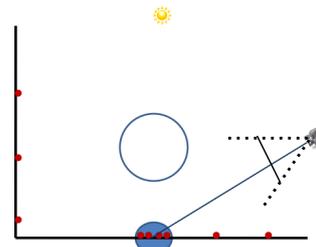
# Photon Mapping

- **Two Pass Method**

1. Build Photon Map by tracing random paths from Lights
2. Render Image by tracing random paths from Camera



*Map*



*Render*

*Global Illumination Algorithms*



