
CS482: Radiometry and Rendering Equation

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Announcements

- **Make a project team of 2 or 3 persons for your final project**
 - **Each student has a clear role**
 - **Declare the team at the KLMS by 10/1; you don't need to define the topic by then**
- **Each team**
 - **Present 2 or 3 papers related to the project**
 - **30 min (for 2) or 35 (for 3) min for each talk; simple quiz (prepare blank papers)**
- **Each team**
 - **Give a mid-term review presentation for the project**
 - **Give the final project presentation**

Tentative Schedule (After Mid-term Exam)

- **Oct. 28 no class due to undergraduate interview**
- **Oct. 30: Students Presentation I (2 or 3 talks per each class)**
- **Nov. 4, 6,**
- **Nov 11, 13: Mid-term project presentation**
- **Nov. 18, 20 : SP II (2 or 3 talks per each class)**
- **Nov. 25**
- **Nov. 27: reserved**
- **Dec. 2/4: Final project presentation**
- **Dec. 9/11: no class due to conf. attendance?**
- **Dec. 16, 18 Reserved (final exam week; no exam for us, reserved)**

Deadlines

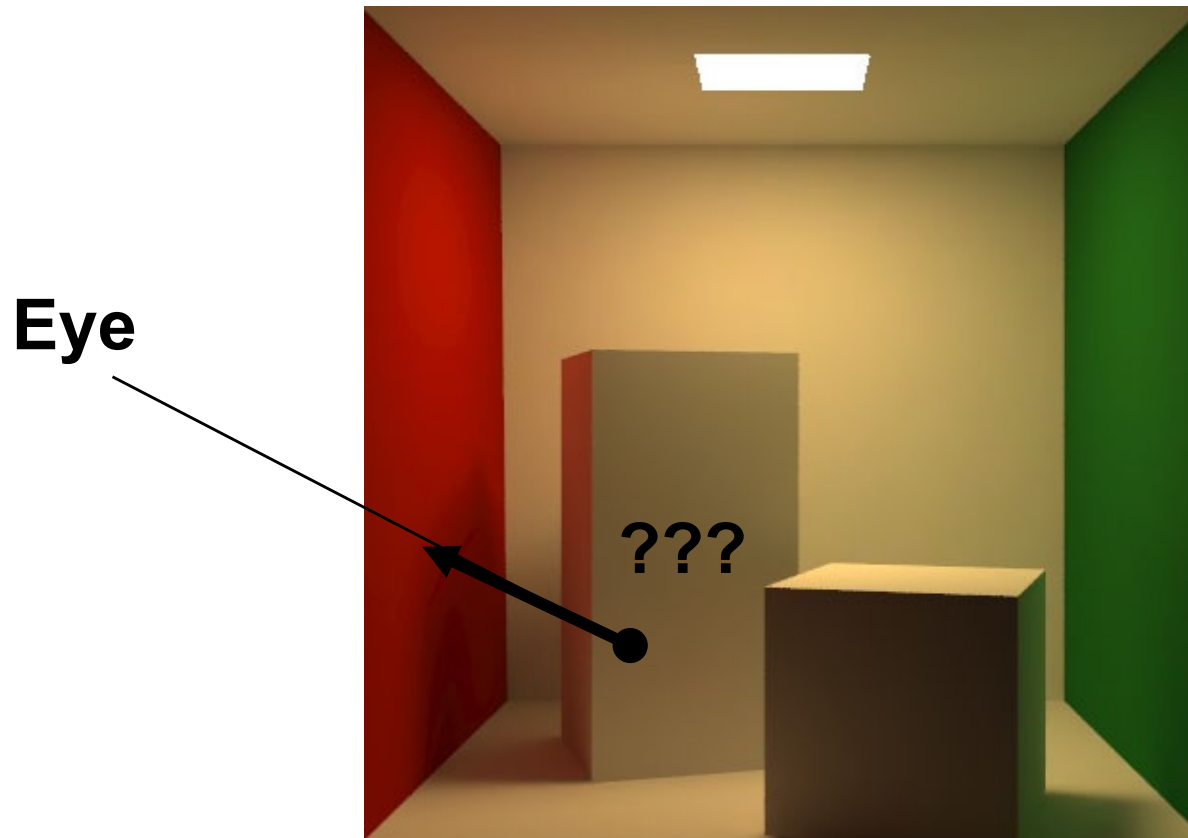
- **Declare project team members**
 - **By 10/1 at KLMS**
 - **Confirm schedules of paper talks and project talks at 10/2**

- **Declare two papers for student presentations**
 - **by 10/13 at KLMS**
 - **Discuss them at the class of 10/14**
 - **Choose graphics papers from 2020 ~ published on top-tier conf. (SIGGRAPH, CVPR, etc.)**

Class Objectives (Ch. 12 and 13)

- **Know terms of:**
 - **Hemispherical coordinates and integration**
 - **Various radiometric quantities (e.g., radiance)**
 - **Basic material function, BRDF**
 - **Understand the rendering equation**

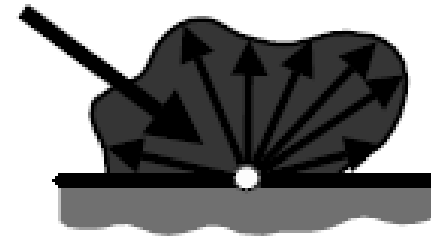
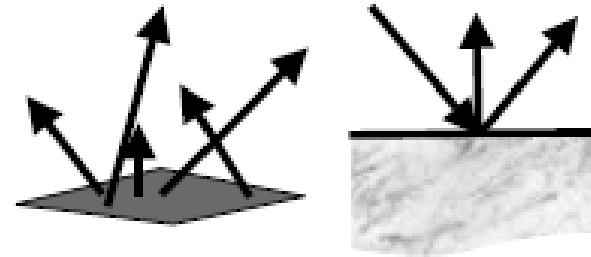
Motivation



Light and Material Interactions

- **Physics of light**
- **Radiometry**
- **Material properties**

- **Rendering equation**



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Models of Light

- **Quantum optics**
 - **Fundamental model of the light**
 - **Explain the dual wave-particle nature of light**
- **Wave model**
 - **Simplified quantum optics**
 - **Explains diffraction, interference, and polarization**
- **Geometric optics**
 - **Most commonly used model in CG**
 - **Size of objects \gg wavelength of light**
 - **Light is emitted, reflected, and transmitted**

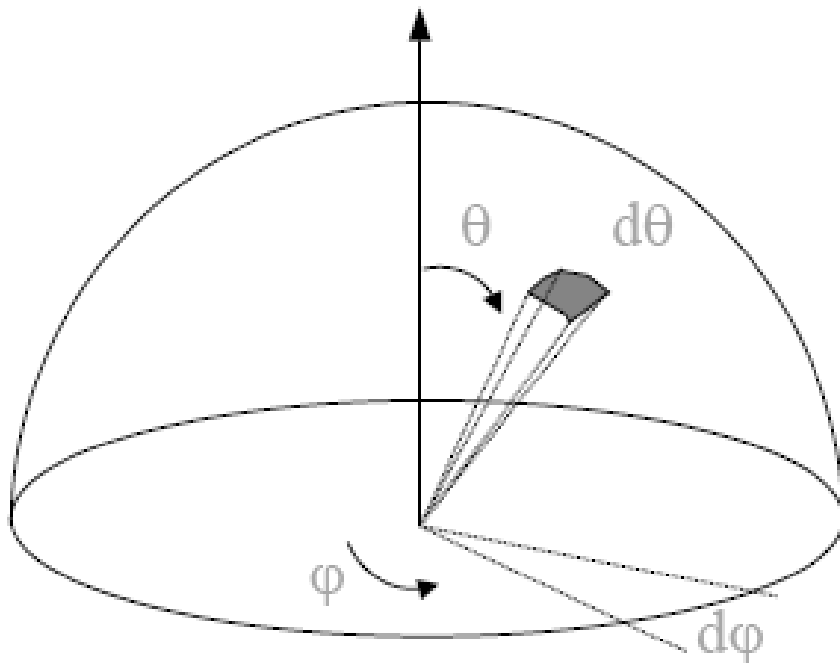


Radiometry and Photometry

- **Photometry**
 - **Quantify the perception of light energy**
- **Radiometry**
 - **Measurement of light energy: critical component for photo-realistic rendering**
 - **Light energy flows through space, and varies with time, position, and direction**
 - **Radiometric quantities: densities of energy at particular places in time, space, and direction**
 - **Briefly discussed here; refer to my book**

Hemispheres

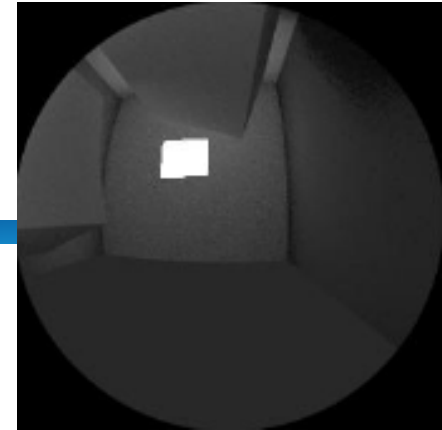
- **Hemisphere**
 - **Two-dimensional surfaces**
- **Direction**
 - **Point on (unit) sphere**



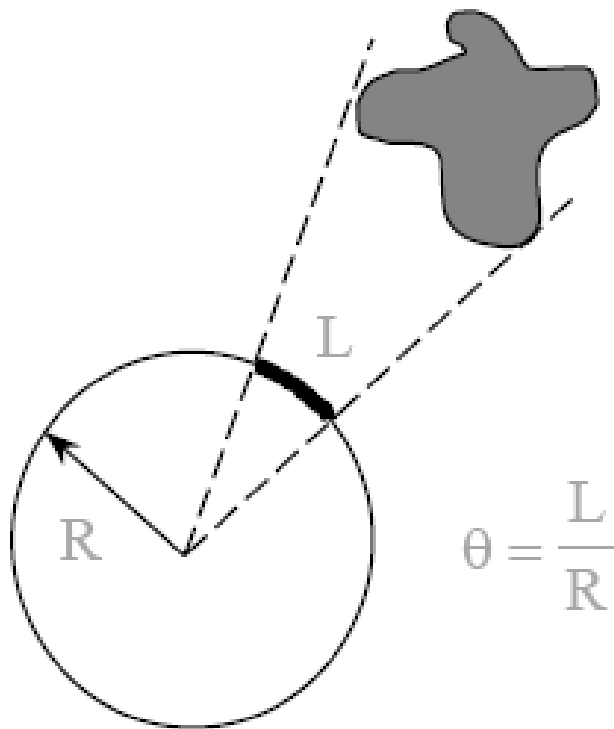
$$\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$$
$$\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$$

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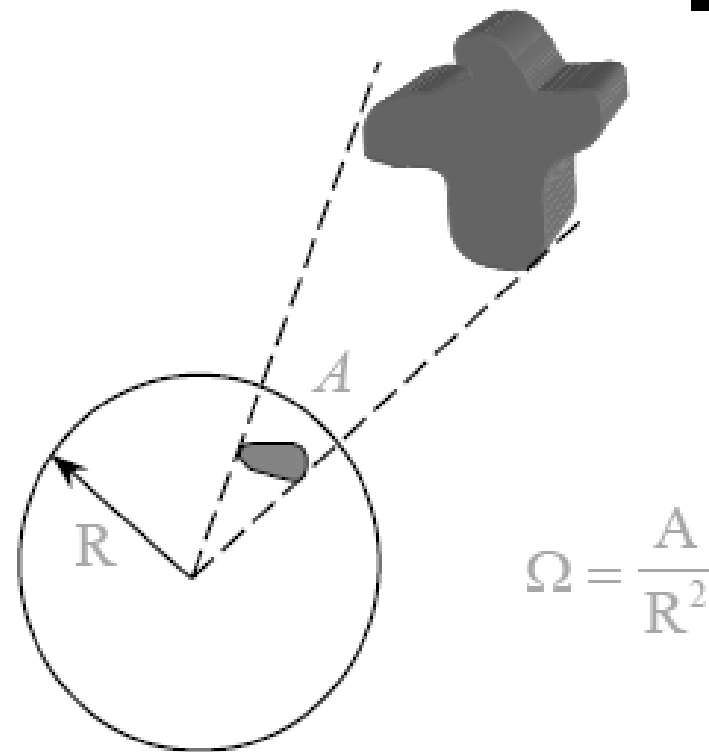
Solid Angles



2D



3D



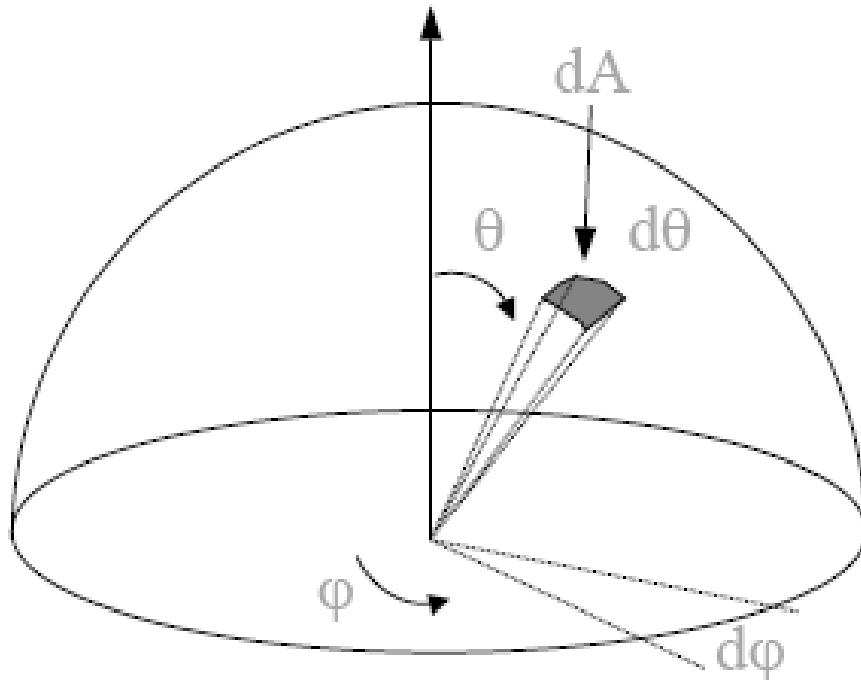
View on the hemisphere

**Full circle
= 2pi radians**

**Full sphere
= 4pi steradians**

Hemispherical Coordinates

- Direction, Θ
 - Point on (unit) sphere

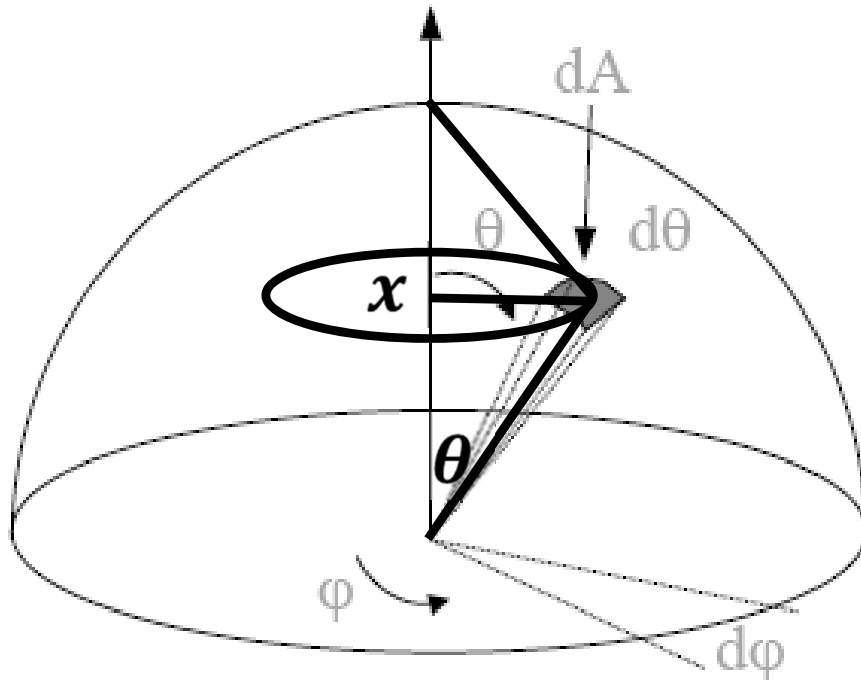


$$dA = (r \sin \theta d\phi)(r d\theta)$$

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Hemispherical Coordinates

- Direction, Θ
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$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{r},$$
$$x = r \sin \theta$$

$$dA = (r \sin \theta d\phi)(r d\theta)$$

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Hemispherical Coordinates

- **Differential solid angle**

$$d\omega = \frac{dA}{r^2} = \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi$$

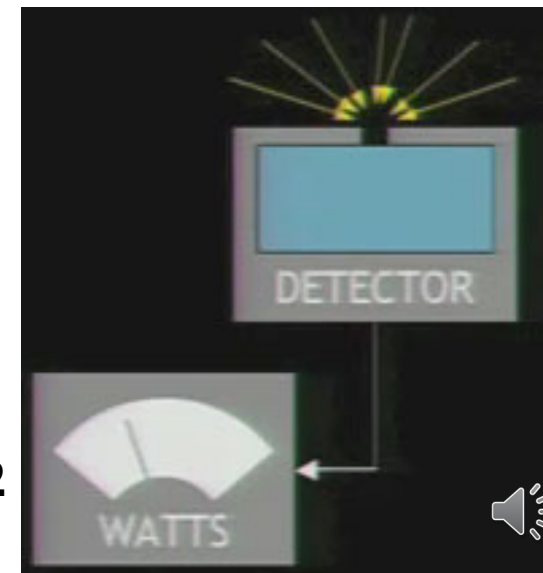
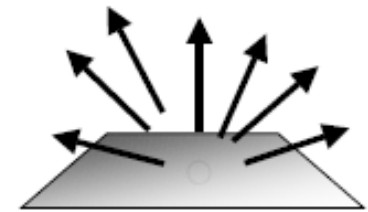
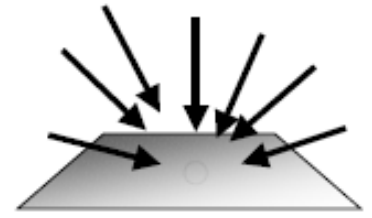
Hemispherical Integration

- **Area of hemisphere:**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Omega_x} d\omega &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin\theta d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi [-\cos\theta]_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \\ &= 2\pi\end{aligned}$$

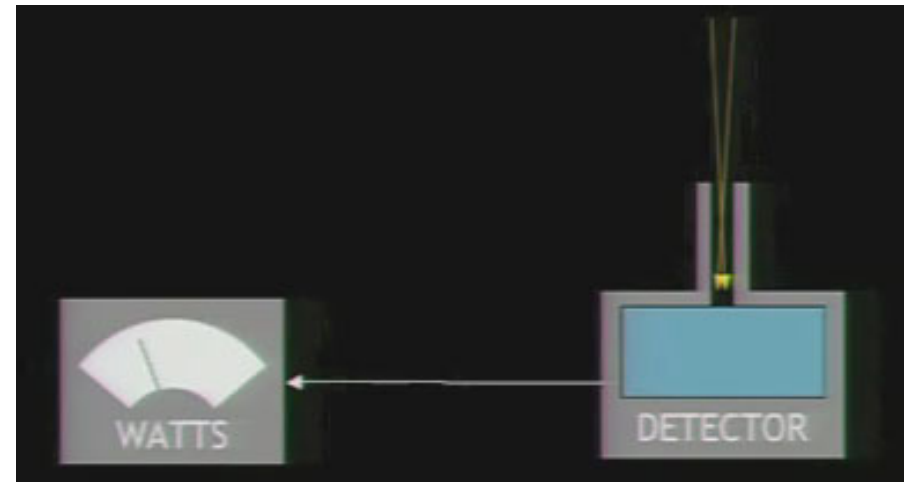
Irradiance

- **Incident radiant power per unit area (dP/dA)**
 - Area density of power
- **Symbol: E , unit: W/m^2**
 - Area power density exiting a surface is called radiance exitance (M) or radiosity (B)
- **For example**
 - A light source emitting 100 W of area $0.1 m^2$
 - Its radiant exitance is $1000 W/m^2$



Radiance

- **Radiant power at x in direction θ**
 - $L(x \rightarrow \Theta)$: 5D function
 - **Per unit area**
 - **Per unit solid angle**



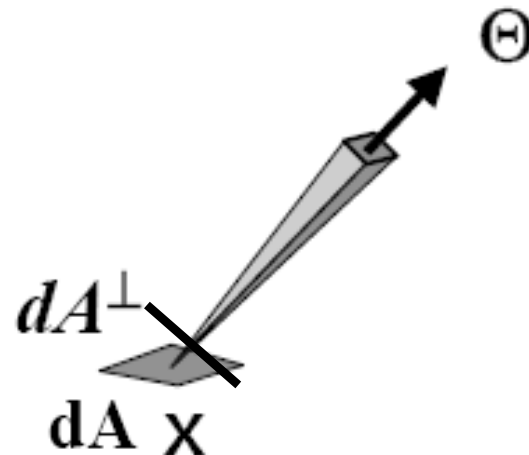
- **Important quantity for rendering**

Radiance

- **Radiant power at x in direction Θ**

- $L(x \rightarrow \Theta)$: **5D function**
 - **Per unit area**
 - **Per unit solid angle**

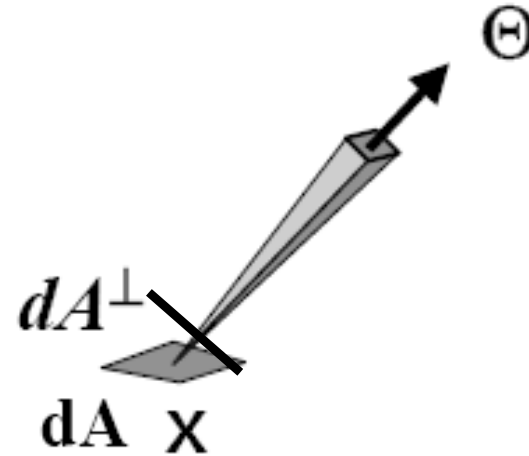
$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \frac{d^2 P}{dA^\perp d\omega_\Theta}$$



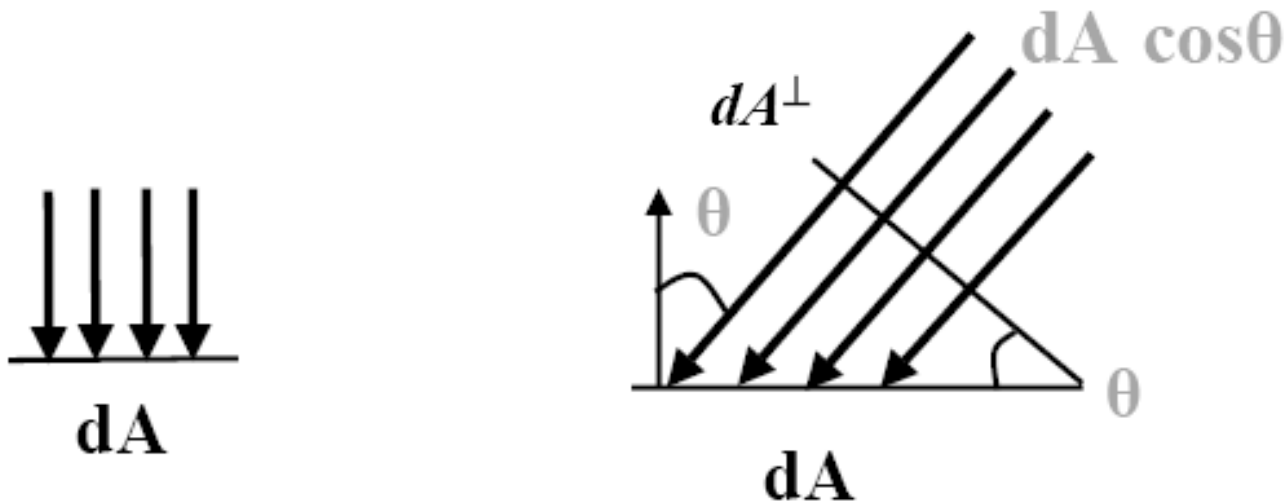
- **Units: Watt / (m² sr)**
- **Irradiance per unit solid angle**
- **2nd derivative of P**
- **Most commonly used term**

Radiance: Projected Area

$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \frac{d^2 P}{dA^\perp d\omega_\Theta}$$
$$= \frac{d^2 P}{d\omega_\Theta dA \cos \theta}$$

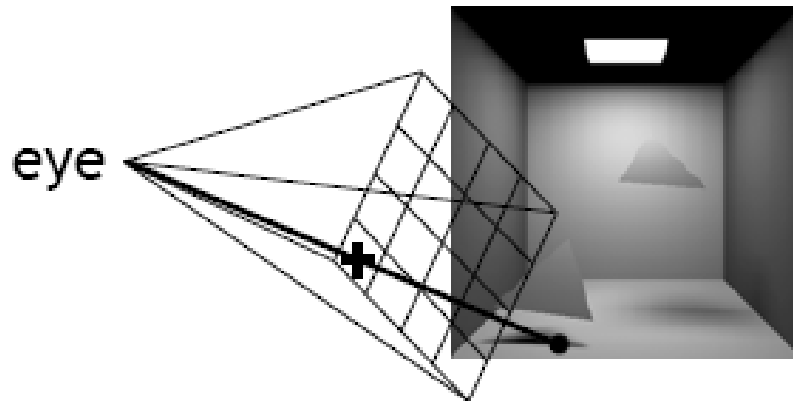


- Why per unit projected surface area



Sensitivity to Radiance

- **Responses of sensors (camera, human eye) is proportional to radiance**

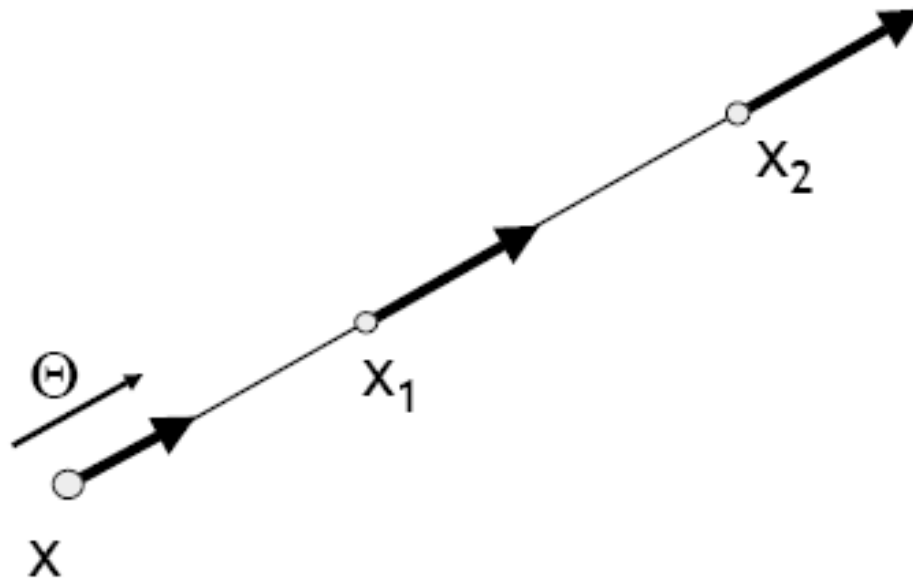


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- **Pixel values in image proportional to radiance received from that direction**

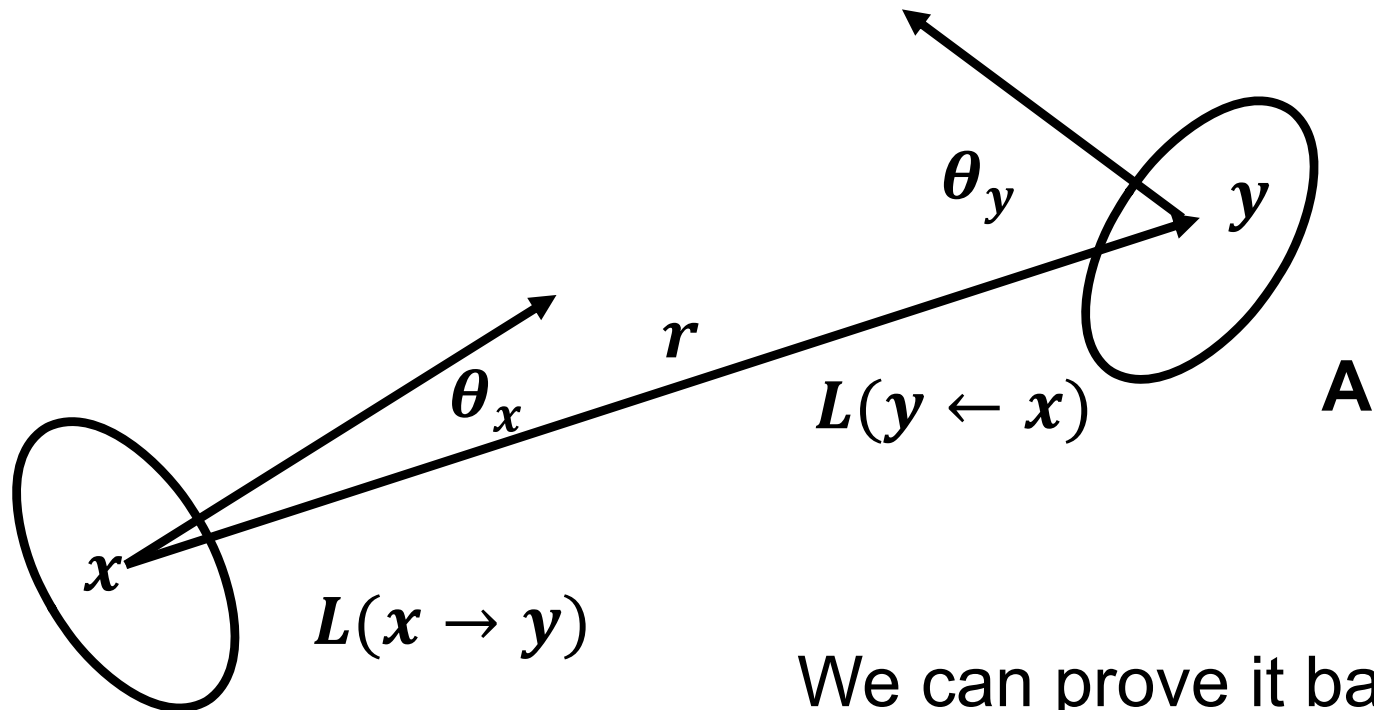
Properties of Radiance

- **Invariant along a straight line (in vacuum)**



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Invariance of Radiance



We can prove it based on the assumption the conservation of energy.

Relationships

- Radiance is the fundamental quantity

$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \frac{d^2 P}{dA^\perp d\omega_\Theta}$$

- Power:

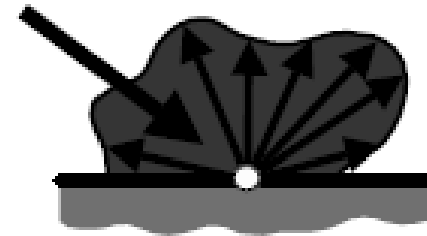
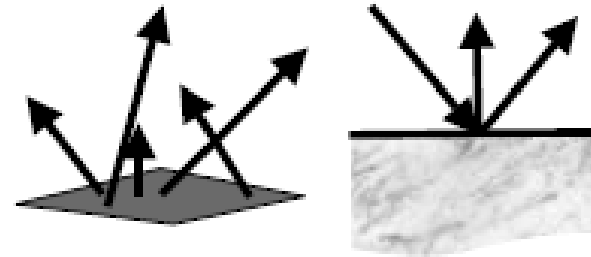
$$P = \int_{\text{Area}} \int_{\text{Solid Angle}} L(x \rightarrow \Theta) \cdot \cos \theta \cdot d\omega_\Theta \cdot dA$$

- Radiosity:

$$B = \int_{\text{Solid Angle}} L(x \rightarrow \Theta) \cdot \cos \theta \cdot d\omega_\Theta$$

Light and Material Interactions

- Physics of light
- Radiometry
- **Material properties**
- Rendering equation

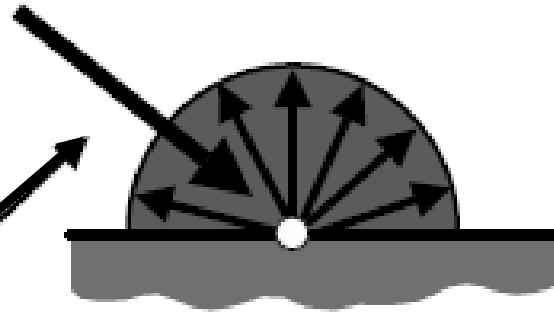


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Materials



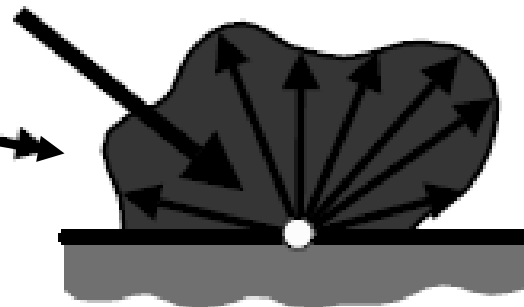
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**Ideal diffuse
(Lambertian)**

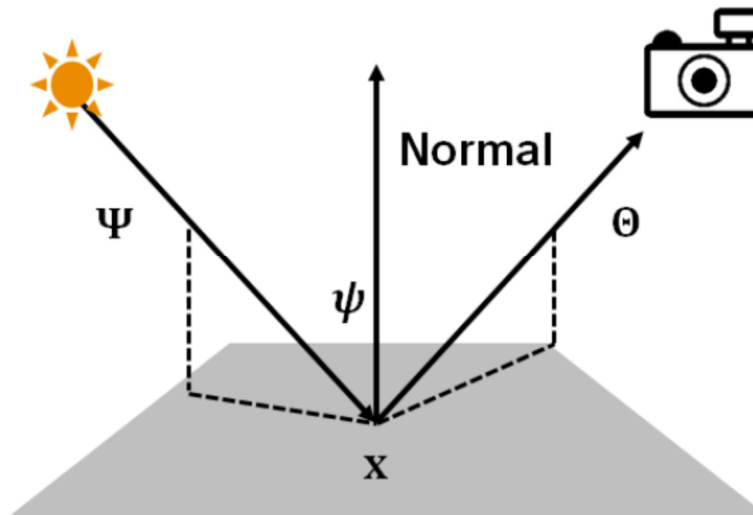


Ideal specular



Glossy

Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)

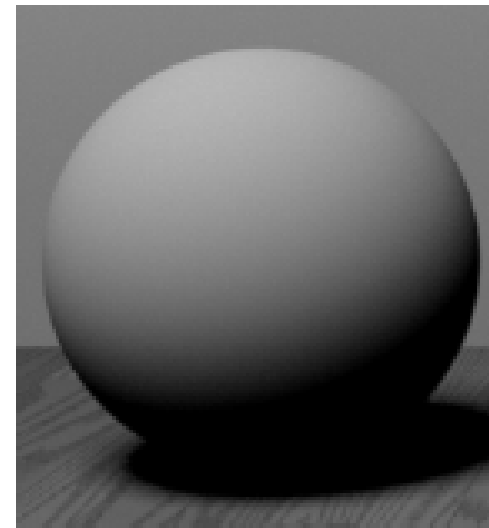


$$f_r(x, \Psi \rightarrow \Theta) = \frac{dL(x \rightarrow \Theta)}{dE(x \leftarrow \Psi)} = \frac{dL(x \rightarrow \Theta)}{L(x \leftarrow \Psi) \cos \psi d\omega_\Psi}$$

BRDF special case: ideal diffuse

Pure Lambertian

$$f_r(x, \Psi \rightarrow \Theta) = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi}$$

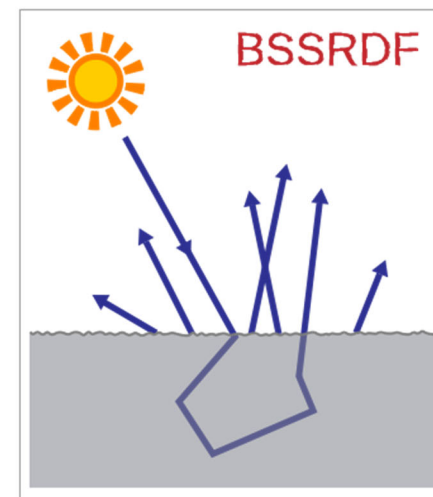
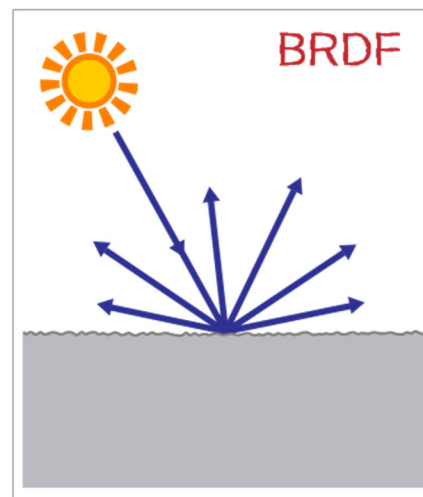
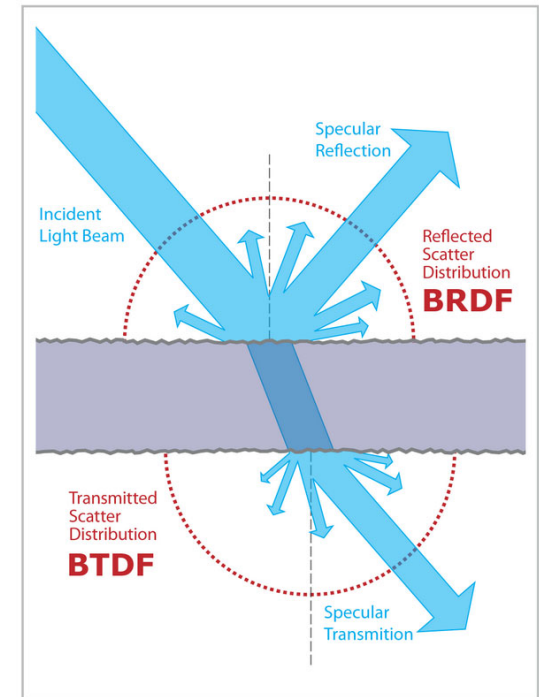


$$\rho_d = \frac{\text{Energy}_{out}}{\text{Energy}_{in}} \quad 0 \leq \rho_d \leq 1$$



Other Distribution Functions: BxDF

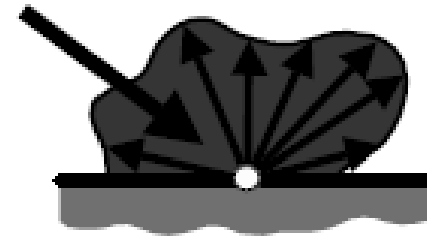
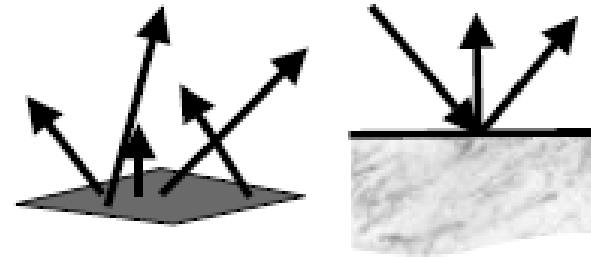
- **BSDF (S: Scattering)**
 - The general form combining BRDF + BTDF (T: Transmittance)
- **BSSRDF (SS: Surface Scattering)**
 - Handle subsurface scattering



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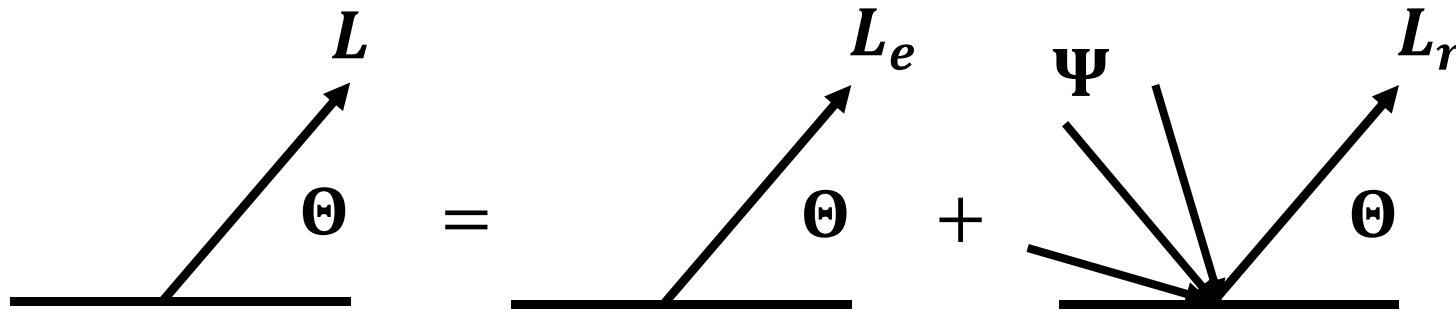
Light Transport

- **Goal**
 - **Describe steady-state radiance distribution in the scene**
- **Assumptions**
 - **Geometric optics**
 - **Achieves steady state instantaneously**

Rendering Equation

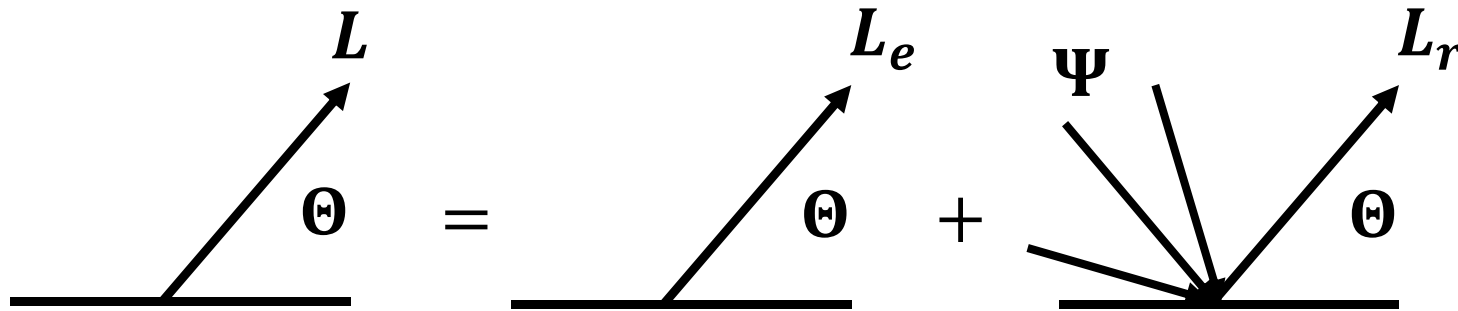
- **Describes energy transport in the scene**
- **Input**
 - **Light sources**
 - **Surface geometry**
 - **Reflectance characteristics of surfaces**
- **Output**
 - **Value of radiances at all surface points in all directions**

Rendering Equation



$$L(x \rightarrow \theta) = L_e(x \rightarrow \theta) + L_r(x \rightarrow \theta)$$

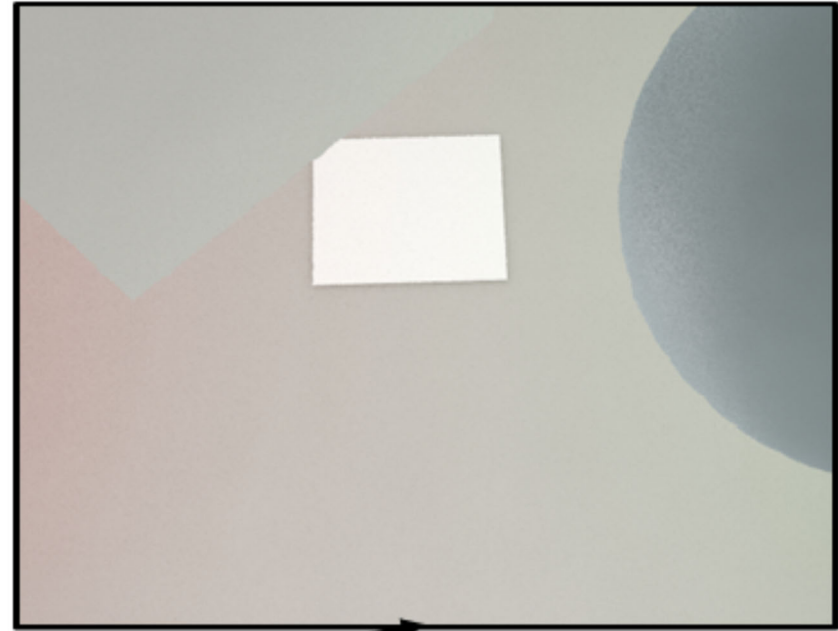
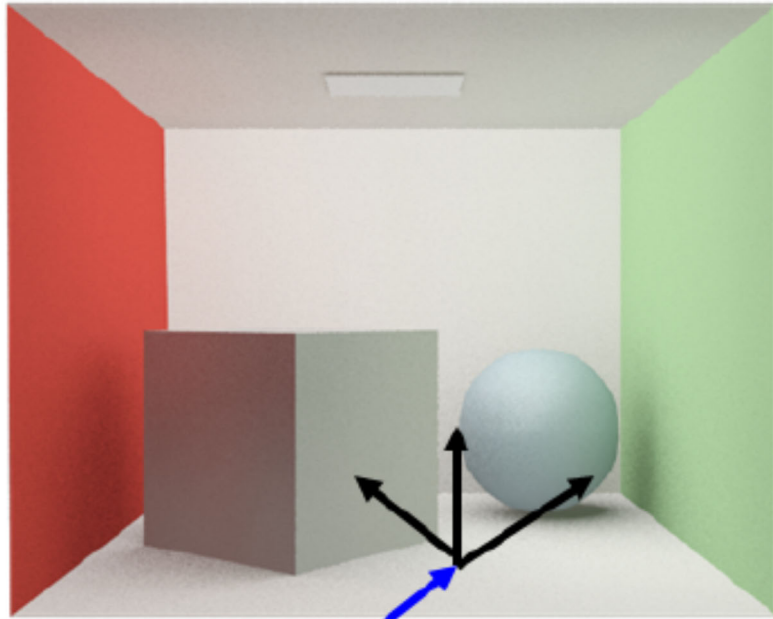
Rendering Equation



$$L_r(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \int_{\Psi} L(x \leftarrow \Psi) f_r(x, \Psi \rightarrow \Theta) \cos \theta_x d\omega_{\Psi},$$

- Applicable to all wave lengths

Rendering Equation

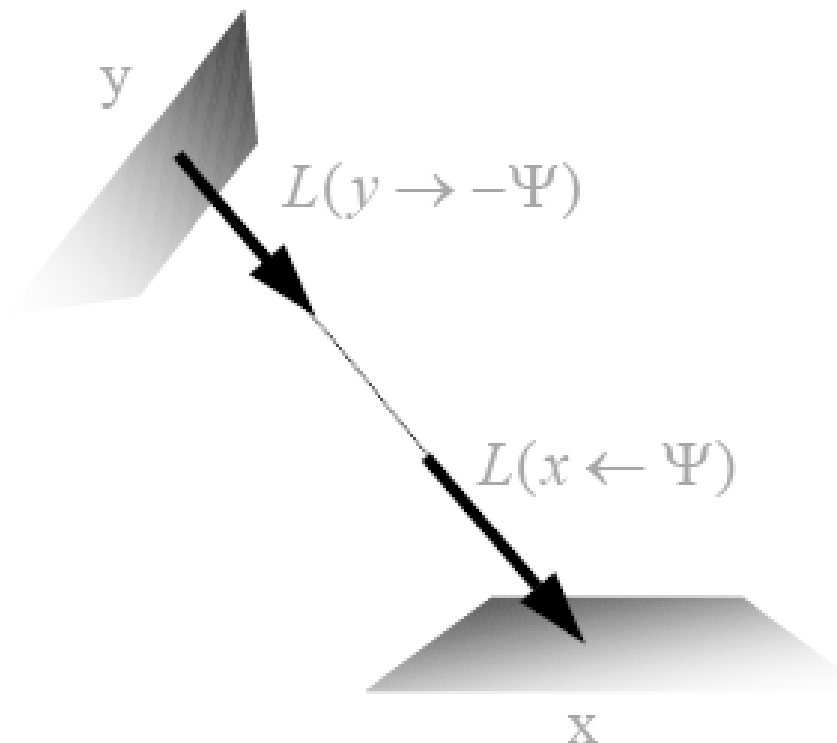


Incoming radiance on the hemisphere

$$L_r(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \int_{\Psi} L(x \leftarrow \Psi) f_r(x, \Psi \rightarrow \Theta) \cos \theta_x dw_{\Psi}$$

Rendering Equation: Area Formulation

$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = L_e(x \rightarrow \Theta) + \int_{\Omega_x} f_r(\Psi \leftrightarrow \Theta) \cdot L(x \leftarrow \Psi) \cdot \cos \theta_x \cdot d\omega_\Psi$$



Ray-casting function: what is the nearest visible surface point seen from x in direction Ψ ?

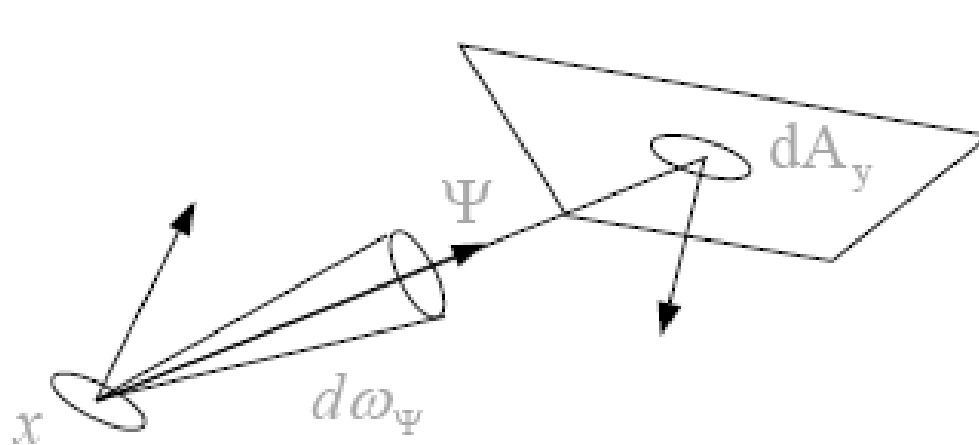
$$y = vp(x, \Psi)$$

$$L(x \leftarrow \Psi) = L(vp(x, \Psi) \rightarrow -\Psi)$$



Rendering Equation

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$$d\omega_\Psi = \frac{dA_y \cos \theta_y}{r_{xy}^2}$$

Rendering Equation: Visible Surfaces

$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = L_e(x \rightarrow \Theta) + \int_{\Omega_x} f_r(\Psi \leftrightarrow \Theta) \cdot L(x \leftarrow \Psi) \cdot \cos \theta_x \cdot d\omega_\Psi$$

Coordinate transform



$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = L_e(x \rightarrow \Theta) + \int_{\substack{y \text{ on} \\ \text{all surfaces}}} f_r(\Psi \leftrightarrow \Theta) \cdot L(y \rightarrow -\Psi) \cos \theta_x \cdot \frac{\cos \theta_y}{r_{xy}^2} \cdot dA_y$$



$$y = vp(x, \Psi)$$



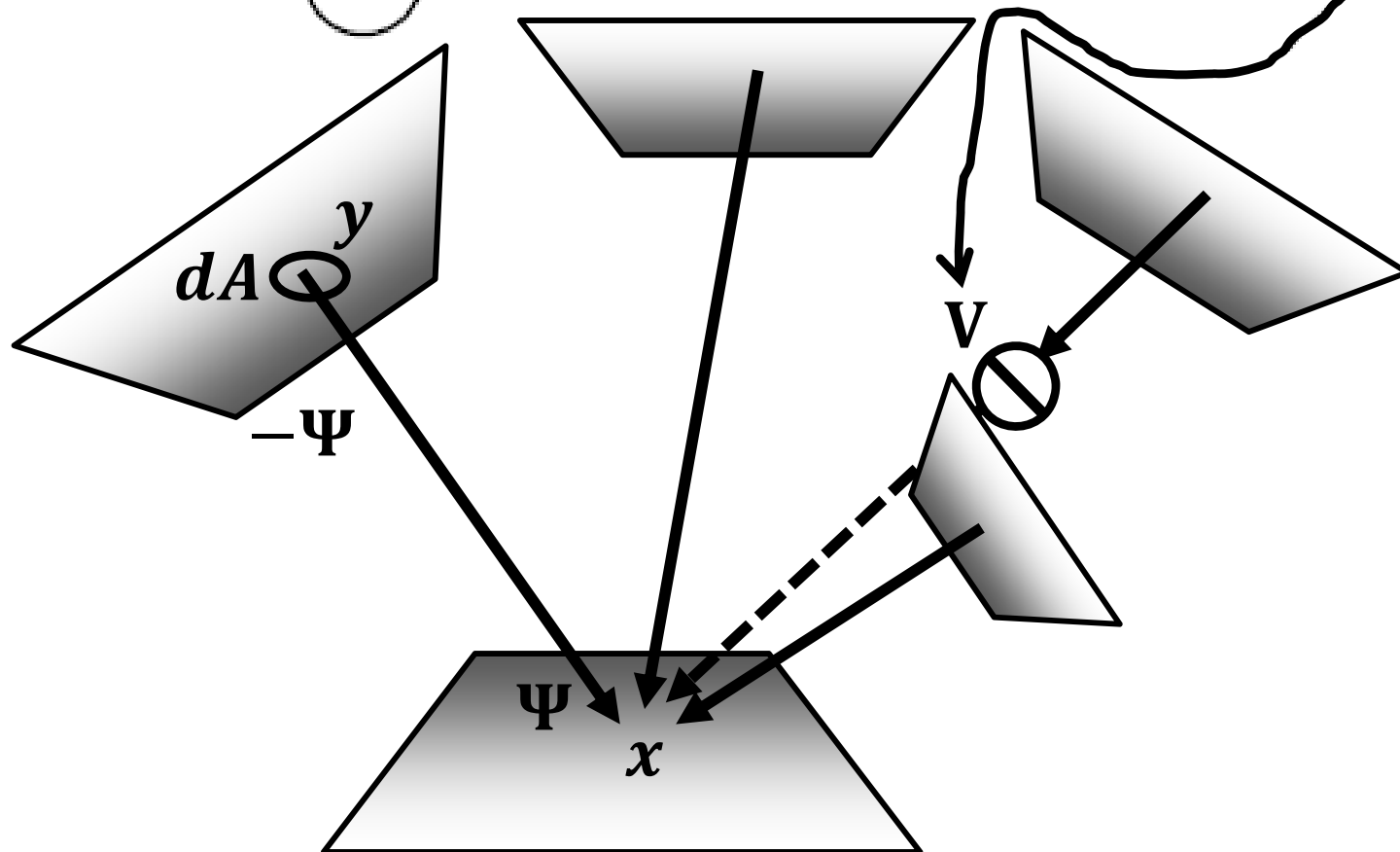
Integration domain = visible surface points y

- Integration domain extended to ALL surface points by including visibility function



Rendering Equation: All Surfaces

$$L(x \rightarrow \Theta) = L_e(\dots) + \int_A f_r(\dots) \cdot L(y \rightarrow -\Psi) \cdot \frac{\cos \theta_x \cdot \cos \theta_y}{r_{xy}^2} \cdot V(x, y) dA_y$$



Two Forms of the Rendering Equation

- **Hemisphere integration**

$$L_r(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \int_{\Psi} L(x \leftarrow \Psi) f_r(x, \Psi \rightarrow \Theta) \cos \theta_x d\omega_{\Psi}$$

- **Area integration (used as the form factor for radiosity)**

$$L_r(x \rightarrow \Theta) = \int_A L(y \rightarrow -\Psi) f_r(x, \Psi \rightarrow \Theta) \frac{\cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y}{r_{xy}^2} V(x, y) dA,$$

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Any Questions?

- **Submit four times in Sep./Oct.**
- **Come up with one question on what we have discussed in the class and submit at the end of the class**
 - **1 for typical questions**
 - **2 for questions that have some thoughts or surprise me**

Next Time

- **Monte Carlo rendering methods**

Homework

- **Go over the next lecture slides before the class**
- **Watch two videos or go over papers, and submit your summaries every Mon. class**
 - **Just one paragraph for each summary**

Example:

Title: XXX XXXX XXXX

Abstract: this video is about accelerating the performance of ray tracing. To achieve its goal, they design a new technique for reordering rays, since by doing so, they can improve the ray coherence and thus improve the overall performance.