

# Sampling and Reconstruction of Visual Appearance

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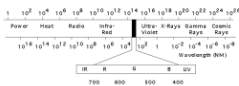
## Motivation: BRDFs, Radiometry

- Basics of Illumination, Reflection
- Formal radiometric analysis (not ad-hoc)
- Reflection Equation
- Monte Carlo Rendering next week
- Appreciate formal analysis in a graduate course, even if not absolutely essential in practice

## Light

Visible electromagnetic radiation

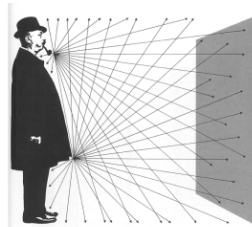
Power spectrum



Polarization

Photon (quantum effects)

Wave (interference, diffraction)



From London and Upton

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## Radiometry

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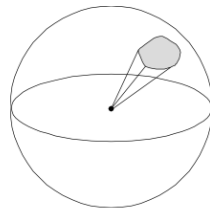
## Angles and Solid Angles

■ Angle  $\theta = \frac{l}{r}$

⇒ circle has  $2\pi$  radians

■ Solid angle  $\Omega = \frac{A}{R^2}$

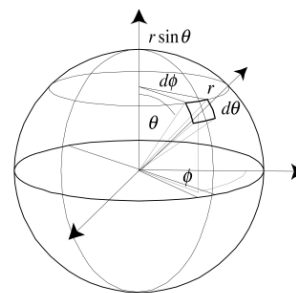
⇒ sphere has  $4\pi$  steradians



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## Differential Solid Angles

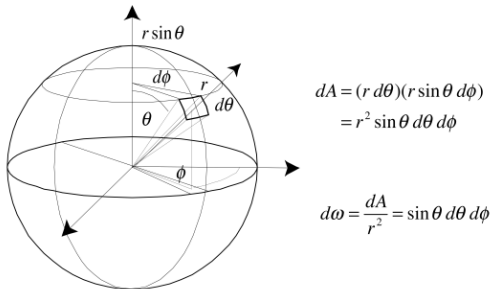


$$dA = (r d\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi) = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

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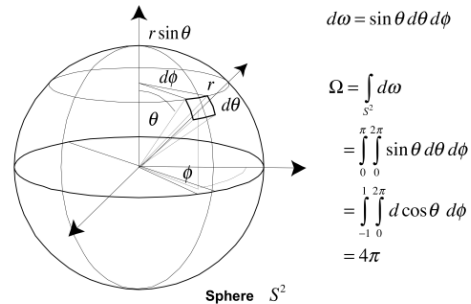
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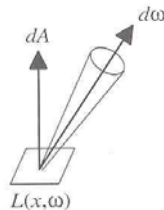
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## Radiance

- Power per unit projected area perpendicular to the ray per unit solid angle in the direction of the ray

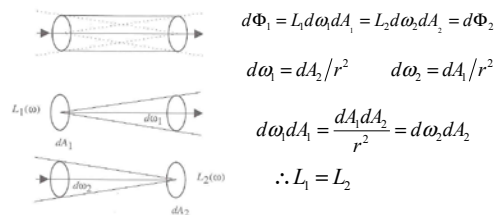
- Symbol:  $L(x, \omega)$  ( $\text{W/m}^2 \text{sr}$ )

- Flux given by  $d\Phi = L(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega dA$



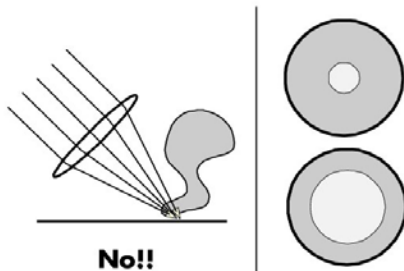
## Radiance properties

- Radiance constant as propagates along ray
  - Derived from conservation of flux
  - Fundamental in Light Transport.



## Quiz

Does radiance increase under a magnifying glass?

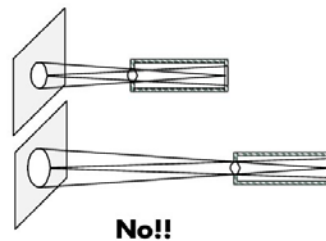


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## Quiz

Does the brightness that a wall appears to the eye depend on the distance of the viewer to the wall?



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## Radiance properties

- Sensor response proportional to radiance (constant of proportionality is throughput)
  - Far away surface: See more, but subtends smaller angle
  - Wall equally bright across viewing distances
- Consequences
  - Radiance associated with rays in a ray tracer
  - Other radiometric quants derived from radiance

## Irradiance, Radiosity

- Irradiance  $E$  is radiant power per unit area
- Integrate incoming radiance over hemisphere
  - Projected solid angle ( $\cos \theta d\omega$ )
  - Uniform illumination: Irradiance =  $\pi$  [CW 24,25]
  - Units:  $\text{W/m}^2$
- Radiant Exitance (radiosity)
  - Power per unit area leaving surface (like irradiance)

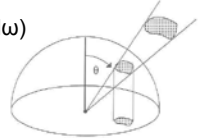


Figure 2.8: Projection of differential area.

## Directional Power Arriving at a Surface

$$d^2 \Phi_i(x, \omega) = L_i(x, \omega) \cos \theta dA d\omega$$

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## Irradiance from the Environment

$$d^2 \Phi_i(x, \omega) = L_i(x, \omega) \cos \theta dA d\omega$$

$$dE(x, \omega) = L_i(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega$$



Light meter

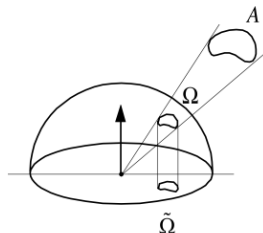
$$E(x) = \int_{H^2} L_i(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega$$

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## Uniform Area Source

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \int_{H^2} L \cos \theta d\omega \\ &= L \int_{\Omega} \cos \theta d\omega \\ &= L \tilde{\Omega} \end{aligned}$$



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## Irradiance Environment Maps



Incident Radiance  
(Illumination Environment Map)



Irradiance Environment Map

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## Types of Reflection Functions

### Ideal Specular

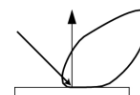
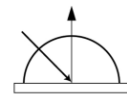
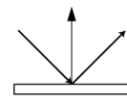
- Reflection Law
- Mirror

### Ideal Diffuse

- Lambert's Law
- Matte

### Specular

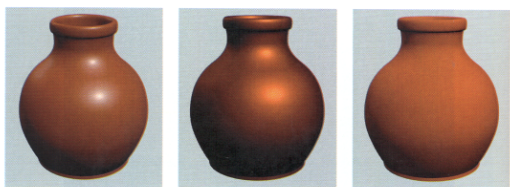
- Glossy
- Directional diffuse



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## Materials



Plastic

Metal

Matte

From Apodaca and Gritz, *Advanced RenderMan*

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## Spheres [Matusik et al.]



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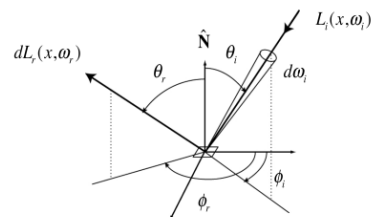
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## Building up the BRDF

- Bi-Directional Reflectance Distribution Function [Nicodemus 77]
- Function based on incident, view direction
- Relates incoming light energy to outgoing
- Unifying framework for many materials

## The BRDF

### Bidirectional Reflectance-Distribution Function



$$f_r(\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_r) \equiv \frac{dL_r(x, \omega_r)}{dE_i} \left[ \frac{1}{sr} \right]$$

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## BRDF

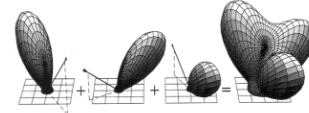
- Reflected Radiance proportional Irradiance
- Constant proportionality: BRDF
- Ratio of outgoing light (radiance) to incoming light (irradiance)
  - Bidirectional Reflection Distribution Function
  - (4 Vars) units 1/sr

$$f(\omega_i, \omega_r) = \frac{L_r(\omega_r)}{L_i(\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i}$$

$$L_r(\omega_r) = L_i(\omega_i) f(\omega_i, \omega_r) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i$$

## Properties of BRDF's

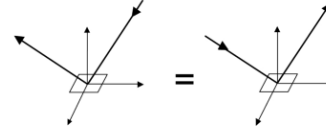
### 1. Linearity



From Sillion, Arvo, Westin, Greenberg

### 2. Reciprocity principle

$$f_r(\omega_r \rightarrow \omega_i) = f_r(\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_r)$$



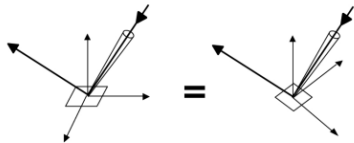
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## Properties of BRDF's

### 3. Isotropic vs. anisotropic

$$f_r(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) = f_r(\theta_i, \theta_r, \phi_r - \phi_i)$$



Reciprocity and isotropy

$$f_r(\theta_i, \theta_r, \phi_r - \phi_i) = f_r(\theta_r, \theta_i, \phi_i - \phi_r) = f_r(\theta_i, \theta_r, |\phi_r - \phi_i|)$$

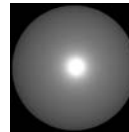
### 4. Energy conservation

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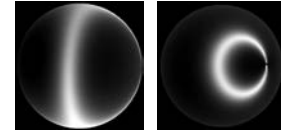
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## Isotropic vs Anisotropic

- Isotropic: Most materials (you can rotate about normal without changing reflections)
- Anisotropic: brushed metal etc. preferred tangential direction



Isotropic



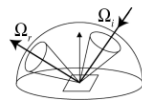
Anisotropic

## Energy Conservation

$$\frac{d\Phi_r}{d\Phi_i} = \frac{\int_{\Omega_r} L_r(\omega_r) \cos \theta_r d\omega_r}{\int_{\Omega_i} L_i(\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i}$$

$$= \frac{\int_{\Omega_r} \int_{\Omega_i} f_r(\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_r) L_i(\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i \cos \theta_r d\omega_r}{\int_{\Omega_i} L_i(\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i}$$

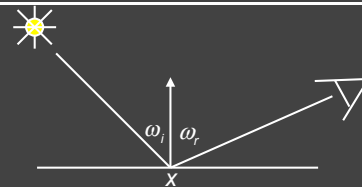
$$\leq 1$$



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## Reflection Equation



$$L_r(x, \omega_r) = L_e(x, \omega_r) + L_i(x, \omega_i) f(x, \omega_i, \omega_r) (\omega_i \cdot n)$$

Reflected Light (Output Image)   Emission   Incident Light (from light source)   BRDF   Cosine of Incident angle

### Reflection Equation

Sum over all light sources

$$L_r(x, \omega_r) = L_e(x, \omega_r) + \sum L_i(x, \omega_i) f(x, \omega_i, \omega_r) (\omega_i \cdot n)$$

Reflected Light (Output Image)	Emission	Incident Light (from light source)	BRDF	Cosine of Incident angle
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### Reflection Equation

Replace sum with integral

$$L_r(x, \omega_r) = L_e(x, \omega_r) + \int_{\Omega} L_i(x, \omega_i) f(x, \omega_i, \omega_r) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i$$

Reflected Light (Output Image)	Emission	Incident Light (from light source)	BRDF	Cosine of Incident angle
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### Brdf Viewer plots

Diffuse Torrance-Sparrow Anisotropic

by written by Szymon Rusinkiewicz

### Ideal Diffuse Reflection

Assume light is equally likely to be reflected in any output direction (independent of input direction).

$$L_{r,d}(\omega_r) = \int f_{r,d} L_i(\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i$$

$$= f_{r,d} \int L_i(\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i$$

$$= f_{r,d} E$$

$$M = \int L_r(\omega_r) \cos \theta_r d\omega_r = L_r \int \cos \theta_r d\omega_r = \pi L_r$$

$$\rho_d = \frac{M}{E} = \frac{\pi L_r}{E} = \frac{\pi f_{r,d} E}{E} = \pi f_{r,d} \Rightarrow f_{r,d} = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi}$$

**Lambert's Cosine Law**  $M = \rho_d E = \rho_d E_i \cos \theta_i$

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### Phong Model

$$(\hat{E} \cdot \mathbf{R}(\hat{L}))^p = (\hat{L} \cdot \mathbf{R}(\hat{E}))^p$$

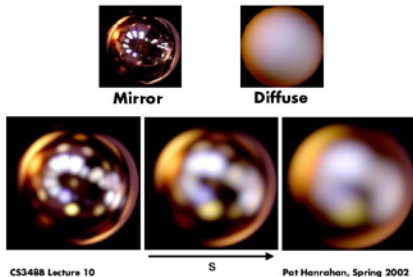
**Reciprocity:**  $(\hat{E} \cdot \mathbf{R}(\hat{L}))^p = (\hat{L} \cdot \mathbf{R}(\hat{E}))^p$

**Distributed light source!**

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## Specular Term (Phong)

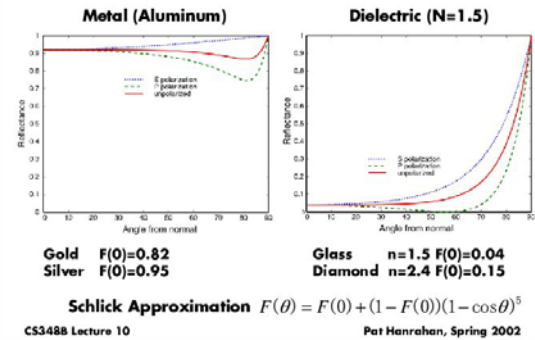
### Phong Model



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## Fresnel Reflectance



## Experiment

### Reflections from a shiny floor



From Lafortune, Foo, Torrance, Greenberg, SIGGRAPH 97

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## Torrance-Sparrow

Fresnel term:  
allows for wavelength  
dependency

Geometric Attenuation:  
reduces the output based on the  
amount of shadowing or masking  
that occurs

$$f = \frac{F(\theta_i)G(\omega_i, \omega_r)D(\theta_h)}{4\cos(\theta_i)\cos(\theta_r)}$$

How much of the  
macroscopic surface  
is visible to the light  
source

How much of the  
macroscopic surface  
is visible  
to the viewer

Distribution:  
distribution function  
determines what  
percentage of  
microfacets are  
oriented to reflect in  
the viewer direction.

## Other BRDF models

- Empirical: Measure and build a 4D table
- Anisotropic models for hair, brushed steel
- Cartoon shaders, funky BRDFs
- Capturing spatial variation
- Very active area of research