

# COMS 30115

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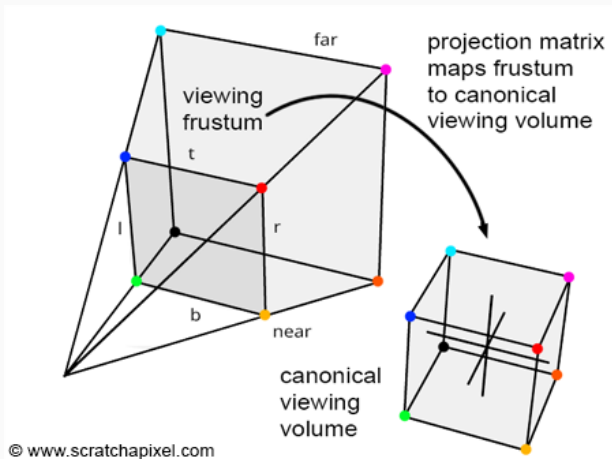
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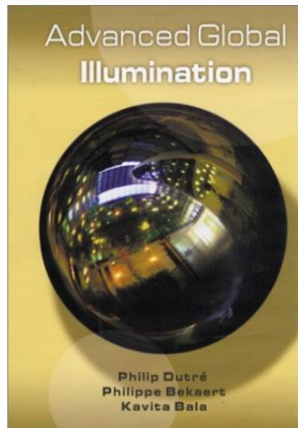
3. Map homogenous coordinate to screen space by homgenising coordinate

$$[x_{clipped}, y_{clipped}, z, \frac{z}{f}]^T \rightarrow [x_{clipped} \frac{f}{z}, y_{clipped} \frac{f}{z}, z \frac{f}{z}, \frac{z}{f} \frac{f}{z}]^T = [u_{clipped}, v_{clipped}, f, 1]^T$$

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- Scratchapixel on Global Illumination
- Equation compendium that later turned into “the book”
- Monte-Carlo Methods in Global Illumination free textbook



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# Rendering Equation

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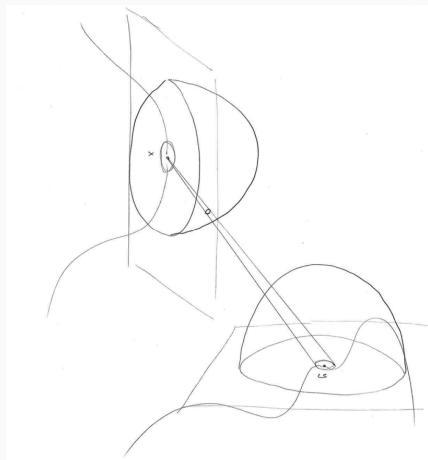
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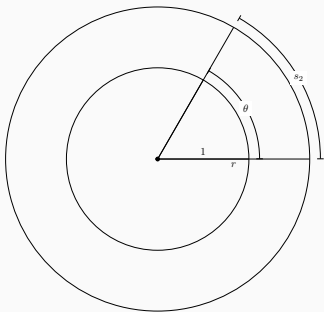
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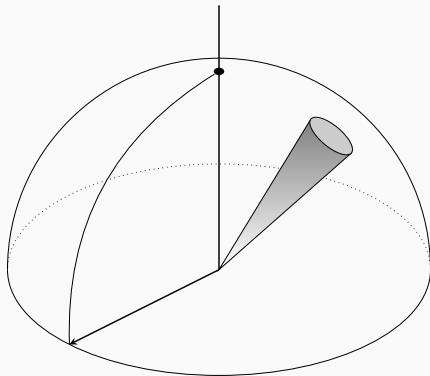


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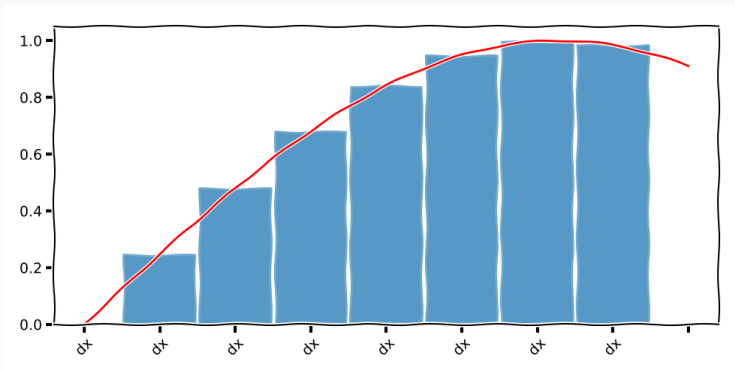


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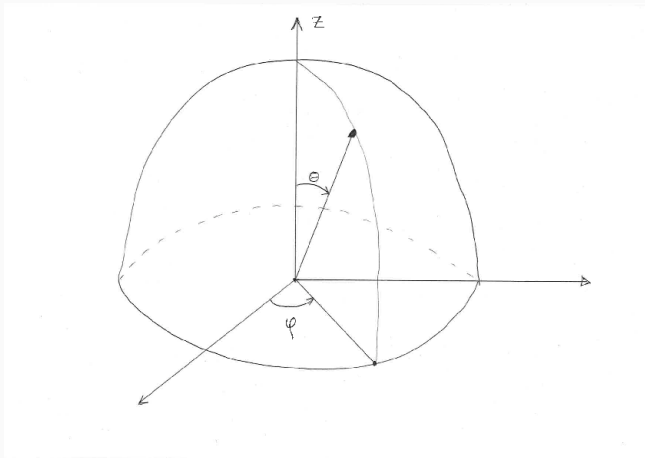
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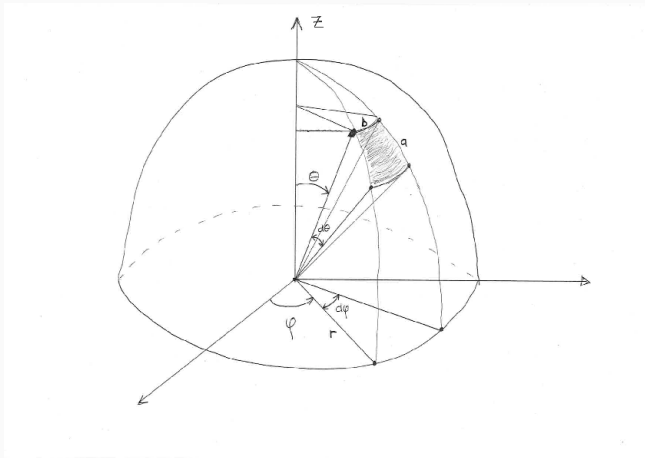
$$A = \int f(x) dx$$



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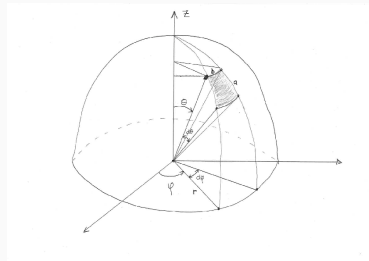


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$$\begin{aligned}dA &= d\omega_{\Theta} = \lim_{d\phi \rightarrow 0, d\theta \rightarrow 0} a \cdot b \\b &= \sin(\theta) r d\phi \\a &= r d\theta \\\Rightarrow d\omega_{\Theta} &= r^2 \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta\end{aligned}$$



We can parametrise a differential surface which can be used as an interface for computing light transport through the geometry

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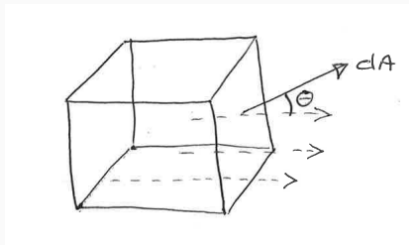
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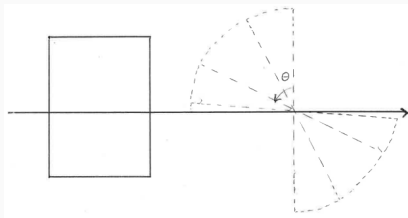
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$$L = \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\omega dA^\perp} = \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\omega \cos(\theta) dA}$$

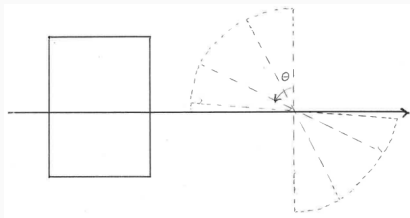
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$$\Phi = E \cdot p(x, \omega, \lambda) d\omega d\lambda cdt dA \cos(\theta)$$

## Planck-Einstein relation

$$E = \frac{c}{\lambda} h = \frac{\frac{[m/s]}{[m]}}{[m/s]} [Joules \cdot s] = [Joules]$$

- $h$  is Planck's constant

$$h \approx 6.626070040 \cdot 10^{-34} [Joules \cdot s]$$

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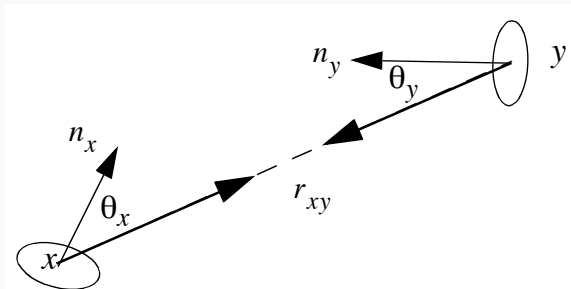
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$$\Rightarrow L(x \rightarrow y) = L(y \leftarrow x)$$

# The Physics of Light Transport



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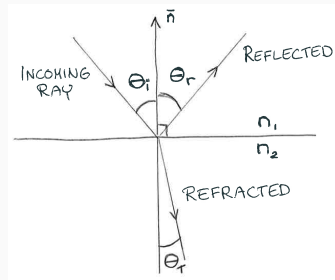
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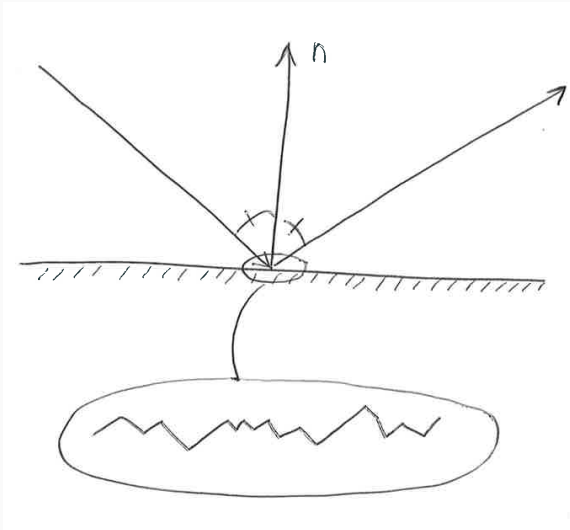
The radiance leaving point  $x$  directed towards point  $y$  is the same as the radiance arriving at point  $y$  leaving point  $x$ . Assuming that the light is travelling through vacuum.

# BRDFs

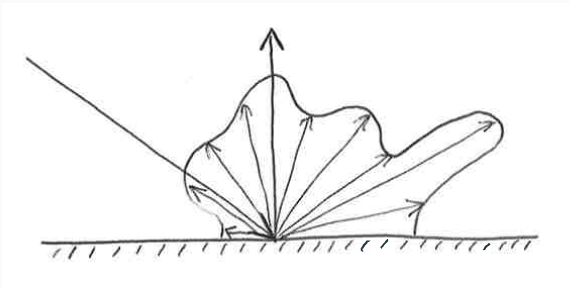
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- Light still behaves the same
- Incoming light
- Outgoing
  - Reflected
  - Refracted
- BRDF parametrises behaviour









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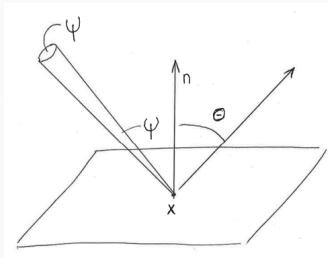
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- *Defined over whole sphere to represent transparency*
- *Dimension: Four dimensional, input direction (2) and output direction (2)*
- *Reciprocity: Reversing the direction of light does not alter the BRDF*

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- Energy Conservation: *the amount of power reflected over all directions of a point must be the same or smaller than the total amount of energy incident to on the surface*

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$$M(x) = \int_{\Omega_x} L(x \rightarrow \Theta) \cos(\mathbf{n}_x, \Theta) d\omega_\Theta$$

- Energy is conserved if  $\frac{M(x)}{E(x)} \leq 1$

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- The above has to be true for **any** incident radiance function  $L(x \leftarrow \Psi)$

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## Rendering Equation

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# Rendering Equation<sup>2</sup>

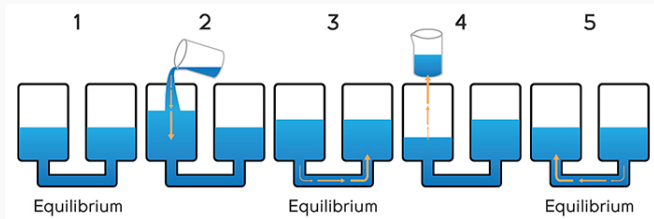
- Now we have all the building blocks
  - Solid angles allows us to define computational interfaces
  - BRDFs allows us to parametrise interactions
  - Properties of BRDFs guarantees physical correctness



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<sup>2</sup><http://blenderartists.org/forum/showthread.php?146041-Cornell-Box-with-BI>

# Rendering Equation



Light is very very fast, so we can assume that the equilibrium happens instantly (at least for world size scenes)

# Rendering Equation

Radiance going out from a point  $x$  in a direction  $\Theta$

- Emitted radiance (light source):

$$L_e(x \rightarrow \Theta)$$

- Reflected radiance

$$L_r(x \rightarrow \Theta)$$

- Total outgoing radiance:

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

# Rendering Equation

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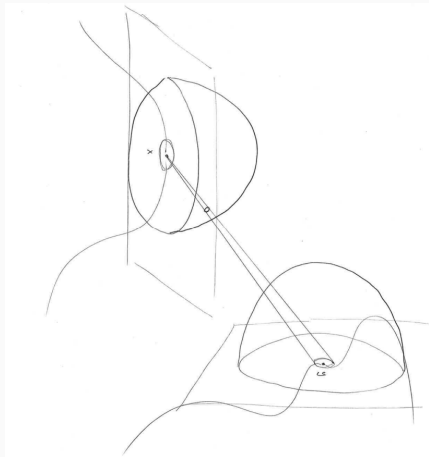
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- We want to solve for the radiance  $L(x \rightarrow \theta) \quad \forall \{x, \theta\}$  for the whole scene, why is this complicated?



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## Summary

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- We want to include indirect light in our rendering
- Hemispherical coordinates provides interface to do computations on
- Derivation of Rendering equation through BRDF
- Rendering as a transport problem

### **Lecture** Classical Radiosity

- First rendering technique for GI

### **Lab** Finish up the 50% mark

- Think about extensions

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