

#flo #ret #ref #disorganized #incomplete #hw

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## 1 | Les go.

- we need to figure out:
  - what is the curve of generation over a day
  - how does this curve shift over the seasons?
- our inputs
  - location
  - time of year (season)
- output
  - generation curve over a day

look into: Global Tilted Irradiance.

**all we care about is the relative shape and how the relative shape changes!** this is because the other stuff will be consistent, and we aren't recommending a solar system

### 1.0.1 | terms:

solar irradiance: power per unit area ( $\text{W/m}^2$ ) integrated over time gives us: insolation ( $\text{J/m}^2$ ) solar irradiance aka solar flux: power per unit area!

TSI: total solar irradiance. when the sun is perpendicular! over a square meter. this is just a constant

zenith angle: angle between sun's rays and vertical direction (of earth). "local normal to earth's surface" and sun rays (line between point on earth surface and sun)

declination angle: latitude of point directly under the sun at **noon** complement of solar zenith angle

subsolar point: point that is closest to the sun on a planet

hour angle  $h$ : defined as the longitude of the subsolar point relative to its position at noon. AKA how far it moves in an hour!

A cos zenith angle is the area of sunlight received per area on earth AKA how much sunlight area you're actually getting for an area on earth.

### 1.0.2 | helpful relations

spherical law of cosines!

$$\cos \delta = \sin \phi \sin \delta_0 + \cos \phi \cos \delta_0 \cos h_0$$