

The Rendering Equation

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-What?

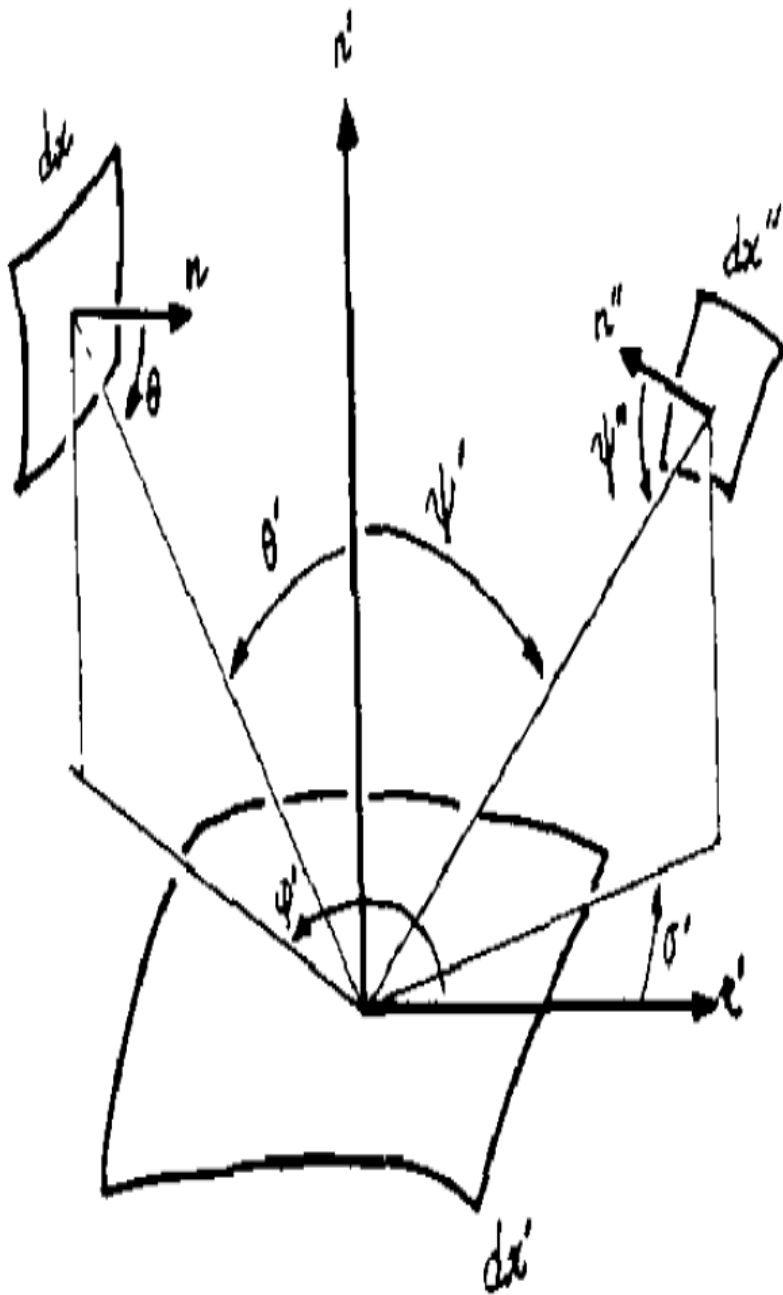
$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

$I(x, x')$ is related to the intensity of light passing from point x' to point x

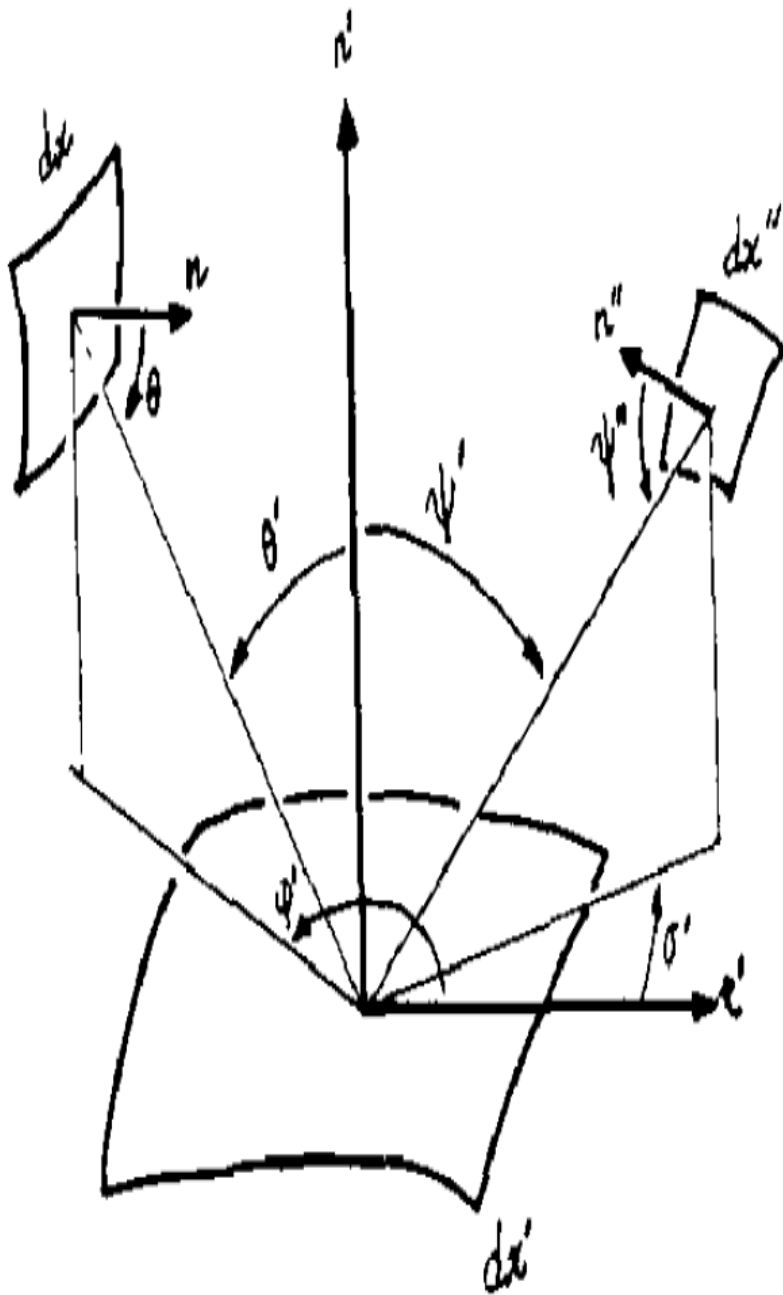
$g(x, x')$ is a “geometry” term

$\epsilon(x, x')$ is related to the intensity of emitted light from x' to x

$\rho(x, x', x'')$ is related to the intensity of light scattered from x'' to x by a patch of surface at x'



- Assume that your eye is at x plane
 - How would you measure?
 - You are looking at x'



- Sum up these two
 - light from x' itself
 - Light reflected from x' coming from x''

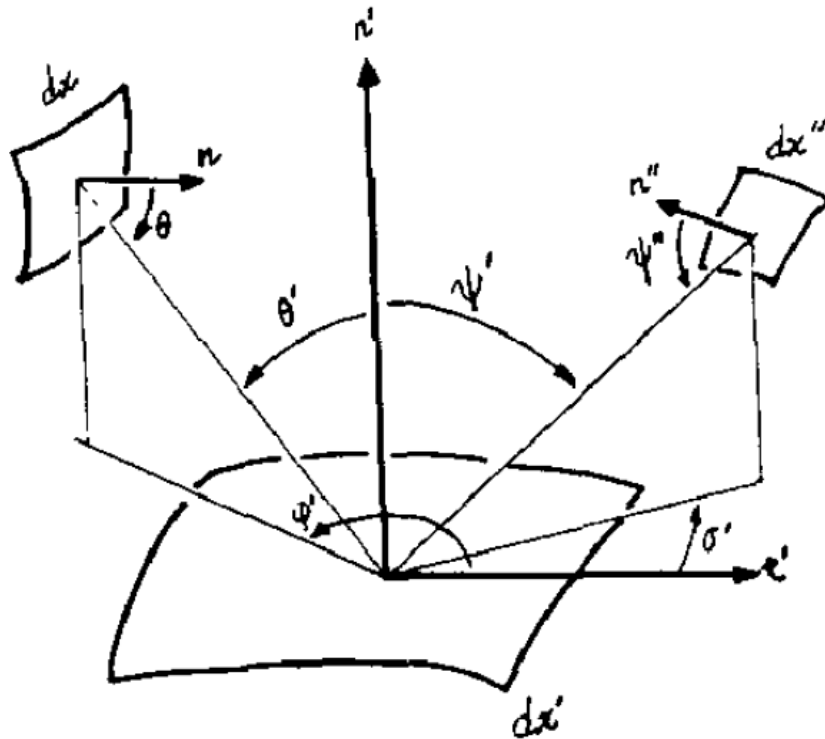
That is this

$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

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$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

- $P(x, x', x'')$ is BRDF term
- $I(x', x'')$ – light intensity coming from x'' plane.



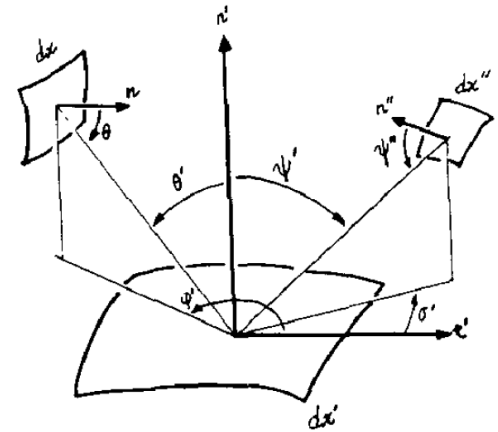
Energy Transport Function

$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

$$dE = I(x, x') dt dx dx'$$

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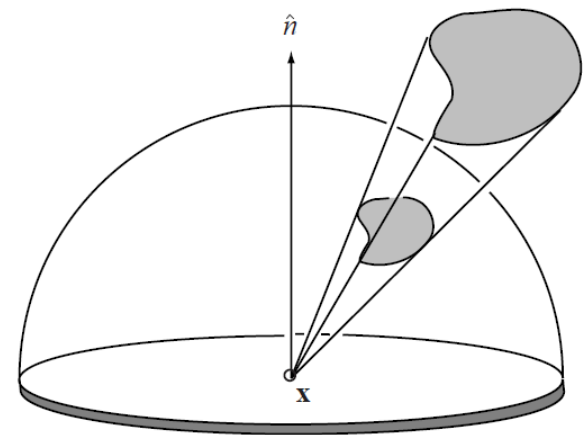
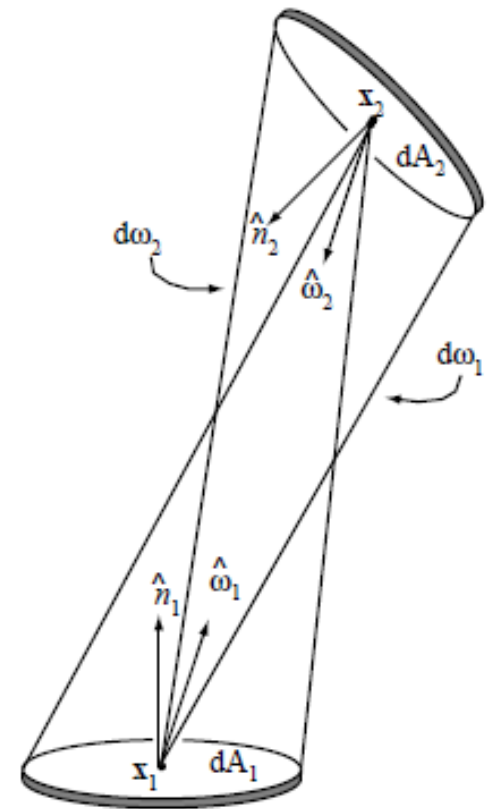
$$dE = \frac{1}{r^2} \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dt dx dx' dx''$$



- We can re-define I
 - in terms of angles
 - $d\omega \rightarrow$ picture

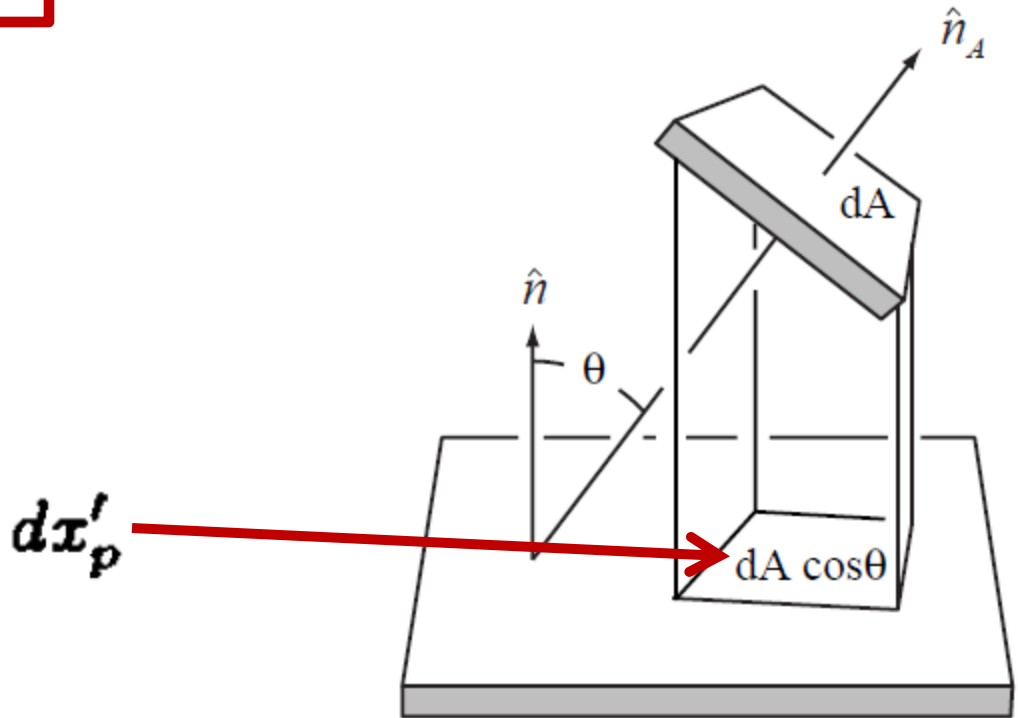
$$I(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}'')$$

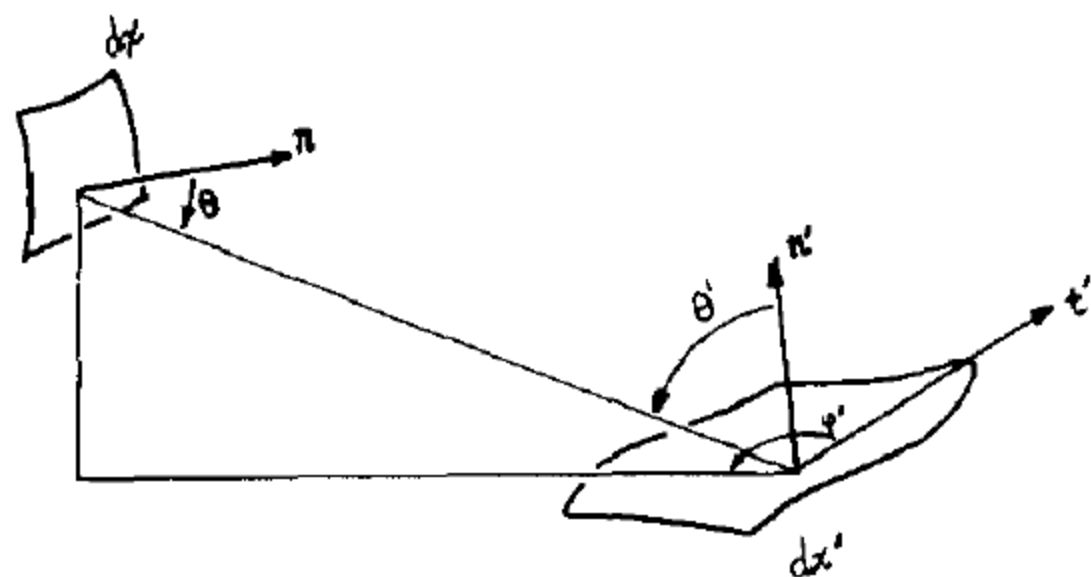
$$dE = i(\theta', \phi') d\omega d\mathbf{x}'_p dt$$



Emitting surface area – projected A

$$dE = i(\theta', \phi') d\omega \boxed{dx'_p} dt$$





$$r = \|x - x'\|$$

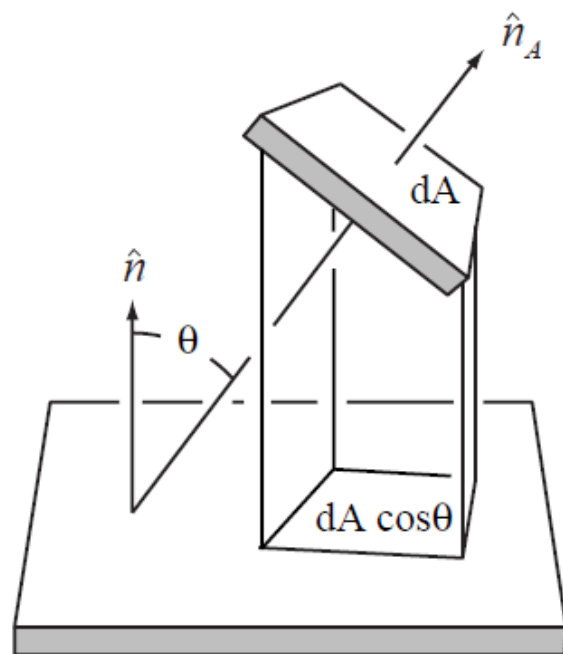
$$dx'_p = dx' \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{r} \langle \mathbf{n}, x - x' \rangle$$

$$\cos \theta' = \frac{1}{r} \langle \mathbf{n}', x - x' \rangle$$

$$\cos \phi' = \frac{1}{r} \langle \mathbf{t}', x - x' \rangle$$

$$d\omega = \frac{dx_p}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \cos \theta \, dx$$



Induction

$$dE = i(\theta', \phi') d\omega dx'_p dt \quad d\omega = \frac{dx_p}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \cos \theta dx$$

$$dE = i(\theta', \phi') \frac{1}{r^2} \cos \theta \cos \theta' dt dx dx'$$

Equating two terms

$$dE = i(\theta', \phi') d\omega dx'_p dt$$

$$dE = \frac{1}{r^2} \epsilon(x, x') dt dx dx'$$

- We do that about just $\epsilon(\theta', \phi')$

$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

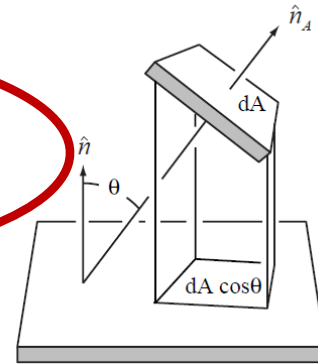
$$\frac{1}{r^2} \varepsilon(x, x') dt dx dx' = \varepsilon(\theta', \phi') dw dx'_p dt$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \varepsilon(x, x') dt dx dx' = \varepsilon(\theta', \phi') \frac{1}{r^2} \cos \theta dx dx'_p dt$$

$$d\omega = \frac{dx_p}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \cos \theta dx$$

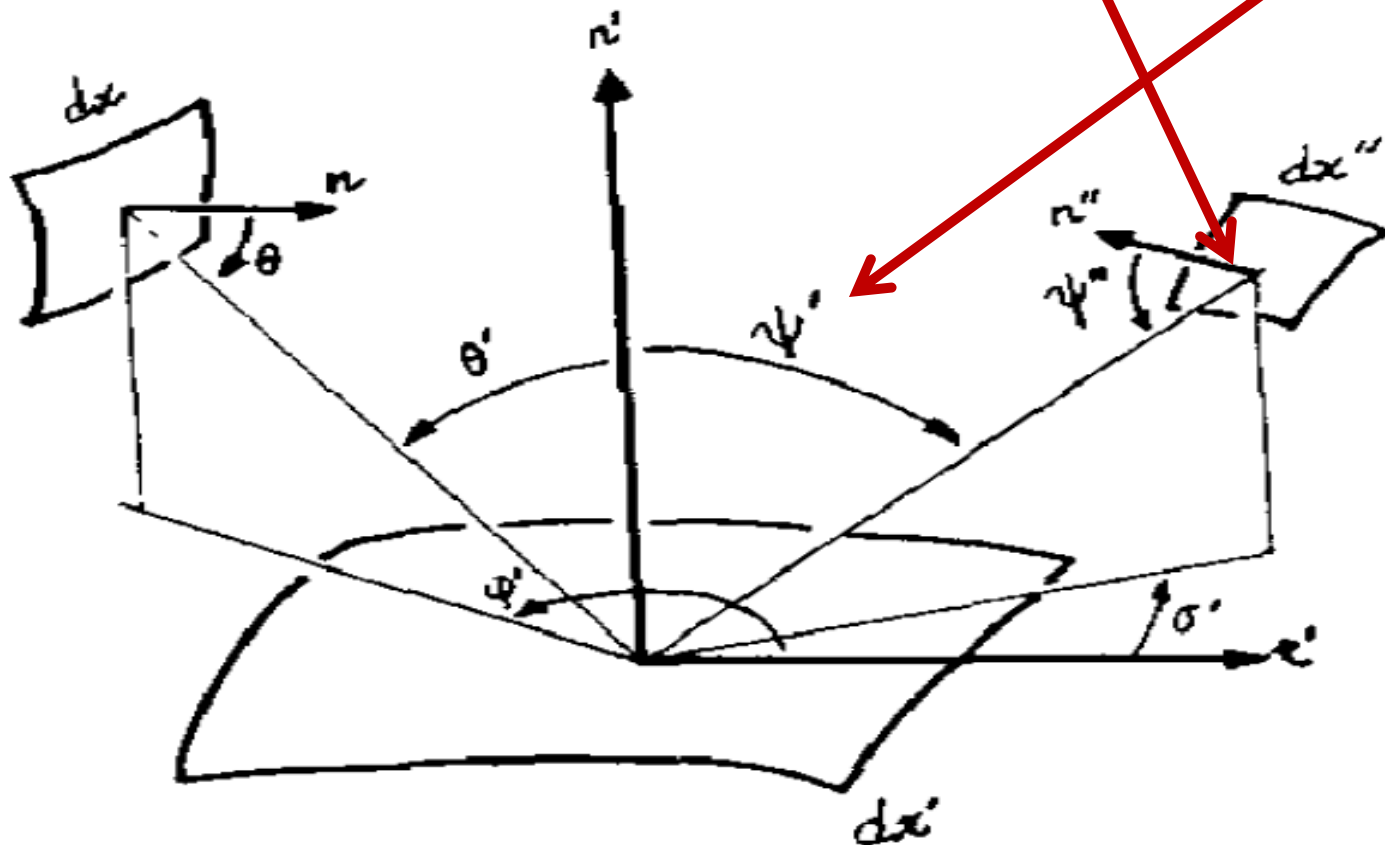
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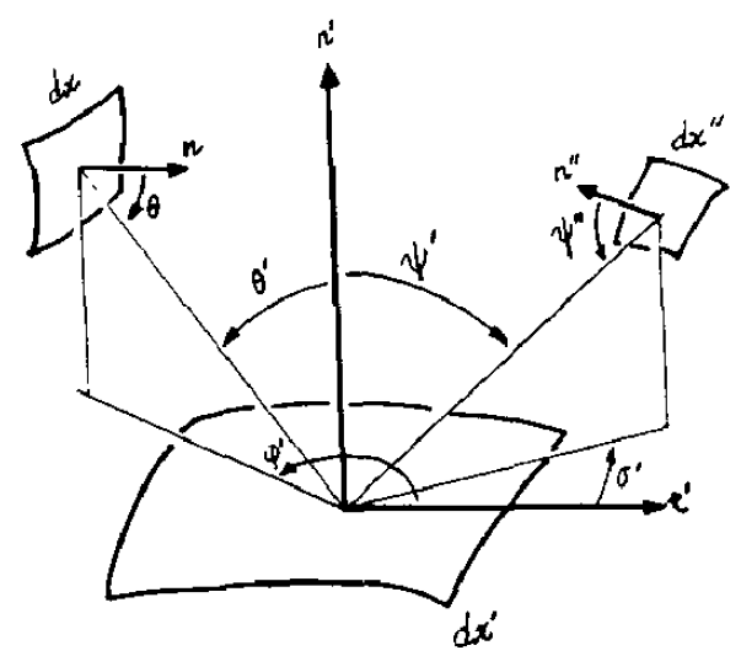
$$\varepsilon(x, x') = \varepsilon(\theta', \phi') \cos \theta \cos \theta'$$



- How about reflectance terms?

$$i(\theta', \phi') = \rho(\theta', \phi', \psi', \sigma') i(\psi', \sigma') d\omega'' \cos \psi'$$





$$r'' = \|x' - x''\|$$

$$dx_p'' = dx'' \cos \psi''$$

$$\cos \psi' = \frac{1}{r''} \langle \mathbf{n}', x' - x'' \rangle$$

$$\cos \psi'' = \frac{1}{r''} \langle \mathbf{n}'', x' - x'' \rangle$$

$$\cos \sigma' = \frac{1}{r''} \langle \mathbf{t}', x' - x'' \rangle$$

$$d\omega'' = \frac{dx_p''}{r''^2} = \frac{1}{r''^2} \cos \psi'' dx''$$

- We already derived :

$$\varepsilon(x, x') = \varepsilon(\theta', \phi') \cos \theta \cos \theta'$$

- You see the pattern?

$$\rho(x, x', x'') = \rho(\theta', \phi', \psi', \sigma') \cos \theta \cos \theta'$$

$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

$$I = g\epsilon + gMI$$

$$(1 - gM)I = g\epsilon$$

- What is Neumann Series? $(\text{Id} - T)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n$
- Convergence=invertible == This case

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (1 - gM)^{-1} g\epsilon \\ &= g\epsilon + gMg\epsilon + gMgMg\epsilon + g(Mg)^3\epsilon \dots \end{aligned}$$

- We can solve this! \rightarrow Wait a minute. Is it?

Utah approximation

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (1 - gM)^{-1} g\epsilon \\ &= g\epsilon + gMg\epsilon + gMgMg\epsilon + g(Mg)^3\epsilon \dots \end{aligned}$$



$$I = g\epsilon + gM\epsilon_0$$

Ray tracing approximation

- Turner Whitted proposed

$$\mathbf{I} = g\epsilon + gM_0g\epsilon_0 + gM_0gM_0g\epsilon_0 + \dots$$

The reflection and refraction of his lighting model
first model very similar to blinn phong
second model more complicated

Distributed Ray Tracing Approximation

Distribution Ray Tracing

$$L_o(\theta_o, \phi_o) =$$

$$(1/\Omega_{\text{cone}}) \int k_s L_{sp}(\theta_{sp}, \phi_{sp}) d\omega +$$

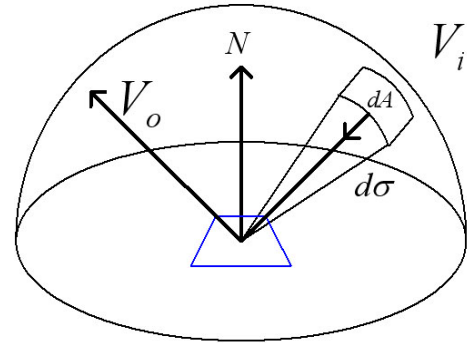
$$k_d \int \cos\theta_{so} \cos\theta_{fs} L_{e,so}/r^2 dA + k_a L_a$$

The Radiosity Approximation

$$\rho(\theta', \phi', \psi', \sigma') = \rho_0$$

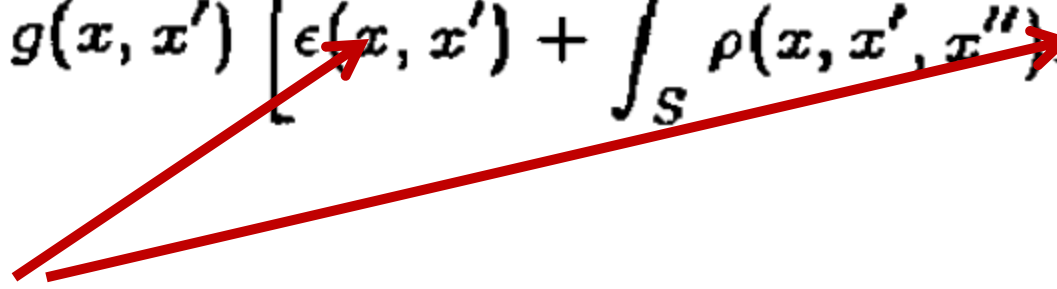
$$\begin{aligned} dB(x') &= dx' \int_{\text{hemi}} i(\theta', \phi') \cos \theta' d\omega \\ &= dx' \int_{\text{hemi}} \frac{I(x, x') r^2}{\cos \theta} d\omega \\ &= dx' \int_S I(x, x') dx \end{aligned}$$

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$$dx' \int_S I(x, x') dx$$

$$dB(x') = dx' \int \left\{ g(x, x') \epsilon(x, x') \right. \\ \left. + g(x, x') \int \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right\} dx$$

- $g(x, x') = 1$

No occlusion

$$\begin{aligned}
 dB_e(x') &= dx' \int \frac{\epsilon(x, x')}{r^2} dx \\
 &= dx' \int \epsilon(\theta', \phi') \cos \theta' \frac{\cos \theta dx}{r^2} \\
 &= dx' \int \epsilon(\theta', \phi') \cos \theta' d\omega \\
 &= dx' \pi \epsilon_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$d\omega = \frac{dx_p}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \cos \theta dx$
 $\epsilon(x, x') = \epsilon(\theta', \phi') \cos \theta \cos \theta'$

ϵ_0 is a constant representing hemispherical emittance

$$\begin{aligned}
dB_r(x') &= dx' \int \frac{1}{r^2} \int \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' dx \\
&= dx' \int \frac{1}{r^2} \rho(\theta', \phi', \psi', \sigma') \cos \theta \cos \theta' dx \\
&\quad \times \int I(x', x'') dx'' \\
&= dx' \rho_0 \int \cos \theta d\omega \int I(x', x'') dx'' \\
&= dx' \rho_0 \pi H(x')
\end{aligned}$$

Sum up emittance and reflectance

$$I(x, x') = g(x, x') \left[\epsilon(x, x') + \int_S \rho(x, x', x'') I(x', x'') dx'' \right]$$

$$dx' \pi \epsilon_0 \quad dx' \rho_0 \pi H(x')$$

$$dB(x') = \pi [\epsilon_0 + \rho_0 H(x')] dx'$$

- The point of this equation.
 - We need to get $H(x')$, then we can get radiosity.

Markov chains for solving integral equations

$$x = a + Mx$$

- $(I-M)x = a$
- $X = (I-M)^{-1} * a$

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M^k a$$

$$x = a + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M^k a$$

- Previously

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Finite Dimensional Distribution

- Non-deterministic process

$$x = a + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M^k a$$

$$\hat{x}_1 = \left(\prod_{i=0}^{l(\omega)} m_{n_{i-1} n_i} \right) a_{n_{l(\omega)}} \frac{1}{p(\omega)}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{i_1 \dots i_k}^X (A_1 \times \dots \times A_k) := \mathbb{P} \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid X_{i_j}(\omega) \in A_j \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq k \right\}.$$

using Markov Chain

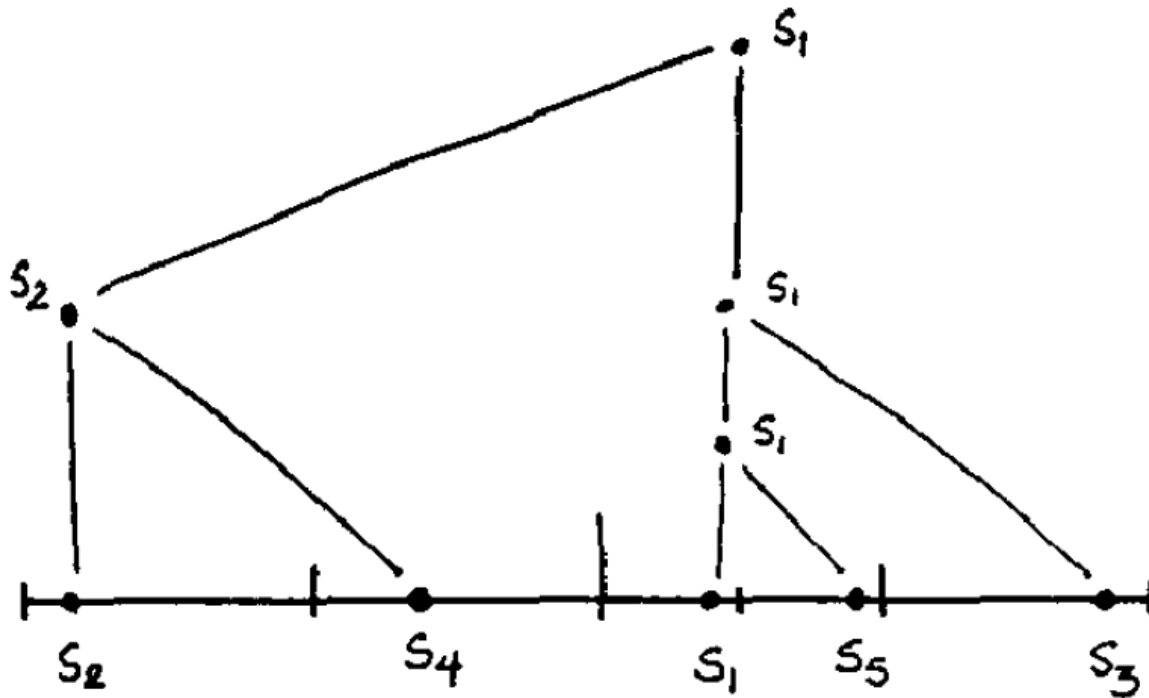
- We can get I from Markov chains

$$\hat{x}_1 = \left(\prod_{i=0}^{l(\omega)} m_{n_{i-1}n_i} \right) a_{n_{l(\omega)}} \frac{1}{p(\omega)}$$

$$p(\omega) = p(x_{l(\omega)}, x_{l(\omega)-1}) \cdots p(x_2, x_1) \cdot p(x_1, x_0) \cdot p(x_0)$$

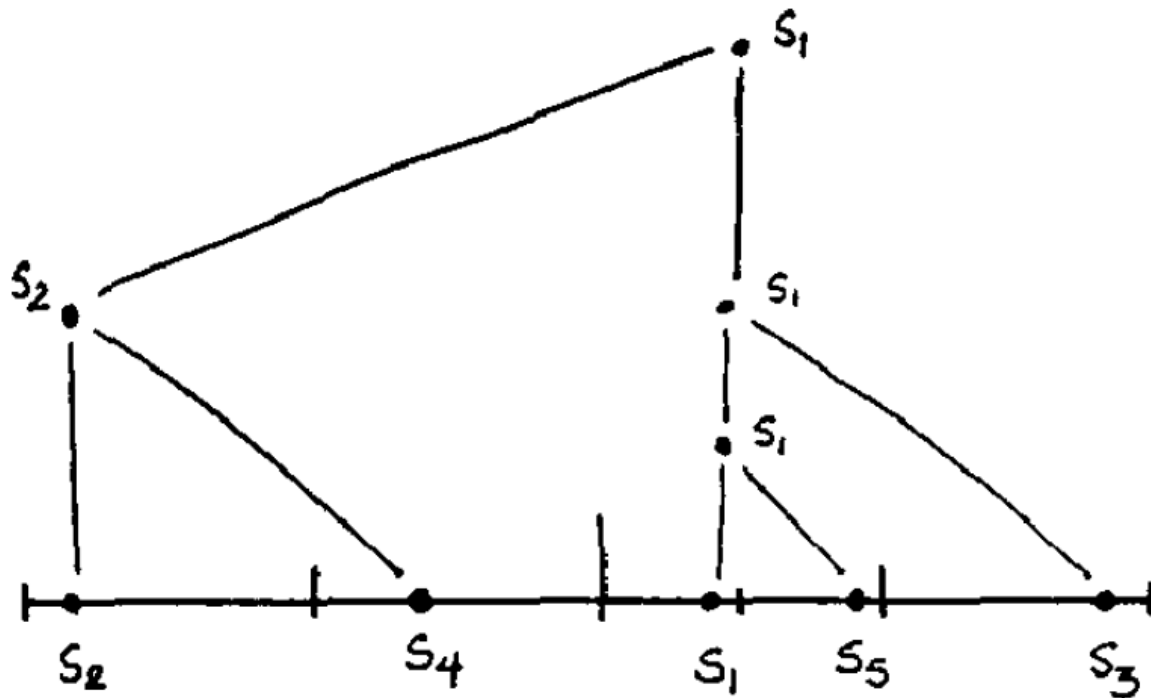
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Hierarchical sampling for one pixel



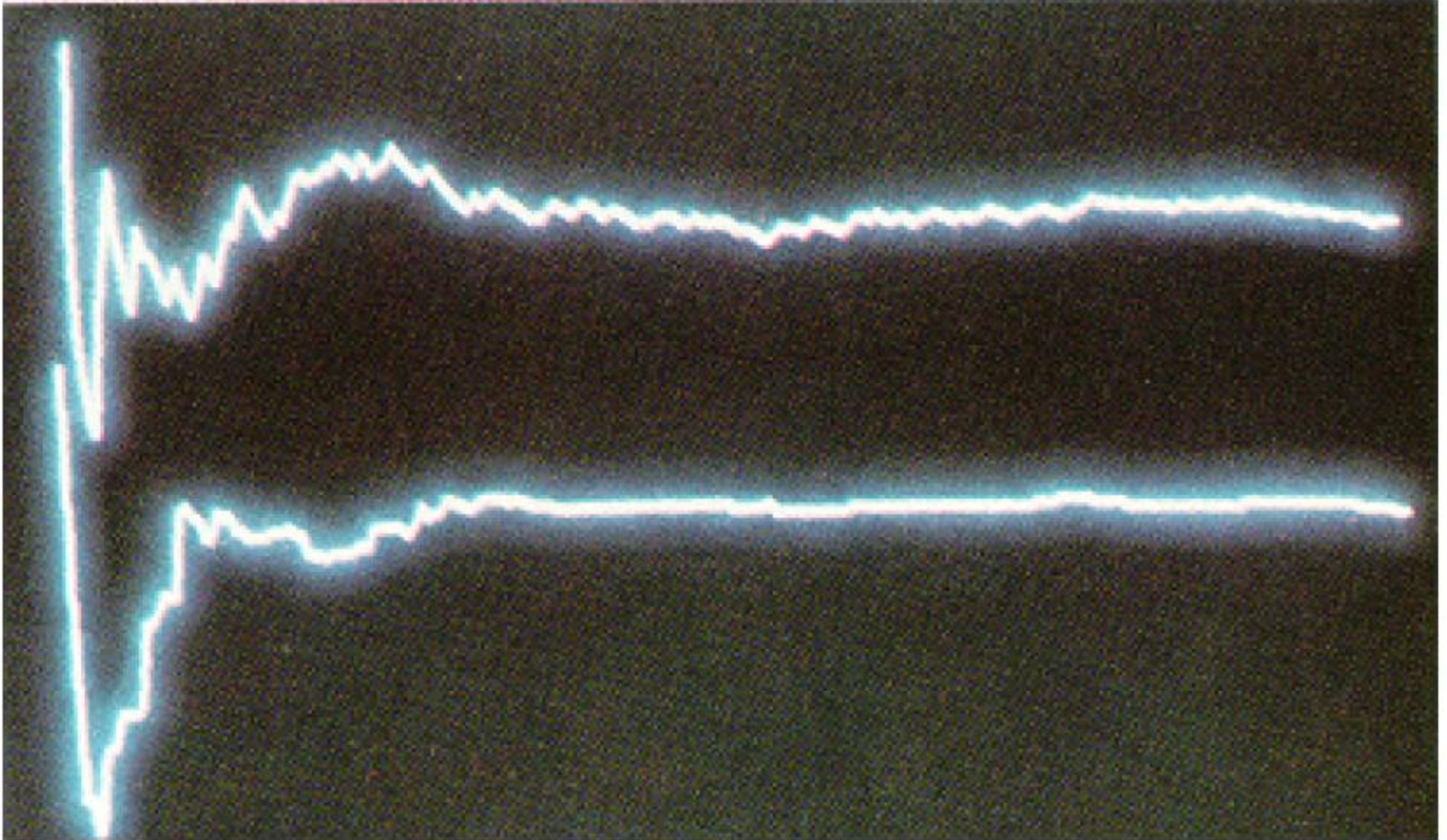
- Stratified scheme(one jittered sample per sub-grid)
- After taking s_1 sample, now we know that we will take 5 samples
 - Sequential Uniform Sampling

Hierarchical Integration (log instead of polynomials)



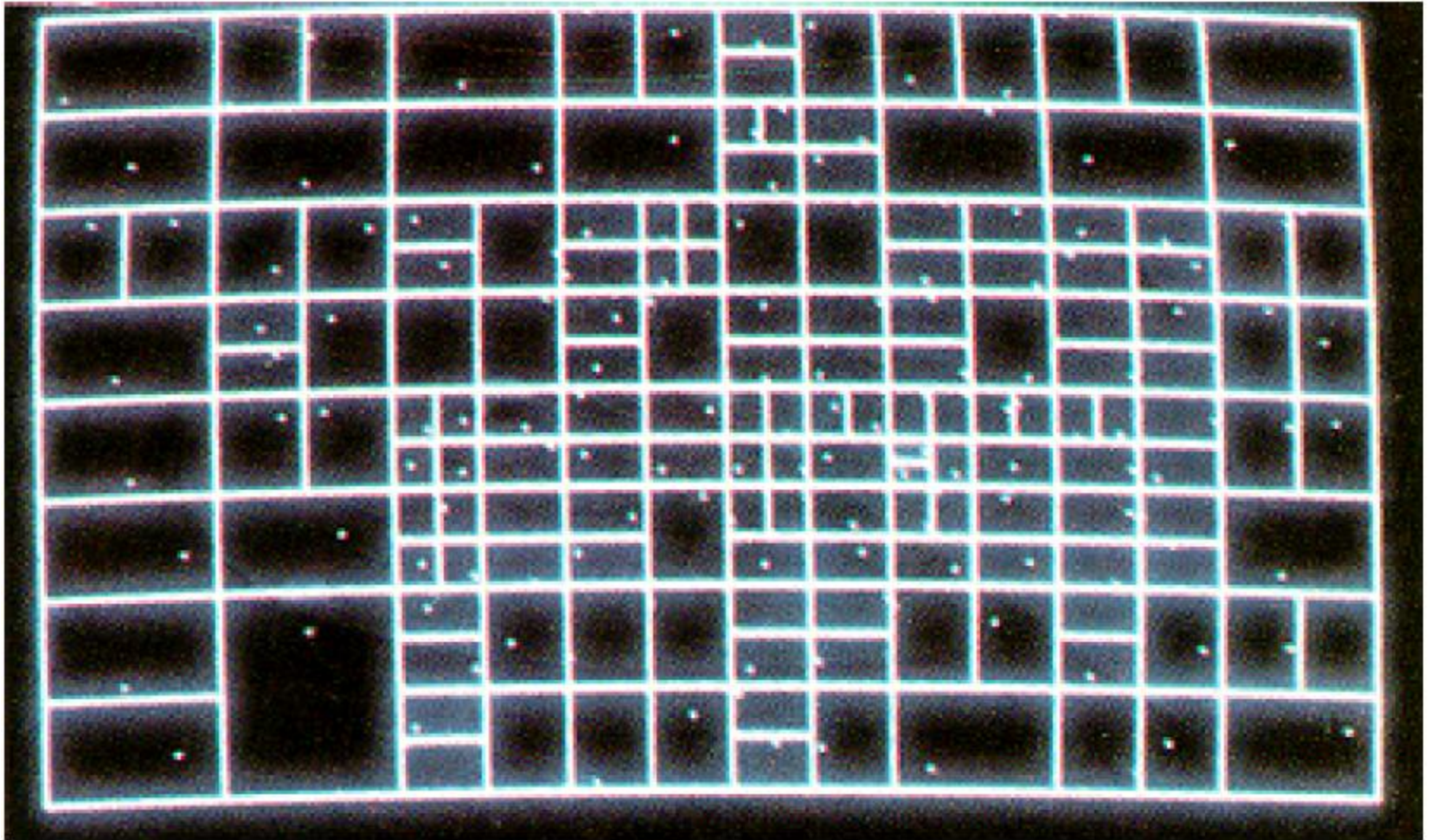
- $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow (s_1 + s_2) * 0.5 \rightarrow s_3 \rightarrow$
 $((s_1 * 0.5 + s_2 * 0.5) + s_3) * 0.5 +$
 --- Why better than monte carlo integration?

Hierachical Integration



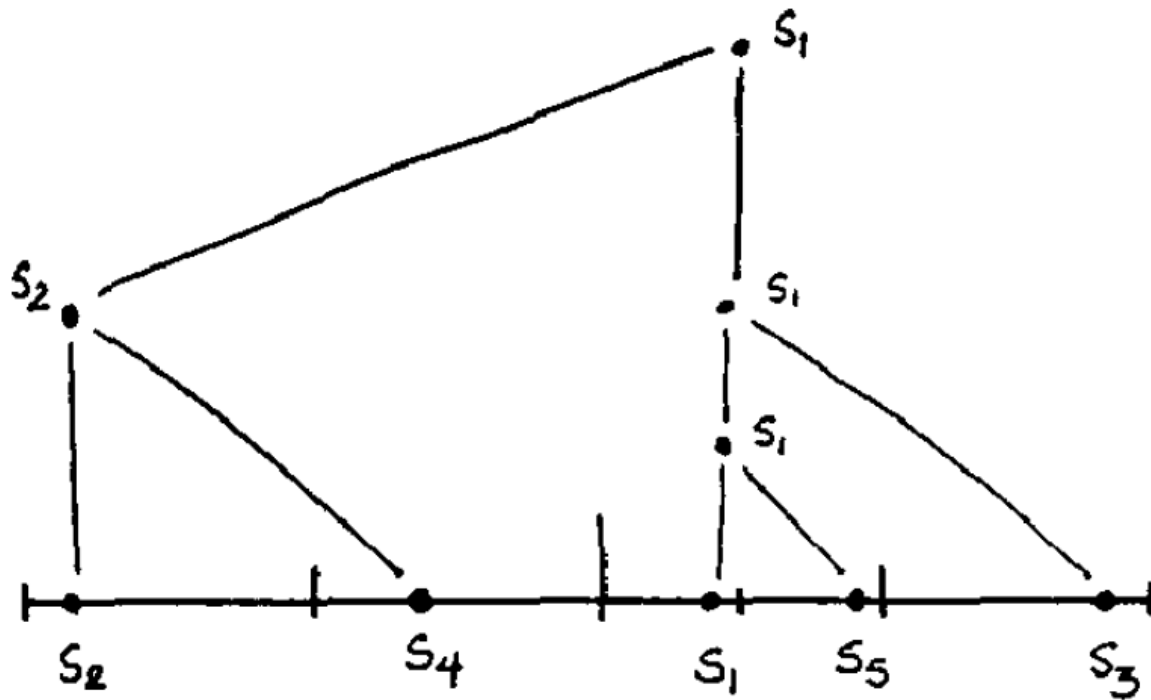
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Hierarchical Integration



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Adaptive Hierarchical Integration

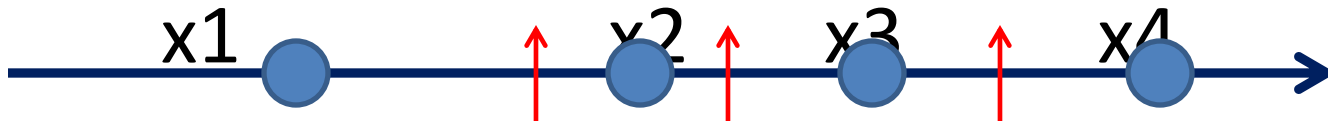


- Weighted average

Non-uniform sampling

- Assume some probability density function $p(x)$

$$p(x_1) = p(x_2) = p(x_3) = p(x_4) = 0.25$$



Raytracing VS Rendering Equation



