

## Illumination Models

### Z-buffer methods:

- ★ Compute only direct lighting.
- ★ Ignore secondary light sources.

### Ray-tracing methods:

- ★ Model specular reflection and refraction well.
- ★ Still uses directionless ambient lighting.
- ★ Not good for global lighting.

### Radiosity methods:

- ★ Introduced in 1984 by (Goral, Torrance, Greenberg, & Battaile).
- ★ Use thermal radiation models to calculate global lighting.
- ★ Good for ideal *diffuse* environments.
- ★ Assumes conservation of light energy in a closed environment.
- ★ Determines all light interactions in a view-independent way.

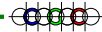


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## Radiosity

**Radiosity:** Power (Energy/unit time) leaving a surface at a given point, per unit area.

- ★ Allows any surface to radiate power.
  - If light source, emits energy.
  - Otherwise, radiates a portion of the incident energy.
- ★ Surfaces have finite area.
- ★ Power leaving a surface:  
*emitted power + reflected power.*
- ★ Need to *mesh* original surfaces to capture fine-scale illumination.



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## Radiosity

- ★  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ : Set of surface patches.
- ★  $A_i$ : Area of  $S_i$ .
- ★  $\rho_i$ : Reflectance of  $S_i$ .
- ★  $B_i$ : Radiosity of  $S_i$ .
- ★  $E_i$ : Rate at which  $S_i$  emits power. (Energy per unit time per unit area.)

$$\begin{aligned} B_i A_i &= E_i A_i + \rho_i \cdot \text{total power incident to } S_i \\ &= E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Incident power from } S_j \\ &= E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^n B_j A_j F_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

$F_{ji}$ : Fraction of light leaving  $S_j$  that reaches  $S_i$ .

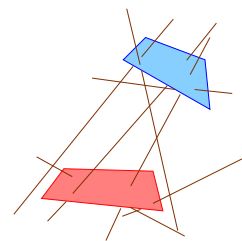
$$B_i = E_i + \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^n B_j F_{ji} \frac{A_j}{A_i}$$



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## Form Factors

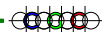
- ★  $F_{ji}$ : Fraction of light leaving  $S_j$  that arrives at  $S_i$ .
  - Depends on shape, orientation, & occlusion.
  - $F_{ii} \neq 0$  (e.g., concave surfaces).



- ★  $MA_i$ : Number of lines through  $S_i$ .
- ★  $MA_j$ : Number of lines through  $S_j$ .
- ★  $MA_j F_{ji}$ : # lines leaving  $S_j$  & reaching  $S_i$ .
- ★  $MA_i F_{ij}$ : # lines leaving  $S_i$  & reaching  $S_j$ .

$$A_i F_{ij} = A_j F_{ji}$$

$$F_{ij} = \frac{A_j}{A_i} F_{ji}$$



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## Radiosity Equation

$$B_i = E_i + \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^n B_j F_{ij}$$

$$B_i - \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^n B_j F_{ij} = E_i$$

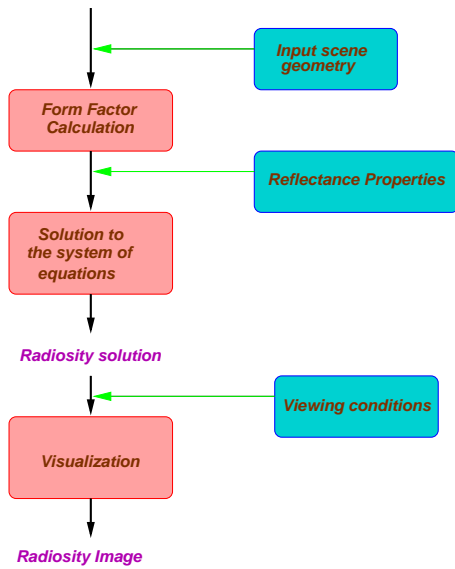
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \rho_1 F_{11} & -\rho_1 F_{12} & \dots & -\rho_1 F_{1n} \\ -\rho_2 F_{21} & 1 - \rho_2 F_{22} & \dots & -\rho_2 F_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\rho_n F_{n1} & -\rho_n F_{n2} & \dots & 1 - \rho_n F_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \vdots \\ B_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ \vdots \\ E_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{E}$$



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## Radiosity Methods



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## Iterative Methods

- ★ No closed form for the radiosity equation.
- ★ Use numerical methods.
- ★ Compute form factors  $F_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j, \leq n$ .
- ★ Set up initial conditions
  - $E_i > 0$  for light sources.
  - $E_i = 0$  for other surfaces.
  - Guess initial values of  $B_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .



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## Iterative Methods

- ★ Iterate the system until convergence.
- ★ Computes a better approximation of  $B_i$  at each step.

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{M} = [M_{ij}] \quad M_{ii} > 0$$

$$B_i = - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}} B_j + \frac{E_i}{M_{ii}}$$

Use any of the relaxation methods to compute the new value of  $B_i$ .

- ★ Jacobian relaxation
- ★ Gauss-Seidel relaxation



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## Iterative Methods

How do we compute  $B_i^{(m)}$ , value of  $B_i$  in the  $m$ -th iteration?

### Jacobian relaxation:

Use values from the previous iteration for all  $B_j$ .

$$B_i^{(m)} = - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}} B_j^{(m-1)} + \frac{E_i}{M_{ii}}$$

### Gauss-Seidel relaxation:

Use values from the previous iteration for  $j < i$  and from the current iteration for  $j > i$ .

$$B_i^{(m)} = - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}} B_j^{(m)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}} B_j^{(m-1)} + \frac{E_i}{M_{ii}}$$

- ★ In-place update of  $B_i$ 's.
- ★ Convergence rate is better.
- ★ *Strictly diagonal dominant* matrices converge.



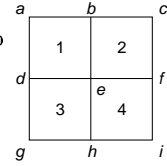
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## Continuous Shading

Decompose each surface into smaller patches  
Radiosity within each patch is the same.

### Interpolated Shading:

- ★ Convert patch radiosity to vertex radiosity.



- ★ Interpolate patch radiosity.

### Vertex radiosity:

- ★ *Interior vertex  $v$* : Average of radiosity over adjacent patches

$$B_e = (B_1 + B_2 + B_3 + B_4)/2$$

*Boundary vertex  $v_b$* : More complex procedure.

- Find a nearest interior vertex  $v_f$ .
- $f_1, \dots, f_k$ : faces adjacent to  $v_b$ .

$$(B_b + B_f)/2 = \sum_{i=1}^k B_i/k$$

- $(B_b + B_e)/2 = (B_1 + B_2)/2 \Rightarrow$   
 $B_b = (3B_1 + 3B_2 - B_3 - B_4)/4$ .



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## Form Factors

$F_{ij}$ : What is the average number of lines leaving a point from  $S_i$  and reaching  $S_j$ ?

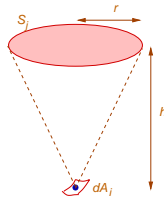
### Example:

- ★ Small patch  $dS_i$  with area  $dA_i$ .

- ★ Parallel disk of radius  $r$  at distance  $h$ .

- ★  $F_{ij}$ : Solid angle from a point in  $dS_i$  to  $S_j$ .

$$F_{ij} = \frac{r^2}{h^2 + r^2}$$

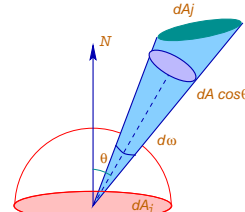


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## Form Factors

- ★  $dS_i, dS_j$ : Differential surfaces  $S_i, S_j$
- ★  $dA_i, dA_j$ : Areas of differential surfaces  $dS_i, dS_j$
- ★  $F_{d_i, d_j}$ : Differential form factor from  $dS_i$  to  $dS_j$ .
- ★  $H_{ij}$ : 1 if  $dS_i$  visible from  $dS_j$ .

$$F_{d_i, d_j} = \frac{\cos \theta_i \cos \theta_j}{\pi r^2} H_{ij} dA_j$$



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## Form Factors

★  $F_{d_i, j}$ : Form factor from  $dS_i$  to  $S_j$ .

★  $F_{i, j}$ : Form factor from  $S_i$  to  $S_j$ .

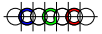
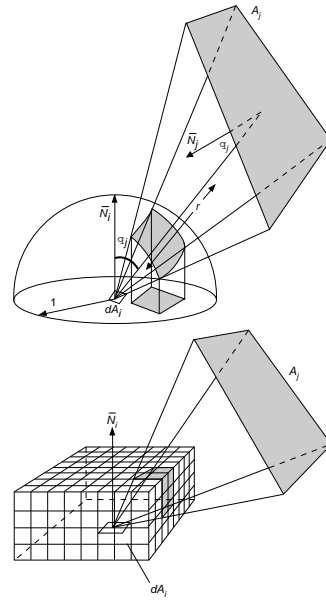
$$F_{d_i, j} = \int_{A_j} \frac{\cos \theta_i \cos \theta_j}{\pi r^2} H_{ij} dA_j$$

$$F_{i, j} = \frac{1}{A_i} \int_{A_i} \int_{A_j} \frac{\cos \theta_i \cos \theta_j}{\pi r^2} H_{ij} dA_j dA_i$$



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## Form Factors



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