Advanced Computer Graphics (Fall 2009)

CS 294, Rendering Lecture 3: Global Illumination

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Some slide ideas courtesy Pat Hanrahan

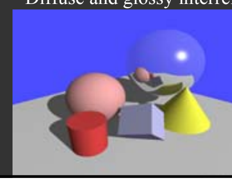
Illumination Models

So far considered mainly local illumination

- Light directly from light sources to surface
- No shadows (cast shadows are a global effect)

Global Illumination: multiple bounces (indirect light)

- Hard and soft shadows
- Reflections/refractions (already seen in ray tracing)
- Diffuse and glossy interreflections (radiosity, caustics)



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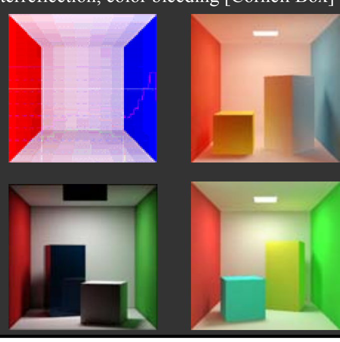
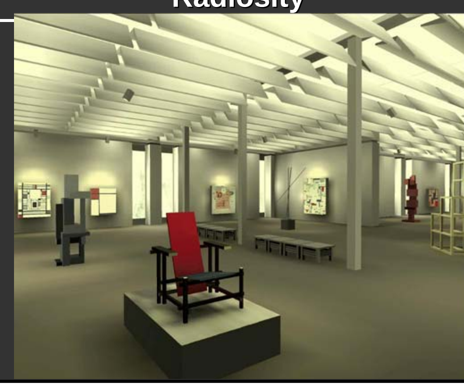
Diffuse Interreflection

Diffuse interreflection, color bleeding [Cornell Box]

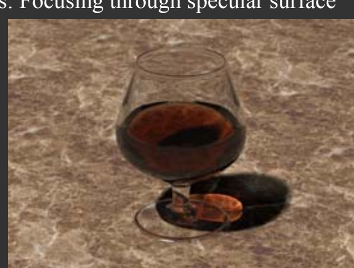


Radiosity



Caustics

Caustics: Focusing through specular surface



- Major research effort in 80s, 90s till today

Overview of lecture

- ***Theory*** for all global illumination methods (ray tracing, path tracing, radiosity)
- We derive ***Rendering Equation*** [Kajiya 86]
  - Major theoretical development in field
  - Unifying framework for all global illumination
- Discuss existing approaches as special cases

Fairly theoretical lecture (but important). Not well covered in textbooks (though see Eric Veach's thesis). Closest are 2.6.2 in Cohen and Wallace handout (but uses slightly different notation, argument [swaps x, x' among other things])

Outline

- *Reflectance Equation (review)*
- *Global Illumination*
- *Rendering Equation*
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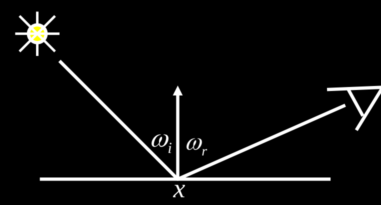
- Surface Parameterization (Standard Form)

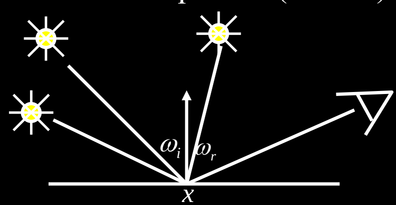
Reflectance Equation (review)



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

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

Reflectance Equation (review)



Sum over all light sources

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

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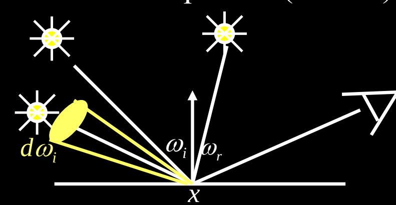
Reflectance Equation (review)



Replace sum with integral

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

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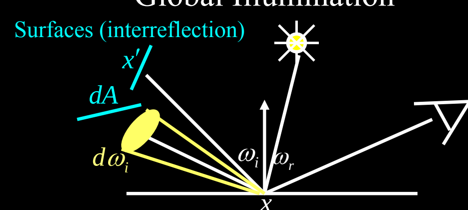
The Challenge

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

- Computing reflectance equation requires knowing the incoming radiance from surfaces
- But determining incoming radiance requires knowing the reflected radiance from surfaces

Global Illumination



$$\omega_i \sim x' - x$$

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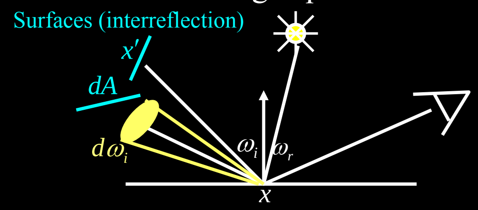
Rendering Equation



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Rendering Equation (Kajiya 86)

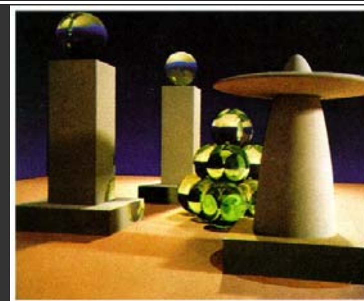

Figure 6. A sample image. All objects are neutral grey. Color on the objects is due to caustics from the green glass balls and color bleeding from the base polygon.

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Rendering Equation as Integral Equation

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

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Is a Fredholm Integral Equation of second kind [extensively studied numerically] with canonical form

$$l(u) = e(u) + \int l(v)\, \boxed{K(u,v)dv}$$

Kernel of equation

Linear Operator Theory

- Linear operators act on functions like matrices act on vectors or discrete representations

$$h(u) = (M \circ f)(u)$$

M is a linear operator.
f and h are functions of u

- Basic linearity relations hold

a and b are scalars
f and g are functions

$$M \circ (af + bg) = a(M \circ f) + b(M \circ g)$$

- Examples include integration and differentiation

$$(K \circ f)(u) = \int k(u,v) f(v)\, dv$$

$$(D \circ f)(u) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(u)$$

Linear Operator Equation

$$l(u) = e(u) + \int l(v)\, \boxed{K(u,v)dv}$$

Kernel of equation
Light Transport Operator

$$L = E + KL$$

Can also be discretized to simple matrix equation [or system of simultaneous linear equations] (L, E are vectors, K is the light transport matrix)

Solving the Rendering Equation

$$L = E + KL$$

$$IL - KL = E$$

$$(I - K)L = E$$

$$L = (I - K)^{-1} E$$

Binomial Theorem

$$L = (I + K + K^2 + K^3 + \ldots)E$$

$$L = E + KE + K^2E + K^3E + \ldots$$

Term n corresponds to n bounces of light

Solving the Rendering Equation

- Too hard for analytic solution, numerical methods
- Approximations, that compute different terms, accuracies of the rendering equation
- Two basic approaches are ray tracing, radiosity. More formally, Monte Carlo and Finite Element

- Monte Carlo techniques sample light paths, form statistical estimate (example, path tracing)
- Finite Element methods discretize to matrix equation

Ray Tracing

$$L = E + KE + K^2E + K^3E + \ldots$$

- E: Emission directly From light sources
- KE: Direct Illumination on surfaces
- K^2E: Global Illumination (One bounce indirect) [Mirrors, Refraction]
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OpenGL Shading

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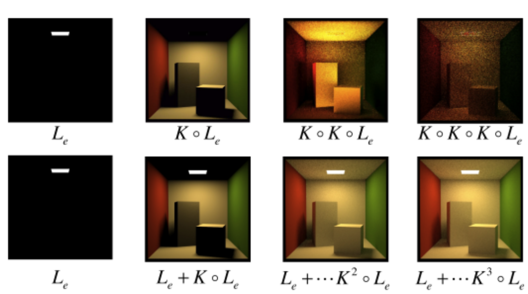
Successive Approximation



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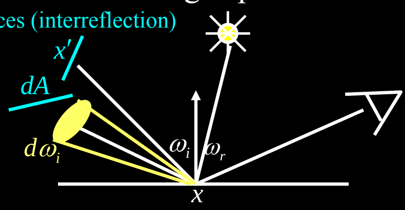
Rendering Equation



$\omega_i \sim x' - x$

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Change of Variables

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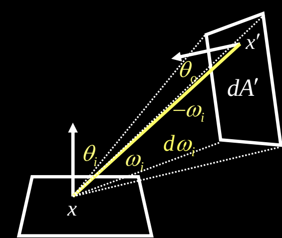
Integral over angles sometimes insufficient. Write integral in terms of surface radiance only (change of variables)



$$d\omega_i = \frac{dA' \cos\theta_o}{|x-x'|^2}$$

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$$L_r(x,\omega_r) = L_e(x,\omega_r) + \int_{\text{all } x' \text{ visible to } x} L_r(x',-\omega_i)\, f(x,\omega_i,\omega_r) \boxed{\frac{\cos\theta_i \cos\theta_o}{|x-x'|^2}\, dA'}$$

$$d\omega_i = \frac{dA' \cos\theta_o}{|x-x'|^2}$$

$$G(x,x') = G(x',x) = \frac{\cos\theta_i \cos\theta_o}{|x-x'|^2}$$

Rendering Equation: Standard Form

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Domain integral awkward. Introduce binary visibility fn V

$$L_r(x,\omega_r) = L_e(x,\omega_r) + \int_{\text{all surfaces } x'} L_r(x',-\omega_i)\, f(x,\omega_i,\omega_r) G(x,x') V(x,x')\, dA'$$

$$d\omega_i = \frac{dA' \cos\theta_o}{|x-x'|^2}$$

Same as equation 2.52 Cohen Wallace. It swaps primed And unprimed, omits angular args of BRDF, - sign. Same as equation above 19.3 in Shirley, except he has no emission, slightly diff. notation

$$G(x,x') = G(x',x) = \frac{\cos\theta_i \cos\theta_o}{|x-x'|^2}$$

Radiosity Equation

$$L_r(x,\omega_r) = L_e(x,\omega_r) + \int_{\text{all surfaces } x'} L_r(x',-\omega_i)\, f(x,\omega_i,\omega_r) G(x,x') V(x,x')\, dA'$$

Drop angular dependence (diffuse Lambertian surfaces)

$$L_r(x) = L_e(x) + f(x)\int_S L_r(x') G(x,x') V(x,x')\, dA'$$

Change variables to radiosity (B) and albedo (ρ)

$$B(x) = E(x) + \rho(x)\int_S B(x') \frac{G(x,x')V(x,x')}{\pi}\, dA'$$

Expresses conservation of light energy at all points in space

Same as equation 2.54 in Cohen Wallace handout (read sec 2.6.3)
Ignore factors of π which can be absorbed.

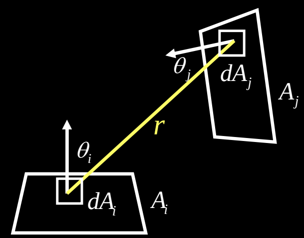
Discretization and Form Factors

$$B(x) = E(x) + \rho(x)\int_S B(x') \frac{G(x,x')V(x,x')}{\pi}\, dA'$$

$$B_i = E_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j F_{j\to i} \frac{A_j}{A_i}$$

F is the ***form factor.*** It is dimensionless and is the fraction of energy leaving the entirety of patch j (*multiply by area of* j to get total energy) that arrives anywhere in the entirety of patch i (*divide by area of i* to get energy per unit area or radiosity).

Form Factors



$$A_i F_{i\to j} = A_j F_{j\to i} = \iint \frac{G(x,x')V(x,x')}{\pi} dA_i dA_j$$

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Matrix Equation

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$$B_i = E_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j F_{i\to j}$$

$$B_i - \rho_i \sum_j B_j F_{i\to j} = E_i$$

$$\sum_j M_{ij} B_j = E_i \qquad MB = E \qquad M_{ij} = I_{ij} - \rho_i F_{i\to j}$$

Summary

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- Next: Practical solution using Monte Carlo methods