Announcements

Assignment 3

- Programming is now out
 - Due on Nov 14th (next Friday)
- Theory (short) will be given out on Nov 12th
 - Due on Nov 19th

Assignment 3 Hints

Read the starter code carefully

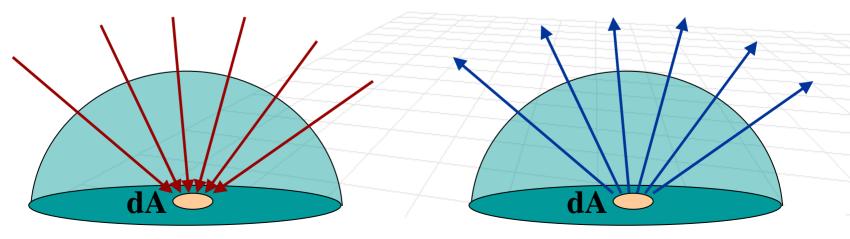
- Only fill in the fragments of code that are needed (i.e. do not write your own classes/structures)
- Make sure you conceptually understand what you need to do first
- Ray tracing takes a while to render, so debugging can be slow (i.e. start right away)

Radiometry: Continuation

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Recall from last class...

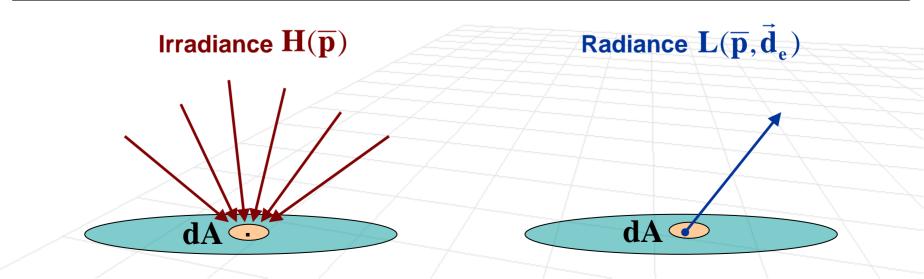
- Light is manifested as photons
 - Number of photons at a point is zero
 - Hence, we going to talk about flux density (*i.e.* number of photons per unit area)
- Irradiance amount of the light falling on the surface patch (measured in Watts/meters²)
- Radiance amount of light leaving the point per area (measured in Watts/(sr * meters²))



Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)

BRDF: Ratio of emittant to incident light (i.e. radiance to irradiance) $\rho(\vec{d}_e, \vec{d}_i) = \frac{L(\vec{p}, \vec{d}_e)}{H(\vec{p})}$

Intuition: what fraction of the light entering along one direction willbe emitted in the other



Diffuse Reflection

- The only factor that determines appearance (radiance) of a Lambertian surface is irradiance (incident light)
- In other words, BRDF is constant and independent of incident and emittent direction. i.e. $\rho(\vec{d}_e, \vec{d}_i) = \rho_0$
- The radiance

$$L_{d}(\overline{p}, \vec{d}_{e}) = \rho_{0} \int_{\vec{d}_{i} \in \Omega_{i}} L(\overline{p}, -\vec{d}_{i})(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_{i}) d\omega_{i}$$
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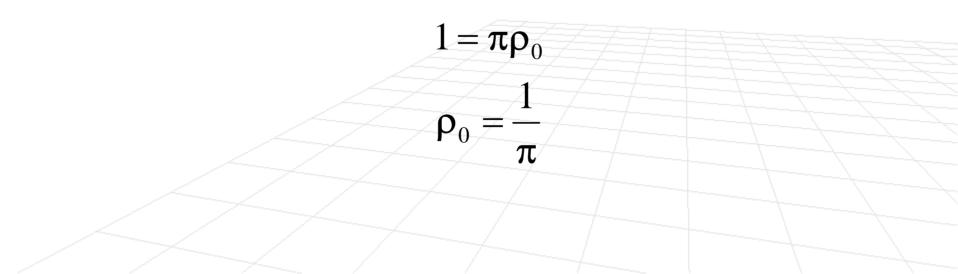
Since total irradiance must equal radiant exitance (conservation of energy), we can show that $\rho_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2}$

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Small proof

$$\int_{\vec{d}_i \in \Omega_i} L(\overline{p}, -\vec{d}_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i = \int_{\vec{d}_e \in \Omega_e} \rho_0 \int_{\vec{d}_i \in \Omega_i} L(\overline{p}, -\vec{d}_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i \cos \theta_e d\omega_e$$

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Ambient Illumination

- Remember: we need ambient illumination, because diffuse lighting looks artificial (parts of the object are black)
- Ambient illumination is equivalent to uniform illumination and constant BRDF (as in the diffuse case)

$$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{a}}(\overline{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbf{e}}) = \rho_{\mathbf{a}} \int_{\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i} \in \Omega_{i}} \mathbf{L}(\overline{\mathbf{p}}, -\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i})(\vec{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i}) d\omega_{i}$$

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Specular Reflection

- For specular (mirror) surfaces each incident direction is reflected toward unique emittant direction
- The emittant direction can be derived as before in the Phong model

$$\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbf{e}} = 2(\vec{\mathbf{n}}\cdot\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbf{i}})\vec{\mathbf{n}}-\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbf{i}}$$

• Since all of the light is reflected into a single direction, the corresponding BRDF can be formulated as follows: $\rho(\vec{d}_e, \vec{d}_i) \propto \delta\left(\vec{d}_e - \left[2(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i)\vec{n} - \vec{d}_i\right]\right)$

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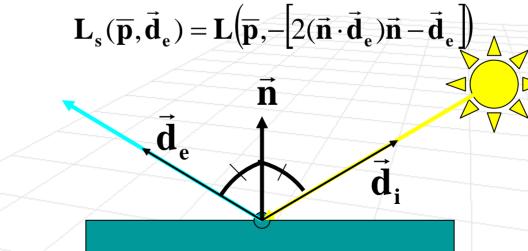
Specular Reflection

 If we assume that light emitted is the same amount of light incident (conservation of energy), we can derive the proportionality constant

$$\rho(\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{e},\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i}) = \frac{1}{\vec{\mathbf{n}}\cdot\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i}}\delta\left(\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{e} - \left[2(\vec{\mathbf{n}}\cdot\vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i})\vec{\mathbf{n}} - \vec{\mathbf{d}}_{i}\right]\right)$$

• Specular radiance can then be computed as for other components $L_s(\overline{p}, \vec{d}_e) = \int_{\vec{d}_i \in \Omega_i} \rho(\vec{d}_e, \vec{d}_i) L(\overline{p}, -\vec{d}_i) (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i) d\omega_i$

which simplifies in this case to:



Off-axis Secularity

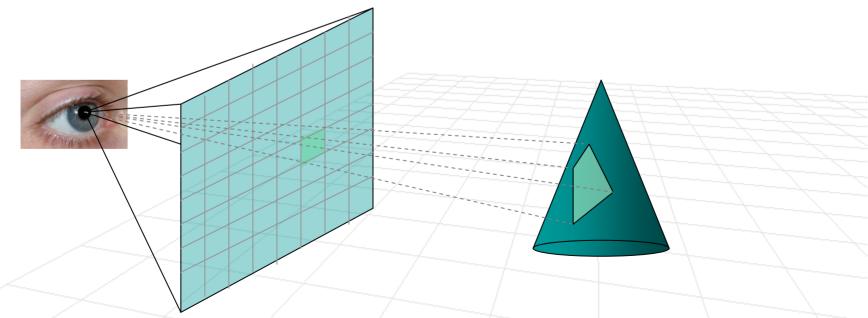
- If we have more complex surfaces (not just mirrors) we will have off-axis secularities
- In that case the BRDF will not be a simple delta function and we need to go back to the full integral formulation for the radiance
- Phong model makes the point light source assumption that is far away, this leads to the approximation we already encountered

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How will all of this help in Ray Tracing?

- We will consider a more accurate (and much more expensive) approximation to the radiance at the "hit point" based on the integral of the BRDF and incident irradiance
- What do we integrate over?

We integrate over area of a pixel



Distribution Ray Tracing

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Distribution Ray Tracing

In Whitted Ray Tracing we computed lighting very crudely

- Phong + specular global lighting
- In Distributed Ray Tracing we want to compute the lighting as accurately as possible
 - Use the formalism of Radiometry
 - Compute irradiance at each pixel (by integrating all the incoming light)
 - Since integrals are can not be done analytically, we will employ numeric approximations

Benefits of Distribution Ray Tracing

Better global diffuse lighting

- Color bleeding
- Bouncing highlights
- Extended light sources
- Anti-aliasing
- Motion blur
- Depth of field
- Subsurface scattering

Radiance at a Point

- Recall that radiance (shading) at a surface point is given by $L(\overline{p}, \vec{d}_e) = \int_{\Omega} \rho(\vec{d}_e, \vec{d}_i) L(\overline{p}, -\vec{d}_i) (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i) d\omega$
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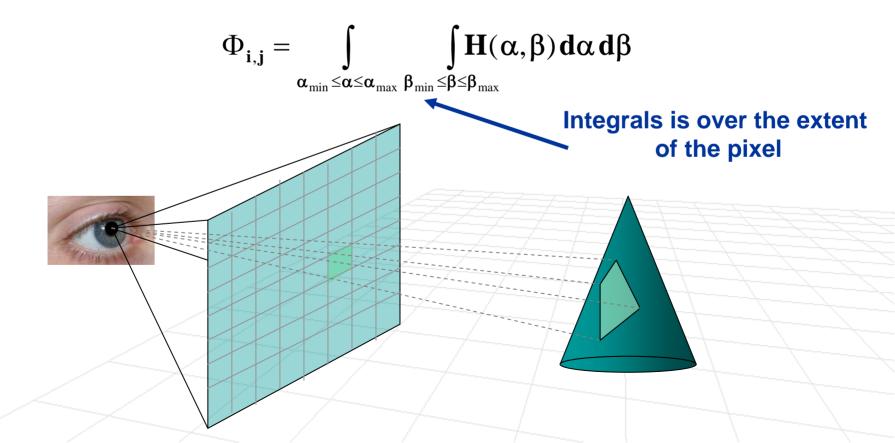
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Integral is over all incoming direction (hemisphere)

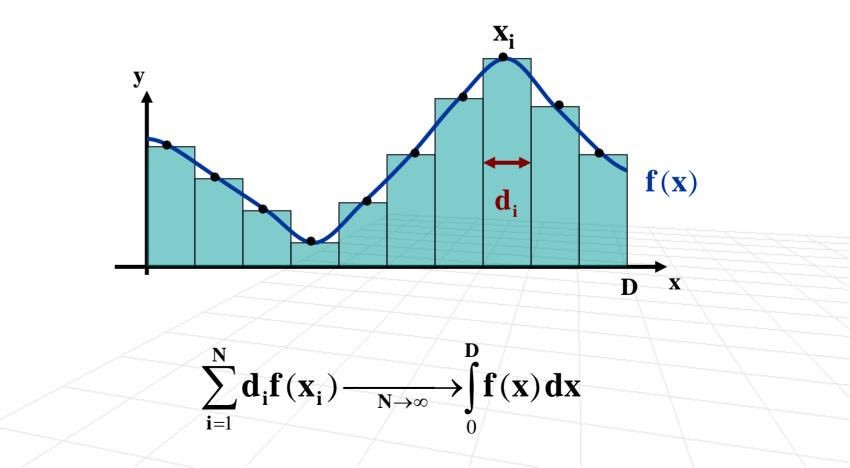
Irradiance at a Pixel

To compute the color of the pixel, we need to compute total light energy (flux) passing through the pixel (rectangle) (i.e. we need to compute the total irradiance at a pixel)



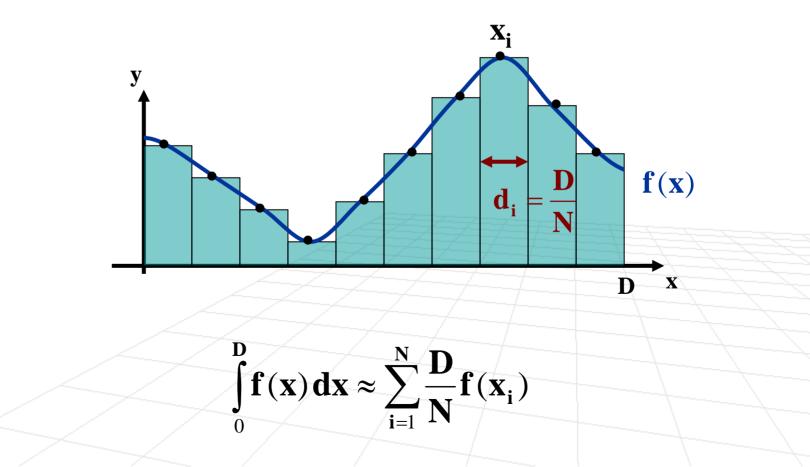
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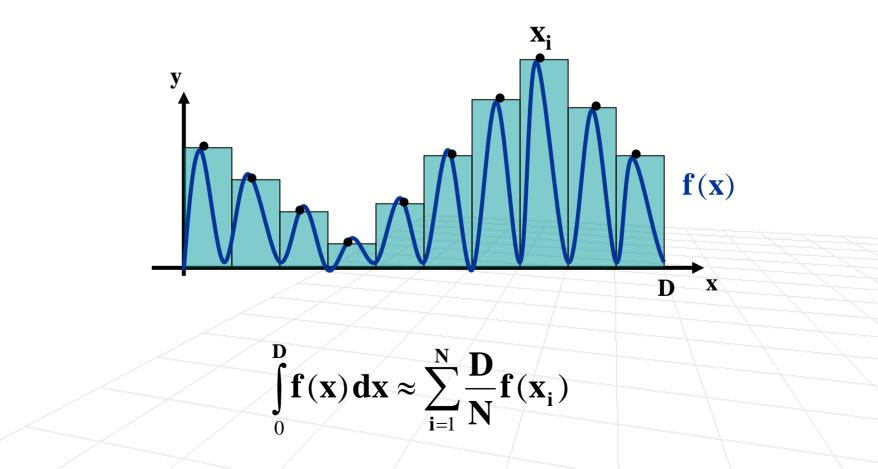
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Problem: what if we are really unlucky and our signal has the same structure as sampling?



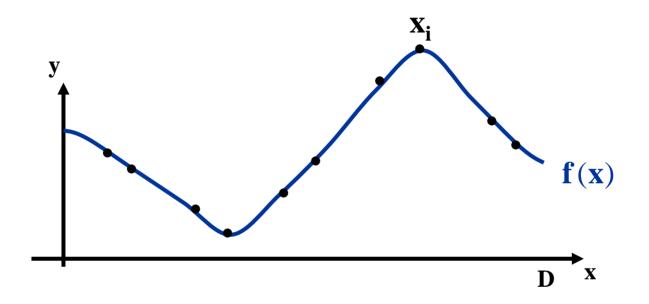
Monte Carlo Integration • Idea: randomize points x_i to avoid structured noise (e.g. due to periodic texture) $y = \int_{x_i}^{x_i} \int_{x_i}^{f(x)} f(x)$

- Draw N random samples x_i independently from uniform distribution Q(x)=U[0,D] (i.e. Q(x) = 1/D is the uniform probability density function)
- Then approximation to the integral becomes

 $\frac{1}{N} \sum \mathbf{w}_{i} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \approx \int \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad \text{, for } \mathbf{w}_{i} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{x}_{i})}$

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Stratified Sampling

- Idea: combination of uniform sampling plus random jitter
- Break domain into T intervals of widths d_t and N_t samples in interval t

