# Radiation Part 2: View Factor Algebra 

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## Radiation exchange between two surfaces

- Radiation exchange between two or more surfaces depends strongly on
- Temperatures of the surfaces
- their radiative properties
- the surface geometries and orientations
- We already know about the first two factors
- How does the shape and relative orientation of the surfaces??
- Need to introduce the concept of view factor/ shape factor/ configuration factor


## The concept of solid angle



Radiation


$$
d \omega=\frac{d S}{r^{2}}=\sin \theta d \theta d \phi
$$



## Intensity of emitted radiation

- Radiant power $d \dot{Q}_{e}$ emitted per unit solid angle in a direction $(\theta, \phi)$, per unit area of the emitter
 projected normal to the line of view of the receiver from the radiating element

$$
d \omega=\frac{d S}{r^{2}}=\sin \theta d \theta d \phi
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{e}(\theta, \phi)=\frac{d \dot{Q}_{e}}{d A \cos \theta \cdot d \omega}=\frac{d \dot{Q}_{e}}{d A \cos \theta \sin \theta d \theta d \phi} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Radiation flux: $\quad d E=\frac{d \dot{Q}_{e}}{d A}=I_{e}(\theta, \phi) \cos \theta \sin \theta d \theta d \phi$
Hemispherical emission

$$
E=\int_{\text {hemisphere }} d E=\int_{\phi=0}^{2 \pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi / 2} I_{e}(\theta, \phi) \cos \theta \sin \theta d \theta d \phi \quad\left(\mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)
$$

Diffusely emitting surface: $I_{e}=$ constant $\Rightarrow E=\pi I_{e}$
For blackbody surface: $I_{b}(T)=\frac{E_{b}(T)}{\pi}=\frac{\sigma T^{4}}{\pi}$


Example 2 A small surface of area $A_{1}=3 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ emits radiation as a blackbody at $T_{1}=$ 600 K . Part of the radiation emitted by $A_{1}$ strikes another small surface of area $A_{2}=5 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ oriented as shown in Fig. 21-23. Determine the solid angle subtended by $A_{2}$ when viewed from $A_{1}$, and the rate at which radiation emitted by $A_{1}$ strikes $A_{2}$.

## Assumptions:

1. $A_{1}$ emits as blackbody (diffuse)

2. Both surface dimensions $\ll r$; surfaces may be treated as differential areas

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\begin{aligned}
& I_{1}=\frac{E_{h}\left(T_{1}\right)}{\pi}=\frac{\sigma T_{1}^{4}}{\pi}=\frac{\left(5.67 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{m}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{~K}^{4}\right)(600 \mathrm{~K})^{4}}{\pi}=2339 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{m}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{sr} \\
& \omega_{2-1} \cong \frac{A_{n, 2}}{r^{2}}=\frac{A_{2} \cos \theta_{2}}{r^{2}}=\frac{\left(5 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right) \cos 40^{\circ}}{(75 \mathrm{~cm})^{2}}=\mathbf{6 . 8 1} \times \mathbf{1 0}^{-4} \mathrm{sr}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{Q}_{1-2} & =I_{1}\left(A_{1} \cos \theta_{1}\right) \omega_{2-1} \\
& =\left(2339 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{m}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{sr}\right)\left(3 \times 10^{-4} \cos 55^{\circ} \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)\left(6.81 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{sr}\right) \\
& =2.74 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~W}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Incident radiation and Irradiation



- Intensity of incident radiation $\left(I_{i}\right)$ is the rate at which radiation energy dG is incident from the $(\theta, \phi)$ direction per unit area of the receiving surface normal to this direction and per unit solid angle about this direction


## Irradiation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=\int_{\text {hemisphere }} d G=\int_{\phi=0}^{2 \pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi / 2} I_{I}(\theta, \phi) \cos \theta \sin \theta d \theta d \phi \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Diffusely incident radiation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=\pi I_{t} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

View factor/ Shape factor/ Configuration factor*


* Applicable for Blackbody and Diffuse Grey Surfaces only


Point

Radiation from $\mathrm{dA}_{1}$ falling on $\mathrm{dA}_{2}$ :

$$
\dot{Q}_{d A_{1} \rightarrow d A_{2}}=I_{1} \cos \theta_{1} d A_{1} d \omega_{21}=I_{1} \cos \theta_{1} d A_{1} \frac{d A_{2} \cos \theta_{2}}{r^{2}}
$$

$I_{l}=$ Radiation Intensity (magnitude of radiation emitted in a particular direction, per unit area, from $\mathrm{A}_{1}$

Total radiation from $\mathrm{dA}_{1}: \dot{Q}_{d A_{1}}=J_{1} d A_{1}=\pi I_{1} d A_{1}$
Its fraction falling on $\mathrm{dA}_{2}: \quad d F_{d A_{1} \rightarrow d A_{2}}=\frac{\dot{Q}_{d A_{1} \rightarrow d A_{2}}}{\dot{O}_{d \Lambda} .}=\frac{\cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2}}{\pi r^{2}} d A_{2}$
Integrating over surface $A_{2}: F_{d A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2}}=\int_{A_{2}} \frac{\cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2}}{\pi r^{2}} d A_{2}$
Fraction of radiation emitted from $\mathrm{dA}_{1}$ that falls on $\mathrm{A}_{2}$
$F_{i j}=$ the fraction of the radiation leaving surface i that strikes surface $j$ directly

View factor (contd...)
Radiation leaving the ENTIRE A ${ }_{1}$ :

$$
\dot{Q}_{A_{1}}=J_{1} A_{1}=\pi I_{1} A_{1}
$$

Radiation falling on $\mathrm{dA}_{2}$ :

$$
\dot{Q}_{A_{1} \rightarrow d A_{2}}=\int_{A_{1}} \dot{Q}_{d A_{1} \rightarrow d A_{2}}=\int_{A_{1}} \frac{I_{1} \cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2} d A_{2}}{r^{2}} d A_{1}
$$



Integrating over $\mathrm{A}_{2}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\dot{Q}_{A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2}}=\int_{A_{2}} \dot{Q}_{A_{1} \rightarrow d A_{2}}=\int_{A_{2}} \int_{A_{1}} \frac{I_{1} \cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2}}{r^{2}} d A_{1} d A_{2} \\
F_{12}=F_{A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2}}=\frac{\dot{Q}_{A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2}}}{\dot{Q}_{A_{1}}}=\frac{1}{A_{1}} \int_{A_{2}} \int_{A_{1}} \frac{\cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2}}{\pi r^{2}} d A_{1} d A_{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

$F_{i j}=$ the fraction of the radiation leaving surface $i$ that strikes surface $j$ directly
View factor (contd...)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{12}=F_{A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2}}=\frac{\dot{Q}_{A_{1} \rightarrow A_{2}}}{\dot{Q}_{A_{1}}}=\frac{1}{A_{1}} \int_{A_{2}} \int_{A_{1}} \frac{\cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2}}{\pi r^{2}} d A_{1} d A_{2} \\
& F_{21}=F_{A_{2} \rightarrow A_{1}}=\frac{\dot{Q}_{A_{2} \rightarrow A_{1}}}{\dot{Q}_{A_{2}}}=\frac{1}{A_{2}} \int_{A_{2}} \int_{A_{1}} \frac{\cos \theta_{1} \cos \theta_{2}}{\pi r^{2}} d A_{1} d A_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
F_{1 \rightarrow 2}=1
$$

$$
A_{1} F_{12}=A_{2} F_{21} \quad \text { Reciprocily relation }
$$

## What is $\mathrm{F}_{21}$ ?

## Self view factor


(a) Plane surface
$F_{i \rightarrow i}=$ the fraction of radiation leaving surface $i$ that strikes itself directly

(b) Convex surface

(c) Concave surface

$$
F_{2 \rightarrow 2}=?
$$

## View Factor Algebra: Summation Rule

The sum of the view factors from surface $i$ of an enclosure to all surfaces of the enclosure, including to itself, must equal unity.


Radiation leaving any surface $i$ of an enclosure must be intercepted completely by the surfaces of the enclosure. Therefore, the sum of the view factors from surface $i$ to each one of the surfaces of the enclosure must be unity.

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{3} F_{1 \rightarrow j}=F_{1 \rightarrow 1}+F_{1 \rightarrow 2}+F_{1 \rightarrow 3}=1
$$



Flat Surface

$$
\mathrm{F}_{11}=0
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Reciprocity rule } \\
& \qquad A_{1} F_{12}=A_{2} F_{21} \Rightarrow F_{21}=\frac{A_{1}}{A_{2}} F_{12}
\end{aligned}
$$

Summation rule

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{11}+F_{12}=1 \Rightarrow F_{12}=1 \Rightarrow F_{21}=\frac{A_{1}}{A_{2}} \\
& F_{21}+F_{22}=1 \Rightarrow F_{22}=1-F_{21}=\left(1-\frac{A_{1}}{A_{2}}\right)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

View factor algebra: Symmetry rule


$$
\begin{gathered}
F_{12}=F_{13}=F_{14}=F_{15} \\
\sum_{j=1}^{5} F_{1 j}=F_{11}+F_{12}+F_{13}+F_{14}+F_{15}=1 \\
F_{11}=0 \\
F_{12}=F_{13}=F_{14}=F_{15}=0.25
\end{gathered}
$$

## Assignment



Show that:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{12}=\frac{A_{1}+A_{2}-A_{3}}{2 A_{1}}=\frac{L_{1}+L_{2}-L_{3}}{2 L_{1}} \\
& F_{13}=\frac{A_{1}+A_{3}-A_{2}}{2 A_{1}}=\frac{L_{1}+L_{3}-L_{2}}{2 L_{1}} \\
& F_{23}=\frac{A_{2}+A_{3}-A_{1}}{2 A_{2}}=\frac{L_{2}+L_{3}-L_{1}}{2 L_{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Examples



Sphere within a cube

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{11}=0 ; \quad F_{12}=1 \\
& A_{1} F_{12}=A_{2} F_{21} \Rightarrow F_{21}=\frac{A_{1}}{A_{2}} F_{12}=\frac{\pi a^{2}}{6 a^{2}}=\frac{\pi}{6}
\end{aligned}
$$



Infinitely long right angle triangular prism

By observation: $\quad F_{11}=0$;
Summation Rule: $F_{11}+F_{12}+F_{13}=1 \Rightarrow F_{12}+F_{13}=1$

By observation, $\mathrm{A}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{A}_{2}$ are symmetrically placed $\quad F_{12}=F_{13}$

$$
\therefore F_{12}=F_{13}=\frac{1}{2}
$$

Reciprocity Rule:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Rule: } \\
& A_{1} F_{12}=A_{2} F_{21} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} a \frac{1}{2}=a F_{21} \Rightarrow F_{21}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
F_{21}+F_{22}+F_{23}=1 ; F_{22}=0 ; \quad F_{23}=1-F_{21}=1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

Hottel's Crossedstring Method


$$
F_{1 \rightarrow 2}=\frac{\left(L_{5}+L_{6}\right)-\left(L_{3}+L_{4}\right)}{2 S_{1}}
$$

## View Factors between Infinitely Long

## Surfaces

developed by H. C. Hottel in the 1950s
Wrong expression in Cengel and Ozisik


Correct Expression:
$F_{i \rightarrow j}=\frac{\sum \text { (Crossed strings) }-\Sigma \text { (Uncrossed strings) }}{2 \times \text { Curved Length of surface } 1}$

Hottel's Crossed-string Method $\quad F_{i \rightarrow j}=\frac{\Sigma(\text { Crossed strings })-\Sigma(\text { Uncrossed strings })}{2 \times(\text { String on surface } i)}$
Find $\mathrm{F}_{12}, \mathrm{~F}_{21}, \mathrm{~F}_{1 \infty}$ and $\mathrm{F}_{2 \infty}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{12}=\frac{\left(L_{5}+L_{6}\right)-\left(L_{3}+L_{4}\right)}{2 L_{1}}=0.25 \\
& F_{21}=\frac{\left(L_{5}+L_{6}\right)-\left(L_{3}+L_{4}\right)}{2 L_{2}}=0.6 \text { verify reciprocity relation }
\end{aligned}
$$

View Factor of the background with respect to the plates:

$$
F_{1 \infty}=1-F_{12}=0.75 \quad F_{2 \infty}=1-F_{21}=0.4
$$



$$
F_{A B}=\frac{(a+a)-(\sqrt{2} a+0)}{2 a}=1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
$$

## Attention: Use the correct form of Hottel's crossed-string method!

Assignment


$$
F_{A B}=\frac{(\sqrt{5} R+\sqrt{5} R)-(R+R)}{4 R}=0.618
$$

$$
F_{B A}=\frac{(\sqrt{5} R+\sqrt{5} R)-(R+R)}{2 \boldsymbol{\pi} \boldsymbol{R}}=0.393
$$

Find $F_{A B}, F_{B A}, F_{A A}$ and $F_{B B}$. Also find $F_{A \infty}$ and $F_{B \infty}$
Summation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{A A}+F_{A B}+F_{A \infty}=1 \\
& F_{B B}+F_{B A}+F_{B \infty}=1
\end{aligned}
$$

Observation $F_{A A}=0$
Reciprocity relation between Curved surface $B$ and the hypothetical open face (C)

$$
\pi R F_{B C}=2 R F_{C B} \Rightarrow F_{B C}=\frac{2}{\pi} F_{C B}=\frac{2}{\pi}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{A \infty}=1-F_{A B}=1-0.618=0.382 \\
& F_{B \curvearrowleft}=1-F_{B B}-F_{B A}=1-0.393-0.363 \\
& =0.244
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
F_{B B}=1-2 / \pi=0.363
$$

## Assignment



$$
N=3, N^{2}=9
$$

View factor algebra: how many equations do we need?

- Radiation exchange in an enclosure of N surfaces: $\mathrm{N}^{2}$ view factors required

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\mathrm{F}_{11} & \mathrm{~F}_{12} & -- & \mathrm{F}_{1 \mathrm{~N}} \\
\mathrm{~F}_{21} & \mathrm{~F}_{22} & -- & \mathrm{F}_{2 \mathrm{~N}} \\
- & - & - & - \\
\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{N} 1} & \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{N} 2} & -- & \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{NN}}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Summation Rule: 3
Reciprocity Rule $=3\left(F_{12}\right.$ \&
$F_{21}, F_{23} \& F_{32}$, and $F_{13} \& F_{31}$ )
Remaining: 3

(3) $a \quad 600 \mathrm{~K}$

- Summation rule can be applied to get N equations which gives N view factors
- Application of Reciprocity relation for $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{N}-1) / 2$ times gives $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{N}-1) / 2$ view factors
- So we need essentially $\mathrm{N}^{2}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{N}-1) / 2$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{12}=F_{13}=\frac{1}{2} \\
& \mathrm{~F}_{11}=\mathrm{F}_{22}=\mathrm{F}_{33}=0, \\
& \mathrm{~F}_{21}=\mathrm{F}_{31}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\
& \mathrm{~F}_{23}=\mathrm{F}_{32}=1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## View factor algebra: Additive property of view factor

Radiation falling on a composite surface

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{i}(\mathrm{j})}=\sum_{\mathrm{k}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{ik}} \quad \text { Multiply } \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \text { on both sides, } \\
\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{i}(\mathrm{j})}=\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \sum_{\mathrm{k}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{ik}}=\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{i} 1}+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{i} 2}+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{i} 3}+----+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{in}} \\
\mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{j}(\mathrm{i})}=\mathrm{A}_{1} \mathrm{~F}_{1 \mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{A}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{2 \mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{A}_{3} \mathrm{~F}_{3 \mathrm{i}}+----+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{ni}} \\
\mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{j}(\mathrm{i})}=\sum_{\mathrm{k}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{k}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{ki}} \\
\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{j}(\mathrm{i})}=\frac{\sum_{\mathrm{k}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{k}} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{ki}}}{\sum_{\mathrm{k}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{k}}}
\end{gathered}
$$



Parallel plates with midlines
connected by perpendicular line


Inclined plates of equal width and with a common edge


$$
\begin{aligned}
F_{i \rightarrow j} & =1-\left[1-\left(\frac{D}{s}\right)^{2}\right]^{1 / 2} \\
& +\frac{D}{s} \tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{s^{2}-D^{2}}{D^{2}}\right)^{1 / 2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## View factor of infinitely long parallel surfaces



View Factors of more complicated 3-D surface (analytical and graphical methods)



View factor expressions for some common geometries of finite size (3D)

| Geometry | Relation |
| :---: | :---: |
| Aligned parallel rectangles | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{X}= X / L \text { and } \bar{Y}=Y / L \\ & \begin{aligned} F_{i \rightarrow j} & =\frac{2}{\pi \bar{X} \bar{Y}}\left\{\ln \left[\frac{\left(1+\bar{X}^{2}\right)\left(1+\bar{Y}^{2}\right)}{1+\bar{X}^{2}+\bar{Y}^{2}}\right]^{1 / 2}\right. \\ & +\bar{X}\left(1+\bar{Y}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \tan ^{-1} \frac{\bar{X}}{\left(1+\bar{Y}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}} \\ & \left.+\bar{Y}\left(1+\bar{X}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \tan ^{-1} \overline{\bar{Y}} \overline{\bar{X}^{2}}\right)^{1 / 2} \\ & \left.-\bar{X} \tan ^{-1} \bar{X}-\bar{Y} \tan ^{-1} \bar{Y}\right\} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$ |
| Coaxial parallel disks | $\begin{aligned} R_{i} & =r_{i} / L \text { and } R_{j}=r_{j} / L \\ S & =1+\frac{1+R_{j}^{2}}{R_{i}^{2}} \\ F_{i \rightarrow j} & =\frac{1}{2}\left\{S-\left[S^{2}-4\left(\frac{r_{j}}{r_{i}}\right)^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}\right\} \end{aligned}$ |
| Perpendicular rectangles with a common edge | $\begin{aligned} H= & Z I X \text { and } W=Y I X \\ F_{i \rightarrow j} & =\frac{1}{\pi W}\left(W \tan ^{-1} \frac{1}{W}+H \tan ^{-1} \frac{1}{H}\right. \\ & -\left(H^{2}+W^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \tan ^{-1} \frac{1}{\left(H^{2}+W^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}} \\ & +\frac{1}{4} \ln \left\{\frac{\left(1+W^{2}\right)\left(1+H^{2}\right)}{1+W^{2}+H^{2}}\right. \\ & \times\left[\frac{W^{2}\left(1+W^{2}+H^{2}\right)}{\left(1+W^{2}\right)\left(W^{2}+H^{2}\right)}\right]^{W^{2}} \\ & \left.\left.\times\left[\frac{H^{2}\left(1+H^{2}+W^{2}\right)}{\left(1+H^{2}\right)\left(H^{2}+W^{2}\right)}\right]^{H^{2}}\right\}\right) \end{aligned}$ |

## Examples: Determine the view factors $\mathrm{F}_{12}$ and $\mathrm{F}_{21}$




From summation rule, where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{11}+F_{12}+F_{13}=1 \\
& F_{11}=0 \\
& F_{12}=F_{13} \\
& F_{12}=0.50 \\
& F_{21}=\frac{A_{1}}{A_{2}} F_{12}=\frac{\sqrt{2} L}{L} \times 0.5=0.71
\end{aligned}
$$

