#### A little geometry

Frame of reference is required:

We assume a cartesian coordinate system and orientate this such that the x-axis points to the sun

We will encounter two forms of this 'sun-based' frame of reference - one that assumes the z-axis to be altitude (I.e increasing upwards) and another with z increasing downwards (and thus a measure of depth).

We can specify any position in this space as given by a general position vector  $\vec{r}$ by the coordinates of its tip (x,y,z)

The unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are the unit vectors defined along the x,y, and z axes

Two angles are also elementary to our considerations - the zenith angle  $\theta$  and azimuth angle  $\phi$  (measured from the x axis)



### Direction

Consider a hypothetical unit sphere about some origin. We define the direction vector as that unit vector that extends from the origin to some point (x,y,z) on that sphere.

$$\vec{\xi} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|} = \frac{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})}{(\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^2 + \mathbf{z}^2)^{1/2}}$$

For a vector of unit length  $(|\mathbf{r}| = 1)$ :

$$x = \vec{r} \cdot \hat{i} = \cos\phi\sin\theta$$
$$y = \vec{r} \cdot \hat{j} = \sin\phi\sin\theta$$
$$z = \vec{r} \cdot \hat{k} = \cos\theta = \mu$$

So that we can express a unit direction vector

$$\vec{\xi} = (\cos\phi\sin\theta, \sin\phi\sin\theta, \cos\theta)$$



Important application - angle formed between two directions  $\cos \Theta = \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\xi}'$  $\cos \Theta = \mu \mu' + (1 - \mu^2)^{1/2} (1 - \mu'^2)^{1/2} \cos(\phi' - \phi)$ 

# Solid Angle

Consider a unit sphere with some opening of area dA as as shown:

solid angle subtended by the opening at origin = area of the opening on the unit sphere

Small element of area is da x db =  $sin\theta d\theta x d\phi = d\Omega$ 





Establish this unit sphere relative to some direction, such as local vertical establishes two hemispheres (upper and lower)

## Solid Angle Examples

• The solid angle of a spherical cap defined by the angle 
$$\theta$$
 is  

$$\Omega(D) = \int_{0}^{\theta} \sin \theta d\theta \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$= 2\pi [1 - \cos \theta]$$
For small  $\theta$ ,  $\cos \theta \rightarrow 1 - \theta^{2}/2 + \dots$  and  
 $\Omega(D) = \pi \theta^{2}$   
For  $\theta = -\pi$ , the solid angle of a sphere is  
 $\Omega(D) = 4\pi$ .  
• The solid angle of a spherical segment is  
 $\Omega(D) = \int_{\theta_{1}}^{\theta_{2}} \sin \theta d\theta \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\phi$   
 $= 2\pi [\cos \theta_{1} - \cos \theta_{2}]$   
• The solid angle of the sun is  
 $\Omega_{\odot} = \pi \theta^{2}$   
where as we shall see later,  $\theta \approx r_{\odot}/R_{S_{E}}$ , and  
 $\Omega_{\odot} = \pi (\frac{0.7 \times 10^{6}}{1.5 \times 10^{8}})^{2} \approx 0.684 \times 10^{-4}$  steradian

Example 2.2: Solid Angle

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#### Radiant flux - a basic quantity\*





\* but one not directly measurable

#### Basic measurement concepts -radiance

Two quantities thus follow from  $P(\vec{r})$ : Area density radiant fl<u>u</u>x:

$$F_{A} = \dot{P}(\vec{r})/dA(\vec{\xi})$$
 Wm<sup>-2</sup> (µm)<sup>-1</sup>

Solid angle density

$$F_{\Omega} = P(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) / d\Omega (\vec{\boldsymbol{\xi}})$$

Wster<sup>-1</sup> (
$$\mu$$
m)<sup>-1</sup>



Basic quantity measured is the **radiance**  I = P/T  $Wm^{-2}ster^{-1} (\mu m)^{-1}$ where  $T = dA \times d\Omega$ is the instrument throughput.

Radiance or intensity is fundamental since we can measure it and all other relevant parameters of interest to us derive from it.

#### Basic measurement concepts -radiometer



Key point: radiance is a 'field' quantity being independent of the distance between the instrument and source assuming the FOV is uniformly filled.

Problem: a simple radiometer is pointed at a wall as shown. The radiant flux received by a detector D of area  $A_d$  at the base of a black tube of length X and aperture area  $A_a$  as shown is P. Assuming  $A_d \ll X^2$  and  $A_a \ll R^2$  what is the averaged radiance of the wall?

Solution: The solid angle subtended by the entrance aperture at the center of the detector is  $A_a/X^2$ The radiance is  $P/(A_d A_a/X^2)$ 

Note: (i) the area of the field of view (target area) is  $A_{t}$  at the point p. The total area as seen by the whole detector is  $A_{t}$ ' which is larger than  $A_{t}$ . (ii) The radiance is independent of R.

From radiance to irradiance (flux)



For n sources of radiance  $I_{j,j}$  j=1...n along the n directions  $\xi_{j,j}$  j=1...n illuminating the surface, the total rate of energy flow per unit area through the surface dA is just the superposition of each individual source

From radiance to irradiance (flux)  
For n sources 
$$I_1 = I(\vec{\xi}_1)$$
  
 $F(\hat{n}) = \frac{P(\hat{n})}{dA} = I_1\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\xi}_1 d\Omega(\vec{\xi}_1) + I_2\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\xi}_2 d\Omega(\vec{\xi}_2) + ...$   
 $F(\hat{n}) = \int I(\vec{\xi}')\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\xi}' d\Omega(\vec{\xi}')$   
Consider now the special case  
with  $\hat{n} = \hat{k}$   
 $d\Omega = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$   
 $F^+ = \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{0}^{\pi/2} I(\theta, \phi) \cos\theta \sin\theta d\theta$   
 $(\hat{k} \cdot \vec{\xi} = \cos\theta)$   
 $F^- = \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-\pi/2}^{0} I(\theta, \phi) \cos\theta \sin\theta d\theta$ 

### Scattering phase function

Consider an experiment that places a detector at some distance from a scattering volume. We seek to measure the scattered intensity at all such points located around an imaginary sphere that surrounds the scatterer

As before:











Examples of phase function



Points to note: the extent of forward scattering & how it increase with x Optical phenomena like rainbow and glory and where they appear Smoothing of scattering function for polydispersions Anticipate the effects of particle absorption



http://members.tripod.com/~ regenbogen/indexe.htm



# Properties of the phase function

$$g = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} P(\cos \Theta) \cos \Theta d\cos \Theta$$

asymmetry parameter

g=1 pure forward scatter g=0 isotropic or symmetric (e.g Rayleigh) g=-1 pure backscatter

# Other properties of the phase function

# Define forward scatter & backscatter as

