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1 Scope

In this Part 9 of the spacecraft thermal control and design data handbooks, view factors of diffuse and specular thermal surfaces are discussed.

For diffuse surfaces, calculations are given for radiation emission and absorption between different configurations of planar, cylindrical, conical, spherical and ellipsoidal surfaces for finite and infinite surfaces.

For specular surfaces the affect of reflectance on calculations for view factors is included in the calculations. View factors for specular and diffuse surfaces are also included.

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3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this Standard, the terms and definitions given in ECSS-S-ST-00-01 apply.

3.2 Symbols

$\mathbf{A_i}$	surface area of the i-th surface, [m²]
$\mathbf{B_i}$	energy flux leaving surface, *i*. often called radiosity, [W.m^{-2}]
$\mathbf{F_{ij}}$	view factor from diffuse surface, A_i to diffuse surface, A_j
$\mathbf{F_{(i1,i2,\ldots in)(j1,j2,\ldots jn)}}$	view factor from the ensemble of diffuse surfaces, A_{i1}, A_{i2},...A_{in} to the ensemble of diffuse surfaces, A_{j1}, A_{j2},...A_{jn}
$\mathbf{F_{ij}^s}$	view factor from specular surface A_i to specular surface A_j
$\mathbf{H_i}$	energy flux incident on surface *i*, [W.m^{-2}]
$\mathbf{K_{i2}}$	term which appears in the expression for the view factor between elements of parallel plates, $K_{i2} = A_i F_{ii'}$
$\mathbf{K_{mn}(i,j,k,p,q,\ldots)}$	fraction of the radiative energy leaving A_m which reaches A_n after *i* perfectly specular reflections from surface A_i, *j* from surface A_j, *k* from surface A_k,...
$\mathbf{S}$	distance between two differential elements, [m]
$\mathbf{T}$	temperature, [K]
$\boldsymbol{\beta_i}$	angle from normal to surface *i*, [angular degrees]
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$	hemispherical emittance of a (diffuse-gray) surface
$\boldsymbol{\rho^d}$	hemispherical diffuse reflectance of a (diffuse-gray) surface

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ρ^s	specular reflectance of a (gray) surface, it is assumed to be independent of incident angle
σ	Stefan-Boltzmann constant, S = 5,6697x10^{-8} W.m^{-2}.K^{-4}

Other symbols, mainly used to define the geometry of the configurations, are introduced when required.

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4 Diffuse surfaces

4.1 General

The view factor, F_{12}, between the diffuse surface A_1 and A_2, is the fraction of the energy leaving the isothermal surface A_1 that arrives at A_2.

If the receiver surface is infinitesimal, the view factor is infinitesimal for both infinitesimal and finite emitting surfaces, and is given by the expression

$$dF_{12} = \frac{\cos\beta_1 \cos\beta_2}{\pi S^2} dA_2 \qquad [4\text{-}1]$$

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when both surfaces are infinitesimal, and by

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$$dF_{12} = \frac{dA_2}{A_1} \int_{A_1} \frac{\cos\beta_1 \cos\beta_2}{\pi S^2} dA_1 \qquad [4\text{-}2]$$

when A_1 is finite.

If the receiver surface is finite, the view factor is finite for both infinitesimal and finite emitting surfaces, and is given by the expression

$$F_{12} = \int_{A_2} \frac{\cos\beta_1 \cos\beta_2}{\pi S^2} dA_2 \qquad [4\text{-}3]$$

when A_1 is infinitesimal, and by

$$F_{12} = \frac{1}{A_1} \int_{A_1} \int_{A_2} \frac{\cos\beta_1 \cos\beta_2}{\pi S^2} dA_2 dA_1 \qquad [4\text{-}4]$$

when A_1 is finite.

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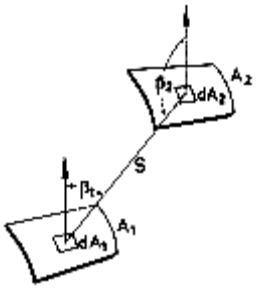

Figure 4-1: Geometric notation for view factors between diffuse surface.

Regardless of which surfaces are considered, their view factors satisfy the following reciprocity relation:

$A_1F_{12} = A_2F_{21}$

If we consider the diffuse surfaces A_1, A_2 and A_3, the view factor between the surfaces A_1 and $A_2 + A_3$ is

$F_{1(2,3)} = F_{12} + F_{13}$,

when the receiver surface is formed by two surfaces, and

$$F_{(2,3)1} = \frac{A_2F_{21} + A_3F_{31}}{A_2 + A_3} \qquad [4\text{-}5]$$

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when the emitting surface is formed by two surfaces. notice that the notation $F_{1(2,3)}$ and $F_{(2,3)1}$ will be used in the following data sheets.

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When an enclosure of N surfaces $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$ is considered, their view factors satisfy the relation

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N} F_{ij} = 1 \qquad [4\text{-}6]$$

for any surface A_i. This relationship results from the fact that the overall heat transfer in the enclosure should be zero.

4.2 Infinitesimal to finite surfaces

4.2.1 Planar to planar

4.2.1.1 Two-dimensional configurations

A plane point source dA_1 and any surface A_2 generated by an infinitely long line moving parallel to itself and to the plane dA_1.