

Drawing: West Adams Place, Los Angeles, California

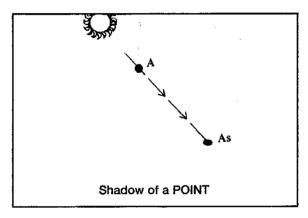
36"×24" (91.4×61 cm)

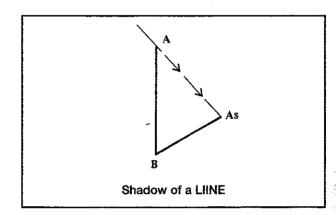
Medium: Ink

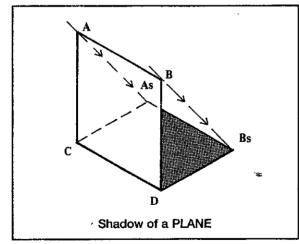
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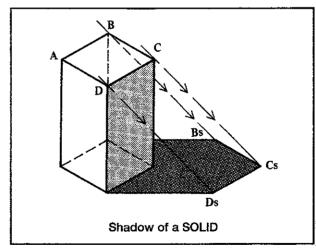
Iraj Yamin Esfandiary, Illustrator

These building solids cast shadows and show shade with a line hatching technique (shadow darker than shade). The foreground road has the heaviest hatching.









Shadow development can be analyzed by studying shadow progressions from points to lines to planes and finally to solids. Begin by studying point shadows, since a finite series of points will ultimately:

- 1. Determine shadows of lines (lines being composed of points)
- 2. Determine shadows of planes (planes being composed of lines)
- 3. Determine shadows of **solids** (solids being composed of planes)

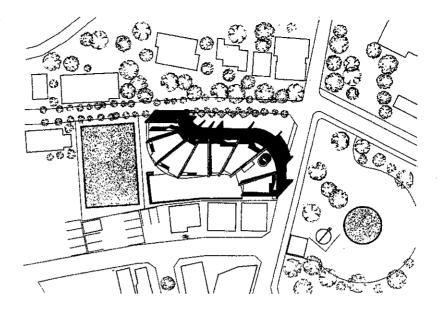
The shadow of a line, a plane, or a solid is most efficiently determined by locating the shadows of the **critical** points of the line, plane, or solid.

Drawing: Site plan of housing at Shakujii Park

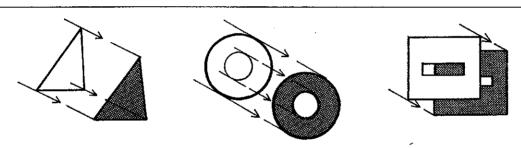
Tokyo, Japan

Medium: Ink on Mylar

Courtesy of Shigeru Ban Architects

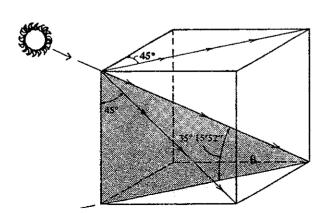


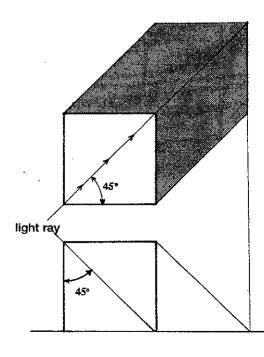
Shadow Principles

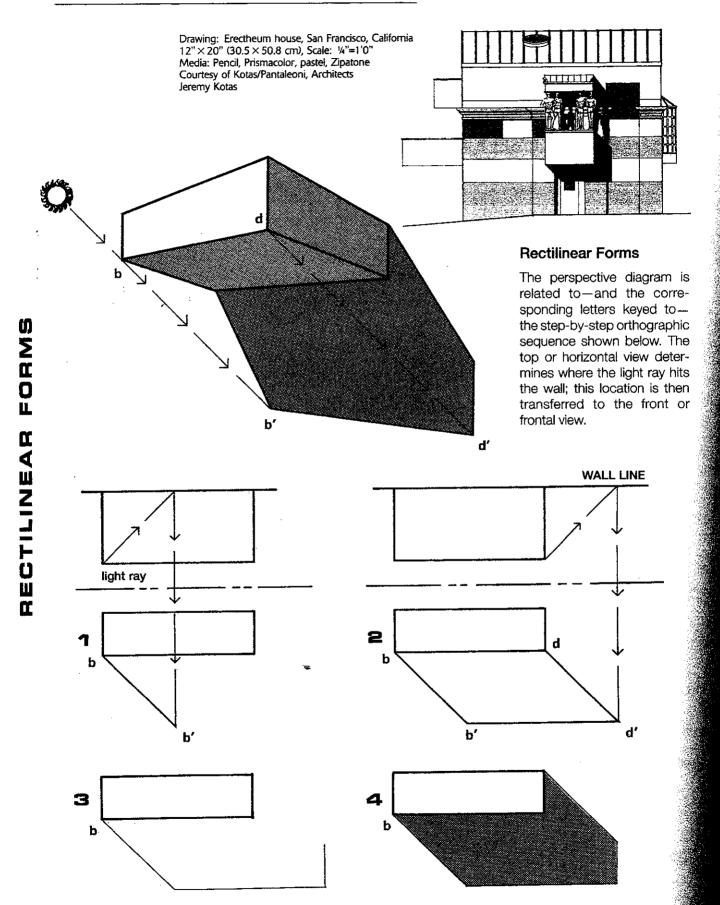


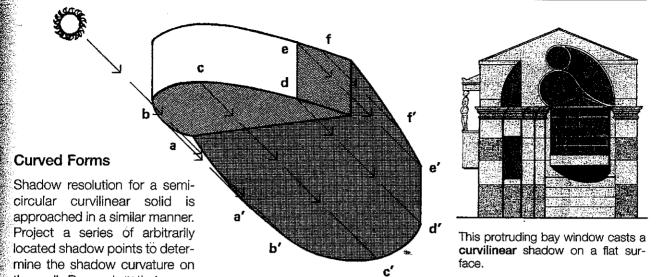
The shadow of a plane figure on a parallel plane is identical in size, shape, and orientation to the figure. The more distant the parallel plane (triangle and donut), the more shadow will show.

For architectural graphics, a 45° angle light ray direction from the left in plan and in elevation is conventionally used. In cubic form this can be represented by the diagonal of a cube with a slope of 35°15′52" (θ). Also commonly used is a 45° angle light ray direction from the right. Note that the **slope** angle of the light ray is the inclination relative to the horizontal plane.

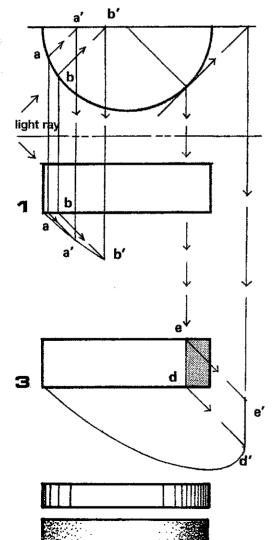








Drawing: Erectheum house, San Francisco, California 12" × 20" (30.5 × 50.8 cm), Scale: ¼"=1'0" Media: Pencil, Prismacolor, pastel, Zipatone Courtesy of Kotas/Pantaleoni, Architects Jeremy Kotas

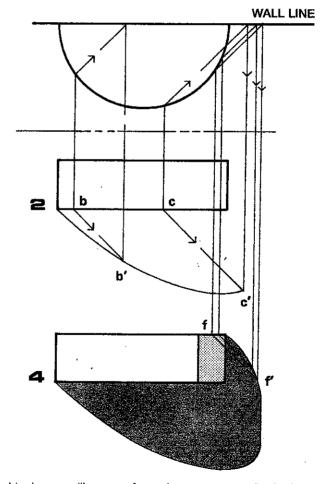


the wall. Remember that every point on the line that separates

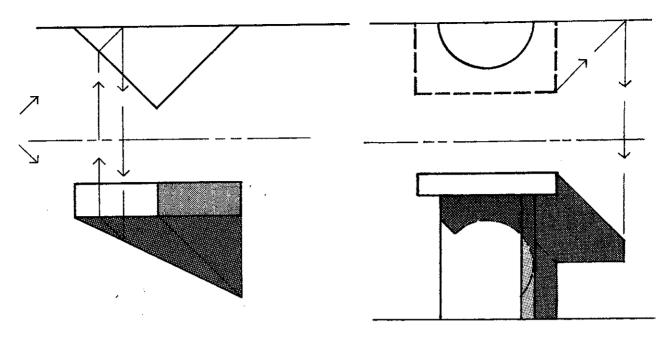
light from shade (shade line)

will cast a shadow point on the

shadow line.

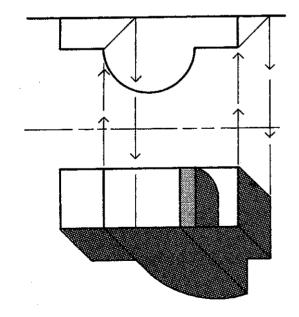


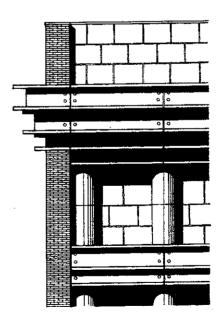
A cylindrical or curvilinear surface always appears flat in the front elevation. Use a series of unequally spaced fine lines or increasing dot density instead of a uniform shade density to create a feeling of depth (see pp. 103–04).



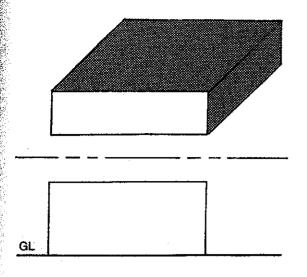
Elevation View Shadows

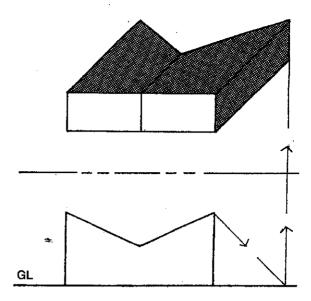
The study of wall condition shadows for various geometric forms, such as the previously described rectilinear and curvilinear forms and the variety shown on this page, provides the necessary framework for the analogous situations encountered in site plan and roof plan shadows. This analogy becomes apparent by turning any wall condition drawing upside down: the "wall line" then becomes the "ground line," and the "wall object" becomes the object seen in the plan view.





Partial elevation: Hotel II Palazzo
Fukuoka, Japan
18" × 24" (45.7 × 61 cm), Scale: 1:50 m
Medium: Black ink on Mylar
Courtesy of Aldo Rossi, Studio di Architettura
New York, Architect





Plan View Shadows

These drawings illustrate the analogy between wall elevation shadows and site/roof plan shadows. The height of the solid forms above the "ground line" determines the length of the shadow cast in the plan view. Note that by simply turning the drawing upside down and switching the plan and elevation views, wall elevation conditions result.

Drawing: Town Square, four houses and chapel

Port Ludlow, Washington

Scale: 1"=40'0" Medium: Pen and ink

Courtesy of Steven Holl Architects

