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Real-time Graphic applications, like video games, require solutions for jaggies and pixel flickering in movement problems, aliasing, to render high-quality images. In this thesis, we improved the Temporal Anti-Aliasing technique to provide higher quality images.

Current computer graphics real-time applications strive to provide the highest image quality available at the lowest computational cost possible, they normally need to run at 30 images (frames) per second or more. One of the obstacles to overcome is that normally there is not enough resolution to render everything the best way possible, thus, creating what is commonly referred as jaggies or the blocky look that some rendered images get (formally named Spatial Aliasing); and pixel flickering or jumps in moving objects (Temporal Aliasing).

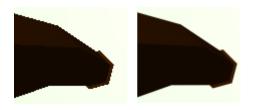


Figure 1: Example of Jaggies versus how it should look.

This thesis presents a new approach to Temporal Anti-Aliasing (TAA) that improves on current techniques. TAA works by mitigating the effects of Spatial and Temporal Aliasing using previously rendered frames in the process of render-

ing the current one. The key benefits that this technique provide are that it solves two types of aliasing problems at the same time; that it is compatible with current rendering pipelines and it provides good results while being lightweight in computational cost. But, applying TAA has two main drawbacks, it generates unnecessary blurriness; and the appearance of trails of objects from previous frames that were moving (ghosting).

The work of this thesis achieved a reduction in both drawbacks by the use of edge detection, applying the Sobel Operator, and by numbering (indexing) models in the scene to differentiate them. Also, the improvements managed to be at the same level or surpass other Anti-Aliasing solutions like FXAA and SMAA, which are common in Real-time Graphic applications.



Figure 2: Example of Ghosting reduction.