

# Diffraction Shader

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Motivation

effect of diffraction, stam, genf, rendering snake skin

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The purpose of this thesis is to render realtime the effect of diffraction on different snakes skins in a photorealistic manor. In oder to achieve this purpose we will rely J. Stam's formulation of a BRDF which basically describes the effect of diffraction on a given surface assuming one knows the hightfield on this surface. In our case, those heightfields are small patches of the nanostructure of the snake skin provided by GENEVA taken by MI-KROSKOP. In his Paper, J. Stam assuming distribution on his heightfields whereas we require a an explicit provided hightfield of the surface or at least a small patch. Therefore, this work can be considered as an extension of J. Stam's derivations for the case one is provided by a explicit height field on a quasiperiodic structure. Since one goal of this work is to render in realtime, we have to perform also precomputations which will require us to slightly modify Stam's main derivation.

## 1.2 Related Work

see papaer listing

## 1.3 Thesis Outline

describe what is which chapter

## 2 Theoretical Background

Explain that this thesis has deep theoretical background, some derivations show derivation roadmap

### 2.1 The Effect Of Diffraction

### 2.2 BRDF - Spectral Rendering

### 2.3 Stams derivation

In his Paper Diffraction Shader, Jos Stam derives a an BRDF modeling the effect of diffraction for various analytical anisotropic reflection models using the scalar Kirchof theory and the theory of random processes. By employing the so called wave theory of diffraction [source 5 in stams paper] in which a wave is assumed to be a complex valued scalar. It's noteworthy, that stam's BRDF formulation does not take into account the polarization of the light. Nevertheless, light sources like sunlight and light bulbs are unpolarized. In our simulations we will always assume we have given a directional light source, i.e. sunlight. Hence, we can use stam's model for our derivations

A further assumption in Stam's Paper is, the emanated waves from the source are stationary - sunlight once again. Which implies the wave is a superposition of independent monochromatic waves. This implies that each wave is associated to a definite wavelength  $\lambda$ .

Mention Helmholtz equation, which has the solution  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$  which is the wavenumber

Stam starts his derivations by above's assumptions and by applying the Kirchhoff integral, which describes the reflected field and the Huygen's principle, which states, when somebody knows the wavefront at a given moment, the wave at a later time can be deduced by considering each point on the first wave as the source of a new disturbance.

$$\psi_2 = \frac{ike^{iKR}}{4\pi R} (F\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{p}) \cdot \int_S \hat{\mathbf{n}} e^{ik\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{s}} d\mathbf{s} \quad (1)$$

In optics, when dealing with scattered waves, one does use differential scattering cross-section rather than a BRDF which has the following identity:

$$\sigma^0 = 4\pi \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} R^2 \frac{\langle |\psi_2|^2 \rangle}{\langle |\psi_1|^2 \rangle} \quad (2)$$

Relationship between the BRDF and the scattering cross section is the following:

$$BRDF = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{A} \frac{\sigma^0}{\cos(\theta_1)\cos(\theta_2)} \quad (3)$$

Whereas  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles that the vectors  $\hat{k}_1$  and  $\hat{k}_2$  make with the vertical direction.

ADD FIGURE for  $k_1, k_2$

where  $R$  is the distance from the center of the patch to the receiving point  $x_p$ ,  $\hat{n}$  is the normal of the surface at  $s$  and the vectors:

$$\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{k}}_2 = (u, v, w)$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{k}}_2$$

During his derivations, Stam provides a analytical representation for the Kirchhoff integral by using his assumptions. He restricts himself to the reflection of waves from height fields  $h(x, y)$  with the assumption that the surface is defined as an elevation over the  $(x, y)$  plane using the surface plane approximation. Which will lead him to the following identity for the Kirchhoff integral

$$\mathbf{I}(ku, kv) = \iint \frac{1}{ikw} (-p_x, -p_y, ikwp) \quad (4)$$

whereas

$$p(x, y) = e^{ikwh(x, y)} \quad (5)$$

We the observation that the integral is a Fourier transform by  $-iku$  and  $-ikv$  which will lead us to his final derivation, using the identity of BRDF, and computing the limes:

$$BRDF = \frac{k^2 F^2 G}{4\pi A w^2} \langle |P(ku, kv)|^2 \rangle \quad (6)$$

Where

$$G = \frac{1 - \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_2}{\cos(\theta_1)\cos(\theta_2)} \quad (7)$$

and  $P(x,y)$  is the Fourier transform of the function  $p(x,y)$  from above. This identity for the BRDF is the starting point for our derivations.

## 2.4 Taylor Series Approximation

Based on J. Stam's Paper about Diffraction shaders we will show that there is an approximation of his equation (5),  $p(x,y)$ , for a explicitly given heightfield  $h(x,y)$ . This approximation is achieved by using Taylor-Series and using this identity we will further be able to approximate the Fourier-Transformation of  $p(x,y)$ , denoted as  $P(u,v)$ . Finally we will give an error bound for this approximation.

### 2.4.1 Taylor Series of p

Given  $p(x,y) = e^{ikwh(x,y)}$  from Stam's Paper where  $h(x,y)$  is here a given heightfield. Also given the definition  $e^y = 1 + y + \frac{y^2}{2!} + \frac{y^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n!}$  where  $y$  can be real or even complex valued - note this identity can either be derived by power series or by Taylor-Series (using the derivatives of the exp-function and developing the Taylor-Series around the point  $a=0$ ). Let us now set  $y = ikwh(x,y)$  where  $i$  is the imaginary number. For simplification, let us denote  $h(x,y)$  as  $h$ . It follows by our previous stated identities:  $e^y = 1 + (ikwh) + \frac{1}{2!}(ikwh)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(ikwh)^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ikwh)^n}{n!}$ . Hence it holds  $p(x,y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ikwh(x,y))^n}{n!}$ .

### 2.4.2 Fourier Transformation of function p

Let us now compute the Fourier Transformation of  $p(x,y)$  from above:  $\mathcal{F}\{p\}(u,v) = \mathcal{F}\left\{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ikwh(x,y))^n}{n!}\right\} = \mathcal{F} \text{ lin Operator } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{(ikwh(x,y))^n}{n!}\right\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ikwh)^n}{n!} \mathcal{F}\{h(x,y)^n\}$ .

Hence it follows:  $P(\alpha,\beta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ikwh)^n}{n!} \mathcal{F}\{h^n\}(\alpha,\beta)$ .

**NB:**  $\mathcal{F}\{h^n\}(u,v)$  denotes the two dimensional Fourier Transformation of  $p(x,y)$  and can be numerically computed by the two dimensional **DFT** or rather by the two dimensional **FFT** over  $h(x,y)$ .

### 2.4.3 Approximation of function P

Next we are going to look for an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(ikwh)^n}{n!} \mathcal{F}\{h^n\}(\alpha, \beta) \approx P(\alpha, \beta)$ . is a good approximation. We have to prove two things:

1. Show that there exist such an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t the approximation holds true.
2. Find a value for B s.t. this approximation is below a certain error bound, for example machine precision  $\epsilon$ .

### 2.4.4 Proof Sketch of 1.

By the **ratio test** (see [1]) we can show that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(ikwh)^n}{n!} \mathcal{F}\{h^n\}(\alpha, \beta)$  converges absolutely:

**Proof:** Consider  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^k}{k!}$  where  $a_k = \frac{y^k}{k!}$ . By the definition of the ratio test for series it follows:  $\forall y : \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y}{k+1} = 0$

Thus this series converges absolutely, no matter what value we will pick for y.

### 2.4.5 Part 2: Find such an N

Let  $f(x) = e^x$ . We can formulate its Taylor-Series, stated above. Let  $P_n(x)$  denote the n-th Taylor-Polynomial,  $P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k$ , where a is our developing point (here, in this case a=0). We can define the error of the n-th Taylor-Polynomial to be  $E_n(x) = f(x) - P_n(x)$ . That error is the actual value minus the Taylor polynomial. It holds true:  $|E_n(x)| = |f(x) - P_n(x)|$ . By using the Lagrangian Error Bound - (see source [2]) it follows:  $|E_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x - a|^{n+1}$  with a=0, where M is some value satisfying  $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$  on the interval  $I = [a, x]$ . Since we are interested in an upper bound of the error and since a is known, we can reformulate the interval as  $I = [0, x_{max}]$ , where  $x_{max} = |i| * k_{max} * w_{max} * h_{max}$ , since we are interested in computing an error bound for  $e^{ikwh(x,y)}$ . From Stam's Paper about diffraction shader we know some parameters for the length, width and height for a given sample patch, i.e. heightfield h(x,y) and when using those parameters are able to find a explicit number for  $x_{max}$ .

Facts we are using from Stam's Paper:

- Height of bump: 0.15micro meters

- Width of a bump: 0.5micro meters
- Length of a bump: 1micro meters
- $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$  is the wavenumber and  $\lambda \in [\lambda_{min}, \lambda_{max}]$  its wavelength hence  $k_{max} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{min}}$
- $w$  is a component of the vector  $\vec{v} = \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2 = (u, v, w)$ , where  $\vec{k}_1$  and  $\vec{k}_2$  are **normalized** direction vectors and this each component can have a value in range  $[-2, 2]$ .
- for simplification, assume  $[\lambda_{min}, \lambda_{max}] = [400nm, 700nm]$ .

Hence  $x_{max} = |i| * k_{max} * w_{max} * h_{max} = k_{max} * w_{max} * h_{max} = 2 * (\frac{2\pi}{4*10^{-7}m}) * 1.5 * 10^{-7} = 1.5\pi$  and it follows for our intervall  $I = [0, 1.5\pi]$ . Next we are going to find the value for M. Since the exponential function is monoton growing (on the interval I) and the derivative of the **exp** function is the exp function itself, we can find such an M:  $M = e^{x_{max}} = \exp(1.5\pi)$  and  $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$  holds. With  $|E_n(x_{max})| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x_{max} - a|^{n+1} = \frac{\exp(1.5\pi) * (1.5\pi)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$  we now can find a value of n for a given bound, i.e. we can find an value of  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\frac{\exp(1.5\pi) * (1.5\pi)^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} \leq \epsilon$ . With Octave/Matlab we can see:

- if  $N=20$  then  $\epsilon \approx 2.9950 * 10^{-4}$
- if  $N=25$  then  $\epsilon \approx 8.8150 * 10^{-8}$
- if  $N=30$  then  $\epsilon \approx 1.0050 * 10^{-11}$

#### 2.4.6 Conclusion

With this approach we have that  $\sum_{n=0}^{25} \frac{(ikwh)^n}{n!} \mathcal{F}\{h^n\}(\alpha, \beta)$  is an approximation of  $P(u, v)$  with error  $\epsilon \approx 8.8150 * 10^{-8}$ . This means we can precompute 25 Fourier Transformations (for example via FFT2) and then sum them up in order to approximate  $P(u, v)$  and  $\epsilon \approx 8.8150 * 10^{-8}$ . This approach will allow us to speed up our shader. Furthermore we see that when we just take 5 more iterations, we will reduce the error bound to the dimension of  $10^{-11}$ .

**NB:** More explanation about how the shader itself works during our discussion.



### 2.4.7 Sources

- [1] [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratio\\_test](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratio_test)
- [2] <http://math.jasonbhill.com/courses/fall-2010-math-2300-005/lectures/taylor-polynomial-error-bounds>

## 2.5 Sampling: Gaussian Window

### 2.6 Our derivations

Radiance reflected by given surface in given direction:  $L_\lambda(w_i)$  is the incoming radiance,  $L_\lambda(w_r)$  is the reflected radiance,

$$L_\lambda(w_r) = \int_{\Omega} BRDF_\lambda(w_i, w_r) L_\lambda(w_i) \cos(\theta_i) dw_i \quad (8)$$

where  $w_i$  is the solid angle for the incoming light,  $\theta_i$  is the angle of incidence,  $w_r$  is the solid angle for the reflected light,  $\lambda$  wavelength,  $\Omega$  is the hemisphere we of integration for the incoming light.

### 2.7 Aplitude smooting

Let us consider the so called 1-dimensional Box-function with length  $T$  which is defined as the following: ADD AN IMAGE OF BOXFUNCTION

$$Box(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq T \\ 0 & \text{if } else \end{cases}$$

We assume, that our given heighfield can be represented as a 2-dimensional box-function. Note that we can use any explicit given constrained 2-dimensional function and will get some identities like we get from the box-function.

Further we are assuming that we can model the overall surface be assuming this heighfield being distributed in a periodic manor. Therefore, the whole surface can be represented like this  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N Box(x - nT_1, y - mT_2)$  assuming the given heighfield has the dimensions  $T_1$  by  $T_2$ . But let us first consider the 1-dimensional Box-function case before deriving an identity for the Fourier transform of our 2-dimensional Box-function, i.e. the fourier transform of our heighfield.

A so called bump can be represented by our 1-dimensional Box-function. We assume periodicity which is equaivalent to:  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N Box(x - nT)$

We are interested in the 1-dimensional Fourier transform of the 1-dimensional Box-function:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}\{f\}(w) &= \int f(x)e^{-iwx}dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^N \text{Box}(x - nT)e^{-iwx}dx \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Box}(x - nT)e^{-iwx}dx
\end{aligned}$$

Next, apply the following substitution  $x - nT = y$  which will lead us to:

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= y + nT \\
dx &= dy
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging this substitution back to the equation from above we will get

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}\{f\}(w) &= \int f(x)e^{-iwx}dx \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Box}(y)e^{-iw(y+nT)}dy \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iwnT} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Box}(y)e^{-iwy}dy \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iwnT} \mathcal{F}\{f\}(w) \\
&= \mathcal{F}\{f\}(w) \sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iwnT}
\end{aligned}$$

We used the fact that the term  $e^{-iwnT}$  is a constant when integrating along  $dy$  and the identity for the Fourier transform of the Box function. Next, let us consider  $\sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iwnT}$  further:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^N e^{-uwnT} &= \sum_{n=0}^N (e^{-uwT})^n \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{iwT(N+1)}}{1 - e^{-iwT}}\end{aligned}$$

We recognize the geometric series identity for the left-handside of this equation. Since our series is bounded we can derive our right-handside.

Since  $e^{-ix}$  is a complex number and every complex number can be written in its polar form, i.e.  $e^{-ix} = \cos(x) + i\sin(x)$  we can go even further, using the trigonometric identities that  $\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$  and  $\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$ :

$$\frac{1 - e^{iwT(N+1)}}{1 - e^{-iwT}} = \frac{1 - \cos(wT(N+1)) + i\sin(wT(N+1))}{1 - \cos(wT) + i\sin(wT)}$$

Which is still a complex number ( $p + iq$ ). Every complex number can be written as a fraction of two complex numbers. This means that the complex number ( $p + iq$ ) can be written as  $(p + iq) = \frac{(a+ib)}{(c+id)}$  for any  $(a + ib), (c + id) \neq 0$ . For our case, let us use the following substitutions:

$$a := 1 - \cos(wT(N+1)) \quad b = \sin(wT(N+1)) \quad (9)$$

$$c = 1 - \cos(wT) \quad d = \sin(wT) \quad (10)$$

hence it follows  $\frac{1 - e^{iwT(N+1)}}{1 - e^{-iwT}} = \frac{(a+ib)}{(c+id)}$ . By rearranging the terms it follows  $(a + ib) = (c + id)(p + iq)$  and multiplying the right handside out we get the following system of equations:

$$(cp - dq) = a \quad (11)$$

$$(dp + cq) = b \quad (12)$$

Which gives lead us we some further math (trick: mult first eq. by  $c$  and 2nd by  $d$ , then adding them together. using distributivity and we have the identity for  $p$  for example, similar for  $q$ ) to

$$p = \frac{(ac + bd)}{c^2 + d^2} \quad (13)$$

$$q = \frac{(bc + ad)}{c^2 + d^2} \quad (14)$$

Putting our substitution for  $a, b, c, d$  back into the current representation for  $p$  and  $q$  and using some trigonometric identities, this we then get:

$$p = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\cos(wTN) - \cos(wT(N+1))}{1 - \cos(wT)} \right) \quad (15)$$

$$q = \frac{\sin(wT(N+1)) - \sin(wTN) - \sin(wT)}{2(1 - \cos(wT))} \quad (16)$$

Since we have seen, that  $\sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iwnT}$  is a complex number and can be written as  $(p + iq)$  and we know now the explicit identity for those  $p$  and  $q$  we get for the 1-dimensional Fourier transform of the 1-dimensional Box-function the following final identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{f\}(w) &= \mathcal{F}\{f\}(w) \sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iwnT} \\ &= (p + iq) \mathcal{F}\{Box\}(w) \end{aligned}$$

In order to derive next a identity for the Fourier transform for our 2-dim heighfield, we can proceed similarly, the only fact which changes is, that we are now in a 2-dimensional domain, i.e. we are about to compute a two-dimensional Fourier transform: Let us again use again a Box-function, this time a 2-dimensional Box-function  $Box(x, y)$  just for the sake of convenience.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}\{f\}(w_1, w_2) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \text{Box}(x_1 - n_1 T_1, x_2 - n_2 T_2) e^{-iw(x_1+x_2)} dx_1 dx_2 \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \text{Box}(y_1, y_2) e^{-iw((y_1+n_1 T_1)+(y_2+n_2 T_2))} dy_1 dy_2 \\
&= \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Box}(y_1, y_2) e^{-iw(y_1+y_2)} e^{-iw(n_1 T_1+n_2 T_2)} dy_1 dy_2 \\
&= \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} e^{-iw(n_1 T_1+n_2 T_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Box}(y_1, y_2) e^{-iw(y_1+y_2)} dy_1 dy_2 \\
&= \left( \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} e^{-iw(n_1 T_1+n_2 T_2)} \right) \mathcal{F}\{\text{Box}\}(w_1, w_2) \\
&= \left( \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_1} e^{-iwn_1 T_1} \right) \left( \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} e^{-iwn_2 T_2} \right) \mathcal{F}\{\text{Box}\}(w_1, w_2) \\
&= (p_1 + iq_1)(p_2 + iq_2) \mathcal{F}\{\text{Box}\}(w_1, w_2) \\
&= ((p_1 p_2 - q_1 q_2) + i(p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2)) \mathcal{F}\{\text{Box}\}(w_1, w_2) \\
&= (u + iv) \mathcal{F}\{\text{Box}\}(w_1, w_2)
\end{aligned}$$

Where we define  $u := (p_1 p_2 - q_1 q_2)$  and  $v := (p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2)$ . For this identity we used green's integration rule which allowed us to split the double integral to the product of two single integrations. Also, we used the definition of the 2-dimensional Fourier transform of the Box-function. We applied the same substitution like we did in for the 1 dimensional case, but this time twice, once for each variable separately. The last step, substituting with  $u$  and  $v$  will be useful later in the implementation. The insight should be, that the product of two complex numbers is again a complex number. We will have to compute the absolute value of  $\mathcal{F}\{f\}(w_1, w_2)$  which will then be equal  $(u^2 + v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} |\mathcal{F}\{\text{Box}\}(w_1, w_2)|$

## **3 Implementation**

### **3.1 Setup**

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## **6 Conclusion**

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