Advanced Computer Graphics (Fall 2009)

CS 294, Rendering Lecture 9: Frequency Analysis and Signal Processing for Rendering

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Motivation

- Signal-processing provides new understanding
- Methods based on (Spherical) Fourier analysis
- Allows understanding of sampling rates (in IBR)
- Frequency-domain algorithms like convolution
- This lecture high-level, mostly conceptual ideas.
 Follow original papers for details, applications

Plenoptic Sampling

- Plenoptic Sampling. *Chai, Tong, Chan, Shum 00*
- Signal-processing on light field
- Minimal sampling rate for antialiased rendering
- Relates to depth range, Fourier analysis
- Fourer spectra derived for 2D light fields for simplicity. Same ideas extend to 4D



















Observation

- Motion blur is expensive
- Motion blur *removes* spatial complexity



































Car Scene

Our Method, 4 samples per pixel



Stratified Sampling 4 samples per pixel





Reflection as Convolution

- My PhD thesis (A signal-processing framework for forward and inverse rendering Stanford 2002)
- Rewrite reflection equation on curved surfaces as a convolution with frequency-space product form
- Theoretical underpinning for much work on relighting (next lecture), limits of inverse problems
- Low-dimensional lighting models for Lambertian

Assumptions

- Known geometry
- Convex curved surfaces: no shadows, interreflection
- Distant illumination
- Homogeneous isotropic materials

Later precomputed methods: relax many assumptions



























Insights: Signal Processing

Signal processing framework for reflection

- Light is the signal
- BRDF is the filter
- Reflection on a curved surface is convolution

Filter is Delta function : Output = Signal



Image courtesy Paul Debevec















More Frequency Analysis

- Many other papers
 Shadows: Soler and Sillion 98, Ramamoorthi et al. 04
 Gradients: Ward, Heckbert, Arvo, Igehy, Holzschuch, Chen, Ramamoorthi, ... • Wavelets: Gortler et al. 93, ..., Ng et al. 03
- Full frequency analysis of light transport
 Durand et al. 05
 Space and Angle, generalizes previous work

Many recent papers in computational imaging [Levin et al. 08, 09]