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Motivations

- CGH's image quality is usually evaluated subjectively, or compared with the previous holograms
- For objective evaluation, both the brightness and the peak signal-to-noise ratio should be considered
- As a preliminary research, Fourier hologram is evaluated

Fourier transform CGH

- Multiply a random phase factor before calculating the Fourier transform



Original image in
the input plane



Hologram



Reconstructed and
conjugate image



Fourier transform CGH

- Fourier transform of the object (image) becomes the complex amplitude on the hologram plane

$$O(X,Y) = \mathcal{F}\{o(x,y)\}$$

Fourier transform CGH

- Reference beam (Collimated light at an angle of θ_R)

$$R(X, Y) = R_0 \exp[i(-kY \sin \theta_R + \psi_R)]$$

When $\theta_R = 0$ (normal to the hologram)

$$R(X, Y) = R_0$$

Fourier transform CGH

- Total intensity on the hologram

$$\begin{aligned} I(x, y) &= |O + R|^2 = |O|^2 + |R|^2 + R^*O + RO^* \\ &= |O|^2 + R_0^2 + 2R_0 \operatorname{Re}\{O\} \end{aligned}$$



Numerical Reconstruction

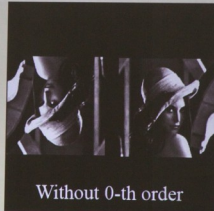
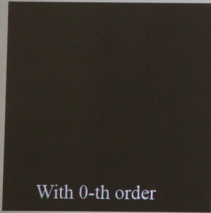
- Assuming the complex transmittance of the hologram as:

$$t(x, y) = \exp(-i\Delta\phi I)$$

where $\Delta\phi$ is the amplitude of the phase modulation ($= 1.18\pi$) and I is fringe intensity (0 – 1)

Numerical Reconstruction (2)

- The DC term, or non diffracted light is numerically removed from figures but took into account for diffraction efficiency



Diffraction Efficiency

- The absolute diffraction efficiency (DE) defined as:

$$\eta = \frac{I_{+1}}{I_i} \times 100[\%]$$

where, I_i and I_{+1} are the intensity of the incident light and the 1-st order diffraction. In this research, I_{+1} is calculated as total intensity in the reconstructed area



Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio

- Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR) is defined as:

$$PSNR = 10 \log_{10} \frac{255^2 mn}{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [I(i, j) - K(i, j)]^2} \text{ [dB]}$$

where I is the original image and K is the reconstructed image in the reconstruction area

- Brightness of K is normalized to have the same mean value of I

Rigorous calculation

- $|O|^2$ term works as noise to the hologram
(BR=5, DE = 9.0 %, PSNR = 16.1 dB)

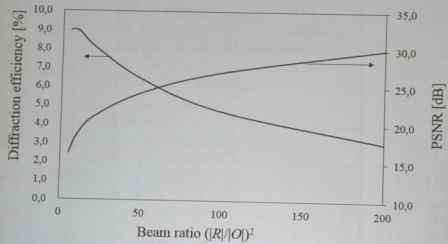


Original image



reconstructed image

DE and PSNR against BR

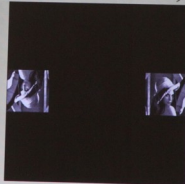


Rigorous calculation

- To separate $|O|^2$ term, reduce image size (or increase hologram size) works, but...
(BR=10, DE = 7.4 %, PSNR = 27.4 dB)



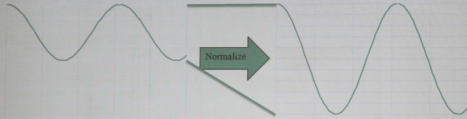
Original image



reconstructed image

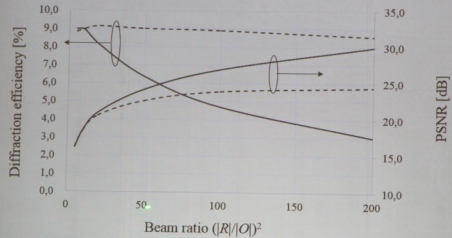
Normalized Hologram

- When BR increases, contrast of I decreases



$$I_n = \frac{I - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} - I_{\min}} I_{\max}$$

Dashed line: Normalized



Bipolar Intensity

- Remove $|O|^2$

$$I(x, y) = |O + R|^2 = |O|^2 + |R|^2 + R^*O + RO^*$$

$$= |O|^2 + R_0^2 + 2R_0 \operatorname{Re}\{O\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A + \operatorname{Re}\{O\}}$$

'A' is a constant to make all value of $I(x, y)$ positive.

Bipolar intensity calculation

- Eliminating $|O|^2$ term makes hologram clear
(DE = 9.2 %, PSNR = 24.6 dB)

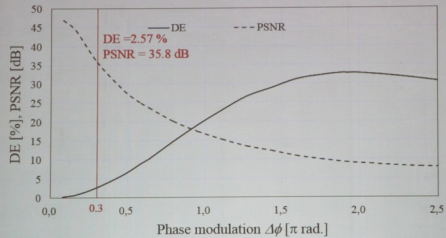


Original image



reconstructed image

Bipolar intensity calculation



Comparing calculations

Calculation type	DE [%]	PSNR [dB]	Beam ratio
Rigorous	3.03	30.0	200
Rigorous (large)	7.40	27.4	10
Normalized	8.59	24.4	200
Bipolar	9.16	24.6	-
Smaller $\Delta\phi$	2.57	35.8	

Comparing calculations

Calculation type	Phase		Amplitude		Beam ratio
	DE [%]	PSNR [dB]	DE [%]	PSNR [dB]	
Rigorous	3.03	30.0	0.24	31.8	200
Rigorous (large)	7.40	27.4	0.65	52.0	10
Normalized	8.59	24.4	0.74	31.8	200
Bipolar	9.16	24.6	0.75	47.2	-
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Conclusion

- Propose to use DE and PSNR to evaluate image quality objectively
- Bipolar intensity with smaller $\Delta\phi$ shows balanced quality
- Phase hologram can get larger DE than amplitude hologram but smaller PSNR

Future works

- Kinoform?
- Evaluation of 3D characteristics needs to be considered