Representing BRDF by Wavelet Transformation of Pair-Copula Constructions

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• BRDF was first formulated by Nicodemus et al. [12] as

$$\rho(\vec{\omega}_i, \vec{\omega}_o) = \frac{dL_o(\vec{\omega}_o)}{L_i(\vec{\omega}_i)\cos\theta_i d\vec{\omega}_i},\tag{1}$$

where $\rho(\vec{\omega}_i, \vec{\omega}_o)$ is the BRDF, L_i and L_o are the incident and reflected radiance, respectively, $(\vec{\omega}_i, \vec{\omega}_o) = \{(\theta_i, \phi_i), (\theta_o, \phi_o)\}$ are the corresponding incoming and outgoing vectors, $d\vec{\omega}_i$ is the differential solid angle in the ω_i direction.





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(4)

where $c_{1...n}$ is the copula pdf and $f_i(x_i)$, i = 1, 2, ..., n are the marginal densities of joint pdf [7].



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Figure 1 : Absolute fitting errors on every θ_h of measured dark-red-paint material (red channel).



Figure 2 : Absolute fitting errors on every θ_h of measured dark-red-paint material (red channel).

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Figure 3 : 2D $c_{\theta_d \phi_d | \theta_h}$ distributions of measured dark-red-paint material for various θ_h angles (red channel).

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- To render a color image, we follow a similar approach that was used by Ngan et al. [11], and we estimate the diffuse and specular parameters for each pair of measured BRDF of each color channel and the approximate BRDF values using a robust linear regression procedure [5].



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$$p_i(\theta_i, \phi_i \mid \theta_o, \phi_o) = \frac{\rho(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_o, \phi_o)}{p_o(\theta_o, \phi_o)},$$
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 Then, we model ρ and p_o using pair-copula constructions and wavelet transforms. The computational cost of this sampling procedure is very expensive since generating incoming vectors from this 2D conditional pdf is not efficient.

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