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# High Map Shape Estimation from Gray Real Images based on Integrability Condition and Fourier Descriptor

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*Abstract- Shape is one of the most important features in Content Based Image Retrieval. Recovery of High Map Shape (HMS) is important for applications like robot navigation and human computer interaction. Shape-from-Shading, photometric stereo and shape from contour are three fundamental problems in Computer Vision aimed at reconstructing surface depth given either a single image taken under a known light source or multiple images taken under different illuminations, respectively. Recently there are a several development techniques for reconstruction surface from shading medical images information. This paper presents a new approach for estimating the shape of high map object from its two dimension 2-D shade image in terms of a approximating the height map by a second order of homogenous polynomial. The proposed approach satisfies the integrability condition and does not need any boundary condition assumptions; in this paper, we build a Mabel retrieval framework to evaluation the proposed approach. The experiments on real images show the approaches ability to reconstruction the surface from similarity.*

*Keywords- Shading Image, Integrability Condition, Fourier Descriptor*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Shape is one of the most important low level image features due to that shape is a very important feature to human perception. Human beings tend to perceive scenes as being composed of individual objects, which can be best identified by their shapes( [18-21]). Besides, as far as query is concerned, shape is simple for user to describe, either by giving example or by sketching. Applications on shape retrieval can be found in many areas, such as meteorology, medicine, space exploration, manufacturing, entertainment, education, law enforcement and defense. Shape-from-Shading uses the pattern of lights and shades in an image to infer the shape of the surfaces in view. Shape recovery is a classic problem in computer vision ( [23], [24], [35]). Shape retrieval involves three primary issues: shape representation, shape similarity measure and shape indexing. Among them, shape representation is the most important issue in shape retrieval. Various shape representation methods, or shape descriptors, exist in the literature, these methods can be classified into two categories: region based versus contour based. In region based techniques, all the pixels within a shape are taken into accounted to obtain the shape representation. Common region based methods use moment descriptors to describe shape [15]. Region moment representations interpret a

normalized gray level image function as a probability density of a 2D random variable. The first seven invariant moments, derived from the second and third order normalized central moments. Because moments combine information across an entire object rather than providing information just at a single boundary point, they capture some of the global properties missing from many pure contour-based representations: overall orientation, elongation, etc. The first few terms of the invariant moments, like the first few terms of a Fourier series, capture the more general shape properties while the later terms capture finer detail. However, unlike Fourier series, it is difficult to obtain higher order invariant moments and relate them to shape. Comparing with region based shape representation; contour based shape representation is more popular. Contour based shape representation only exploits shape boundary information; these representation methods can be classified into global shape descriptors [34], shape signatures [14] and spectral descriptors [8]. Although simple to compute and also robust in representation, global descriptors such as area, circularity, eccentricity, axis orientation used in QBIC can only discriminate shapes with large dissimilarities, therefore, it is usually suitable for filtering purpose. Most shape signatures such as complex coordinates, curvature and angular representations are essentially local representations of shape features, they are sensitive to noise and not robust. In addition, shape representation using shape signatures require intensive computation during similarity calculation, due to the hard normalization of rotation invariance. As the result, these representations need further processing using spectral transform such as Fourier transform and wavelet transform. The present work fits into this scheme; we outline a new modeling of the HMS problem and validate it through a practical application. Our final purpose is to design a system that “unwarps” the image, taken by a digital camera and we attempt to change this situation completely and hope to revive the interest of the community for this old problem and its applications.

In this paper, we proposed method using Integrability Condition (IC) to retrieve the high mapping shape from different gray real images. The rest of the paper is organized as following. In Section 2, we give the bidirectional reflectance function. Section 3 describes the problem formulation and in Section 4, we discuss Our Homogenous polynomial algorithm using Integrability Condition. Section 5 gives our experimental results and Section 6 concludes the paper summarizes and the future work.

## II. BIDIRECTIONAL REFLECTANCE FUNCTION

The goal in this paper to derive a high map shape description from one or more two deamination real images. The recovered shape can be expressed in several ways: high map depth  $Z(x, y)$ , surface normal  $(n_x, n_y, n_z)$ , surface gradient  $(p, q)$ , and surface slant,  $\phi$ , and tilt,  $\theta$ . The depth can be considered either as the relative distance from camera to surface points, or the relative surface height above the x-y plane. The surface normal is the orientation of a vector perpendicular to the tangent plane on the object surface. The surface gradient,  $(p, q) = (\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y})$  is the rate of change of depth in the x and y directions. The surface slant,  $\phi$ , and tilt,  $\theta$ , are related to the surface normal as  $(n_x, n_y, n_z) = (l \cos \theta \sin \phi, l \sin \theta \sin \phi, l \cos \phi)$ , where  $l$  is the magnitude of the surface normal. SFS is a fundamental problem in Computer Vision. The common way to obtain shape information is to solve the image irradiance equation, which relates the reflectance map to image intensity. As this task is nontrivial, most of the works in the field employ simplifying assumptions, and in particular the assumption that projection of scene points during a photographic process is orthographic ([5], [10], [1], [25], [28]). This resulted in low stability of reconstruction algorithms. The high map estimation problem consists of recovering the shape of a scene from a single grey-level image, by means of the analysis of the shading image. The craze for HMS in the past seems to have subsided, probably because of rather disappointing results on real images [33]. Nevertheless, several recent works ([2], [3], [12], [13], [22], [35]) have (independently) attempted to modelize SFS in a more realistic way, in particular by considering perspective projection. In this part, we are going to discuss some aspects dealing with the Reflectance map. Here is a drawing in figure1, which we have a surface patch that receive light and which may emit some of it according to the material properties. So, we have a light source, which is defined using the vector, we have a normal to the surface and we also have the observer which is defined by In this case the observer will be more likely a camera than a human eye. We can add to this model a possible reflection of the incident light which is defined according to Snell-Descartes laws with the same angle with the surface as the light source and which would generally be different from. Let  $Z(x,y)$  be the unknown surface height of the 3-D object above the  $(x,y)$  plane,  $E(x,y)$  is defined as the brightness distribution of the shading image of that surface and the brightness values are defined by the properties of the surface such as orientation, reflectively, illumination and reflectance map  $R(Z_x, Z_y, B, h, \rho)$ .

The relationship between the brightness  $I(x,y)$  and the reflectance map  $R(Z_x,Z_y,B,h,\rho)$  can be expressed in the following form [6,7]:

$$I(x,y) = R(P(x,y), Q(x,y), B, h, \rho) \tag{1}$$

Where  $z_x = P(x,y)$ ,  $z_y = Q(x,y)$ , are the surface orientation with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  axis,  $B$  is the illumination direction vector,  $h$  is the vector from the surface to the camera, and  $\rho$  is the albedo or intrinsic reflectivity of the materials composing the surface, the normal to the surface is denoted as  $N = (-P, -Q, 1)$  and the unit normal to the surface  $\bar{N}$  defined as [30]:

$$\bar{N} = \frac{(-P, -Q, 1)}{\sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 1}} \tag{2}$$

The unit vector in light source direction  $\bar{L}$  can be written as [30]:

$$\bar{L} = \frac{B}{\sqrt{b_x^2 + b_y^2 + b_z^2}} \tag{3}$$

Where  $B = (b_x, b_y, b_z)$ , denotes the illumination direction vector.

In the case of the so called lambertian or diffused light source, the reflection property  $E(x, y)$  is proportional to the  $COS(\theta)$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between the surface normal  $\bar{N}$  and the direction of the light source  $\bar{L}$ . The imaging geometry is illustrated in fig.1.

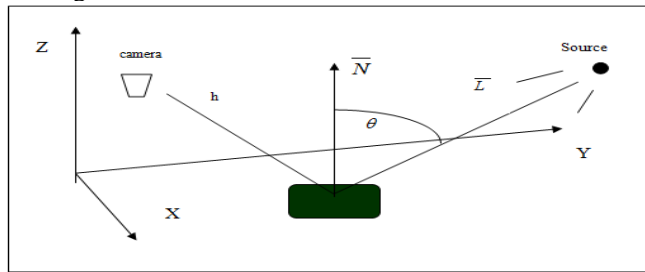


Fig.1. Image geometry.

The relation between the illumination angle  $\theta$ , surface normal and illumination vectors is:

$$COS(\theta) = \bar{L} \cdot \bar{N} \tag{4}$$

and the reflectance map of eq (1) can be rewritten as :

$$I(x, y) = \rho COS(\theta) \tag{5}$$

By substitute from eqs (2)-(4) in eq (5), we obtain the reflectance map [16,17] as:

$$I(x, y) = \rho \frac{Pb_x + Qb_y + b_z}{\sqrt{b_x^2 + b_y^2 + b_z^2} \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 1}} \tag{6}$$

Eq (6) is a first order nonlinear partial differential equation in  $x$  and  $y$ . It has been observed [7] that shape from shading can be expressed as a problem of solving a first-order nonlinear partial differential equation in  $x$  and  $y$ . In deriving iterative solutions to eq (6) by the calculus of variations, it appears to be much more straightforward to solve for surface orientation than to solve directly for  $Z$ , the question of consistency between  $P(x,y)$  and  $Q(x,y)$  arises [31] and leads us to search for an integrable solution. The integrability condition is defined as :

$$\frac{\partial P(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q(x, y)}{\partial x} \tag{7}$$

A nonintegrable solution will give rise to an infinite number for solutions for the problem of shape from shading.

An iterative solution for eq.(6), seek  $P(x,y)$  and  $Q(x,y)$  values that minimize the mean square error (MSE),  $(I(x, y) - R(x, y))^2$ , between the original gray scale image  $I(x,y)$  and the computed gray scale image resulted from substituting  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x,y)$  in the reflectance map  $R(P(x, y), Q(x, y))$ . The requirement of smooth  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x,y)$  can be achieved in terms of the second partial derivatives  $P_x^2, Q_x^2, P_y^2, Q_y^2$  [30].

Brooks, Horn and Ikeuchi developed an iterative algorithm that minimizes the cost function [6, 12]. Although the algorithm converges to a solution for the surface orientation  $P(x,y)$  and  $Q(x,y)$ , the solution does not satisfy integrability condition ([31], [32]).

Robert T. Frankot and Ramma Chellappa, [19], overcome the integrability problem by using Fourier transform as a transition stage to satisfy the integrability condition by projecting the nonintegerable solution into its nearest integrable solution in the Fourier domain. Although they achieved their aim of integrable solution, the algorithm reflects high computational complexity since they need to use Fourier transform at every iteration to satisfy the integrability in Fourier domain then come back to time domain using inverse Fourier transform.

### III. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Lambert’s equation provides insufficient information to uniquely determine the surface normal direction. However, the equation does have a simple geometric interpretation which can be used to constrain the direction of the surface normal. The equation specifies that the surface normal must fall on the surface of a right-cone whose axis is aligned in the light-source direction  $\bar{L}$  and whose apex angle is  $\cos^{-1}(I(i; j))$ . This property has recently been exploited by Worthington and Hancock [33] to develop a two-step iterative process for shape mapping estimation. The process commences from a configuration in which the surface normal are placed on the position on the irradiance cone where their projections onto the image plane are aligned in the direction of the local (Canny) image gradient. The problem of finding integrable solution in the HMS problem can be simplified if the unknown surface height is represented in a form that satisfies the integrability condition. The unknown surface height  $Z(x,y)$  can be expanded on a complete set of basis function  $\Phi_{ij}(x, y)$  multiplied by a set of expansion coefficients  $a_{ij}$  such that:

$$Z(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \Phi_{ij}(x, y) \tag{8}$$

The surface orientation  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x, y)$  can be written as:

$$P(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial \Phi_{ij}(x, y)}{\partial x} \tag{9}$$

$$Q(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial \Phi_{ij}(x, y)}{\partial y} \tag{10}$$

The proposed method depends on estimating the values of  $a_{ij}$  that minimize the cost function ( $U$ ) based on MSE criterion such that:-

$$U(x, y) = \iint ((E(x, y) - R(a_{ij}))^2 + \lambda(P_x^2 + 2P_y^2 + Q_y^2)) dx dy \tag{11}$$

Where the first term represented the square of the difference between the image brightness and the resultant brightness using the reflectance map  $R(p(x, y), q(x, y))$ , the second term represents the smoothness, where  $P_x(x, y)$ ,  $Q_x(x, y)$ ,  $P_y(x, y)$ , and  $Q_y(x, y)$  represents the derivatives of the surface and  $\lambda$  is constant. The estimation process is based on *MSE* minimization procedure.

### IV. HOMOGENOUS POLYNOMIAL AND FOURIER DESCRIPTORS ALGORITHM

A homogeneous polynomial is a polynomial whose nonzero terms all have the same degree. Also a polynomial is homogeneous if and only if it defines a homogeneous function. We define function  $\Phi_{ij}(x, y)$  that satisfy the homogenous polynomial with order  $n$  and take the form as the following:

$$\Phi_{ij}(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n (X^i Y^j + e^{-2\pi(X^i Y^j)}) \tag{12}$$

Then the surface of height map  $Z(x, y)$  can be written as:-

$$Z(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} (X^i Y^j + e^{-2\pi(X^i Y^j)}) \tag{13}$$

And the surface orientation  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x, y)$  can be denoted as:

$$P(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} (iX^{i-1}Y^j + e^{-i2\pi(X^{i-1}Y^j)}) \quad (14)$$

$$Q(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} (jX^iY^{j-1} + e^{-j2\pi(X^iY^{j-1})}) \quad (15)$$

Where the surface second derivatives  $P_x, Q_x, P_y, Q_y$ , satisfy the integrability condition  $P_y(x, y) = Q_x(x, y) = W$  such that:

$$W(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} (ijX^{i-1}Y^{j-1} + e^{-2\pi ij(X^{i-1}Y^{j-1})}) \quad (16)$$

The coefficient  $a_{ij}$  are estimated using the following recursive relation [19]:

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij}^k + \lambda (E(x, y) - R(x, y))R_{A_{ij}} \quad (17)$$

Where  $\lambda$  is constant,  $(k)$  denotes the iteration number, and  $R_{A_{ij}} = \frac{\partial R(a_{ij})}{\partial a_{ij}}$

The coefficient  $a_{ij}$  can be smoothed using the following relation [19, 14]:

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{5} [a_{i,j+1} + a_{i,j-1} + a_{i+1,j} + a_{i-1,j}] + \frac{1}{20} [a_{i-1,j-1} + a_{i-1,j+1} + a_{i+1,j-1} + a_{i+1,j+1}] \quad (18)$$

Horn ([7], [10]) used the idea of gradient space and characteristic strip developed by Marckworth [4] to solve the problem of HMS. The characteristic strip method has several disadvantages [11]. The proposed approach procedure satisfies the integrability condition and provides shape estimation with low computational complexity; the algorithm can be summarized as following code:

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**Algorithm: HMS Code.**

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- 1: Input shading image with light source direction ,  $\rho = 0.05$ , and  $z = 2000$ .
  - 2: Start with initial random values for
  - 3: Estimate a new value of using Eq (17)
  - 4: Smooth the previous values using Eq (18)
  - 5: Compute the cost function Eq (11).
  - 6: Repeat the previous step (3) until the cost function step (5) stop decreasing or become sufficiently small.
  - 7: Compute the surface height from Eq (13).
  - 8: End
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The parameters  $(b_x, b_y, b_z)$  and  $\rho$  were estimated by Zheng and Chellappa method [29]. The parameter lamda is always positive, and was determined experimentally.

## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In our study we are used four real images (Pepper, Vase, Lenna, Mannpe ) see figures (3,5,7,9). The above algorithm was tested on different size real images and different intensity brightness distribution. The height map shape has been extracted for each image using the proposed of Homogenous Polynomial method. Figs, (4, 6, 8, 10, ), are depicts the height maps for the real images. The Fourier domain by definition is a global transform such that a change in any pixel values will affect the whole transform. On the other hand, the proposed of Homogenous Polynomial is local mapping, such that any variation in specific pixels will only affect the same set of pixels and the rest will remain unchanged. Performance evaluation has shown similar qualitative and quantitative results for the two approaches. However, the proposed of Homogenous polynomial method has outperformed the FT method in terms of simplicity, implementation speed, and stable operation under occlusion effects.

## VI.SUMMARY AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we present Homogenous Polynomial Algorithm to estimation High Map Shape from single 2D gray scale image illuminated by a single source of illumination. High map estimation studied in the present paper is directed in the case of gray scale stationary images, which can be extended to estimate the High Map Shape from color images. The lambertian constraint on the High map estimation problem can be extended to estimate to High map estimation of stationary object of nonlambertain object. Also the constrain of single source of illumination can be extended to study High map estimation problem in the case of uniform source of illumination.



Fig.3. Pepper real image.

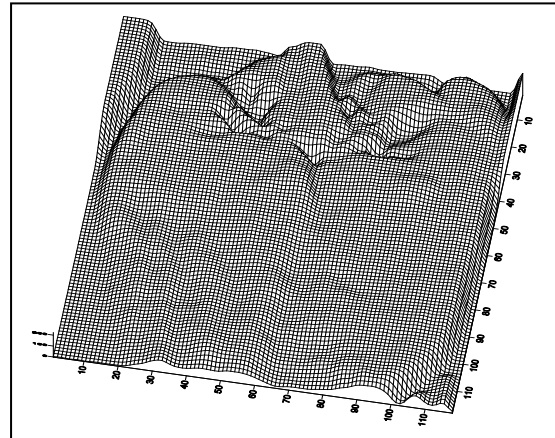


Fig.4. high map of Pepper.

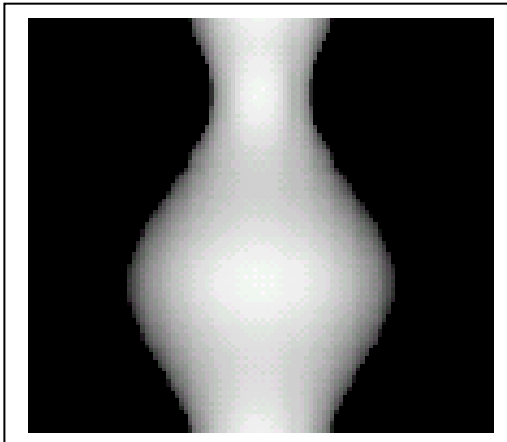


Fig .5. Vase real image

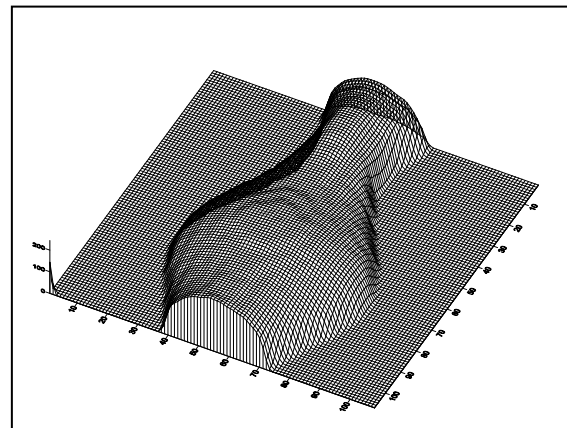


Fig .6. high map of vase image

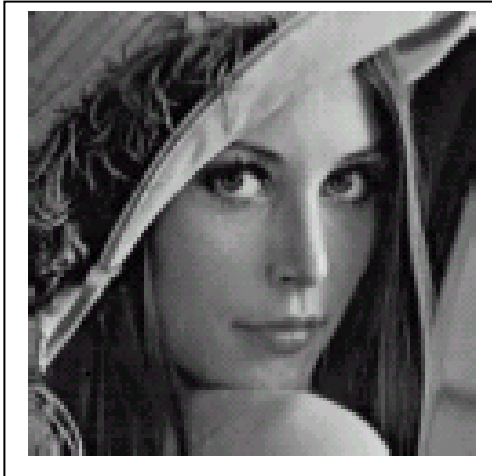


Fig. 7. Lenna real image

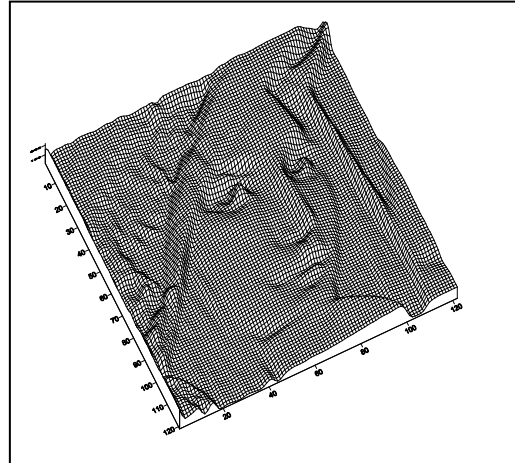


Fig .8. high map of Lenna image



Fig. 9. Mannpe image

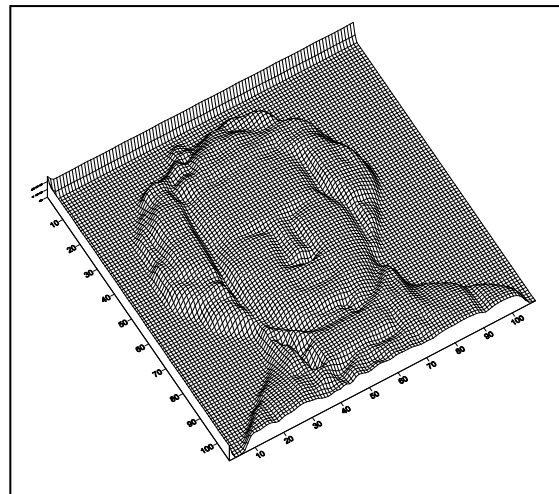


Fig. 10.high map of Mannpe image

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