
Subject: Re: shaded surface

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Struan Gray wrote:

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> Achim Hein, hein@nv.et-inf.uni-siegen.de writes:

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>> First: this problem is a trivial one, so it seems to be that I am an

>> absolute beginner.

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> no.

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>> Second: this problem can not be soluted and everyone (with the exception

>> of me) knows this as fact.

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> almost.

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> 6000 x 28000 x floating point is a *big* array. I'd be interested to know

> how you are printing this: assuming 150dpi true colour, you are printing 1m x

> 5m fine-art posters as your 'normal' output. Admittedly this is not unheard

> of in the graphics business, but it's a specialised job and it'd be fun to

> hear how you go about it.

At the moment it is a little bit utopian to print images that largeness

because before printing this picture you have to process it and

processing means a kind of filtering in two dimensional frequency domain

- I think you know the fouriertransformation problem of such a large

array (but we get one of the new Digital alpha machines with 2 GByte, so

we can process these pictures completely)

We are processing and printing the images the way you suggest - in

pieces of 2Kx4K.

You are right if you say the plots are growing up to x meter posters but

that's the way to plot exact maps and before asking an cartograph to

plot my files I want to know how to generate them.

There is another reason to get these large shaded images. It will be a

phantastical presentation effect if you are able to show a 3 dimensional

1m x 1m plot of an interesting area. In our case we could show an 3

dimensional map made by remote sensing data simply received by flying

over the surface and not generated by pixelwise surveying.

Thanks

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