

Digital Holographic Imaging of Vector Wave from a Polarization Hologram with Spatial Phase Shifting

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Holographic memory is expected as a next-generation optical memory because it potentially has terabyte data capacity per disk and gigabit data transfer rate. Furthermore, when a polarization-sensitive medium is used as a recording medium, a vector wave can be recorded so that few times data capacity and data transfer rate are expected. However, the optical system for the vector wave recording technique such as dual-channel polarization holography[1,2] is complicated. Therefore, simple recording and reconstruction methods have been investigated. In this paper, a digital holographic reconstruction method with spatial phase-shifting is proposed.

In polarization holography, a vector wave with arbitrary image plane position can be generated by using an adequate recording condition. In this study, phase data pages included in p - and s -polarization components were used. The phase values Φ_p and Φ_s were respectively shifted by $\phi_{p,m}$ and $\phi_{s,m}$ as shown in Fig.1, where

$$\phi_{p,m} = \begin{cases} (m-1)\pi/2 & m = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ (m-4)\pi/2 & m = 5, 6, 7, 8 \\ (m-7)\pi/2 & m = 9, 10, 11, 12 \\ (m-10)\pi/2 & m = 13, 14, 15, 16 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi_{s,m} = \begin{cases} (m-1)\pi/2 & m = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ (m-6)\pi/2 & m = 5, 6, 7, 8 \\ (m-11)\pi/2 & m = 9, 10, 11, 12 \\ (m-16)\pi/2 & m = 13, 14, 15, 16 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

When the vector wave is generated from a polarization hologram and the phase pattern is imaged on an image sensor, the interference pattern with

illumination beams is expressed by

$$I_m = |A_R + A_p \exp[i(\Phi_p + \phi_{p,m})] + A_s \exp[i(\Phi_s + \phi_{s,m})]|^2, \quad (3)$$

where A_R , A_p , and A_s are the amplitudes of illuminating beam, p - and s -polarization components, respectively. The phase values of two data pages can be extracted by

$$\Phi_p = \arg \left(\sum_{m=1}^{16} I_m \exp(-i\phi_{p,m}) \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\Phi_s = \arg \left(\sum_{m=1}^{16} I_m \exp(-i\phi_{s,m}) \right). \quad (5)$$

By using the proposed method, it is expected that the optical system of dual-channel polarization holography is simplified.

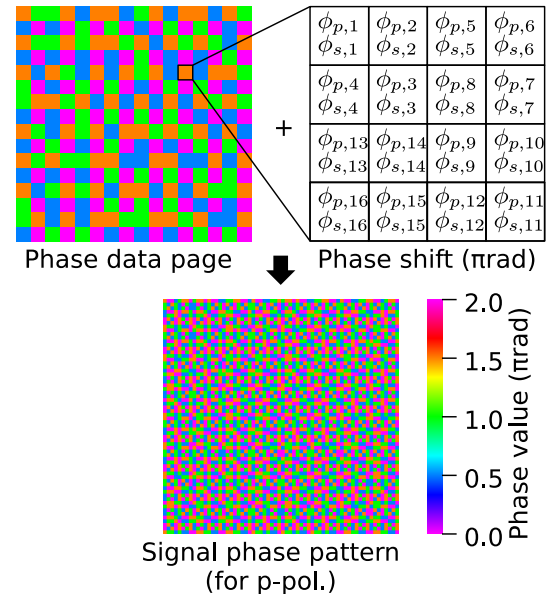


Fig. 1: Phase data page and phase pattern shifted by $\phi_{p,m}$ or $\phi_{s,m}$

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