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# Polyhedra with Spherical Faces and Quasi-Fuchsian Fractals

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'sphaira-' (= spherical) + '-hedron' (= polyhedron)New geometrical concept invented by Kazushi Ahara and Yoshiaki Araki (2003)



#### Quasi-sphere

#### One of the early examples of the 3-dimensional fractals



 $S^{3} = R^{3} \cup \{\infty\}$ closed-ball:  $O_{1}, O_{2}, \dots, O_{n}$  $A = S^{3} - (O_{1} \cup O_{2} \dots \cup O_{n})$ 



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#### Sphairahedron Group

# $f_i: Inversion in O_i$ $G = \langle f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle$































#### The Limit Set of G



## **Rationality and Ideality**

Two properties to characterize sphairahedron If a sphairahedron is rational and ideal, *G* is discrete.



## Rational Ideal Sphairahedron Group

Sphairahedron

Semi-sphairahedron



Quasi-sphere (homeomorphic to a sphere)

## Rationality (Regularity)

All of the dihedral angles of edges is rational.  $(\pi/n \text{ for the natural number } n)$ 





 $\pi/3$ 

 $\pi/2, \pi/3, \pi/6$ 

## Ideality

#### All of the edges are mutually tangent at its vertex



# Parameter Space

#### **Derivation of Parameter Space**

Cube-type sphairahedron





# Graph Representation

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#### **Combination of Dihedral Angles**

n = 3To fulfill a ideality, the sum of the dihedral angles at each vertex should be  $\pi$ 3 3

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#### **Derivation of Parameter Space**

Fix prism and a sphere

- The prism is inscribed inside an unit circle.
- The height of the red sphere is 0.

Parameter

 $z_b$ : The height of the green sphere  $z_c$ : The height of the blue sphere



#### **Derivation of Parameter Space**

#### All of the dihedral angles are $\pi/3$



Parameter space of the cube-type sphairahedron is studied by Ahara and Araki (2003) and also Ryo Kageyama (2016).

# Rendering Technique

## Ray Tracing

#### Suited for parallel computing by GPU









# Ray Tracing

We have to compute an intersection between the ray and many sphairahedra





#### Find intersection between the ray and objects

















Compute minimum distance to objects

#### **Distance Function**

A function returning the minimum distance between given point and object's surface

f(p) = distance(p, C) - r

#### Distance to Sphairahedron

float DistanceToSphairahedron (vec3 p) {
float d = DistanceToPrism(p);
d = max(-DistanceToSphereA(p), d);
d = max(-DistanceToSphereB(p), d);
d = max(-DistanceToSphereC(p), d);
return d;



## Ray Tracing

Eye

We need the distance to the surface of the fractal















#### Experimental Sphairahedron Renderer

- https://soma-arc.net/SphairahedronExperiment/
- Environment ... JavaScript + WebGL2.0
- Some parameters may require high GPU Power
- Source code

https://github.com/soma-arc/SphairahedronExperiment