

Fourier Transform and Image Filtering

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The Fourier Transform

Fourier Transform

- Forward, mapping to frequency domain:

$$F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j2\pi st} dt$$

- Backward, inverse mapping to time domain:

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s)e^{-j2\pi st} ds$$

Fourier Series

- Projection or change of basis
- Coordinates in Fourier basis:

$$c_n = \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(t) e^{-j \frac{2\pi n}{T} t} dt$$

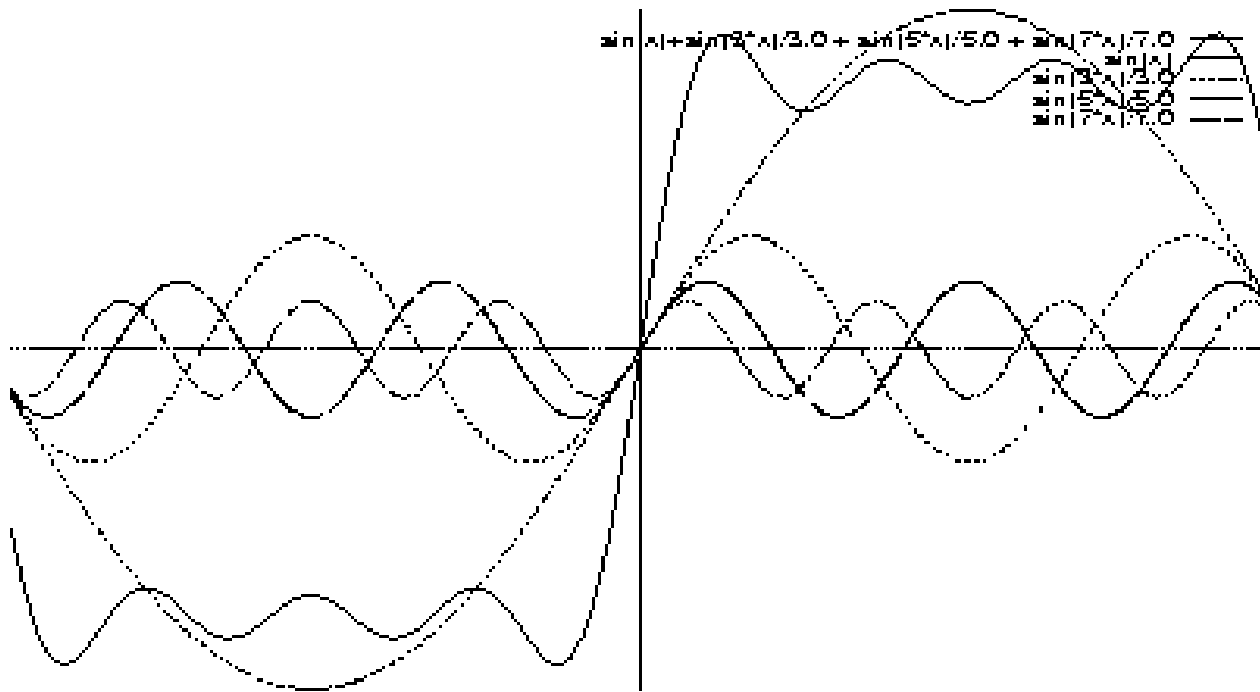
- Rewrite f as:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{j \frac{2\pi n}{T} t}$$

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(j 2\pi \frac{n}{T} t\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos\left(j 2\pi \frac{n}{T} t\right)$$

Example: Step Function

Step function as sum of infinite sine waves



Discrete Fourier Transform

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f_i e^{-j2\pi \frac{n}{N} t}$$

$$f_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} F_n e^{j2\pi \frac{n}{N} t}$$

Fourier Basis

- Why Fourier basis?
- Orthonormal in $[-\pi, \pi]$
- Periodic
- Continuous, differentiable basis

FT Properties

Linearity $\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t) \leftrightarrow \alpha F(\omega) + \beta G(\omega)$

Time Translation $f(t - t_0) \leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega t_0} F(\omega)$

Scale Change $f(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\|a\|} F(\omega/a)$

Frequency Translation $e^{j\omega_0 t} f(t) \leftrightarrow F(\omega - \omega_0)$

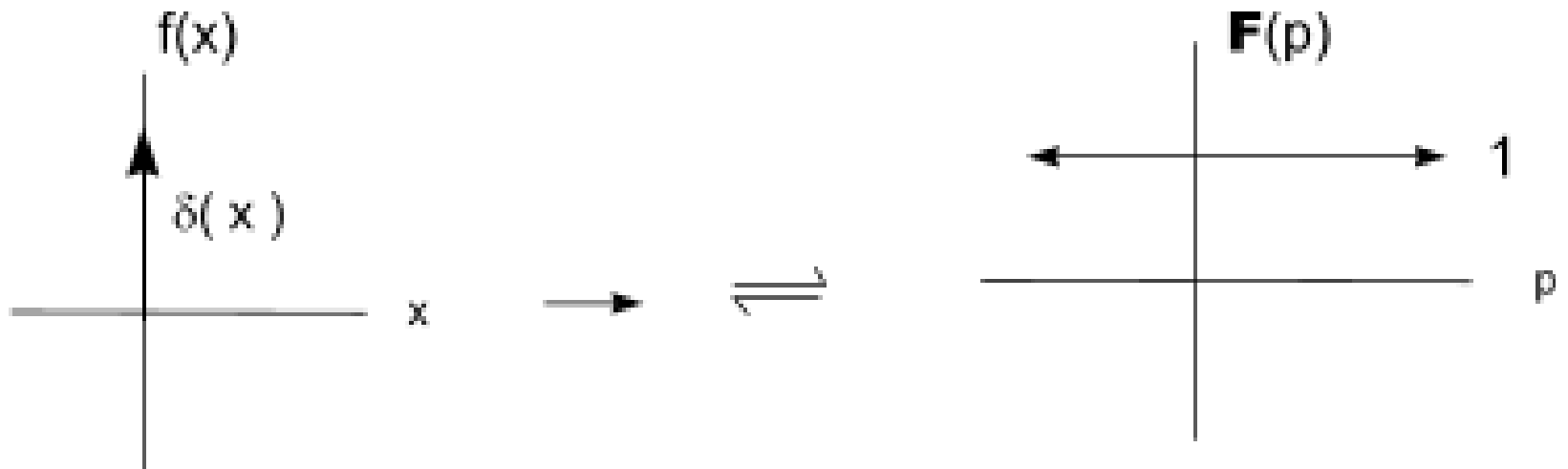
Time Convolution $f(t) \star g(t) \leftrightarrow F(\omega)G(\omega)$

Frequency Convolution $f(t)g(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} F(\omega) \star G(\omega)$

$$(f \star g)(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} f(y)g(x - y) dy = \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} f(x - y)g(y) dy.$$

Common Transform Pairs

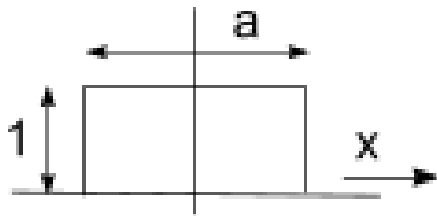
Dirac delta - constant



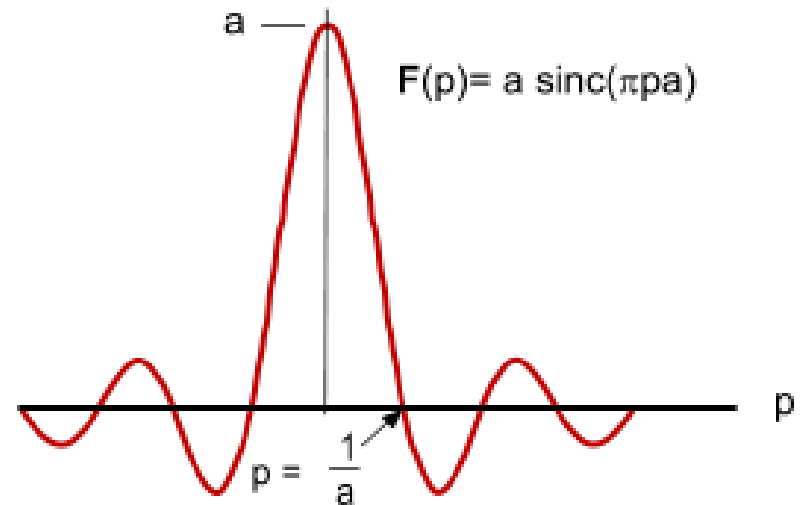
Common Transform Pairs

Rectangle – sinc

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$$

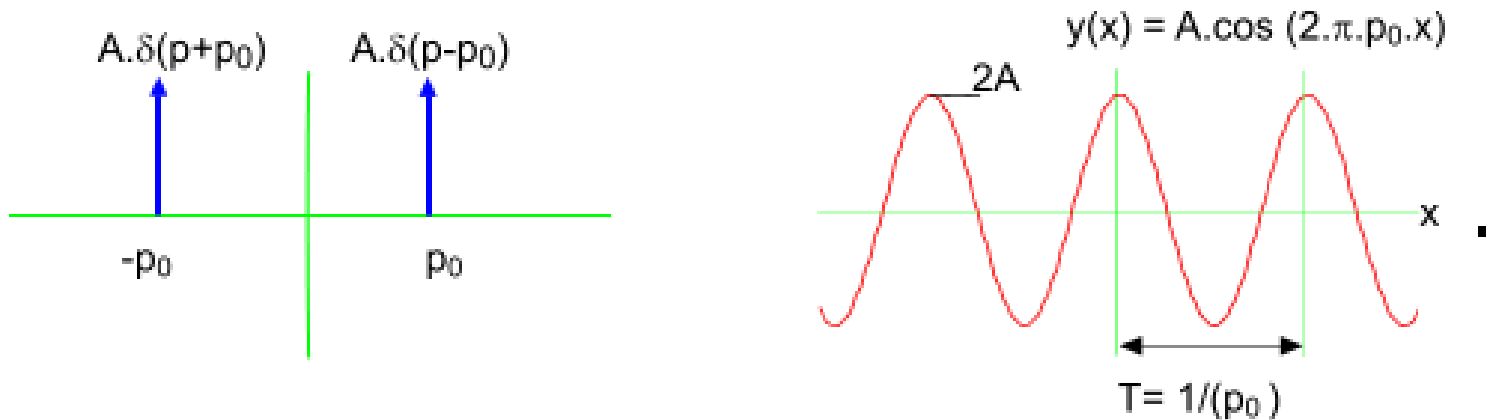


$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_a &= 0, -\infty < x < -a/2 \\ &= 1, -a/2 < x < a/2 \\ &= 0, a/2 < x < \infty \end{aligned}$$



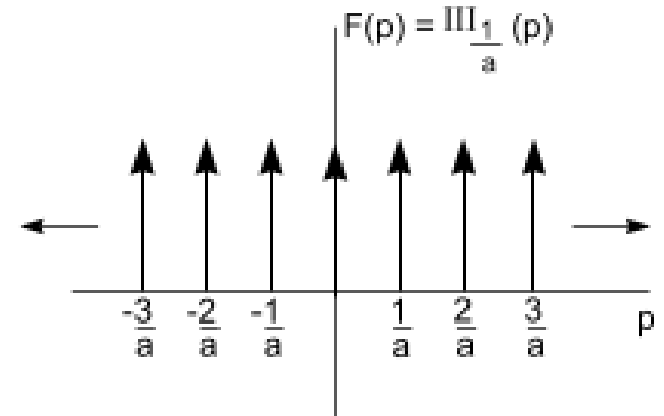
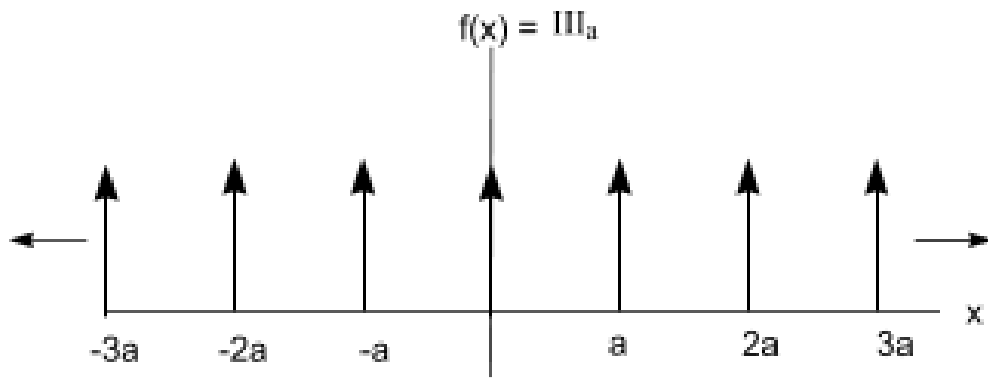
Common Transform Pairs

Two symmetric Diracs - cosine



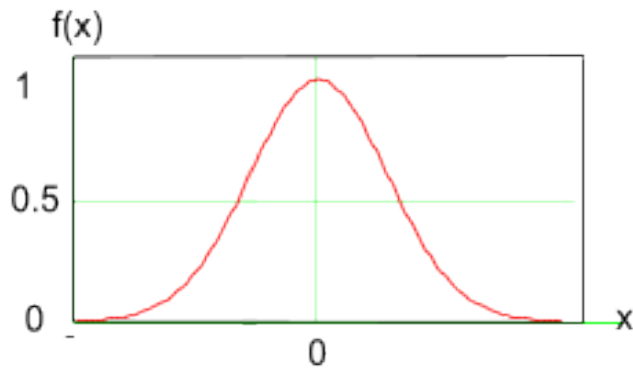
Common Transform Pairs

Comb – comb (inverse width)

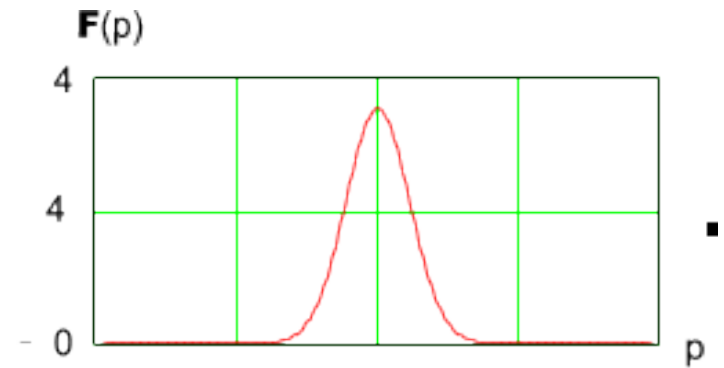


Common Transform Pairs

Gaussian – Gaussian (inverse variance)



Gaussian Function



Fourier Transform

Common Transform Pairs

Summary

Discrete unit impulse $\delta(x, y) \Leftrightarrow 1$

Rectangle $\text{rect}[a, b] \Leftrightarrow ab \frac{\sin(\pi ua)}{(\pi ua)} \frac{\sin(\pi vb)}{(\pi vb)} e^{-j\pi(ua+vb)}$

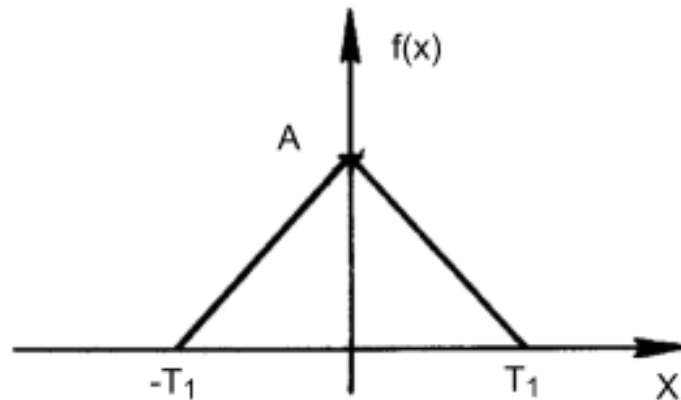
Sine $\sin(2\pi u_0 x + 2\pi v_0 y) \Leftrightarrow$
$$j \frac{1}{2} [\delta(u + Mu_0, v + Nv_0) - \delta(u - Mu_0, v - Nv_0)]$$

Cosine $\cos(2\pi u_0 x + 2\pi v_0 y) \Leftrightarrow$
$$\frac{1}{2} [\delta(u + Mu_0, v + Nv_0) + \delta(u - Mu_0, v - Nv_0)]$$

Gaussian $A 2\pi\sigma^2 e^{-2\pi^2\sigma^2(t^2+z^2)} \Leftrightarrow A e^{-(\mu^2+\nu^2)/2\sigma^2}$ (A is a constant)

Quiz

What is the FT of a triangle function?

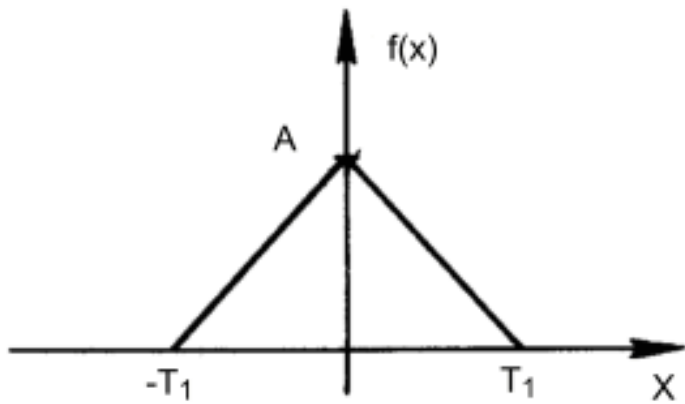


Hint: how do you get triangle function from the functions shown so far?

Triangle Function FT

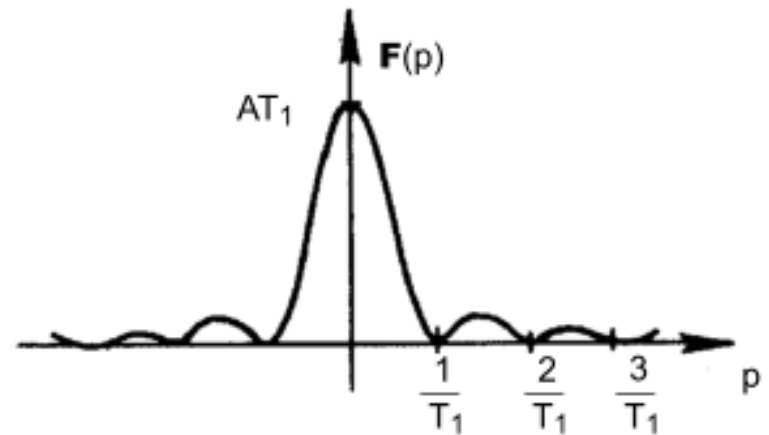
Triangle = box convolved with box

So its FT is sinc * sinc



$$f(x) = -\frac{A}{T_1}|x| + A$$

$$f(x) = 0 \quad |x| < T_1 \quad \text{and} \quad |x| > T_1$$



$$F(p) = AT_1 \left[\frac{\sin(\pi T_1 p)}{\pi T_1 p} \right]^2 = AT_1 \text{sinc}^2(\pi T_1 p)$$

Fourier Transform of Images

2D Fourier Transform

- Forward transform:

$$F(u, v) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi(xu+yv)} dx dy$$

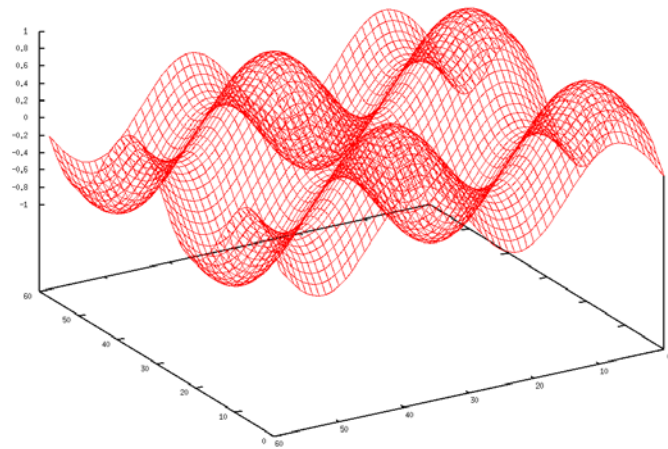
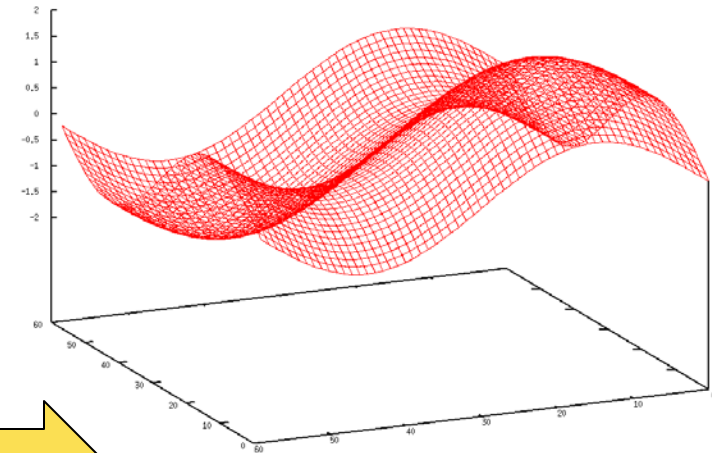
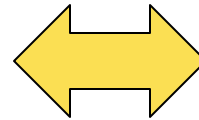
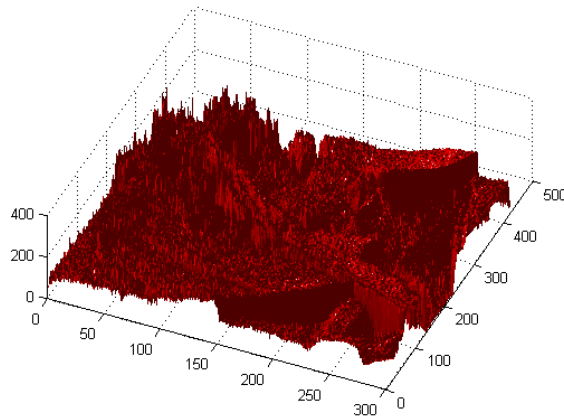
- Backward transform:

$$f(x, y) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u, v) e^{j2\pi(xu+yv)} du dv$$

- Forward transform to freq. yields complex values (magnitude and phase):

$$F(u, v) = F_r(u, v) + jF_i(u, v) = |F(u, v)| e^{j\angle F(u, v)}$$

2D Fourier Transform



Fourier Spectrum

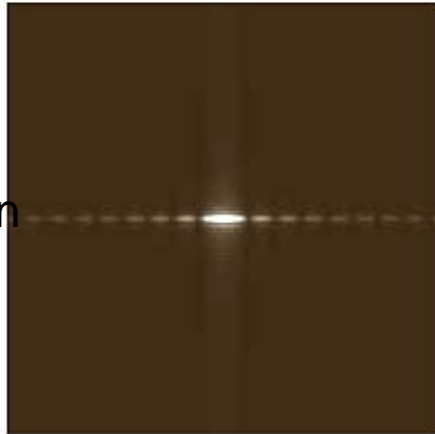
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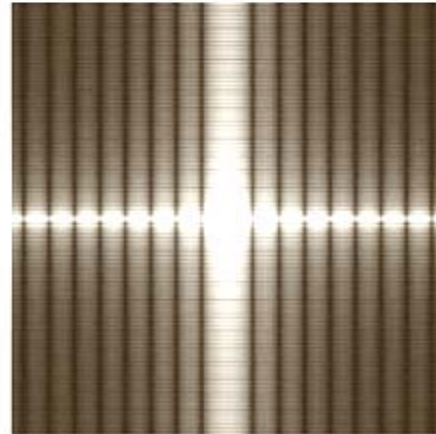
Fourier spectrum
Origin in corners



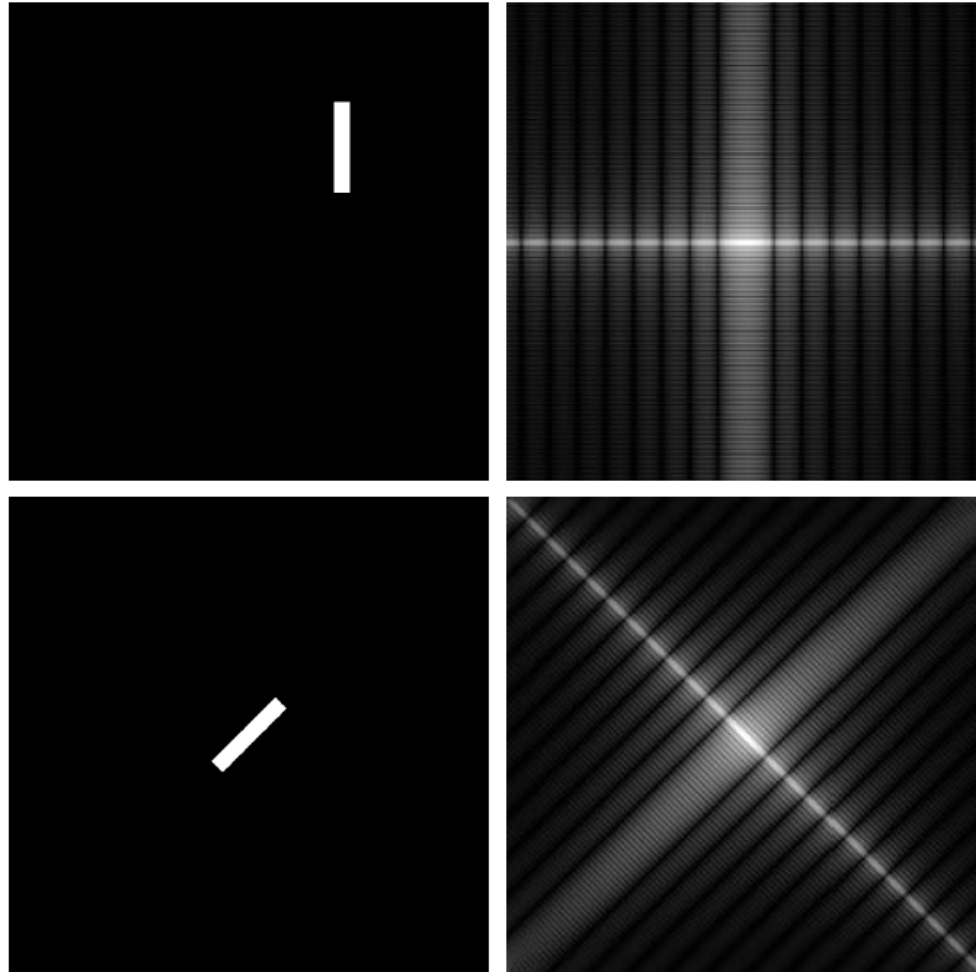
Retiled with origin
In center



Log of spectrum



Fourier Spectrum–Rotation



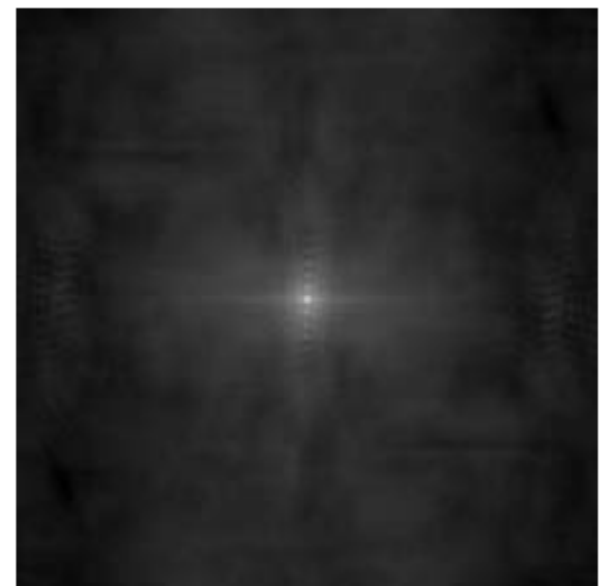
Phase vs Spectrum



Image



Reconstruction from
phase map



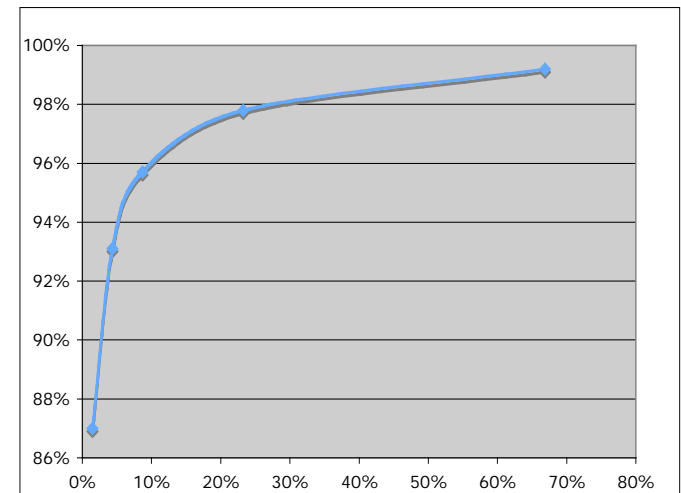
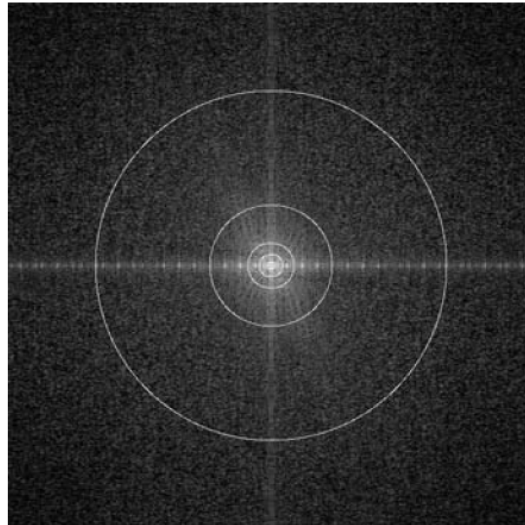
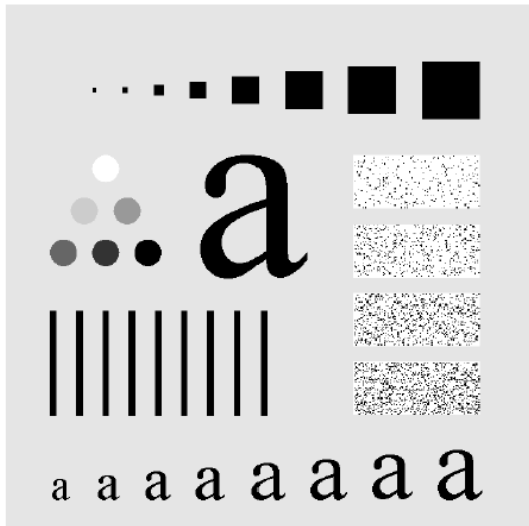
Reconstruction from
spectrum

Fourier Spectrum Demo

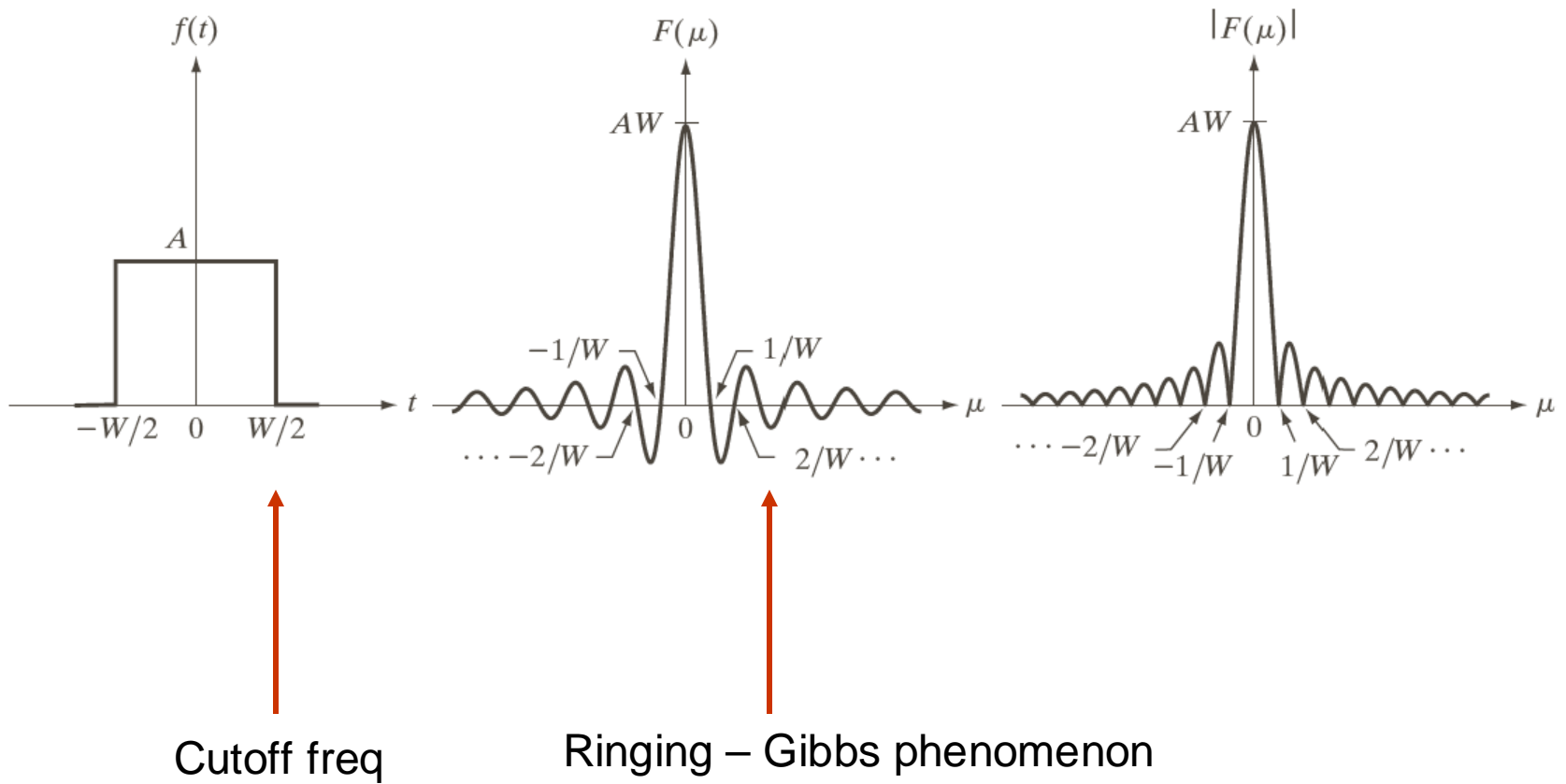
<http://bigwww.epfl.ch/demo/basisfft/demo.html>

Low-Pass Filter

- Reduce/eliminate high frequencies
- Applications
 - Noise reduction
 - uncorrelated noise is broad band
 - Images have spectrum that focus on low



Ideal LP Filter – Box, Rect

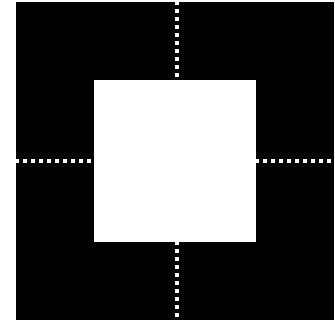


Extending Filters to 2D (or higher)

- **Two options**

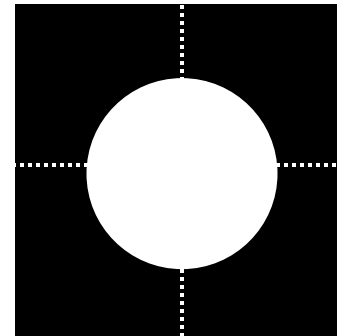
- **Separable**

- $H(s) \rightarrow H(u)H(v)$
 - Easy, analysis

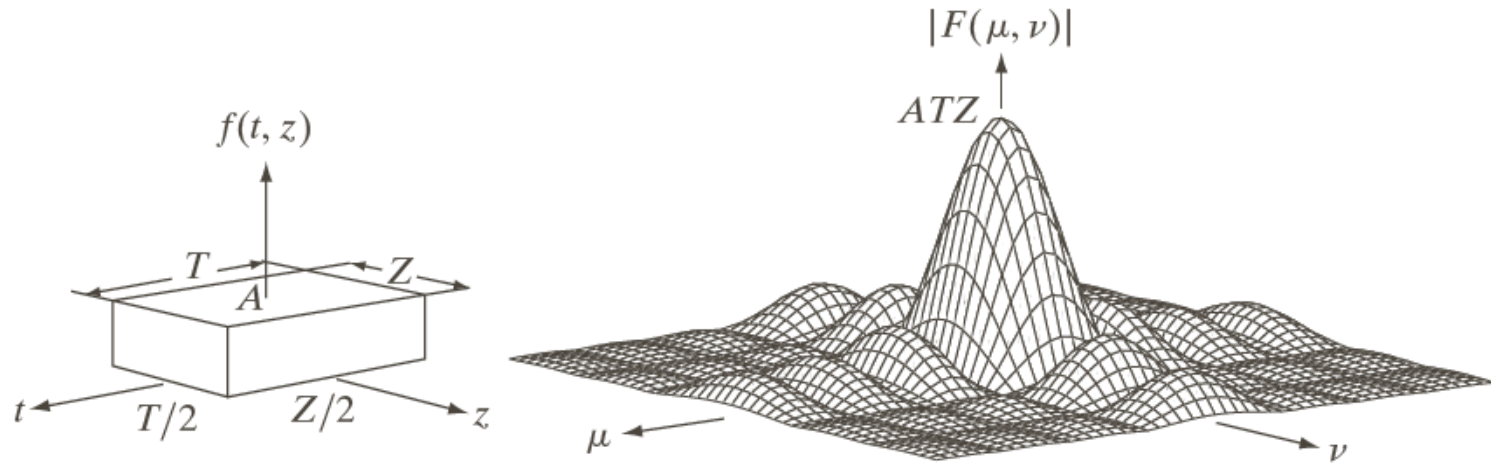


- **Rotate**

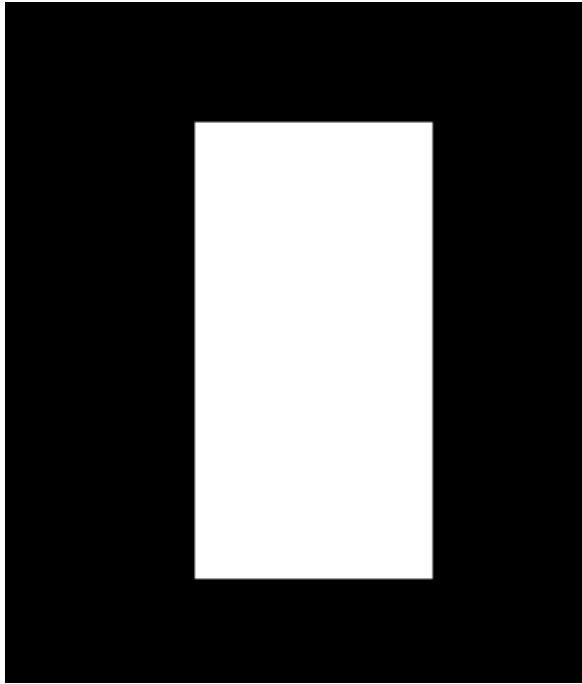
- $H(s) \rightarrow H((u^2 + v^2)^{1/2})$
 - Rotationally invariant



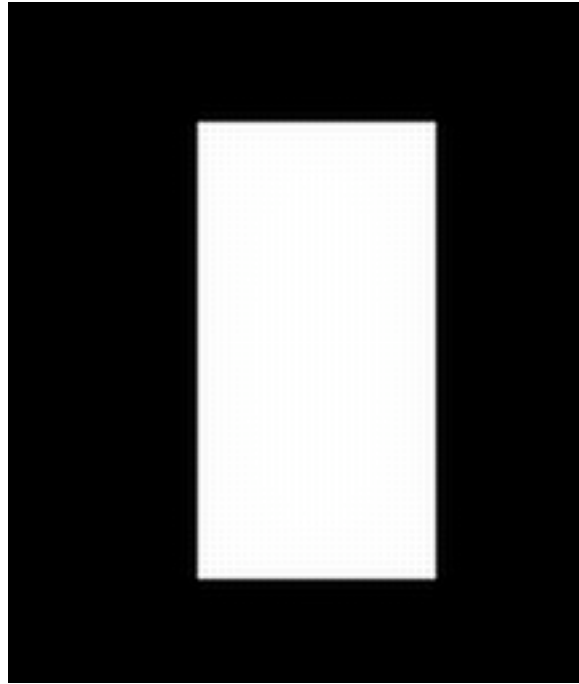
Ideal LP Filter – Box, Rect



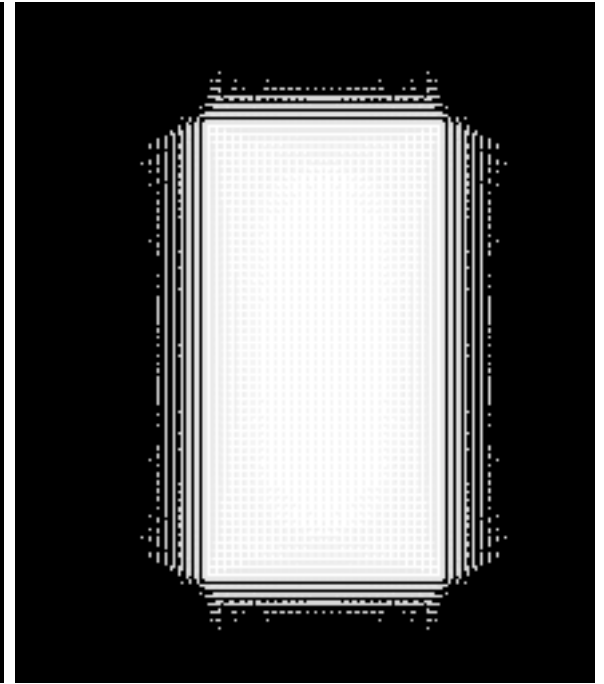
Ideal Low-Pass Rectangle With Cutoff of $2/3$



Image



Filtered



Filtered + HE

Ideal LP – 1/3



Ideal LP – 2/3

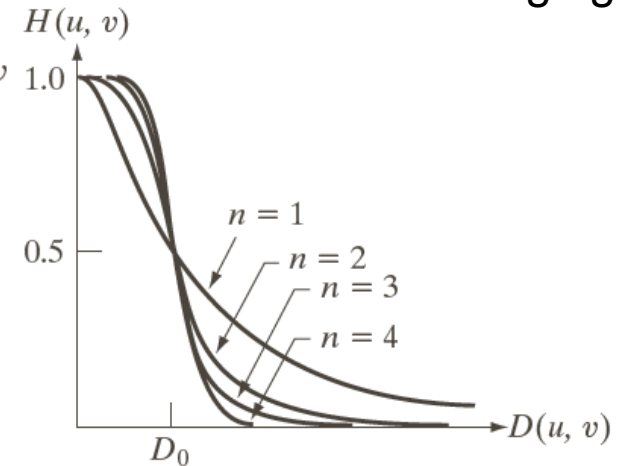
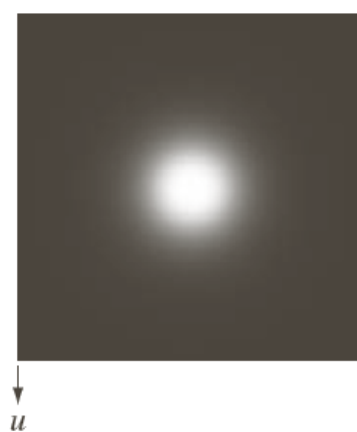
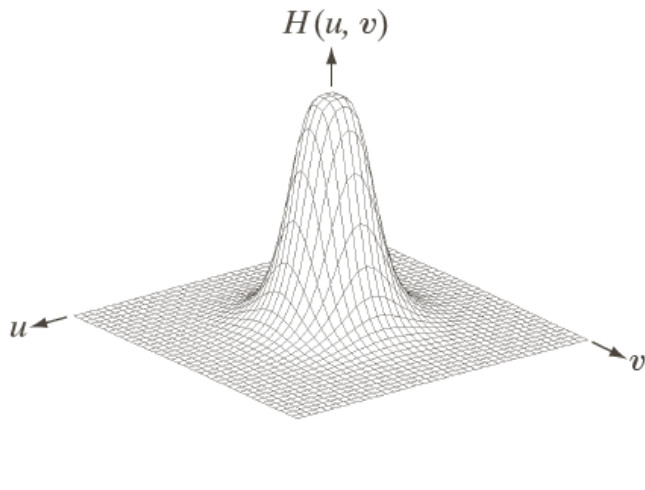


Butterworth Filter

Lowpass filters. D_0 is the cutoff frequency and n is the order of the Butterworth filter.

Ideal	Butterworth	Gaussian
$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D(u, v) \leq D_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } D(u, v) > D_0 \end{cases}$	$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D(u, v)/D_0]^{2n}}$	$H(u, v) = e^{-D^2(u,v)/2D_0^2}$

Control of cutoff and slope
Can control ringing



Butterworth - 1/3



Butterworth vs Ideal LP



Butterworth – 2/3



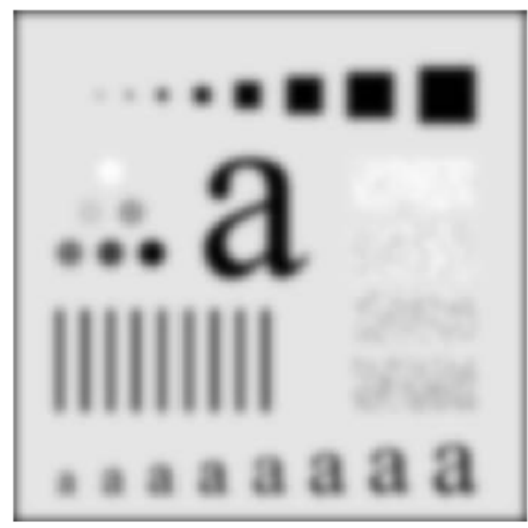
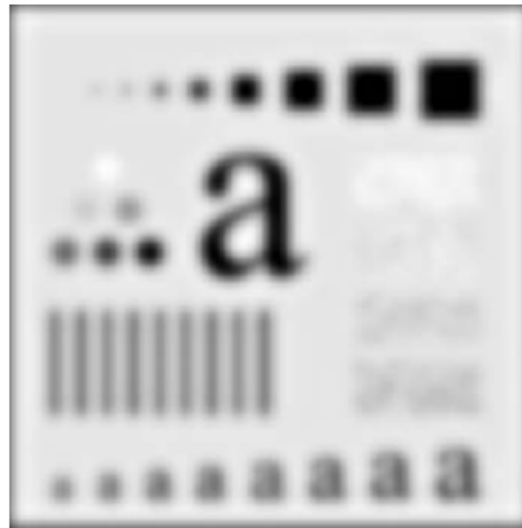
Gaussian LP Filtering

ILPF

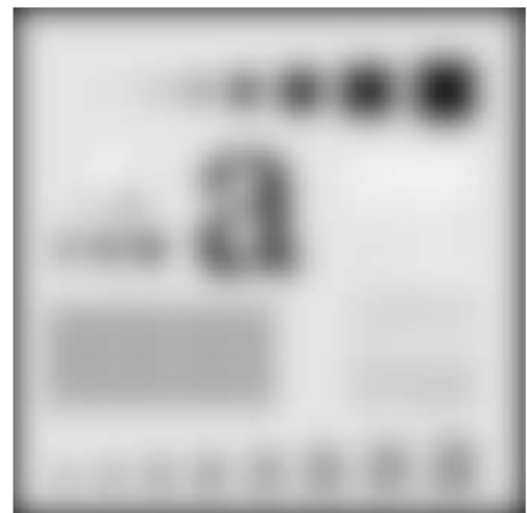
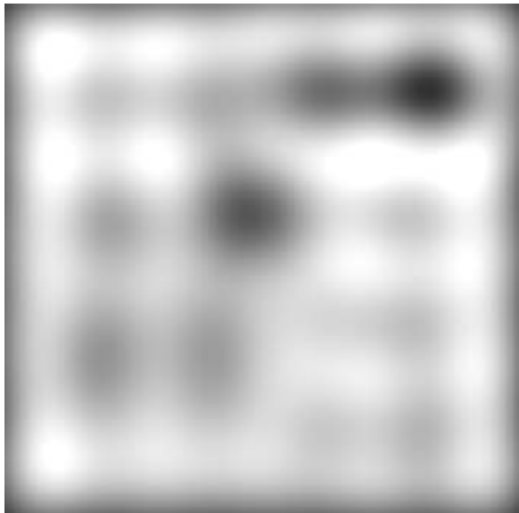
BLPF

GLPF

F1



F2



High Pass Filtering

- **HP = 1 - LP**
 - All the same filters as HP apply
- **Applications**
 - Visualization of high-freq data (accentuate)
- **High boost filtering**
 - $HB = (1 - a) + a(1 - LP) = 1 - a*LP$

High-Pass Filters

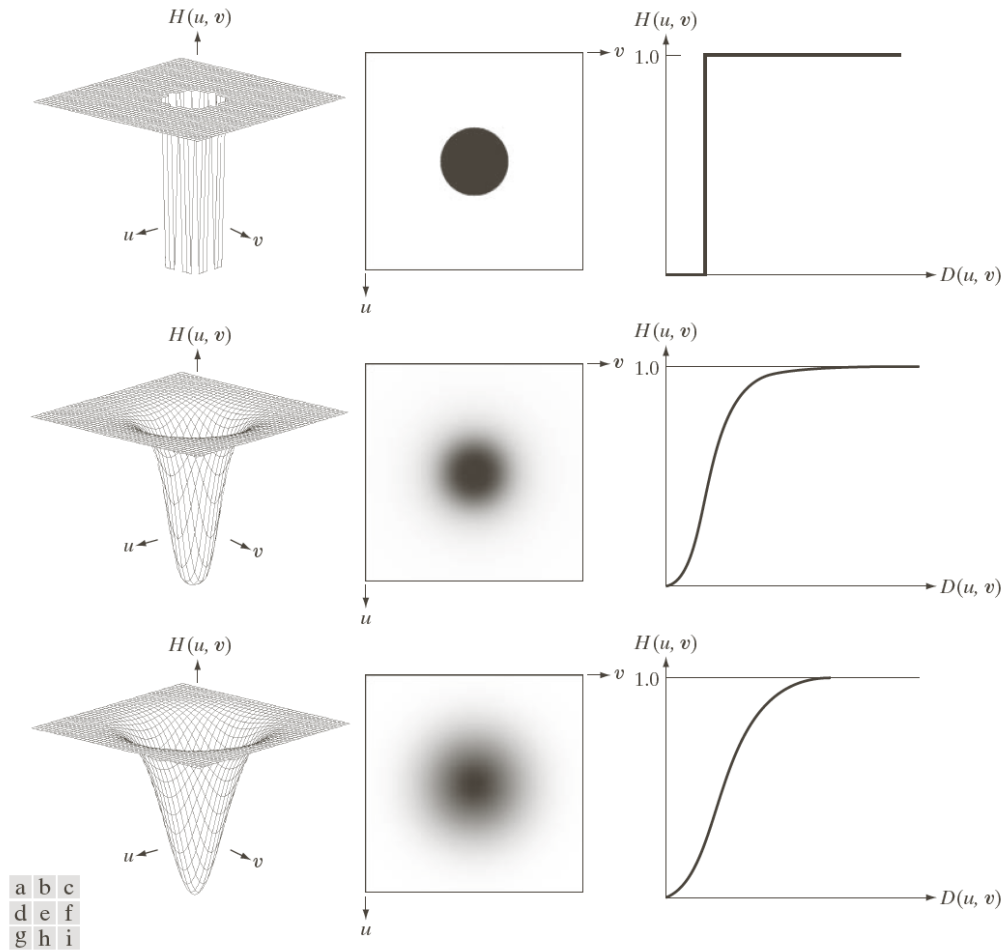


FIGURE 4.52 Top row: Perspective plot, image representation, and cross section of a typical ideal highpass filter. Middle and bottom rows: The same sequence for typical Butterworth and Gaussian highpass filters.

High-Pass Filters in Spatial Domain

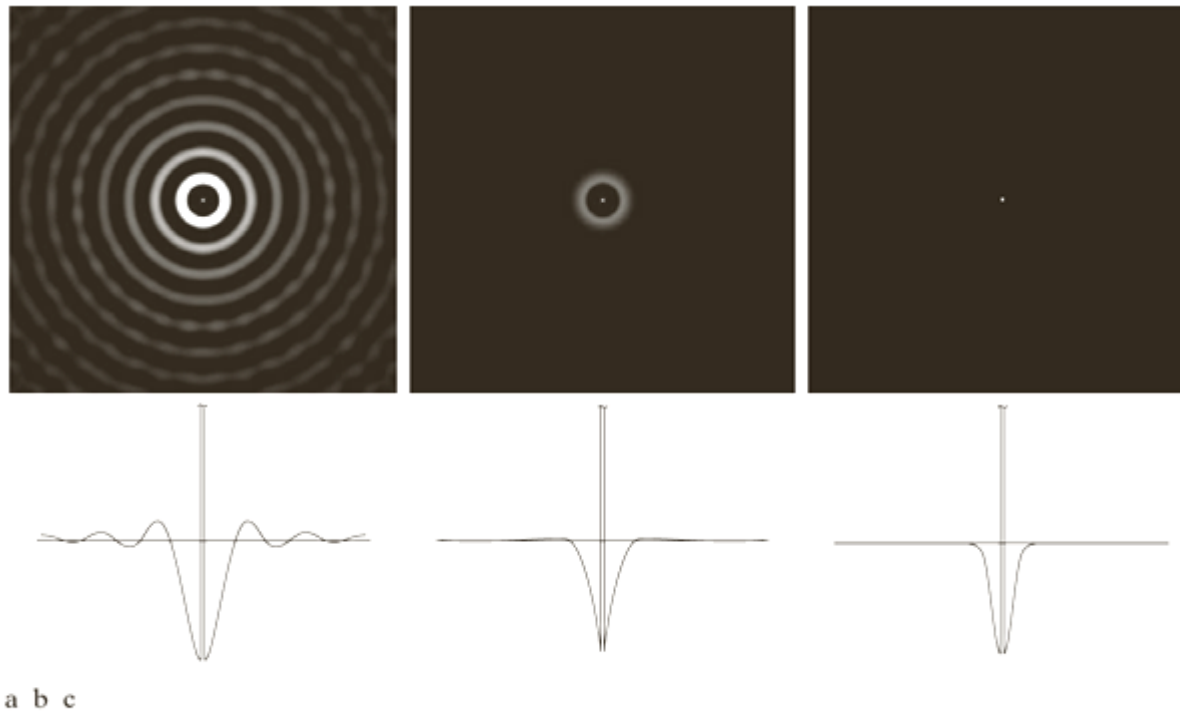


FIGURE 4.53 Spatial representation of typical (a) ideal, (b) Butterworth, and (c) Gaussian frequency domain highpass filters, and corresponding intensity profiles through their centers.

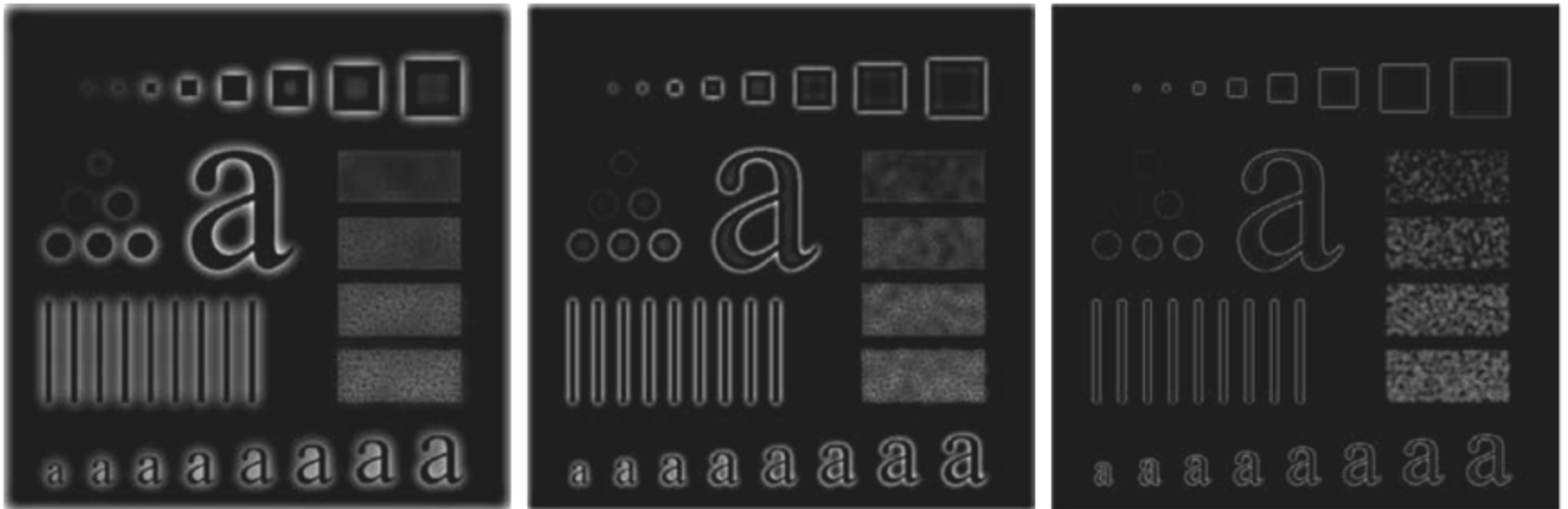
High-Pass Filtering with IHPF



a b c

FIGURE 4.54 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using an IHPF with $D_0 = 30, 60,$ and 160 .

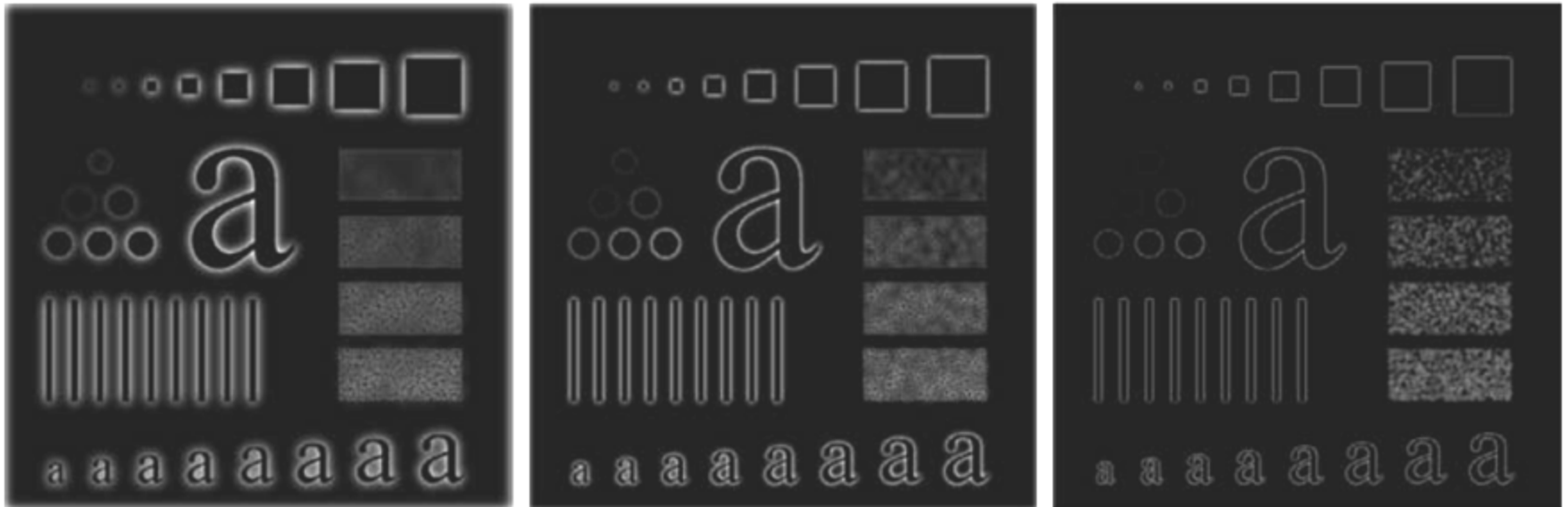
BHPF



a b c

FIGURE 4.55 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using a BHPF of order 2 with $D_0 = 30, 60,$ and 160, corresponding to the circles in Fig. 4.41(b). These results are much smoother than those obtained with an IHPE.

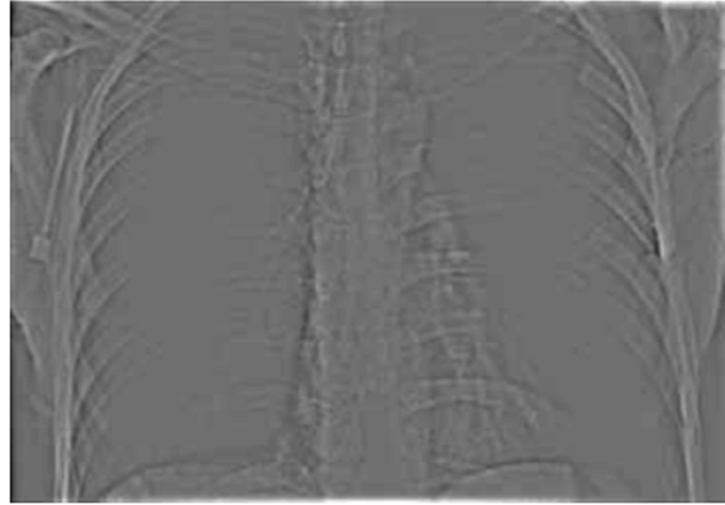
GHPF



a b c

FIGURE 4.56 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using a GHPF with $D_0 = 30, 60,$ and $160,$ corresponding to the circles in Fig. 4.41(b). Compare with Figs. 4.54 and 4.55.

HP, HB, HE



High Boost with GLPF



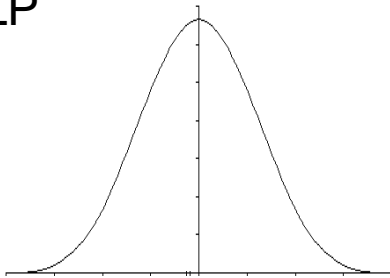
High-Boost Filtering



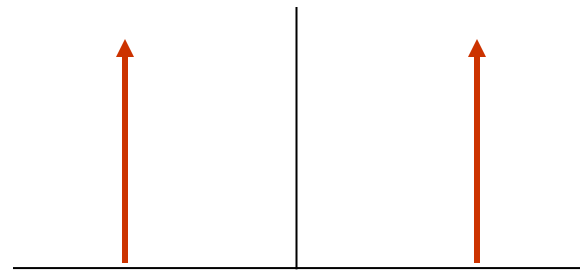
Band-Pass Filters

- Shift LP filter in Fourier domain by convolution with delta

LP



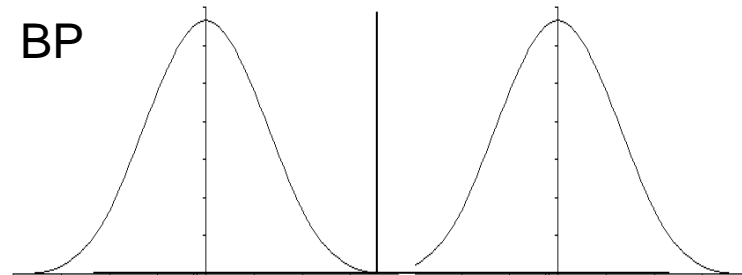
$$\delta(s - s_0) + \delta(s + s_0)$$



Typically 2-3 parameters

- Width
- Slope
- Band value

BP



Band Pass - Two Dimensions

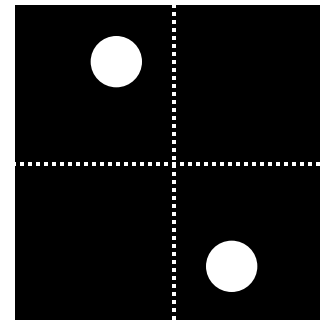
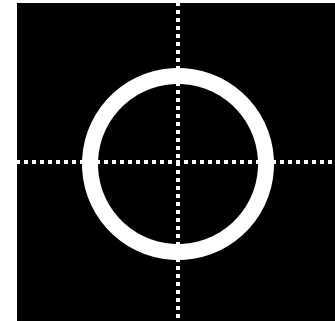
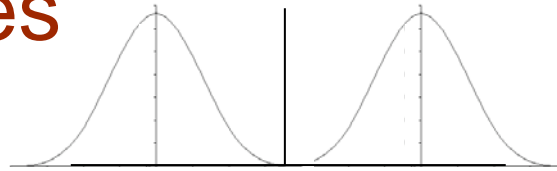
- Two strategies

- Rotate

- Radially symmetric

- Translate in 2D

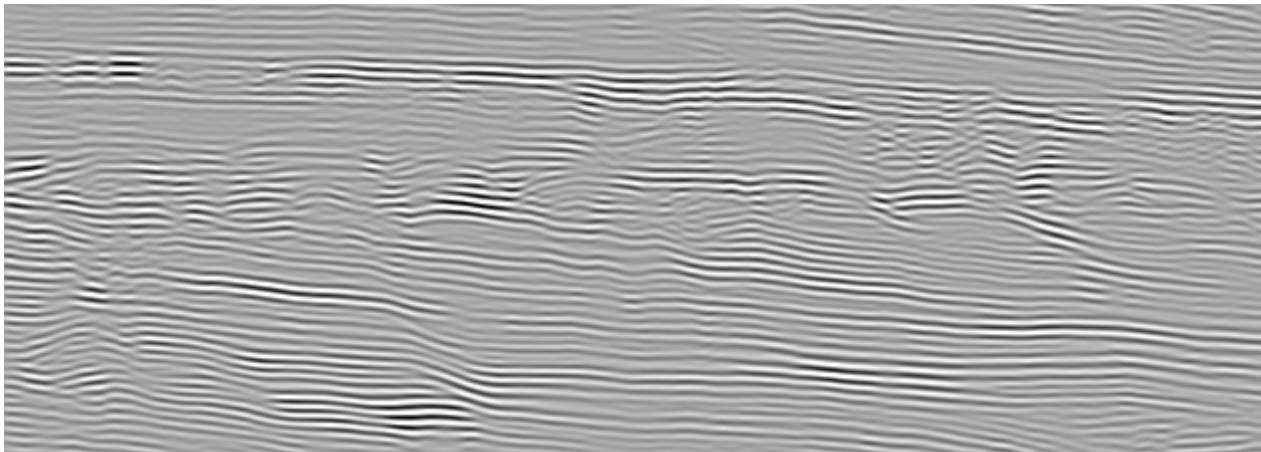
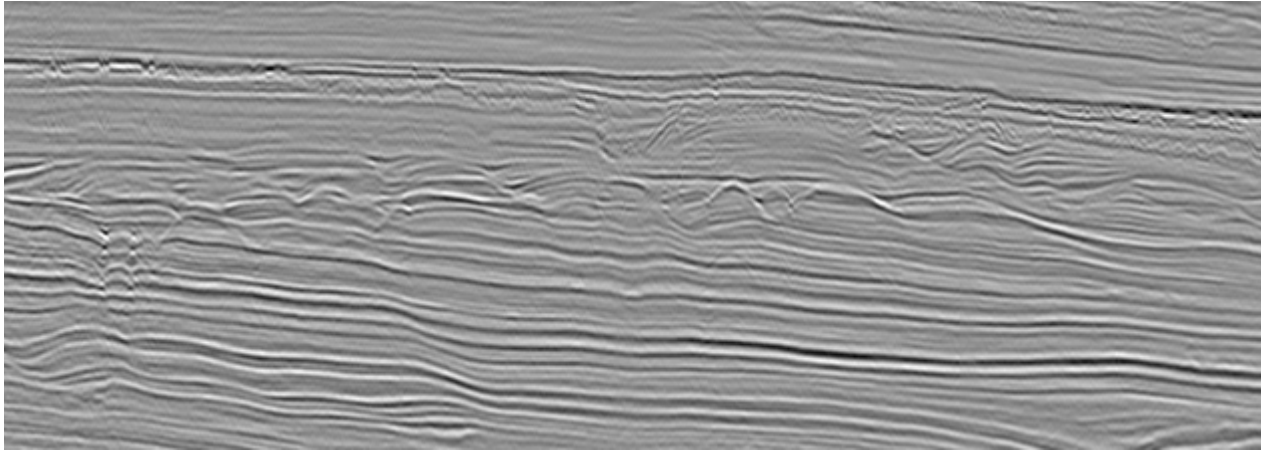
- Oriented filters



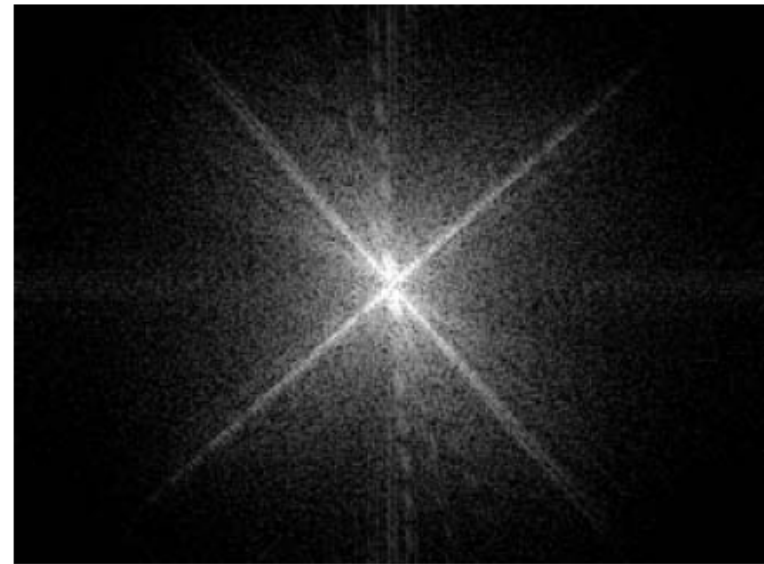
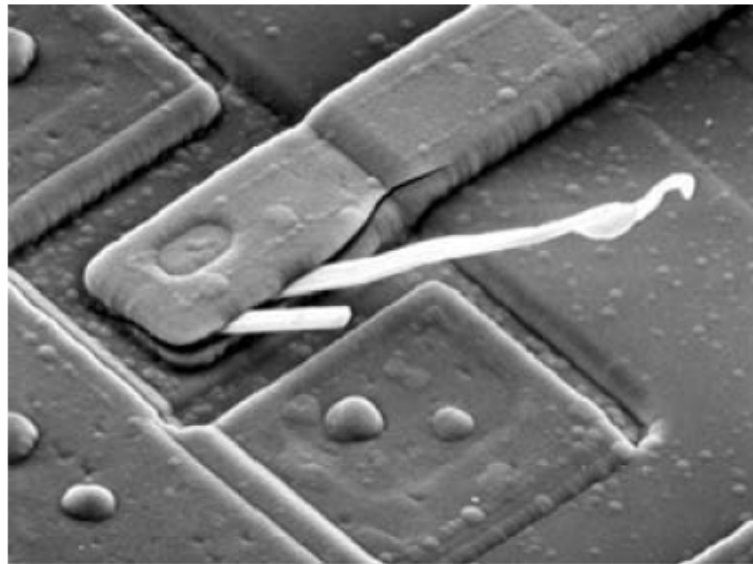
- Note:

- Convolution with delta-pair in FD is multiplication with cosine in spatial domain

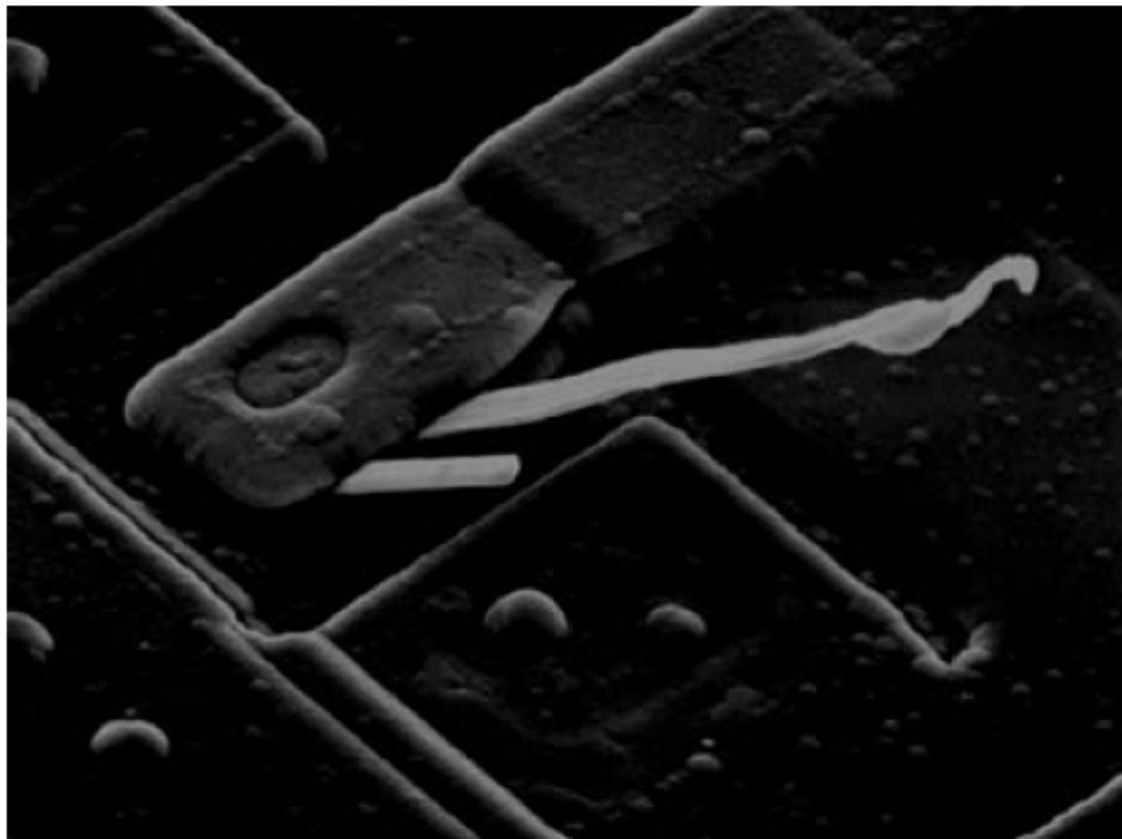
Band Bass Filtering



SEM Image and Spectrum

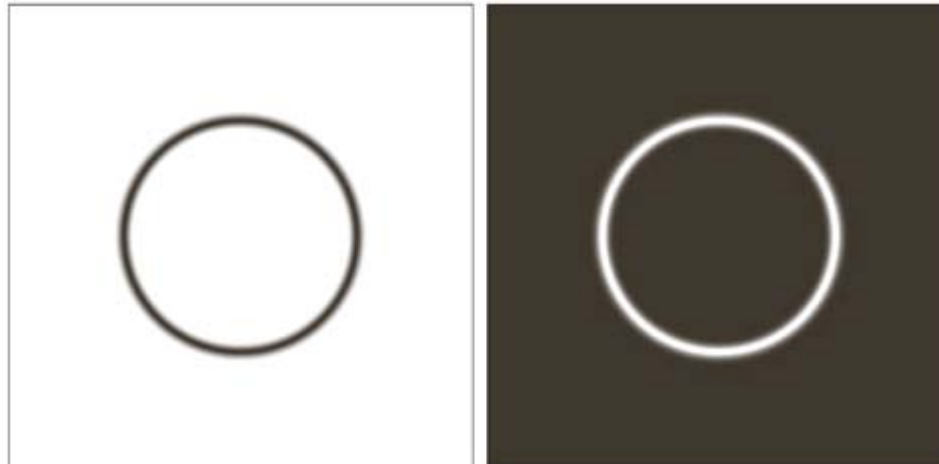


Band-Pass Filter

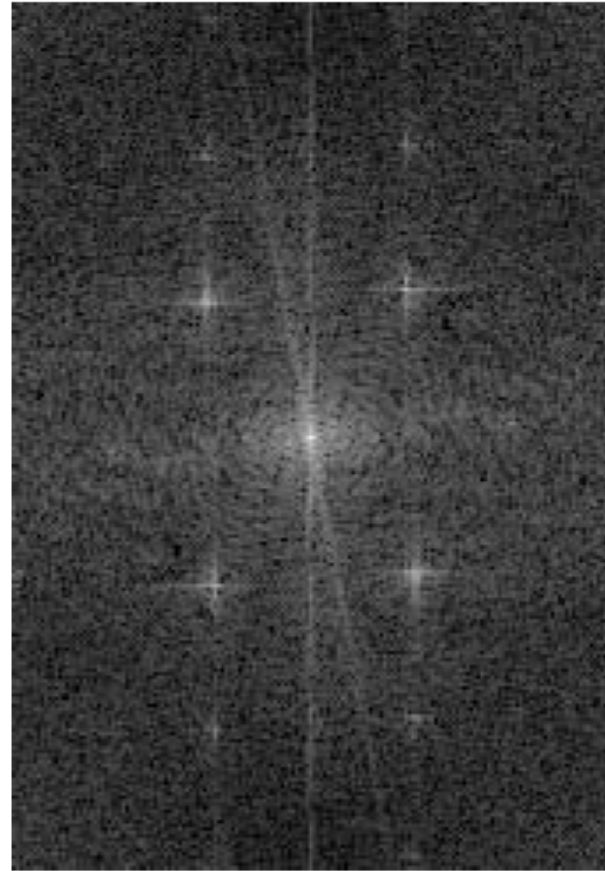


Radial Band Pass/Reject

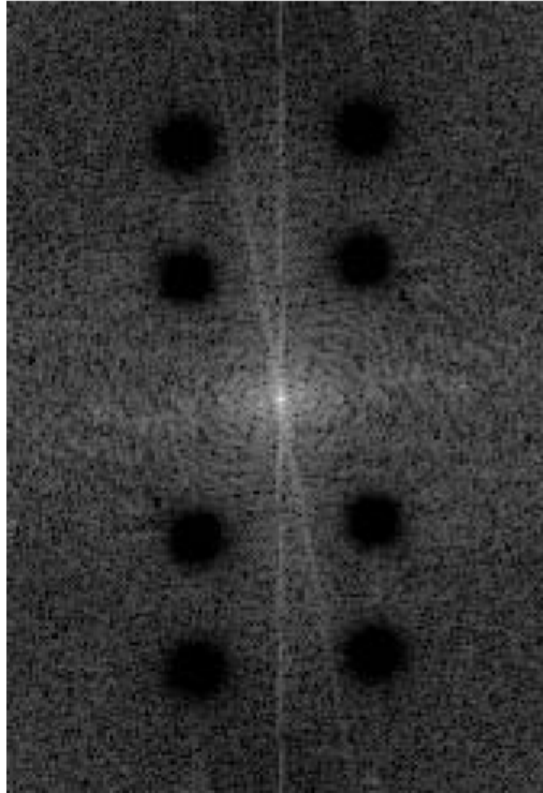
Ideal	Butterworth	Gaussian
$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } D_0 - \frac{W}{2} \leq D \leq D_0 + \frac{W}{2} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{DW}{D^2 - D_0^2} \right]^{2n}}$	$H(u, v) = 1 - e^{-\left[\frac{D^2 - D_0^2}{DW} \right]^2}$



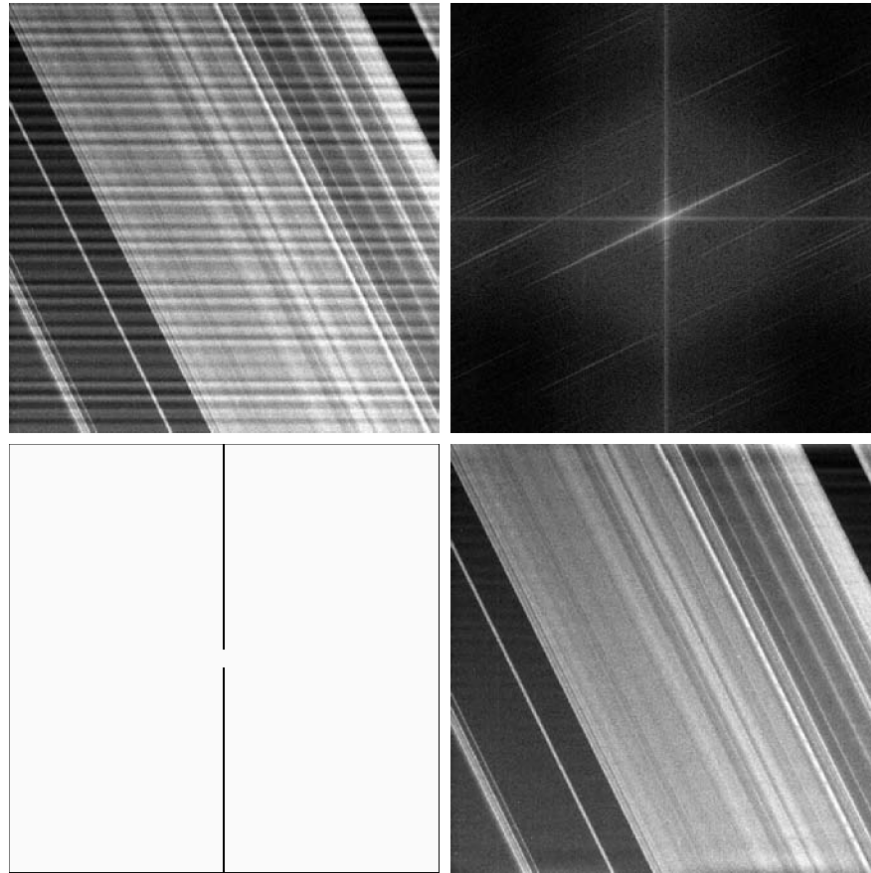
Band Reject Filtering



Band Reject Filtering



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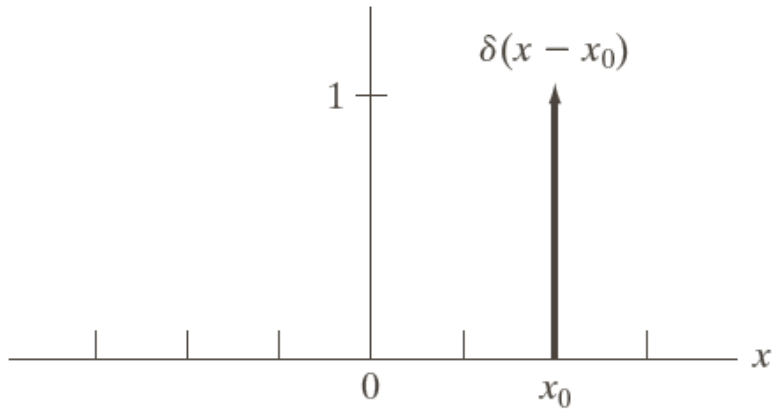
Aliasing

Discrete Sampling and Aliasing

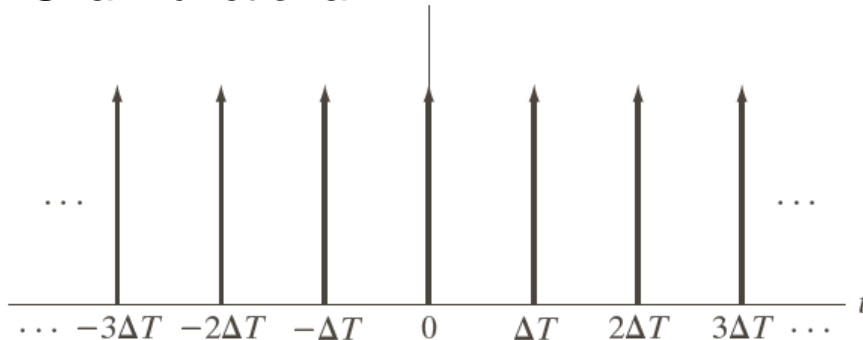
- Digital signals and images are discrete representations of the real world
 - Which is continuous
- What happens to signals/images when we sample them?
 - Can we quantify the effects?
 - Can we understand the artifacts and can we limit them?
 - Can we reconstruct the original image from the discrete data?

A Mathematical Model of Discrete Samples

Delta functional



Shah functional $s_{\Delta T}(t)$



$$s_{\Delta T}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

A Mathematical Model of Discrete Samples

- **Goal**
 - To be able to do a continuous Fourier transform on a signal before and after sampling

Discrete signal

$$f_k \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

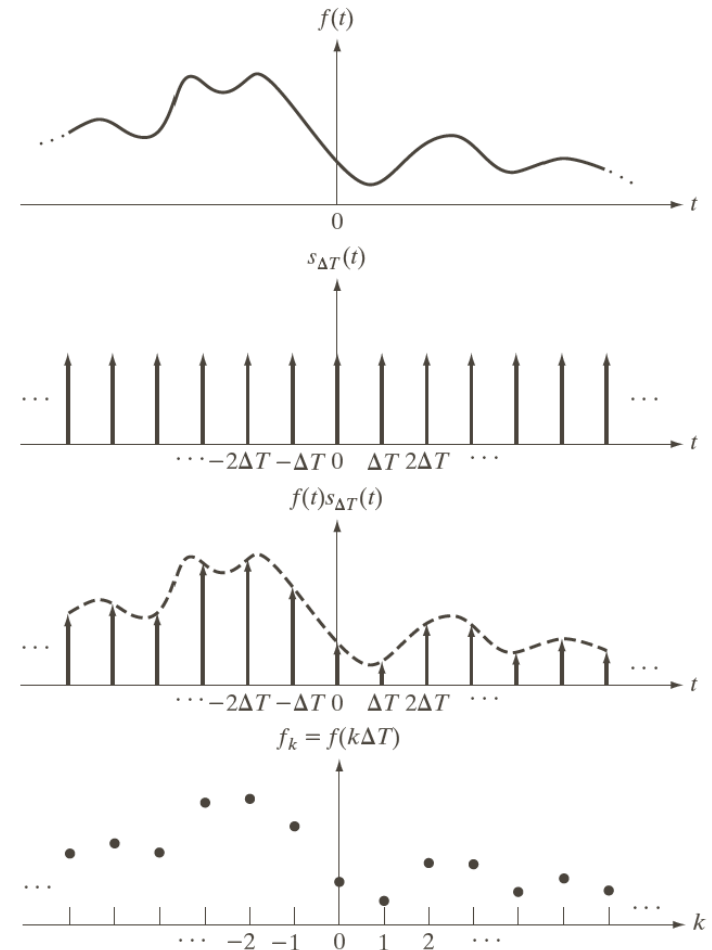
Samples from continuous function

$$f_k = f(k\Delta T)$$

Representation as a function of t

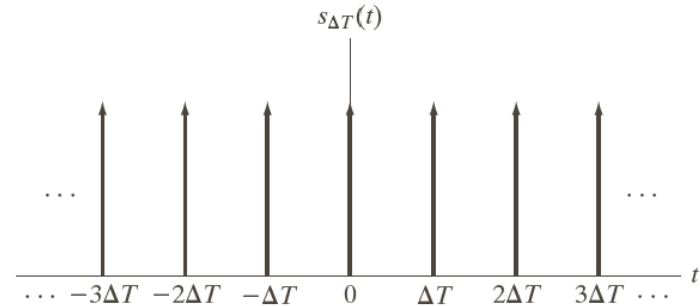
- Multiplication of $f(t)$ with Shah

$$\tilde{f}(t) = f(t)s_{\Delta T}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

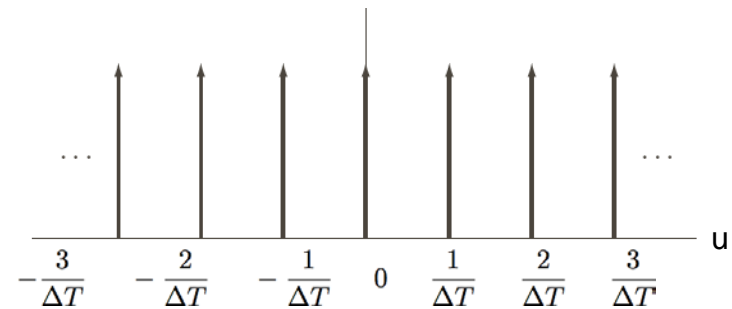


Fourier Series of A Shah Functional

$$s(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$



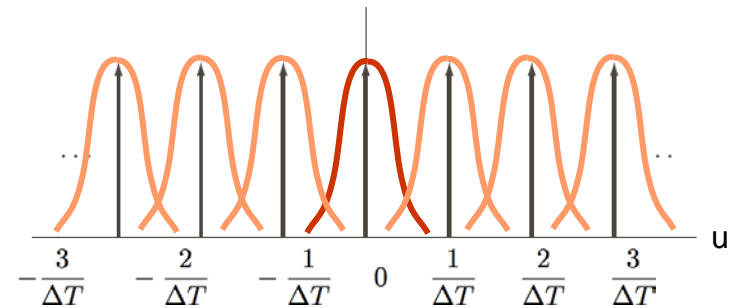
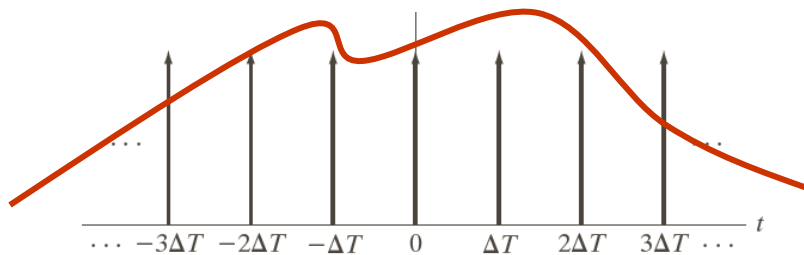
$$S(u) = \frac{1}{\Delta T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(u - \frac{k}{\Delta T}\right)$$



$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\Delta T u - k)$$

Fourier Transform of A Discrete Sampling

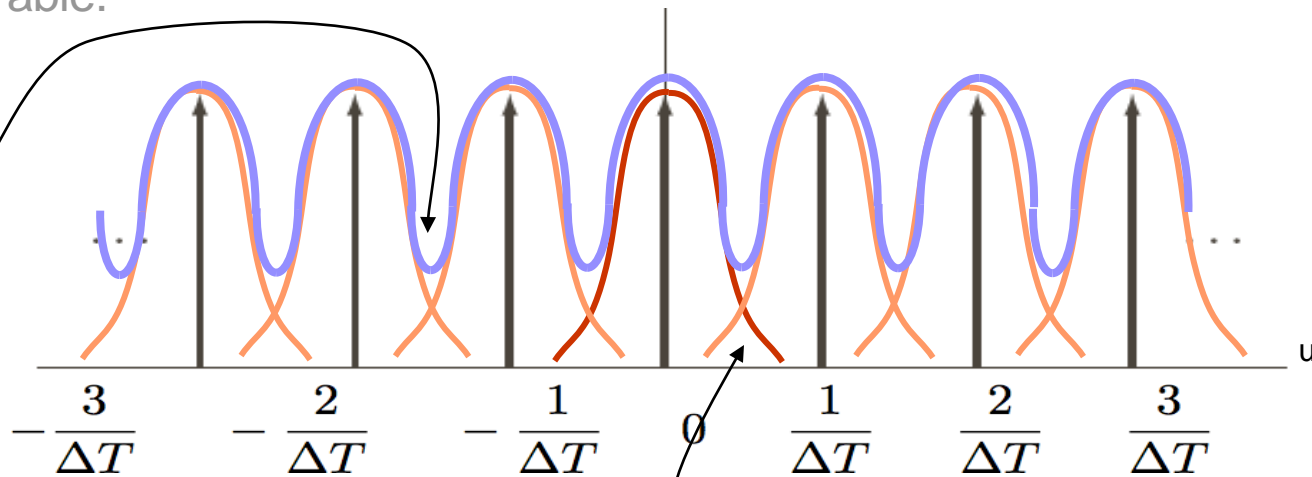
$$\tilde{f}(t) = f(t)s(t) \longleftrightarrow \tilde{F}(u) = F(u) * S(u)$$



Fourier Transform of A Discrete Sampling

Frequencies get mixed. The original signal is not recoverable.

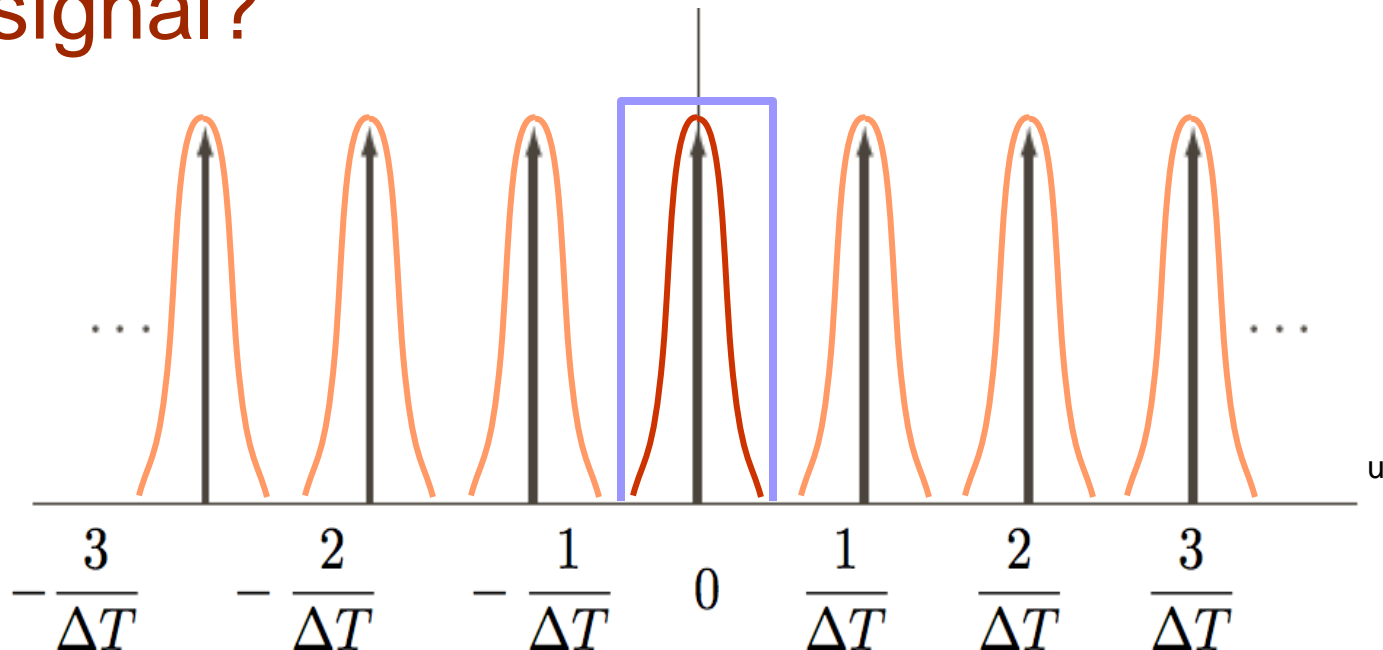
$$\tilde{F}(u) = F(u) * S(u)$$



Energy from higher freqs gets folded back down into lower freqs – Aliasing

What if $F(u)$ is Narrower in the Fourier Domain?

- No aliasing!
- How could we recover the original signal?



What Comes Out of This Model

- Sampling criterion for complete recovery
- An understanding of the effects of sampling
 - Aliasing and how to avoid it
- Reconstruction of signals from discrete samples

Shannon Sampling Theorem

- Assuming a signal that is band limited:

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(u) \quad |F(u)| = 0 \quad \forall \quad |u| > B$$

- Given set of samples from that signal

$$f_k = f(k\Delta T) \quad \Delta T \leq \frac{1}{2B}$$

- Samples can be used to generate the original signal

- Samples and continuous signal are equivalent

Sampling Theorem

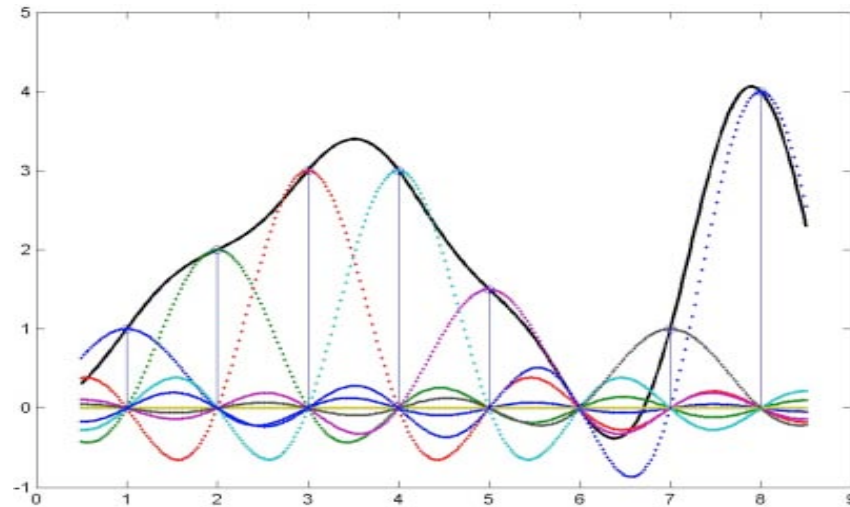
- Quantifies the amount of information in a signal
 - Discrete signal contains limited frequencies
 - Band-limited signals contain no more information than their discrete equivalents
- Reconstruction by cutting away the repeated signals in the Fourier domain
 - Convolution with sinc function in space/time

Reconstruction

- Convolution with sinc function

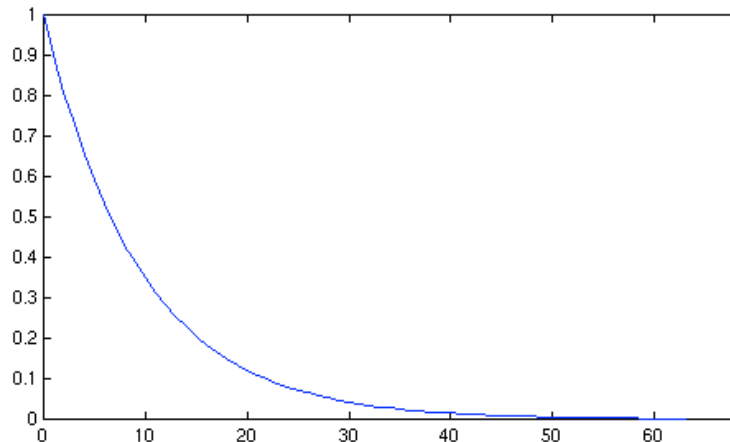
$$f(t) = \tilde{f}(t) * \mathbb{F}^{-1} [\text{rect}(\Delta T u)]$$

$$= \left(\sum_k f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T) \right) * \text{sinc} \left(\frac{t}{\Delta T} \right) = \sum_k f_k \text{sinc} \left(\frac{t - k\Delta T}{\Delta T} \right)$$

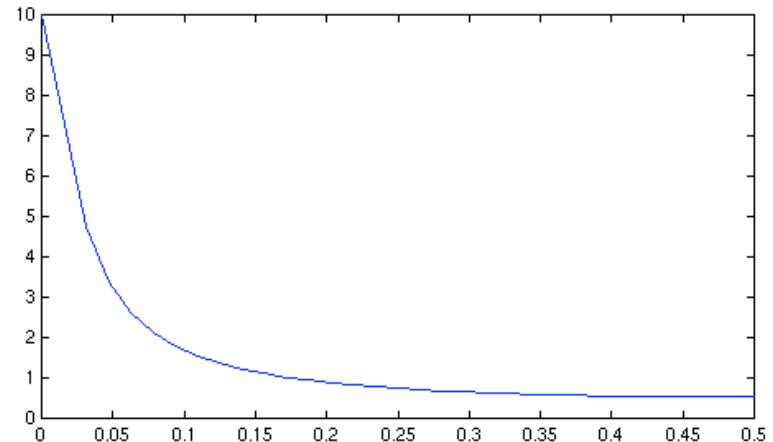


Sinc Interpolation Issues

- Most functions are not band limited
- Forcing functions to be band-limited can cause artifacts (ringing)

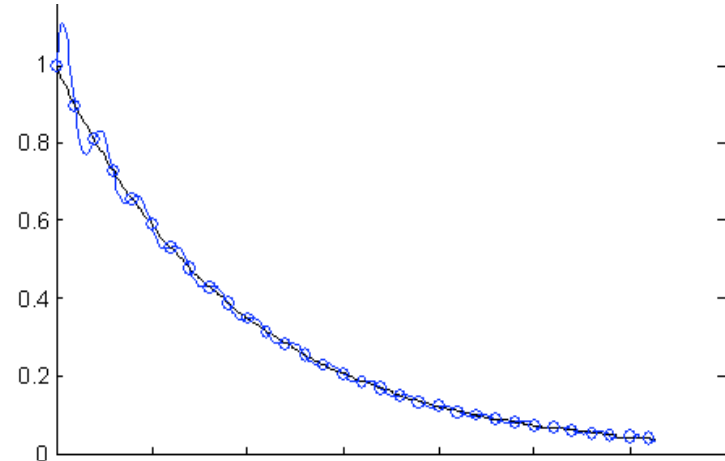
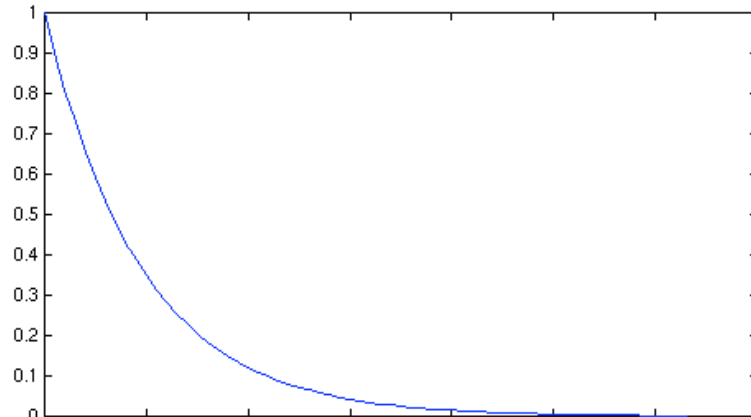


$f(t)$



$|F(s)|$

Sinc Interpolation Issues



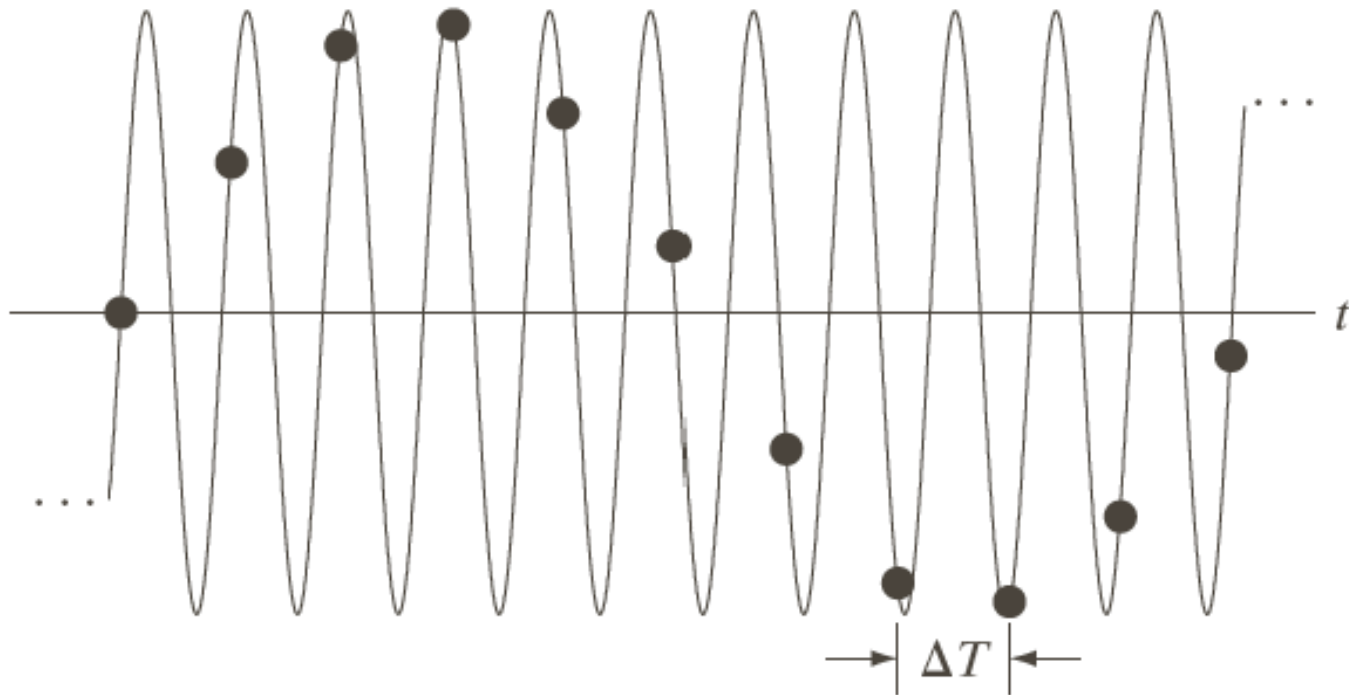
Ringling - Gibbs phenomenon

Other issues:

Sinc is infinite - must be truncated

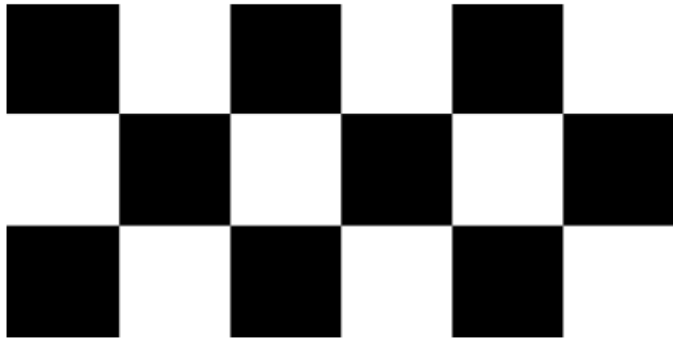
Aliasing

- High frequencies appear as low frequencies when undersampled

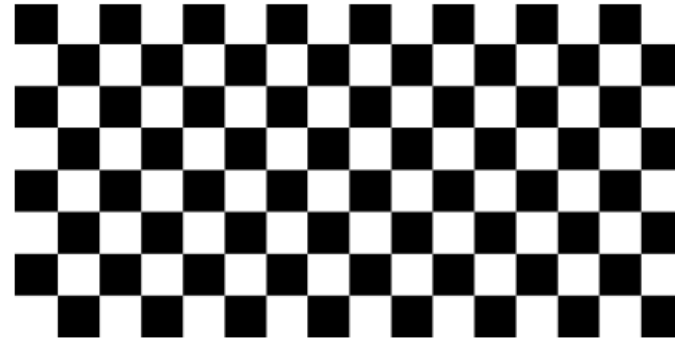


Aliasing

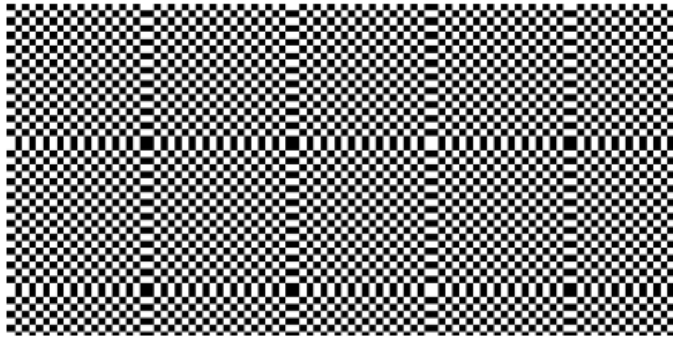
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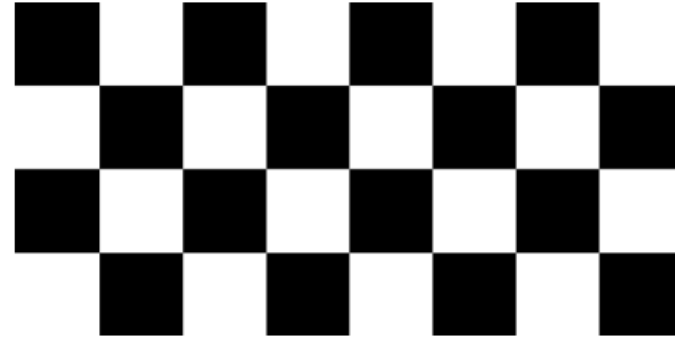
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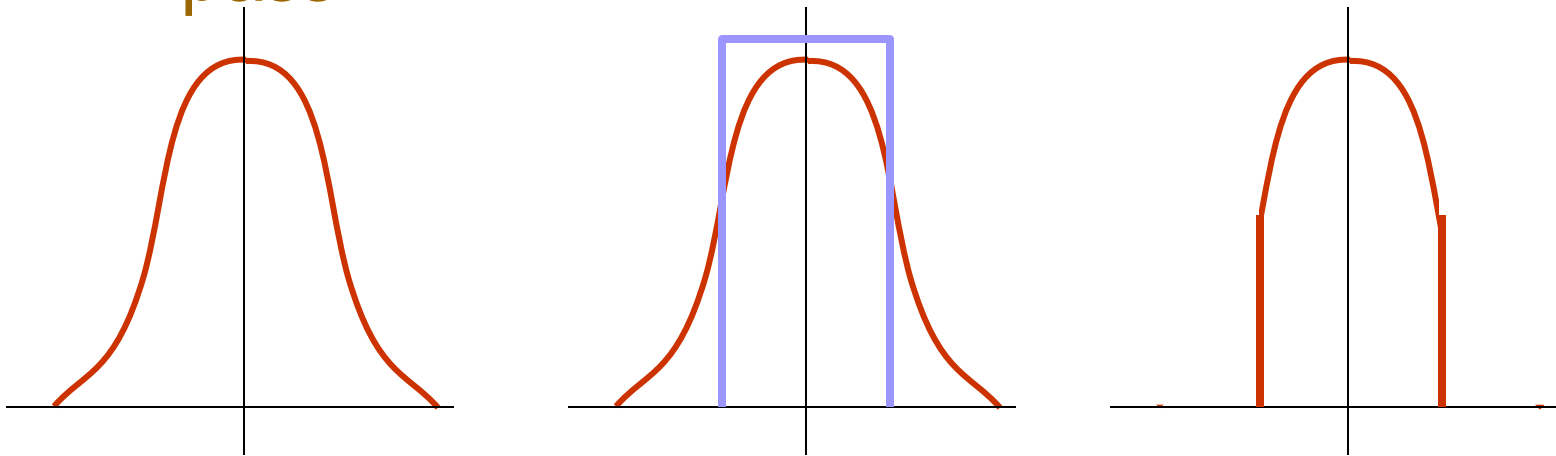


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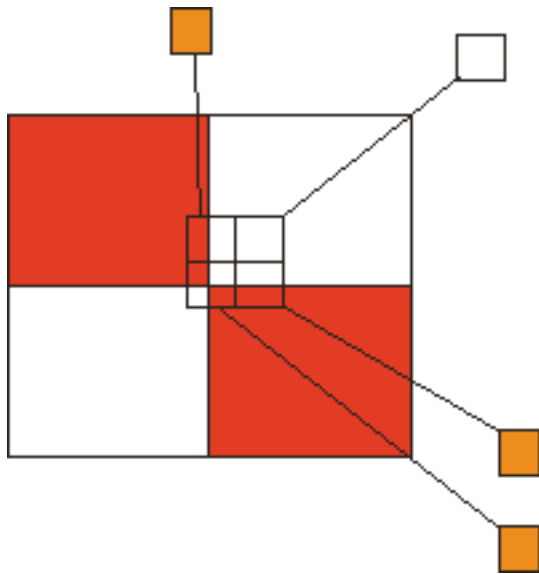
Overcoming Aliasing

- Filter data prior to sampling
 - Ideally - band limit the data (conv with sinc function)
 - In practice - limit effects with fuzzy/soft low pass



Antialiasing in Graphics

- Screen resolution produces aliasing on underlying geometry



Multiple high-res samples get averaged to create one screen sample



aliased



antialiased

Antialiasing



Interpolation as Convolution

- Any discrete set of samples can be considered as a functional

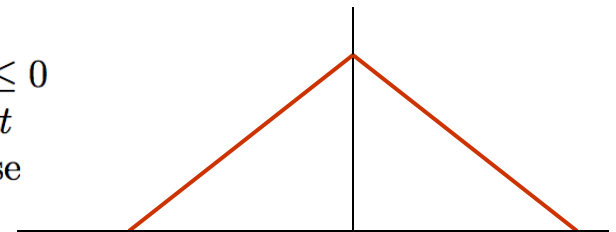
$$\tilde{f}(t) = \sum_k f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

- Any linear interpolant can be considered as a convolution

- Nearest neighbor - $\text{rect}(t)$

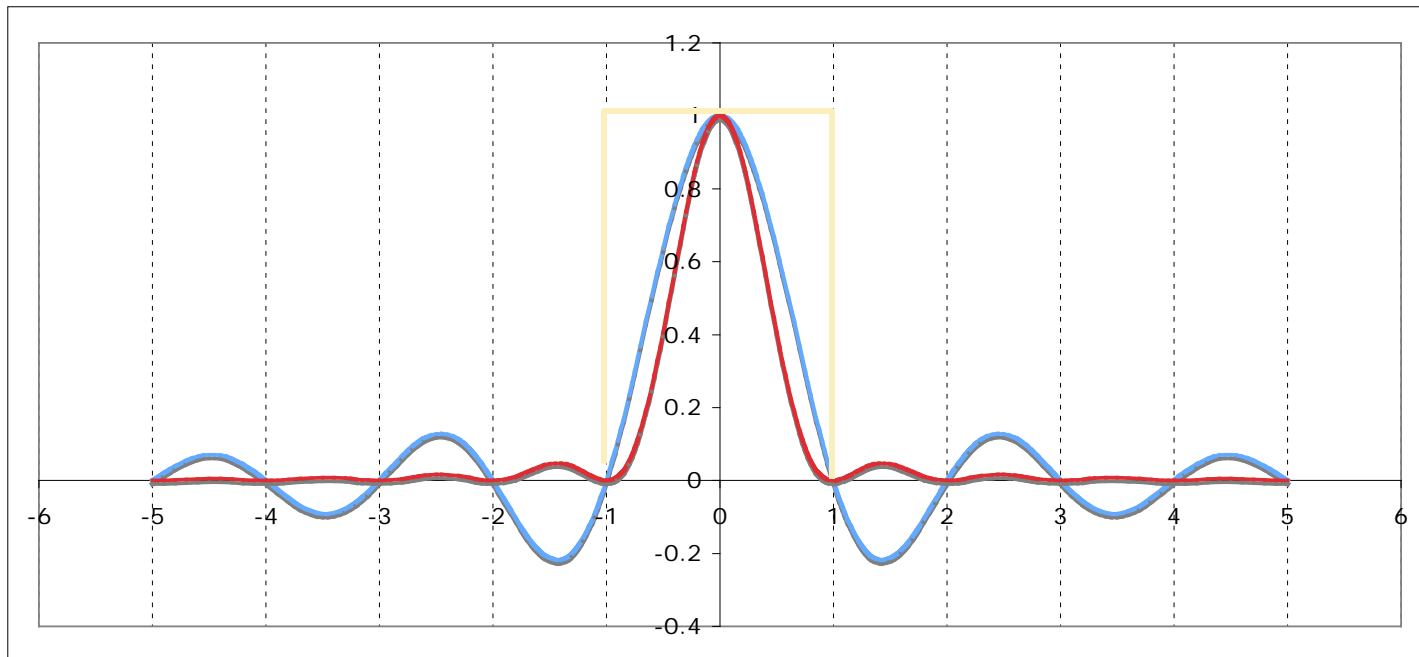
- Linear - $\text{tri}(t)$

$$\text{tri}(t) = \begin{cases} t+1 & -1 \leq t \leq 0 \\ 1-t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Convolution-Based Interpolation

- Can be studied in terms of Fourier Domain
- Issues
 - Pass energy (=1) in band
 - Low energy out of band
 - Reduce hard cut off (Gibbs, ringing)



Fast Fourier Transform

With slides from Richard
Stern, CMU

DFT

- Ordinary DFT is $O(N^2)$
- DFT is slow for large images
- Exploit periodicity and symmetry
- Fast FT is $O(N \log N)$
- FFT can be faster than convolution

Fast Fourier Transform

- Divide and conquer algorithm
- Gauss ~1805
- Cooley & Tukey 1965

- For $N = 2^K$

The Cooley-Tukey Algorithm

- Consider the DFT algorithm for an integer power of 2, $N = 2^v$

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]W_N^{nk} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j2\pi nk/N}; \quad W_N = e^{-j2\pi/N}$$

- Create separate sums for even and odd values of n :

$$X[k] = \sum_{n \text{ even}} x[n]W_N^{nk} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} x[n]W_N^{nk}$$

- Letting $n = 2r$ for n even and $n = 2r + 1$ for n odd, we obtain

$$X[k] = \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r]W_N^{2rk} + \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1]W_N^{(2r+1)k}$$

The Cooley-Tukey Algorithm

- Splitting indices in time, we have obtained

$$X[k] = \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r]W_N^{2rk} + \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1]W_N^{(2r+1)k}$$

- But $W_N^2 = e^{-j2\pi 2/N} = e^{-j2\pi/(N/2)} = W_{N/2}$ and $W_N^{2rk} W_N^k = W_N^k W_{N/2}^{rk}$

So ...

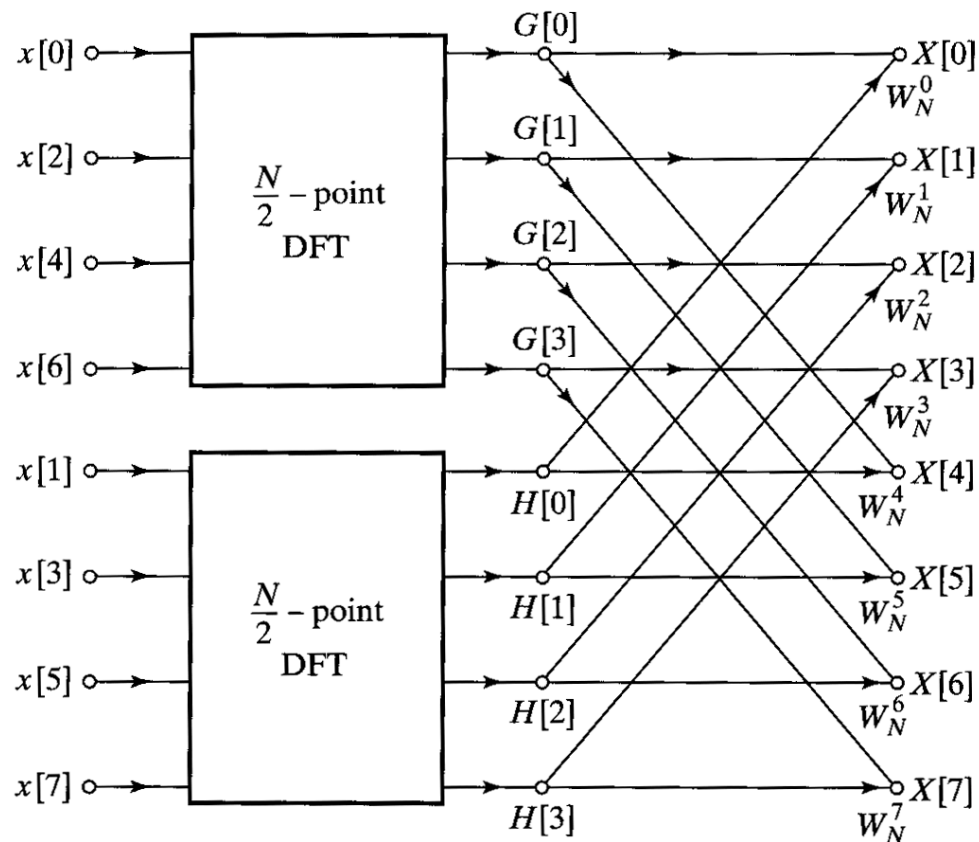
$$X[k] = \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r]W_{N/2}^{rk}}_{N/2\text{-point DFT of } x[2r]} + W_N^k \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1]W_{N/2}^{rk}}_{N/2\text{-point DFT of } x[2r+1]}$$

$N/2$ -point DFT of $x[2r]$

$N/2$ -point DFT of $x[2r+1]$

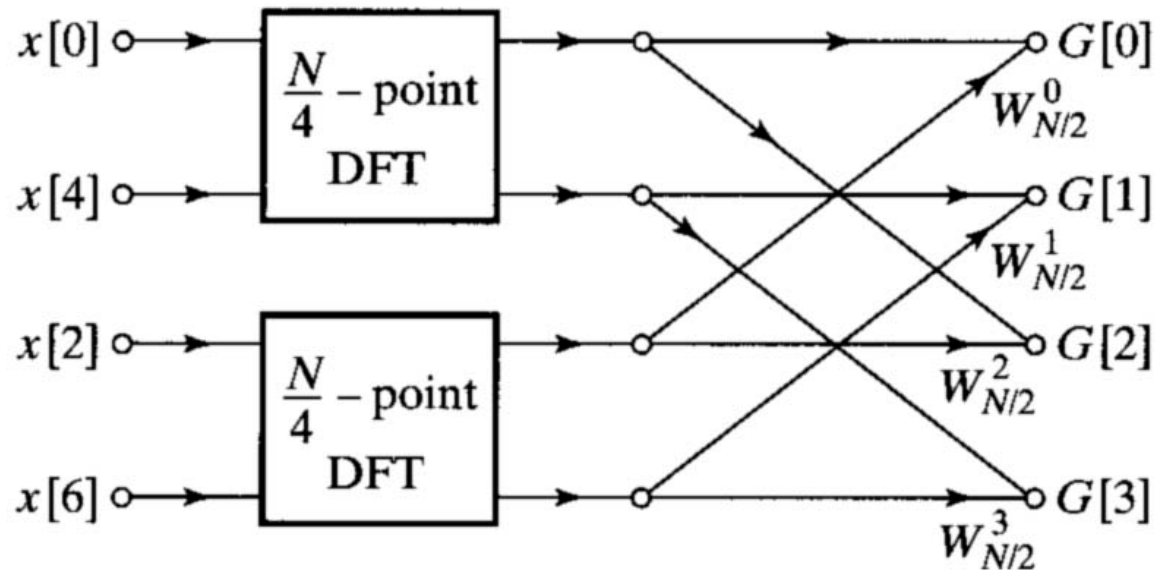
Example: N=8

- Divide and reuse



Example: N=8, Upper Part

- Continue to divide and reuse



Two-Point FFT

- The expression for the 2-point DFT is:

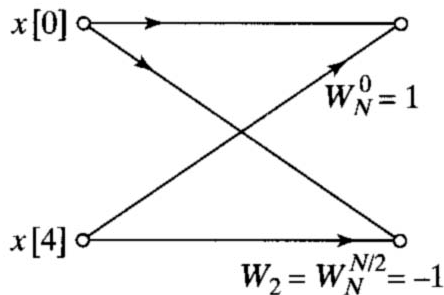
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^1 x[n]W_2^{nk} = \sum_{n=0}^1 x[n]e^{-j2\pi nk/2}$$

- Evaluating for $k = 0, 1$ we obtain

$$X[0] = x[0] + x[1]$$

$$X[1] = x[0] + e^{-j2\pi 1/2}x[1] = x[0] - x[1]$$

which in signal flowgraph notation looks like ...



This topology is referred to as the basic butterfly