

Fourier Transform in Image Processing

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1D: Common Transform Pairs

Summary

Fourier Transform Pairs		
Pair Number	$x(t)$	$X(f)$
1.	$\Pi\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$	$\tau \operatorname{sinc} \pi f$
2.	$2W \operatorname{sinc} 2Wt$	$\Pi\left(\frac{f}{2W}\right)$
3.	$\Lambda\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$	$\tau \operatorname{sinc}^2 \pi f$
4.	$\exp(-\alpha t)u(t), \alpha > 0$	$\frac{1}{\alpha + j2\pi f}$
5.	$t \exp(-\alpha t)u(t), \alpha > 0$	$\frac{1}{(\alpha + j2\pi f)^2}$
6.	$\exp(-\alpha t), \alpha > 0$	$\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + (2\pi f)^2}$
7.	$e^{-\pi(f/f_0)^2}$	$\tau e^{-\pi(f/f_0)^2}$
8.	$\delta(t)$	1
9.	1	$\delta(f)$
10.	$\delta(t - t_0)$	$\exp(-j2\pi f t_0)$
11.	$\exp(j2\pi f_0 t)$	$\delta(f - f_0)$
12.	$\cos 2\pi f_0 t$	$\frac{1}{2}\delta(f - f_0) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(f + f_0)$
13.	$\sin 2\pi f_0 t$	$\frac{1}{2j}\delta(f - f_0) - \frac{1}{2j}\delta(f + f_0)$
14.	$u(t)$	$(j2\pi f)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}\delta(f)$
15.	$\operatorname{sgn} t$	$(j\pi f)^{-1}$
16.	$\frac{1}{\pi t}$	$-j \operatorname{sgn}(f)$
17.	$\hat{x}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x(\lambda)}{t - \lambda} d\lambda$	$-j \operatorname{sgn}(f)X(f)$
18.	$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - mT_s)$	$f_s \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(f - mf_s),$ $f_s = T_s^{-1}$

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FT Properties: Convolution

- See book DIP 4.2.5:

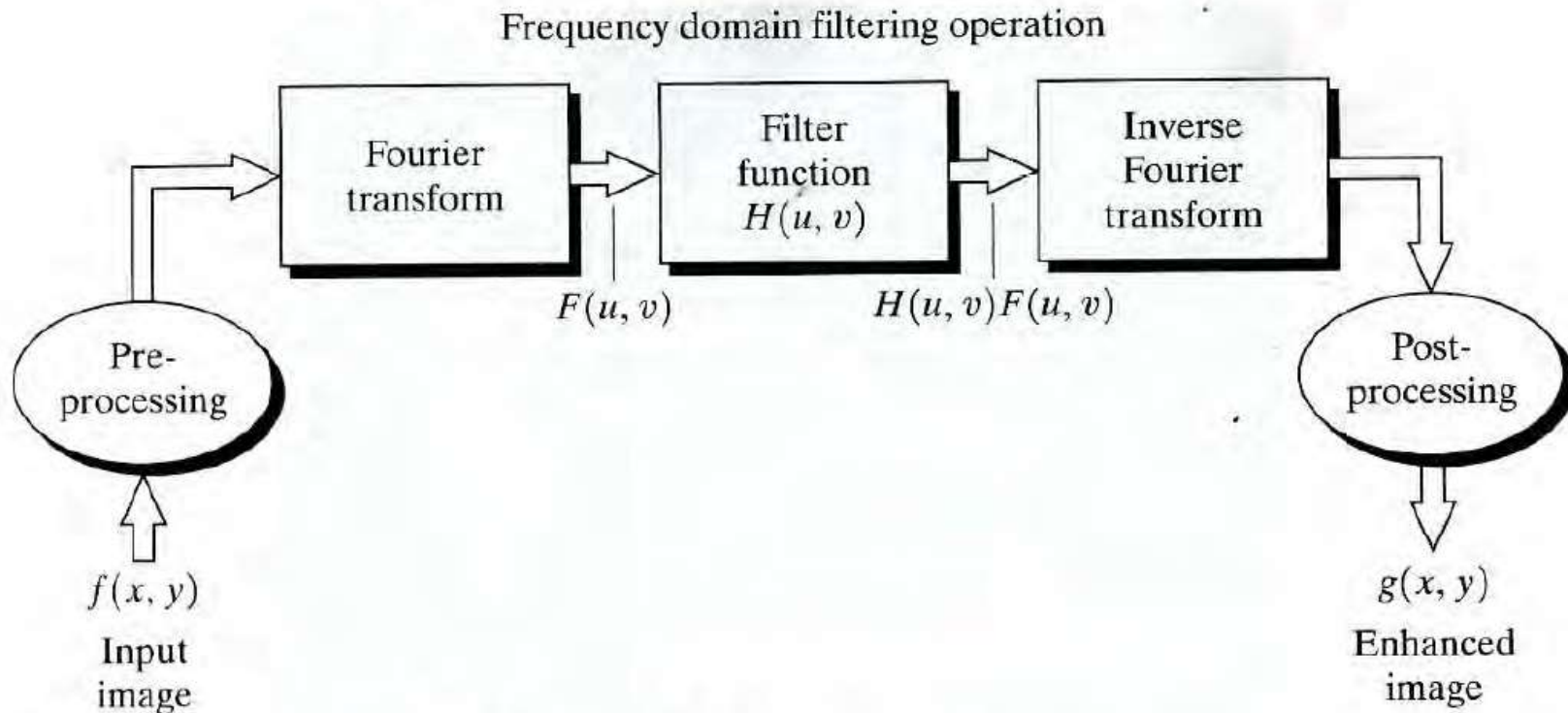
$$\mathcal{F}[f(t) \otimes g(t)] = F(s) \cdot G(s)$$

- Convolution in space/time domain is equiv. to multiplication in frequency domain.

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



Filtering in frequency Domain

FT Properties

Functional relationships [\[edit\]](#)

The Fourier transforms in this table may be found in [Erdélyi \(1954\)](#) or [Kam](#)

	Function	Fourier transform unitary, ordinary frequency
	$f(x)$	$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx$
101	$a \cdot f(x) + b \cdot g(x)$	$a \cdot \hat{f}(\xi) + b \cdot \hat{g}(\xi)$
102	$f(x - a)$	$e^{-2\pi i a \xi} \hat{f}(\xi)$
103	$e^{2\pi i a x} f(x)$	$\hat{f}(\xi - a)$
104	$f(ax)$	$\frac{1}{ a } \hat{f}\left(\frac{\xi}{a}\right)$
105	$\hat{f}(x)$	$f(-\xi)$
106	$\frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n}$	$(2\pi i \xi)^n \hat{f}(\xi)$
107	$x^n f(x)$	$\left(\frac{i}{2\pi}\right)^n \frac{d^n \hat{f}(\xi)}{d\xi^n}$
108	$(f * g)(x)$	$\hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\xi)$
109	$f(x) g(x)$	$(\hat{f} * \hat{g})(\xi)$

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

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

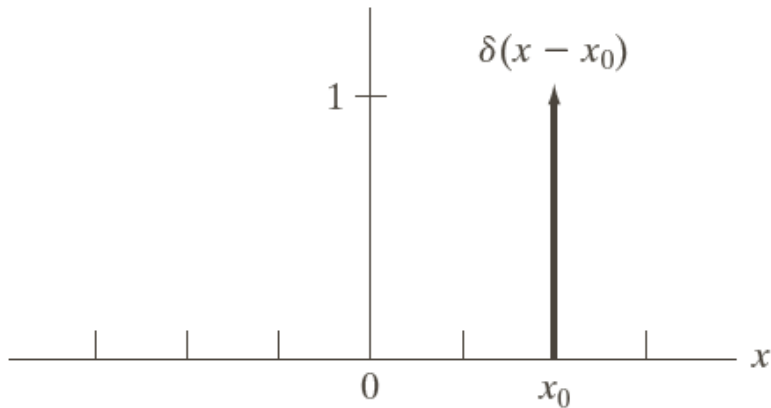
Aliasing

Discrete Sampling and Aliasing

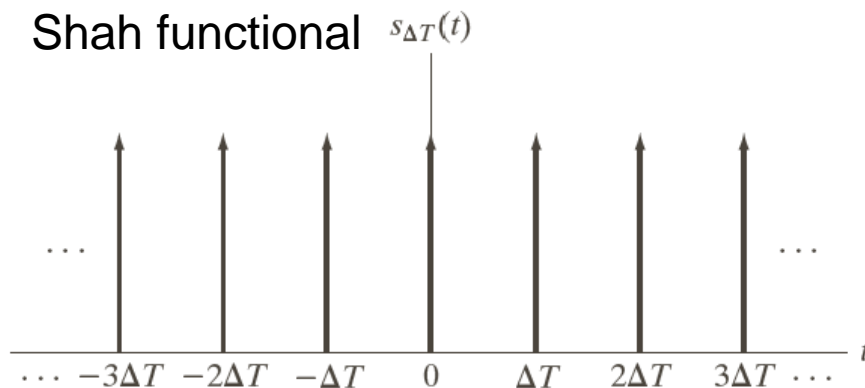
- Digital signals and images are discrete representations of the real world
 - Which is continuous
- What happens to signals/images when we sample them?
 - Can we quantify the effects?
 - Can we understand the artifacts and can we limit them?
 - Can we reconstruct the original image from the discrete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

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

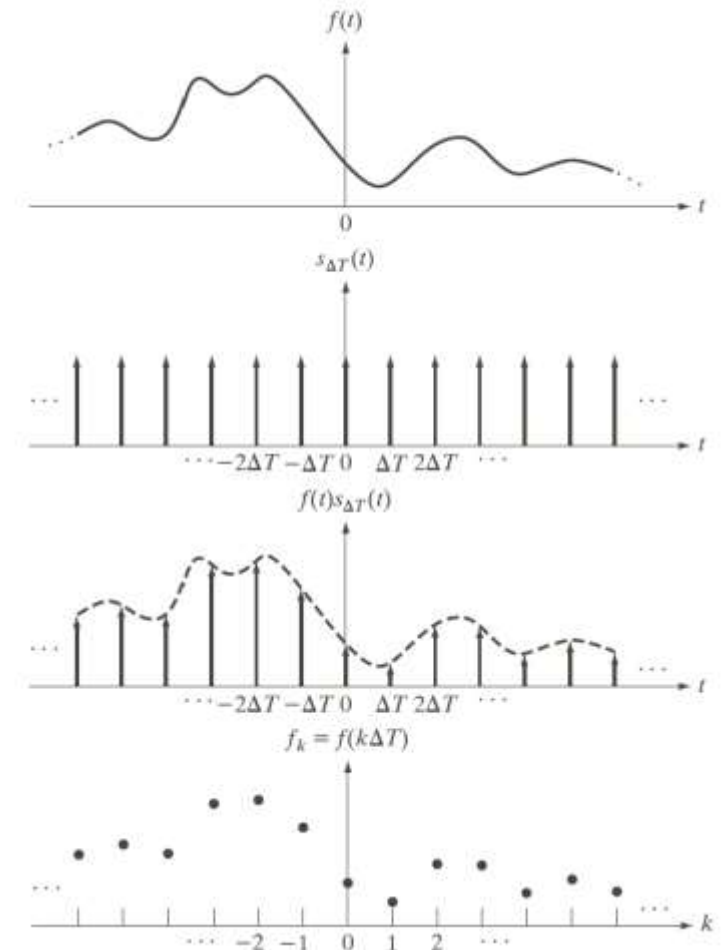
Samples from continuous function

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

Representation as a function of t

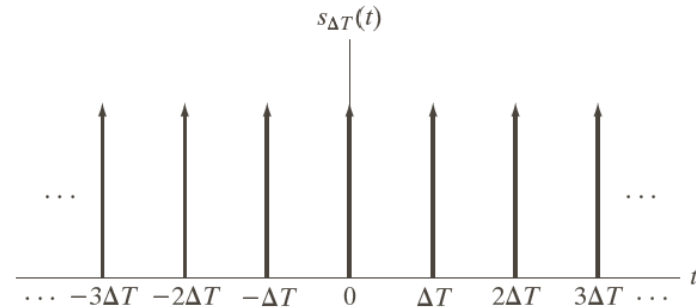
- Multiplication of $f(t)$ with Shah

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

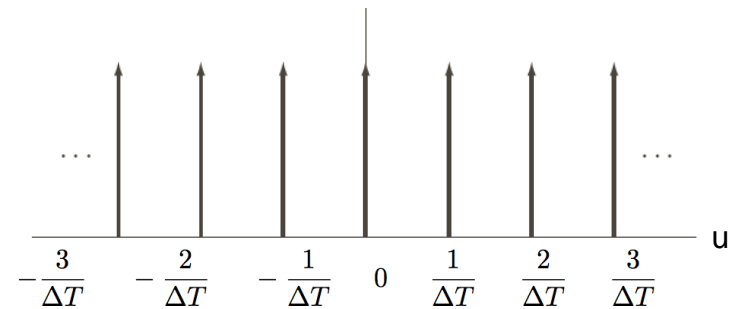


Fourier Series of A Shah Functional

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



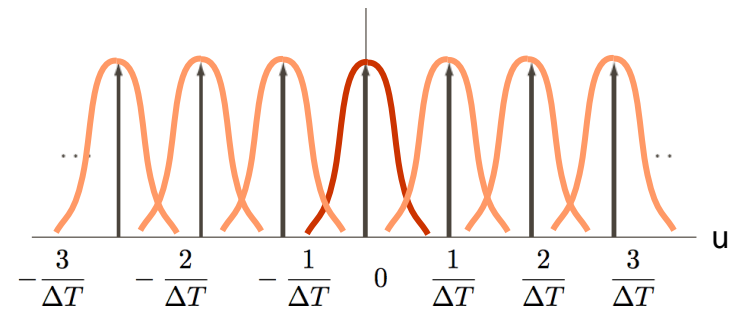
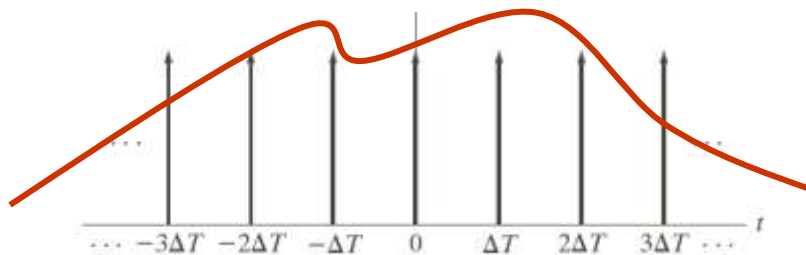
$$S(u) = \frac{1}{\Delta T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(u - \frac{k}{\Delta T})$$



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

Fourier Transform of A Discrete Sampling

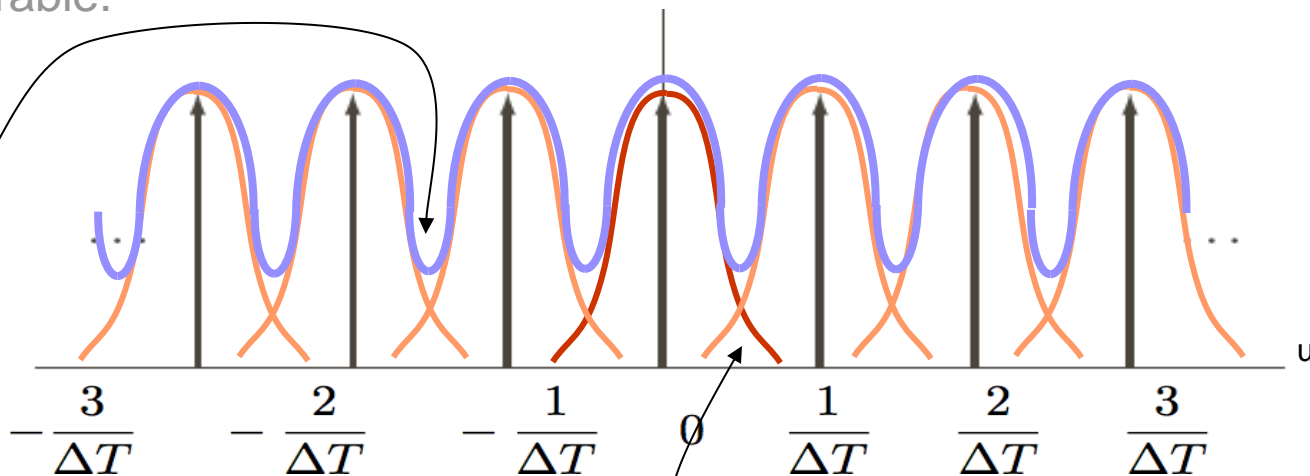
$$\tilde{f}(t) = f(t)s(t) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \tilde{F}(u) = F(u) * S(u)$$



Fourier Transform of A Discrete Sampling

Frequencies get mixed. The original signal is not recoverable.

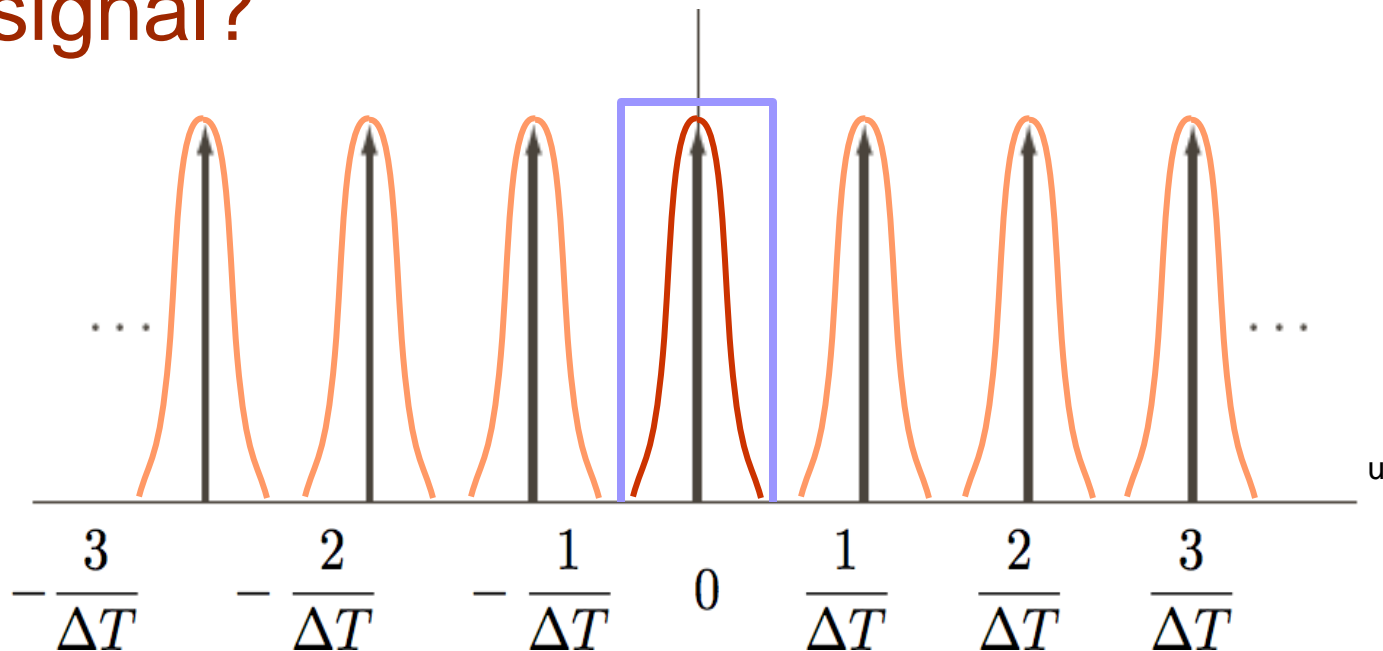
$$\tilde{F}(u) = F(u) * S(u)$$



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

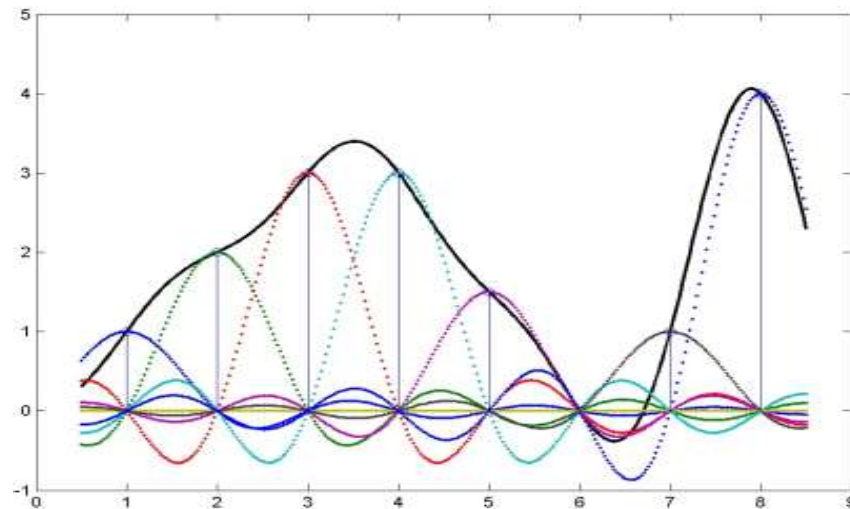
- Quantifies the amount of information in a signal
 - Discrete signal contains limited frequencies
 - Band-limited signals contain no more information than their discrete equivalents
- Reconstruction by cutting away the repeated signals in the Fourier domain
 - Convolution with sinc function in space/time

Reconstruction

- Convolution with sinc function

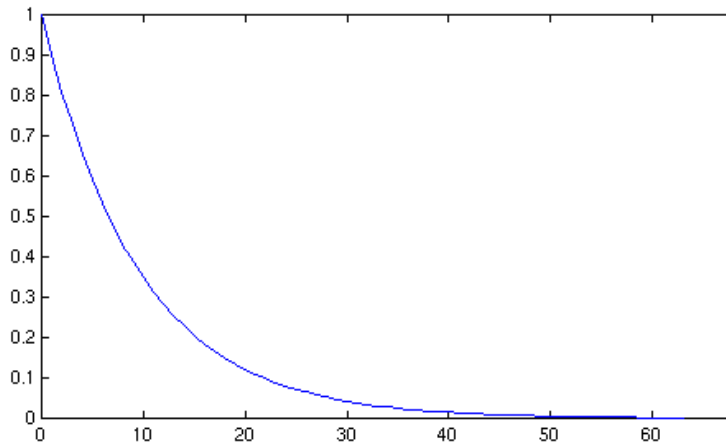
$$f(t) = \tilde{f}(t) * \mathbb{F}^{-1} \left[\text{rect}(\Delta T u) \right]$$

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

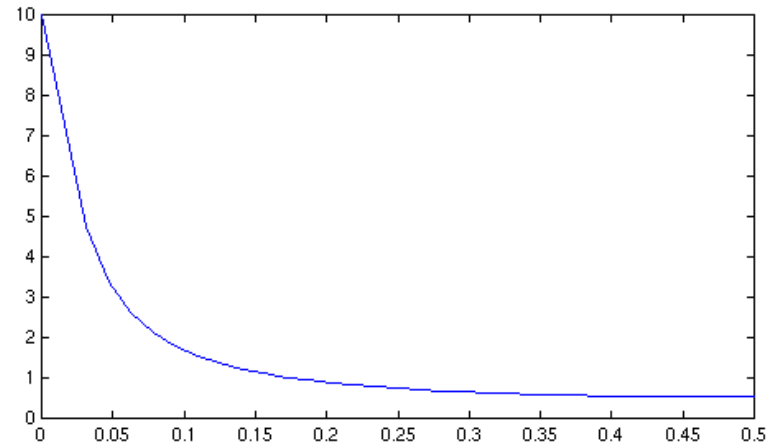


Sinc Interpolation Issues

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

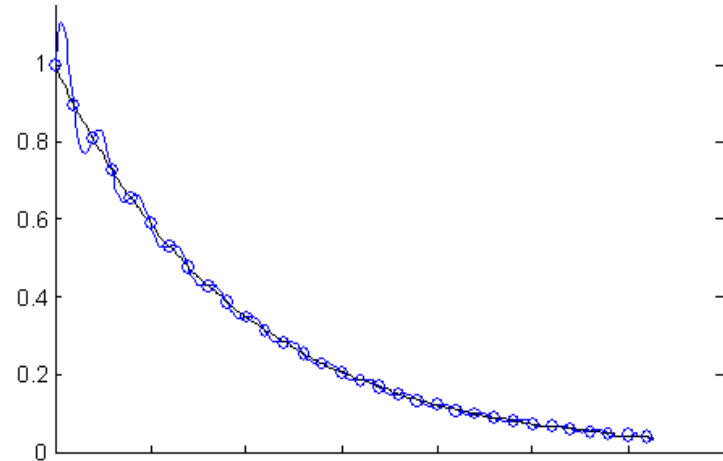
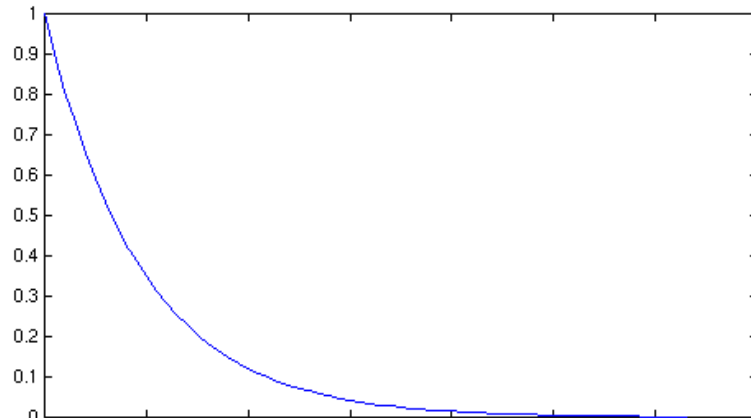


$f(t)$



$|F(s)|$

Sinc Interpolation Issues



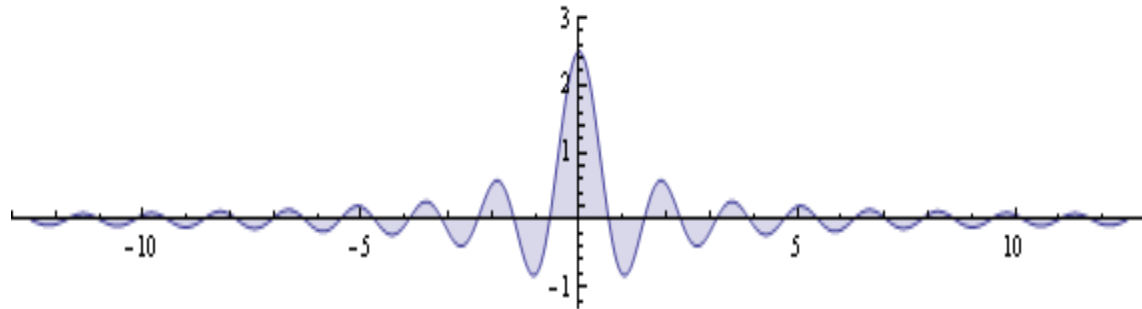
Ringling - Gibbs phenomenon

Other issues:

Sinc is infinite - must be truncated

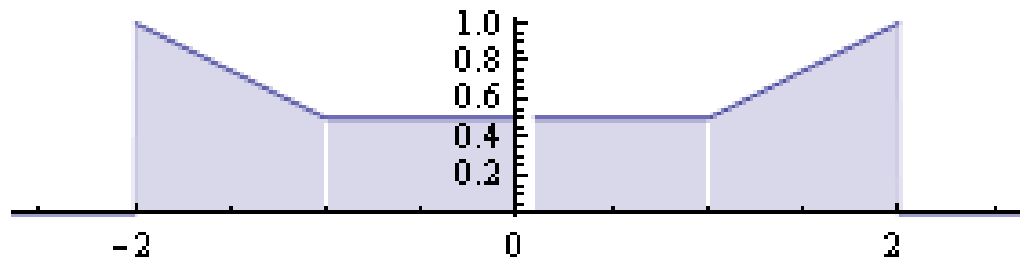
Fourier Transform

$$F(s) = 4\text{sinc}(4s) - 2\text{sinc}^2(2s) + .5\text{sinc}^2(s)$$



$F(s)$

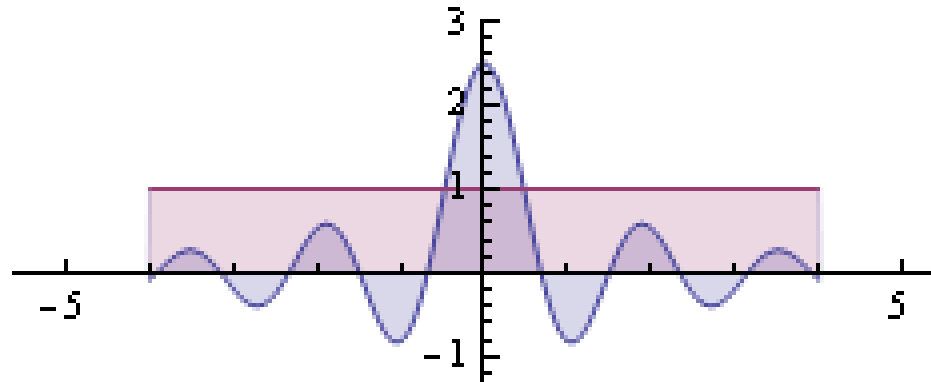
InverseFourier



$f(x)$

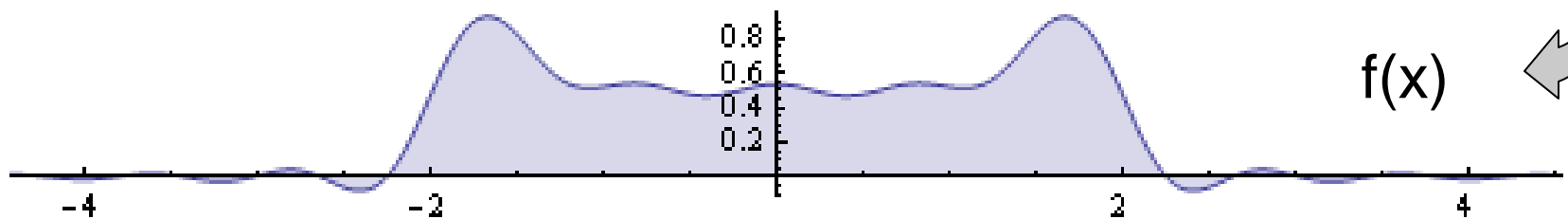
Cut-off High Frequencies

$$F(s) = (4\text{sinc}(4s) - 2\text{sinc}^2(2s) + .5\text{sinc}^2(s)) * (\text{HeavisidePi}(w/8))$$



$F(s)$

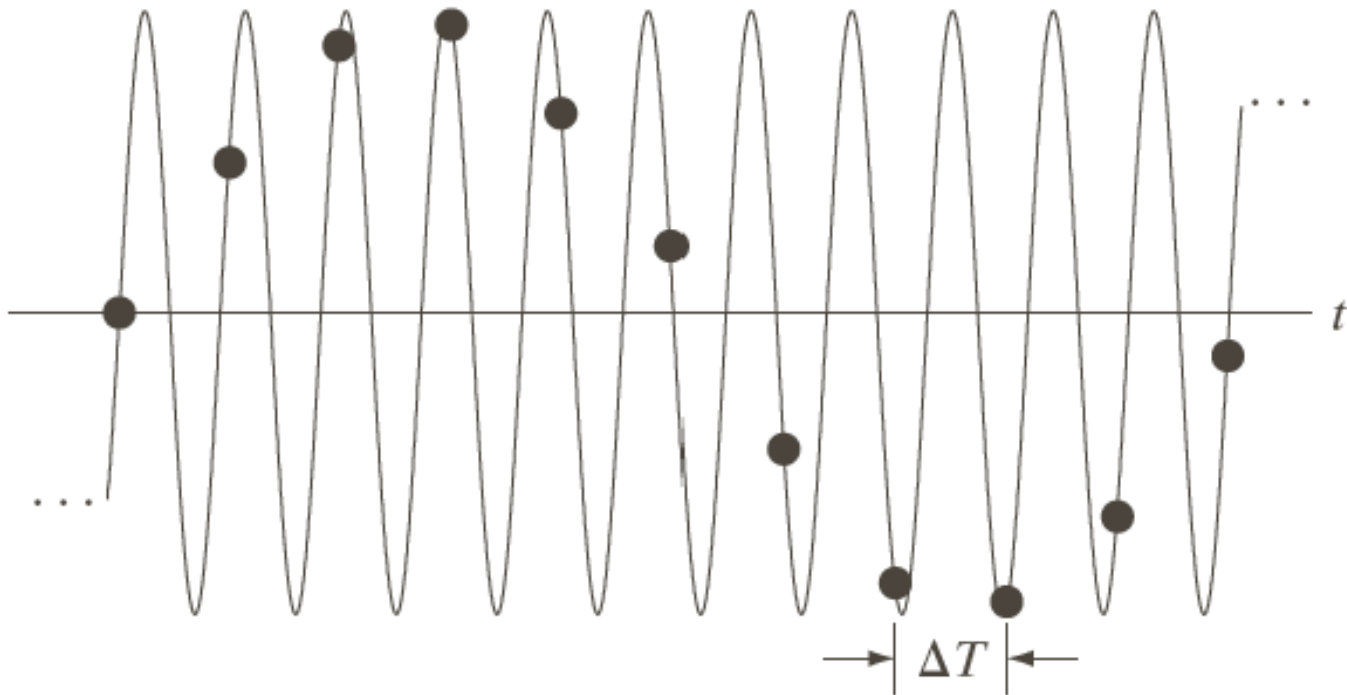
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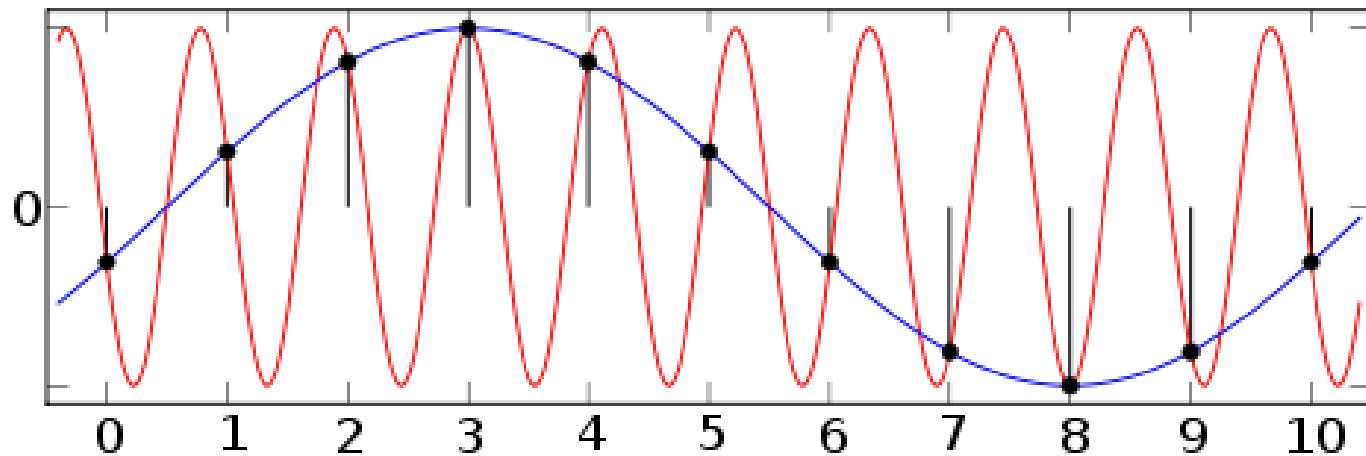
$f(x)$

Aliasing

- Reminder: high frequencies appear as low frequencies when undersampled

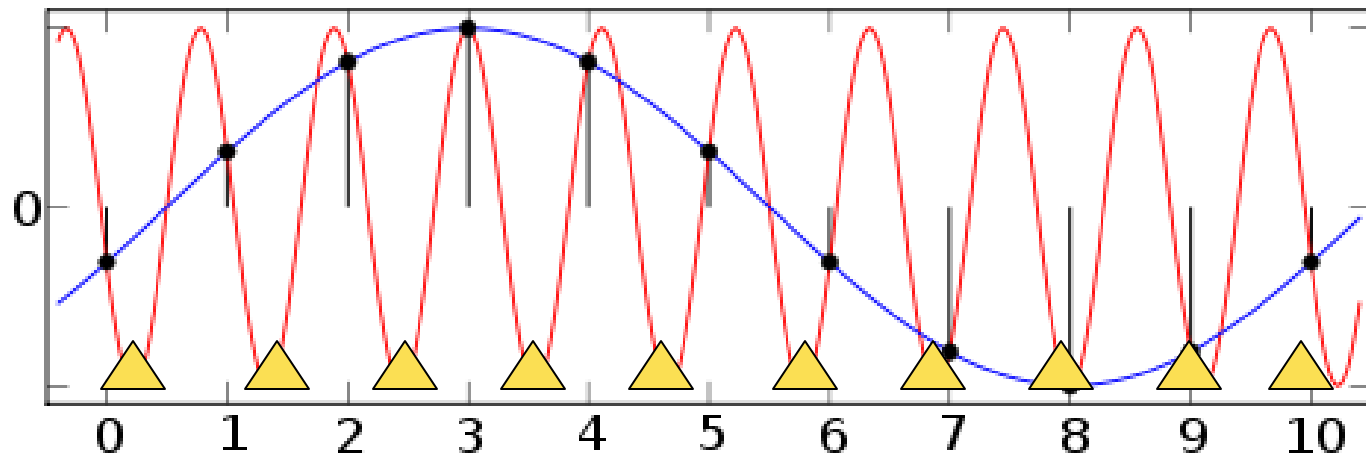


Sampling and Aliasing



- Given the sampling rate, CAN NOT distinguish the two functions
- High freq can appear as low freq

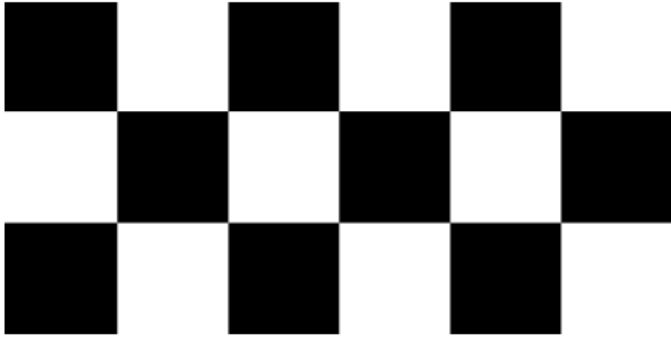
Ideal Solution: More Samples



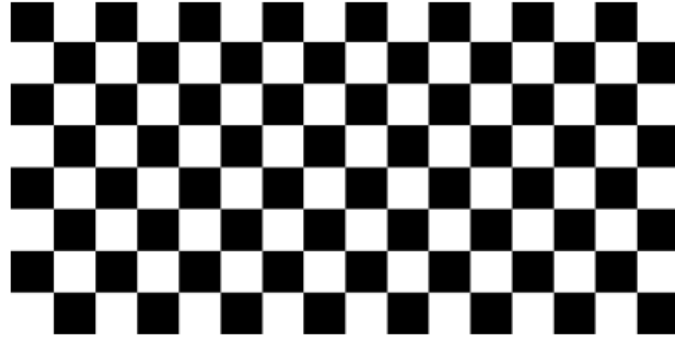
- Faster sampling rate allows us to distinguish the two signals
- Not always practical: hardware cost, longer scan time

Aliasing

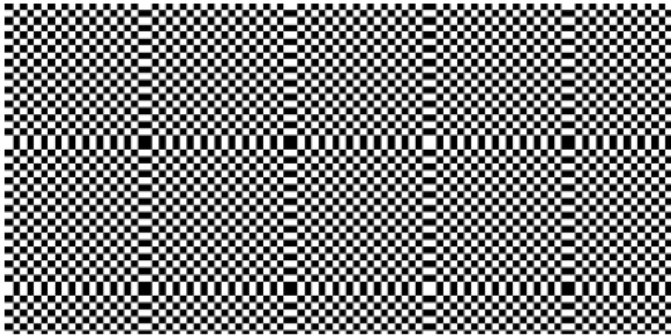
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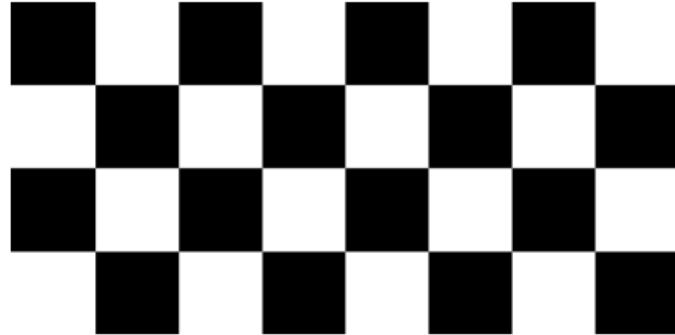
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0.9174
pixels



0.4798
pixels



Aliasing

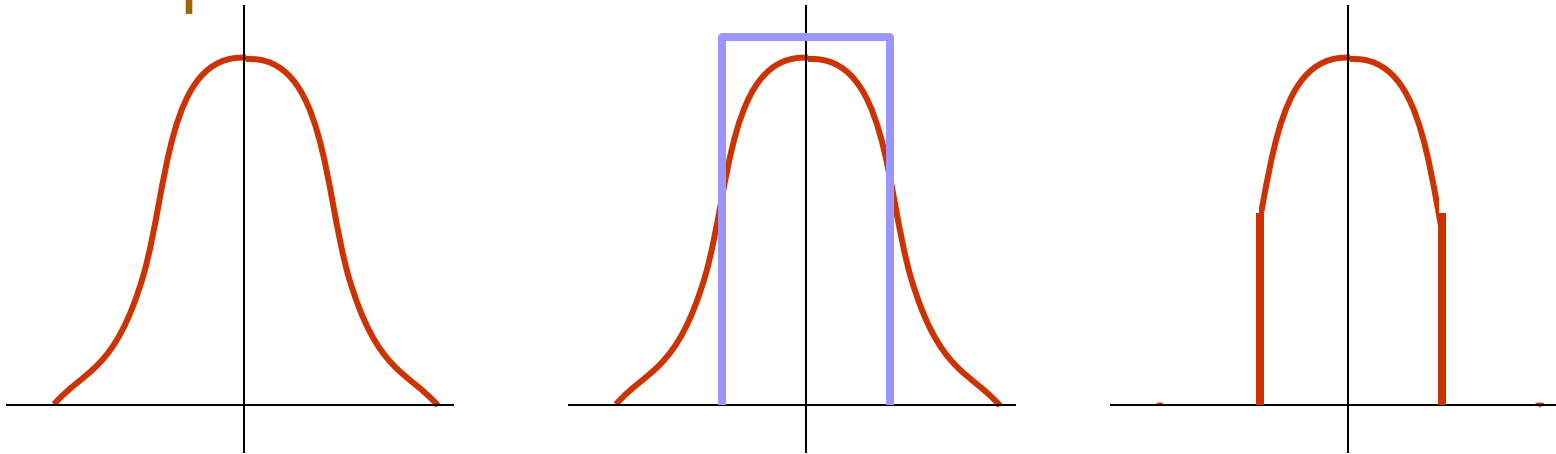
Aliasing in digital videos

Video1

Video2

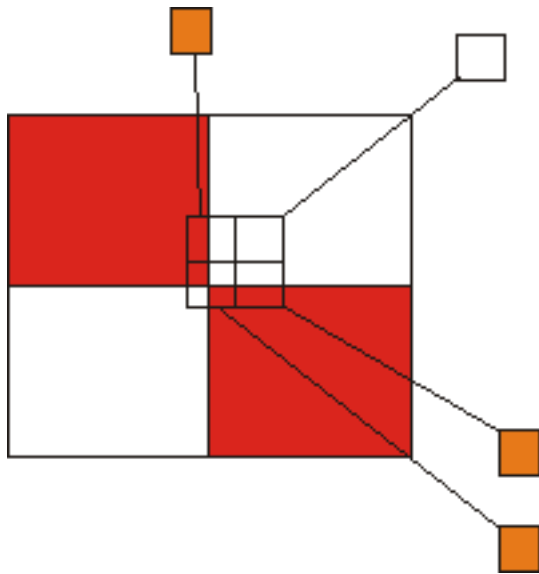
Overcoming Aliasing

- 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

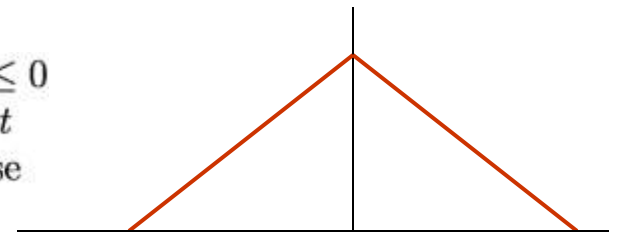
$$\tilde{f}(t) = \sum_k f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

- Any linear interpolant can be considered as a convolution

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

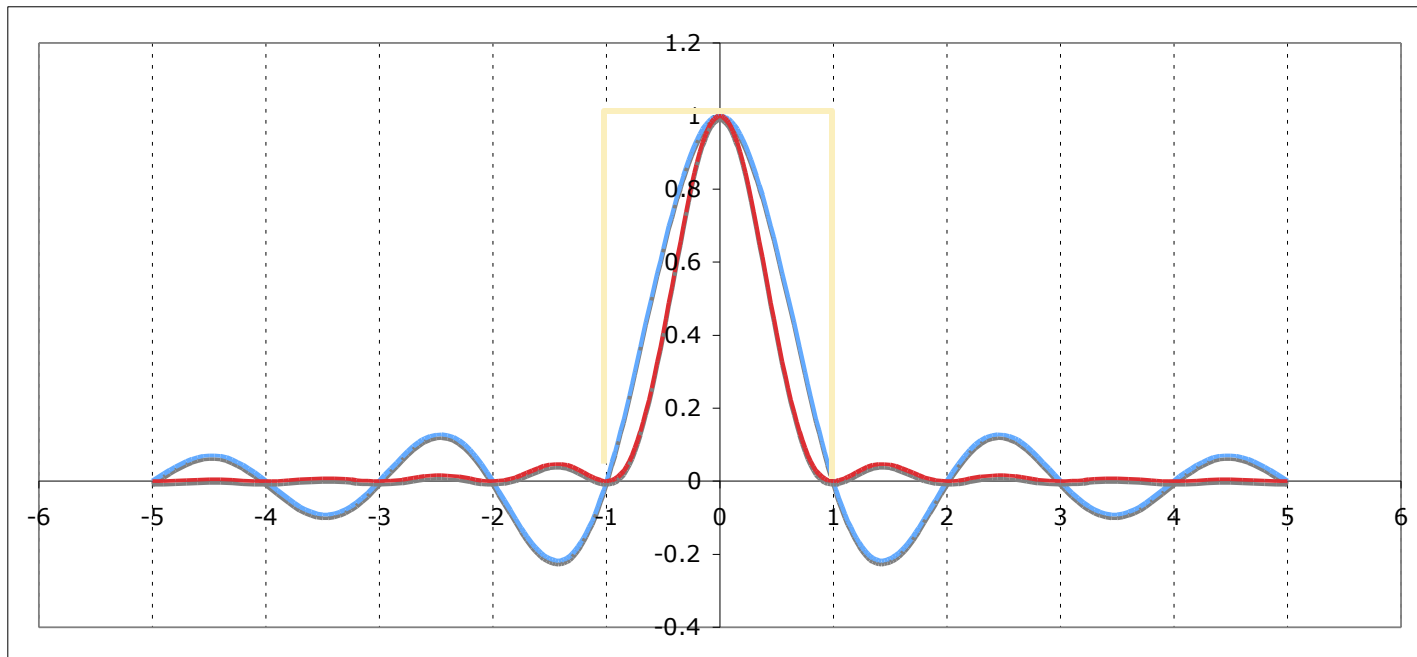
- Linear - $\text{tri}(t)$

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



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)



Fourier Transform of Images

2D Fourier Transform

- Forward transform:

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

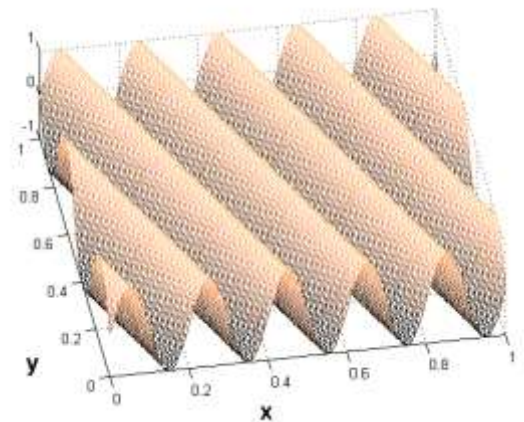
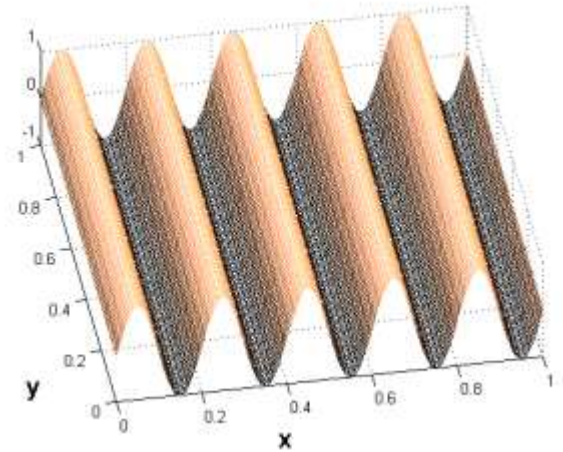
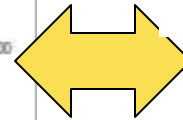
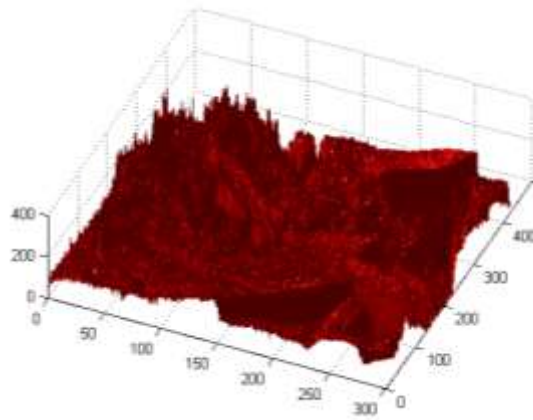
- Backward transform:

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

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

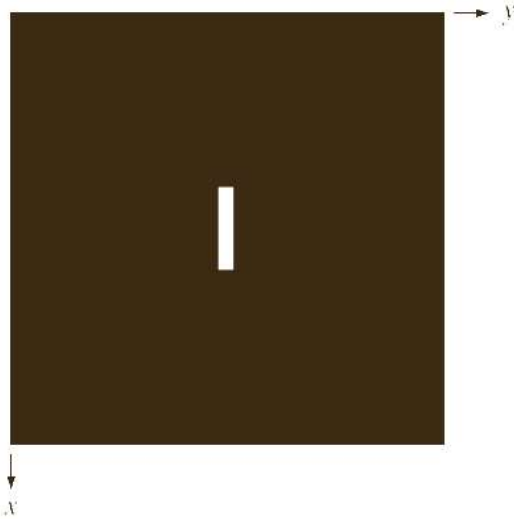
$$F(u, v) = F_r(u, v) + jF_i(u, v) = |F(u, v)| e^{j\angle F(u, v)}$$

2D Fourier Transform

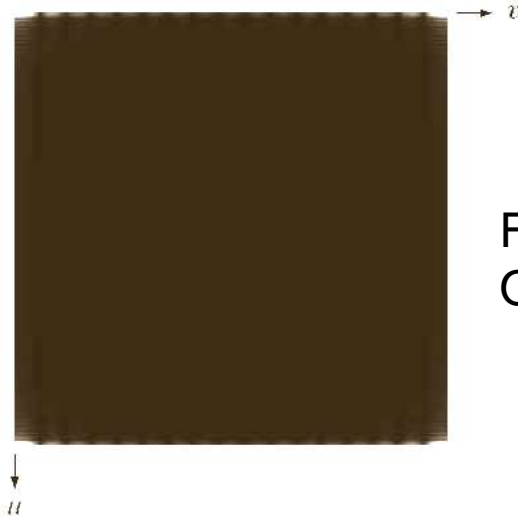


Fourier Spectrum

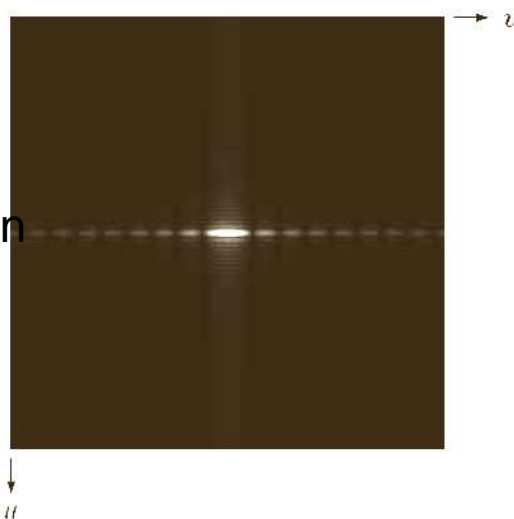
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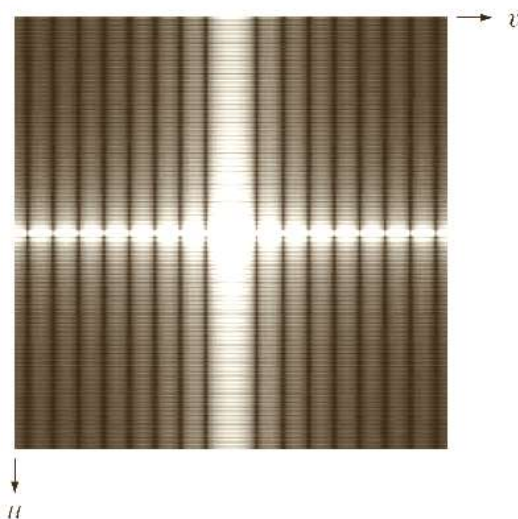
Fourier spectrum
Origin in corners



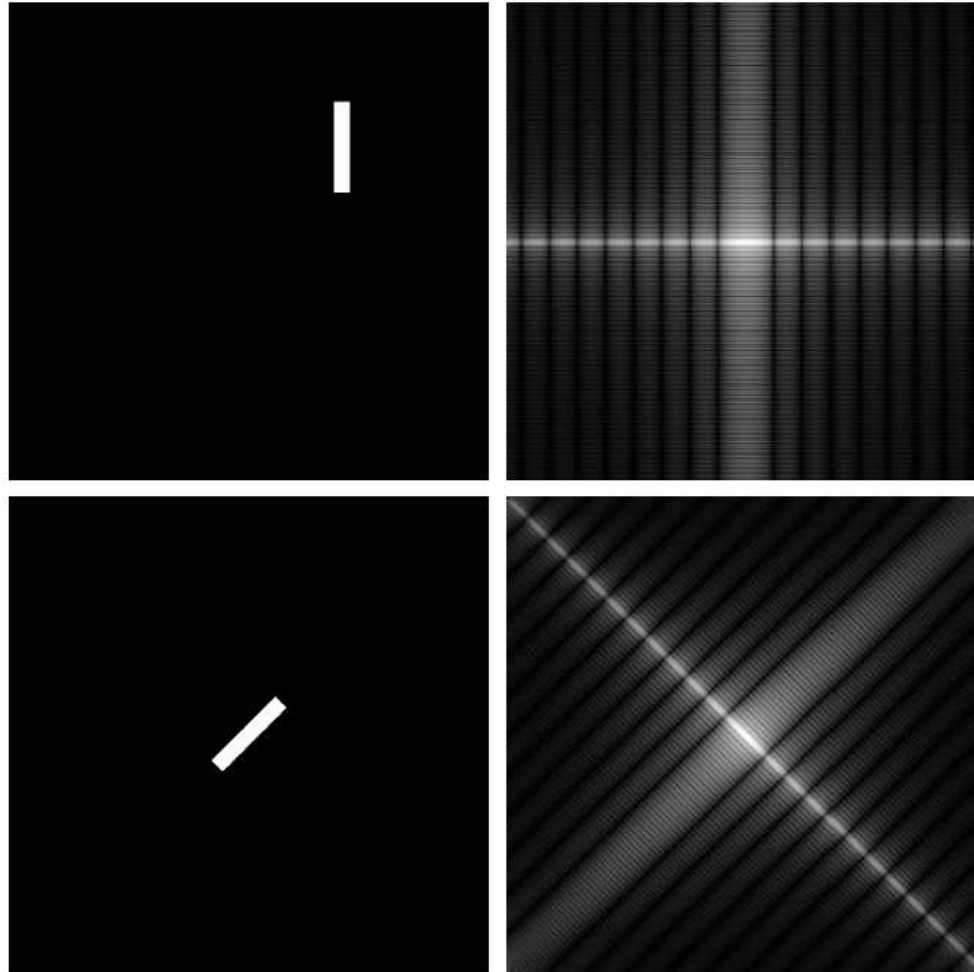
Retiled with origin
In center



Log of spectrum



Fourier Spectrum – Translation and Rotation



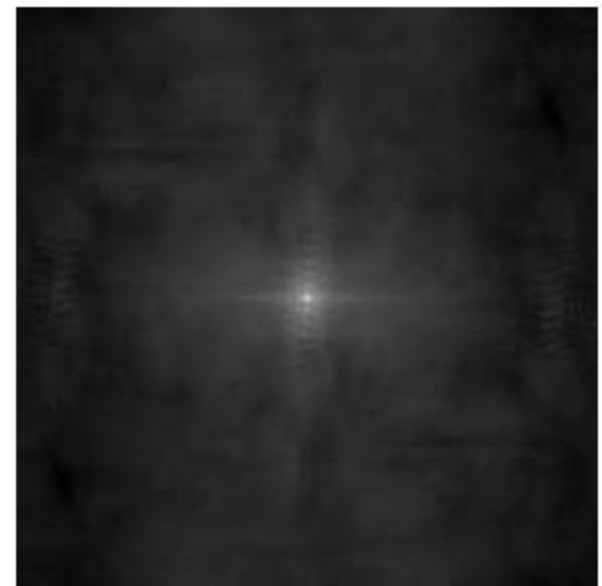
Phase vs Spectrum



Image



Reconstruction from
phase map

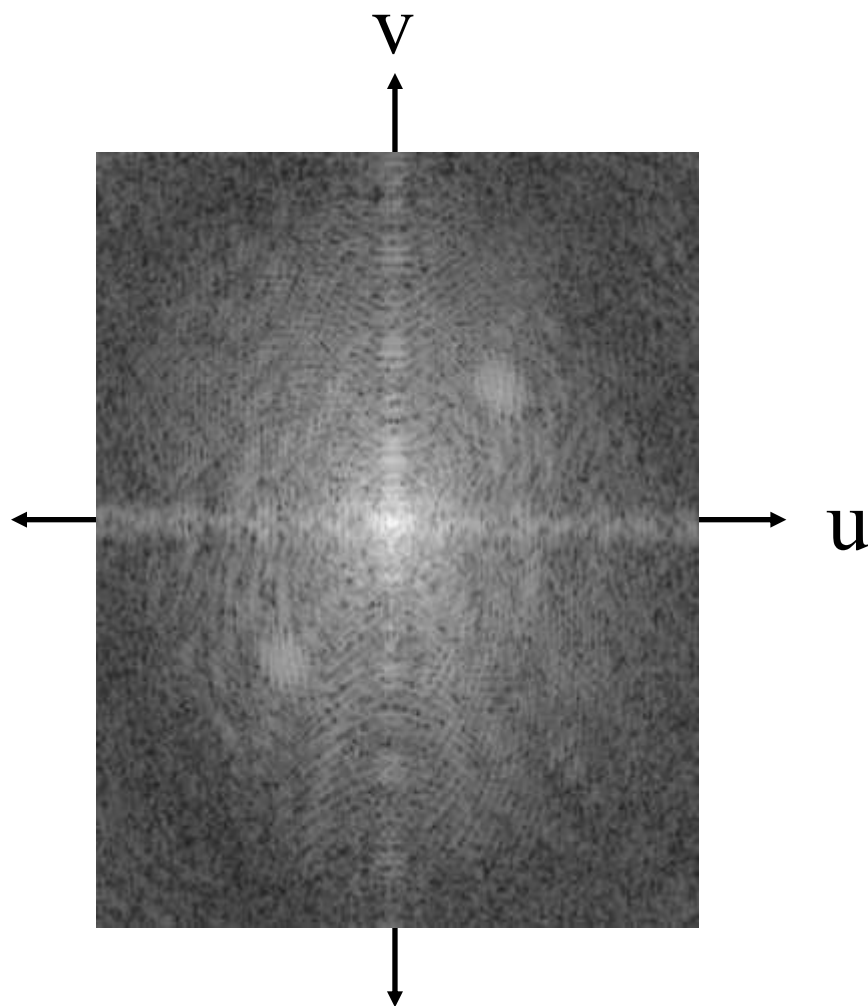


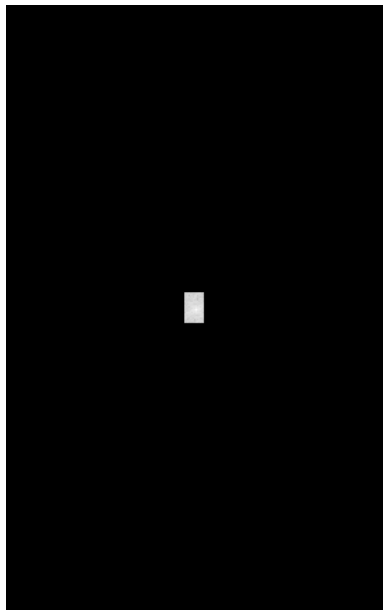
Reconstruction from
spectrum

Image

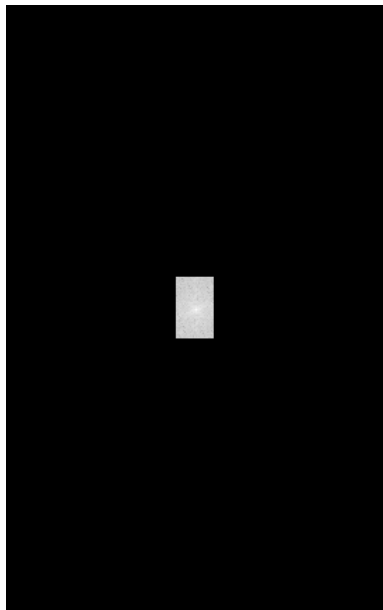


Fourier Space

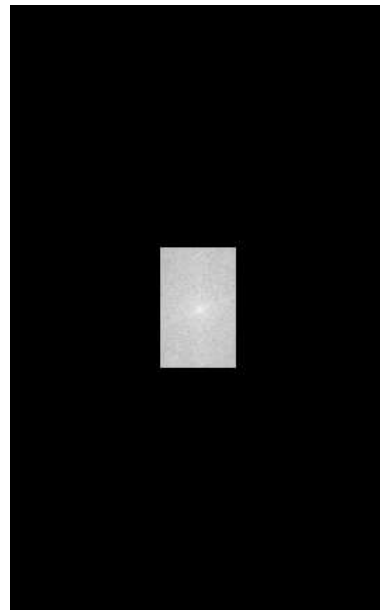




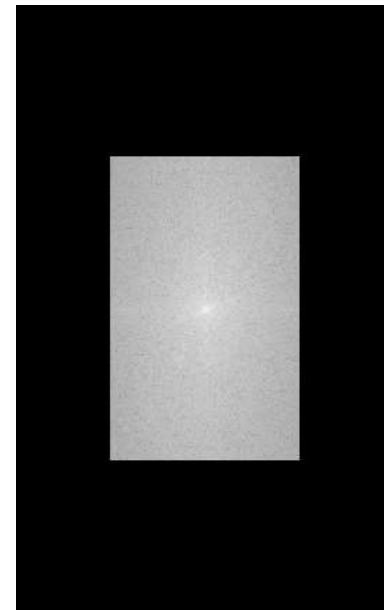
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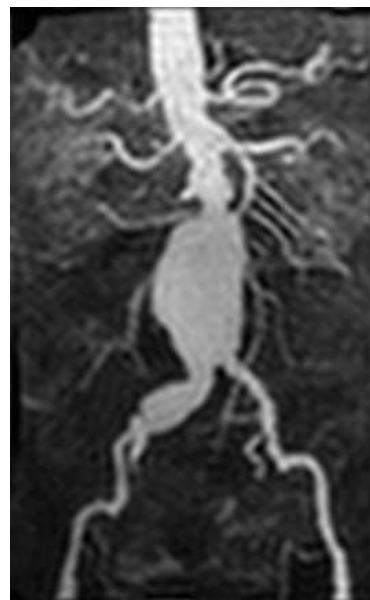
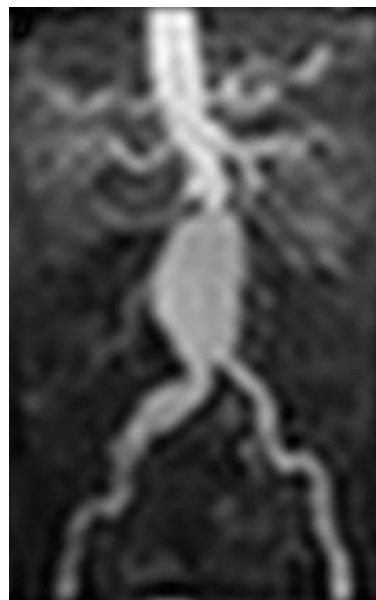
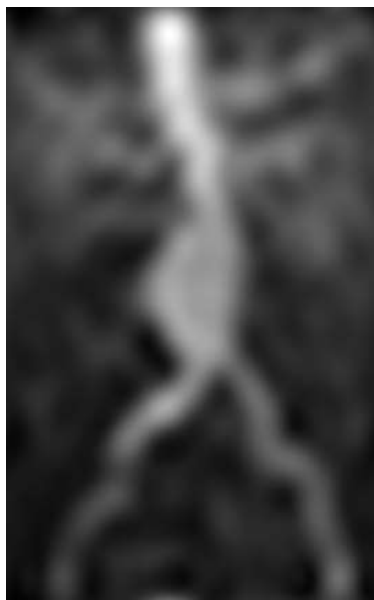
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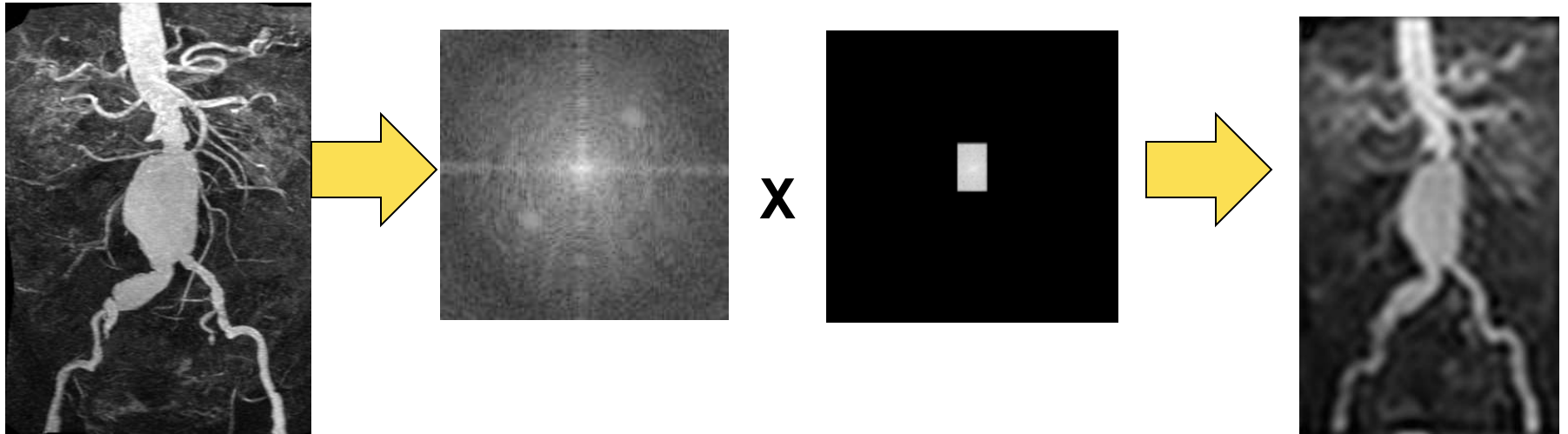
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Fourier Spectrum Demo

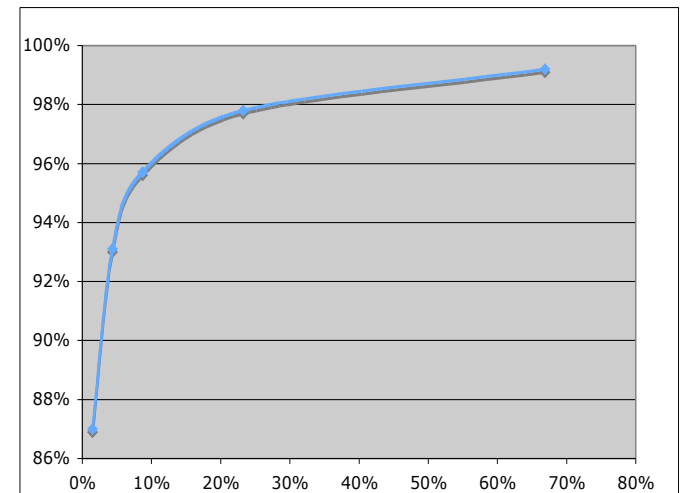
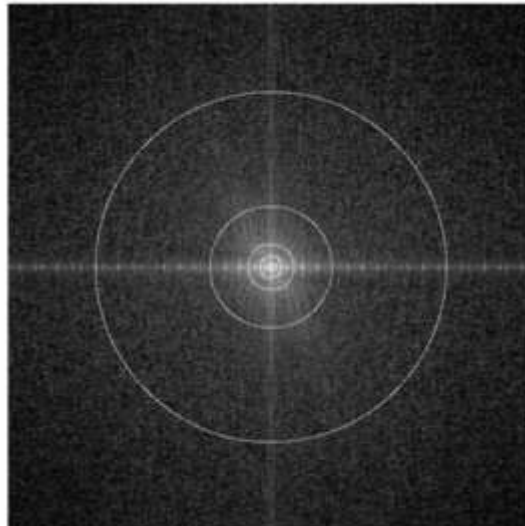
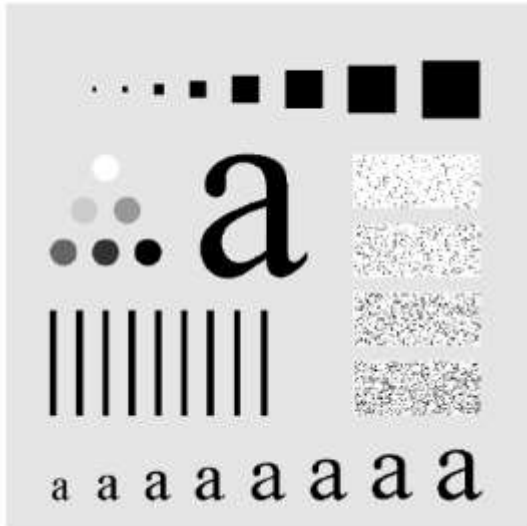
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Filtering Using FT and Inverse

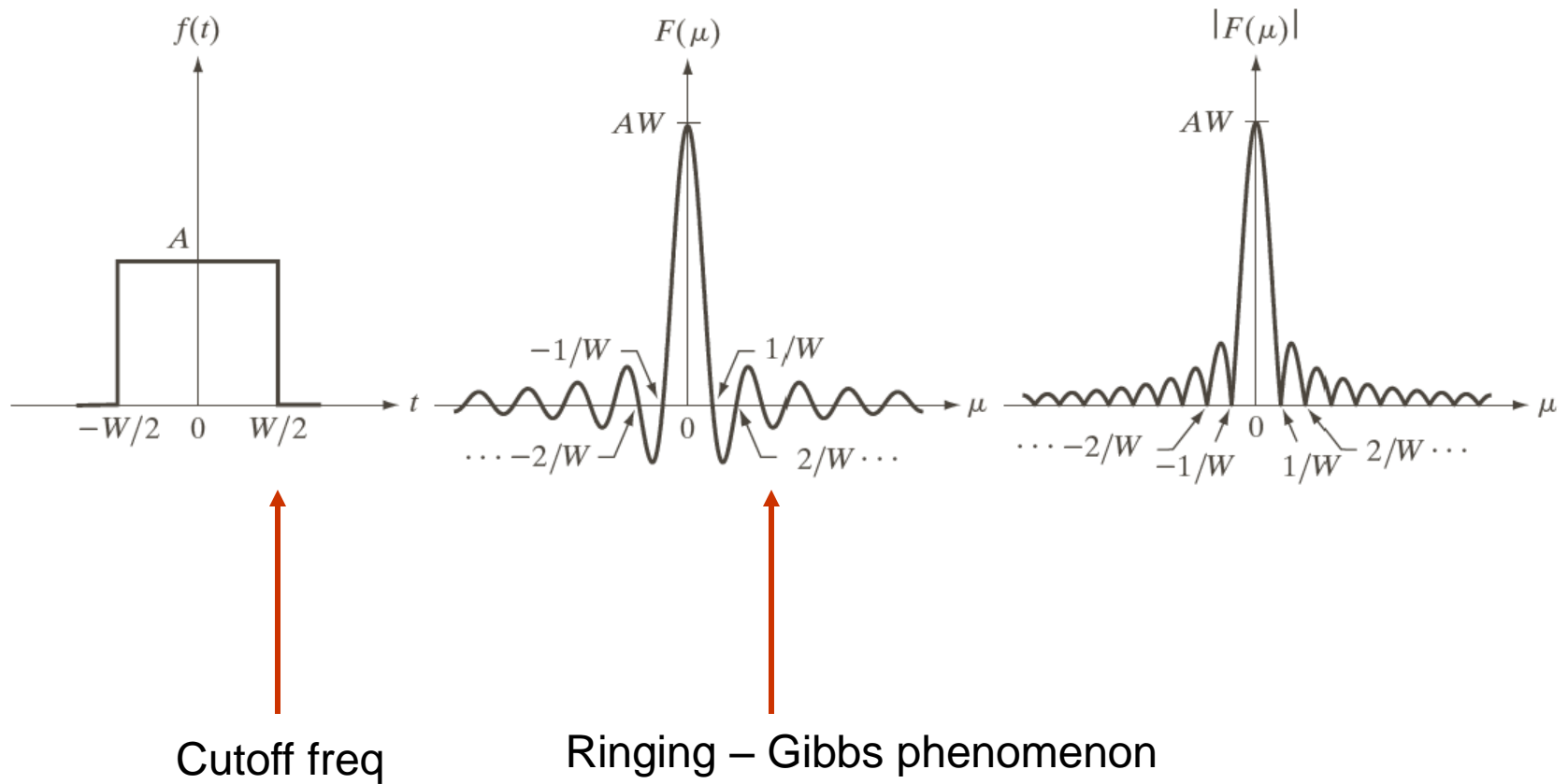


Low-Pass Filter

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



Ideal LP Filter – Box, Rect

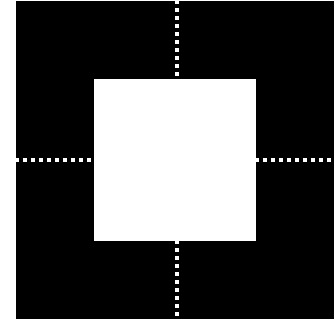


Extending Filters to 2D (or higher)

- Two options

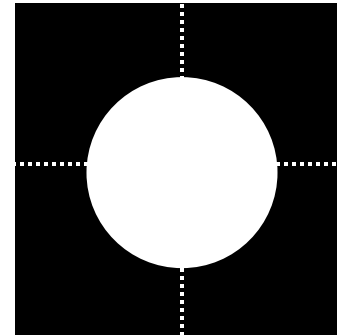
- Separable

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

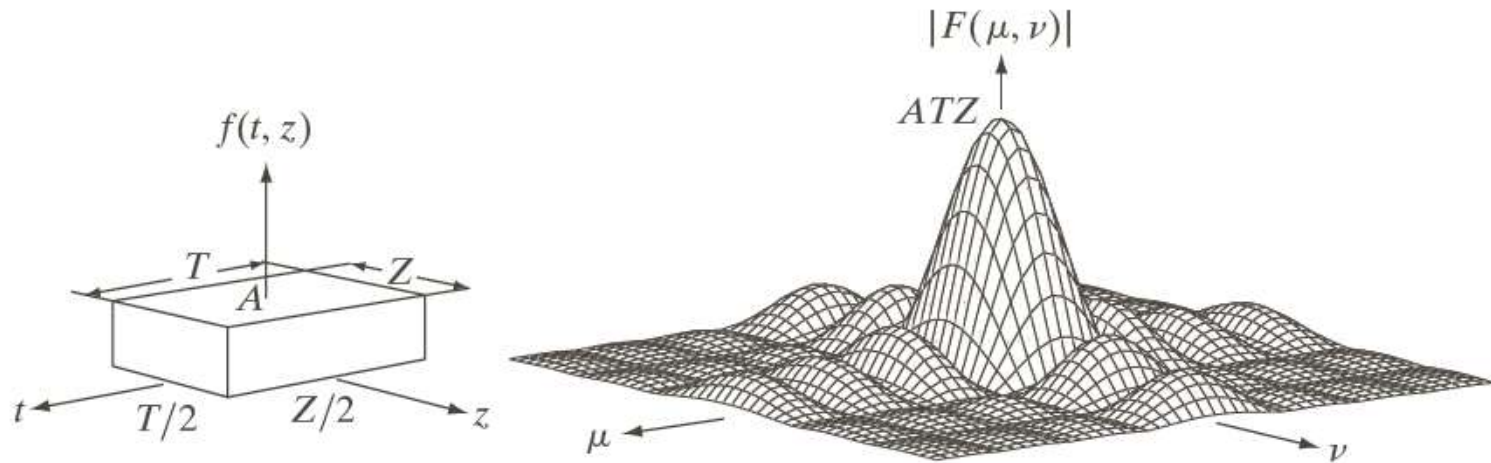


- Rotate

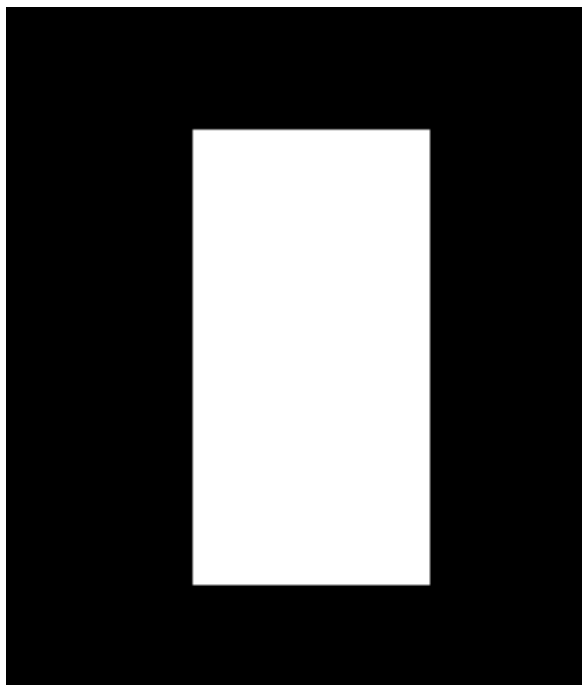
- $H(s) \rightarrow H((u^2 + v^2)^{1/2})$
 - Rotationally invariant



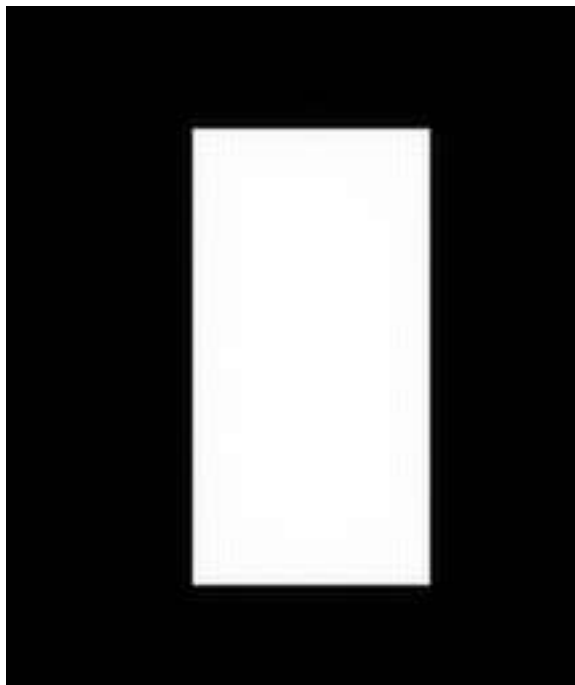
Ideal LP Filter – Box, Rect



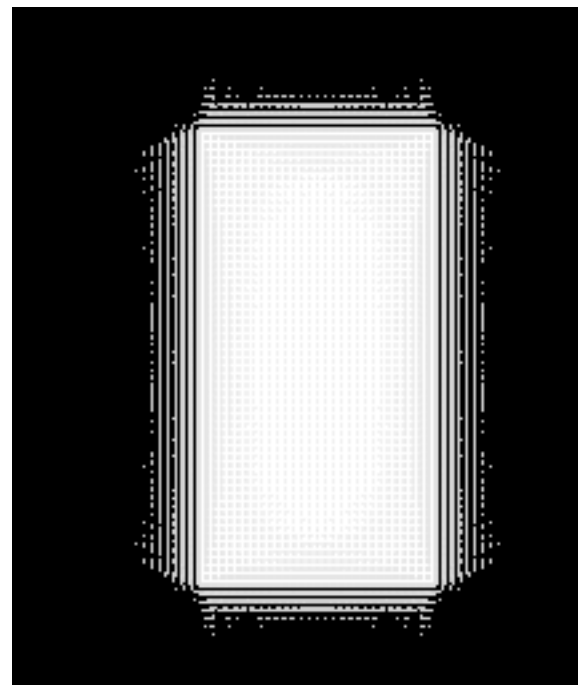
Ideal Low-Pass Rectangle With Cutoff of $2/3$



Image



Filtered



Filtered
+
Histogram Equalized

Ideal LP – 1/3



Ideal LP – 2/3

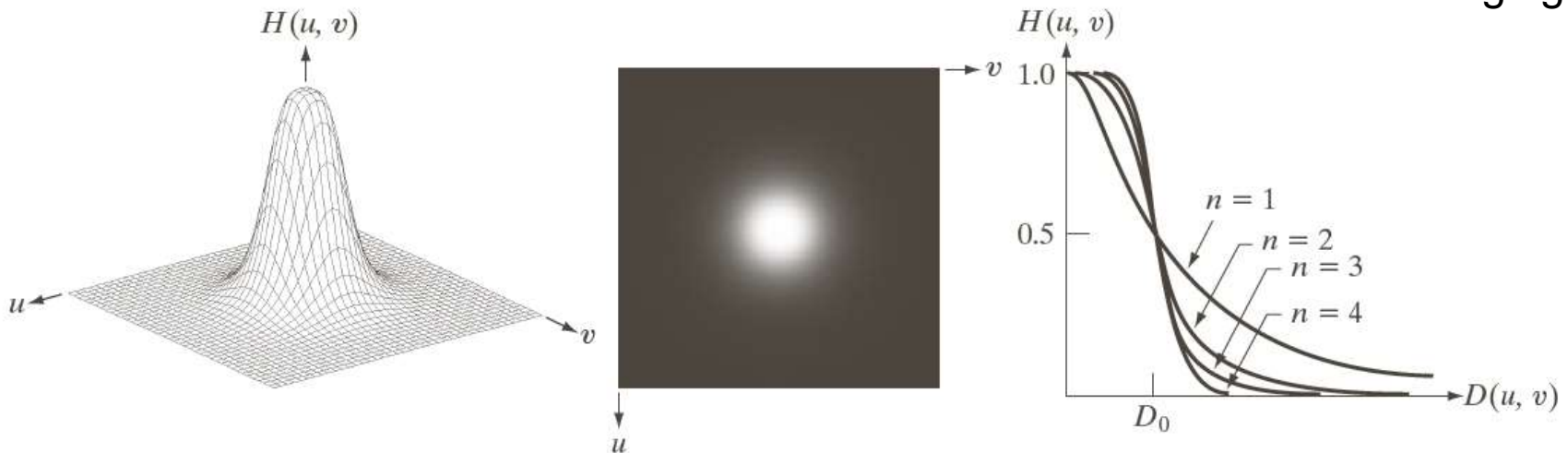


Butterworth Filter

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



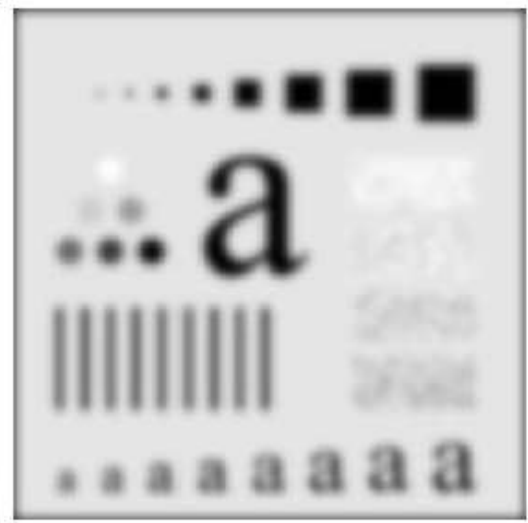
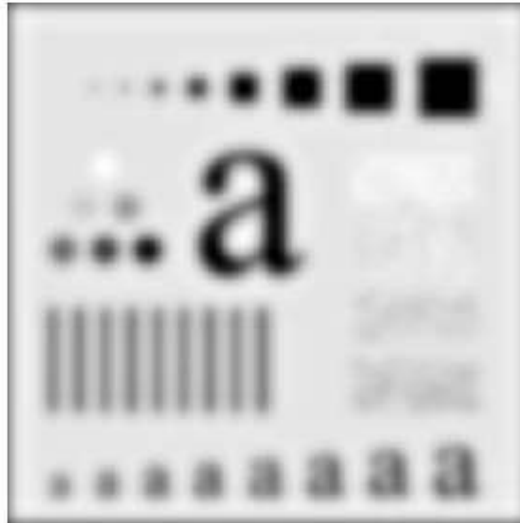
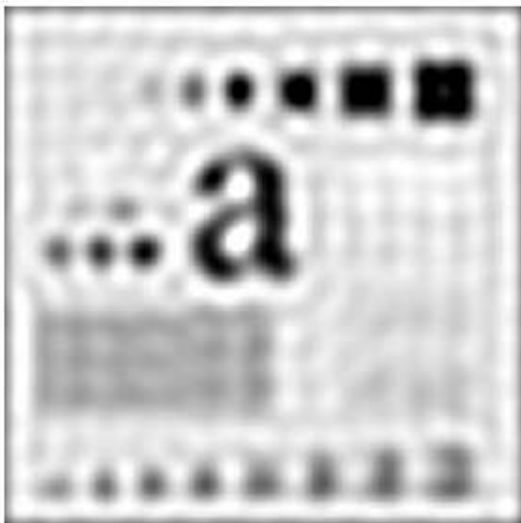
Gaussian LP Filtering

Ideal LPF

Butterworth LPF

Gaussian LPF

F1



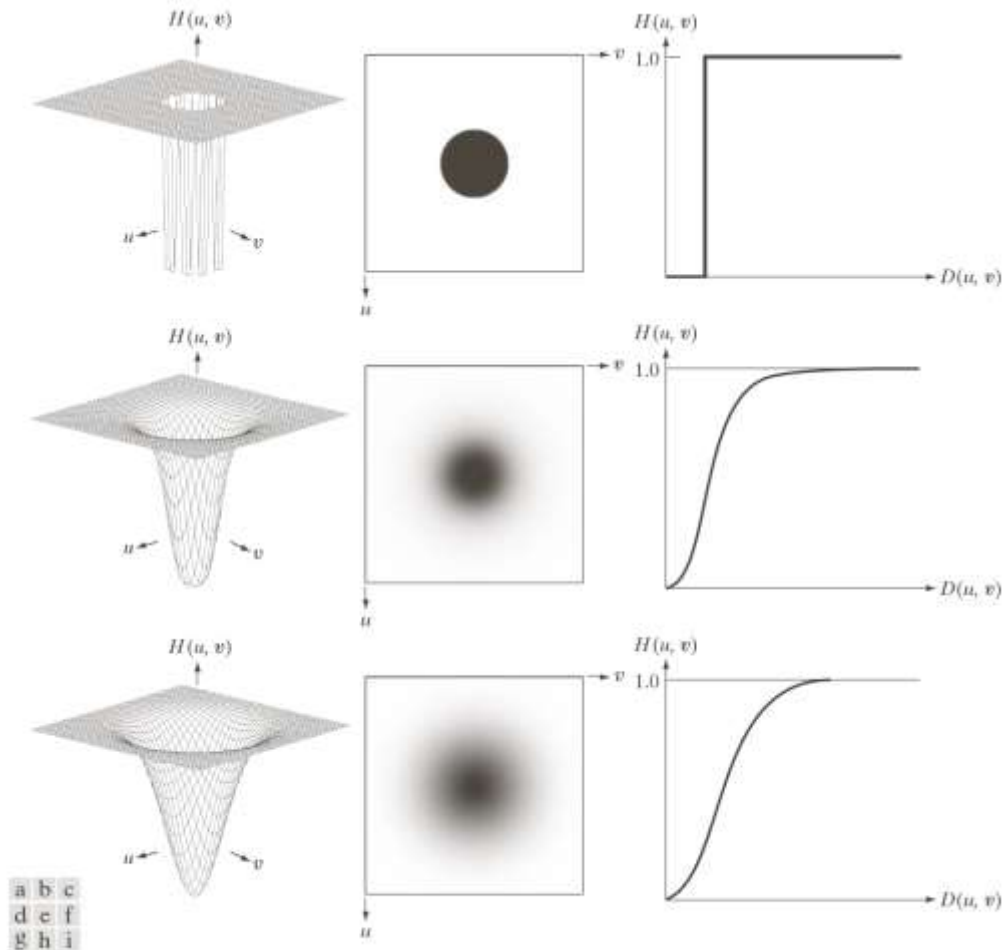
F2



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



High-Pass Filters in Spatial Domain

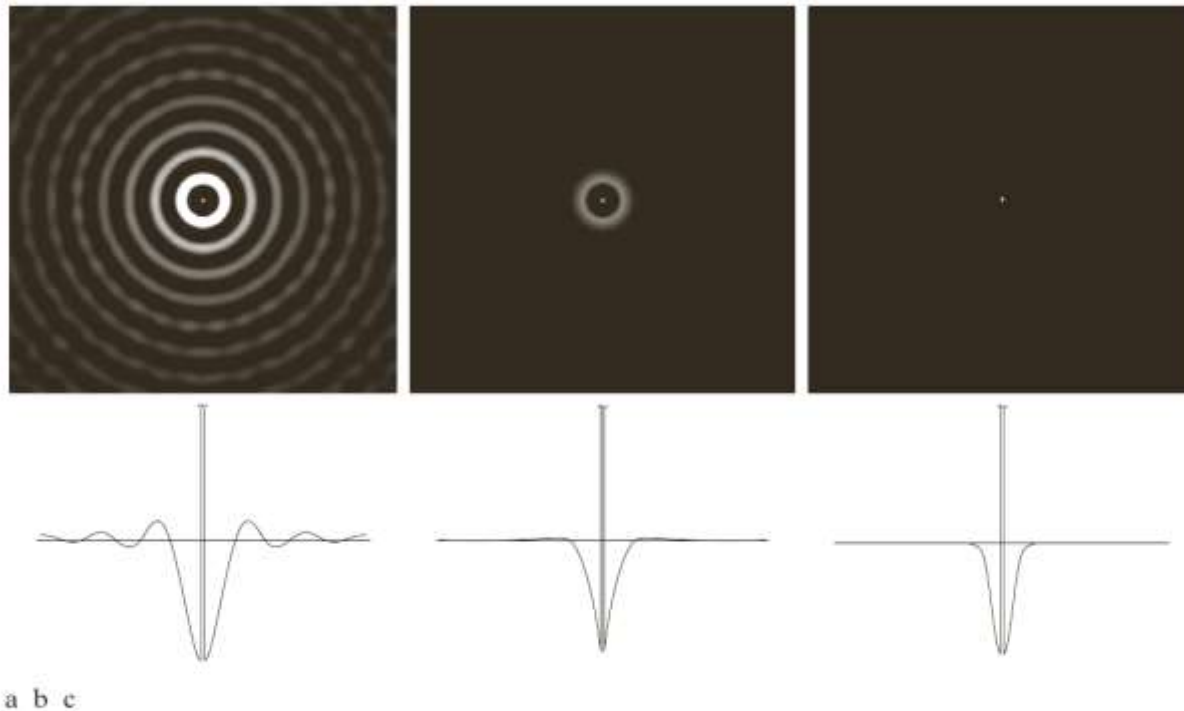


FIGURE 4.53 Spatial representation of typical (a) ideal, (b) Butterworth, and (c) Gaussian frequency domain highpass filters, and corresponding intensity profiles through their centers.

High-Pass Filtering with IHPF

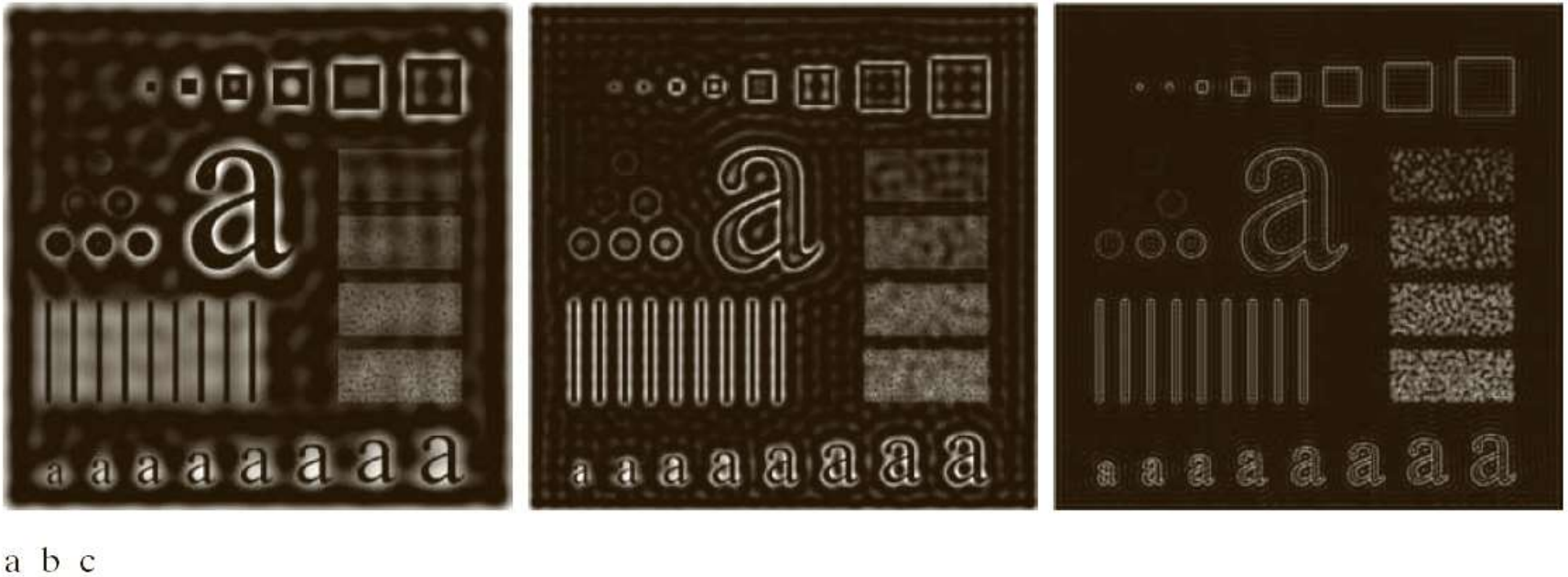
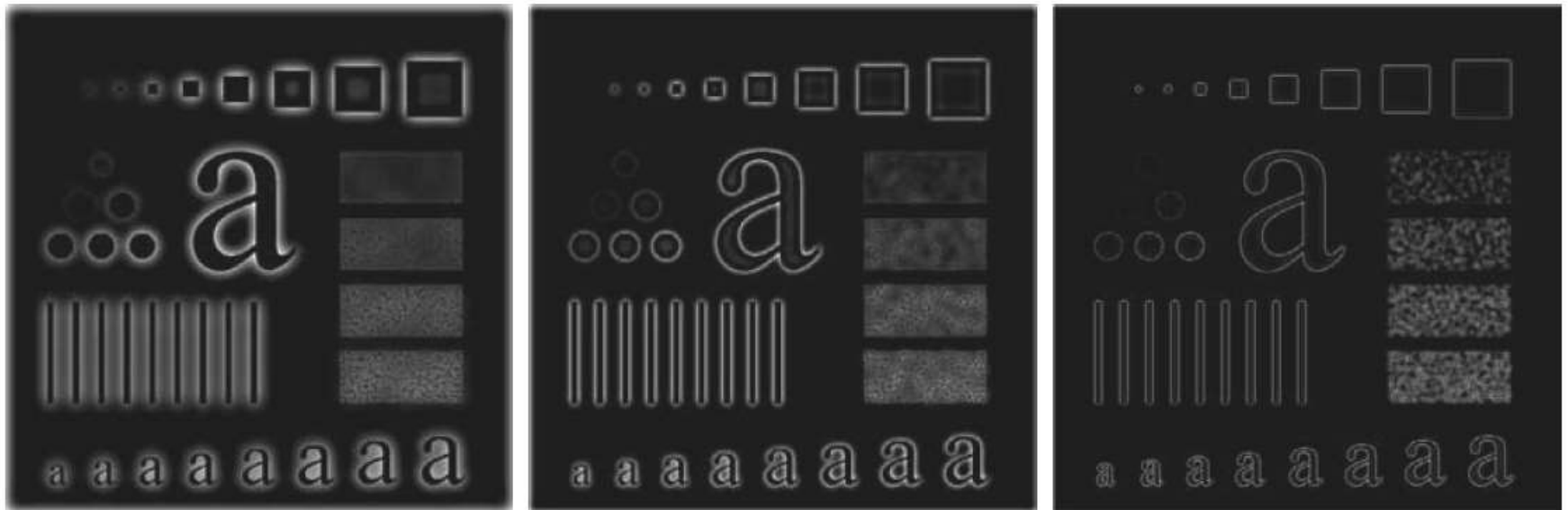


FIGURE 4.54 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using an IHPF with $D_0 = 30, 60$, and 160 .

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 IHPF.

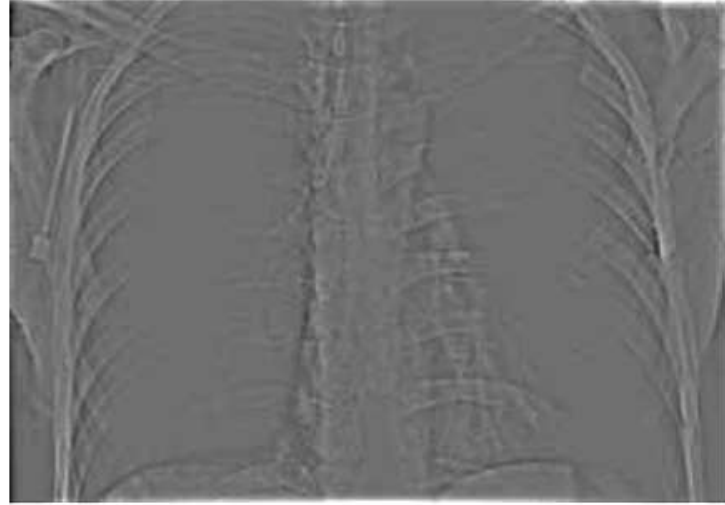
GHPF



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.

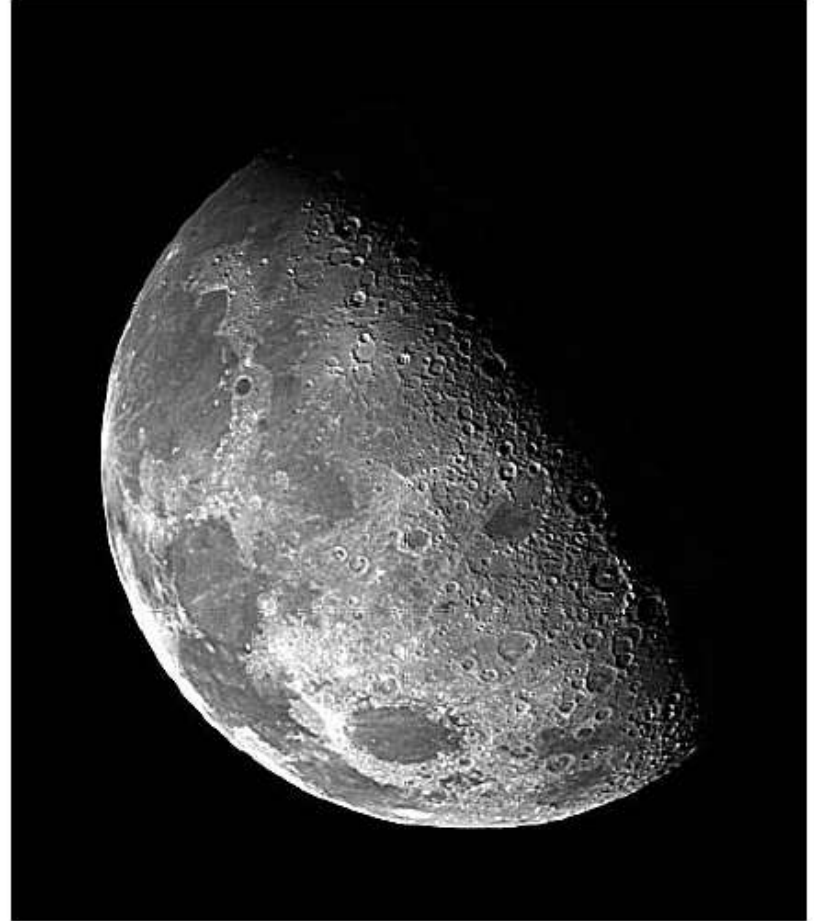
HP, HB, HE



High Boost with GLPF



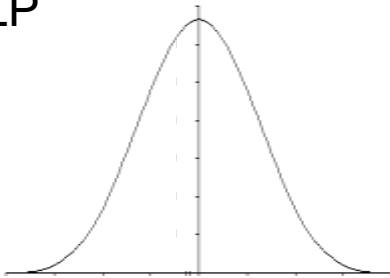
High-Boost Filtering



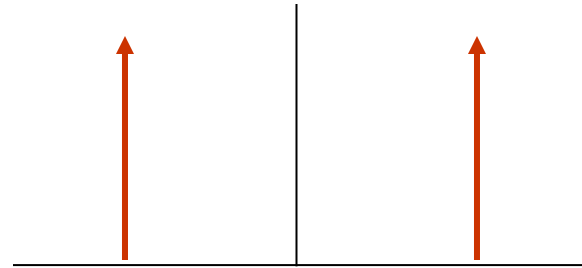
Band-Pass Filters

- Shift LP filter in Fourier domain by convolution with delta

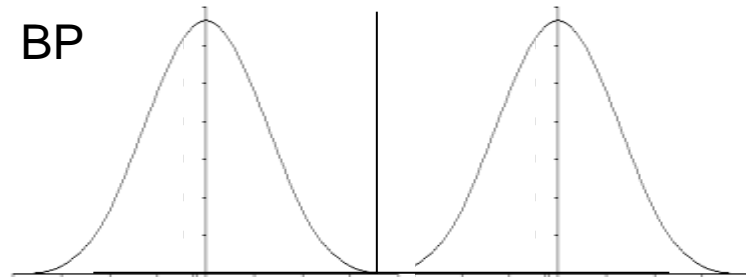
LP



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



BP



Typically 2-3 parameters

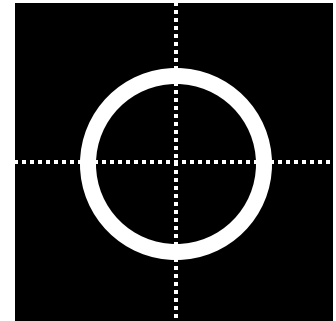
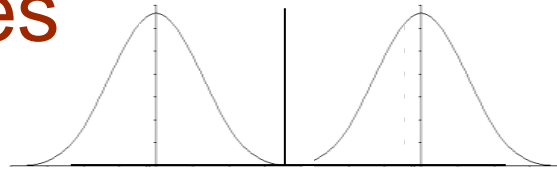
- Width
- Slope
- Band value

Band Pass - Two Dimensions

- Two strategies

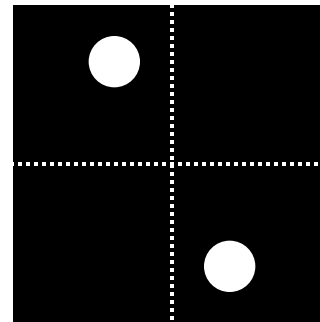
- Rotate

- Radially symmetric



- Translate in 2D

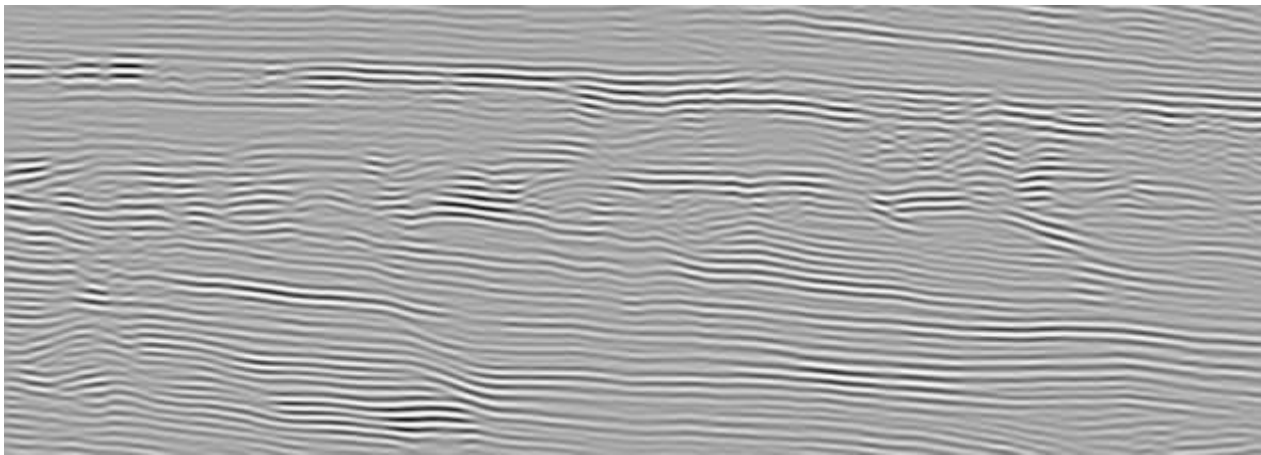
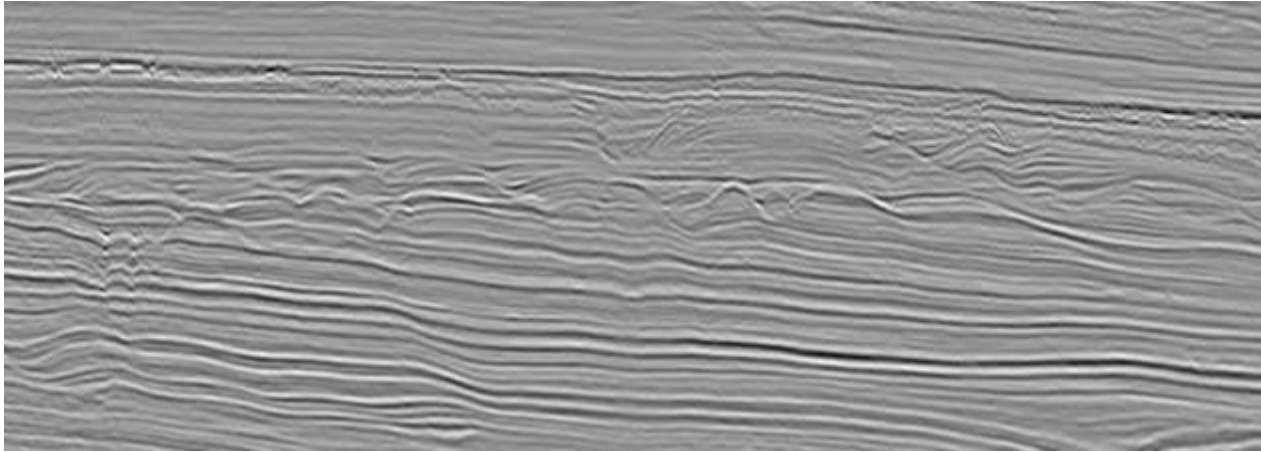
- Oriented filters



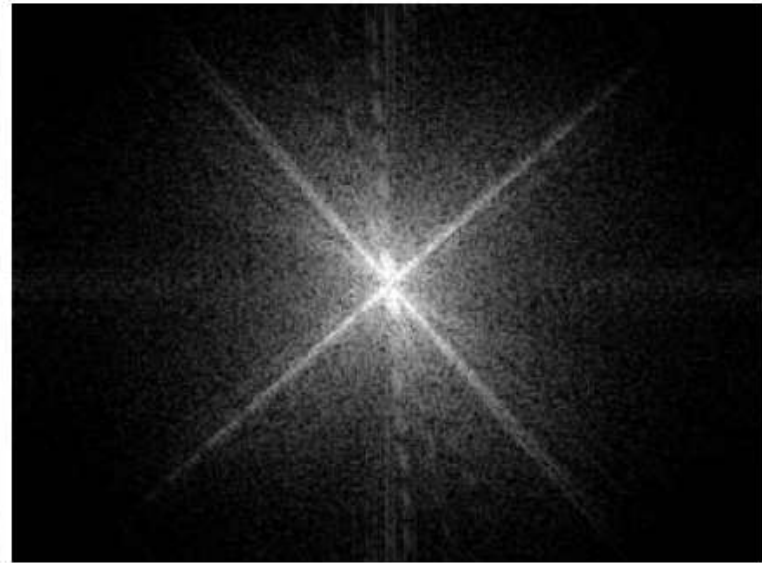
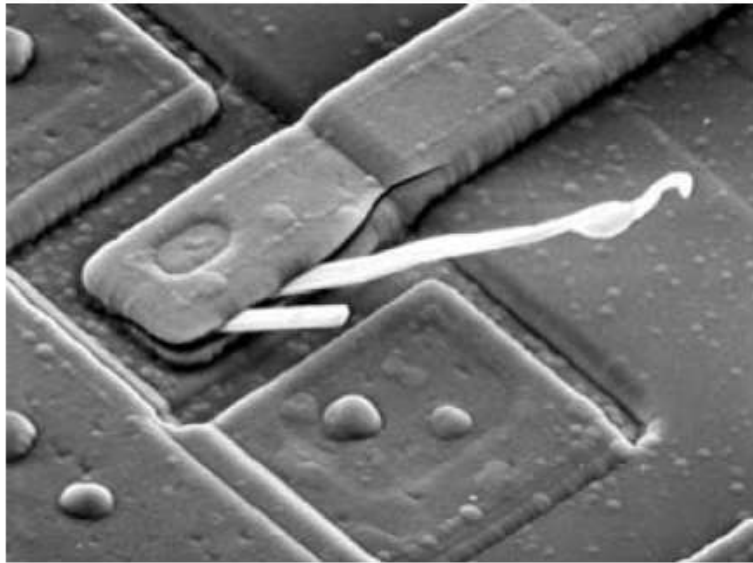
- Note:

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

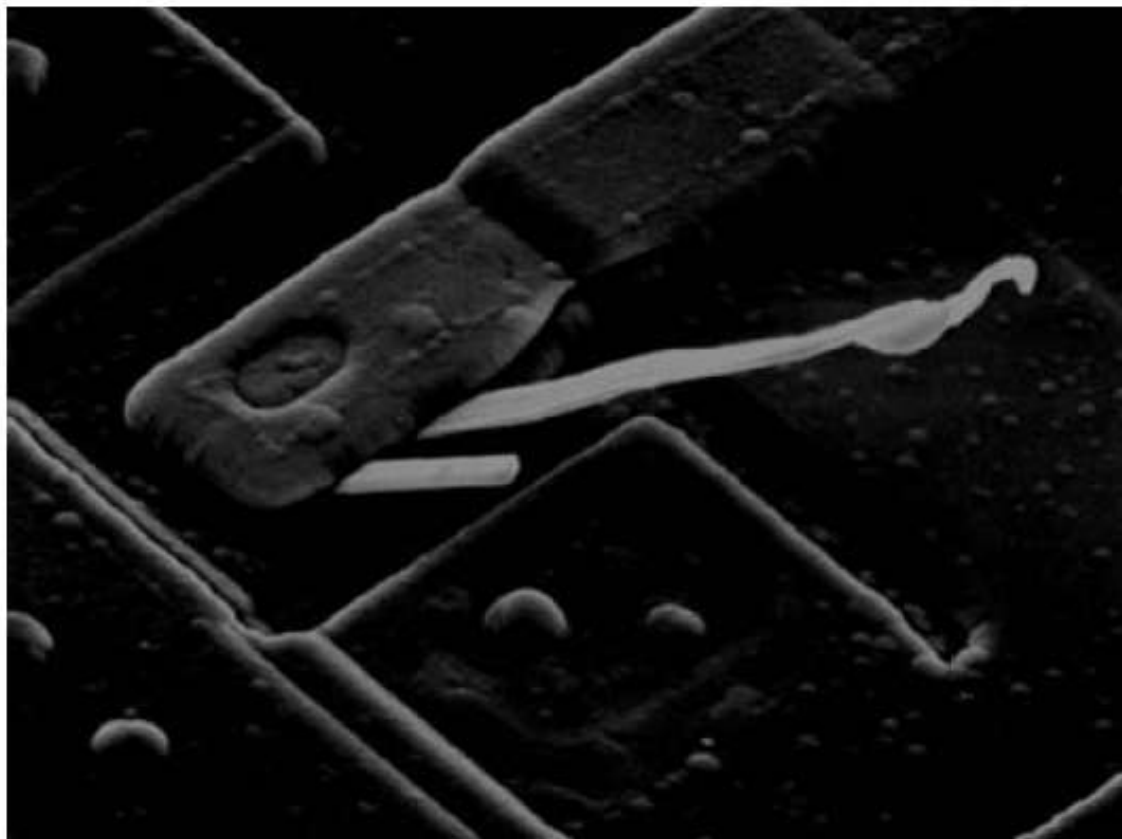
Band Bass Filtering



SEM Image and Spectrum

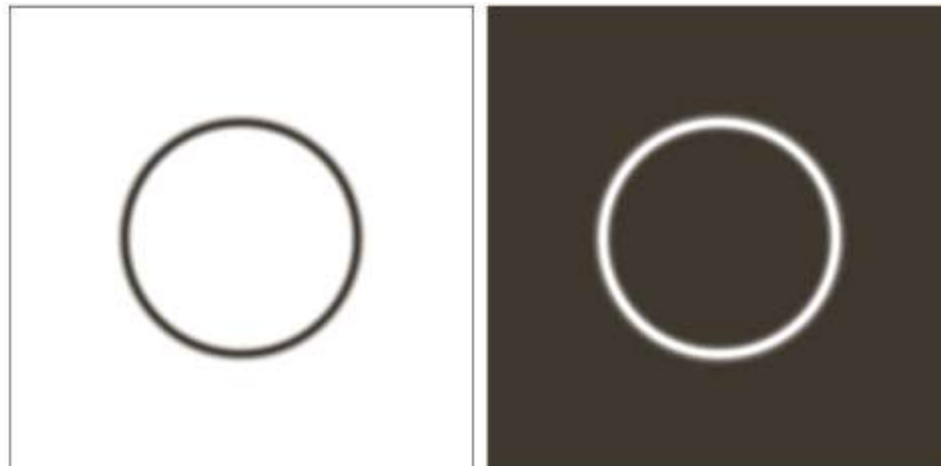


Band-Pass Filter

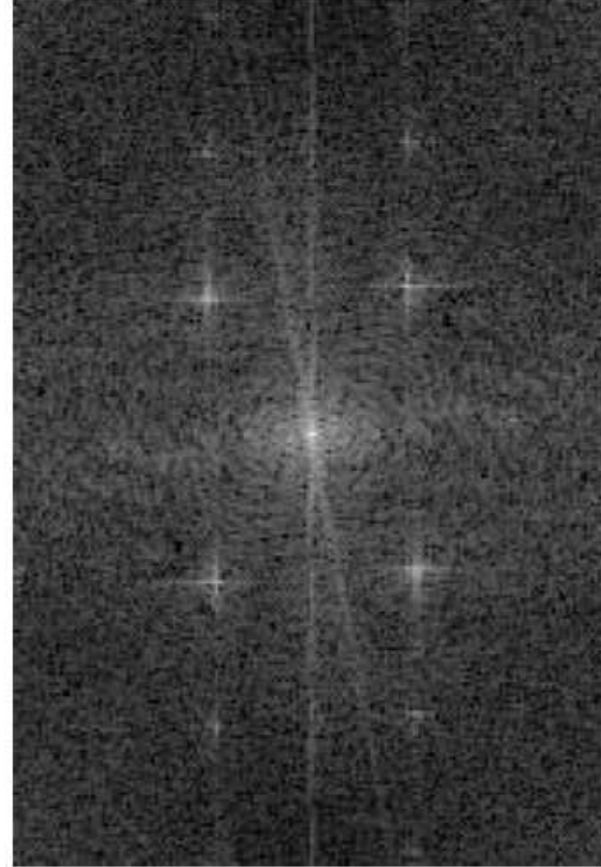


Radial Band Pass/Reject

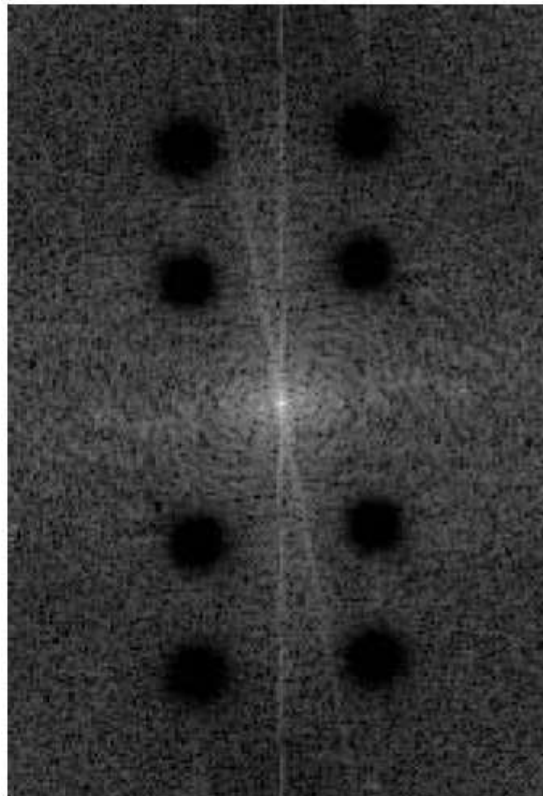
Ideal	Butterworth	Gaussian
$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } D_0 - \frac{W}{2} \leq D \leq D_0 + \frac{W}{2} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{DW}{D^2 - D_0^2} \right]^{2n}}$	$H(u, v) = 1 - e^{-\left[\frac{D^2 - D_0^2}{DW} \right]^2}$



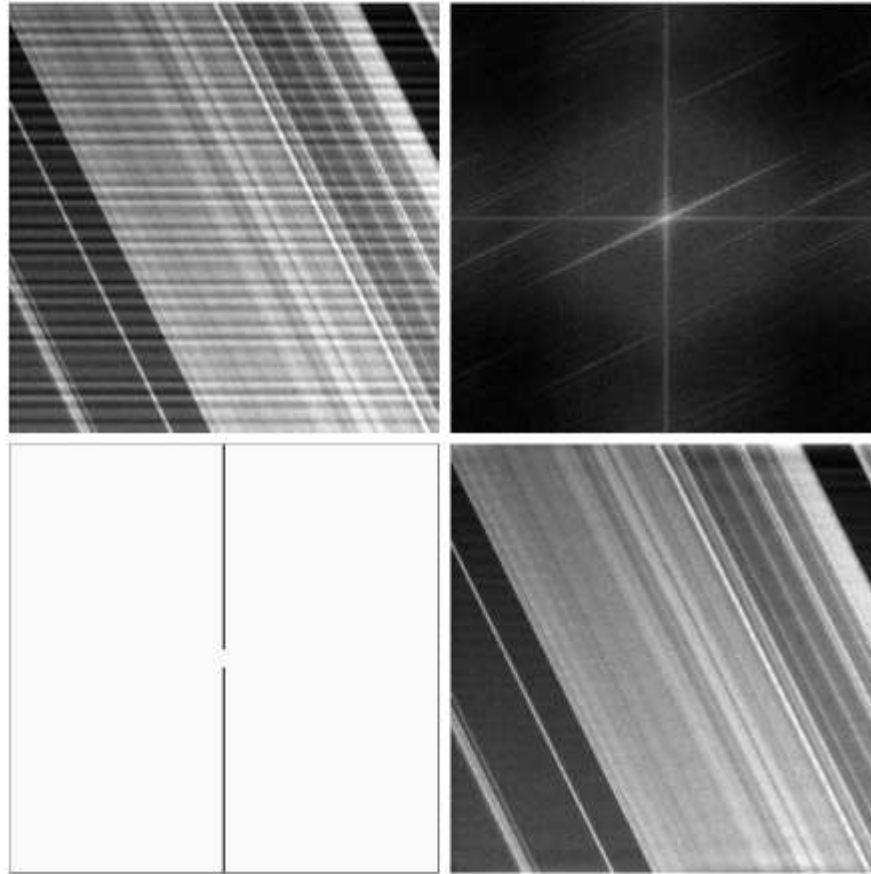
Band Reject Filtering



Band Reject Filtering



Band Reject Filtering



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 ...

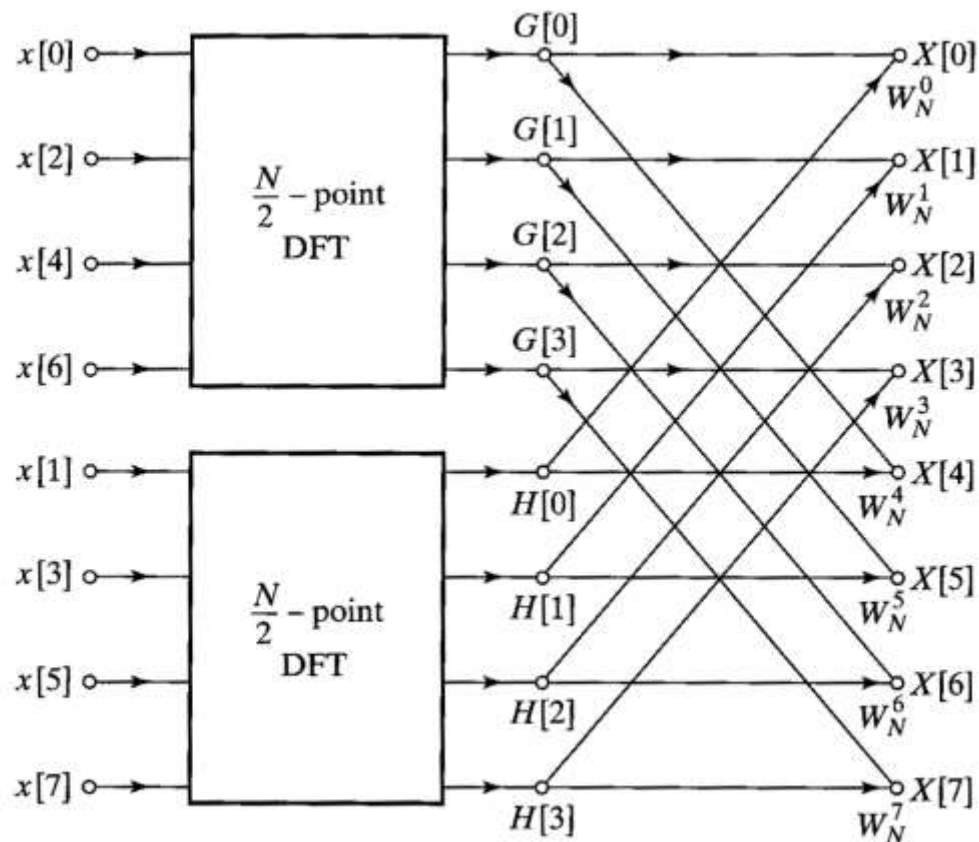
$$X[k] = \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r] W_{N/2}^{rk}}_{\text{N/2-point DFT of } x[2r]} + W_N^k \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1] W_{N/2}^{rk}}_{\text{N/2-point DFT of } x[2r+1]}$$

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

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

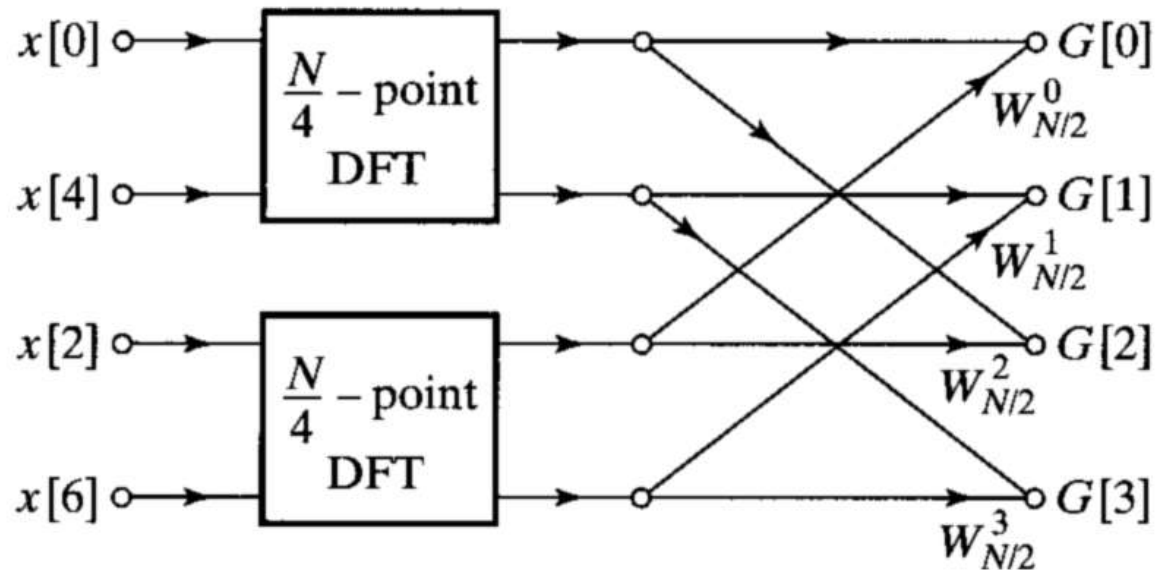
Example: N=8

- Divide and reuse



Example: N=8, Upper Part

- Continue to divide and reuse



Two-Point FFT

- The expression for the 2-point DFT is:

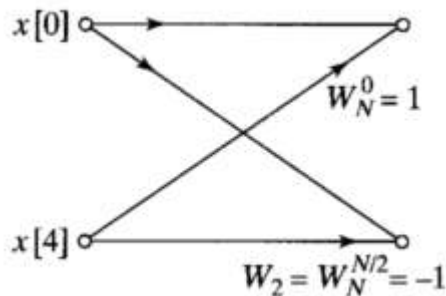
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^1 x[n] W_2^{nk} = \sum_{n=0}^1 x[n] e^{-j2\pi nk/2}$$

- 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

Modern FFT

- FFTW

<http://www.fftw.org/>