BBM 413 Fundamentals of Image Processing

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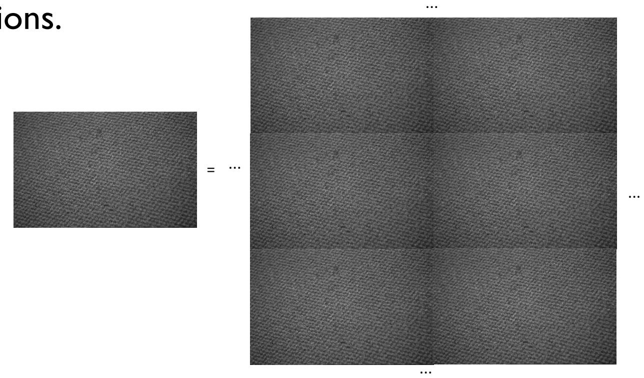
Frequency Domain Techniques – Part 2

Review – Frequency Domain Techniques

- Thinking images in terms of frequency.
- Treat images as infinite-size, continuous periodic functions.



Review - Fourier Transform

We want to understand the frequency *w* of our signal. So, let's reparametrize the signal by *w* instead of *x*:

f(x) → Fourier Transform → ***F(w)***

For every *w* from 0 to inf, ***F(w)*** holds the amplitude *A* and phase *f* of the corresponding sine $A\sin(\omega x+\phi)$

- How can *F* hold both? Complex number trick!

$$F(\omega)=R(\omega)+iI(\omega)$$

$$A=\pm\sqrt{R(\omega)^2+I(\omega)^2} \qquad \phi=\tan^{-1}\frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$$

We can always go back:

F(w) → Inverse Fourier Transform → ***f(x)***

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Review - Fourier Transform

- Fourier transform stores the magnitude and phase at each frequency
  - Magnitude encodes how much signal there is at a particular frequency
  - Phase encodes spatial information (indirectly)
  - For mathematical convenience, this is often notated in terms of real and complex numbers

Amplitude: $A=\pm\sqrt{R(\omega)^2+I(\omega)^2}$ Phase: $\phi=\tan^{-1}\frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$

Review - Discrete Fourier transform

- Forward transform

$$F(u,v) = \frac{1}{MN}\sum_{x=0}^{M-1}\sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x,y)e^{-j2\pi(ux/M+vy/N)}$$

for $u = 0,1,2,\ldots,M-1, v = 0,1,2,\ldots,N-1$

- Inverse transform

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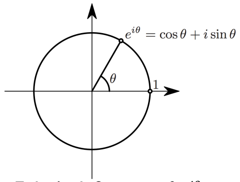
u, *v* : the transform or frequency variables
x, *y* : the spatial or image variables



Euler's definition of $e^{i\theta}$

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Review - The Fourier Transform

- Represent function on a new basis
  - Think of functions as vectors, with many components
  - We now apply a linear transformation to transform the basis
    - dot product with each basis element
- In the expression, u and v select the basis element, so a function of x and y becomes a function of u and v
- basis elements have the form $e^{-i2\pi(ux+vy)}$

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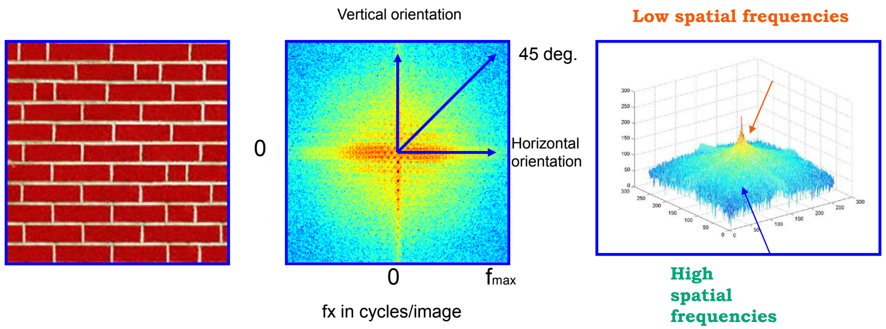

Log power spectrum

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Review - The Convolution Theorem

- The Fourier transform of the convolution of two functions is the product of their Fourier transforms

$$\mathrm{F}[g * h] = \mathrm{F}[g]\,\mathrm{F}[h]$$

- The inverse Fourier transform of the product of two Fourier transforms is the convolution of the two inverse Fourier transforms

$$\mathrm{F}^{-1}[gh] = \mathrm{F}^{-1}[g] * \mathrm{F}^{-1}[h]$$

- **Convolution** in spatial domain is equivalent to **multiplication** in frequency domain!

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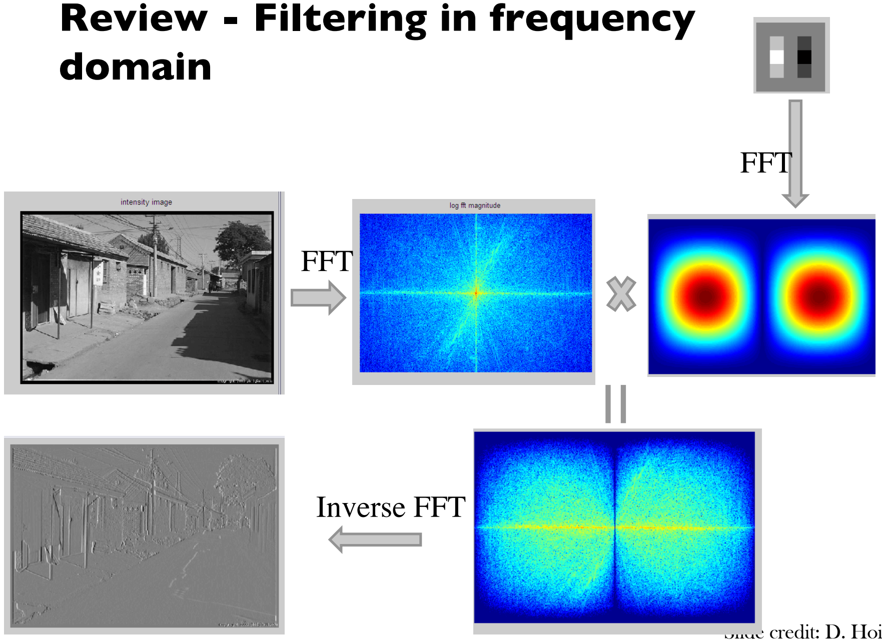
Review - Filtering in frequency domain



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Today

- Sampling
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Sampling

Why does a lower resolution image still make sense to us?
What do we lose?

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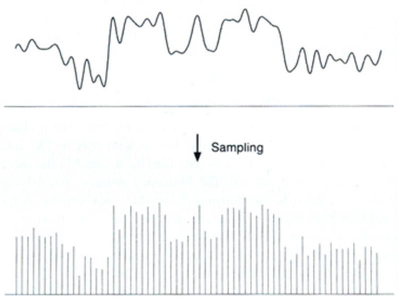
Sampled representations

- How to store and compute with continuous functions?
- Common scheme for representation: samples
  - write down the function's values at many points



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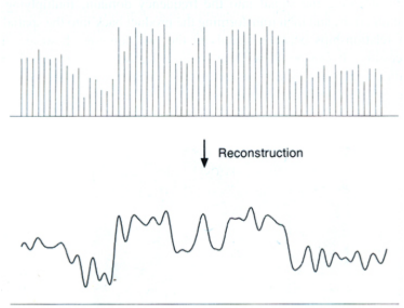
Reconstruction

- Making samples back into a continuous function
  - for output (need realizable method)
  - for analysis or processing (need mathematical method)
  - amounts to "guessing" what the function did in between



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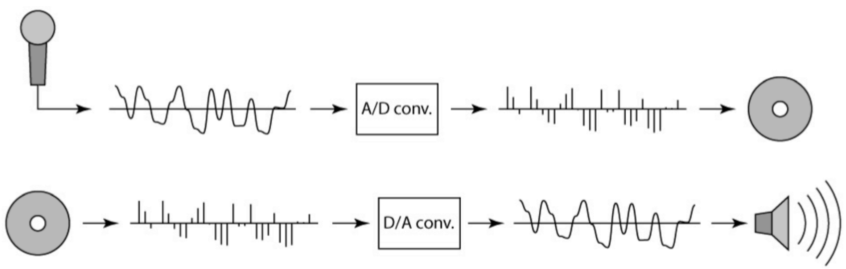
Sampling in digital audio

- Recording: sound to analog to samples to disc
- Playback: disc to samples to analog to sound again
  - how can we be sure we are filling in the gaps correctly?



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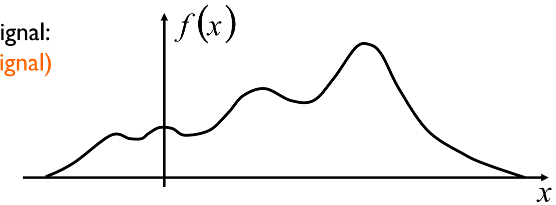
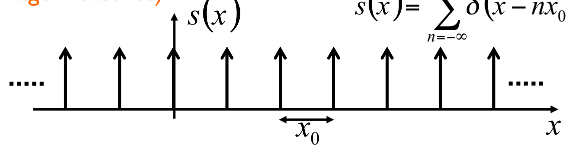
Sampling Theorem

Continuous signal:
(Real world signal)



Shah function (Impulse train):
(What the image measures)



$$s(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - nx_0)$$

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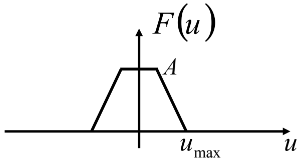

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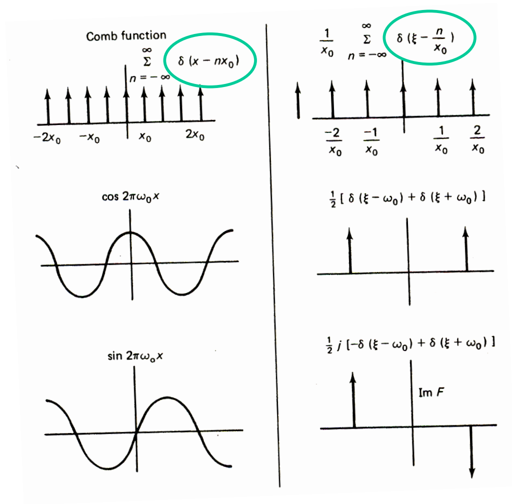
Fourier Transform Pairs

FT of an "impulse train" is an impulse train!



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Note that these are derived using angular frequency (e^{-iux})

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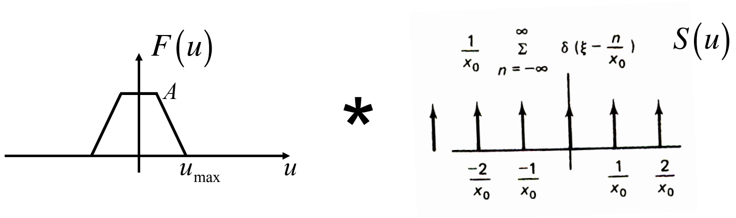

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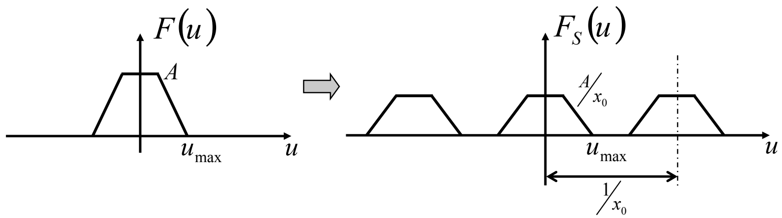

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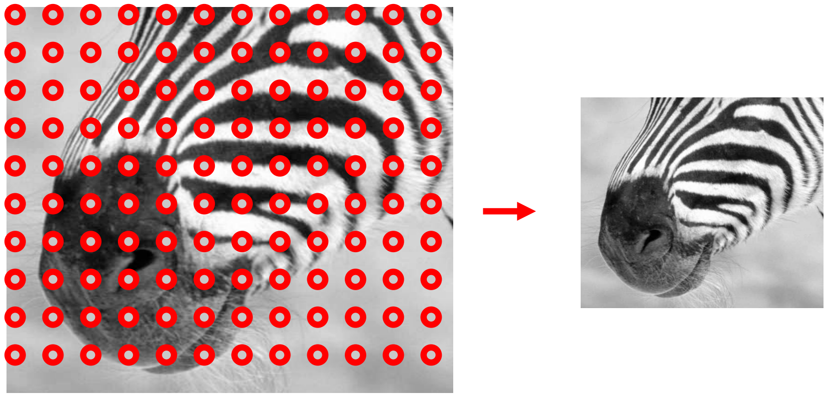
Subsampling by a factor of 2



Throw away every other row and column to create a 1/2 size image

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Undersampling

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- Simple example: undersampling a sine wave
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  - also was always indistinguishable from higher frequencies
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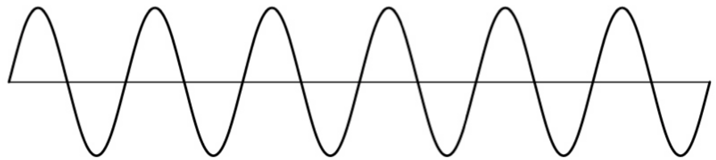

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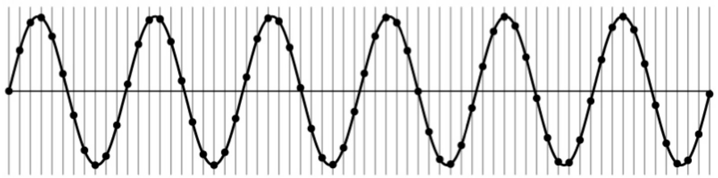

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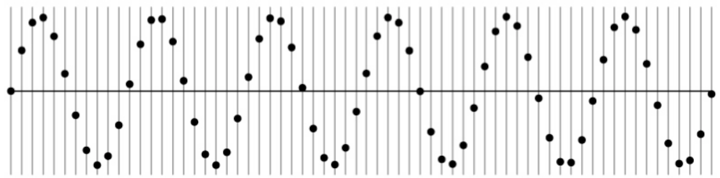

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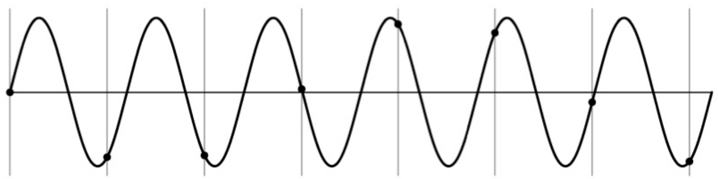

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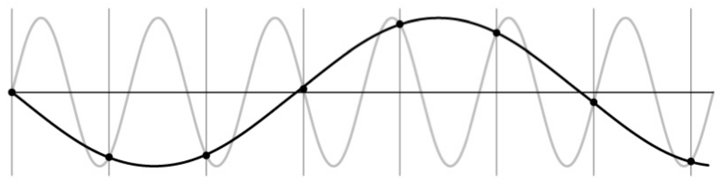

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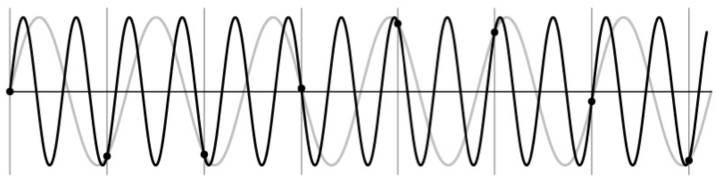

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Aliasing problem

- Sub-sampling may be dangerous….
- Characteristic errors may appear:
  - "Wagon wheels rolling the wrong way in movies"
  - "Checkerboards disintegrate in ray tracing"
  - "Striped shirts look funny on color television"

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Moire patterns in real-world images. Here are comparison images by Dave Etchells of Imaging Resource using the Canon D60 (with an antialias filter) and the Sigma SD-9 (which has no antialias filter). The bands below the fur in the image at right are the kinds of artifacts that appear in images when no antialias filter is used. Sigma chose to eliminate the filter to get more sharpness, but the resulting apparent detail may or may not reflect features in the image.

Slide credit: N. Kumar

More examples

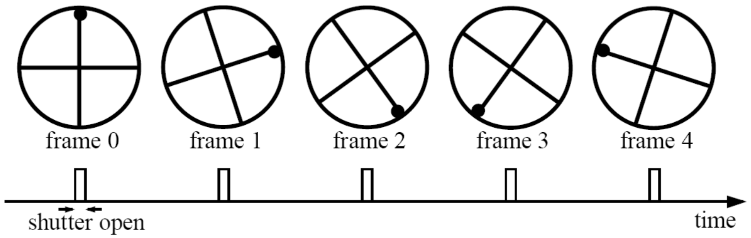
Check out Moire patterns on the web.

Slide credit: A. Farhadi

Aliasing in video

Imagine a spoked wheel moving to the right (rotating clockwise). Mark wheel with dot so we can see what's happening.

If camera shutter is only open for a fraction of a frame time (frame time = 1/30 sec. for video, 1/24 sec. for film):



Without dot, wheel appears to be rotating slowly backwards! (counterclockwise)

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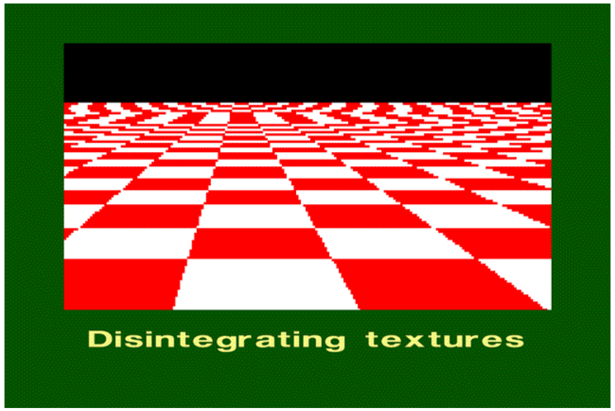
Aliasing in graphics



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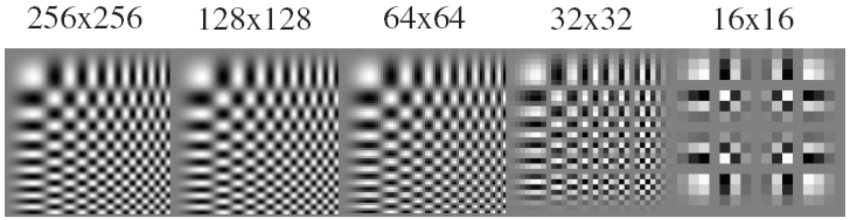
Sampling and aliasing



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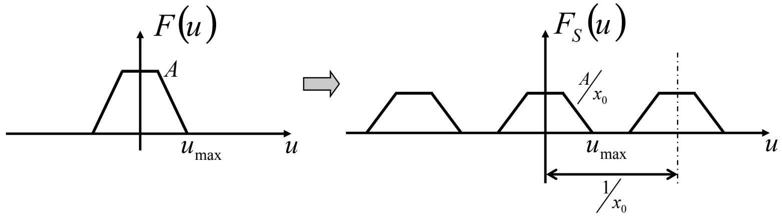

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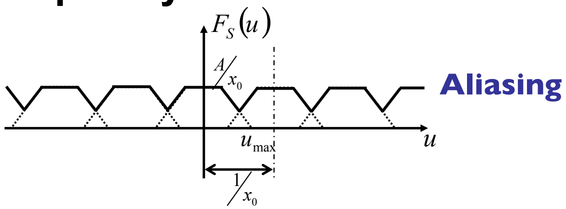
Nyquist Frequency

If $u_{max} > \frac{1}{2x_0}$



When can we recover $F(u)$ from $F_S(u)$?

$\boxed{\text{Only if } u_{max} \le \frac{1}{2x_0} \text{ (Nyquist Frequency)}}$

We can use

$$C(u) = \begin{cases} x_0 & |u| < 1/2x_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then $F(u) = F_S(u)C(u)$ and $f(x) = \mathrm{IFT}[F(u)]$

$\boxed{\text{Sampling frequency must be greater than } 2u_{max}}$

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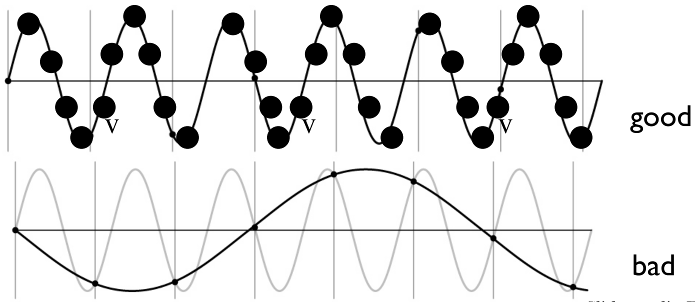
Nyquist-Shannon Sampling Theorem

- When sampling a signal at discrete intervals, the sampling frequency must be $\geq 2 \times f_{max}$
- f_{max} = max frequency of the input signal
- This will allows to reconstruct the original perfectly from the sampled version



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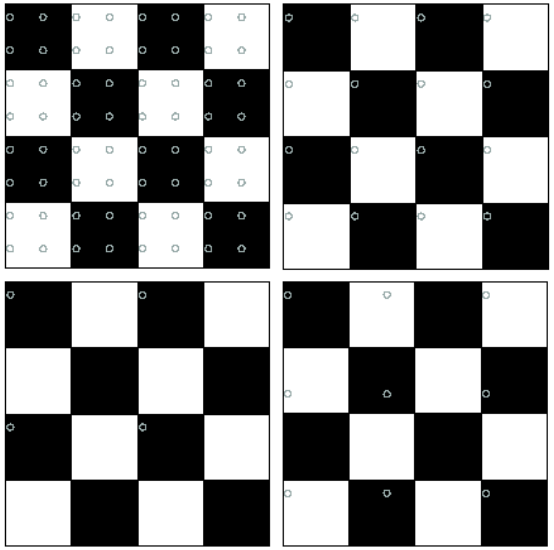
2D example



Good sampling

Bad sampling

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Anti-aliasing

Solutions:

- Sample more often

- Get rid of all frequencies that are greater than half the new sampling frequency
  - Will lose information
  - But it's better than aliasing
  - Apply a smoothing filter

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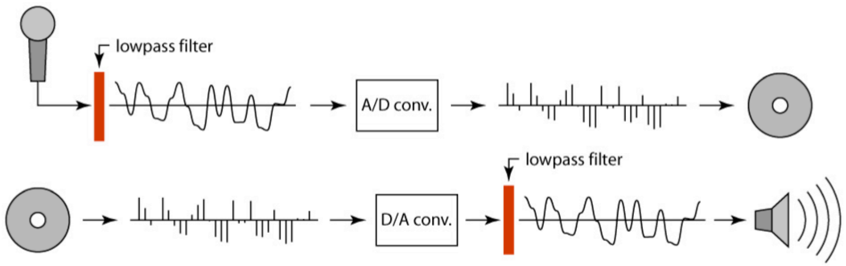
Preventing aliasing

- Introduce lowpass filters:

– remove high frequencies leaving only safe, low frequencies
– choose lowest frequency in reconstruction (disambiguate)



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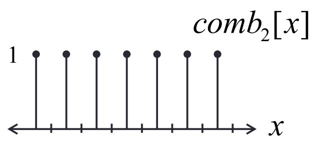
Impulse Train

- Define a *comb* function (impulse train) in 1D as follows

$$comb_M[x] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[x - kM]$$

where *M* is an integer



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Impulse Train in 2D *(bed of nails)*

$$comb_{M,N}(x,y) \triangleq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty}\delta(x-kM, y-lN)$$

- Fourier Transform of an impulse train is also an impulse train:

$$\underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty}\delta(x-kM, y-lN)}_{comb_{M,N}(x,y)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{MN}\underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty}\delta\left(u-\frac{k}{M}, v-\frac{l}{N}\right)}_{comb_{\frac{1}{M},\frac{1}{N}}(u,v)}$$

As the comb samples get further apart,
the spectrum samples get closer together!

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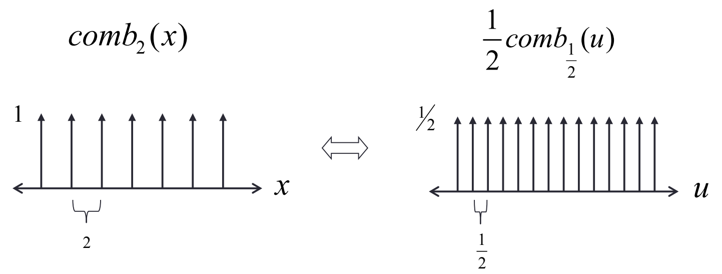
Impulse Train in 1D



- *Remember:*

Scaling $\quad f(ax) \quad\quad \frac{1}{|a|}F\left(\frac{u}{a}\right)$

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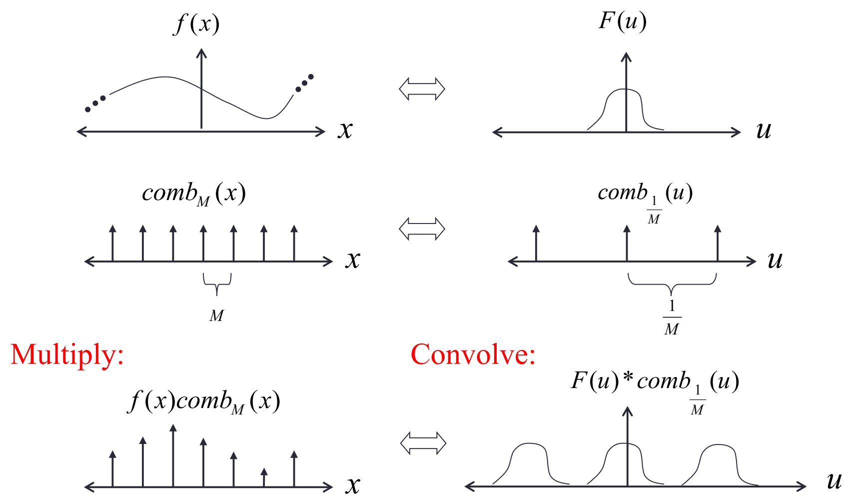
Sampling low frequency signal



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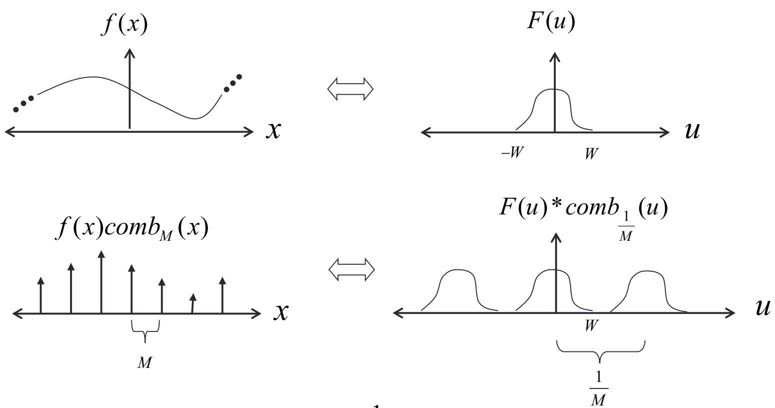

"No problem" if $\frac{1}{M} > 2W$

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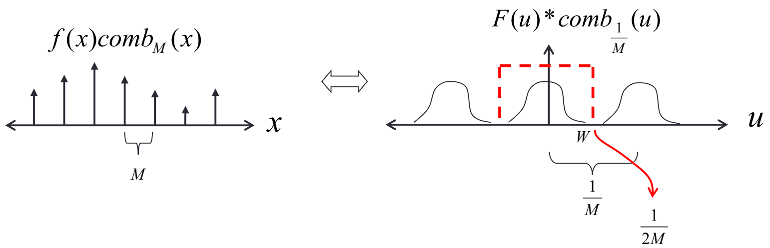

If there is no overlap, the original signal can be recovered from its samples by low-pass filtering.

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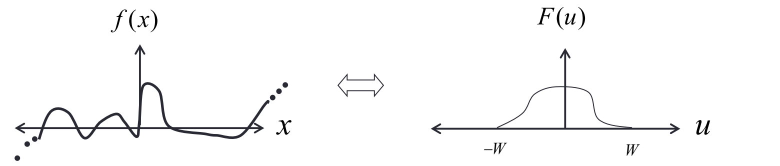
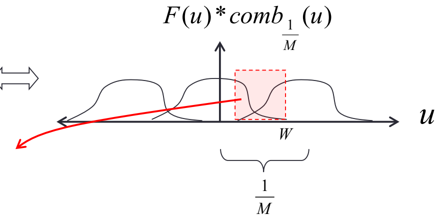
Sampling high frequency signal



$f(x)comb_M(x)$ $\Leftrightarrow$



Overlap: The high frequency energy is folded over into low frequency. It is "aliasing" as lower frequency energy. And you cannot fix it once it has happened.

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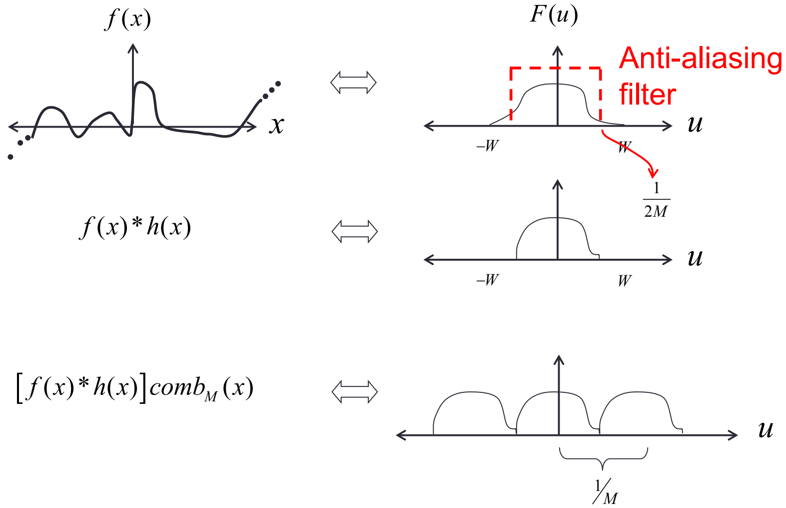
Sampling high frequency signal



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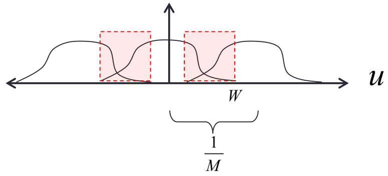
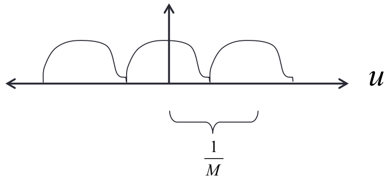


- With anti-aliasing filter:

$[f(x)*h(x)]comb_M(x)$ $\Leftrightarrow$



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Algorithm for downsampling by factor of 2

1. Start with image(h, w)
2. Apply low-pass filter

   im_blur = imfilter(image, fspecial('gaussian', 7, 1))
3. Sample every other pixel

   im_small = im_blur(1:2:end, 1:2:end);

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Anti-aliasing

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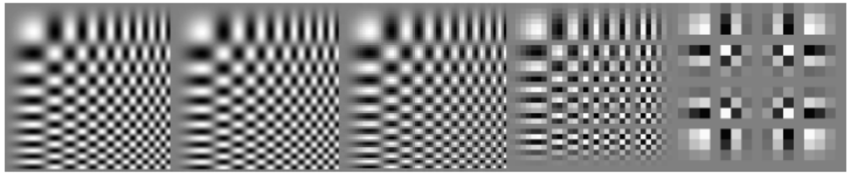

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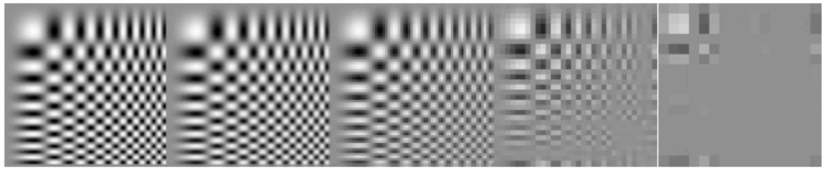

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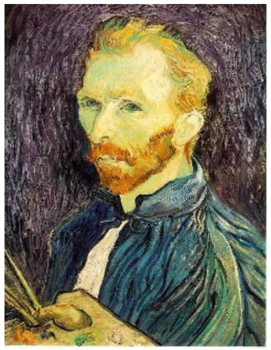
Subsampling without pre-filtering



1/2

1/4 (2x zoom)

1/8 (4x zoom)

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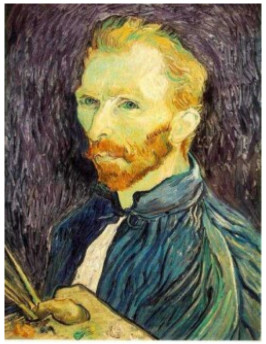
Subsampling with Gaussian pre-filtering



Gaussian 1/2

G 1/4

G 1/8

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1000 pixel width

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by dropping pixels

gaussian filter

250 pixel width

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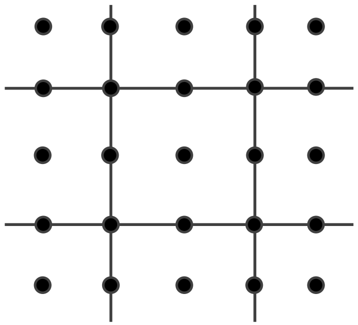
Up-sampling

How do we compute the values of pixels at fractional positions?



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Up-sampling

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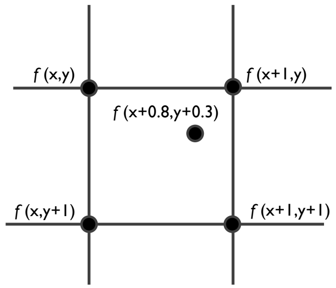

Bilinear sampling:

$$f(x + a, y + b) = (1 - a)(1 - b)\, f(x, y) + a(1 - b)\, f(x + 1, y) + (1 - a)b\, f(x, y + 1) + ab\, f(x + 1, y + 1)$$

Bicubic sampling fits a higher order function using a larger area of support.

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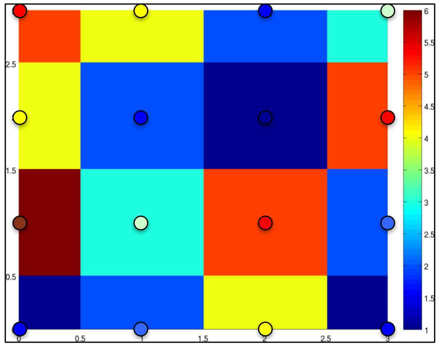
Up-sampling Methods



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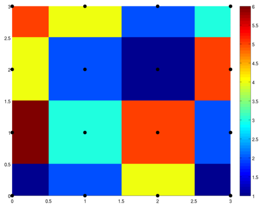
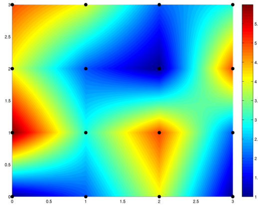
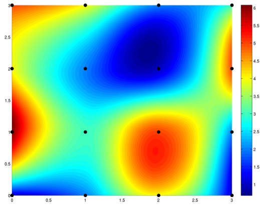


Nearest neighbor



Bilinear



Bicubic

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Up-sampling

Nearest neighbor

Bilinear

Bicubic

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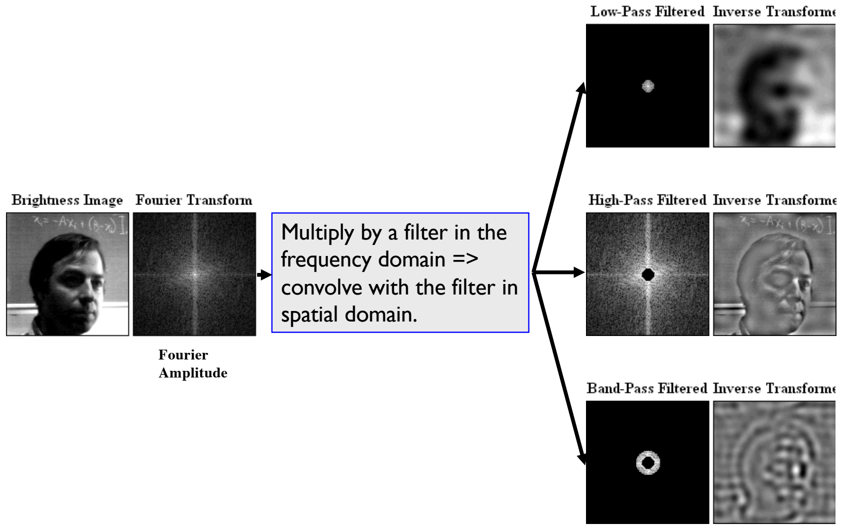
Today

- Sampling
- Gabor wavelets, Steerable filters

Fourier Filtering



Images from Steve Lehar http://cns-alumni.bu.edu/~slehar An Intuitive Explanation of Fourier Theory

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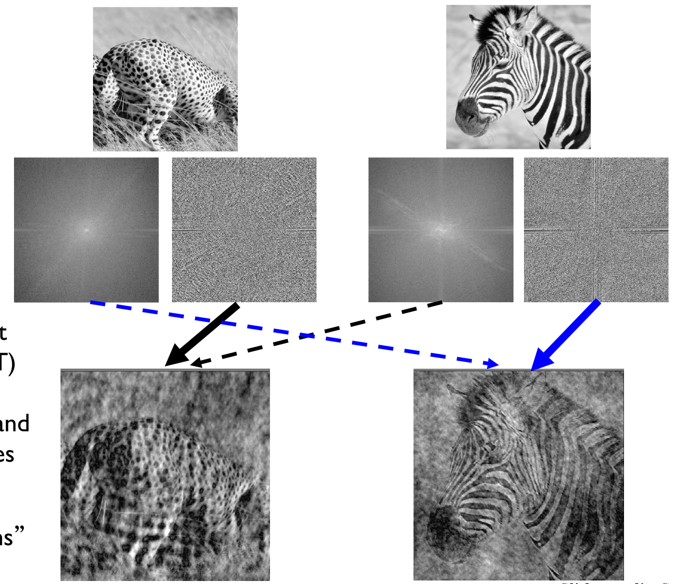
Phase Caries More Information

Raw Images:

Magnitude and Phase:

Reconstruct (inverse FFT) mixing the magnitude and phase images

Phase "Wins"



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What is a good representation for image analysis?

- Fourier transform domain tells you "what" (textural properties), but not "where".
- Pixel domain representation tells you "where" (pixel location), but not "what".
- Want an image representation that gives you a local description of image events—what is happening where.

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Analyzing local image structures

Too much

Too little

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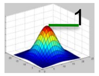
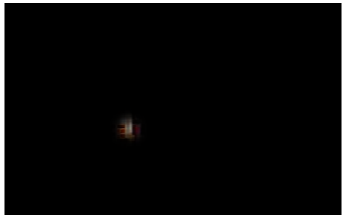
The image through the Gaussian window

Too much

$h(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$





Too little

Probably still too little...
...but hard enough for now

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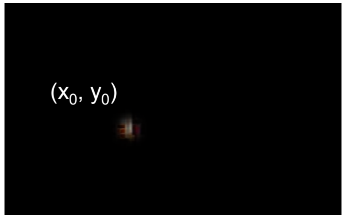
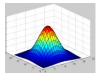
Analysis of local frequency



$h(x,y;x_0,y_0) = e^{-\frac{(x-x_0)^2+(y-y_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$



Fourier basis:

$$e^{j2\pi u_0 x}$$

Gabor wavelet:

$$\psi(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{j2\pi u_0 x}$$

We can look at the real and imaginary parts:

$$\psi_c(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cos(2\pi u_0 x)$$

$$\psi_s(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \sin(2\pi u_0 x)$$

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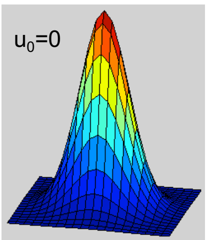
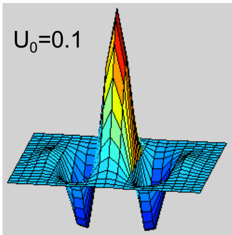
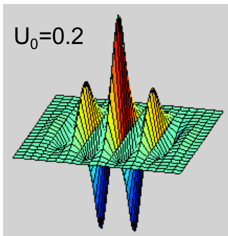
Gabor wavelets

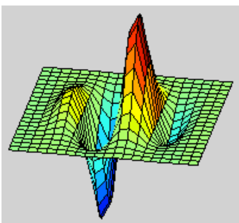
$$\psi_c(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cos(2\pi u_0 x)$$

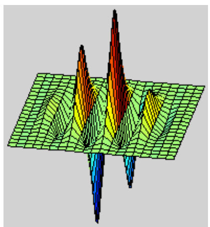






$$\psi_s(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \sin(2\pi u_0 x)$$





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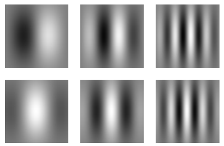
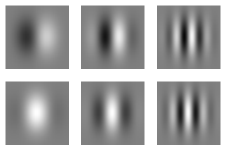
Gabor filters



Gabor filters at different scales and spatial frequencies



Top row shows anti-symmetric (or odd) filters; these are good for detecting odd-phase structures like edges.
Bottom row shows the symmetric (or even) filters, good for detecting line phase contours.

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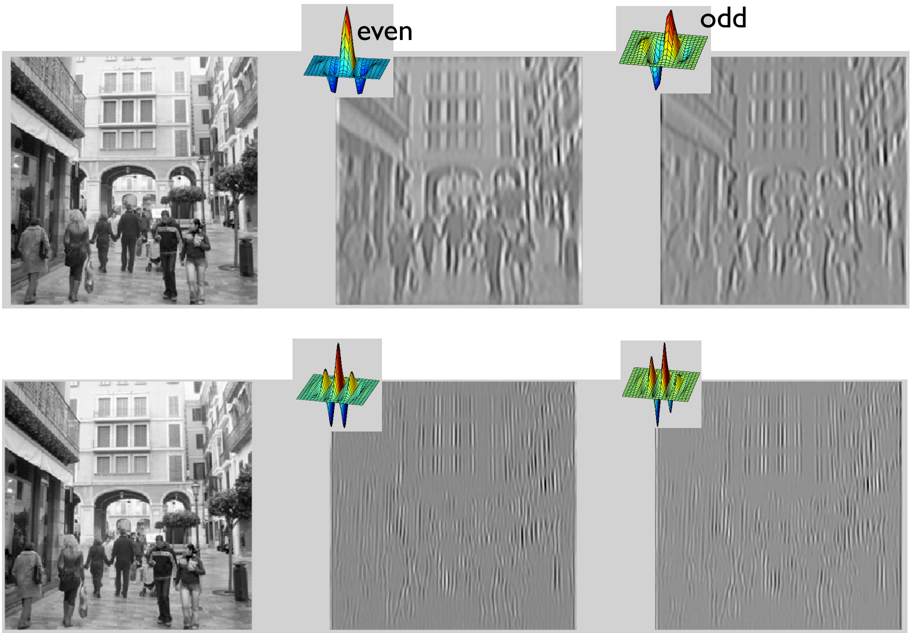

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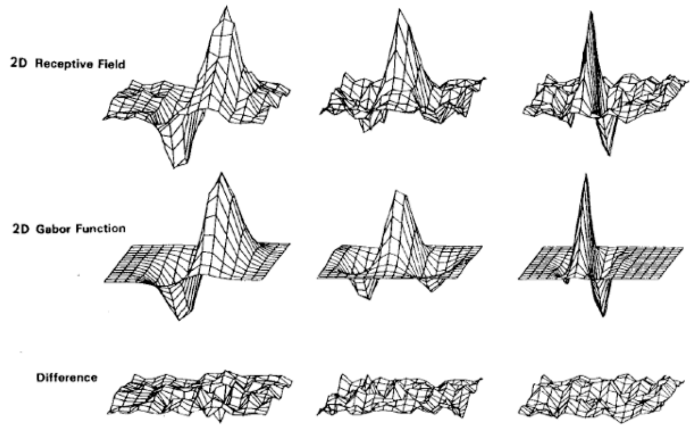

Fig. 5. Top row: illustrations of empirical 2-D receptive field profiles measured by J. P. Jones and L. A. Palmer (personal communication) in simple cells of the cat visual cortex. Middle row: best-fitting 2-D Gabor elementary function for each neuron, described by (10). Bottom row: residual error of the fit, indistinguishable from random error in the Chi-squared sense for 97 percent of the cells studied.

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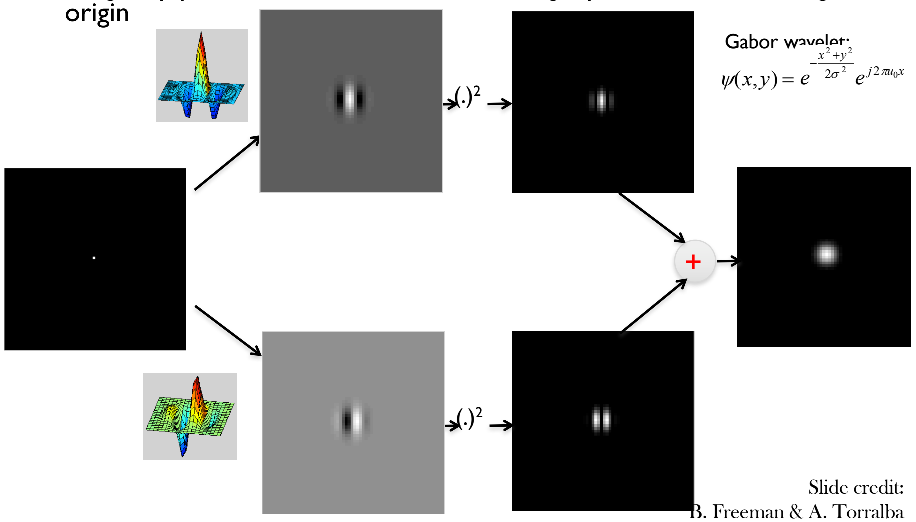
Quadrature filter pairs

- A quadrature filter is a complex filter whose real part is related to its imaginary part via a Hilbert transform along a particular axis through the origin



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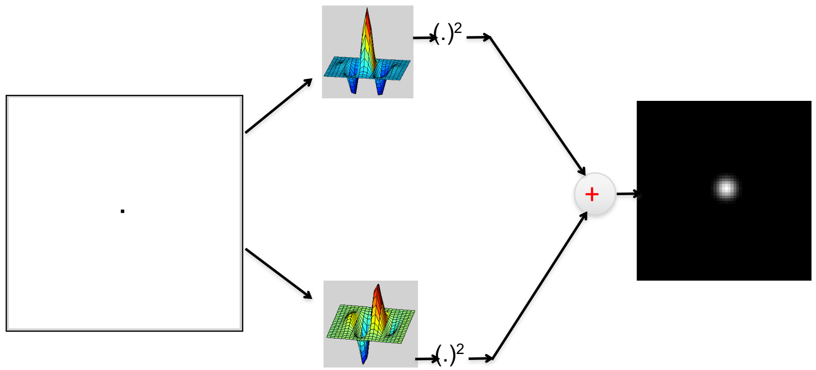
Quadrature filter pairs



Contrast invariance! (same energy response for white dot on black background as for a black dot on a white background).

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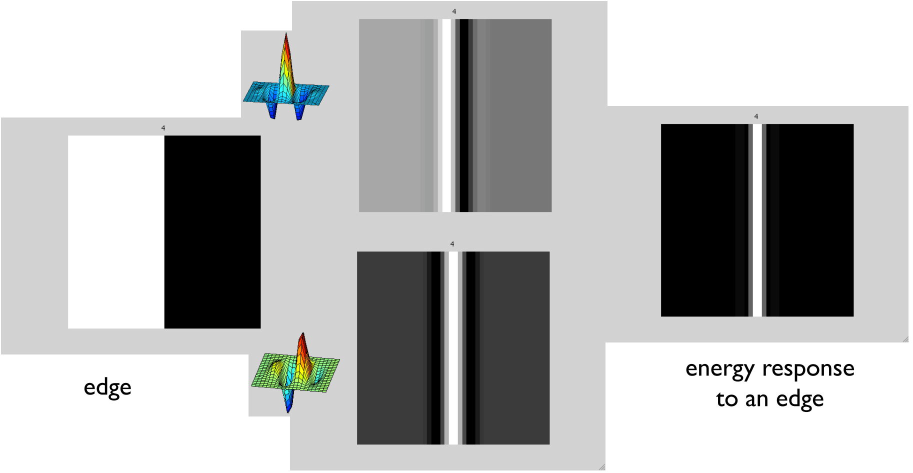
Quadrature filter pairs



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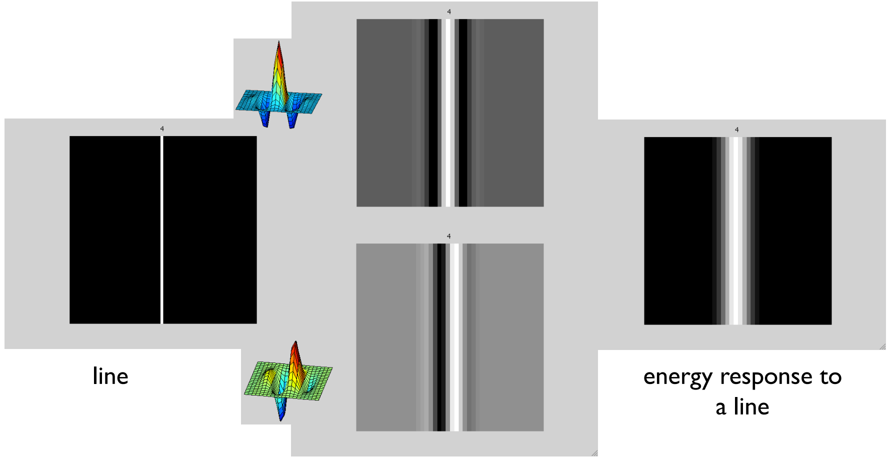
Quadrature filter pairs



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How quadrature pair filters work

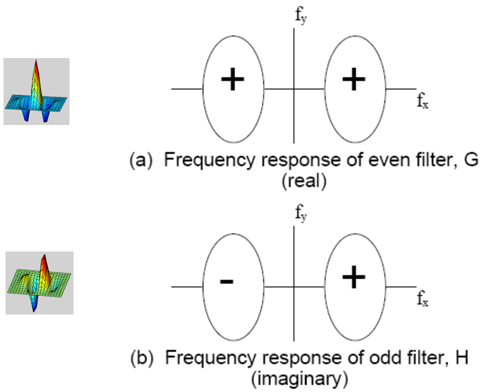

Figure 3-5: Frequency content of two bandpass filters in quadrature. (a) even phase filter, called G in text, and (b) odd phase filter, H. Plus and minus sign illustrate relative sign of regions in the frequency domain. See Fig. 3-6 for calculation of the frequency content of the energy measure derived from these two filters.

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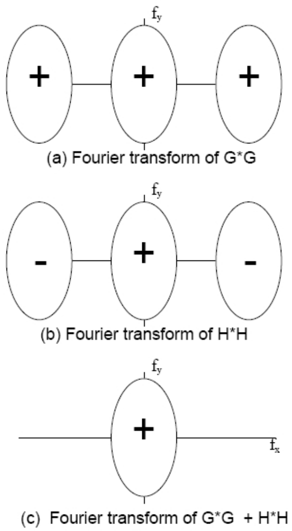
How quadrature pair filters work



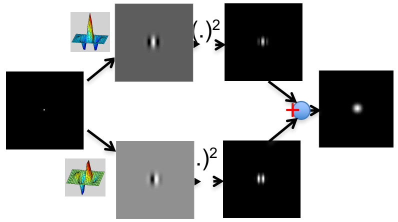


Figure 3-6: Derivation of energy measure frequency content for the filters of Fig. 3-5. (a) Fourier transform of $G * G$. (b) Fourier transform of $H * H$. Each squared response has 3 lobes in the frequency domain, arising from convolution of the frequency domain responses. The center lobe is modulated down in frequency while the two outer lobes are modulated up. (There are two sign changes which combine to give the signs shown in (b). To convolve H with itself, we flip it in f_x and f_y, which interchanges the + and − lobes of Fig. 3-5 (b). Then we slide it over an unflipped version of itself, and integrate the product of the two. That operation will give positive outer lobes, and a negative inner lobe. However, H has an imaginary frequency response, so multiplying it by itself gives an extra factor of −1, which yields the signs shown in (b)). (c) Fourier transform of the energy measure, $G * G + H * H$. The high frequency lobes cancel, leaving only the baseband spectrum, which has been demodulated in frequency from the original bandpass response. This spectrum is proportional to the sum of the auto-correlation functions of either lobe of Fig. 3-5 (a) and either lobe of Fig. 3-5 (b).

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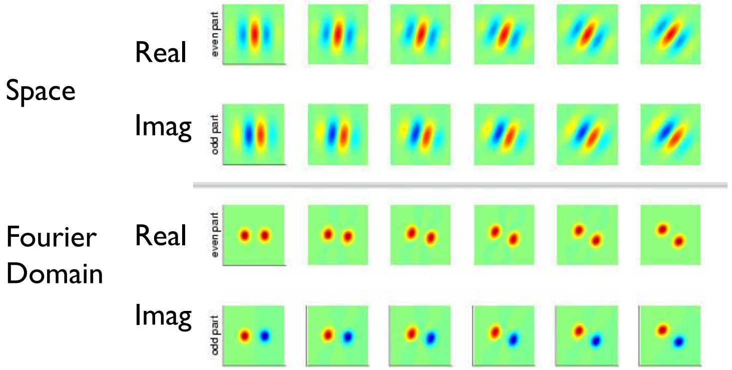
Oriented Filters

- Gabor wavelet: $\psi(x,y) = e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{j2\pi u_0 x}$
- Tuning filter orientation: $$x' = \cos(\alpha)x + \sin(\alpha)y$$ $$y' = -\sin(\alpha)x + \cos(\alpha)y$$



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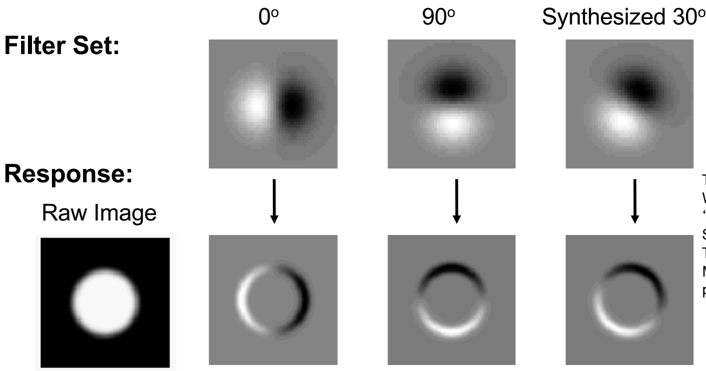
Simple example

"Steerability"-- the ability to synthesize a filter of any orientation from a linear combination of filters at fixed orientations.

$$G_\theta^1 = \cos(\theta)G_0^1 + \sin(\theta)G_{90}^1$$



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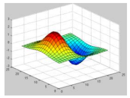
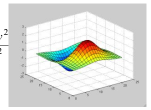
Steerable filters

Derivatives of a Gaussian:

$$h_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial h(x,y)}{\partial x} = \frac{-x}{2\pi\sigma^4} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



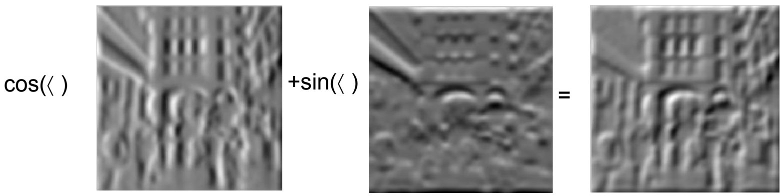
$$h_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial h(x,y)}{\partial y} = \frac{-y}{2\pi\sigma^4} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



An arbitrary orientation can be computed as a linear combination of those two basis functions:

$$h_\alpha(x,y) = \cos(\alpha)h_x(x,y) + \sin(\alpha)h_y(x,y)$$

The representation is "shiftable" on orientation: We can interpolate any other orientation from a finite set of basis functions.



Freeman & Adelson, 1992

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Steerable filters

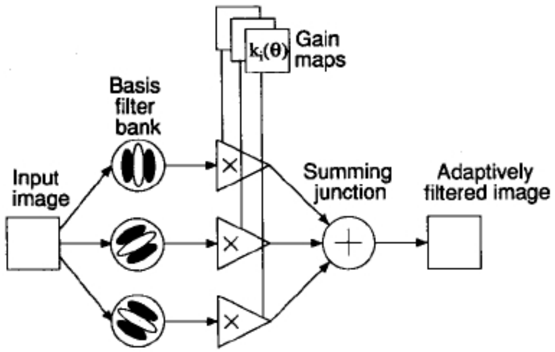

Fig. 3. Steerable filter system block diagram. A bank of dedicated filters process the image. Their outputs are multiplied by a set of gain maps that adaptively control the orientation of the synthesized filter.

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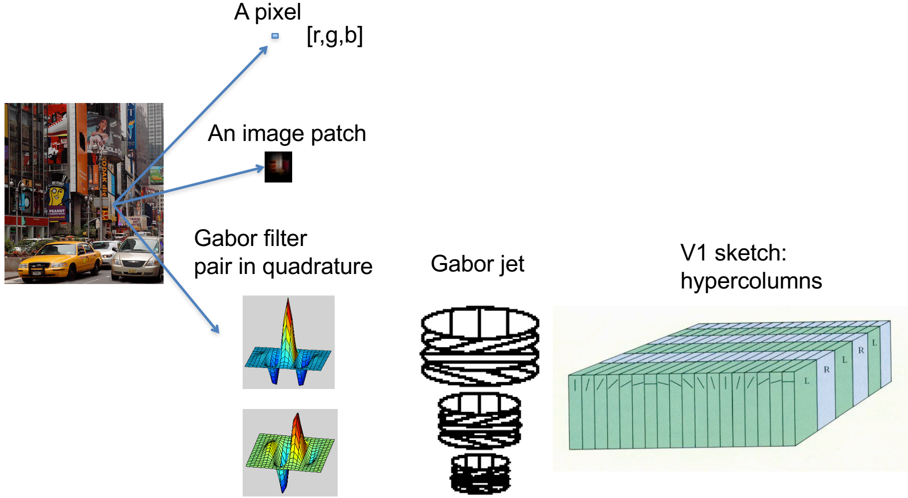
Local image representations



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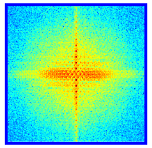
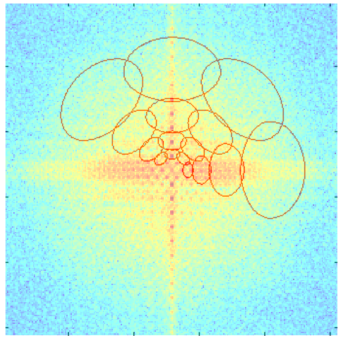


Gabor Filter Bank



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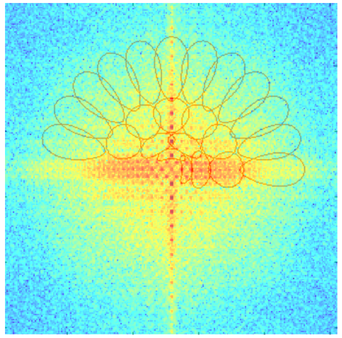

or = [12 6 3 2];

Not for image reconstruction. It does NOT cover the entire space!

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Summary

- Sampling
- Gabor wavelets, Steerable filters

Next lecture

- Image pyramids