BBM 413
Fundamentals of Image Processing

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Frequency Domain Techniques – Part I
Review - Point Operations

- Smallest possible neighborhood is of size 1x1
- Process each point independently of the others
- Output image g depends only on the value of f at a single point (x,y)
- Transformation function $T$ remaps the sample’s value:
  
  $$s = T(r)$$

  where
  
  - $r$ is the value at the point in question
  - $s$ is the new value in the processed result
  - $T$ is an intensity transformation function
Review – Spatial Filtering

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Fill in the blanks:

a) _ = D * B
b) A = _ * _
c) F = D * _
d) _ = D * D

Filtering Operator

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Today

- Frequency domain techniques
- Images in terms of frequency
- Fourier Series
- Convolution Theorem
Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?
Why does a lower resolution image still make sense to us? What do we lose?
How is it that a 4MP image can be compressed to a few hundred KB without a noticeable change?
Answer to these questions?

- Thinking images in terms of frequency.

- Treat images as infinite-size, continuous periodic functions.
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- But it’s (mostly) true!
  - called Fourier Series
  - there are some subtle restrictions

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A sum of sines

Our building block:

\[ A \sin(\omega x + \phi) \]

Add enough of them to get any signal \( f(x) \) you want!
Frequency Spectra

- example: \[ g(t) = \sin(2\pi f t) + \frac{1}{3}\sin(2\pi (3f) t) \]
Frequency Spectra

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\[ A \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sin(2\pi kt) \]
Frequency Spectra

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Example: Music

- We think of music in terms of frequencies at different magnitudes.
Other signals

• We can also think of all kinds of other signals the same way
Fourier Transform

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

\[
\begin{align*}
f(x) & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Fourier Transform} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(w) \\
A \sin(\omega x + \phi) & \quad \text{For every} \ w \text{ from 0 to inf,} \ F(w) \text{ holds the amplitude} \ A \text{ and} \\
& \quad \text{phase} \ \phi \text{ of the corresponding sine} \quad A \sin(\omega x + \phi) \\
\end{align*}
\]

• How can \( F \) hold both? Complex number trick!

\[
\begin{align*}
F(\omega) &= R(\omega) + iI(\omega) \\
A &= \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^2 + I(\omega)^2} \\
\phi &= \tan^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}
\end{align*}
\]

We can always go back:

\[
\begin{align*}
F(w) & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Inverse Fourier Transform} \quad \rightarrow \quad f(x) \\
\end{align*}
\]

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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

\[
\text{Amplitude: } A = \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^2 + I(\omega)^2} \quad \text{Phase: } \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}
\]
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**

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

for \( x = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, M - 1, y = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, N - 1 \)

\( u, v \): the transform or frequency variables
\( x, y \): the spatial or image variables

Euler’s definition of \( e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \)
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 $e^{-i2\pi(ux+vy)}$
How to interpret 2D Fourier Spectrum

Vertical orientation

Horizontal orientation

fx in cycles/image

0 f_{max}

Low spatial frequencies

High spatial frequencies

Log power spectrum

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Fourier basis element

\[ e^{-i2\pi(ux+vy)} \]

example, real part

\[ F^{u,v}(x,y) \]

\[ F^{u,v}(x,y) = \text{const. for } (ux+vy) = \text{const.} \]

Vector \((u,v)\)
- Magnitude gives frequency
- Direction gives orientation.

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Here $u$ and $v$ are larger than in the previous slide.
And larger still...

\[ e^{-\pi i (ux + vy)} \]

\[ e^{\pi i (ux + vy)} \]
2D FFT

Sinusoid with frequency = 1 and its FFT

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2D FFT

Sinusoid with frequency = 3 and its FFT

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Sinusoid with frequency = 5 and its FFT

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2D FFT

Sinusoid with frequency = 10 and its FFT

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Sinusoid with frequency = 15 and its FFT

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2D FFT

Sinusoid with varying frequency and their FFT

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Rotation

Sinusoid rotated at 30 degrees and its FFT

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2D FFT

Sinusoid rotated at 60 degrees and its FFT

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2D FFT

\[ F(u, v) = \frac{1}{MN} \cdot \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) e^{-i2\pi(xu/M + yv/N)} \]
Fourier analysis in images

Intensity Image

Fourier Image

http://sharp.bu.edu/~slehar/fourier/fourier.html#filtering
More: http://www.cs.unm.edu/~brayer/vision/fourier.html

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Signals can be composed

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Some important Fourier Transforms
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The Fourier Transform of some well-known images

Image

Log(1+Magnitude FT)

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Fourier Amplitude Spectrum

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Fourier transform magnitude

What in the image causes the dots?

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Masking out the fundamental and harmonics from periodic pillars

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The Convolution Theorem

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

\[ F[g * h] = F[g]F[h] \]

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

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

- **Convolution** in spatial domain is equivalent to **multiplication** in frequency domain!
Properties of Fourier Transforms

• Linearity \( \mathcal{F}[ax(t) + by(t)] = a\mathcal{F}[x(t)] + b\mathcal{F}[y(t)] \)

• Fourier transform of a real signal is symmetric about the origin

• The energy of the signal is the same as the energy of its Fourier transform

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Filtering in spatial domain

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Filtering in frequency domain
2D convolution theorem example

\[ f(x,y) \]

\[ h(x,y) \]

\[ g(x,y) \]

\[ |F(s_x,s_y)| \]

\[ |H(s_x,s_y)| \]

\[ |G(s_x,s_y)| \]

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Filtering

Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?

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Filtering

Gaussian
Filtering

Box Filter

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Fourier Transform pairs

Spatial domain

Frequency domain

\[ F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi sx} dx \]

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Low-pass, Band-pass, High-pass filters

low-pass:

High-pass / band-pass:

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Edges in images
FFT in Matlab

• Filtering with fft

\[
\text{im} = \ldots \% \text{“im” should be a gray-scale floating point image}
\]

\[
[\text{imh}, \text{imw}] = \text{size}(\text{im});
\]

\[
\text{fftsize} = 1024; \% \text{should be order of 2 (for speed) and include padding}
\]

\[
\text{im}_\text{fft} = \text{fft2}(\text{im}, \text{fftsize}, \text{fftsize}); \% 1) \text{fft im with padding}
\]

\[
\text{hs} = 50; \% \text{filter half-size}
\]

\[
\text{fil} = \text{fspecial}(\text{‘gaussian’}, \text{hs}*2+1, 10);
\]

\[
\text{fil}_\text{fft} = \text{fft2}(\text{fil}, \text{fftsize}, \text{fftsize}); \% 2) \text{fft fil, pad to same size as image}
\]

\[
\text{im}_\text{fil}_\text{fft} = \text{im}_\text{fft} .* \text{fil}_\text{fft}; \% 3) \text{multiply fft images}
\]

\[
\text{im}_\text{fil} = \text{ifft2}(\text{im}_\text{fil}_\text{fft}); \% 4) \text{inverse fft2}
\]

\[
\text{im}_\text{fil} = \text{im}_\text{fil}(1+\text{hs} : \text{size}(\text{im},1)+\text{hs}, 1+\text{hs} : \text{size}(\text{im},2)+\text{hs}); \% 5) \text{remove padding}
\]

• Displaying with fft

\[
\text{figure}(1), \text{imagesc}(\log(\text{abs}((\text{fftshift}(\text{im}_\text{fft}))))), \text{axis image}, \text{colormap jet}
\]
Phase and Magnitude

• Curious fact
  – all natural images have about the same magnitude transform
  – hence, phase seems to matter, but magnitude largely doesn’t

• Demonstration
  – Take two pictures, swap the phase transforms, compute the inverse - what does the result look like?
This is the magnitude transform of the cheetah picture.

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This is the magnitude transform of the zebra picture

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Reconstruction with zebra phase, cheetah magnitude

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Clues from Human Perception

- Early processing in humans filters for various orientations and scales of frequency
- Perceptual cues in the mid-high frequencies dominate perception
- When we see an image from far away, we are effectively subsampling it

Early Visual Processing: Multi-scale edge and blob filters

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Campbell-Robson contrast sensitivity curve

The higher the frequency the less sensitive human visual system is...
Lossy Image Compression (JPEG)

\[ X_{k_1,k_2} = \sum_{n_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2-1} x_{n_1,n_2} \cos \left[ \frac{\pi}{N_1} \left( n_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) k_1 \right] \cos \left[ \frac{\pi}{N_2} \left( n_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) k_2 \right]. \]
Using DCT in JPEG

- The first coefficient $B(0,0)$ is the DC component, the average intensity.
- The top-left coeffs represent low frequencies, the bottom right – high frequencies.

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Image compression using DCT

- DCT enables image compression by concentrating most image information in the low frequencies
- Loose unimportant image info (high frequencies) by cutting B(u,v) at bottom right
- The decoder computes the inverse DCT – IDCT
JPEG compression comparison

89k

12k

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Things to Remember

• Sometimes it makes sense to think of images and filtering in the frequency domain
  – Fourier analysis

• Can be faster to filter using FFT for large images (N logN vs. N² for auto-correlation)

• Images are mostly smooth
  – Basis for compression

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Practice question

1. Match the spatial domain image to the Fourier magnitude image
Summary

- Frequency domain techniques
- Images in terms of frequency
- Fourier Series
- Convolution Theorem
Next Week

• Sampling
• Gabor wavelets
• Steerable filters