

Computer Vision. Sheet 1

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1 Convolution theorem

$$\begin{aligned}(f * (g * h))(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1)(g * h)(t - t_1)dt_1 = \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1)\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t_2)h(t - t_1 - t_2)dt_2\right)dt_1 = \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1)g(t_2)h((t - t_1) - t_2)dt_2dt_1 = \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1)g((t_1 + t_2) - t_1)h(t - (t_1 + t_2))dt_2dt_1 = \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1)g(t_3 - t_1)h(t - t_3)dt_3dt_1 = \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1)g(t_3 - t_1)dt_1\right)(h(t - t_3))dt_3 = \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f * g)(t_3)(h(t - t_3))dt_3 = \\&\quad ((f * g) * h)(t)\end{aligned}$$

6) Prove that convolution 2 times with Gauss kernel σ is the same as convolution once with Gauss kernel $\sigma\sqrt{2}$.

Fourier transform of a Gaussian, $f_x(x) = N(x, \mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$, :

$$\mathcal{F}\{f_x\} = F_x(\omega) = \exp[-j\omega\mu_x] \exp\left[-\frac{\sigma_x^2\omega^2}{2}\right]$$

By the convolution theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} f_z(z) &= (f_x * f_y)(z) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}\{f_x\} \cdot \mathcal{F}\{f_y\}\} = \\ &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left\{\exp[-j\omega\mu_x] \exp\left[-\frac{\sigma_x^2\omega^2}{2}\right] \exp[-j\omega\mu_y] \exp\left[-\frac{\sigma_y^2\omega^2}{2}\right]\right\} = \\ &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left\{\exp[-j\omega(\mu_x + \mu_y)] \exp\left[-\frac{(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)\omega^2}{2}\right]\right\} \\ &= N(z, \mu_x + \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2) \end{aligned}$$

In our case, $\mu_x = \mu_y = 0$, $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma$, $f_z(z) = (f_\sigma * f_\sigma)(z) = N(z, 0, 2\sigma^2)$.

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