Image Sampling and Interpolation

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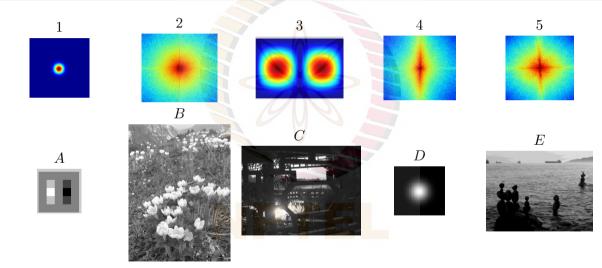
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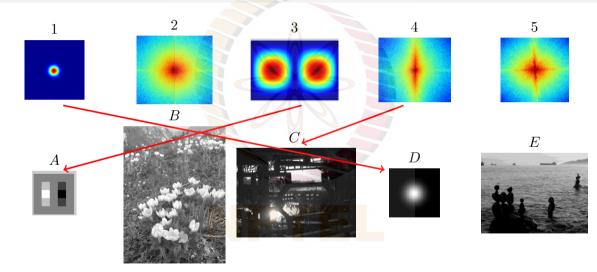
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- Image convolution needs $O(N^2 \cdot k^2)$ time, where $N \times N$ is image size, and $k \times k$ is kernel size
- By performing convolution in Fourier domain, cost is: $O(N^2)$ for a single pass over the image + cost of FFT: $O(N^2 \log N^2)$ for the image and $O(k^2 \log k^2)$ for the kernel $\approx O(N^2 \log N^2 + k^2 \log k^2)$, in total (other terms additive)

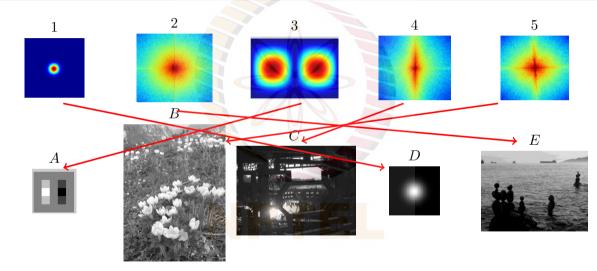
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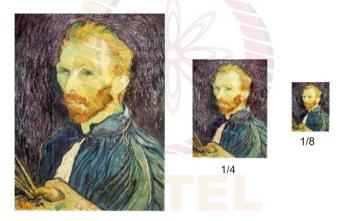
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Sub-sampling

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



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Why does this look so crufty?

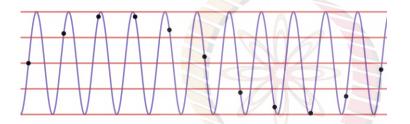


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What's happening?



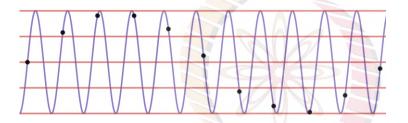
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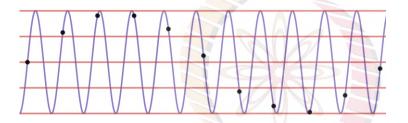
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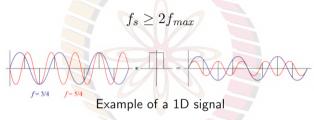
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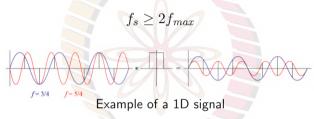
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$$f_s \geq 2 f_{max}$$

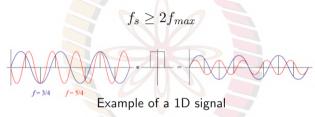
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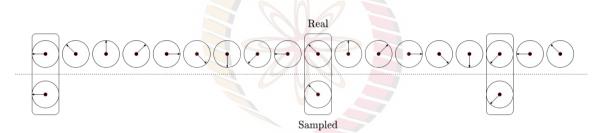
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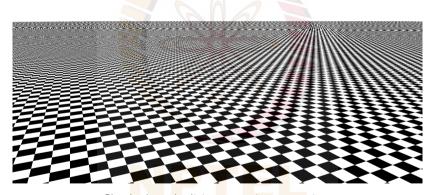
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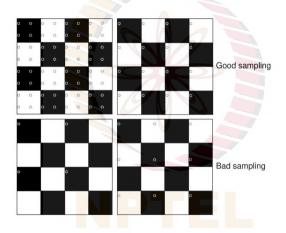
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Aliasing: Nyquist Limit 2D example

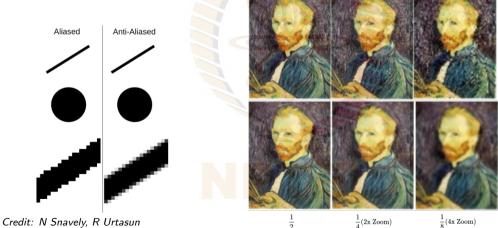


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Example: Gaussian Pre-filtering



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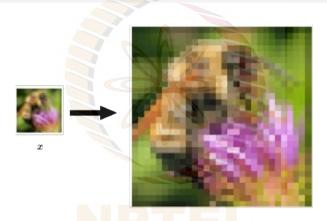
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Subsampling with Gaussian Pre-filtering



Credit: N Snavely, R Urtasun

Upsampling



10x

How to go from left to right? **Interpolation**. Simple method: Repeat each row and column 10 times (Nearest Neighbour Interpolation).



F[x] $\downarrow h$ $\downarrow 1$ $\downarrow 2$ $\downarrow 2.5$ $\downarrow 3$ $\downarrow 4$ $\downarrow 5$ $\downarrow x$

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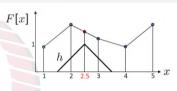
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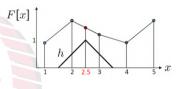
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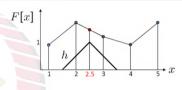
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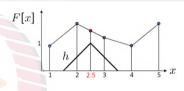
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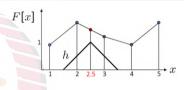
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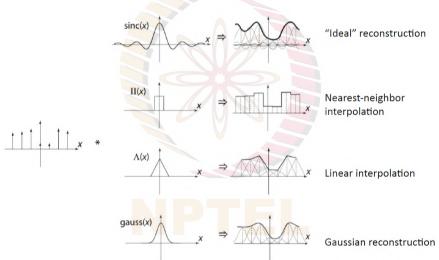
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Types of Interpolation



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Examples

Original Image:



Upsampled Images:







Left to right: Nearest Neightbour Interpolation, Bilinear Interpolation, Bicubic Interpolation.

Interpolation and Decimation

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Decimation (Sub-sampling)

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Homework

Readings

- Chapter 3 (§3.5.1-3.5.2), Szeliski, Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications
- Chapter 7 (§7.4), Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision: A Modern Approach

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