

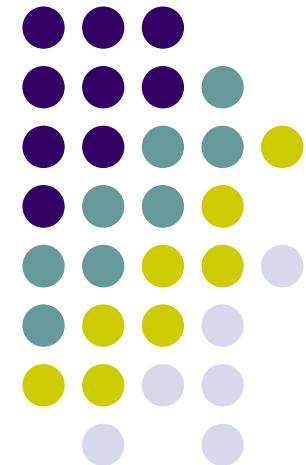
# Digital Image Processing (CS/ECE 545)

## Lecture 10: Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

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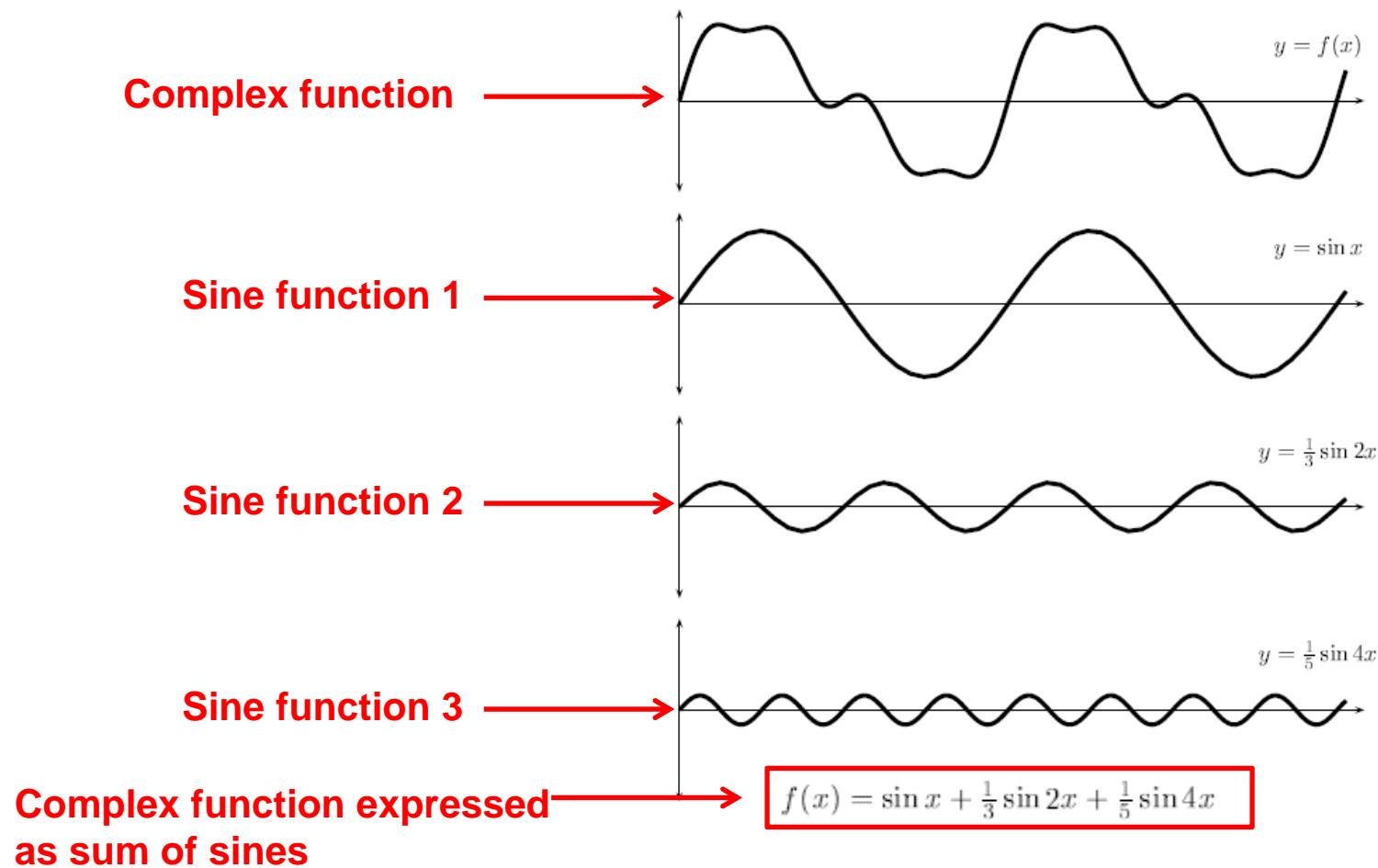
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# Fourier Transform

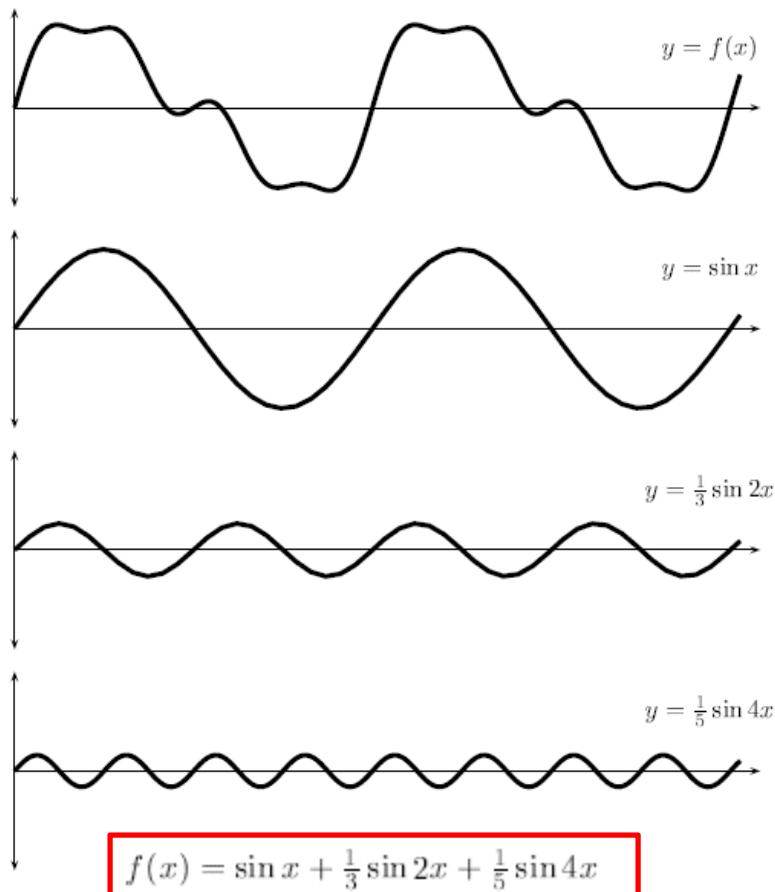
- **Main idea:** Any periodic function can be decomposed into a summation of sines and cosines





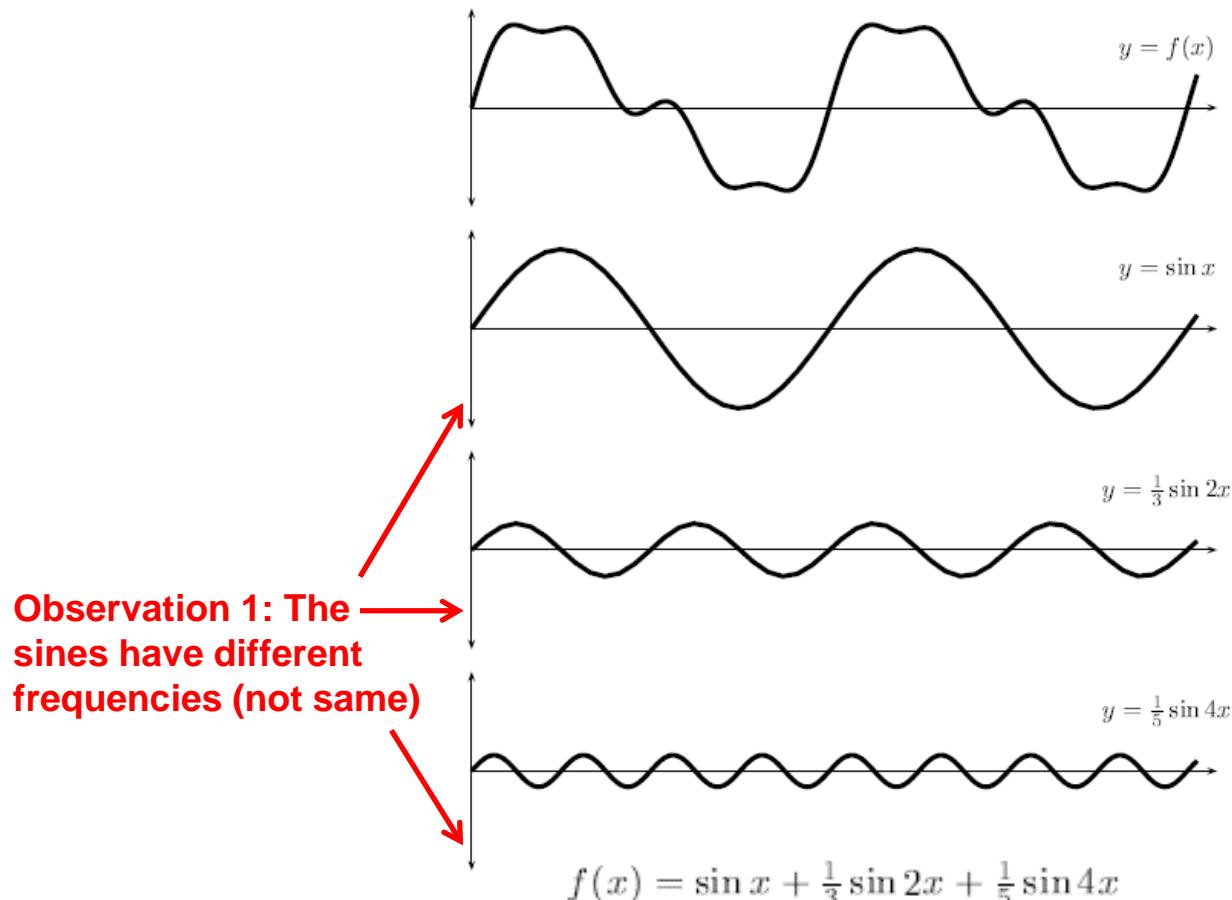
# Fourier Transform: Why?

- Mathematically easier to analyze effects of transmission medium, noise, etc on simple sine functions, then add to get effect on complex signal





# Fourier Transform: Some Observations



Observation 1: The sines have different frequencies (not same)

Observation 2: Frequencies of sines are multiples of each other (called harmonics)

Frequency = 1x

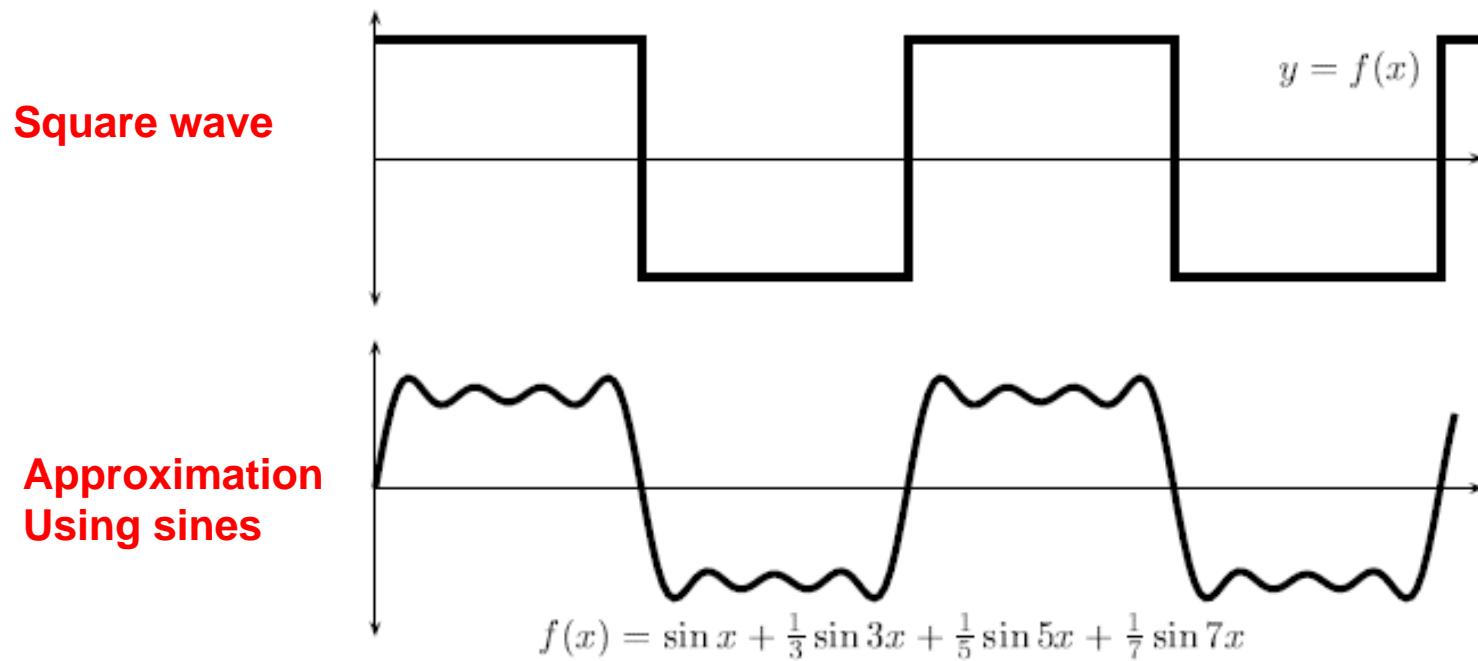
Frequency = 2x

Frequency = 4x

Observation 3: Different amounts of different sines added together (e.g. 1/3, 1/5, etc)



# Fourier Transform: Another Example



**Observation 4: The sine terms go to infinity.  
The more sines we add, the closer the  
approximation of the original.**



# Who is Fourier?

- French mathematician and physicist
- Lived 1768 - 1830





# Fourier Series Expansion

- If  $f(x)$  is **periodic function** of period  $2T$
- **Fourier series expansion**

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{T} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{T})$$

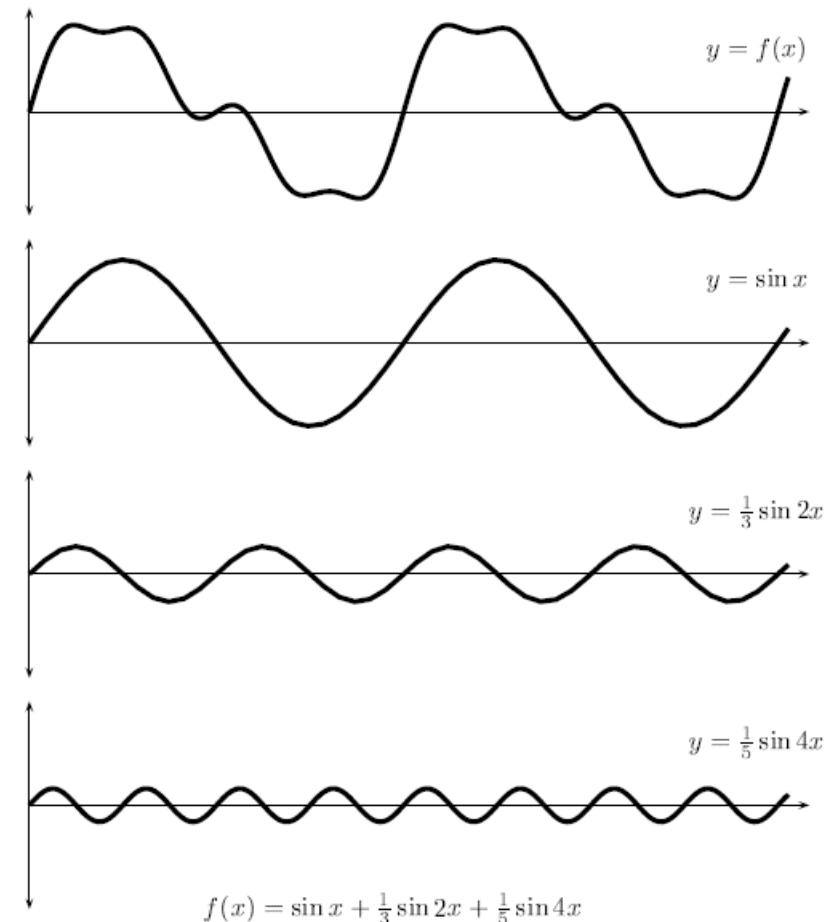
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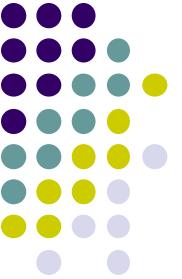
$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{T} dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{T} dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- **$a_n$**  and  **$b_n$**  called **Fourier coefficients**





## Complex Form of Fourier Series Expansion

- Fourier series expansion of  $f(x)$

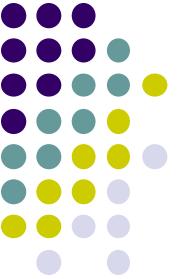
$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{T} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{T})$$

can be expressed in complex form as:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \exp(i \frac{n\pi x}{T}) dx$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \exp(-i \frac{n\pi x}{T}) dx$$



# Fourier Series of Periodic Functions

- (Almost) any periodic function  $g(x)$  with fundamental frequency  $\omega_0$  can be described as a sum of sinusoids

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [A_k \cos(k\omega_0 x) + B_k \sin(k\omega_0 x)]$$

Infinite sum of      **Cosines**      **Sines**

- This infinite sum is called a **Fourier Series**
- Summed sines and cosines are multiples of the fundamental frequency (harmonics)
- $A_k$  and  $B_k$  called **Fourier coefficients**
  - Not known initially but derived from original function  $g(x)$  during **Fourier analysis**



# Fourier Integral

- For non-periodic functions we can get similar results by letting period  $T \rightarrow \infty$  similar ideas yield **Fourier Integral** (integration of densely packed sines and cosines)

$$g(x) = \int_0^{\infty} A_{\omega} \cos(\omega x) + B_{\omega} \sin(\omega x) \, d\omega$$

where coefficients can be found as

$$A_{\omega} = A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot \cos(\omega x) \, dx$$

$$B_{\omega} = B(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot \sin(\omega x) \, dx$$



# Fourier Transform

- **Fourier Transform:** Transition of function  $g(x)$  to its Fourier spectrum  $G(\omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} G(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot [\cos(\omega x) - i \cdot \sin(\omega x)] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot e^{-i\omega x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

- **Inverse Fourier Transform:** Reconstruction of original function  $g(x)$  from its Fourier spectrum  $G(\omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) \cdot [\cos(\omega x) + i \cdot \sin(\omega x)] d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) \cdot e^{i\omega x} d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

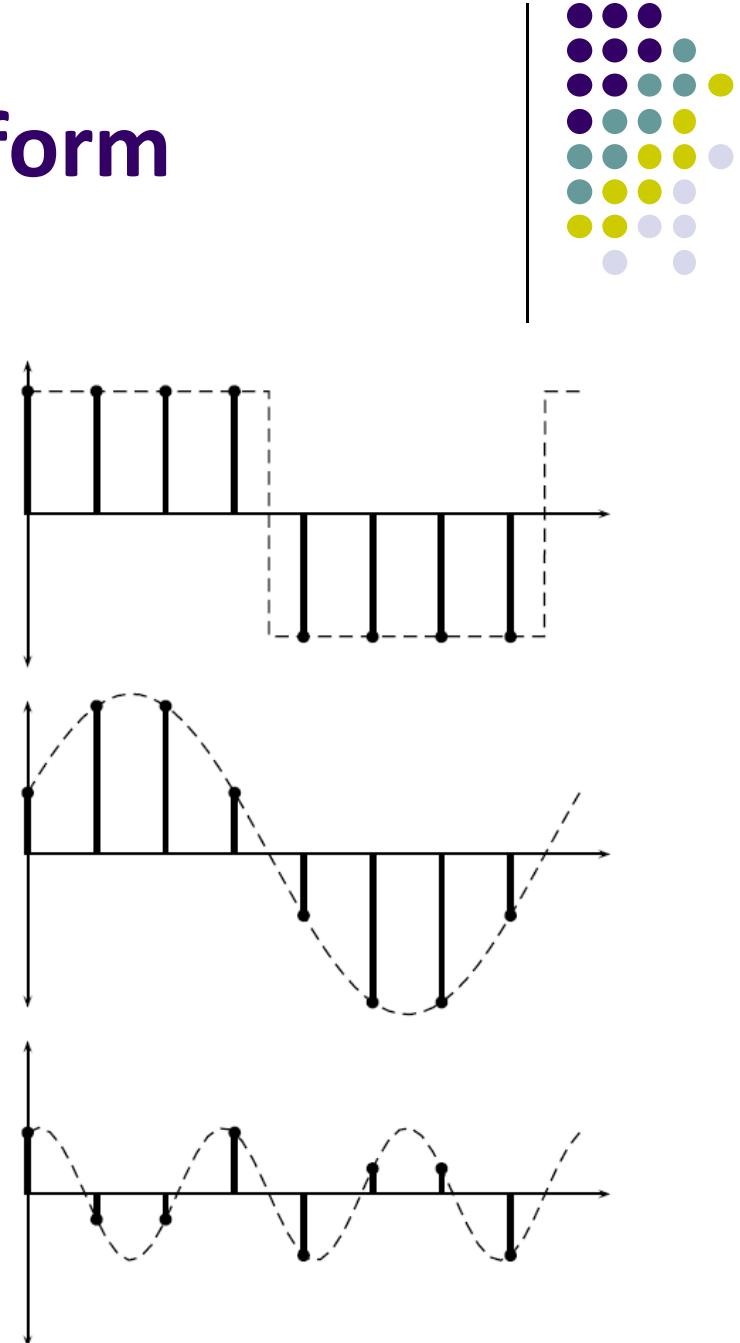
- $G(\omega) + g(x)$  called **Fourier transform pair**

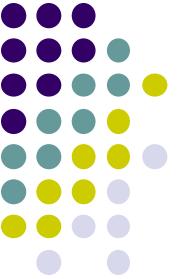
# 1D Discrete Fourier Transform

- **Image is a discrete 2D function!!**
- For discrete functions we need only finite number of functions
- For example, consider the discrete sequence

1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1

- Above is discrete approximation to square wave
- Can use Fourier transform to express as sum of 2 sine functions





# Definition of 1D DFT

- Suppose

$$\mathbf{f} = [f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{N-1}]$$

is a sequence of length  $N$

$$\mathbf{F} = [F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{N-1}]$$

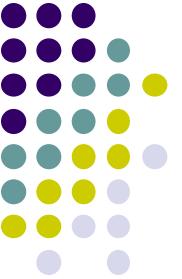
Compare with complex form of coefficients

where

$$c_n(x) = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \exp\left(\frac{-inx}{T}\right) dx$$

$$F_u = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \exp\left[-2\pi i \frac{xu}{N}\right] f_x$$

- **Interpretation:** Basis functions completes  $x$  cycles over distance  $N$
- Similar to Fourier series expansion
- Instead of integral, we now have a finite sum



# Inverse 1D DFT

- Formula for inverse

DFT equation

$$x_u = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \exp \left[ 2\pi i \frac{xu}{N} \right] F_u$$

$$F_u = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \exp \left[ -2\pi i \frac{xu}{N} \right] f_x$$

- Compared to DFT equation,
  - The inverse has no scaling factor 1/N
  - The sign inside the square bracket has been changed to +ve



# Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

- Many ways to compute DFT quickly
- **Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)** algorithm is one such way
- One FFT computation method
  - Divides original vector into 2
  - Calculates FFT of each half recursively
  - Merges results



# FFT Computation Time Savings

- Direct computation takes time:  $2^{2n}$  multiplications
- FFT method takes:  $n2^n$  multiplications
- Time savings:  $2^n/n$

$2^n$	Direct arithmetic	FFT	Increase in speed
4	16	8	2.0
8	84	24	2.67
16	256	64	4.0
32	1024	160	6.4
64	4096	384	10.67
128	16384	896	18.3
256	65536	2048	32.0
512	262144	4608	56.9
1024	1048576	10240	102.4



## 2D DFT

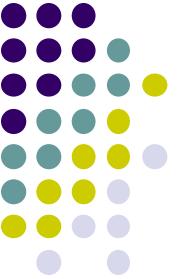
- Thus if the matrix  $F$  is the Fourier Transform of  $f$  we can write

$$F = \mathcal{F}(f)$$

- The original matrix  $f$  is the Inverse Fourier Transform of  $F$

$$f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(F).$$

- We have seen that a 1D function can be written as a sum of sines and cosines
- Image can be thought of as 2D function  $f$  that can be expressed as a sum of a **sines and cosines along 2 dimensions**

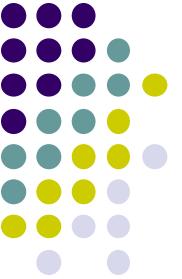


# 2D Fourier Transform

- Can be expressed as weighted sum of sines and cosines

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i2\pi(\frac{mu}{M} + \frac{nv}{N})} &= e^{i(\omega_m u + \omega_n v)} \\ &= \underbrace{\cos \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{mu}{M} + \frac{nv}{N} \right) \right]}_{C_{m,n}^{M,N}(u, v)} + i \cdot \underbrace{\sin \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{mu}{M} + \frac{nv}{N} \right) \right]}_{S_{m,n}^{M,N}(u, v)} \end{aligned}$$

- $m$  specifies how many cycles basis function performs over distance of  $M$  units
- $n$  specifies how many cycles basis function performs over distance of  $N$  units



# 2D Fourier Transform

- For  $M \times N$  matrix, forward and inverse fourier transforms can be written

$$F(u, v) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) \exp \left[ -2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right].$$

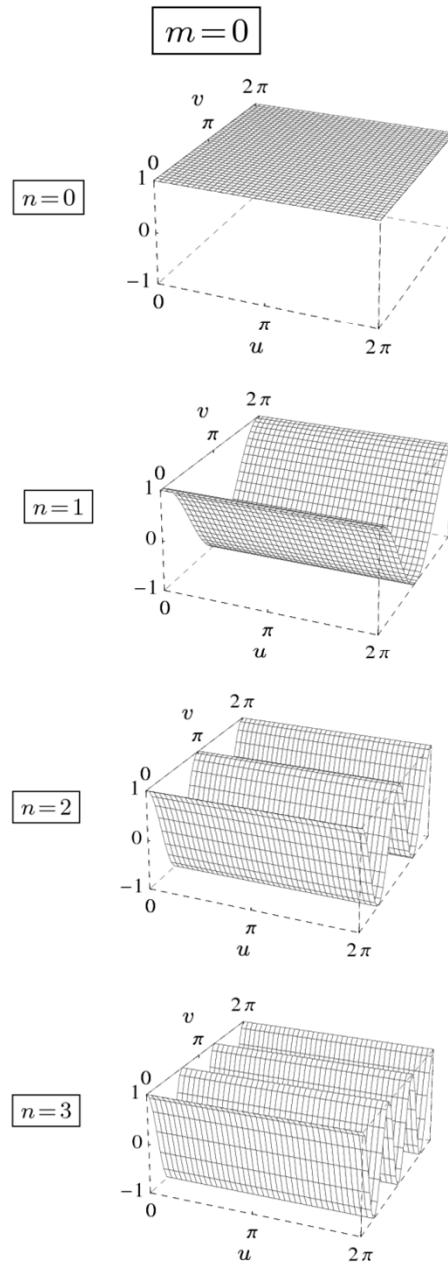
$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u, v) \exp \left[ 2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right].$$

where

- $x$  indices go from  $0 \dots M - 1$  ( $x$  cycles over distance  $M$ )
- $y$  indices go from  $0 \dots N - 1$  ( $y$  cycles over distance  $N$ )

# 2D Cosines functions

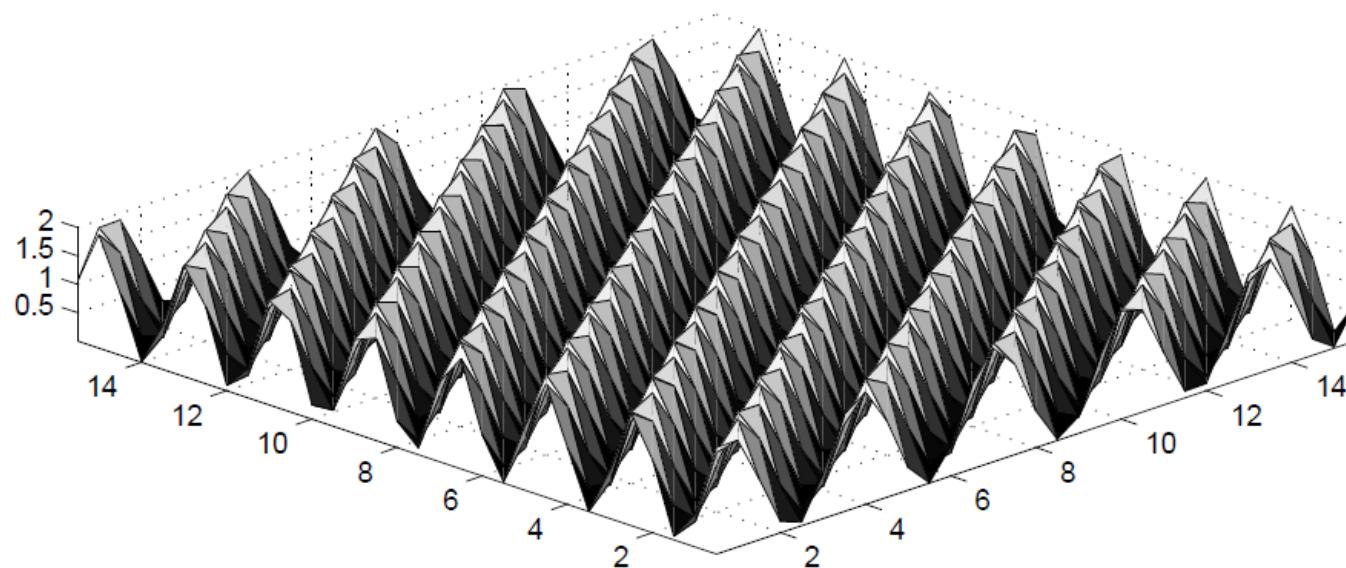
Orientation depend on  $m$  and  $n$



# 2D Fourier Transform: Corrugation of Functions



- Previous image just summed cosines
- Essentially, 2D Fourier Transform rewrites the original matrix by **summing sines and cosines in 2 direction = corrugations**



**Corrugations result when sines and cosines are summed in 2 directions**



# Properties of 2D Fourier Transform

- All properties of 1D Fourier transform apply + additional properties
- **Similarity:** Forward and inverse transforms are similar except
  1. scale factor  $1/MN$  in inverse transform
  2. Negative sign in exponent of forward transform

$$F(u, v) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) \exp \left[ -2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right].$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u, v) \exp \left[ 2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right].$$



# Properties of 2D Fourier Transform

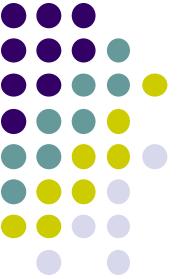
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$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u, v) \exp \left[ 2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right].$$

- **DFT as spatial filter:** These values are just basis functions (are independent of  $f$  and  $F$ )

$$\exp \left[ \pm 2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right]$$

- Can be computed in advance, put into formulas later
- Implies each value  $F(u, v)$  obtained by multiplying every value of  $f(x, y)$  by a fixed value, then adding up all results (similar to a filter!)
- **DFT can be considered a linear spatial filter as big as the image**



# Separability

- Notice that Fourier transform “filter elements” can be expressed as products

$$\exp \left[ 2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right] = \exp \left[ 2\pi i \frac{xu}{M} \right] \exp \left[ 2\pi i \frac{yv}{N} \right]$$

**2D DFT**                                    **1D DFT (row)**    **1D DFT (column)**

- Formula above can be broken down into simpler formulas for 1D DFT

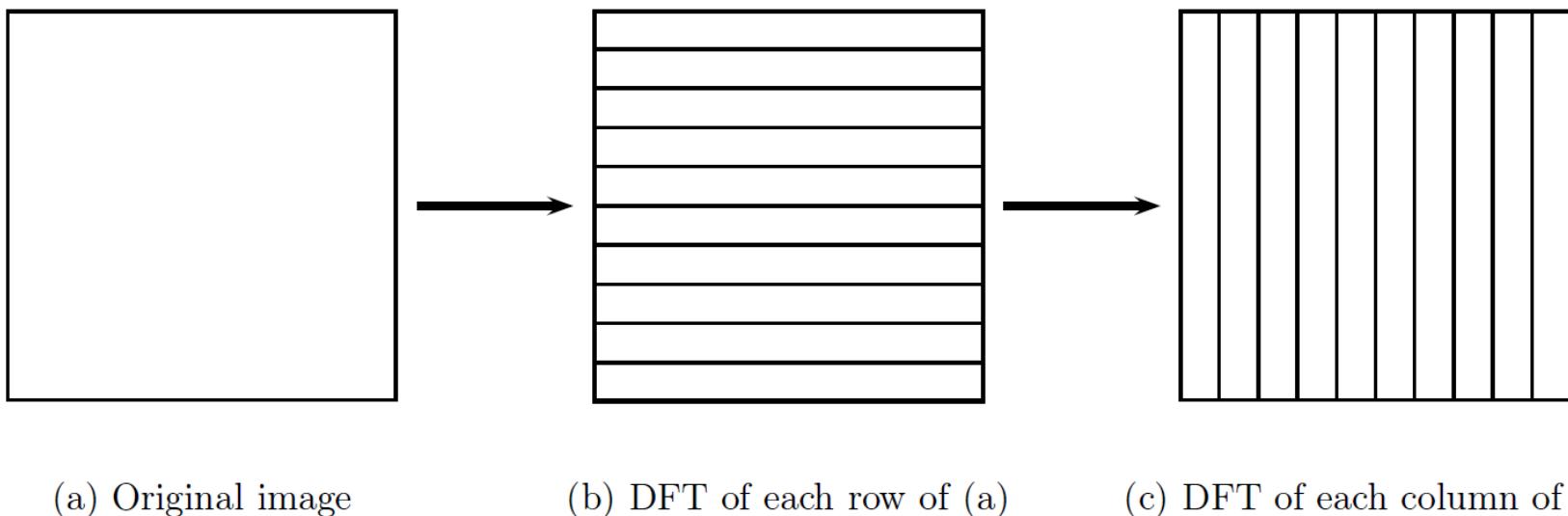
$$F(u) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} f(x) \exp \left[ -2\pi i \frac{xu}{M} \right],$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} F(u) \exp \left[ 2\pi i \frac{xu}{M} \right]$$

# Properties: Separability of 2D DFT



- Using their separability property, can use 1D DFTs to calculate rows then columns of 2D Fourier Transform





# Implementation of 2D DFT

- Can use separability to implement 2D DFT as sequence of 1D DFTs on rows and columns

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1: SEPARABLE 2D-DFT ( $g$ )            $\triangleright g(u, v) \in \mathbb{C}, 0 \leq u < M, 0 \leq v < N$ 
2:   for  $v \leftarrow 0 \dots N-1$  do
3:     Let  $g(\cdot, v)$  be the  $v$ th row vector of  $g$ :
        Replace  $g(\cdot, v)$  by  $\text{DFT}(g(\cdot, v))$ 
4:   for  $u \leftarrow 0 \dots M-1$  do
5:     Let  $g(u, \cdot)$  be the  $u$ th column vector of  $g$ :
        Replace  $g(u, \cdot)$  by  $\text{DFT}(g(u, \cdot))$ 
    Remark:  $g(u, v) \equiv G(u, v) \in \mathbb{C}$  now contains the discrete 2D spectrum.
6:   return  $g$ 
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# Properties of 2D DFT

- **Linearity:** DFT of a sum is equal to sum (or multiplication) of the individual DFT's

$$\mathcal{F}(f + g) = \mathcal{F}(f) + \mathcal{F}(g)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(kf) = k\mathcal{F}(f) \quad k \text{ is a scalar}$$

- Useful property for dealing with degradations that can be expressed as a sum (e.g. noise)

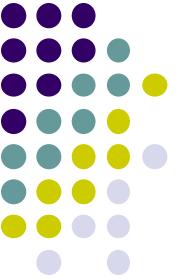
$$d = f + n$$

Where  $f$  is original image,  $n$  is the noise,  $d$  is degraded image

- We can find fourier transform as:

$$\mathcal{F}(d) = \mathcal{F}(f) + \mathcal{F}(n)$$

- Noise can be removed/reduced by modifying transform of  $n$



# Convolution using DFT

- DFT provides alternate method to do **convolution** of image  $M$  with spatial filter  $S$

1. Pad  $S$  to make it same size as  $M$ , yielding  $S'$
2. Form DFTs of both  $M$  and  $S'$
3. Multiply  $M$  and  $S'$  element by element

$$\mathcal{F}(M) \cdot \mathcal{F}(S')$$

1. Take inverse transform of result

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(M) \cdot \mathcal{F}(S')).$$

- Essentially

$$M * S = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(M) \cdot \mathcal{F}(S'))$$

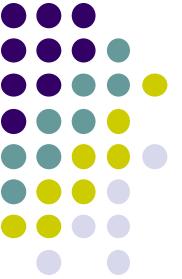
Or equivalently the convolution  $M * S$

$$\mathcal{F}(M * S) = \mathcal{F}(M) \cdot \mathcal{F}(S')$$



# Convolution using DFT

- Large speedups if  $S$  is large
- Example:  $M = 512 \times 512$ ,  $S = 32 \times 32$
- Direct computation:
  - $32^2 = 1024$  multiplications for each pixel
  - Total multiplications for entire image =  $512 \times 512 \times 1024 = \textcolor{red}{268,435,456}$  multiplications
- Using DFT:
  - Each row requires 4608 multiplications
  - Multiplications for rows =  $4608 \times 512 = 2,359,296$  multiplications
  - Repeat for columns, DFT of image = 4718592 multiplications
  - Need same for DFT of filter and for inverse DFT.
  - Also need  $512 \times 512$  multiplications for product of 2 transforms
  - Total multiplications =  $4718592 \times 3 + 262144 = \textcolor{red}{14,417,920}$



# DC Component

- Recall that:

$$F(u, v) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) \exp \left[ -2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right]$$

- The value  $F(0,0)$  of the DFT is called the **dc coefficient**
- If we put  $u = v = 0$ , then

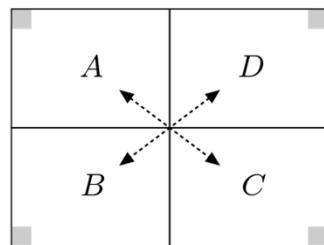
$$F(0,0) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) \exp(0) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y)$$

- Essentially  $F(0,0)$  is the sum of all terms in the original matrix

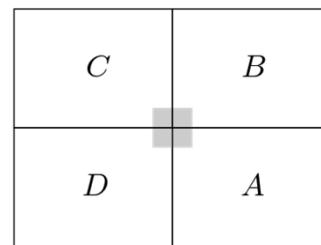


# Centering DFT Spectrum

- $F(0,0)$  at top left corner
- For display, convenient to have DC component in center
- Just swap four quadrants of Fourier transform

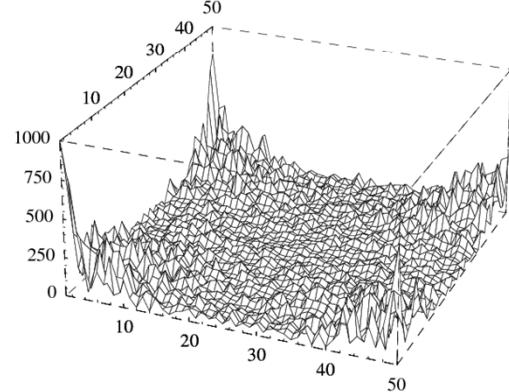


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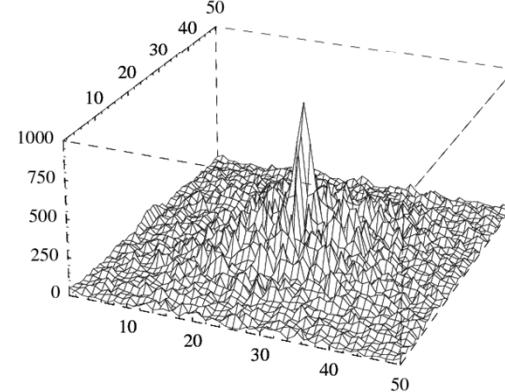


(b)

Swap 4 quadrants to center DC component



(c)



(d)

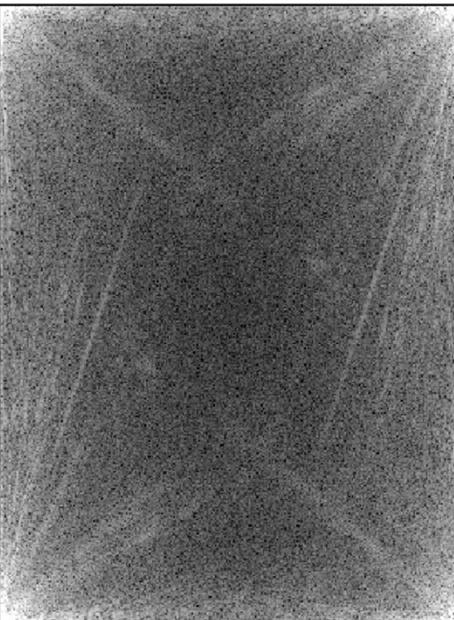
DFT spectrum after centering



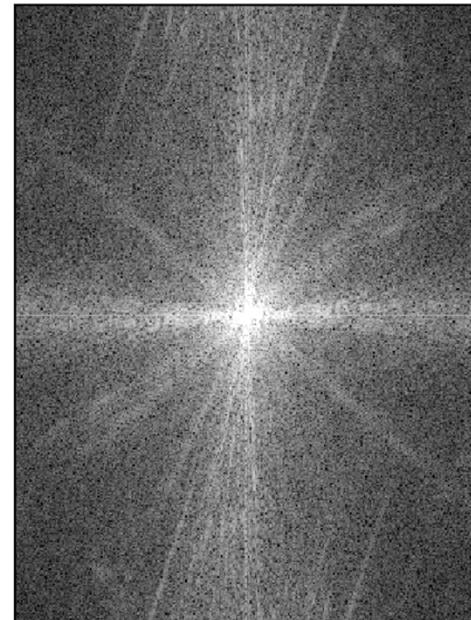
# Centering DFT Spectrum



Original Image



Non-centered  
spectrum



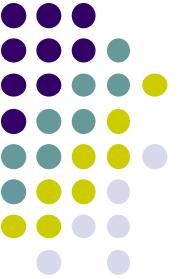
Centered  
spectrum



# Conjugate Symmetry

- DFT shows conjugate symmetry
- Half of the transform is mirror image of conjugate of other half
- **Implication:** information is contained in only half of a transform
- Other half is redundant

	$a$		$a^*$
$b^*$	$B^*$	$d^*$	$A^*$
	$c$		$c^*$
$b$	$A$	$d$	$B$



# Conjugate Symmetry

- Thus, if we put  $u = -u$ , and  $v = -v$  into the DFT equation

$$F(u, v) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) \exp \left[ -2\pi i \left( \frac{xu}{M} + \frac{yv}{N} \right) \right]$$

Then

$$\mathcal{F}(u, v) = \mathcal{F}^*(-u + pM, -v + qN)$$

for any integers  $p$  and  $q$

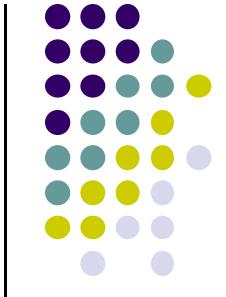
	$a$		$a^*$
$b^*$	$B^*$	$d^*$	$A^*$
	$c$		$c^*$
$b$	$A$	$d$	$B$



# Displaying Transforms

- As elements are complex numbers, we can view magnitudes  $|F(u, v)|$  directly
- Displaying magnitudes of Fourier transforms called **spectrum** of the transform
- **Problem:** DC component much larger than other values
  - Displays white dot in middle surrounded by black
- So stretch transform values by displaying log of transform

$$\log(1 + |F(u, v)|)$$



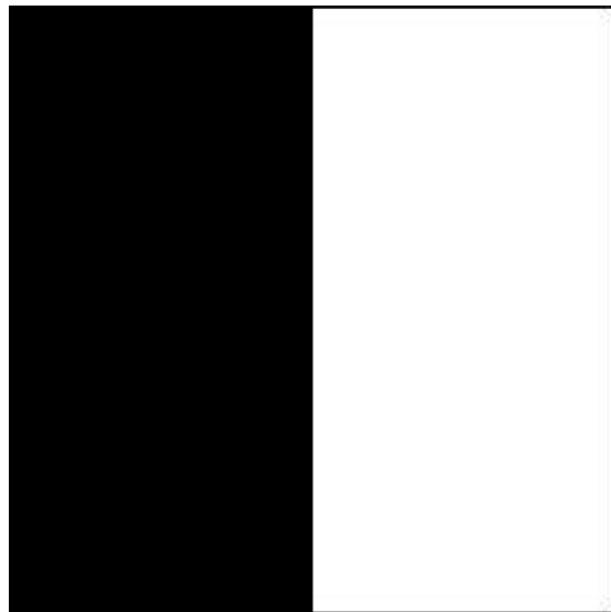
# Examples of DFTs

- Suppose we have as input a constant image of all 1's,  $f(x,y) = 1$
  - The DFT yields just a DC component, 0 everywhere else
  - In this example, DC component is sum of all elements = 64



# DFT of Image

- Consider DFT of image with single edge
- For display, DC component shifted to center
- Log of magnitudes of Fourier Transform displayed



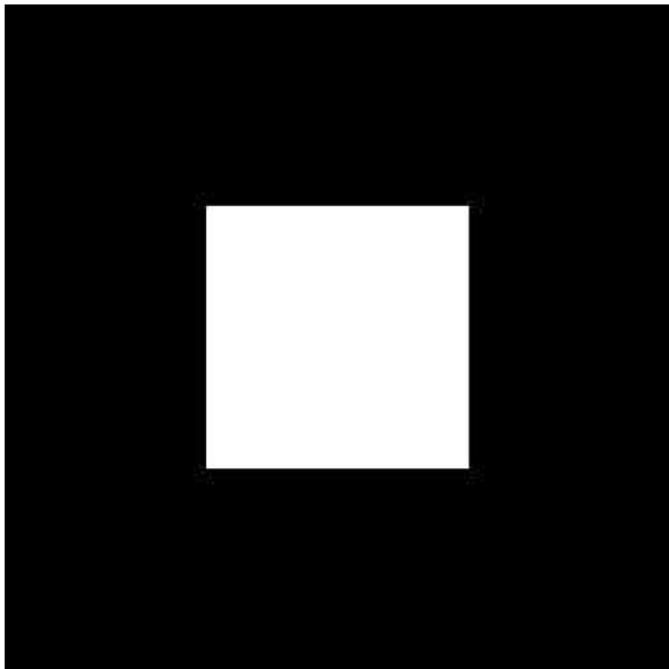
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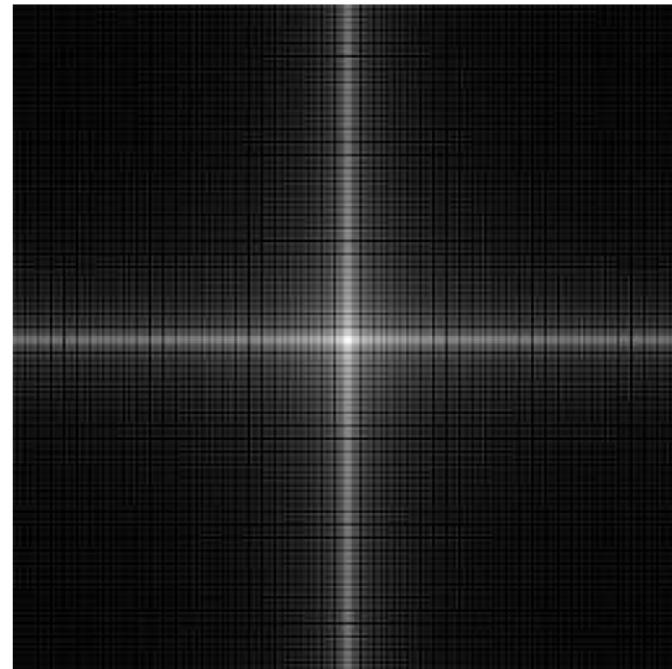
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# DFT Example: A Box



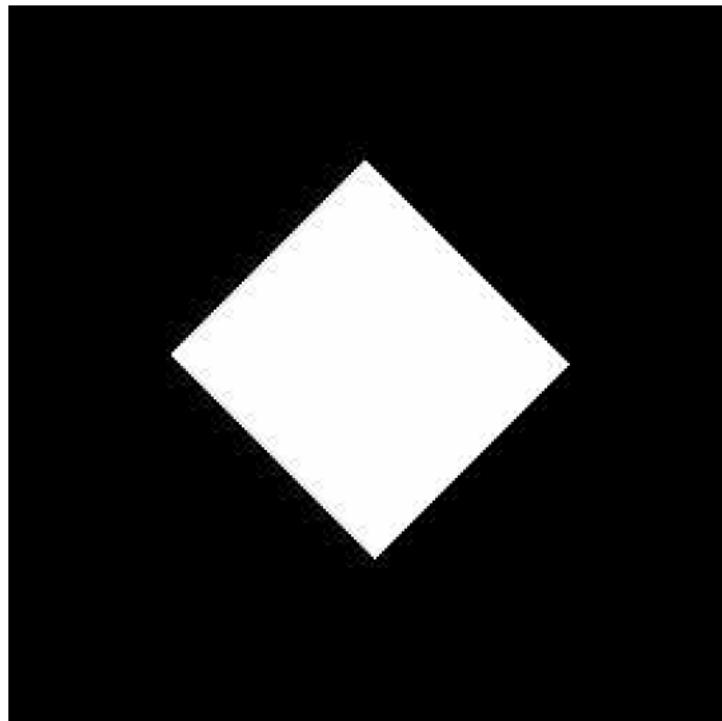
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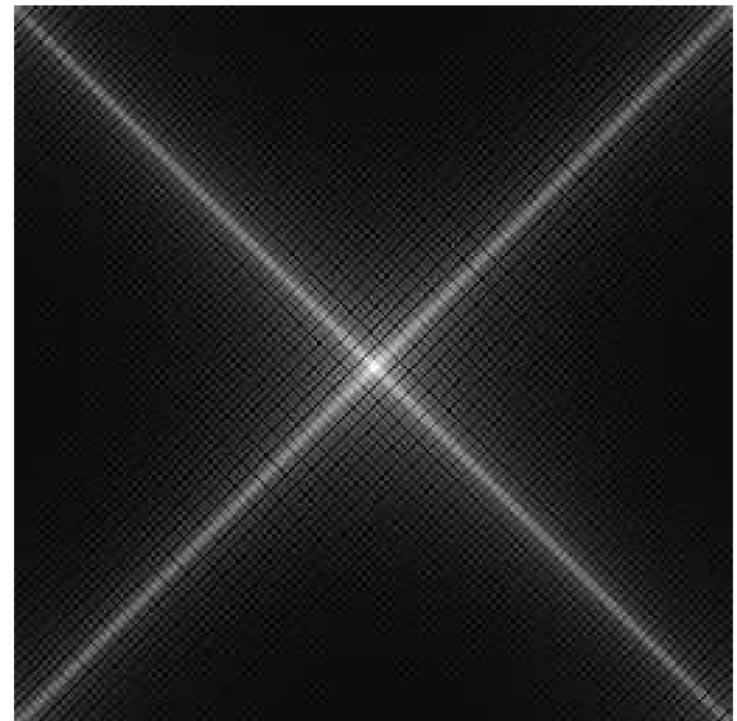
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# DFT Example: Rotated Box



Rotated Box

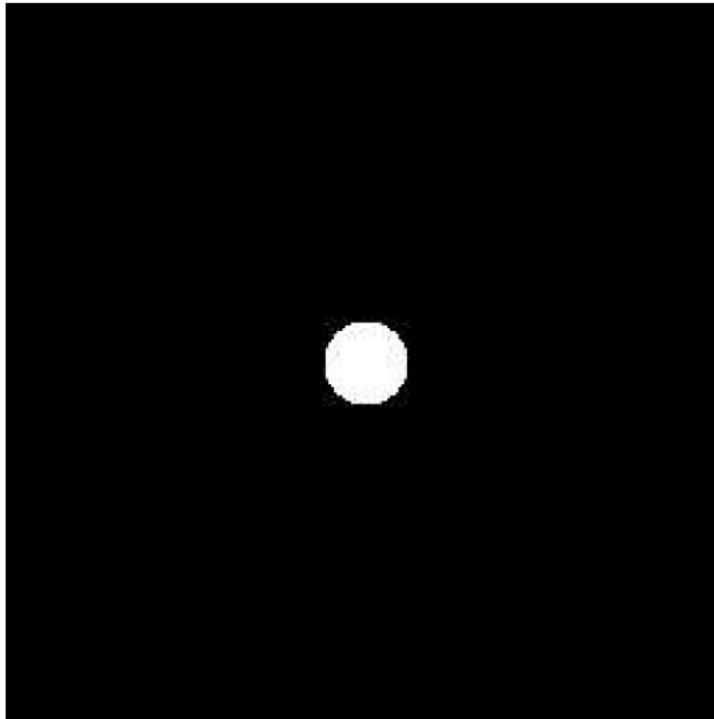


DFT

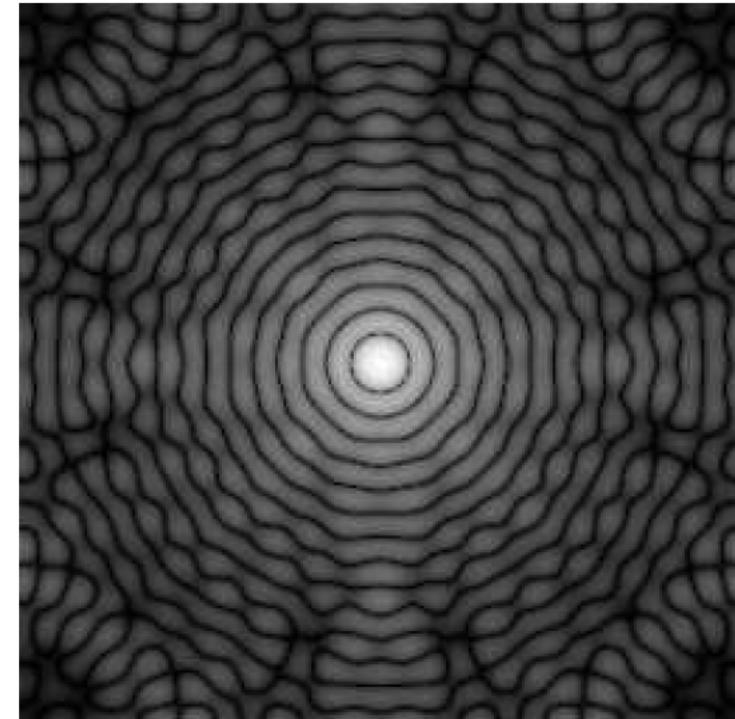


# DFT Example: A Circle

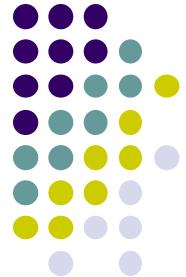
- **Note:** Ringing caused by sharp cutoff of circle
- Ringing does not occur if circle cutoff is gentle



Circle

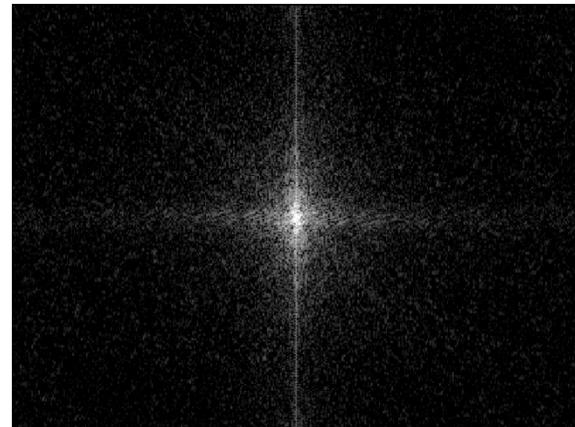


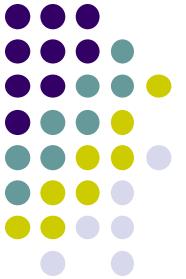
DFT



# DFT Computation: Repeated Image

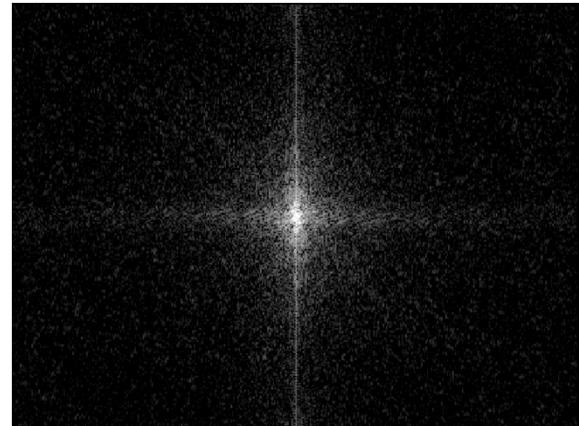
- DFT computation assumes image repeated horizontally and vertically
- Large intensity transition at edges = vertical and horizontal line in middle of spectrum after shifting
- Effects of sharp transitions affects many pixels

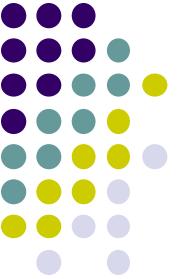




# Windowing

- Can multiply image by windowing function  $w(u,v)$  before DFT to reduce sharp transitions between ends of repeated images
- Ideally, causes image to drop off towards ends, reducing transitions





Definitions:

$$r_u = \frac{u-M/2}{M/2} = \frac{2u}{M} - 1 \quad r_v = \frac{v-N/2}{N/2} = \frac{2v}{N} - 1 \quad r_{u,v} = \sqrt{r_u^2 + r_v^2}$$


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**Elliptical window:**

$$w(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq r_{u,v} \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


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**Gaussian window:**

$$w(u, v) = e^{\left(\frac{-r_{u,v}^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}, \quad \sigma = 0.3 \dots 0.4$$


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**Super-Gaussian window:**  $w(u, v) = e^{\left(\frac{-r_{u,v}^n}{\kappa}\right)}, \quad n = 6, \kappa = 0.3 \dots 0.4$

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**Cosine<sup>2</sup> window:**

$$w(u, v) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}r_u\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}r_v\right) & \text{for } 0 \leq r_u, r_v \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


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**Bartlett window:**

$$w(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 - r_{u,v} & \text{for } 0 \leq r_{u,v} \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


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**Hanning window:**

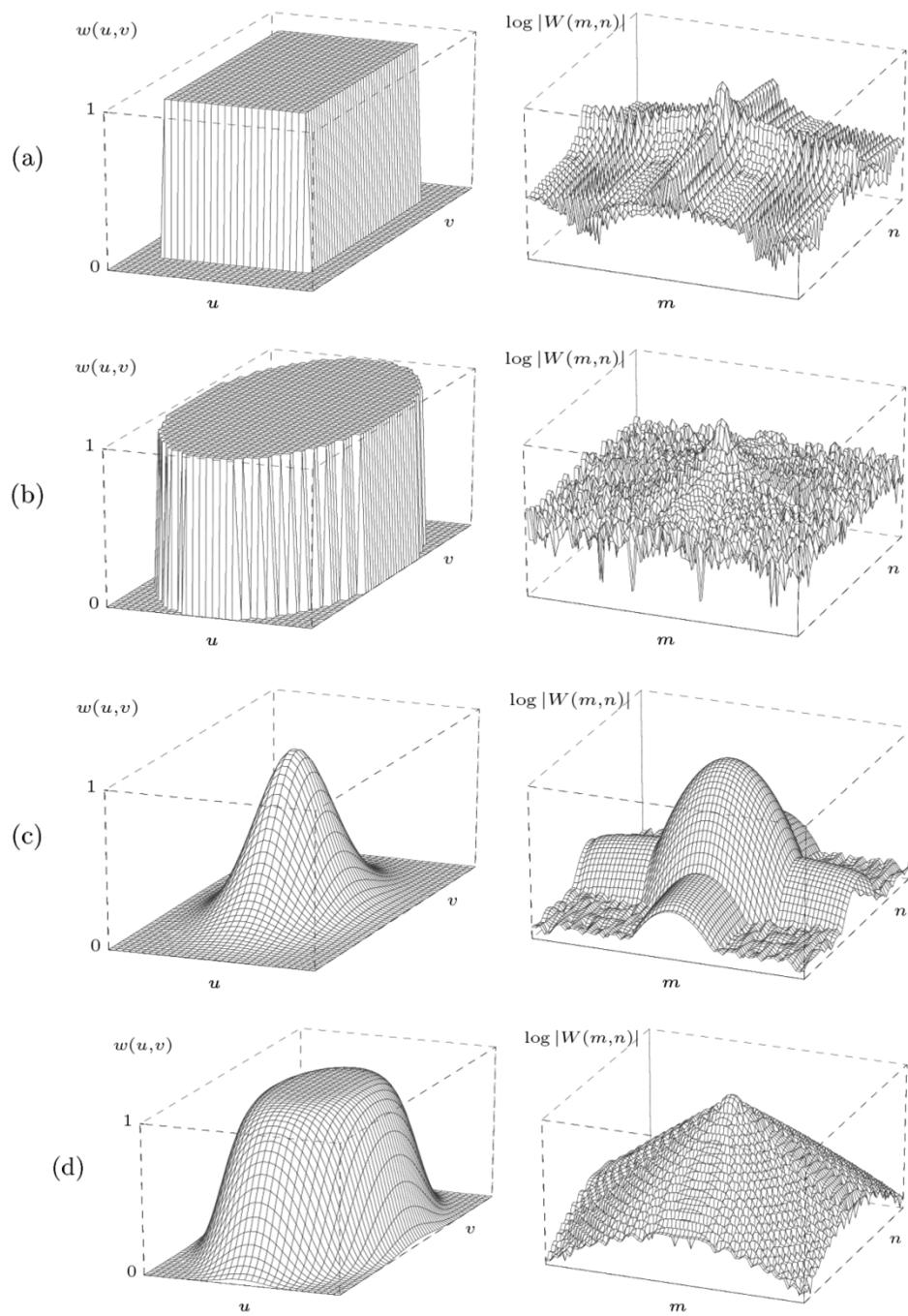
$$w(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0.5 \cdot \cos(\pi r_{u,v} + 1) & \text{for } 0 \leq r_{u,v} \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


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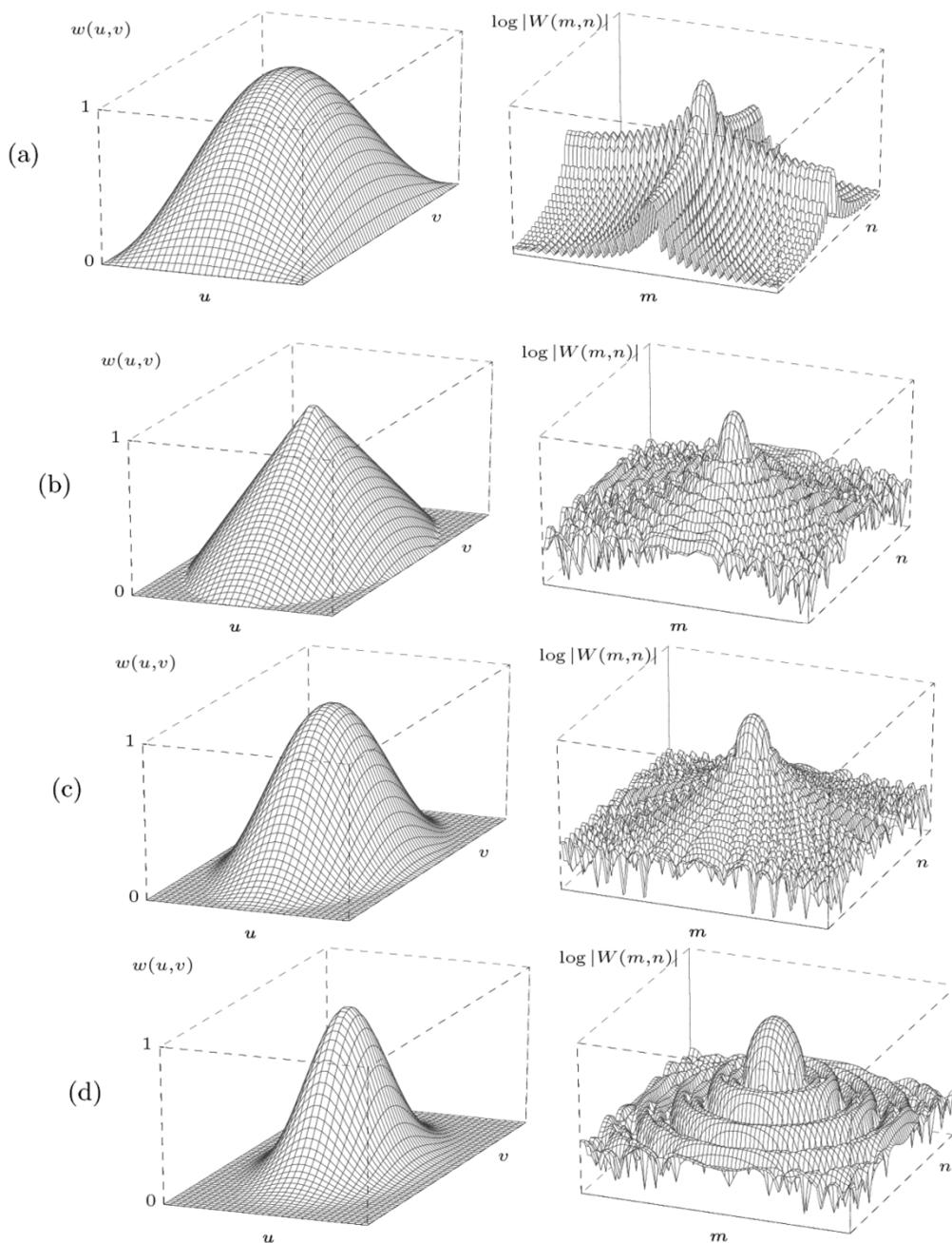
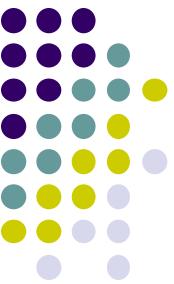
**Parzen window:**

$$w(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 - 6r_{u,v}^2 + 6r_{u,v}^3 & \text{for } 0 \leq r_{u,v} < 0.5 \\ 2 \cdot (1 - r_{u,v})^3 & \text{for } 0.5 \leq r_{u,v} < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

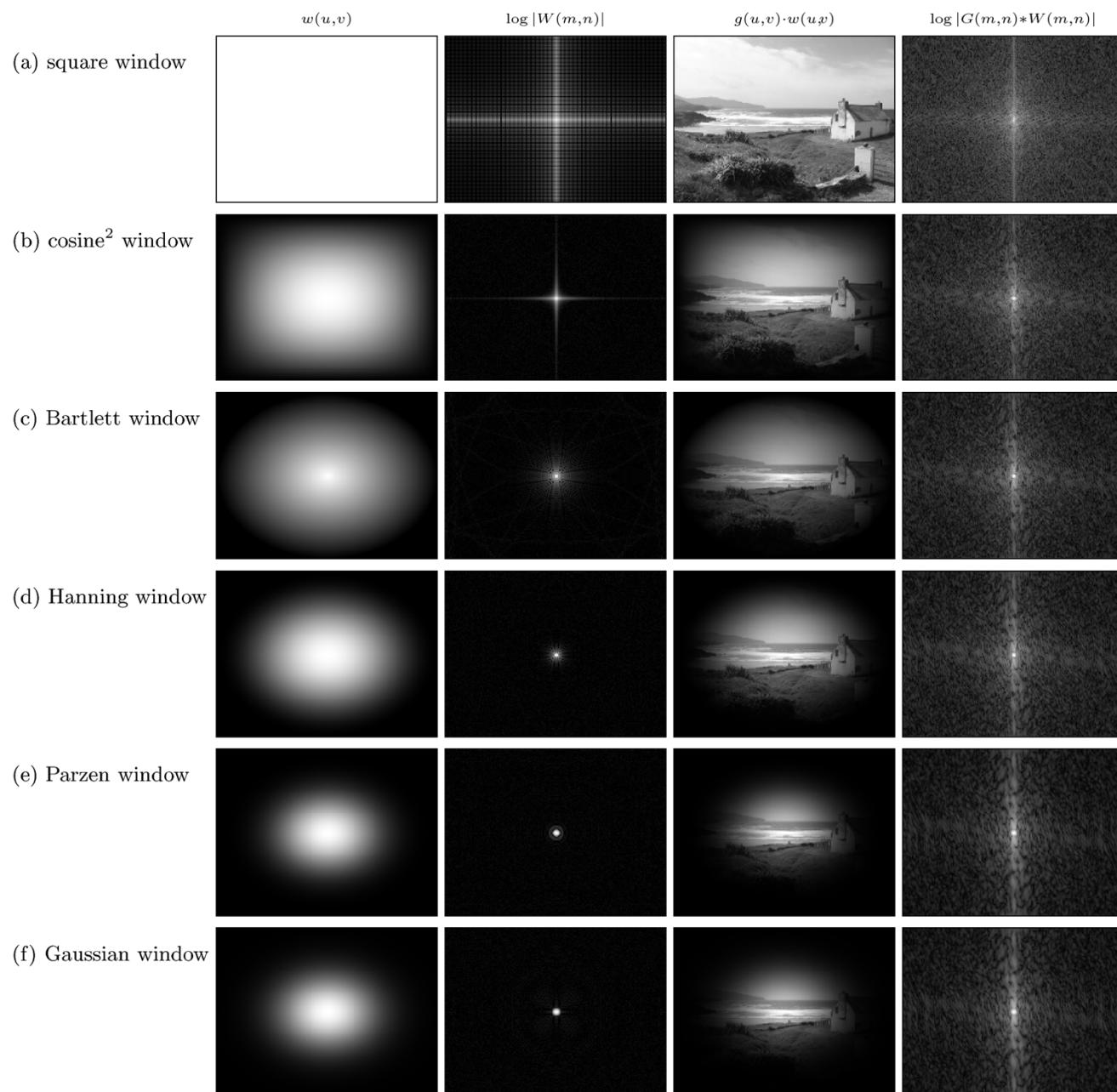
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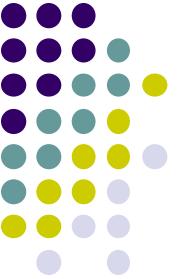


# Application of Windowing Functions



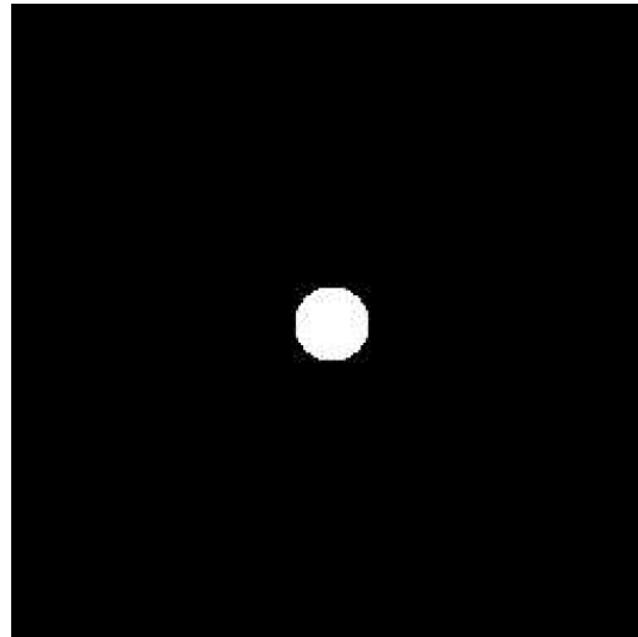
# Filtering in Frequency Domain

- one reason for using Fourier transform in image processing is due to convolution theorem
- Spatial convolution can be performed by element-wise multiplication of the Fourier transform by suitable “filter matrix”



# Ideal Low Pass Filtering

- **Low pass filter:** Keep frequencies **below** a certain frequency
- Low pass filtering causes **blurring**
- After DFT, DC components and low frequency components are towards center
- May specify frequency cutoff as circle c

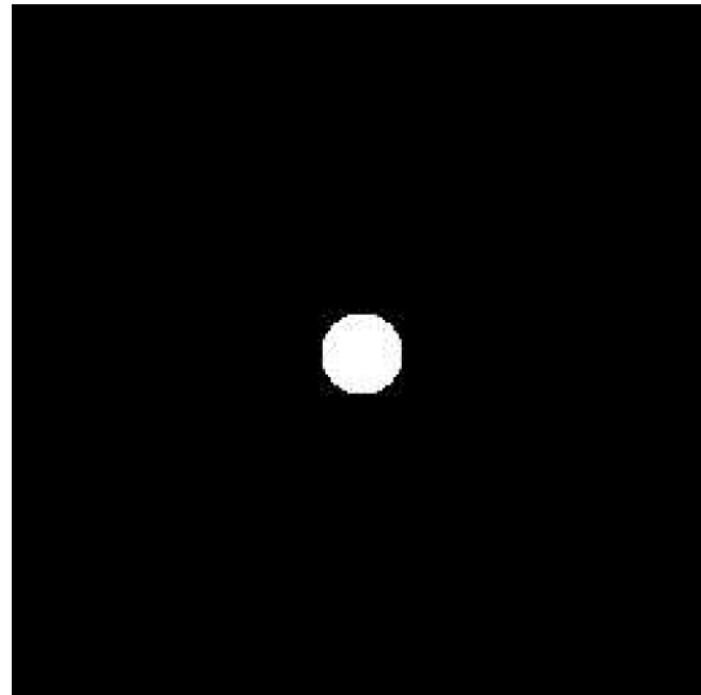




# Ideal Low Pass Filtering

- Multiply Image Fourier Transform  $F$  by some filter matrix  $m$

$$m(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is closer to the center than some value } D, \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is further from the center than } D. \end{cases}$$





# Ideal Low Pass Filtering

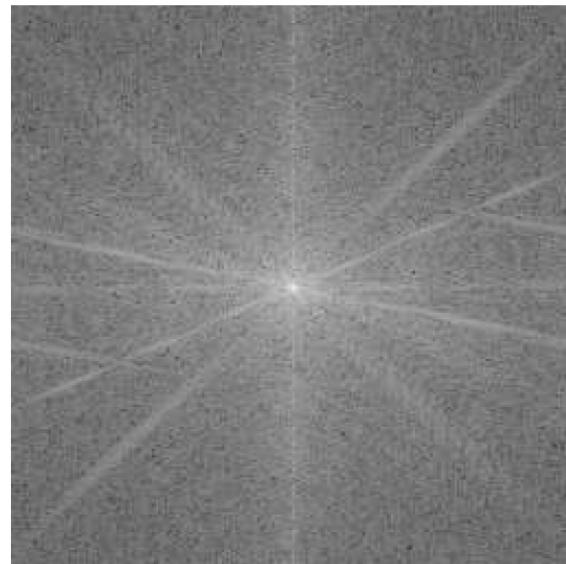
- Low pass filtered image is inverse Fourier Transform of product of  $F$  and  $m$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(F \cdot m)$$

- Example: Consider the following image and its DFT



Image



DFT

# Ideal Low Pass Filtering



Applying  
low pass filter  
to DFT  
Cutoff D = 15

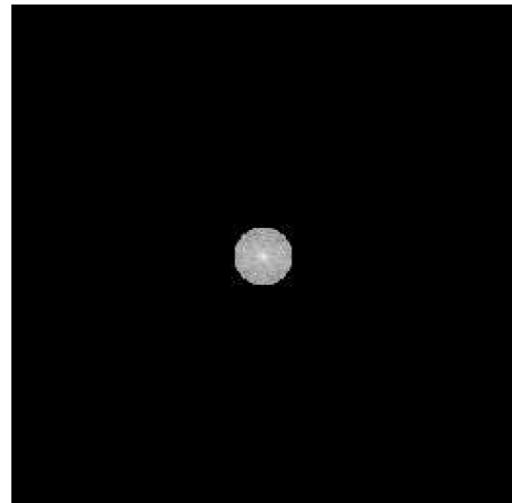
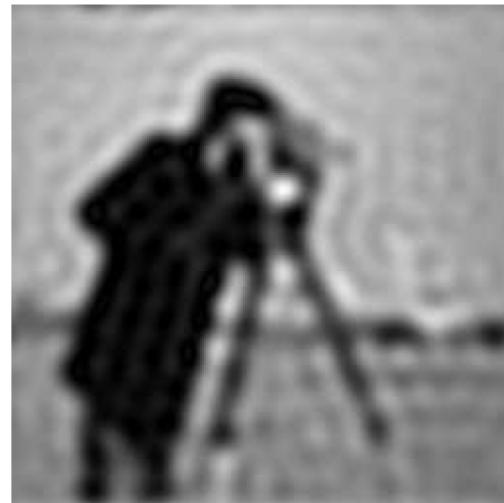
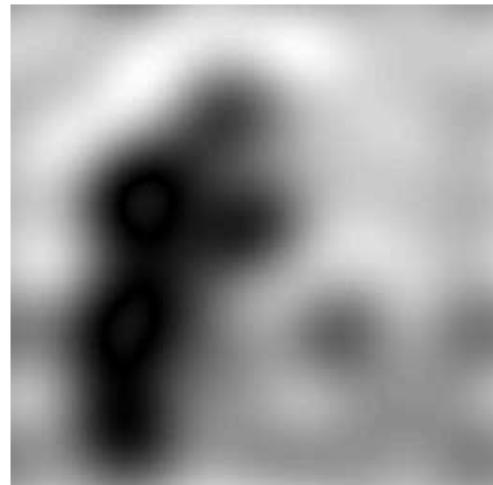


Image after  
inversion



low pass filter  
Cutoff D = 5



low pass filter  
Cutoff D = 30

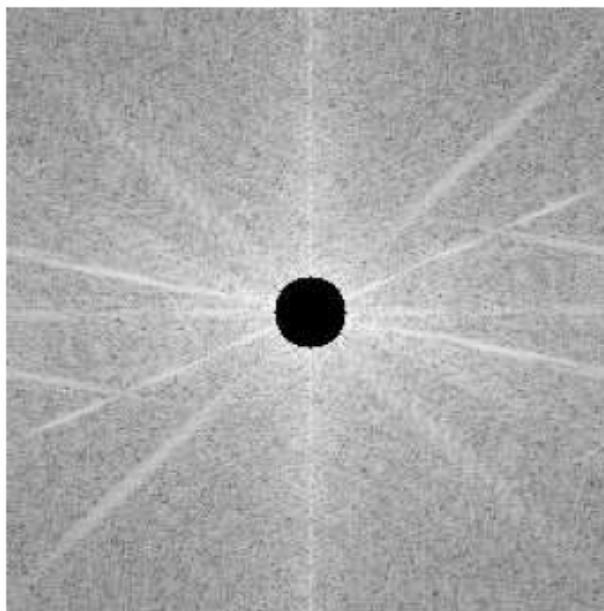


Note: Sharp filter  
Cutoff causes  
ringing



# Ideal High Pass Filtering

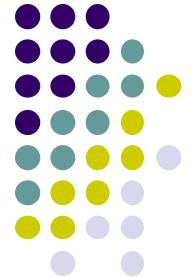
- Opposite of low pass filtering: eliminate center (low frequency values), keeping others
- High pass filtering causes image **sharpening**
- If we use circle as cutoff again, size affects results
  - Large cutoff = More information removed



DFT of Image after  
high pass Filtering

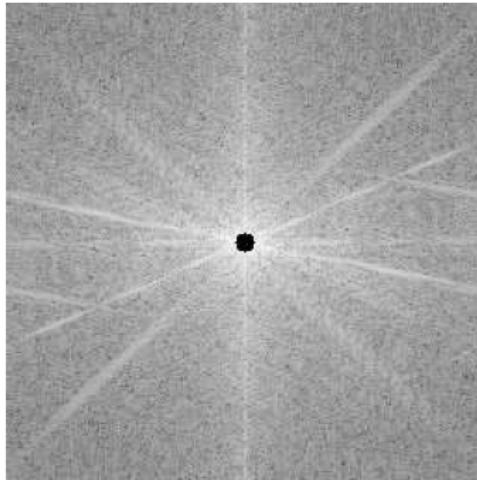


Resulting image  
after inverse DFT



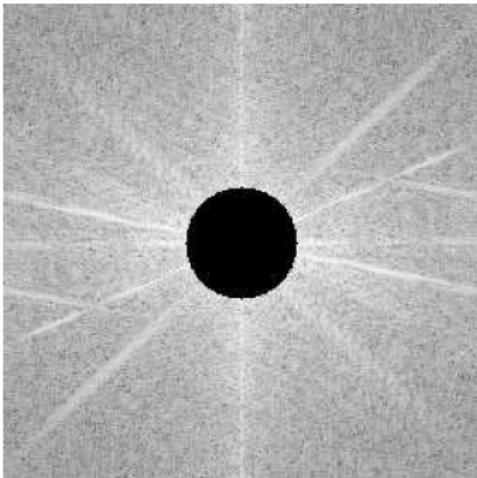
# Ideal High Pass Filtering: Effect of Cutoffs

High pass filtering  
of DFT with filter  
Cutoff D = 5



Low cutoff  
frequency removes  
Only few lowest  
frequencies

High pass filtering  
of DFT with filter  
Cutoff D = 30



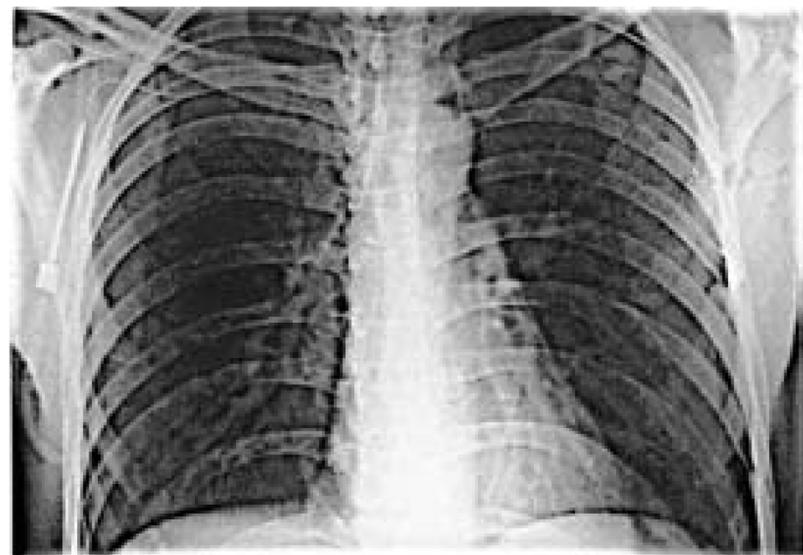
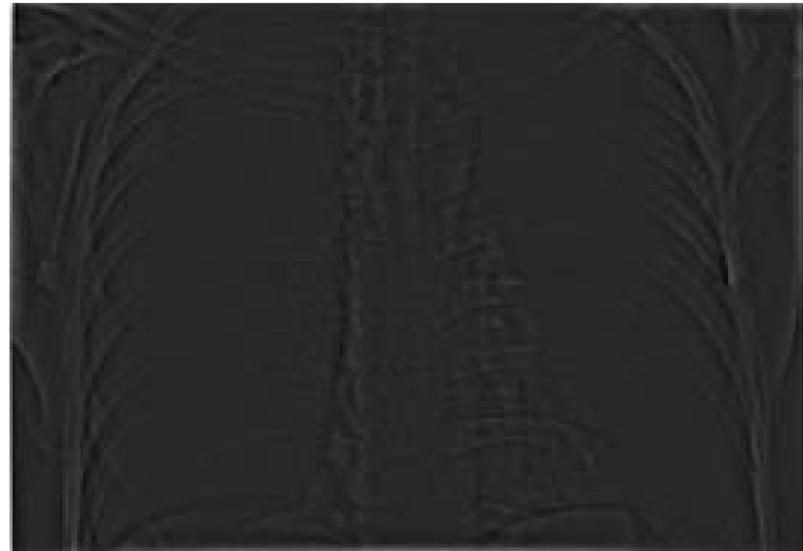
High cutoff  
frequency removes  
many frequencies,  
leaving only edges

# Highpass Filtering Example



Highpass filtering result

After histogram  
equalisation

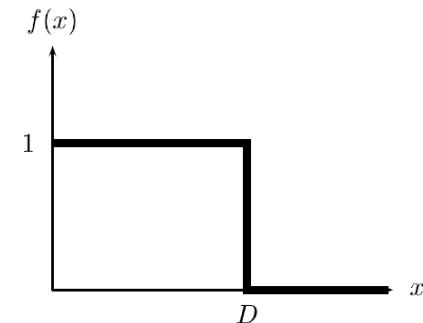




# Butterworth Filtering

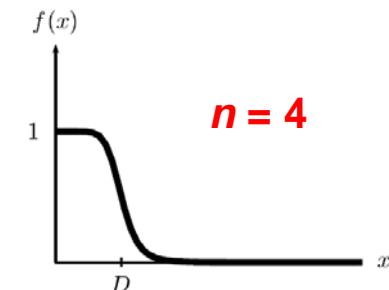
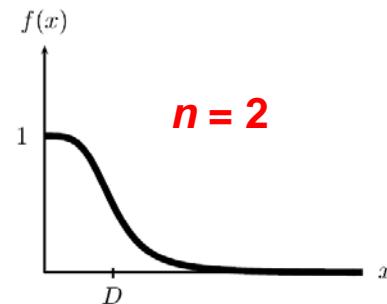
- Sharp cutoff leads to ringing
- To avoid ringing, can use circle with more gentle cutoff slope
- **Butterworth filters** have more gentle cutoff slopes
- Ideal low pass filter

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < D \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq D \end{cases}$$



- Butterworth low pass filter

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + (x/D)^{2n}}$$



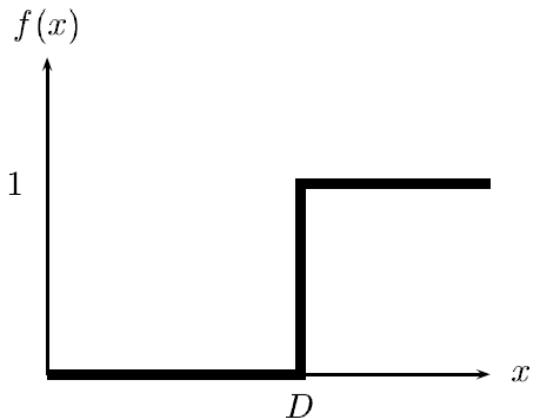
- $n$  called **order** of the filter, controls sharpness of cutoff



# Butterworth High Pass Filtering

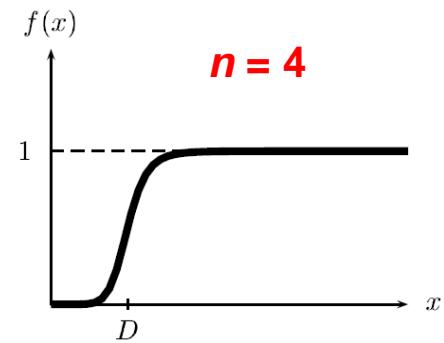
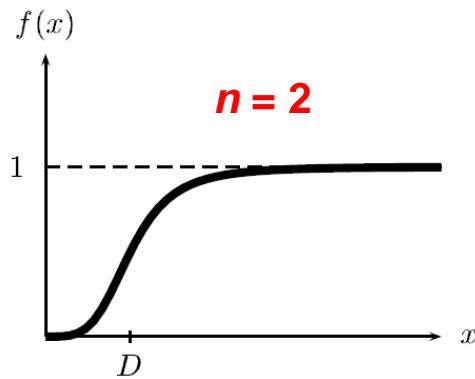
- Ideal high pass filter

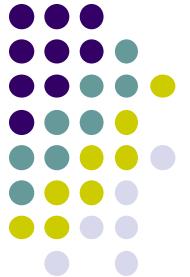
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > D \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq D \end{cases}$$



- Butterworth high pass filter

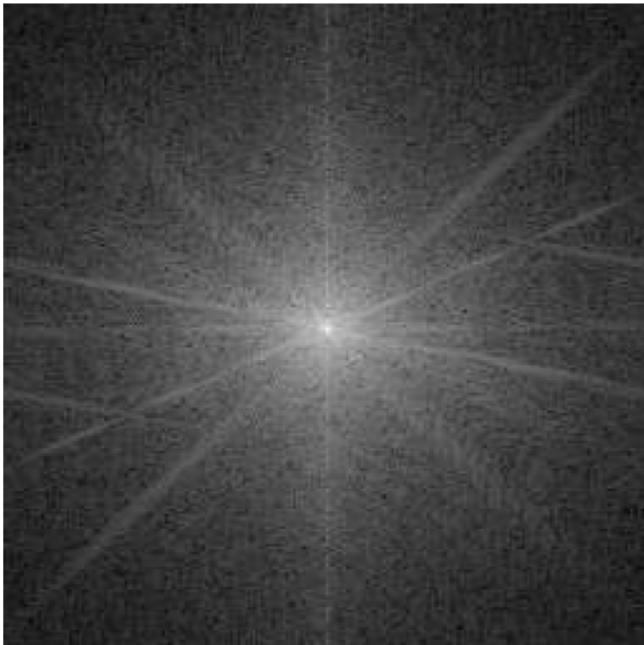
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# Low Pass Butterworth Filtering

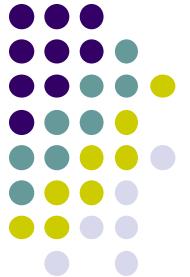
- Low pass filtering removes high frequencies, blurs image
- Gentler cutoff eliminates ringing artifact



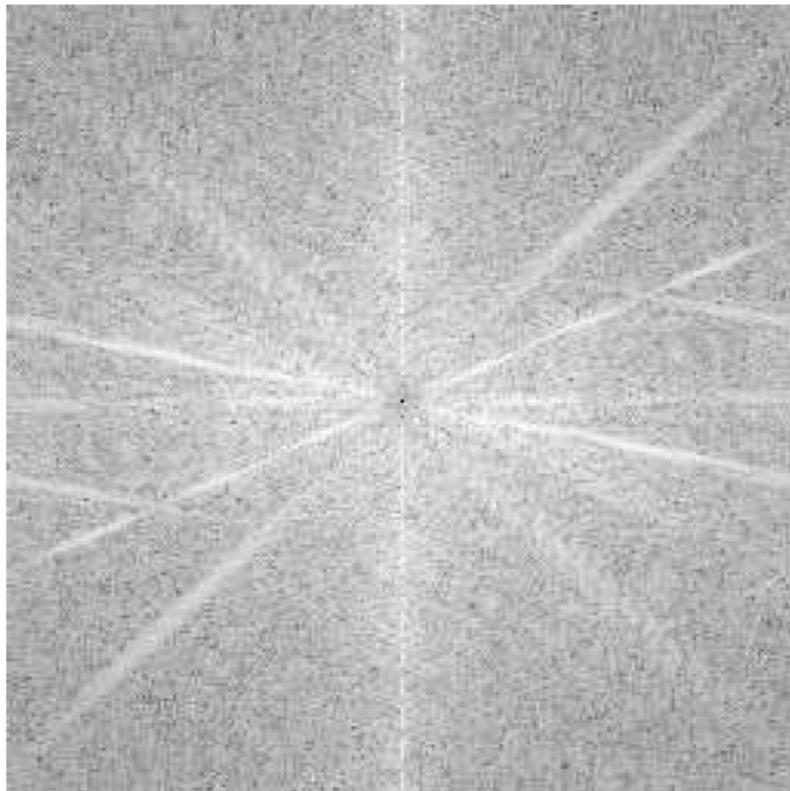
DFT of Image after low  
pass Butterworth filtering



Resulting image  
after inverse DFT



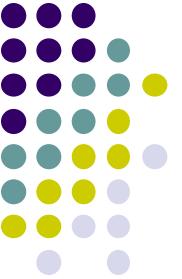
# High Pass Butterworth Filtering



DFT of Image after high  
pass Butterworth filtering

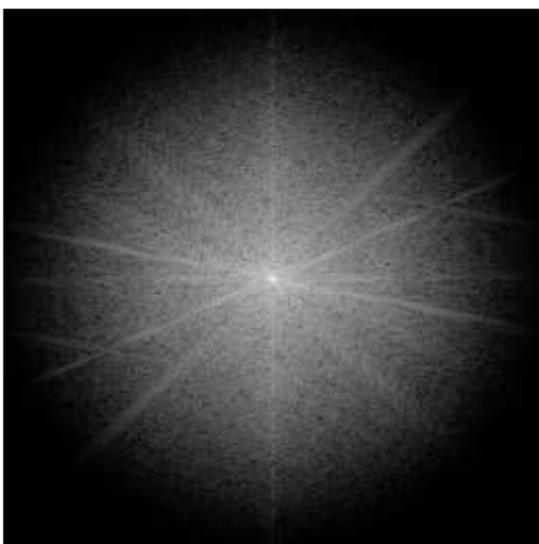
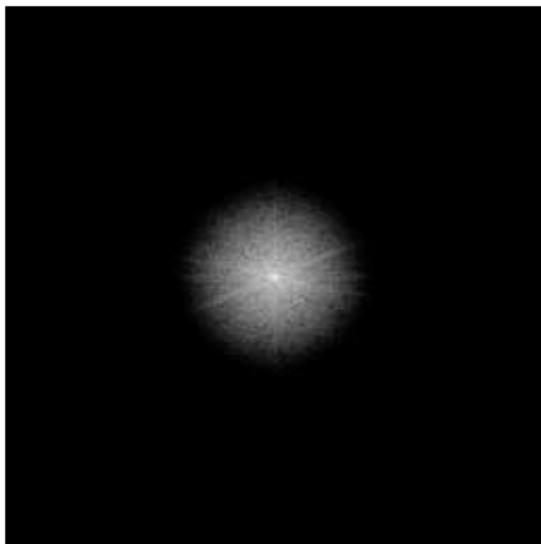


Resulting image  
after inverse DFT

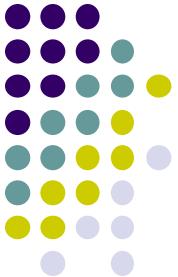


# Gaussian Filtering

- Gaussian filters can be applied in frequency domain
- Same steps
  - Create gaussian filter
  - Multiply (**DFT of image**) by (**gaussian filter**)
  - Invert result
- **Note:** Fourier transform of gaussian is also a gaussian,
- Just apply gaussian multiply directly (no need to find Fourier transform)



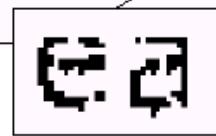
## Frequency Domain Low Pass Gaussian Filtering



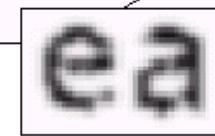
# Lowpass Filtering Examples

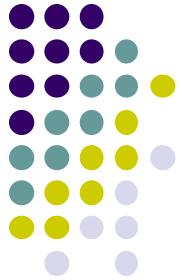
A low pass Gaussian filter can be used to connect broken text

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# Lowpass Filtering Examples

Different lowpass Gaussian filters used to remove blemishes in a photograph



# Frequency Domain High Pass Gaussian Filtering



(a) Using  $\sigma = 10$



(b) Using  $\sigma = 30$

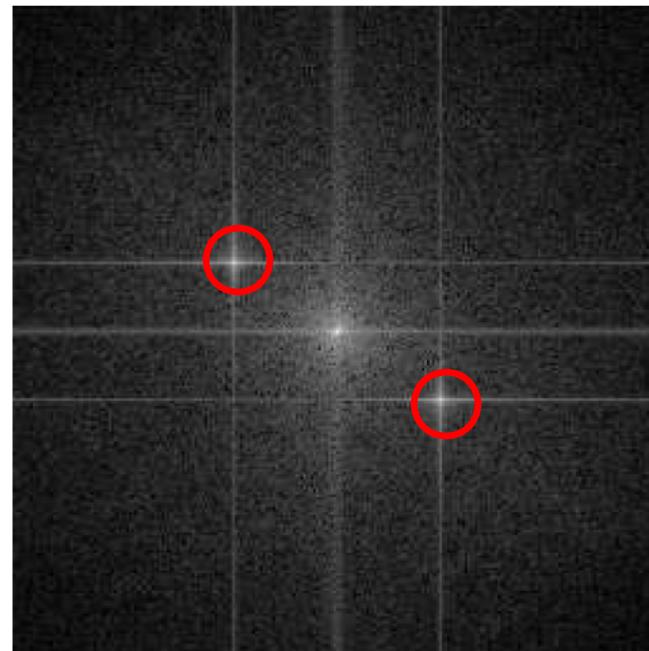


# Frequency Domain Removal of Periodic Noise

- **Recall:** periodic noise could not be removed in spatial domain
- Periodic noise can be removed in frequency domain
- Periodic noise shows up as spikes away from origin in DFT
- Higher frequency noise = further away from origin

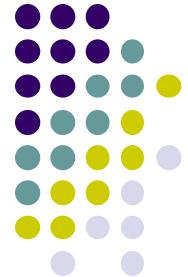


Image with periodic Noise

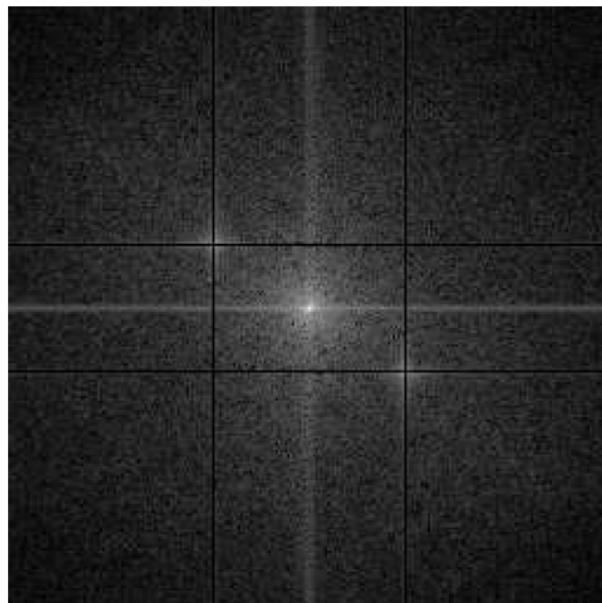


DFT of Image

# Frequency Domain Removal of Periodic Noise



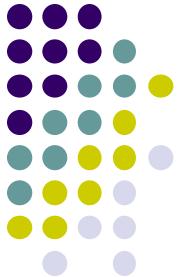
- 2 ways to remove periodic noise in frequency domain
  - Notch Filter
  - Band reject filter
- Notch filter: Set rows, columns of DFT corresponding to noise = 0
- Removes much of the periodic noise



Notch Filter

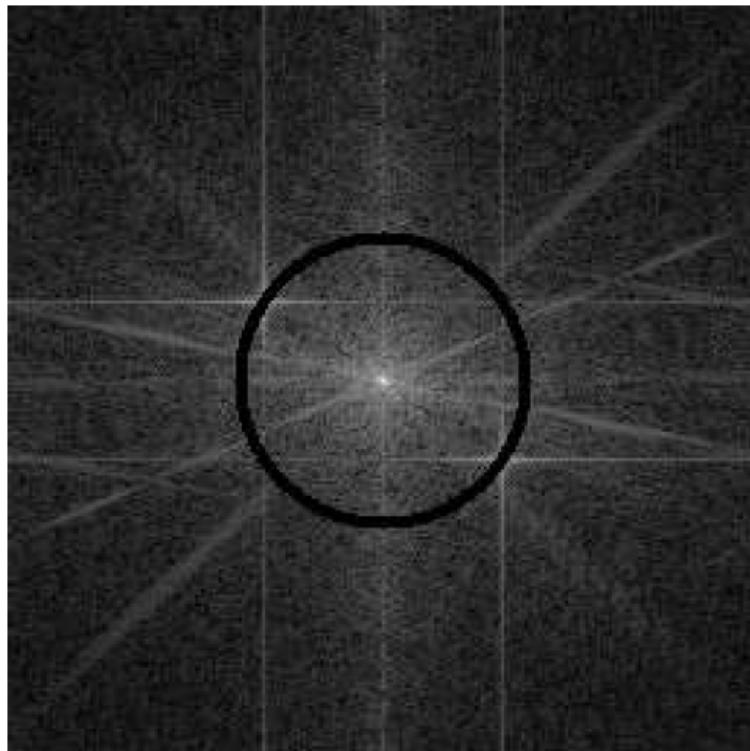


Result after notch filter applied then inverted



# Frequency Domain Removal of Periodic Noise: Band Reject Filter

- Create filter with 0's at radius of noise from center, 1 elsewhere
- Apply filter to DFT



Band Reject Filter

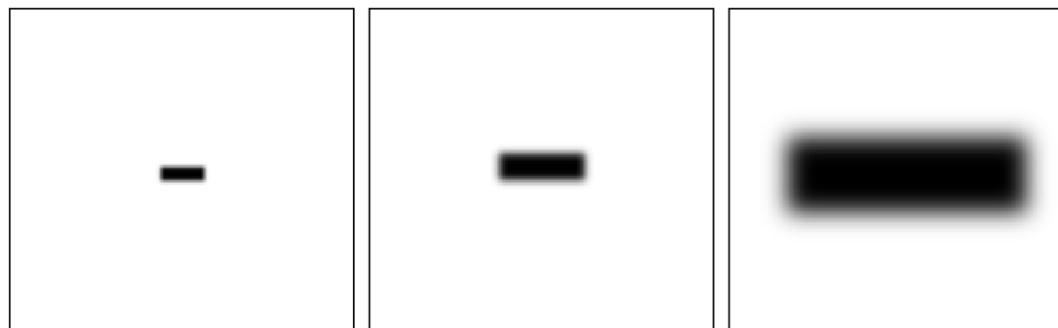


Result after band reject filter applied then inverted



## 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Scaling

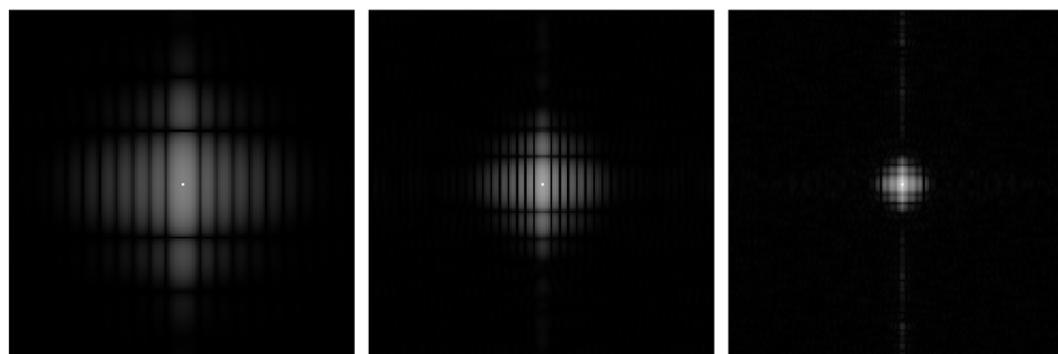
- Stretching image => Spectrum contracts
- And vice versa



(a)

(b)

(c)



(d)

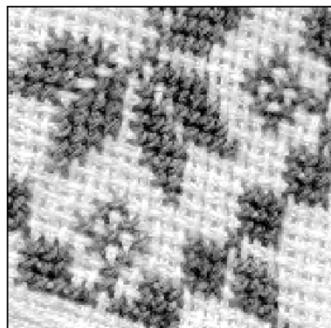
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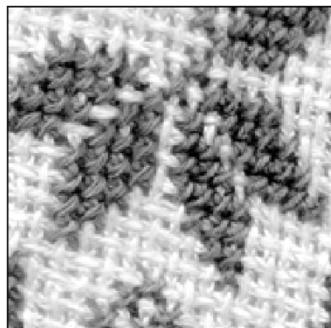


# 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Periodic Patterns

- Repetitive periodic patterns appear as distinct peaks at corresponding positions in spectrum



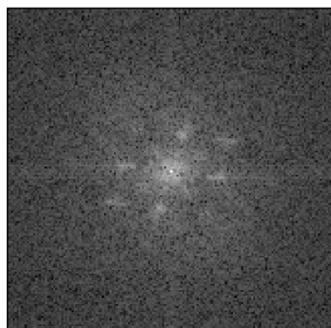
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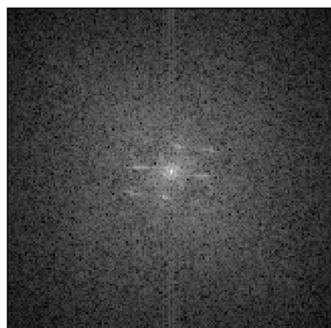
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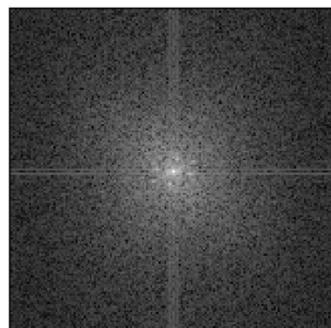
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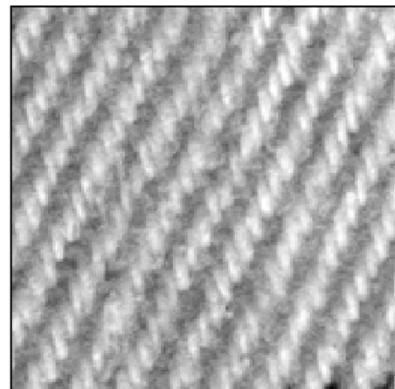
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Enlarging image (c) causes  
Spectrum to contract (f)

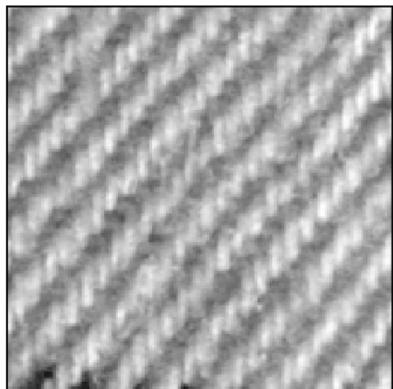


## 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Rotation

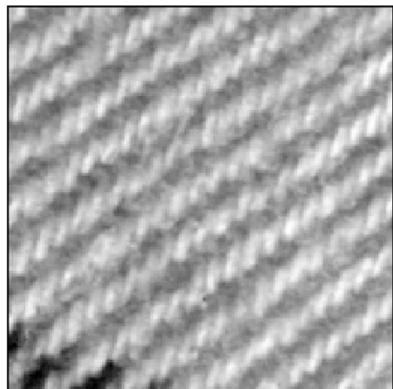
- Rotating image => Rotates spectra by same angle/amount



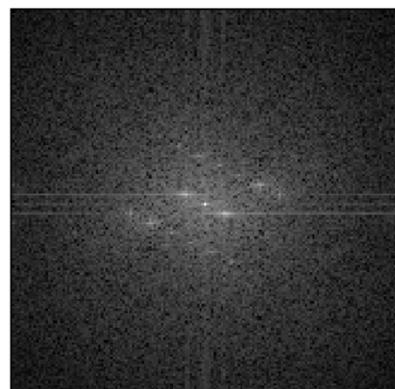
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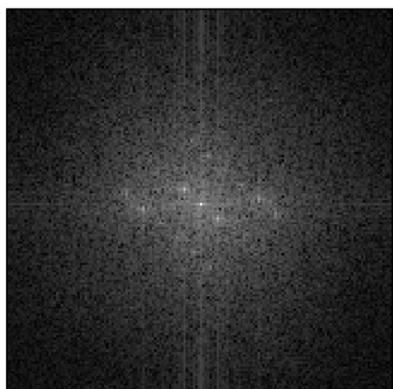
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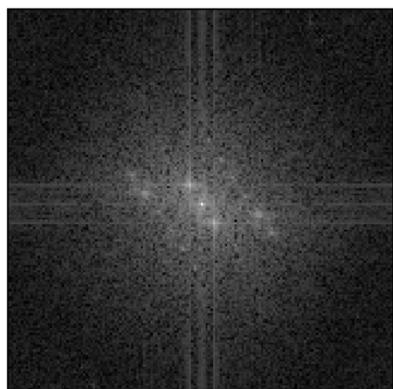
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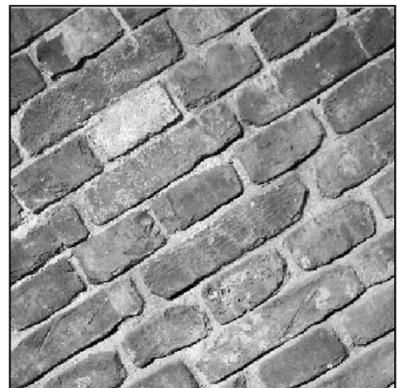


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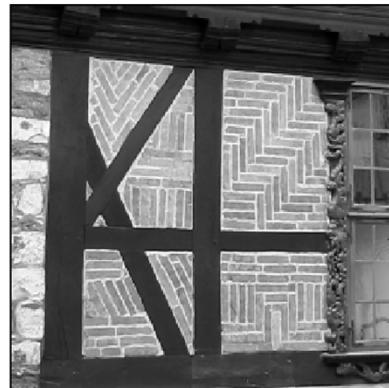
# 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Oriented, elongated Structures



- Man-made elongated regular patterns in image => appear dominant in spectrum



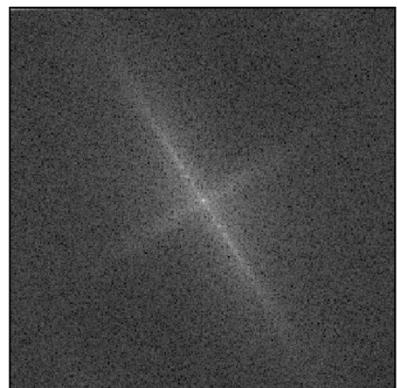
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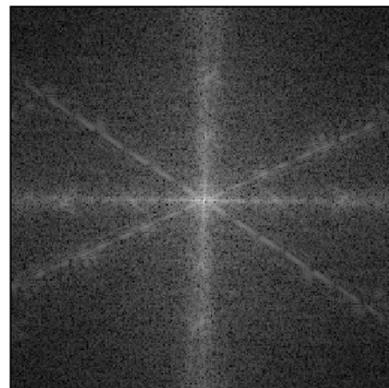
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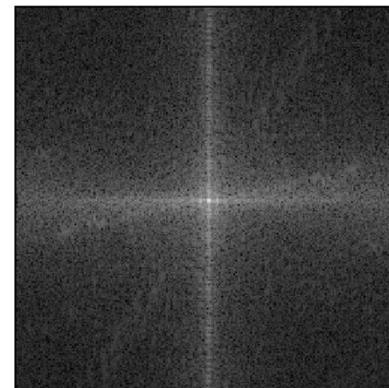
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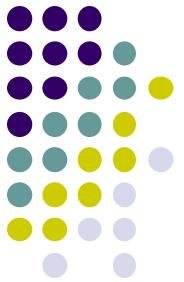


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# 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Natural Images



- Repetitions in natural scenes => less dominant than man-made ones, less obvious in spectra



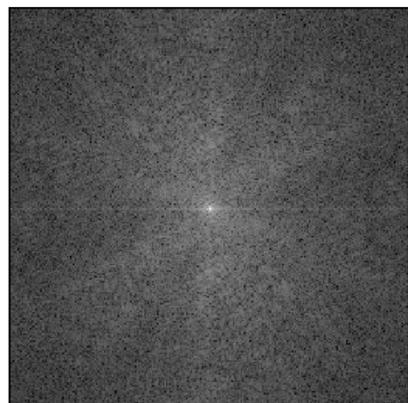
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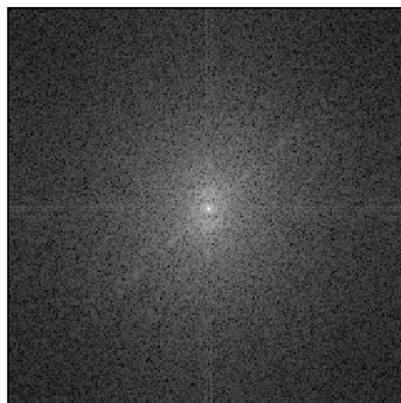
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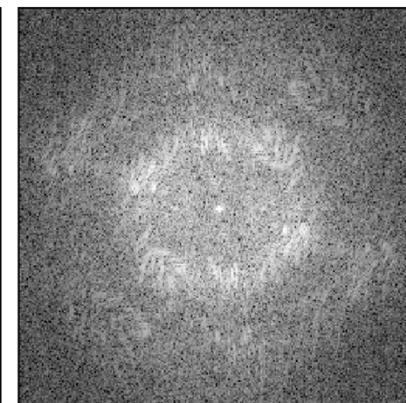
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

# 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Natural Images



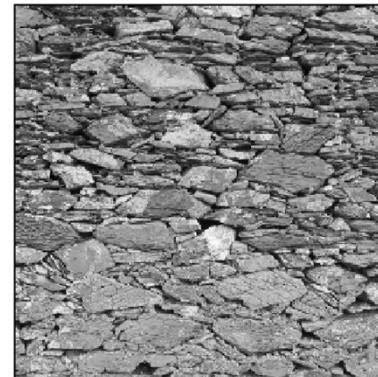
- Natural scenes with repetitive patterns but no dominant orientation => do not stand out in spectra



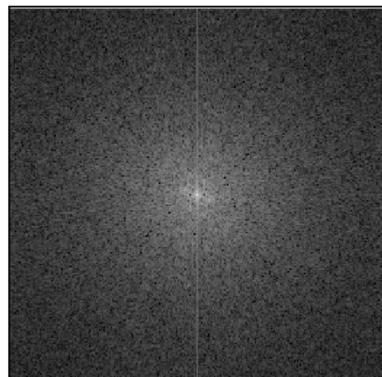
(a)



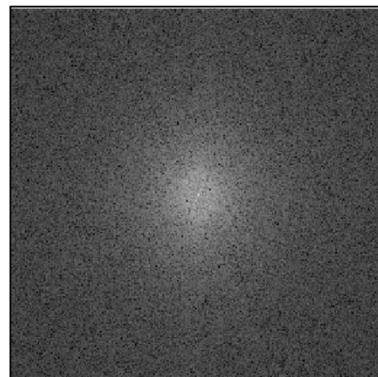
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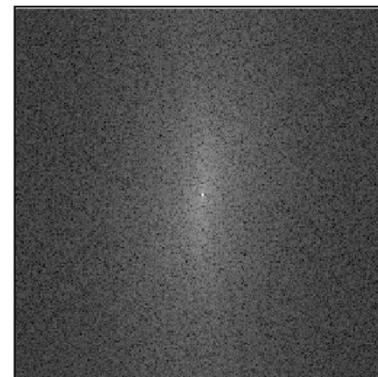
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(d)



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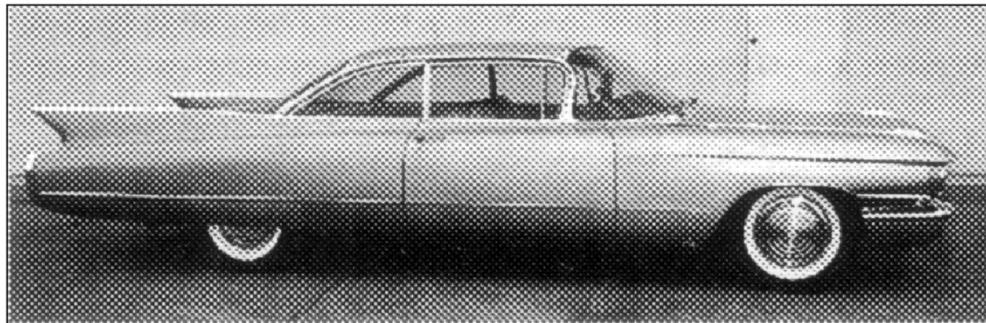


(f)

# 2D Fourier Transform Examples: Printed Patterns



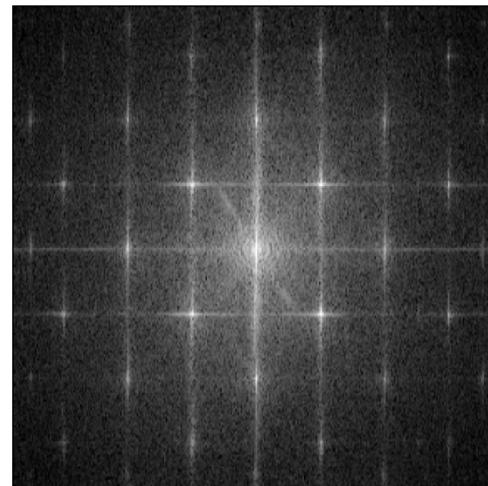
- Regular diagonal patterns caused by printing => Clearly visible/removable in frequency spectrum.



(a)



(b)



(c)



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