

Introduction to Inverse Problem in Imaging

EC 522 Computational Optical Imaging

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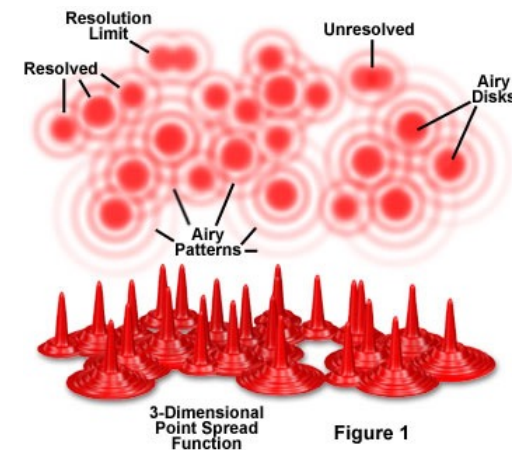
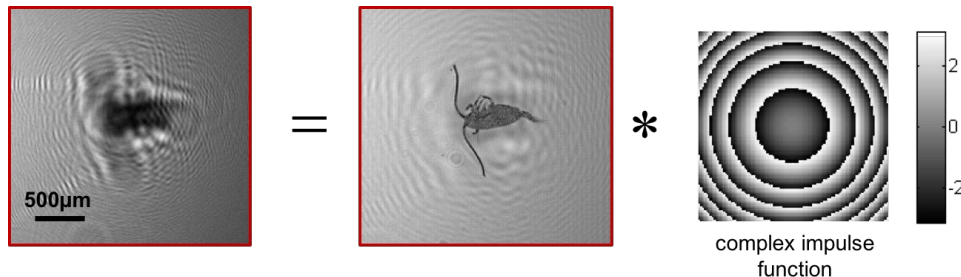


Figure 1

Admins

- » HW 2 is posted
 - » Due 2/21 (Wednesday; after Presidents' day break)

Mathematical tools & road map

- » Vector space (IIP Appx A)
 - » Key idea: think about the imaging signals as a vector
- » Linear operator (IIP Appx B)
 - » Key idea: think about imaging process as a linear transformation, i.e. a linear operator
 - » Later, we will perform discretization and convert the operator into a matrix

Linear operator

Linear operator

- » Linear operator $A: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ satisfies
 - » $A(\alpha_1 f_1 + \alpha_2 f_2) = \alpha_1 A(f_1) + \alpha_2 A(f_2)$, for any complex numbers α_1 and α_2
 - » Additivity: $A(f_1 + f_2) = A(f_1) + A(f_2)$
 - » Scalability: $A(\alpha f) = \alpha A(f)$

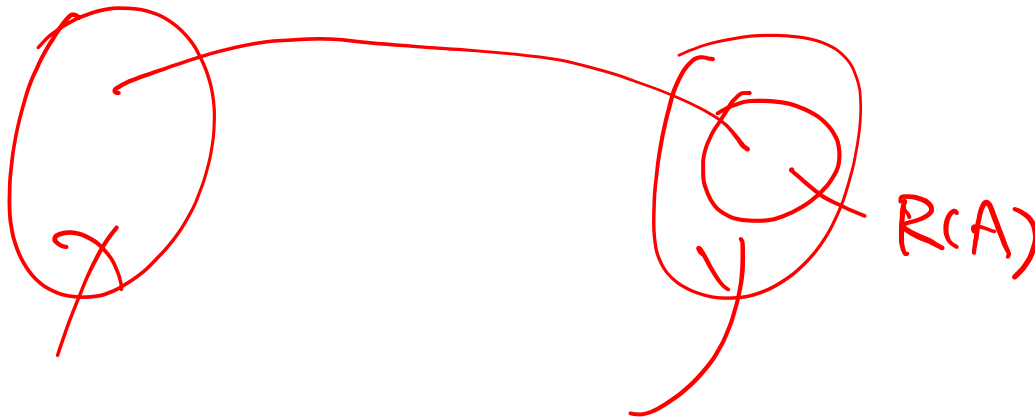


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Range space*

- » The **Range space** of a linear operator $A: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
- » The set of all elements $g \in \mathcal{Y}$ from $Af = g$

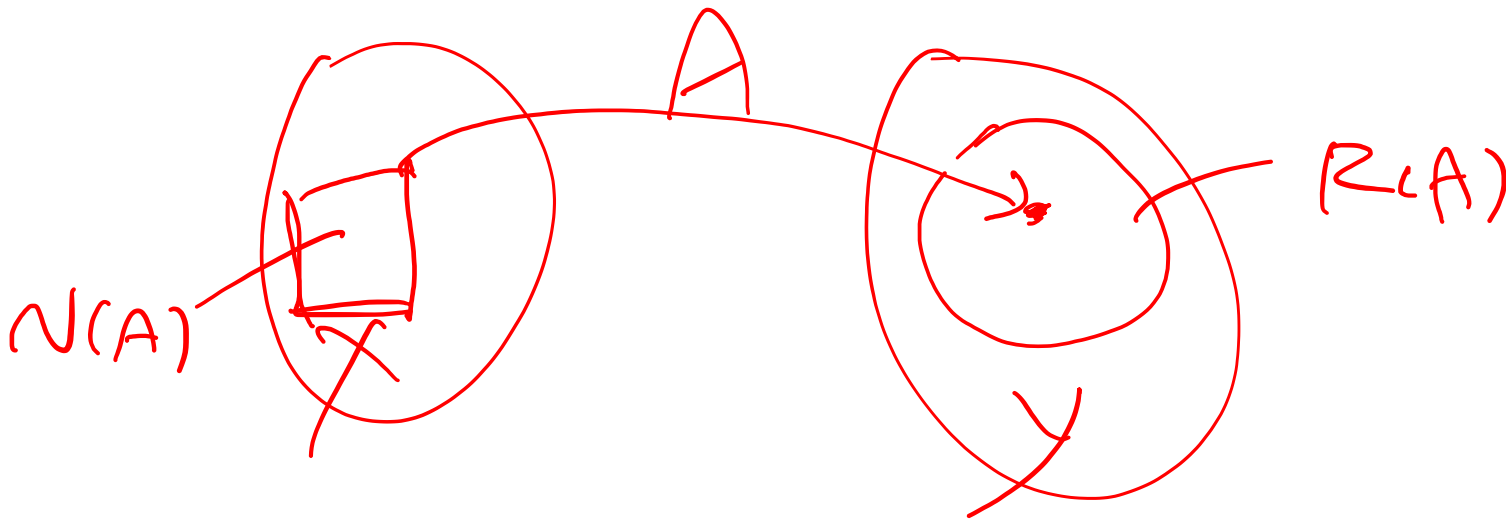
$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \{g = Af \in \mathcal{Y}, f \in \mathcal{X}\}$$



Null space *

- » The **null space** of a linear operator $A: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
- » The set of all elements $f \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $Af = 0$

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{f \in \mathcal{X}, Af = 0\}$$



Implication of Null space

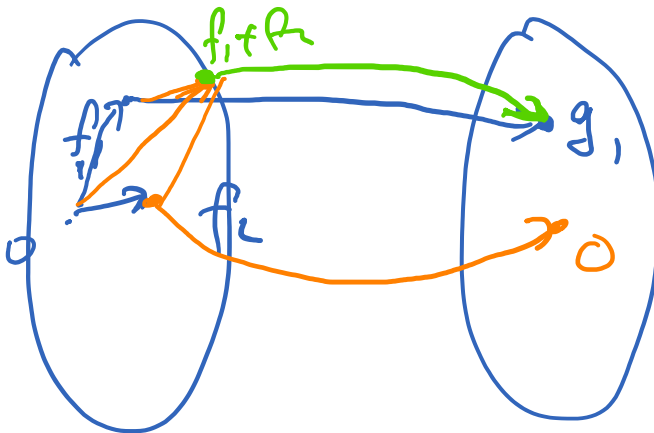
$$A(f_1 + f_2) \stackrel{\text{linear.}}{=} A(f_1) + A(f_2)$$

$$f_1 \notin N(A)$$

$$f_2 \in N(A)$$

$$= A(f_1)$$

$f_1 \neq 0$



Adjoint operator *

» The **adjoint** operator A^* (or A^H) of a linear and bounded operator A

» $A^*: \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is the **adjoint** of $A: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$, when

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} = \langle x, A^* y \rangle_{\mathcal{X}} \text{ for every } x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}$$

» Generalization of the **Hermitian transpose** (complex conjugate transpose) of a matrix

$Ax = g \neq y$

$$\langle g, y \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} = \langle x, A^* y \rangle_{\mathcal{X}}$$

Hermitian / adjoint – can be used interchangeably
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermitian_adjoint

Example: DFT

$$f \xrightarrow{A=F} g$$

$$\text{DFT: } g[m] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f[n] e^{-i2\pi \frac{m \cdot n}{N}}$$

adjoint

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_y = \langle x, A^* y \rangle_x$$

Inv. DFT.

$$\langle F^H x, y \rangle_y \stackrel{P}{=} \langle x, F^{-1} y \rangle_x \quad x^* y = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^*[n] y[n]$$

$$\langle P, y \rangle_y = P^* \cdot y = \begin{bmatrix} p^*[0] \\ p^*[1] \\ \vdots \\ p^*[N-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y[0] \\ y[1] \\ \vdots \\ y[N-1] \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} p^*[n] \cdot y[n]$$

$$\langle P, y \rangle_y = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} p^*(m) \cdot y(m)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \cdot e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}mn} \right)^* y(m)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^*(n) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}m \cdot n} \cdot y(m) \right)$$

$F^{-1} \cdot y[n] = x[n]$

Example: deconvolution

$$Af(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') \cdot h(x-x') = g(x)$$



spectral representation

$$Af(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(u) \cdot \tilde{H}(u) e^{i2\pi u \cdot x} du$$

$$\langle Af, g \rangle = \langle f, A^*g \rangle. \quad A^*g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(u) \tilde{H}^*(u) e^{i2\pi u \cdot x} du$$

Adjoint of a convolution operator

» Adjoint of convolution operator A^*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{» } (A^*g)(x) &= K^*(-x) * g(x) \\ &= \int K^*(x' - x)g(x')dx'\end{aligned}$$

» Spectral representation

$$\text{» } (A^*g)(x) = \int \tilde{K}^*(u) \tilde{g}(u) e^{i2\pi xu} du$$

Proof?

Side note:

- I found it is easier to work with $u = \omega/2\pi$ in FT and IFT, the textbook uses ω .
- Throughout the lecture, we will use the definition in the u -space.

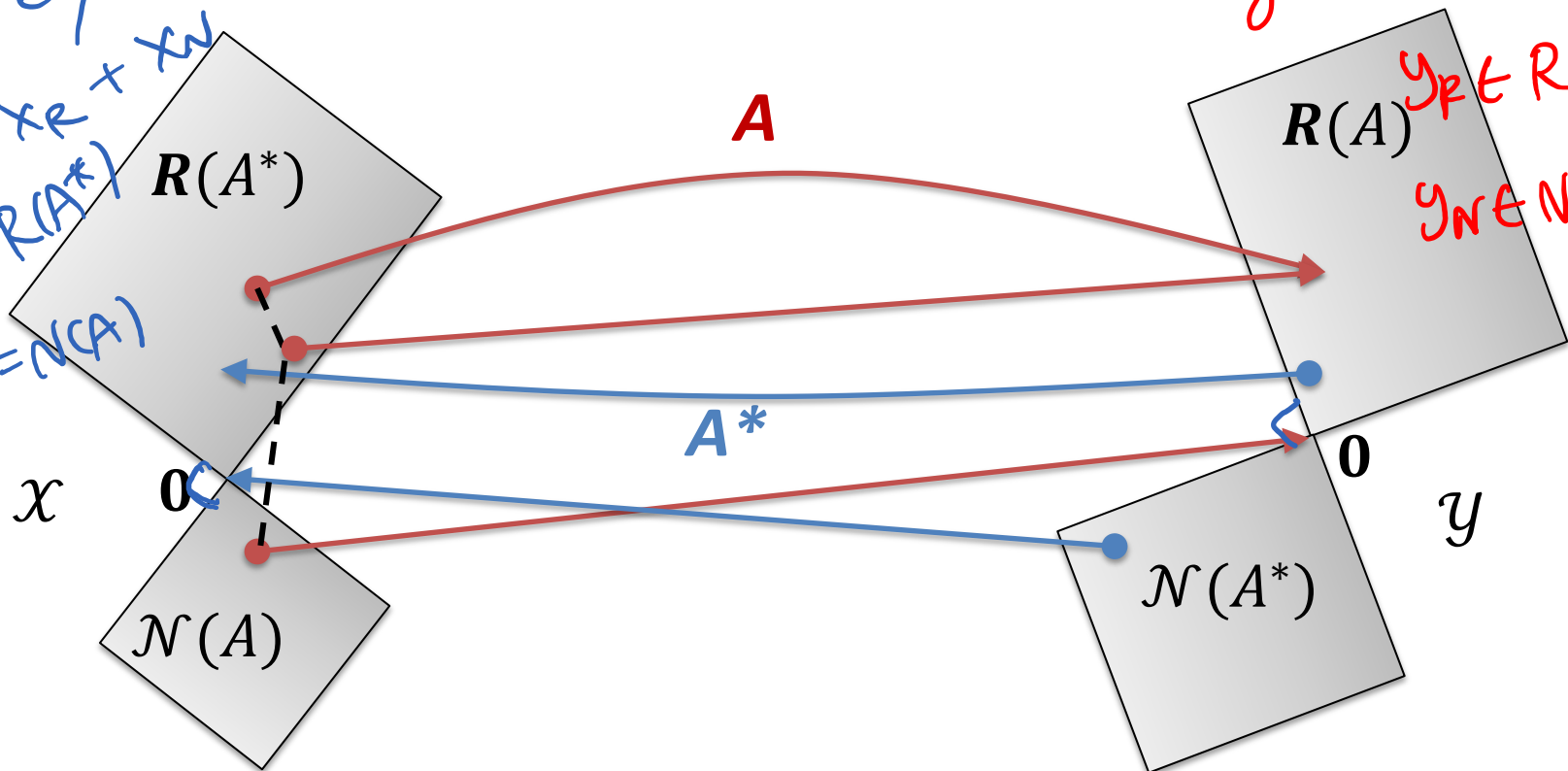
Geometric relation between null space and range space

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{R}(A^*)^\perp \\ \mathcal{N}(A^*) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp \end{cases}$$

orthogonal complement

$\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$
 $x = x_R + x_N$
 $x_R \in \mathcal{R}(A^*)$
 $x_N \in \mathcal{N}(A)$

$y = y_R + y_N$
 $y_R \in \mathcal{R}(A)$
 $y_N \in \mathcal{N}(A^*)$



Example: Relation between range and null space of a convolution operator

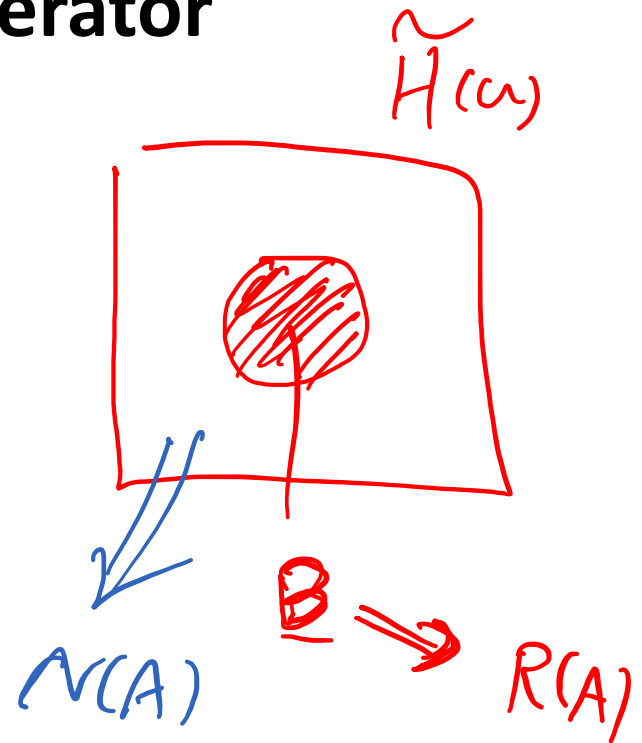
A is a convolution operator

$$\gg f_1 \in \mathcal{R}(A)$$

$$\gg f_2 \in \mathcal{N}(A)$$

$$\gg f_1 \perp f_2$$

and $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp$



Why?

Relation between range and null space of a convolution operator

A is a convolution operator

» $f_1 \in \mathcal{R}(A)$ Only contain frequency component $u \in \mathcal{B}$

» $f_2 \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ Only contain frequency component $u \notin \mathcal{B}$

» $f_1 \perp f_2$

and $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp$

Self-adjoint operator.

» If $A = A^*$, A is **self-adjoint** or **Hermitian**

eg: $Af(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u) \cdot \tilde{H}(u) e^{i2\pi ux} du$

if $\tilde{H}(u)$ is real-valued

$$A^*g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(u) \tilde{H}^*(u) e^{i2\pi ux} du$$

$$\Rightarrow A = A^*$$

Properties of Adjoint operator

» The adjoint A^* is unique

$$\Rightarrow \text{» } (A^*)^* = A$$

$$(AA^*)^* = (A^*)^* \cdot A^* = A \cdot A^*$$

~~»~~ The operators AA^* and A^*A are self-adjoint

$$= A \cdot A^*$$

» If A is invertible, $(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{» } (A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{» } (BA)^* = A^* B^*$$

$$(BA)^* \cdot \bar{g} = A^* \underbrace{B^* \cdot g}$$

Unitary operator

» A is unitary if and only if

$$A^{-1} = A^* \text{ or } \underbrace{A^* A = I}$$

Identity

» If A is unitary, then $\|Ax\|^2 = \|x\|^2$

e.g. F.T.

Unitary operator

- » Preserve geometry (lengths and angles) when mapping one vector space to another
- » A bounded linear operator $A: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is unitary, when
 - » A is invertible
 - » A preserves inner product

$$\langle f, h \rangle_{\mathcal{X}} = \langle Af, Ah \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}}, \text{ for every } f, h \in \mathcal{X}$$

↙ ~ generalized Parseval's Thm.

Eigenvector and eigenvalue of a linear operator

» An **eigenvector** of a linear operator $A: H \rightarrow H$ is a nonzero vector $v \in H$, such that

$$Av = \lambda v$$

» $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is the **eigenvalue**.

Example: convolution operator

PSF $h(x) \leftrightarrow$ Transfer function (TF)
 $\hat{H}(u)$

input

$$f(x) = e^{i2\pi u_0 x} = v$$

$$Av = \lambda v$$

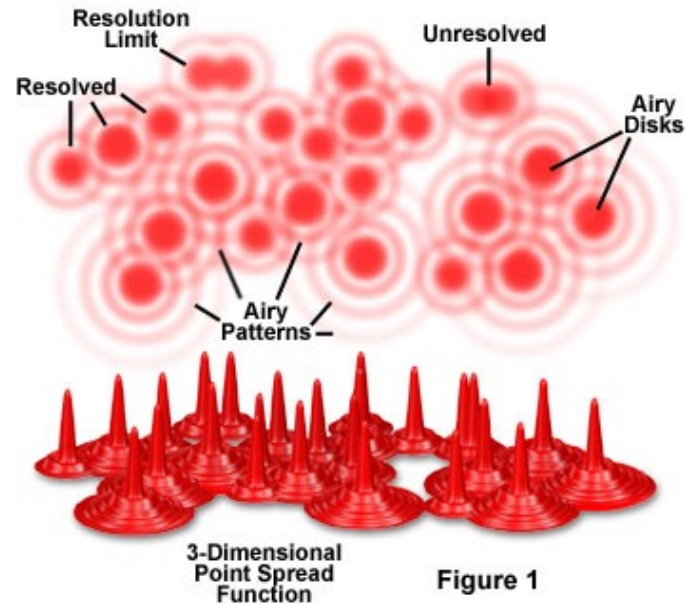
$$A \overset{v}{f}(x) = \int f(x') \cdot h(x-x') dx'$$

$$= \int h(x') \cdot f(x-x') \cdot dx'$$

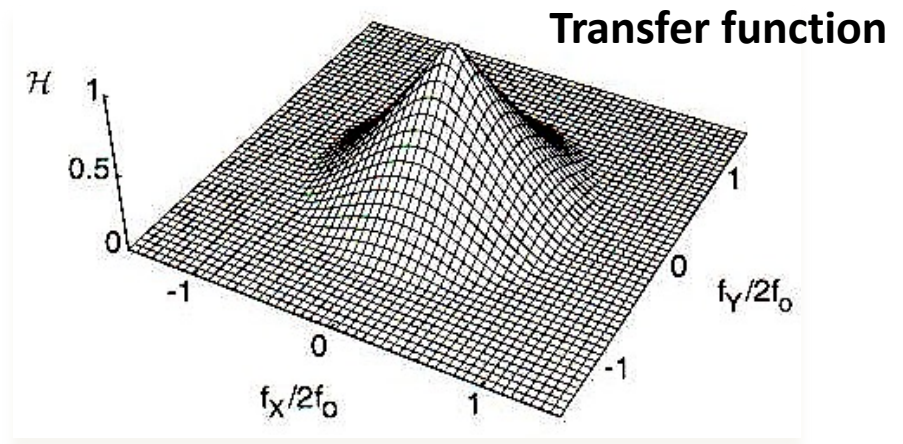
$$= \int \underline{h(x')} \cdot e^{\underline{i2\pi u_0 (x-x')}} \underline{dx'}$$

~~$i2\pi u_0 x$~~
 $\hat{H}(u_0)$
 $H(u_0) \cdot v$

Example of convolution operator: microscopes



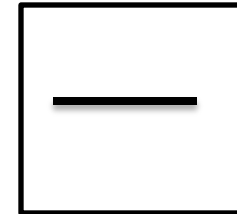
- » Range and null space?
- » Adjoint operator?
- » Inverse operator?



Example: motion blur

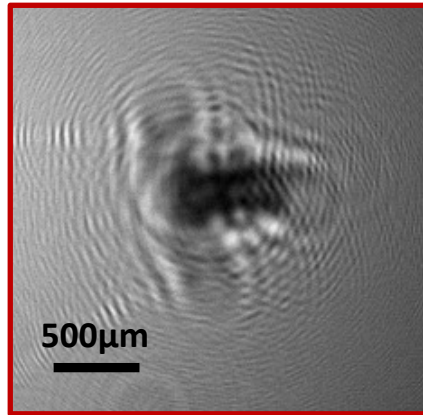


PSF



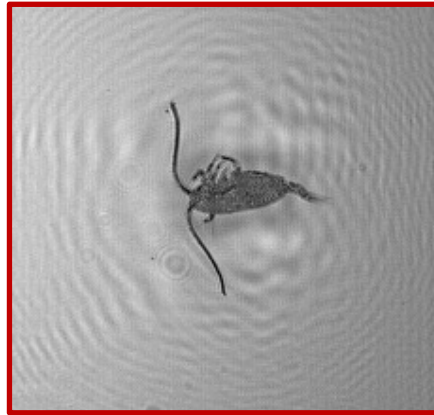
- » What are Object space \mathcal{X} and image space \mathcal{Y} ?
- » What is the operator \mathbf{A} ? linear?
- » Find an element in the null space?
 - » What's the implication of this?

Example of Shift-invariant system: holography



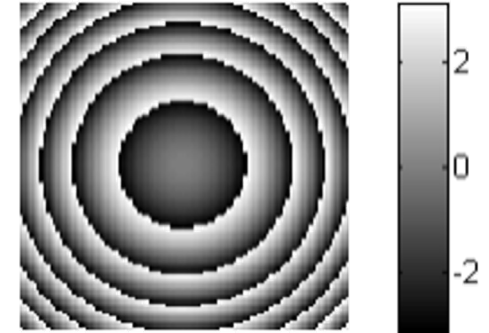
g_{out}

=



g_{in}

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$$h(x, y) \approx \frac{e^{ikz}}{i\lambda z} e^{ik \frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{2z}}$$

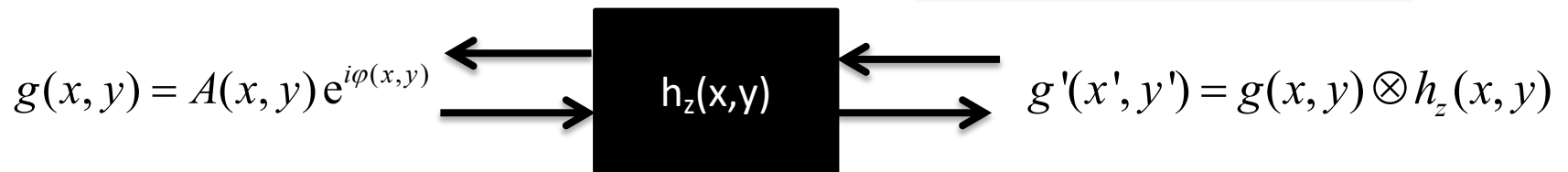
Transfer function $H(u, v) = e^{i2\pi z/\lambda} \exp \{-i\lambda z(u^2 + v^2)\}$

complex PSF

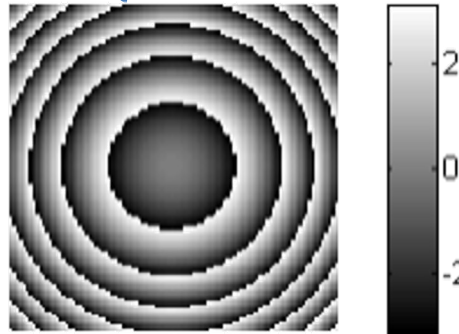
- » Range and null space?
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Application: back-propagation using adjoint operator = inverse operator!?

just make $z \rightarrow -z$? Why?



$H(x, y)$ has complex
point spread function
(PSF) and transfer
function



$$h_z(x, y) \approx \frac{e^{ikz}}{i\lambda z} e^{ik \frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{2z}}$$

Transfer function $H(u, v) = e^{i2\pi z/\lambda} \exp \{-i\lambda z(u^2 + v^2)\}$