Assignment 3: CS 663, Fall 2021

Question 7

• Provide an explanation for the presence of strong spikes in the center of the filters in the second sub-figure Of Fig. 1. Note that the fourier transform magnitudes of these filters are plotted in the first figure. [10 points]

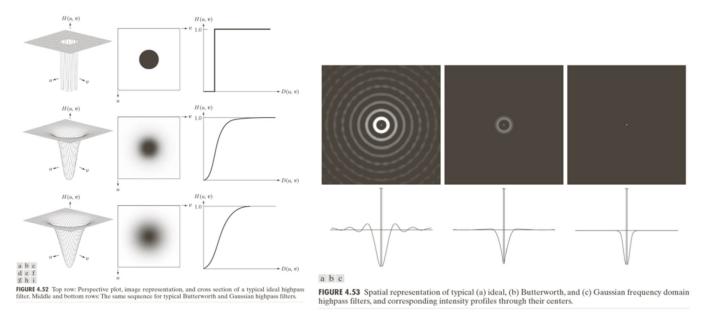


Figure 1: Figures required for the last question. Fourier domain (first figure) and spatial domain (second figure) representations of various filters.

Answer: From IDFT, we know that,

$$h(x,y) = \frac{1}{W_1 W_2} \sum_{u=0}^{W_1 - 1} \sum_{v=0}^{W_2 - 1} H(u,v) e^{j2\pi \left(\frac{ux}{W_1} + \frac{vy}{W_2}\right)}$$

Where H(u,v) is the DFT of our chosen filter. In the spatial domain, the centre is at (x,y) = (0,0). Therefore, the intensity at the center is given by h(0,0).

$$h(0,0) = \frac{1}{W_1 W_2} \sum_{u=0}^{W_1 - 1} \sum_{v=0}^{W_2 - 1} H(u,v)$$

Now, let $\Delta u = 1$ and $\Delta v = 1$. Clearly,

$$h(0,0) = \frac{1}{W_1 W_2} \sum_{u=0}^{W_1 - 1} \sum_{v=0}^{W_2 - 1} H(u, v) \Delta u \Delta v$$

If $W_1, W_2 >> 1$,

$$h(0,0) = \frac{1}{W_1 W_2} \int_0^{W_1 - 1} \int_0^{W_2 - 1} H(u, v) du dv$$
$$= \frac{1}{W_1 W_2} \int_{\mathcal{X} \in D(u, v)} H(\mathcal{X}) d\mathcal{X}$$

Where D(u, v) is the Fourier domain through which the H(u, v) is defined. Clearly, the area under $H(\mathcal{X})$, as seen from the first sub-figure is positive. Therefore h(0, 0) > 0 and hence there is a strong spike at the origin.