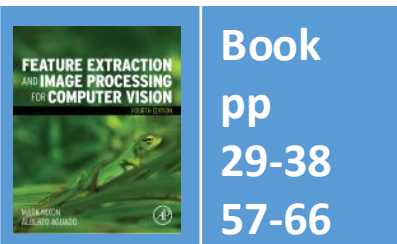


# Lecture 2 Image Formation

COMP3204 Computer Vision

**What is inside an image?**



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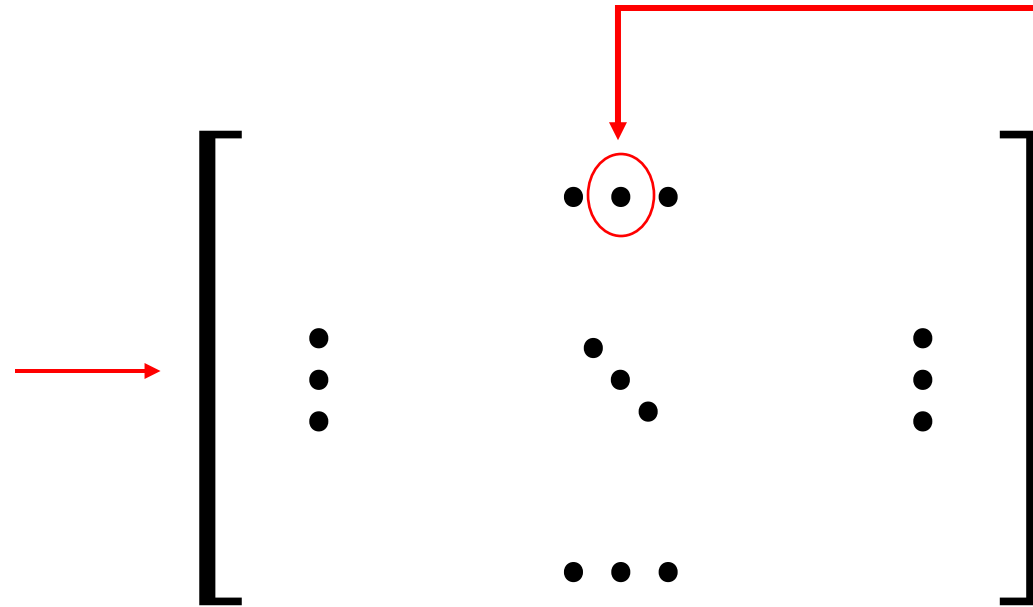
# Content

1. How is an image formed?
2. What restrictions are there on image formation?
3. Go to a different space - Fourier .....

# Decomposing an image into its bits



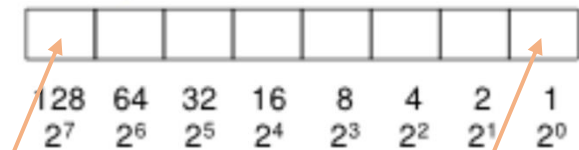
(a) original image



$N$  by  $N$  matrix

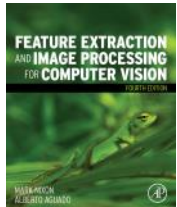
Every pixel is an 8-bit unsigned integer in  $[0, 255]$

For an 8-bit number:



Bit 7

Bit 0

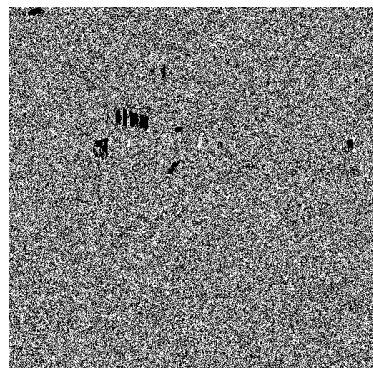


# Decomposing an image into its bits

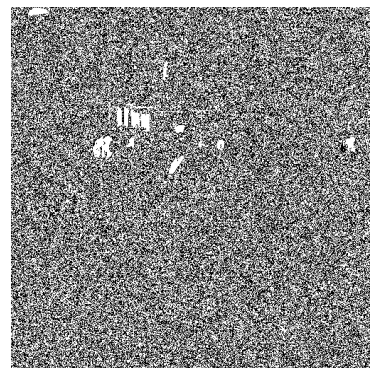
The **Most Significant Bit** carries the **most information** whereas bit 0 is **noise**



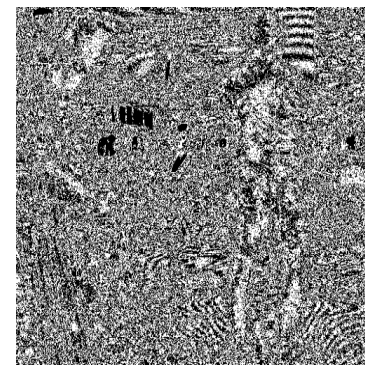
(a) original image



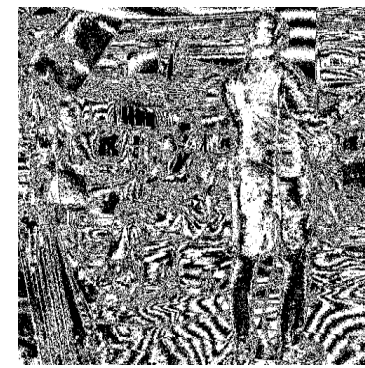
(b) bit 0 (LSB)



(c) bit 1



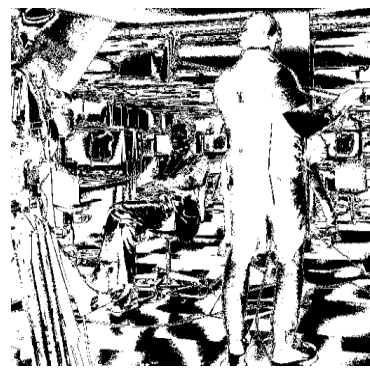
(d) bit 2



(e) bit 3



(f) bit 4



(g) bit 5



(h) bit 6



(i) bit 7 (MSB)

... and here, bit 4 is the **lighting**





# Effects of differing image resolution



(a)  $64 \times 64$



(b)  $128 \times 128$



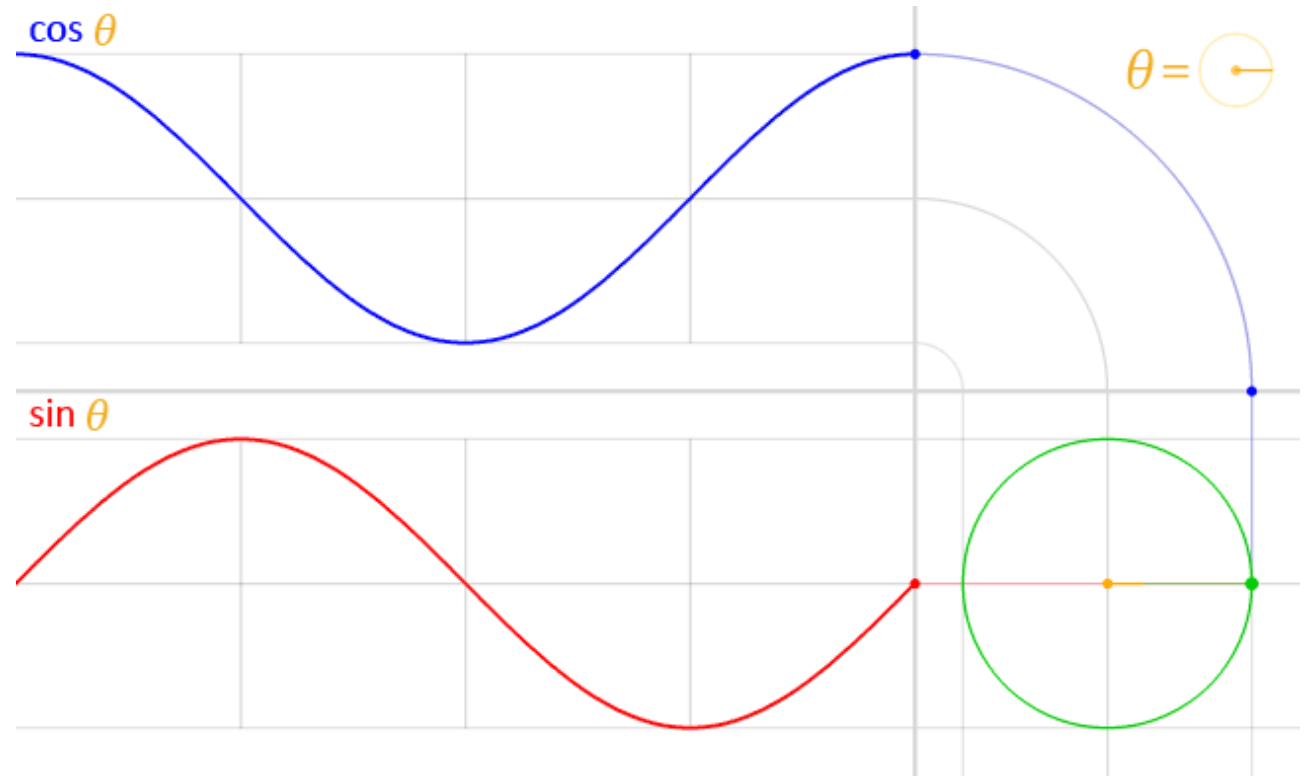
(c)  $256 \times 256$

Low resolution lose information but  $N$  by  $N$  points implies much storage

How do we choose an appropriate value for  $N$ ?



Recall: What are waves?



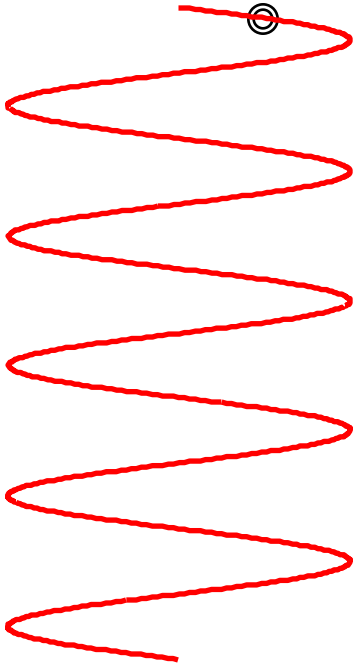
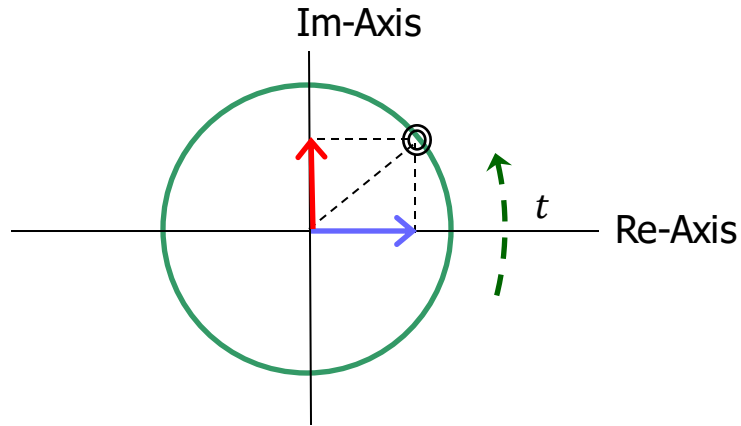
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sine\\_and\\_cosine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sine_and_cosine)

2D waves are along x and y axes simultaneously

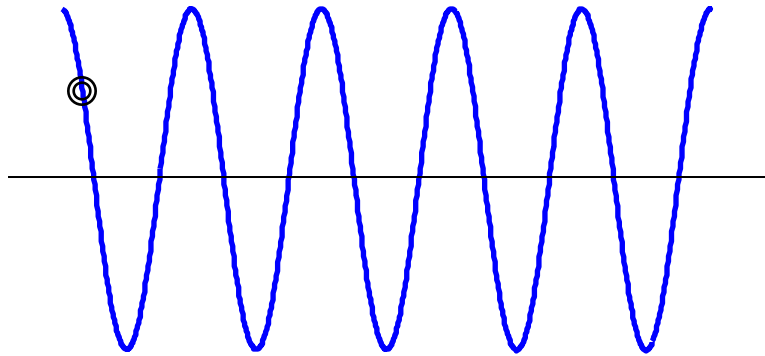
# Recall: Complex Exponential Function?

$$e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + j \sin(\omega t)$$

$j$ : the complex number  $j = \sqrt{-1}$



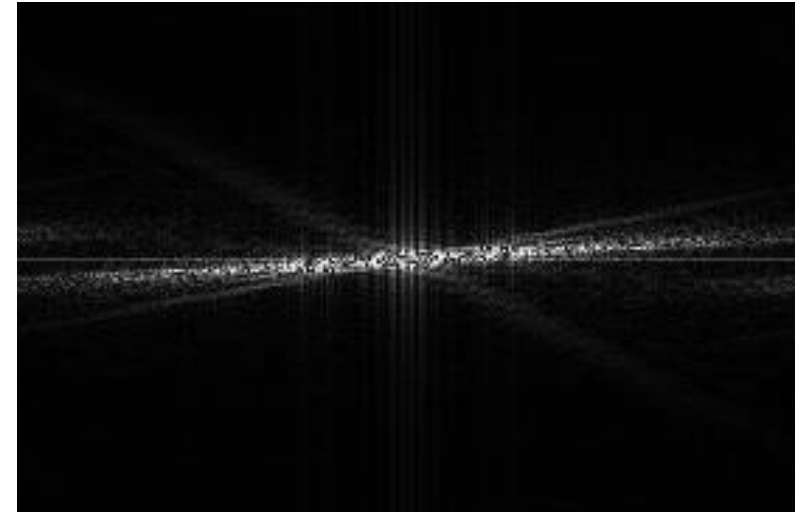
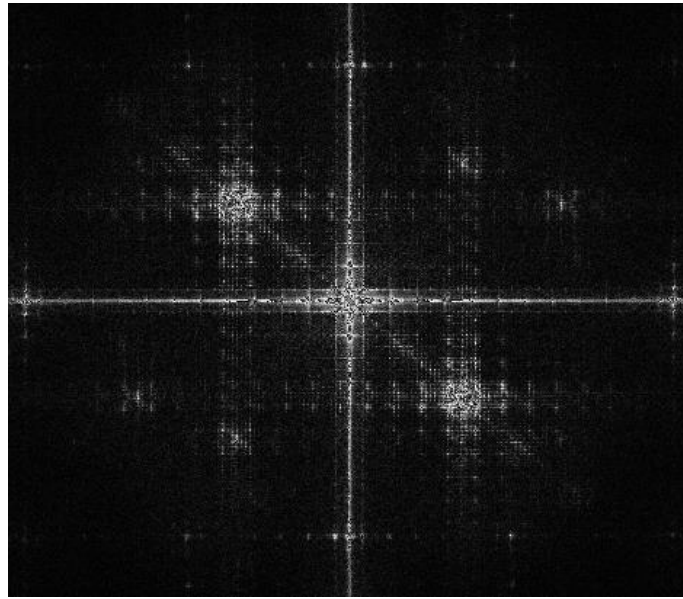
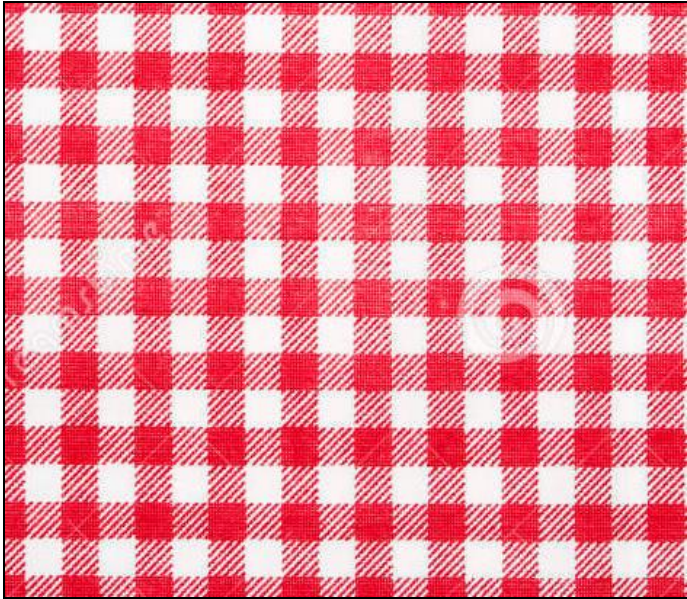
$\sin(\omega t)$



$\cos(\omega t)$

# Recall: Frequency

- N.b. colour immaterial (just for visuals)



The relationship between the frequency  $\xi$  and the period  $T$  is:  $\xi = 1/T$



# Joseph Fourier

- Any periodic function is the result of adding up sine and cosine waves of different frequencies
- “Fourier’s treatise is one of the very few scientific books that can never be rendered antiquated by the progress of science”  
James Clerk Maxwell 1878



# Step up Fourier...

Fourier transform of signal  $p$   
at angular frequency  $\omega$

A time-variant signal

$j$ : the complex number  $j = \sqrt{-1}$

$$Fp(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$e^{-j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) - j \sin(\omega t)$$

$\omega$ : angular frequency;  
 $\omega = 2 \pi \xi$ , where frequency  $\xi$  is  $1/t$



# Inverse Fourier...

Original signal in  
time domain

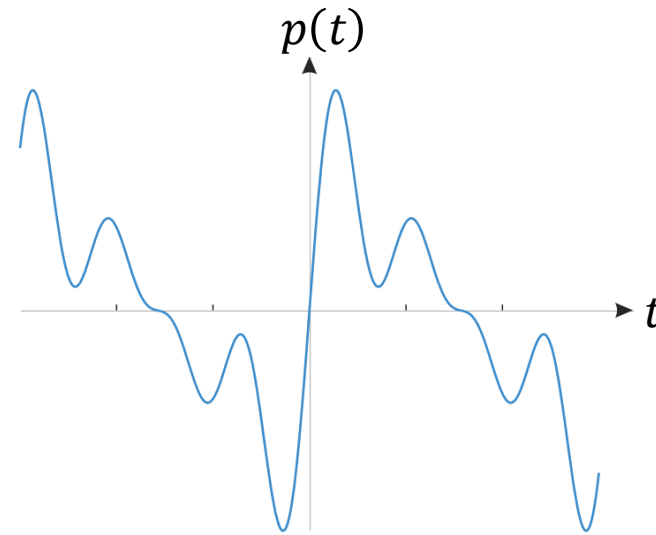
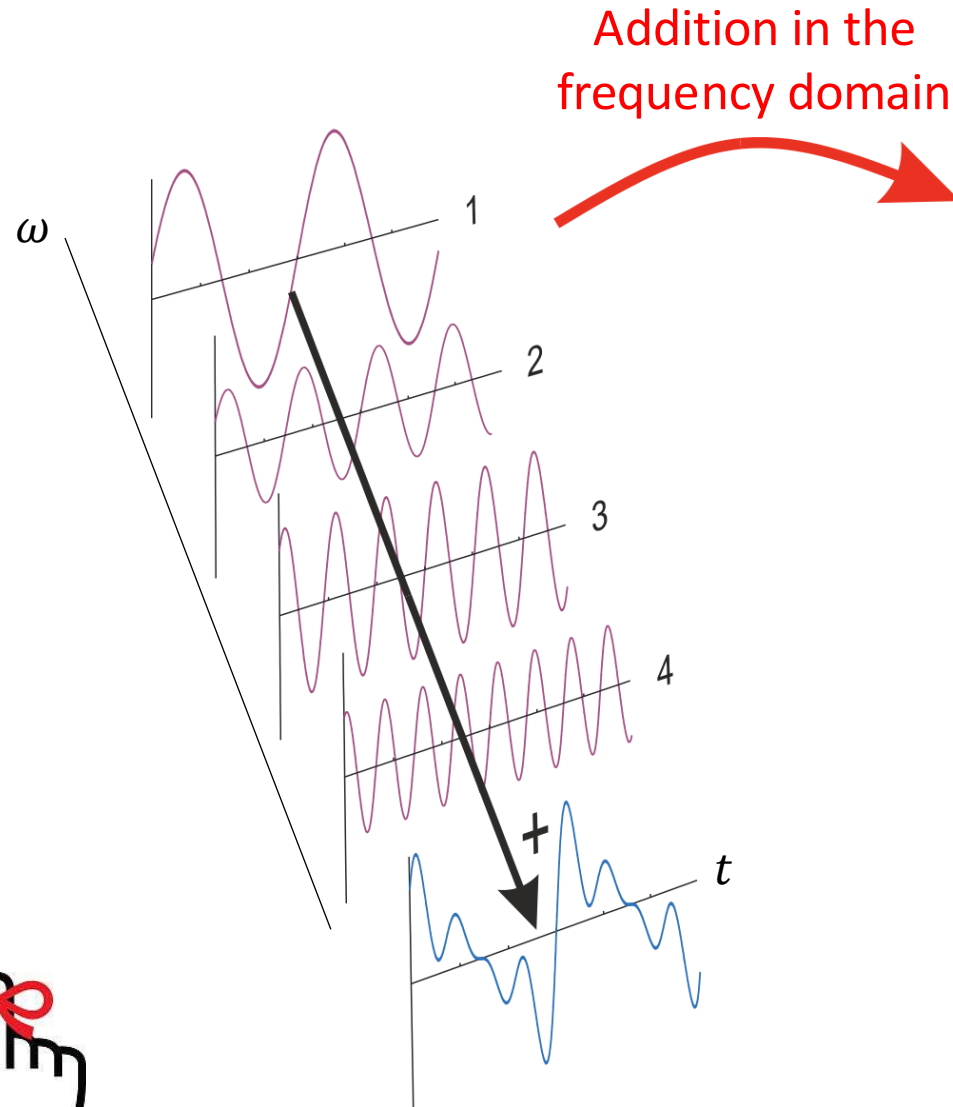
Fourier coefficients

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Fp(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

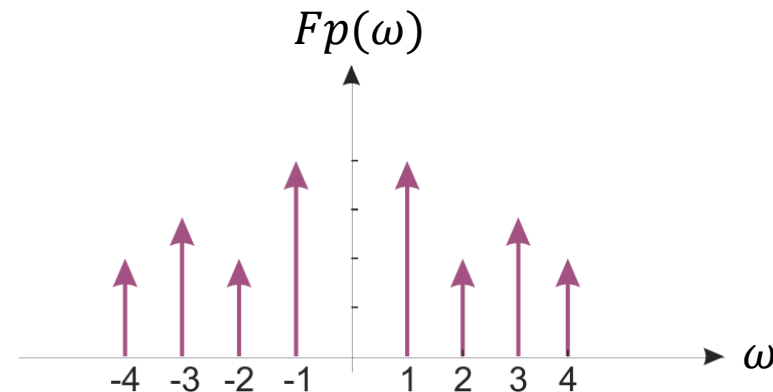
$$e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + j \sin(\omega t)$$



# What does the Fourier transform do?



Addition in the time domain




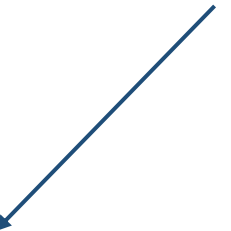
Separation in the frequency domain




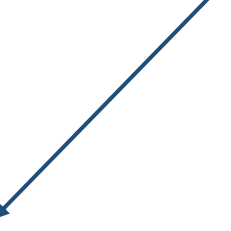


# Other Forms of Fourier ...

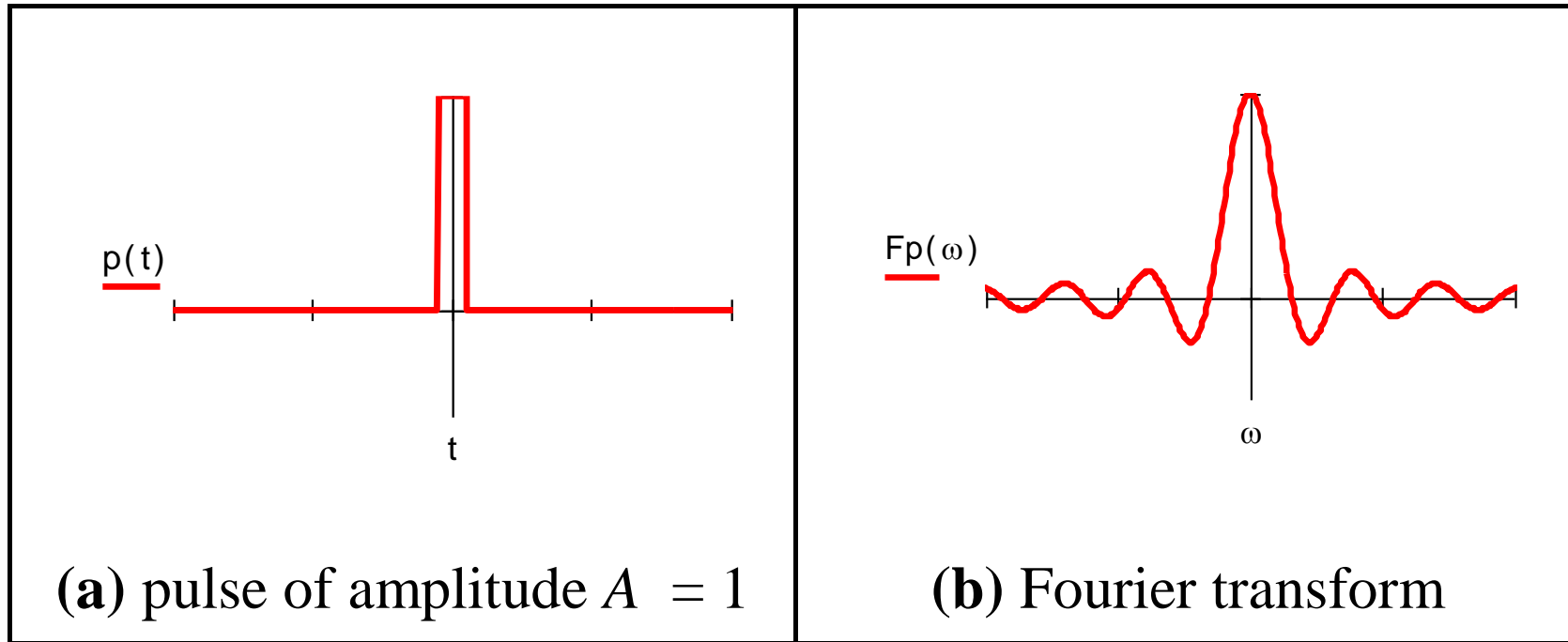
Fourier Transform


$$Fp(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t) e^{-j2\pi\xi t} dt$$


Inverse Fourier Transform


$$p(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Fp(\xi) e^{j2\pi\xi t} d\xi$$


# A rectangular pulse and its Fourier transform



- Pulse  $p(t) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } -T/2 \leq t \leq T/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Use Fourier  $Fp(\omega) = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Ae^{-j\omega t} dt$

- Evaluate integral  $Fp(\omega) = -\frac{Ae^{-j\omega T/2} - Ae^{j\omega T/2}}{j\omega}$

- And get result  $Fp(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{2A}{\omega} \sin\left(\frac{\omega T}{2}\right) & \text{if } \omega \neq 0 \\ AT & \text{if } \omega = 0 \end{cases}$



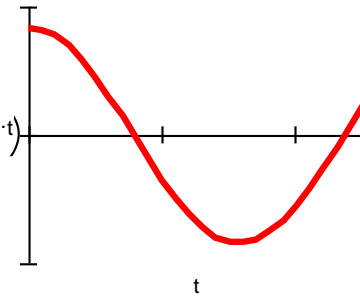
# Reconstructing a signal from its Fourier transform

This is the  
**inverse**  
**Fourier**  
**transform**

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Fp(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

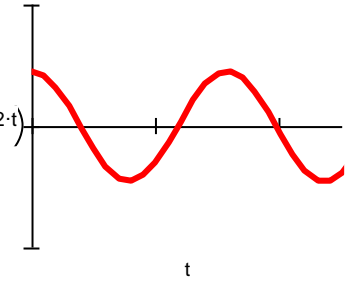


$$\underline{\text{Re}(Fp(1) \cdot e^{j \cdot t})}$$



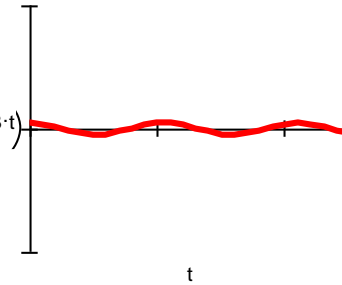
(a) contribution for  $\omega = 1$

$$\underline{\text{Re}(Fp(2) \cdot e^{j \cdot 2 \cdot t})}$$



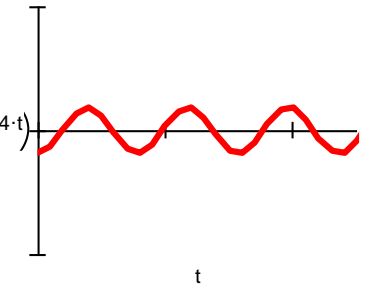
(b) contribution for  $\omega = 2$

$$\underline{\text{Re}(Fp(3) \cdot e^{j \cdot 3 \cdot t})}$$

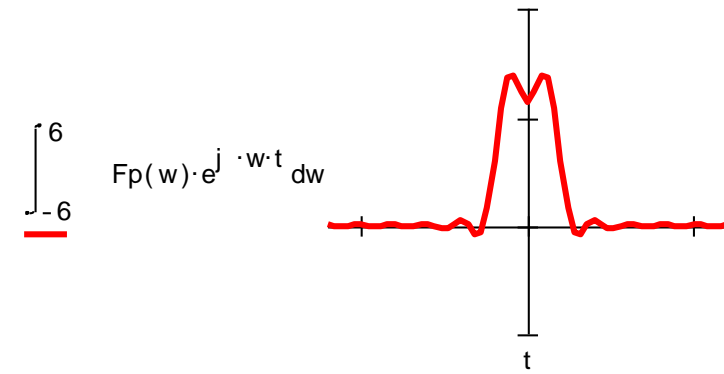


(c) contribution for  $\omega = 3$

$$\underline{\text{Re}(Fp(4) \cdot e^{j \cdot 4 \cdot t})}$$



(d) contribution for  $\omega = 4$



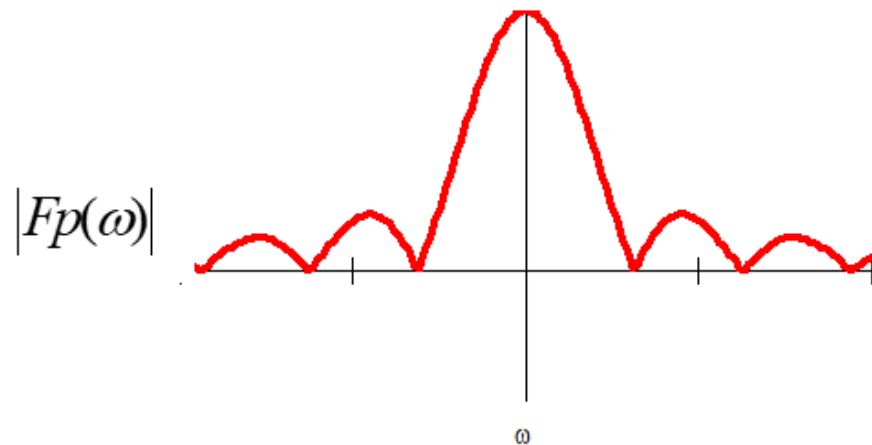
(e) reconstruction by integration

**Reconstructing a Signal from its Transform**

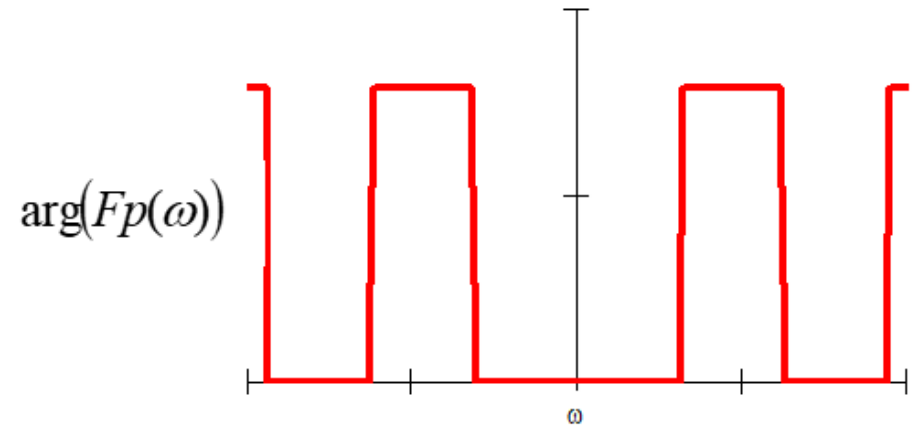


# Magnitude and phase of Fourier transform of a pulse

$$Fp(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt = \text{Re}(Fp(\omega)) + j \text{Im}(Fp(\omega))$$



(a) magnitude



(b) phase

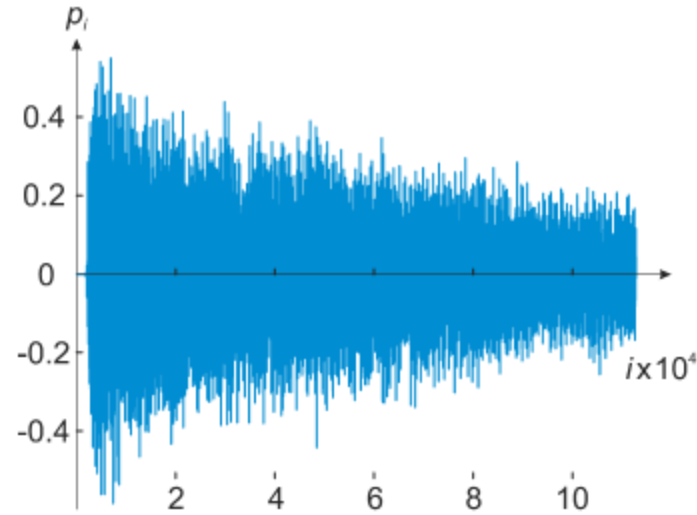
$$|Fp(\omega)| = \sqrt{\text{Re}(Fp(\omega))^2 + \text{Im}(Fp(\omega))^2}$$

$$\arg(Fp(\omega)) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{Im}(Fp(\omega))}{\text{Re}(Fp(\omega))} \right)$$

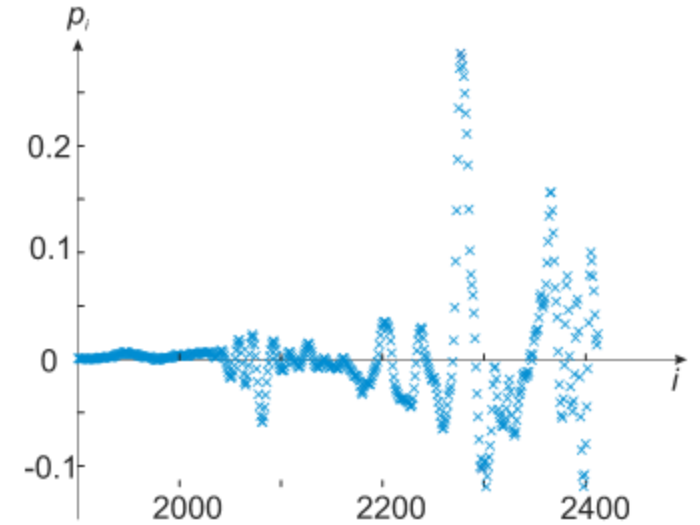


# Hard day?

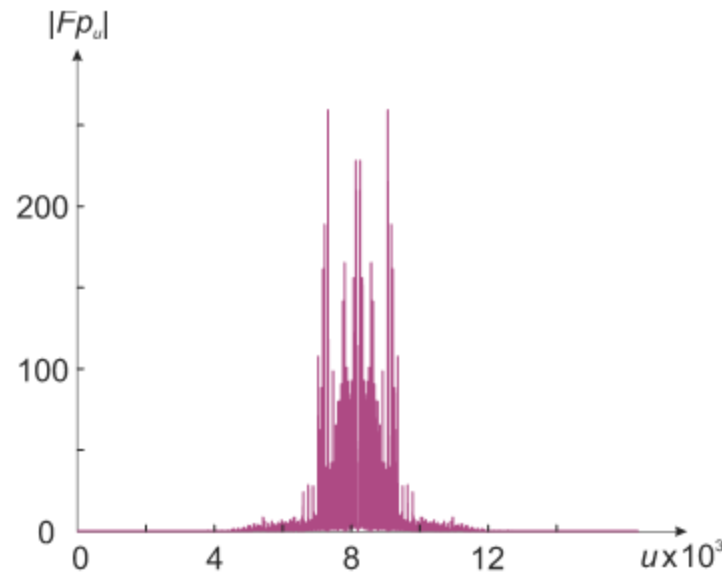
Let's see the Fourier transform of the Hard Day's night chord



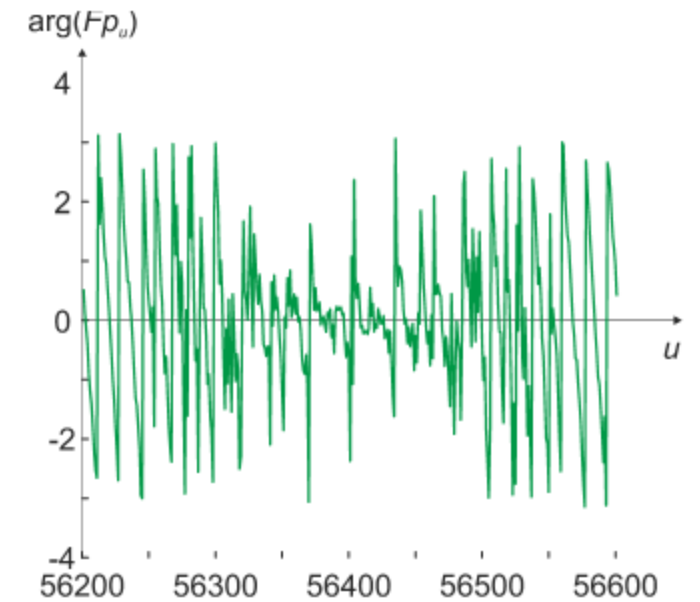
(a) Recorded data



(b) A closer look at the start of (a)



(c) Fourier Spectrum



(d) Phase of central portion

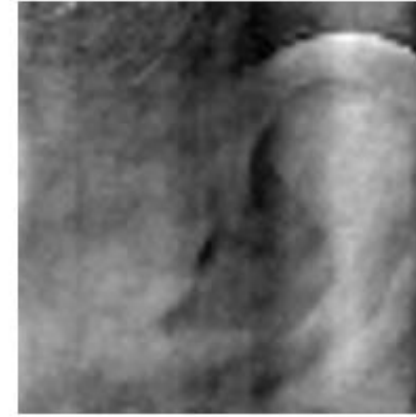
# Illustrating the importance of phase



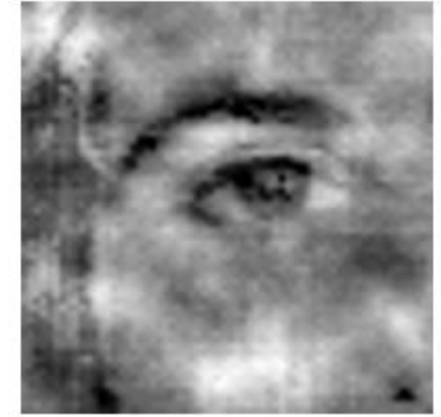
**(a)** eye image



**(b)** ear image

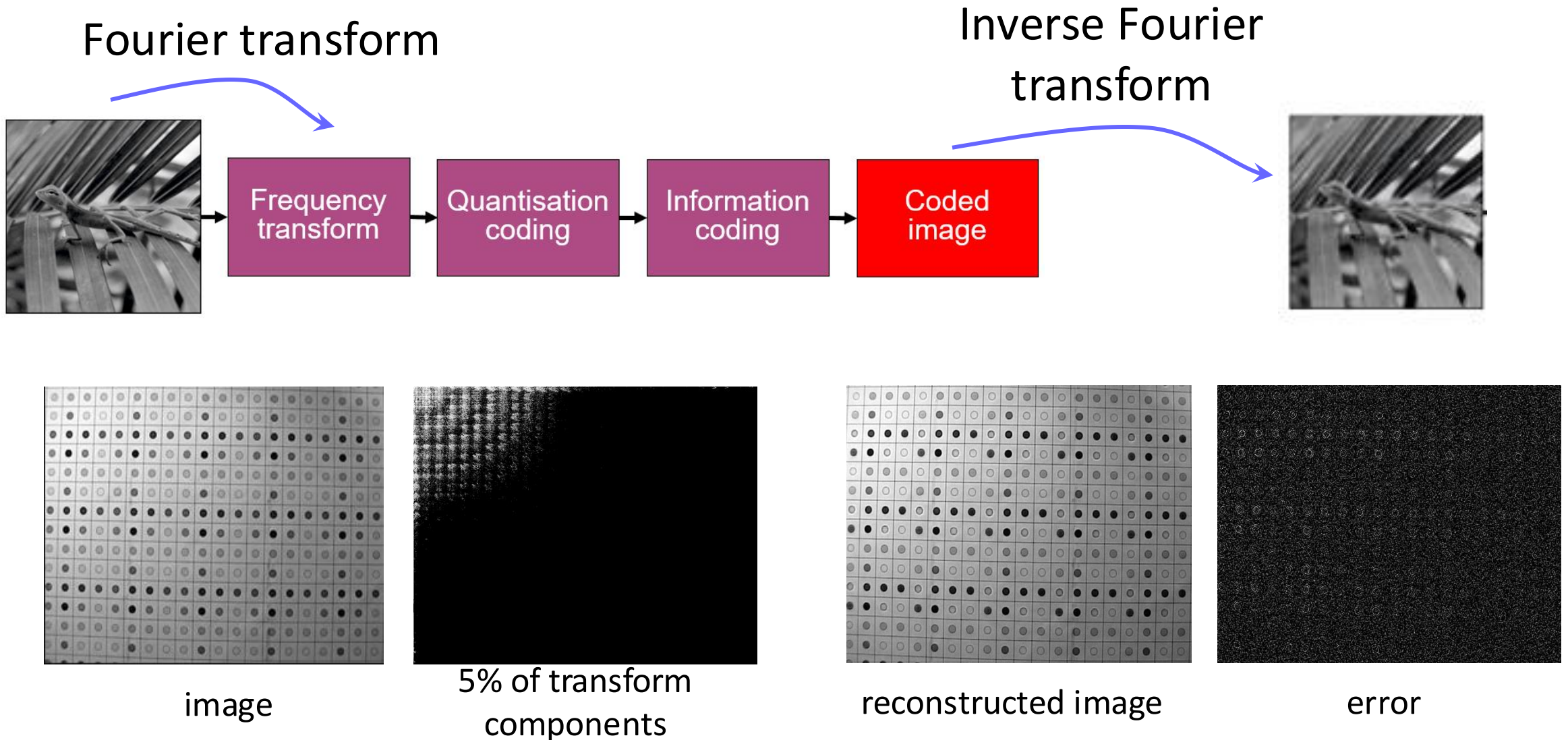


**(c)** reconstruction  
from magnitude(eye)  
and phase(ear)



**(d)** reconstruction from  
magnitude(ear) and  
phase(eye)

# Inverse Fourier transform is used for **reconstruction**





# Main points so far

1 – **sampling** data is not as simple as it appears

2 – sampling affects **space** and **brightness**

3 – Fourier allows us to understand **frequency**

4 – Fourier allows for **coding** and more

Next, Fourier will allow us to understand  
sampling



# Other transforms

- Discrete Cosine (Sine) Transform
- Discrete Hartley Transform

## Wavelets

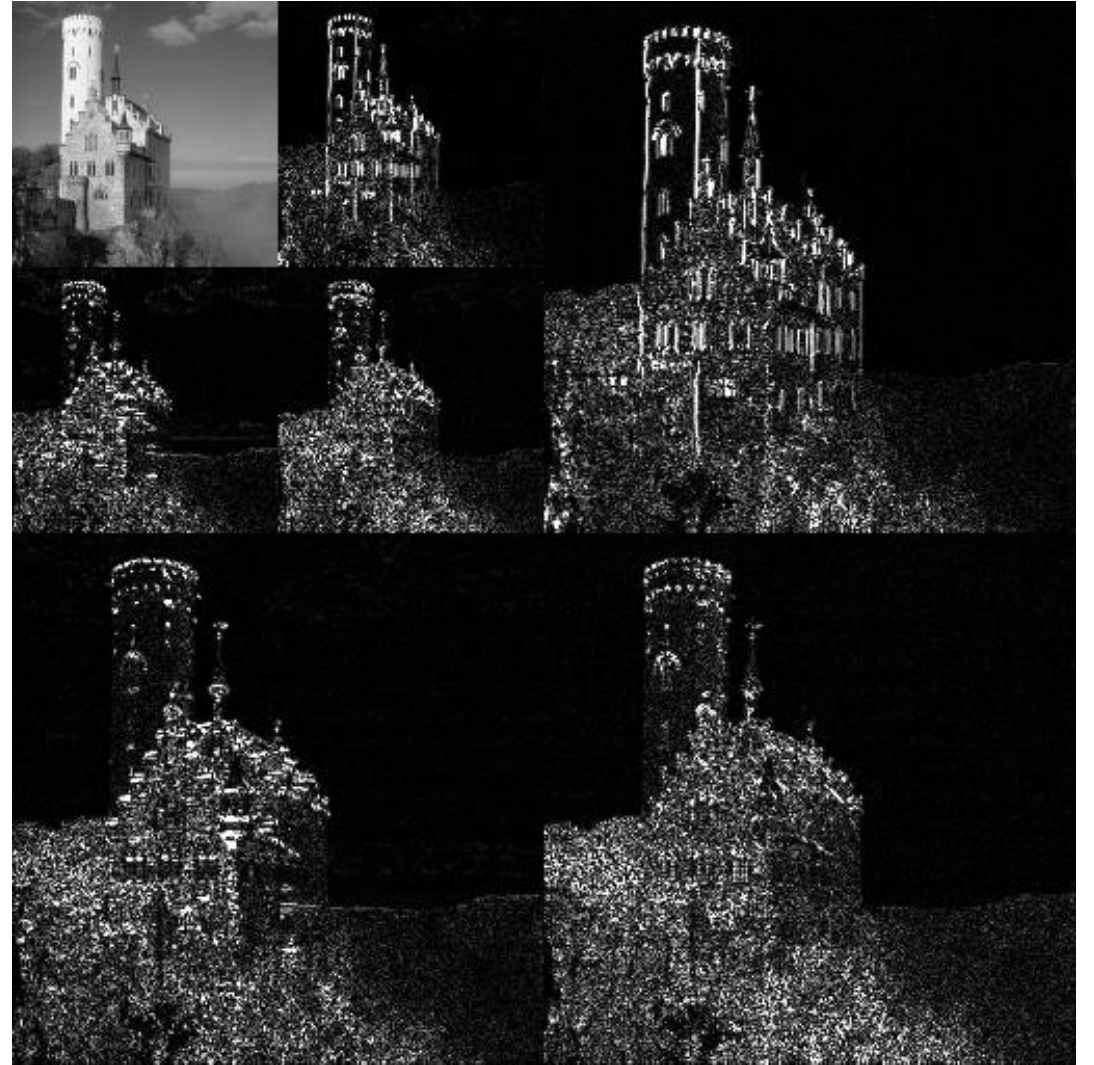
Continuous wavelet  
Discrete wavelet  
Complex wavelet  
Stationary wavelet  
Dual wavelet  
Haar wavelet  
Daubechies wavelet  
Morlet wavelet  
Gabor wavelet  
.....

## Curvelets

## Shearlets

Bandelet  
Contourlet  
Fresnelet  
Chirplet  
Noiselet  
.....

# Wavelet transform



An example of the 2D discrete wavelet transform that is used in JPEG2000 [Credit: Wikipedia]