

PHYS 3038 Optics

L21 Fourier Optics

Reading Material: Ch11



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11.1 Introduction: Why Fourier Optics



Example: Free space –superposition principle

$$E(x, y, z, t) = f(x, y, z) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$$

$$k_z = \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= \iint F(k_x, k_y) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y + \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2} z]} dk_x dk_y \\ &= \iint F(k_x, k_y) e^{i\sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2} z} e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y \\ &= \iint F(k_x, k_y) H(k_x, k_y, z) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y \end{aligned}$$

11.2.1 1D Fourier Transform



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(k) e^{ikx} dk = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F(k)\}$$
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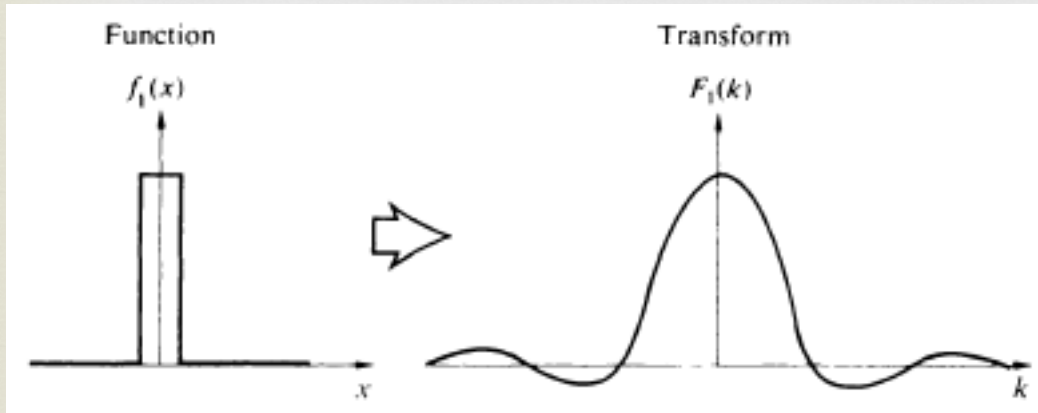
$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ikx} dk = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\} = 1$$

$$f(x) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{1\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} dx = 2\pi\delta(k)$$

FT of a rectangular function



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \frac{a}{2} < x < \frac{a}{2} \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(k) &= \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} e^{-ikx} dx = \left[\frac{e^{-ikx}}{-ik} \right]_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} = \frac{e^{-ika/2} - e^{ika/2}}{-ik} \\ &= \frac{-2i \sin \frac{ka}{2}}{-ik} = a \frac{\sin \frac{ka}{2}}{\frac{ka}{2}} = a \operatorname{sinc} \frac{ka}{2} \end{aligned}$$

FT of a Triangle Function

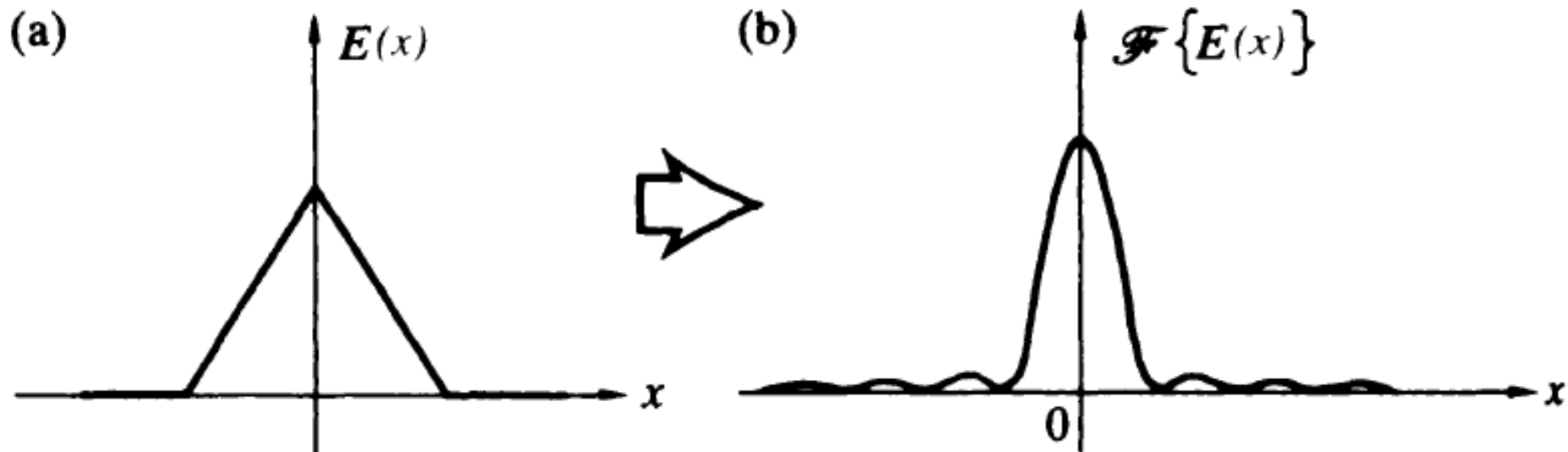


Figure 11.6 The transform of the triangle function is the sinc² function.

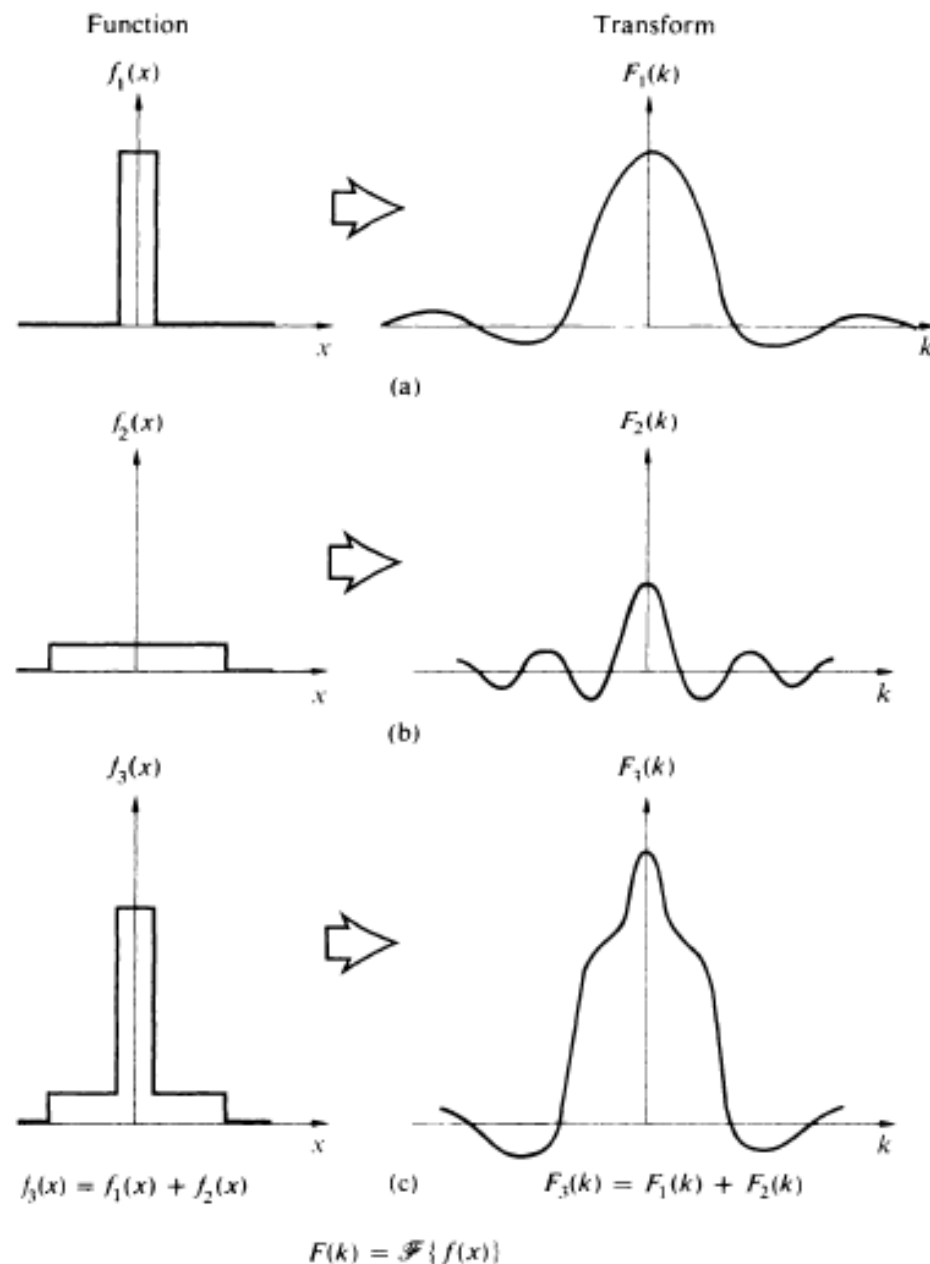


Figure 11.1 A composite function and its Fourier transform.

FT of the Gaussian Function

$$f(x) = C e^{-ax^2}$$

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} C e^{-ax^2} e^{-ikx} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} C e^{-a(x^2 + i\frac{k}{a}x)} dx$$

$$= C e^{-\frac{k^2}{4a}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-a(x^2 + i\frac{k}{a}x - \frac{k^2}{4a^2})} dx = C e^{-\frac{k^2}{4a}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-a(x + i\frac{k}{2a})^2} dx$$

$$= C \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{-\frac{k^2}{4a}}$$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$$

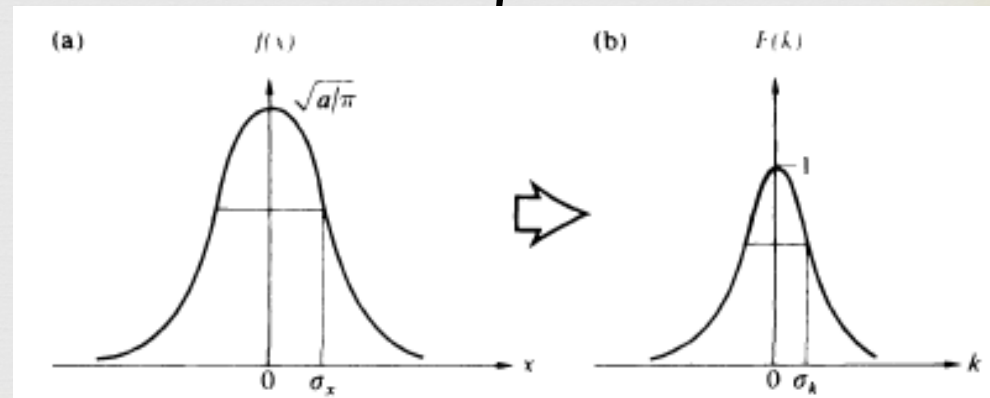


Figure 11.2 A Gaussian and its Fourier transform.

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx = \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(k) e^{ikx} dk = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F(k)\}$$

Displacements & Phase Shifts

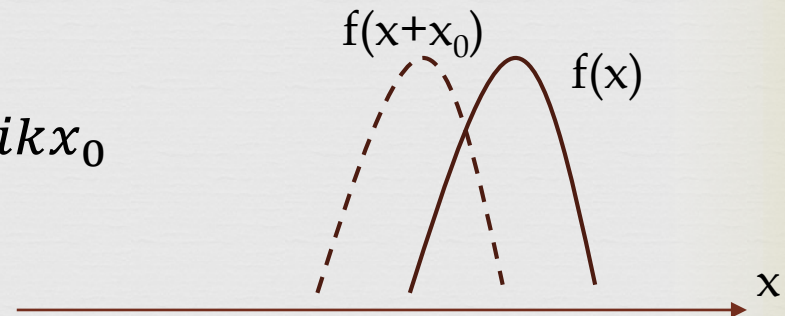


$$\mathcal{F}\{f(x + x_0)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x + x_0) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\xrightarrow{x + x_0 = u} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(u) e^{-ik(u-x_0)} du = e^{ikx_0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(u) e^{-iku} du = e^{ikx_0} \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{F}\{f(x + x_0)\} = e^{ikx_0} \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x + x_0)\} = e^{ikx_0} \mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\} = e^{ikx_0}$$



$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx = \mathcal{F}\{f(x)\}$$

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Phase Shift & Displacements

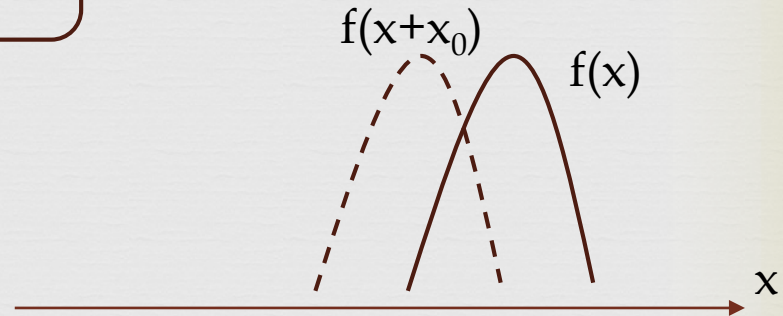


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{f(x) e^{ik_0 x}\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{ik_0 x} e^{-ikx} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{-i(k-k_0)x} dx \\ &= F(k - k_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(x) e^{ik_0 x}\} = F(k - k_0)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{1\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} dx = 2\pi\delta(k)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{e^{ik_0 x}\} = 2\pi\delta(k - k_0)$$



$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ikx} dk = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\} = 1$$

Sines and Cosines



$$\mathcal{F}\{1\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} dx = 2\pi\delta(k)$$

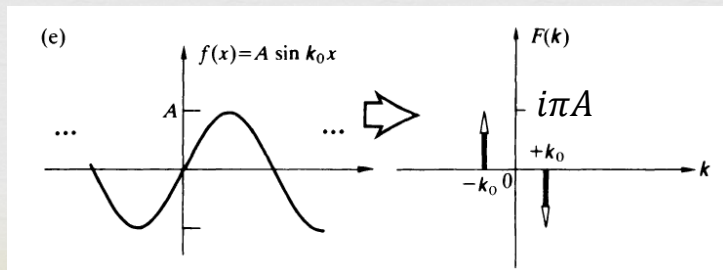
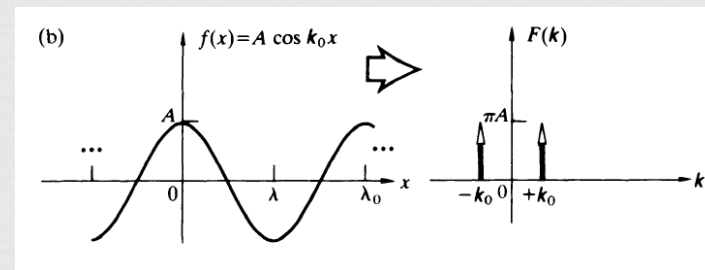
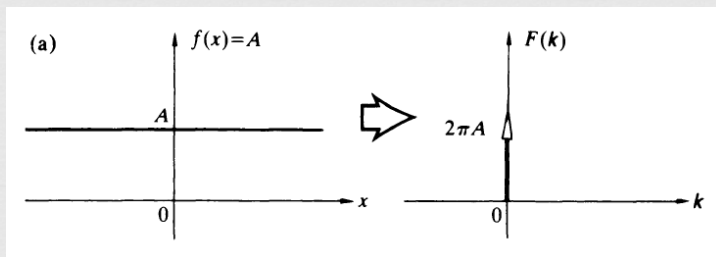
$$\mathcal{F}\{e^{ik_0x}\} = 2\pi\delta(k - k_0)$$

$$\sin k_0x = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{ik_0x} - e^{-ik_0x}) \longrightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\sin k_0x\} = -i\pi\delta(k - k_0) + i\pi\delta(k + k_0)$$

$$\cos k_0x = \frac{1}{2} (e^{ik_0x} + e^{-ik_0x}) \longrightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\cos k_0x\} = \pi\delta(k - k_0) + \pi\delta(k + k_0)$$



$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ikx} dk = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\} = 1$$

Sines and Cosines



$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x + x_0)\} = e^{ikx_0} \mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\} = e^{ikx_0}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x + x_0) + \delta(x - x_0)\} = e^{ikx_0} + e^{-ikx_0} = 2\cos(kx_0)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x + x_0) - \delta(x - x_0)\} = e^{ikx_0} - e^{-ikx_0} = 2i\sin(kx_0)$$

11.2.2 2D Fourier Transform



$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^2 \iint_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(k_x, k_y) e^{i(k_x x + k_y y)} dk_x dk_y \\ &= \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{F(k_x, k_y)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(k_x, k_y) &= \iint_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) e^{-i(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy \\ &= \mathcal{F}\{f(x, y)\} \end{aligned}$$

FT of the Cylinder Function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq a \\ 0 & \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} > a \end{cases}$$

$$k_x = k_\alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$k_y = k_\alpha \sin \alpha$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$F(k_\alpha) = 2\pi a^2 \left[\frac{J_1(k_\alpha a)}{k_\alpha a} \right]$$

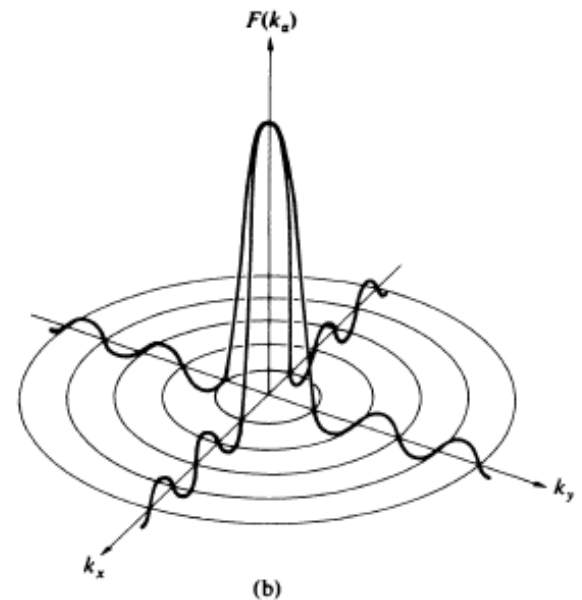
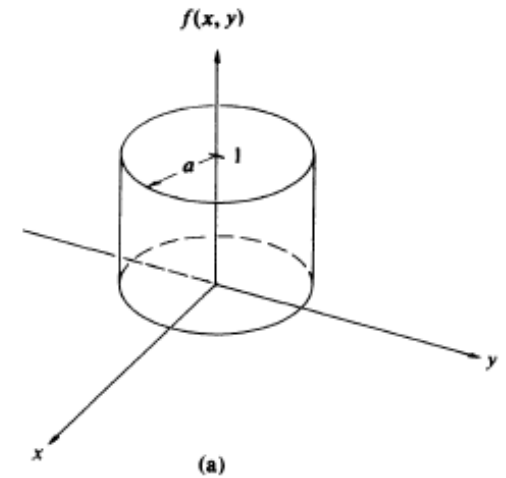
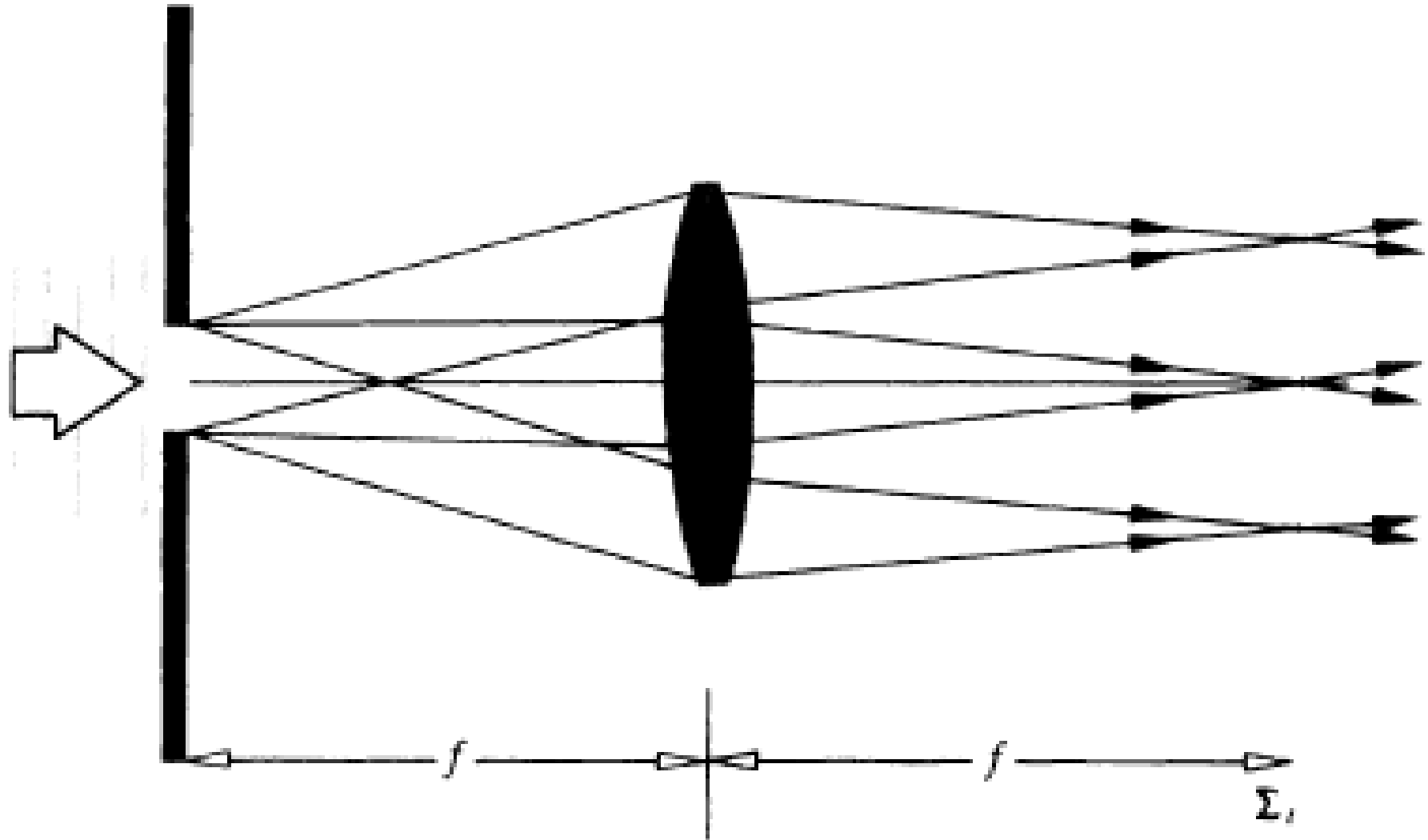


Figure 11.4 The cylinder, or top-hat, function and its transform.

The Lens as a FT



Optical Applications of FT

☞ Example: Free space –superposition principle

$$E(x, y, z, t) = f(x, y, z) e^{-i\omega t} \quad k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2} \quad k_z = \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$

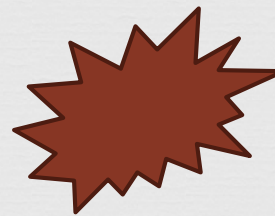
$$H(k_x, k_y, z) = e^{ik_z z} = e^{i\sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2} z}$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \iint F(k_x, k_y) H(k_x, k_y, z) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y$$

$$f_0(x, y) = f(x, y, z = 0) = \iint F(k_x, k_y) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y$$

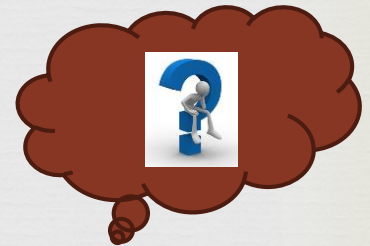
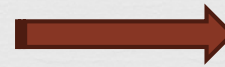
$$F(k_x, k_y) = \mathcal{F}\{f_0(x, y)\}$$

$$F(k_x, k_y) H(k_x, k_y, z) = \mathcal{F}\{f(x, y, z)\}$$



$f_0(x, y)$

$H(k_x, k_y, z)$



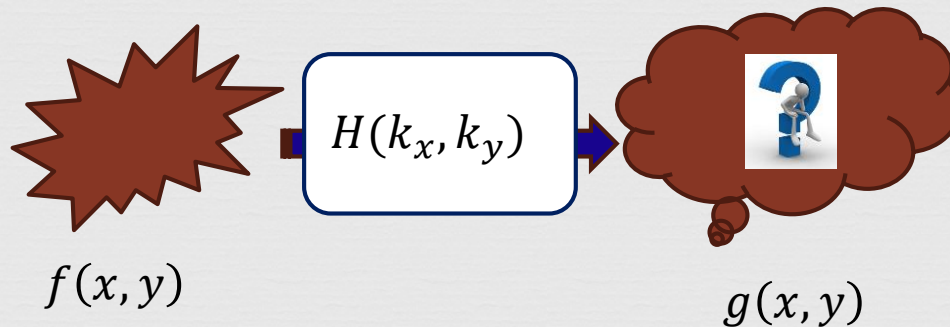
$f(x, y, z)$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}\{f_0(x, y)\} H(k_x, k_y, z)\}$$

General Linear Systems

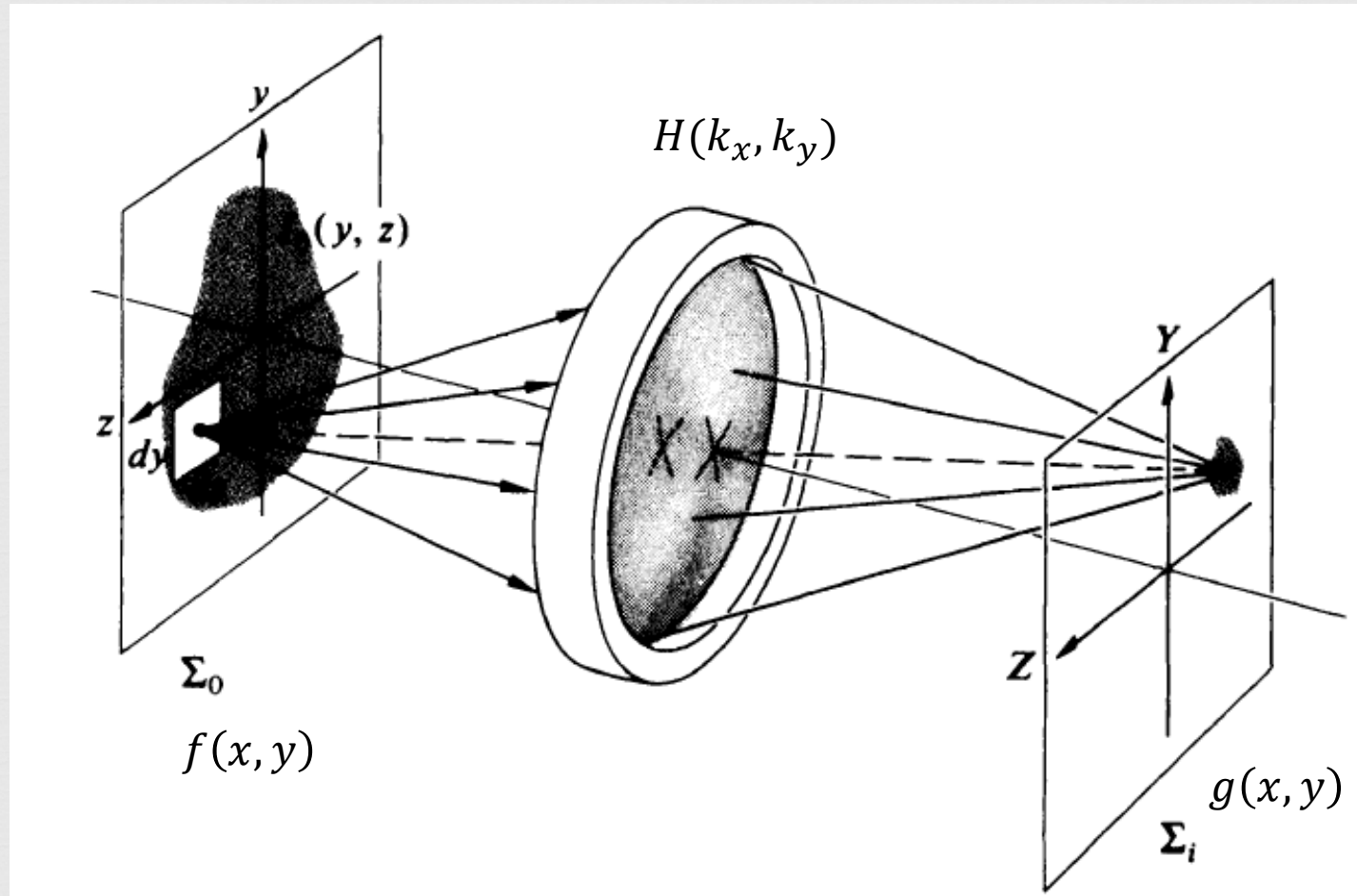


Transform Function $H(k_x, k_y)$



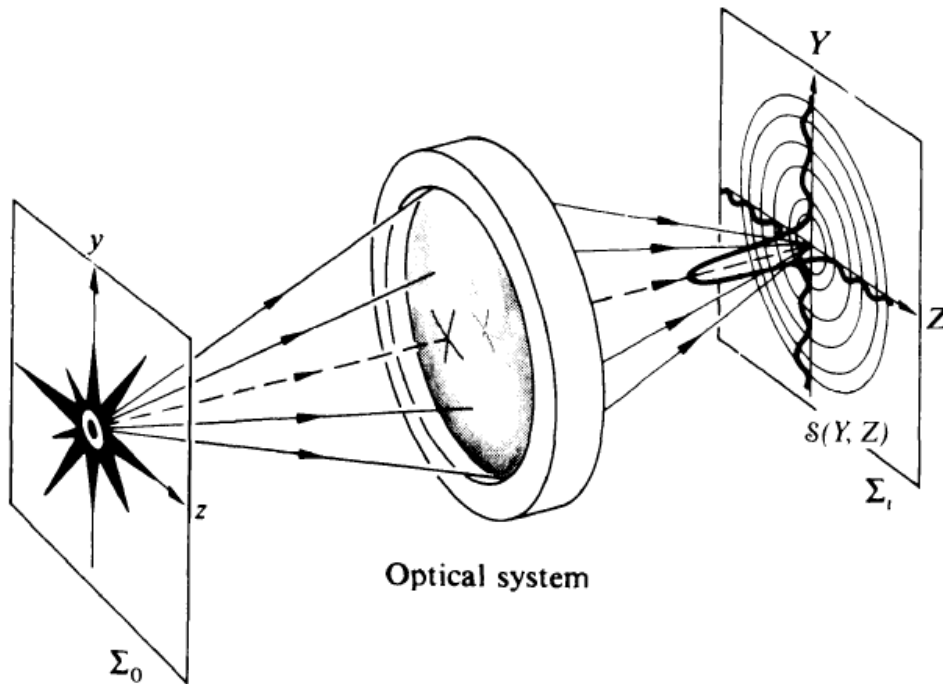
$$g(x, y) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}\{f(x, y)\}H(k_x, k_y)\}$$

A Lens Imaging System



$$g(x, y) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}\{f(x, y)\}H(k_x, k_y)\}$$

Point Spread Function



$$PSF(x, y) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{H(k_x, k_y)\}$$

➔ Resolution

$$\begin{aligned} PSF(x, y) &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x, y)\}H(k_x, k_y)\} \\ &= \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{H(k_x, k_y)\} \end{aligned}$$