Vision Systems

Lecture 5

Image Sampling and Interpolation

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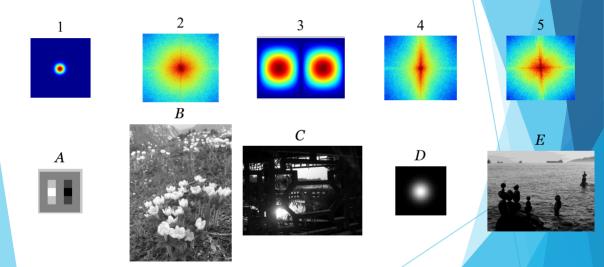
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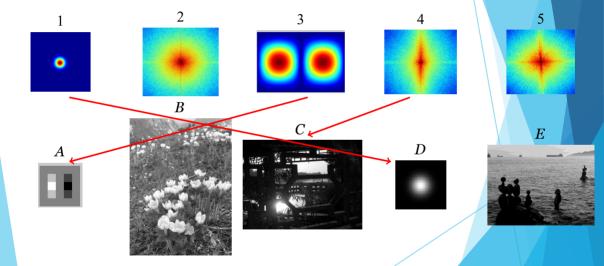
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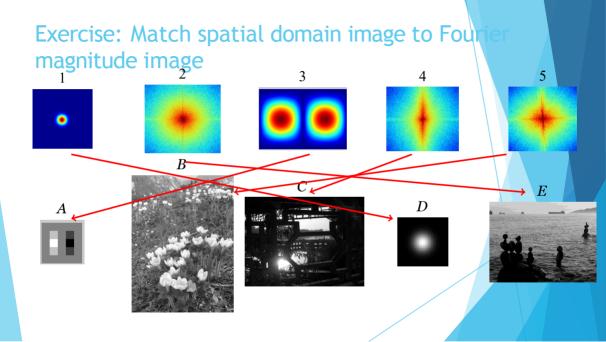
- Image convolution needs $O(N^2 \cdot k^2)$ time, where $N \times N$ is image size, and $k \times k$ is kernel size
- By performing convolution in Fourier domain, cost is: $O(N^2)$ for a single pass over the image + cost of FFT: $O(N^2 \log N^2)$ for the image and $O(k^2 \log k^2)$ for the kernel $\approx O(N^2 \log N^2 + k^2 \log k^2)$, in total (other terms additive)

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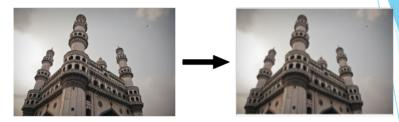
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Throw away every other row and column to create a $1/2\ \text{size}$

image.







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Why does this look so crufty?



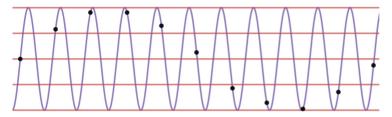
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What's happening?





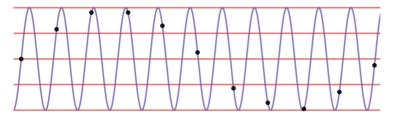
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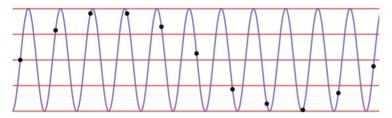
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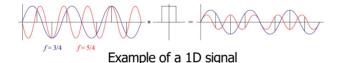


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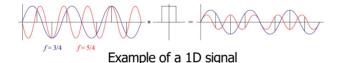
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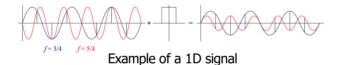
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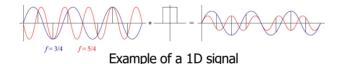
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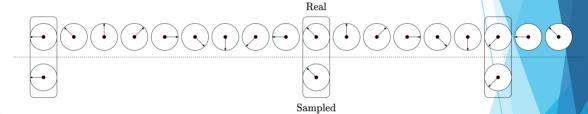
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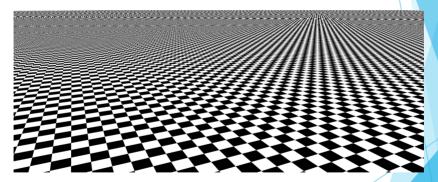
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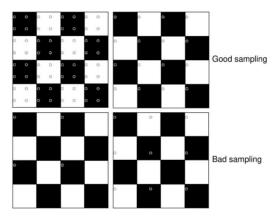
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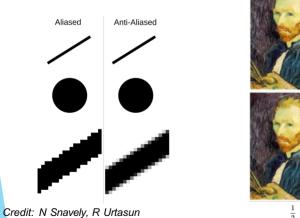
Aliasing: Nyquist Limit 2D example





Anti-aliasing

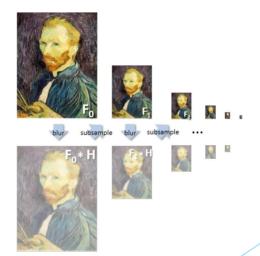
Example: Gaussian Pre-filtering



 $\frac{1}{2} \qquad \frac{1}{4}(2x \text{ Zoom}) \qquad \frac{1}{8}(4x \text{ Zoom})$

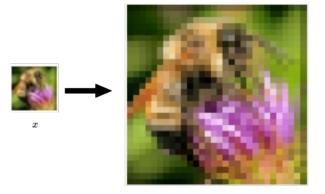
Before

Subsampling with Gaussian Pre-filtering

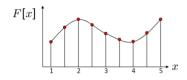


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Upsampling



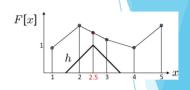
How to go from left to right? **Interpolation**. Simple method: Repeat each row and column 10 times (Nearest Neighbour Interpolation).



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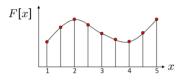


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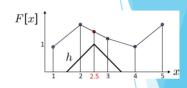
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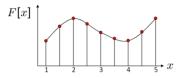
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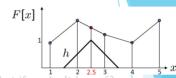


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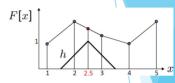
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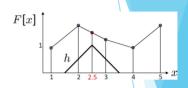
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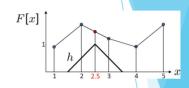
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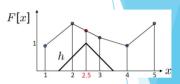
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Examples

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Upsampled Images:







Left to right: Nearest Neightbour Interpolation, Bilinear Interpolation, Bicabic Interpolation.

Interpolation and Decimation

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Decimation (Sub-sampling)

To **decimate** (or sub-sample) an image to a lower resolution, we need an **decimation kernel** with which to convolve the image (r) is downsampling rate):

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Homework

Readings

Chapter 3 (§3.5.1-3.5.2), Szeliski, Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications

Chapter 7 (§7.4), Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision: A Modern Approach