

Sinc Transform Calculations

1 Conventions

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(h(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\mathbf{x}) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{f}} d\mathbf{x} \\ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(\mathbf{f}))(\mathbf{x}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(\mathbf{f}) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{f}} d\mathbf{f} \\ \text{sinc}(x) &= \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \\ \text{sinc}(\mathbf{x}) &= \text{sinc}(x_1) \text{sinc}(x_2) \text{sinc}(x_3)\end{aligned}$$

2 Sinc Transform Pairs

1D

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} b & |x| \leq a \\ 0 & |x| > a \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(h(x))(f) = \int_{-a}^a b e^{-2\pi i x f} dx = 2ab \text{sinc}(2\pi a f)$$

Using symmetry of Fourier transform, ie $\mathcal{F}(H(x))(f) = h(-f)$, and that $h(x)$ is even:

$$\mathcal{F}(H(x))(f) = \mathcal{F}(2ab \text{sinc}(2\pi a x))(f) = h(x)$$

Letting $a = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ and $b = \pi$,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(x))(f) = h(x)$$

where $h(x)$ is π on $|x| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi}$ and 0 elsewhere.

2D

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} b & |x_1| \leq a, |x_2| \leq a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(h(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) = \int_{-a}^a \int_{-a}^a b e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{f}} d\mathbf{x} = 4a^2 b \text{sinc}(2\pi a f_1) \text{sinc}(2\pi a f_2) = 4a^2 b \text{sinc}(2\pi a \mathbf{f})$$

Letting $a = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ and $b = \pi^2$,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) = h(\mathbf{x})$$

3D

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} b & |x_1| \leq a, |x_2| \leq a, |x_3| \leq a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(h(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) = \int_{-a}^a \int_{-a}^a \int_{-a}^a b e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{f}} d\mathbf{x} = 8a^3 b \text{sinc}(2\pi a f_1) \text{sinc}(2\pi a f_2) \text{sinc}(2\pi a f_3) = 8a^3 b \text{sinc}(2\pi a \mathbf{f})$$

Letting $a = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ and $b = \pi^3$,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) = h(\mathbf{x})$$

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3 Sinc² Transform Pairs

Note: since these functions are piecewise continuous, it will be necessary to find quadrature points separately for each piece

1D By the convolution theorem,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2(x))(f) = (\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(x)) * \mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(x)))(f) = \begin{cases} \pi(1 - \pi|x|) & |x| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2D By the convolution theorem,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) = (\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(\mathbf{x})) * \mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}(\mathbf{x}))) (\mathbf{f}) = \begin{cases} \pi^2(1 - \pi|x_1|)(1 - \pi|x_2|) & |x_1| \leq \frac{1}{\pi}, |x_2| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3D By the convolution theorem,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{f}) = \begin{cases} \pi^3(1 - \pi|x_1|)(1 - \pi|x_2|)(1 - \pi|x_3|) & |x_1| \leq \frac{1}{\pi}, |x_2| \leq \frac{1}{\pi}, |x_3| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4 Sinc

Define $f(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_j) q_j$

$$(\text{sinc} * f)(\mathbf{k}_i) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}) f(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^m q_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_j) d\mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^m q_j \text{sinc}(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_j)$$

By the convolution theorem, $\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc} * f) = \mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f)$. So, we are interested in

$$(\text{sinc} * f)(\mathbf{k}_i) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(f(\mathbf{k})) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_j) q_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k} \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{x}}$$

1D

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(k_i) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2\pi}}^{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \pi \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i k_j x} \right) e^{2\pi i x k_i} dx$$

Change of variables: let $y = 2\pi x$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(k_i) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-i k_j y} \right) e^{i y k_i} dy$$

2D

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2\pi}}^{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2\pi}}^{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \pi^2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{x}} \right) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{x}$$

Change of variables: let $\mathbf{y} = 2\pi \mathbf{x}$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{y}} \right) e^{i \mathbf{y} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{y}$$

3D

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2\pi}}^{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2\pi}}^{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2\pi}}^{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \pi^3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{x}} \right) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{x}$$

Change of variables: let $\mathbf{y} = 2\pi \mathbf{x}$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc})\mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \frac{1}{8} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{y}} \right) e^{i \mathbf{y} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{y}$$

5 Sinc²

Define $f(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_j) q_j$

$$(\text{sinc}^2 * f)(\mathbf{k}_i) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}^2(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}) f(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^m q_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}^2(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_j) d\mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^m q_j \text{sinc}^2(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_j)$$

By the convolution theorem, $\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2 * f) = \mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f)$. So, we are interested in

$$(\text{sinc}^2 * f)(\mathbf{k}_i) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i)$$

1D

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(k_i) = \int_{-\frac{1}{\pi}}^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \pi(1 - \pi|x|) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i k_j x} \right) e^{2\pi i x k_i} dx$$

Change of variables: let $y = 2\pi x$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(k_i) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-2}^2 (2 - |y|) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-i k_j y} \right) e^{i y k_i} dy$$

2D

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \int_{-\frac{1}{\pi}}^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{\pi}}^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \pi^2 (1 - \pi|x_1|)(1 - \pi|x_2|) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{x}} \right) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{x}$$

Change of variables: let $\mathbf{y} = 2\pi \mathbf{x}$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \frac{1}{16} \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-2}^2 (2 - |y_1|)(2 - |y_2|) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{y}} \right) e^{i \mathbf{y} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{y}$$

3D

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \int_{-\frac{1}{\pi}}^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{\pi}}^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{\pi}}^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \pi^3 (1 - \pi|x_1|)(1 - \pi|x_2|)(1 - \pi|x_3|) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{x}} \right) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{x} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{x}$$

Change of variables: let $\mathbf{y} = 2\pi \mathbf{x}$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\text{sinc}^2) \mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{k}_i) = \frac{1}{64} \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-2}^2 (2 - |y_1|)(2 - |y_2|)(2 - |y_3|) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m q_j e^{-i \mathbf{k}_j \mathbf{y}} \right) e^{i \mathbf{y} \mathbf{k}_i} d\mathbf{y}$$

Note: each final integral is approximated using Legendre-Gauss quadrature weights, shifted (if necessary) according to the continuity of the function and integration bounds. The sum within each integral is calculated by the first call to a non-uniform FFT program; this output is then weighted (in the case of sinc²) and used as input again to a non-uniform FFT program to compute the final answer.