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# Computer Vision I: First Principles

## Homework #3

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# Problem 1

## Sinusoid

The line equation is

$$x \sin \theta - y \cos \theta + \rho = 0$$

Currently, the independent and dependent variables are  $x$  and  $y$ . If we regard  $\theta$  and  $\rho$  as the independent and dependent variables instead, we can rewrite the expression into

$$\rho = y \cos \theta - x \sin \theta$$

The right hand side of this expression can be written into the form of

$$R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$$

where

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \tan \alpha = -\frac{y}{x}$$

Therefore, for each point (for example,  $(x_0, y_0)$ ) in the  $(x, y)$ -image space, since it's on the line  $x \sin \theta - y \cos \theta + \rho = 0$ , and when regarding  $\theta$  and  $\rho$  as the variables (by rewriting  $x_0 \sin \theta - y_0 \cos \theta + \rho = 0$ ), we have the function:

$$\rho = R \cos(\theta - \alpha), R = \sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2}, \tan \alpha = -\frac{y_0}{x_0}$$

Also, since  $\cos(x) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$  and  $\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$ ,

$$\rho = R \cos(\theta - \alpha) = R \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta + \alpha) = -R \sin(\theta - (\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha))$$

Since this function is in the form of  $y = A \sin(\omega x + \phi)$ , we get a sinusoid in the  $(\rho, \theta)$ -Hough space.

## Amplitude & Phase

For the function

$$y = A \sin(\omega x + \phi)$$

Its amplitude is  $|A|$  and its phase at  $x$  is  $\omega x + \phi$  (so the "phase" when  $x = 0$  is  $\phi$ ).

In the case of the problem, we have

$$\rho = -R \sin(\theta - (\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha))$$

where

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \tan \alpha = -\frac{y}{x}$$

Therefore, the amplitude is:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

and the phase (at  $\theta = 0$ ) is (since  $\arctan(-x) = -\arctan(x)$ ):

$$-(\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha) = -(\frac{\pi}{2} + \arctan(-\frac{y}{x})) = \arctan(\frac{y}{x}) - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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## Period

For the function

$$y = A \sin(\omega x + \phi)$$

Its period is  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ .

In the case of the problem, we have

$$\rho = -R \sin(\theta - (\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha))$$

where

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \tan \alpha = -\frac{y}{x}$$

Therefore, the period is:

$$\frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi$$

Therefore, the period of the sinusoid does NOT vary with the image point  $(x, y)$  since the period is a constant  $(2\pi)$  here.