

Chapter 4

Filtering in the Frequency Domain

1. Filtering in the Frequency Domain, highpass
2. Filtering in the Frequency Domain, bandpass
3. Fourier and Laplacian filter

Filtering in the Frequency Domain (reminder)

- Basic idea: Modify *importance* of «cosines» of certain frequencies by multiplying $F(u, v)$ by a **filter** function $H(u, v)$ and take IDFT!

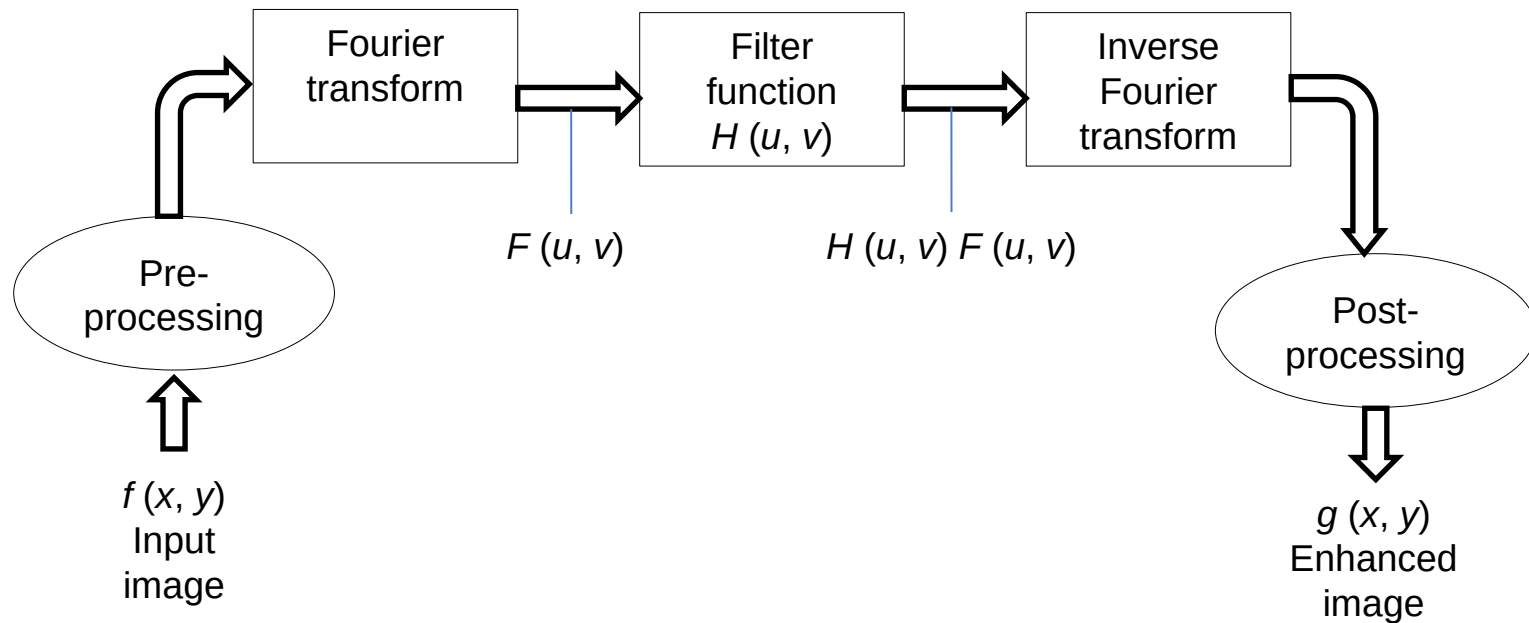


Figure: Basic steps for filtering in the frequency domain.

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- Convolution theorem (reminder):

$$\begin{aligned} g(x,y) &= \text{IDFT}\{ H(u,v)F(u,v) \} \\ &= \text{IDFT}\{ H(u,v) \} * \text{IDFT}\{ F(u,v) \} \end{aligned}$$

- $H(u,v)$ will often pass certain frequencies (attenuate rest)
 - Lowpass
 - Highpass
 - Selective (also Ch. 5)

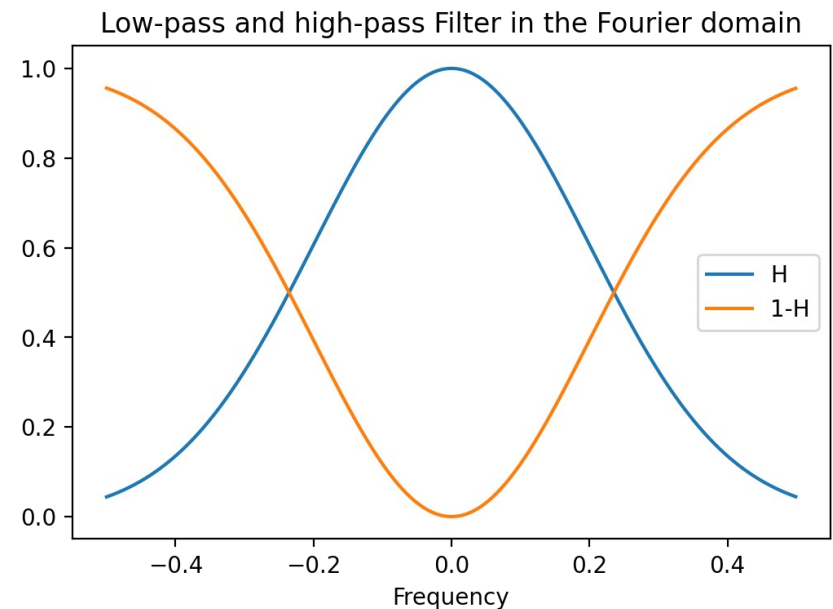
Like the convolution, filtering in the Fourier domain impact all the pixels of an image.

1. Highpass filtering and highpass filters

- «Opposite» of lowpass filter
- High frequencies are passed – low frequencies are «cut off» or attenuated

Example:

$$H_{HP}(u, v) = 1 - H_{LP}(u, v)$$



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- Most important highpass filters:
 - Ideal
 - Gaussian
 - Butterworth

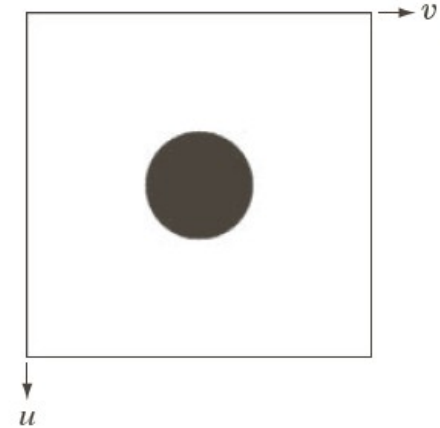


TABLE 4.5

Highpass filters. D_0 is the cutoff frequency and n is the order of the Butterworth filter.

Ideal	Butterworth	Gaussian
$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D(u, v) > D_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } D(u, v) < D_0 \end{cases}$	$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D_0/D(u, v)]^{2n}}$	$H(u, v) = 1 - e^{-D^2(u, v)/2D_0^2}$

We can have a polynomial

We can tune the variance

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High pass filtering in the
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Ideal
Butterworth
Gaussian

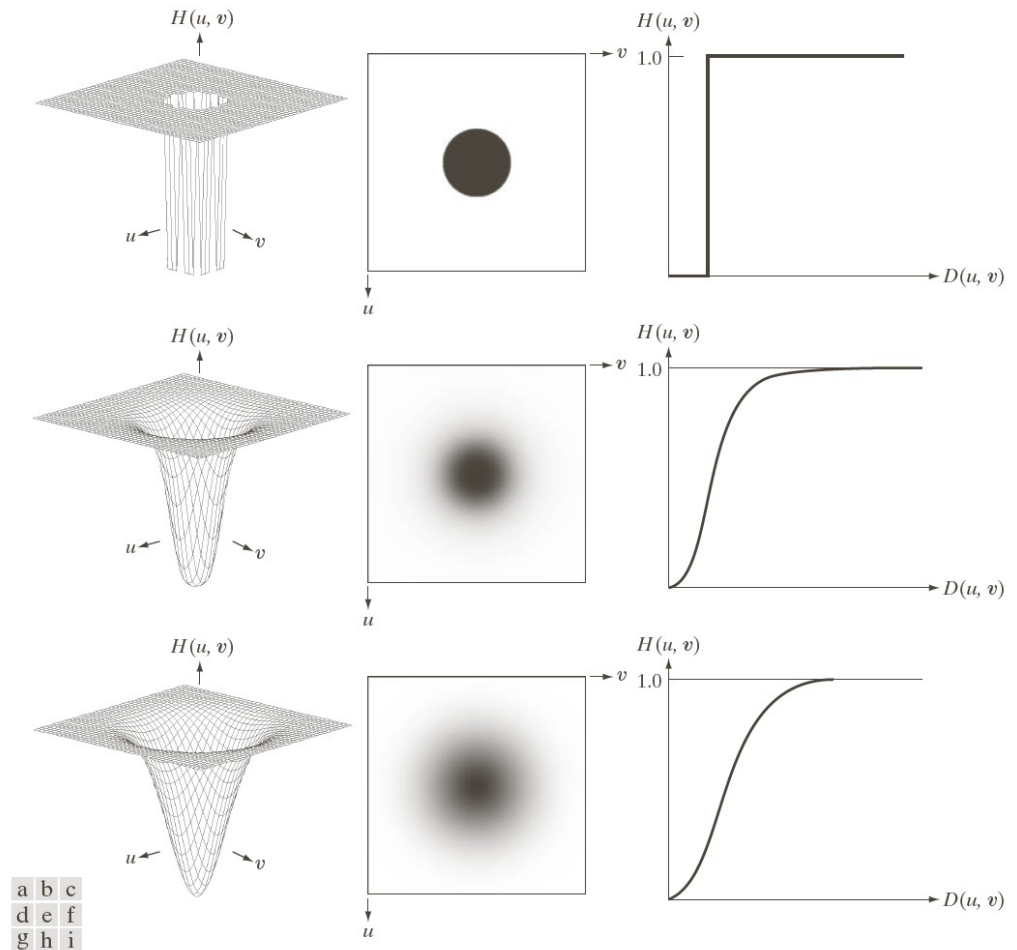
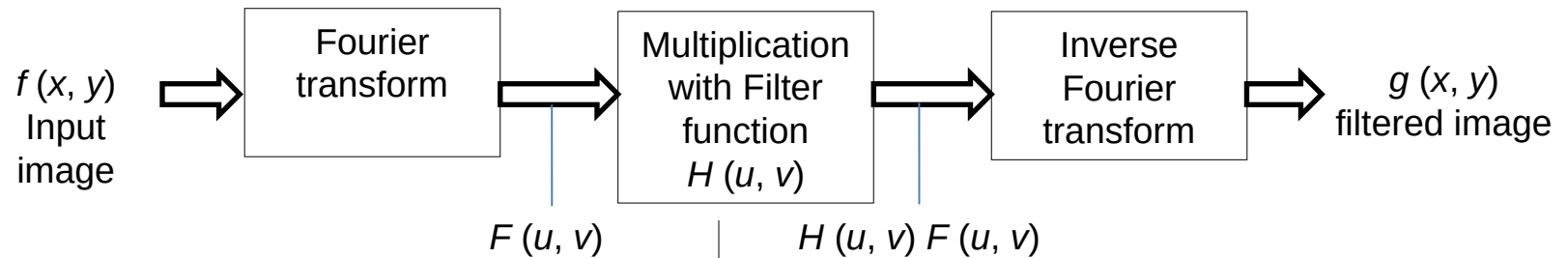


FIGURE 4.52 Top row: Perspective plot, image representation, and cross section of a typical ideal highpass filter. Middle and bottom rows: The same sequence for typical Butterworth and Gaussian highpass filters.

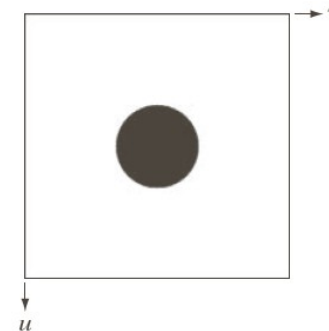
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- Steps for filtering in the Fourier domain



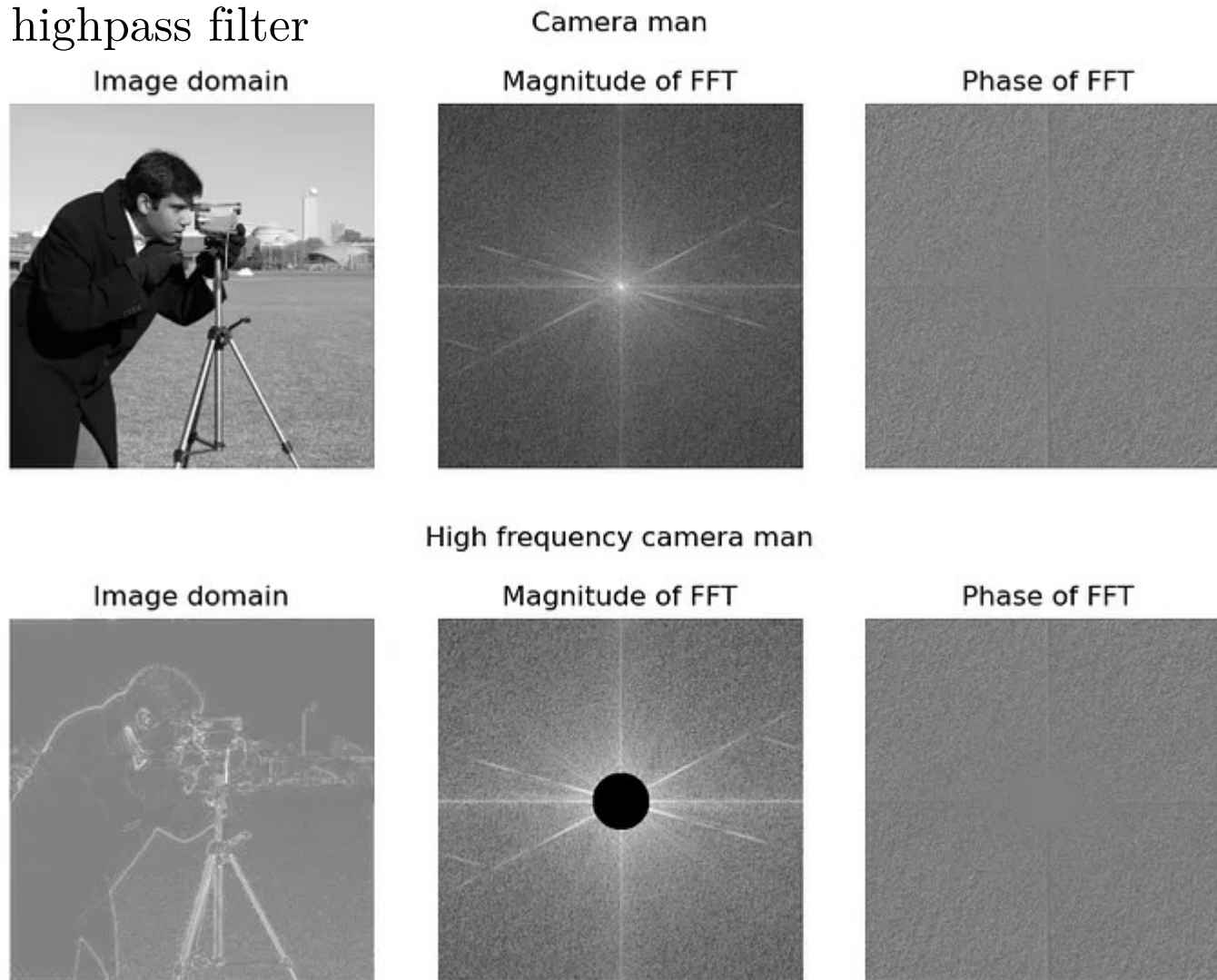
Example of filter $H(u, v)$:
(high-pass)



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Effect of highpass filter



After the highpass filtering: only edges are visible

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- Ideal highpass filter (IHPF)

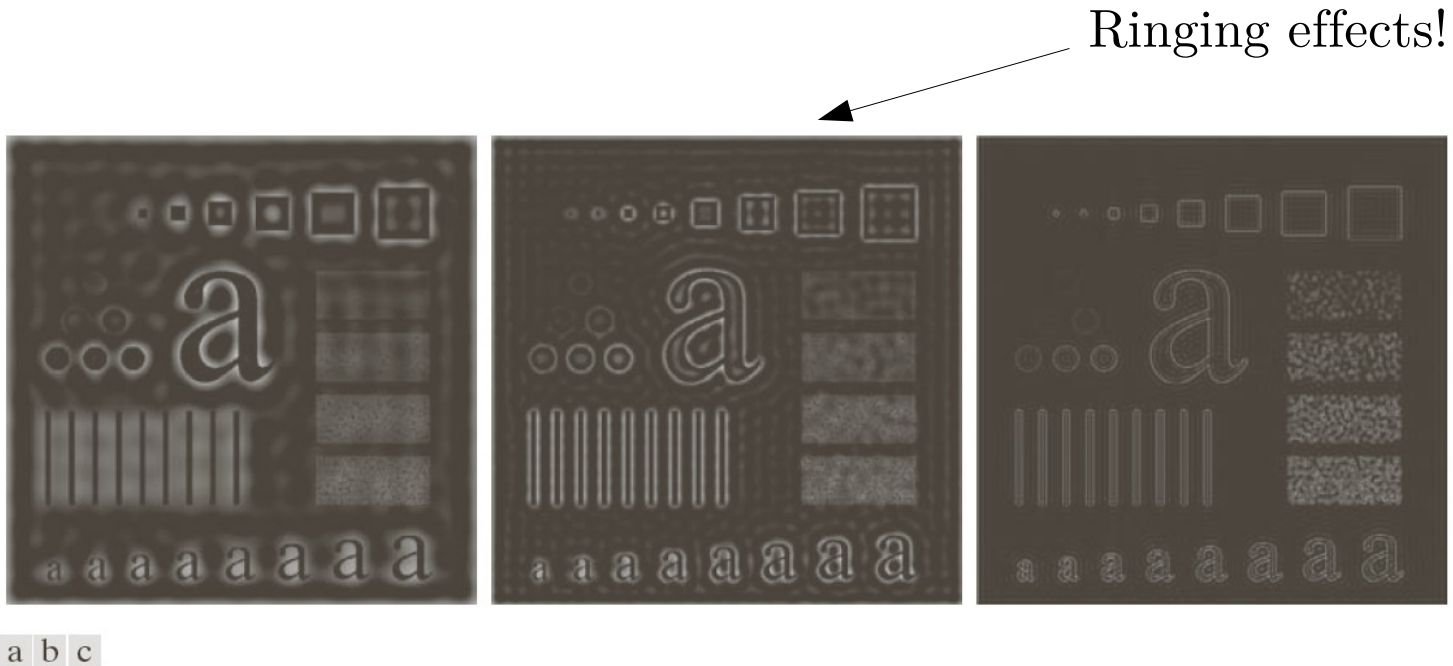


FIGURE 4.54 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using an IHPF with $D_0 = 30, 60,$ and 160 .

Problem:

Artefacts due to a non-smooth filter (discontinuity in the function H)

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- Gaussian highpass filter (GHPF)

No ringing!

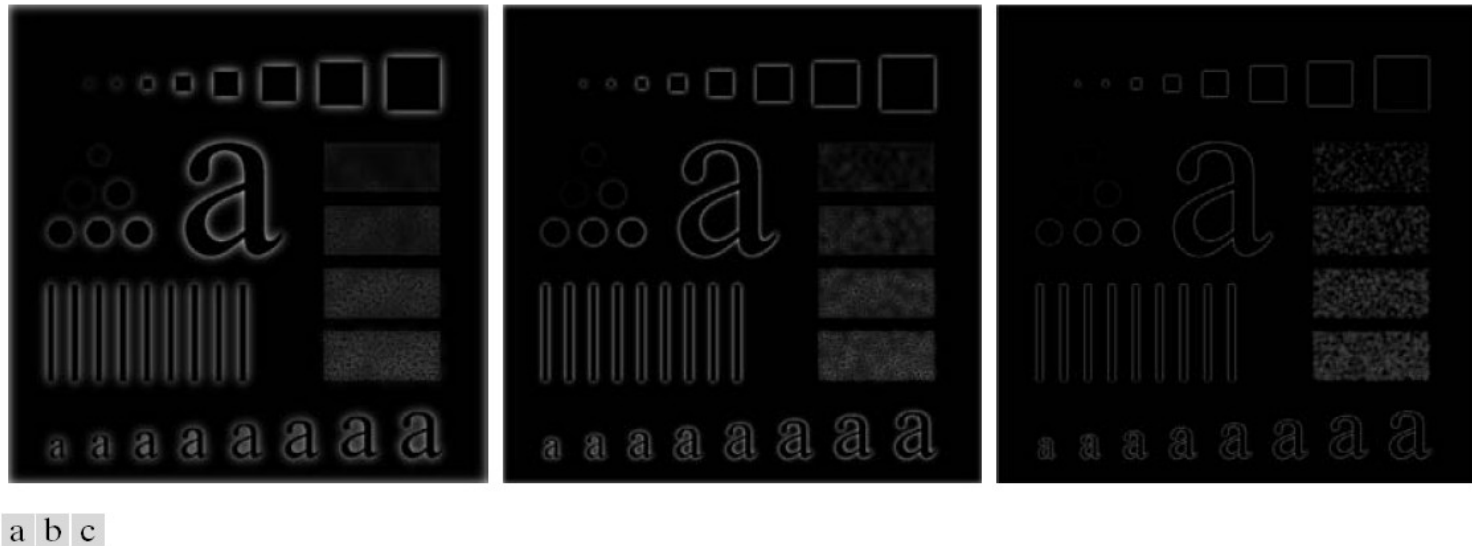
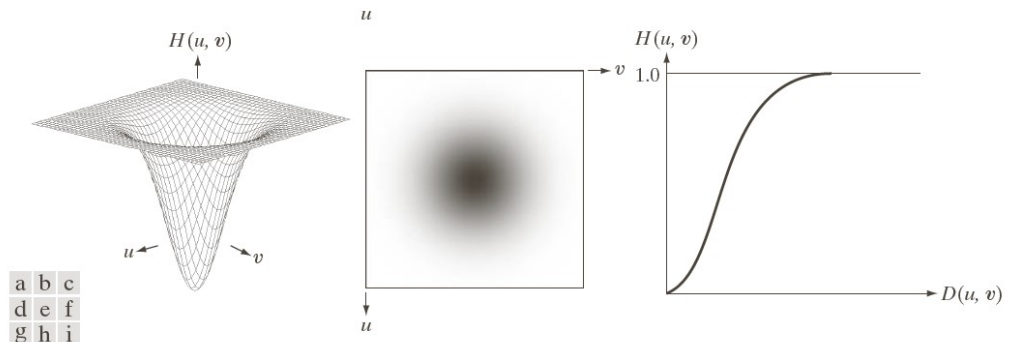


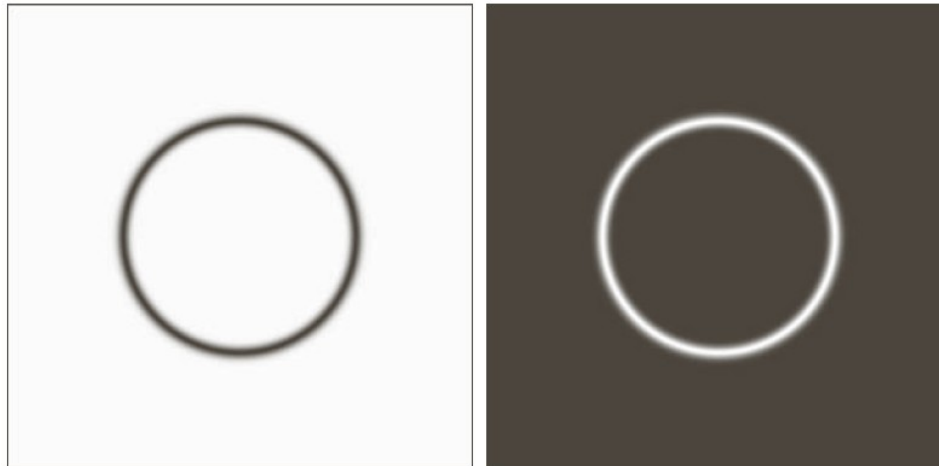
FIGURE 4.56 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using a GHPF with $D_0 = 30, 60$, and 160 , corresponding to the circles in Fig. 4.41(b). Compare with Figs. 4.54 and 4.55.

Filter shape:



2. Selective or bandpass filters (more in Ch. 5)

- Reject or pass frequencies in a band



a b

FIGURE 4.63

(a) Bandreject Gaussian filter.
(b) Corresponding bandpass filter.
The thin black border in (a) was added for clarity; it is not part of the data.

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a b
c d

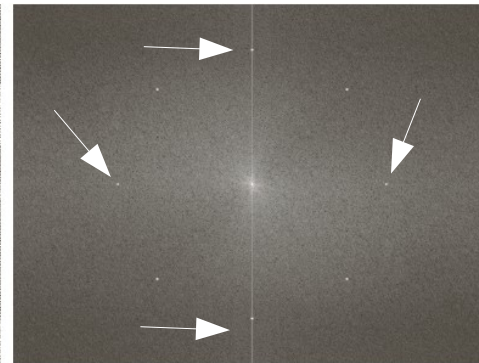
FIGURE 5.16

(a) Image corrupted by sinusoidal noise.
(b) Spectrum of (a).
(c) Butterworth bandreject filter (white represents 1). (d) Result of filtering.
(Original image courtesy of NASA.)

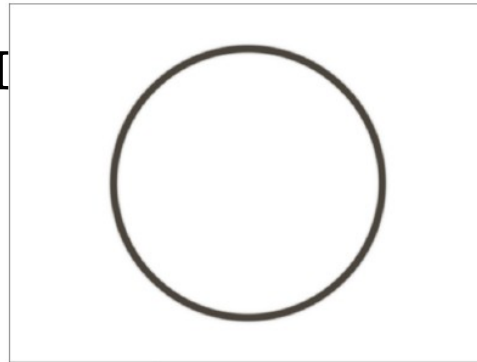
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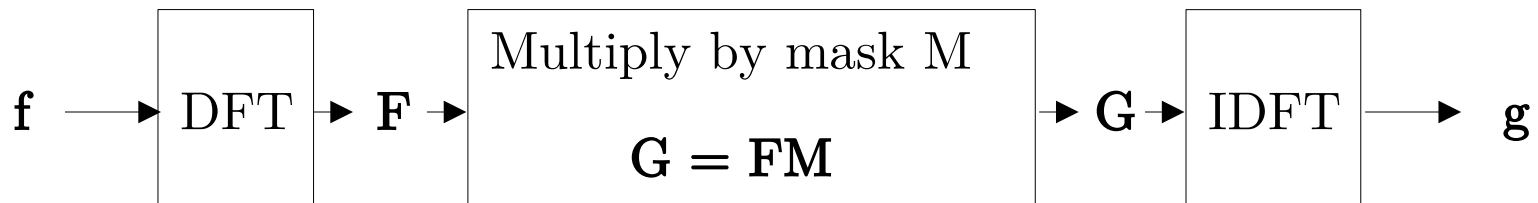


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Mask in the
frequency
domain

Image
reconstructed



Note: the part masked is larger than the noisy spots, but it does not impact much the image

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Filtering in the Frequency Domain, summary

- We may filter images in the frequency domain by multiplication and inverse DFT
- Achieve same results as the convolution techniques of Chapter 3
- *Useful in analysis*, and interpretation.
- More efficient for removing periodic noise

Recent research in machine learning related to Fourier:

Fourier neural operators for parametric differential equations:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.08895> and explanation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IaS72aHrJKE>

- In our machine learning group:
- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07544>
- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1631070519301094>

3. The Laplacian comes back

- Applying the Laplacian filter keeps only the sharp edges of the image: the Laplacian filter is an highpass filter ??

Reminder: the Laplacian is the sum of the second derivatives
For example in 2d:

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

And in 1d discrete:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x) = f(x+1) + f(x-1) - 2f(x)$$

The derivative operation is linear: $D(af+bg)=aDf+bDg$
The Laplacian is a linear operator, it is a matrix in the discrete domain

The Laplacian on a periodic 1d domain (ring)

$$\Delta_p = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x) = -f(x+1) - f(x-1) + 2f(x)$$

- The Laplacian matrix is symmetric with real entries,
- *Do you see the relationship with the convolution?*

We can diagonalize this matrix to get the eigenvalues and eigenvectors. What are they?



Fourier Transformation & Laplacian

Fourier transform

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi kx} dx$$

Fourier modes $\psi_k(x) = e^{-2i\pi kx}$

Laplacian of the Fourier modes :

$$\Delta e^{-2i\pi kx} = -4\pi^2 k^2 e^{-2i\pi kx}$$

$$\Delta \psi_k(x) = \lambda_k \psi_k(x) \quad \lambda_k = -4\pi^2 k^2$$

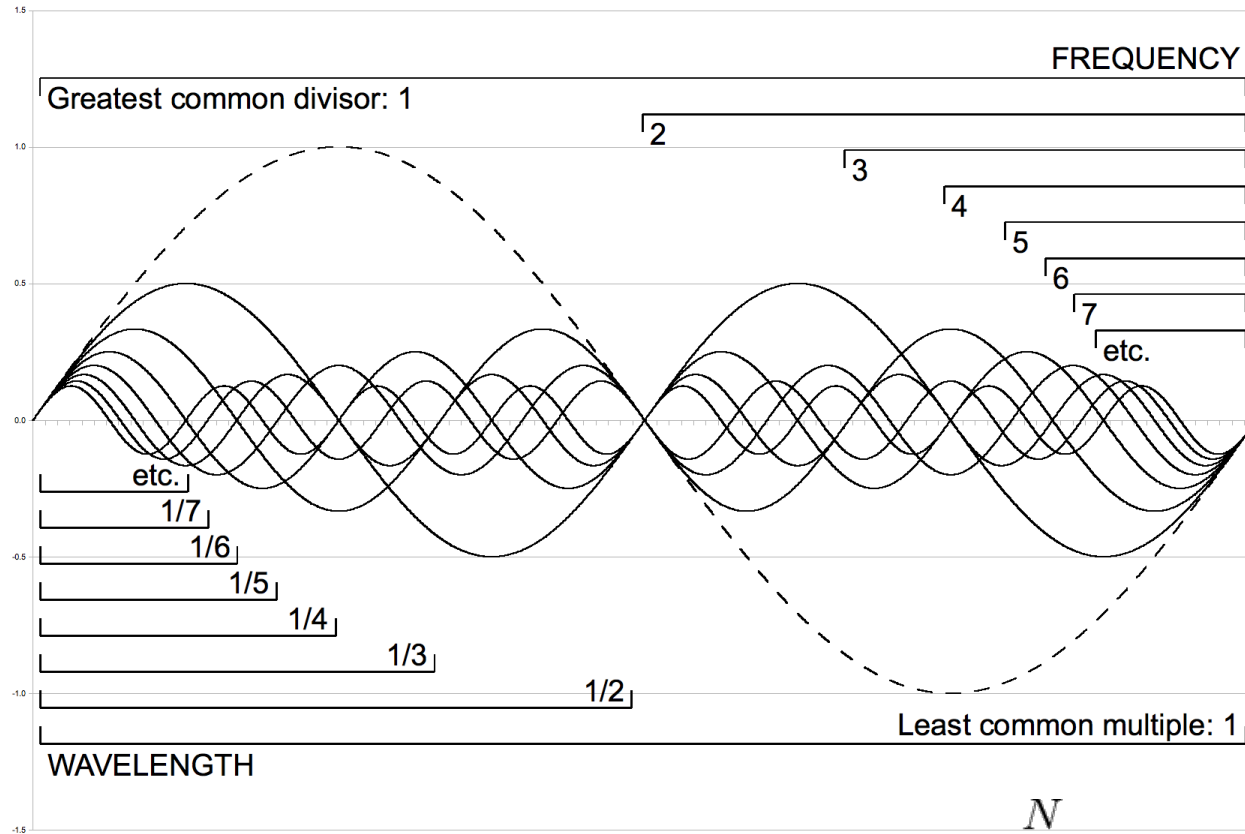
Eigenvectors of the Laplacian !

Note : these are «generalized» eigenvectors

The Laplacian eigenvectors

- On a continuous line or ring: eigenvectors of the Laplacian are Fourier modes

$$e^{2i\pi fx} = \cos(2\pi fx) + i \sin(2\pi fx)$$



Fourier modes are orthogonal
(exercise)

$$(\psi_i, \psi_k) = \sum_{n=0}^N \psi_i^*(n) \psi_k(n) = \delta_{ik}$$

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Fourier and derivative

- Property of continuous FT:
$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &\longleftrightarrow F(u,v) \\ \partial^m f / \partial x^m &\longleftrightarrow (i2\pi u)^m F(u,v) \\ \partial^m f / \partial y^m &\longleftrightarrow (i2\pi v)^m F(u,v) \end{aligned}$$

Obtained using integration by parts:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta f(x) \psi_k(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \Delta \psi_k(x) dx$$

We have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta f(x) \psi_k(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 4\pi^2 k^2 f(x) \psi_k(x) dx = 4\pi^2 k^2 F(k)$$

It is a highpass filter! (do you see why?)

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Laplacian sharpening: convolution \rightarrow (all-pass + high-pass) filter:

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) + c\Delta f(x, y)$$

Fourier domain: $G(u, v) = (1 + c4\pi^2(u^2 + v^2)) F(u, v)$



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FIGURE 4.58
(a) Original, blurry image.
(b) Image enhanced using the Laplacian in the frequency domain. Compare with Fig. 3.38(e).

\rightarrow Sharpening is increasing the high frequencies content

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Sharpening in the discrete domain (optional)

- Discrete domain, DFT:

$$Lf[n] = f[n+1] + f[n-1] - 2f[n] = f * (\delta_1 + \delta_{-1} - 2\delta_0)[n]$$

$$DFT(\delta_s)[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \delta(n-s)e^{2i\pi nk/N} = e^{2i\pi sk/N} \quad (n-s) \bmod N, \text{ periodic}$$

$$DFT(Lf)[k] = F[k](e^{2i\pi k/N} + e^{-2i\pi k/N} - 2) = 2F[k](\cos(2\pi k/N) - 1)$$

$$DFT(-Lf)[k] = 2(1 - \cos(2\pi k/N))F[k]$$

High-pass filter !

