

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}g_1 &= f_1 + h_2 * f_2 \\g_2 &= h_1 * f_1 + f_2\end{aligned}$$

On taking the Fourier transform, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}G_1 &= F_1 + H_2 F_2 \\G_2 &= H_1 F_1 + F_2\end{aligned}$$

Solving these gives us,

$$\begin{aligned}F_1 &= \frac{G_1 - H_2 G_2}{1 - H_1 H_2} \\F_2 &= \frac{G_2 - H_1 G_1}{1 - H_1 H_2}\end{aligned}$$

We can recover the original images back by taking the inverse Fourier transform, which gives us,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}_1 &= F^{-1} \left(\frac{G_1 - H_2 G_2}{1 - H_1 H_2} \right) \\ \hat{f}_2 &= F^{-1} \left(\frac{G_2 - H_1 G_1}{1 - H_1 H_2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Since h_1 and h_2 are defocussing kernels, let's assume that their frequency responses are Gaussian in nature.

$$\begin{aligned}H_1(u, v) &= k_1 e^{-(u^2+v^2)/\sigma_1^2} \\H_2(u, v) &= k_2 e^{-(u^2+v^2)/\sigma_2^2} \\H(u, v) &= H_1(u, v)H_2(u, v) = k_1 k_2 e^{-(u^2+v^2)/\sigma^2} \\ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}\end{aligned}$$

Both these terms have the term $(1 - H_1(u, v)H_2(u, v))$ in the denominator. If $H(u, v) = H_1(u, v)H_2(u, v)$ is close to 1, then the inverse transform blows up. This leads to erroneous results and the inverse transform is meaningless. Since $H(u, v)$ is a complex number, so in the case that it's real part is 1 and the imaginary part is close to 0 then such a situation is presented.

For our specific kernel, assume that $H(u, v) = 1 \pm \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_1 k_2 e^{-(u^2+v^2)/\sigma^2} &= 1 \pm \epsilon \\
e^{(u^2+v^2)/\sigma^2} &= \frac{k_1 k_2}{1 \pm \epsilon} \\
u^2 + v^2 &= \sigma^2 \ln\left(\frac{k_1 k_2}{1 \pm \epsilon}\right) \\
\sigma^2 \ln\left(\frac{k_1 k_2}{1 + \epsilon}\right) &\leq u^2 + v^2 \leq \sigma^2 \ln\left(\frac{k_1 k_2}{1 - \epsilon}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get a circular ring where the value of $H(u, v)$ will be close to 1. The parameter ϵ is a small positive number close to 0.

If some noise were also present in the image, then also we would be facing a tough situation.

Suppose η_1 and η_2 are noise in the two images.

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1 &= f_1 + h_2 * f_2 + \eta_1 \\
g_2 &= h_1 * f_1 + f_2 + \eta_2
\end{aligned}$$

On taking the Fourier transform, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 &= F_1 + N_1 + H_2 F_2 \\
G_2 &= H_1 F_1 + F_2 + N_2
\end{aligned}$$

Solving these gives us,

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 &= \frac{G_1 - H_2 G_2}{1 - H_1 H_2} - \frac{N_1 - N_2 H_2}{1 - H_1 H_2} \\
F_2 &= \frac{G_2 - H_1 G_1}{1 - H_1 H_2} - \frac{N_2 - N_1 H_1}{1 - H_1 H_2}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1 &= \hat{f}_1 - F^{-1}\left(\frac{N_1 - N_2 H_2}{1 - H_1 H_2}\right) \\
f_2 &= \hat{f}_2 - F^{-1}\left(\frac{N_2 - N_1 H_1}{1 - H_1 H_2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Even if we make a conservative assumption that \hat{f}_1 is not affected much by the small denominator, the noise can severely affect the result. Since, we are assuming h_1 and h_2 to be blurring kernels, so N_1 would dominate the $N_2 H_2$ term. Hence even a small amount of noise can lead to a drastic change in the image f_1 if $H_1(u, v)H_2(u, v)$ is close to 1. Similar analysis holds for f_2 as well.