

# Fourier Transform and Image Filtering

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# The Fourier Transform

# Fourier Transform

- Forward, mapping to frequency domain:

$$F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j2\pi st}dt$$

- Backward, inverse mapping to time domain:

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s)e^{-j2\pi st}ds$$

# Fourier Series

- Projection or change of basis
- Coordinates in Fourier basis:

$$c_n = \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(t) e^{-j \frac{2\pi n}{T} t} dt$$

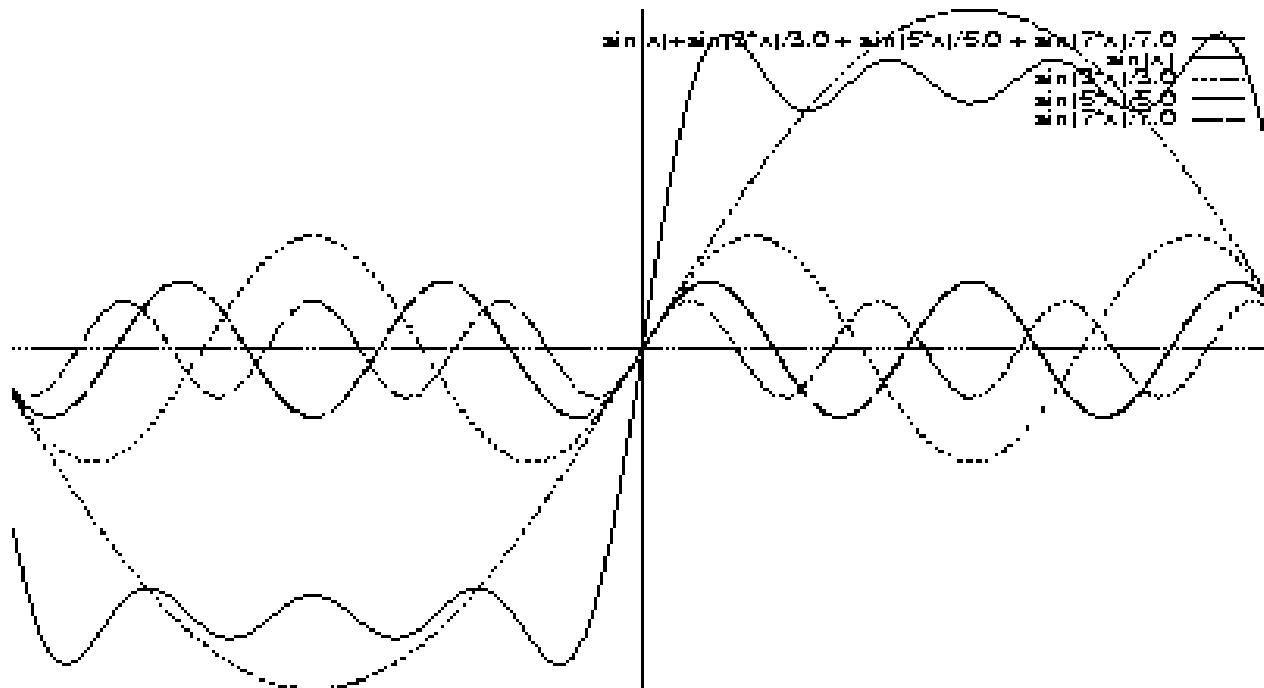
- Rewrite  $f$  as:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{j \frac{2\pi n}{T} t}$$

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \left( j2\pi \frac{n}{T} t \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos \left( j2\pi \frac{n}{T} t \right)$$

# Example: Step Function

Step function as sum of infinite sine waves



# Discrete Fourier Transform

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f_i e^{-j2\pi \frac{n}{N} t}$$

$$f_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} F_n e^{j2\pi \frac{n}{N} t}$$

# Fourier Basis

- Why Fourier basis?
- Orthonormal in  $[-\pi, \pi]$
- Periodic
- Continuous, differentiable basis

# FT Properties

Linearity  $\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t) \leftrightarrow \alpha F(\omega) + \beta G(\omega)$

Time Translation  $f(t - t_0) \leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega t_0} F(\omega)$

Scale Change  $f(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\|a\|} F(\omega/a)$

Frequency Translation  $e^{j\omega_0 t} f(t) \leftrightarrow F(\omega - \omega_0)$

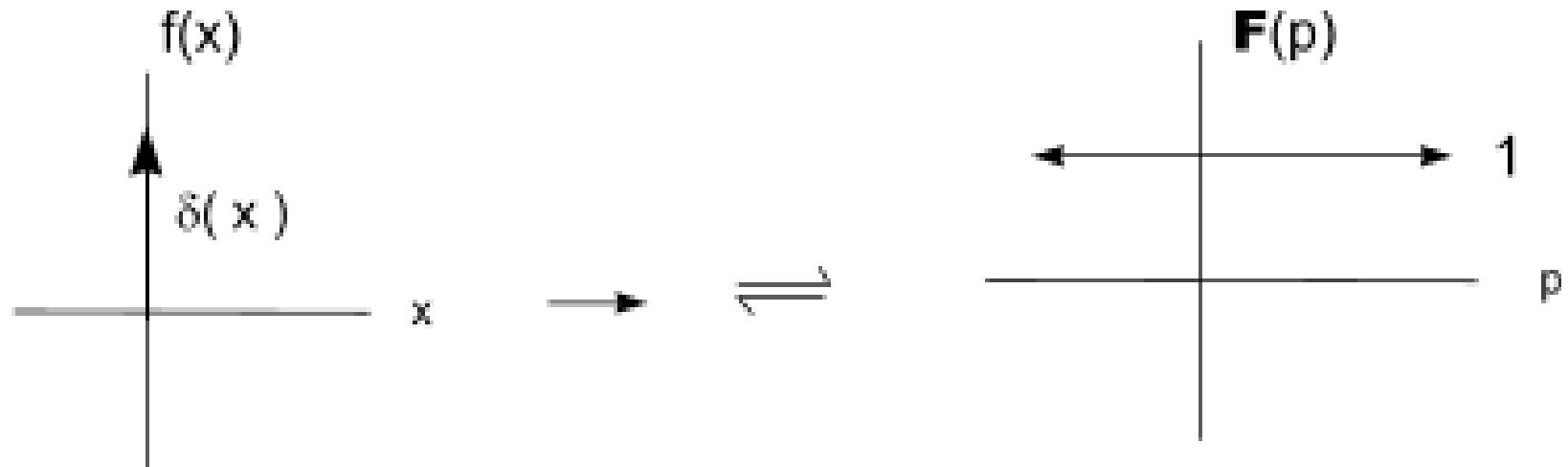
Time Convolution  $f(t) \star g(t) \leftrightarrow F(\omega)G(\omega)$

Frequency Convolution  $f(t)g(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} F(\omega) \star G(\omega)$

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} f(y)g(x - y) dy = \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} f(x - y)g(y) dy.$$

# Common Transform Pairs

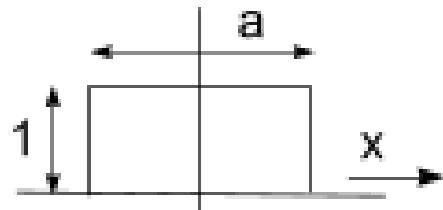
Dirac delta - constant



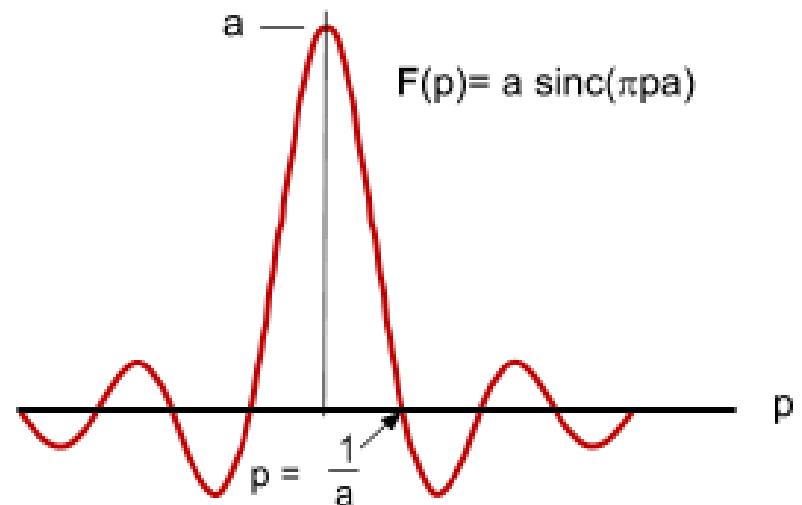
# Common Transform Pairs

Rectangle – sinc

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \sin(x) / x$$

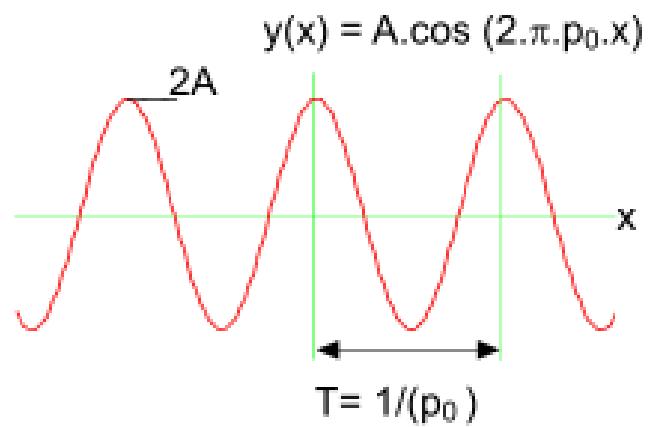
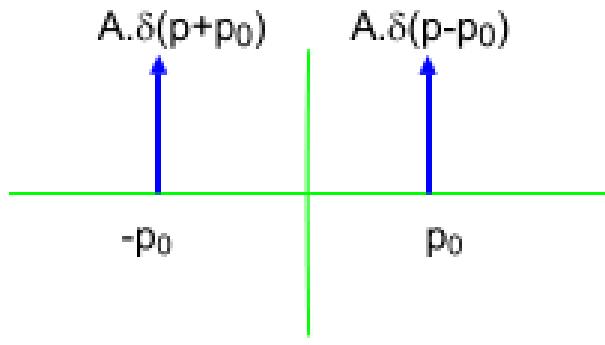


$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_a &= 0, -\infty < x < -a/2 \\ &= 1, -a/2 < x < a/2 \\ &= 0, a/2 < x < \infty\end{aligned}$$



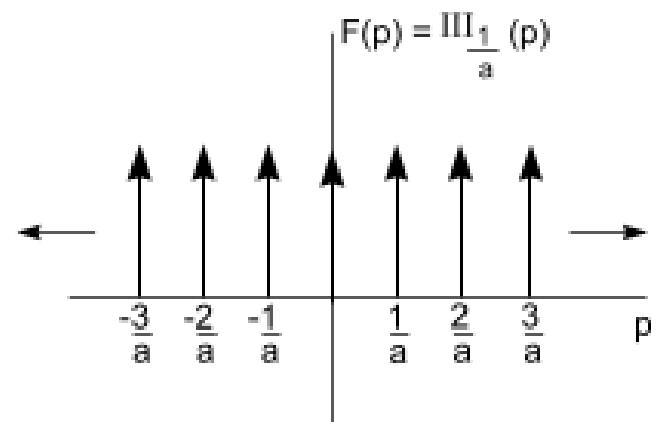
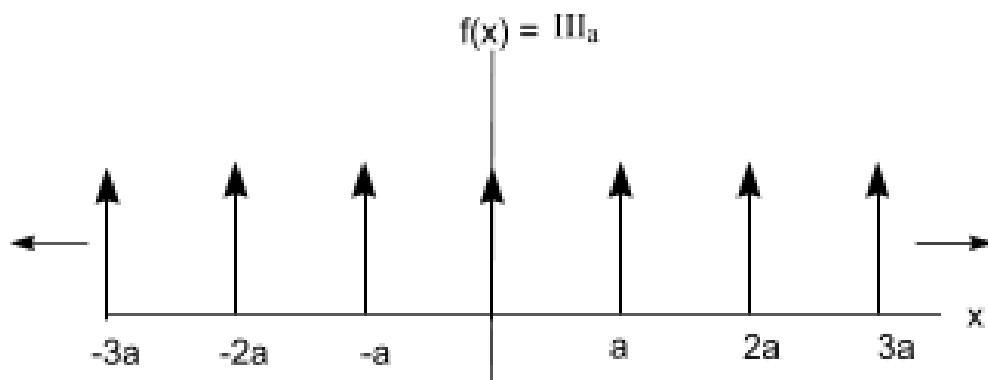
# Common Transform Pairs

Two symmetric Diracs - cosine



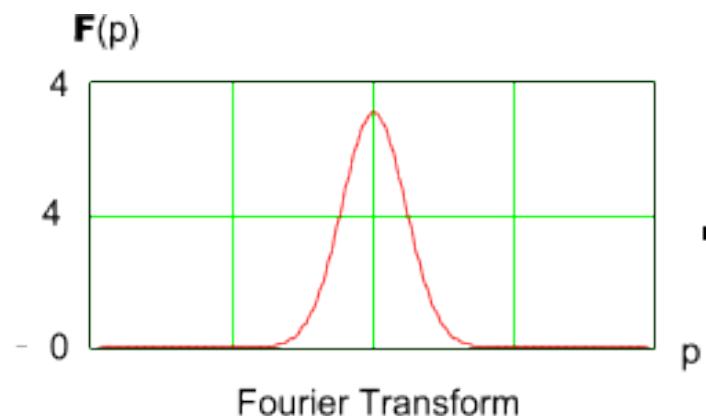
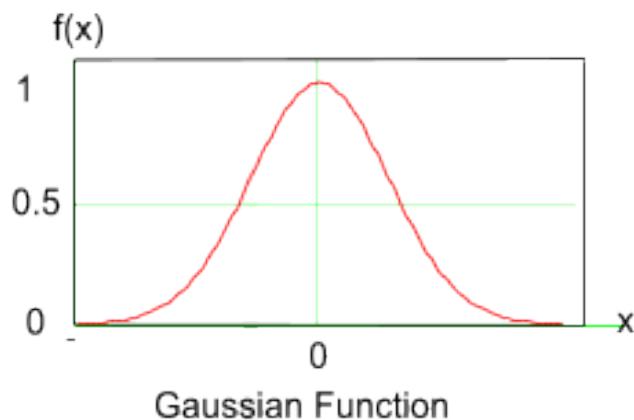
# Common Transform Pairs

Comb – comb (inverse width)



# Common Transform Pairs

Gaussian – Gaussian (inverse variance)



# Common Transform Pairs Summary

Discrete unit  
impulse

$$\text{rect}[a, b] \Leftrightarrow ab \frac{\sin(\pi ua)}{(\pi ua)} \frac{\sin(\pi vb)}{(\pi vb)} e^{-j\pi(ua+vb)}$$

Sine

$$\sin(2\pi u_0 x + 2\pi v_0 y) \Leftrightarrow j \frac{1}{2} [\delta(u + Mu_0, v + Nv_0) - \delta(u - Mu_0, v - Nv_0)]$$

Cosine

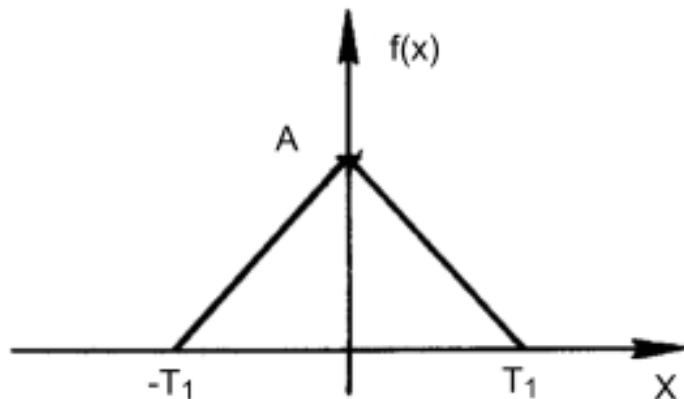
$$\cos(2\pi u_0 x + 2\pi v_0 y) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [\delta(u + Mu_0, v + Nv_0) + \delta(u - Mu_0, v - Nv_0)]$$

Gaussian

$$A 2\pi \sigma^2 e^{-2\pi^2 \sigma^2 (t^2 + z^2)} \Leftrightarrow A e^{-(\mu^2 + v^2)/2\sigma^2} \quad (A \text{ is a constant})$$

# Quiz

What is the FT of a triangle function?

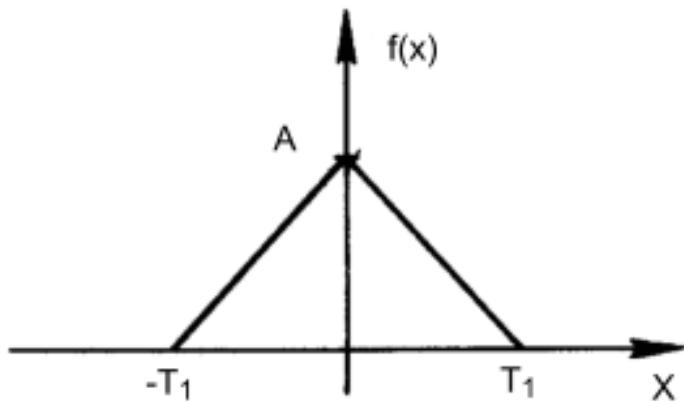


Hint: how do you get triangle function from the functions shown so far?

# Triangle Function FT

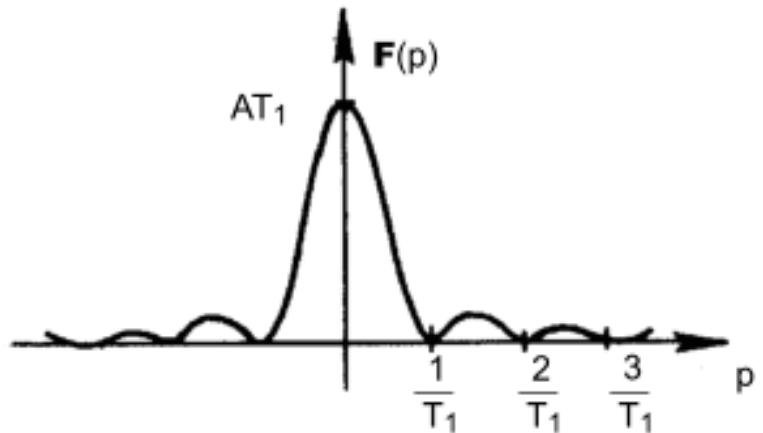
Triangle = box convolved with box

So its FT is sinc \* sinc



$$f(x) = -\frac{A}{T_1}|x| + A$$

$$f(x)=0 \quad |x|< T_1 \quad \text{and} \quad |x|> T_1$$



$$F(p) = AT_1 \left[ \frac{\sin(\pi T_1 p)}{\pi T_1 p} \right]^2 = AT_1 \operatorname{sinc}^2(\pi T_1 p)$$

# Fourier Transform of Images

# 2D Fourier Transform

- Forward transform:

$$F(u, v) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi(xu+yu)} dx dy$$

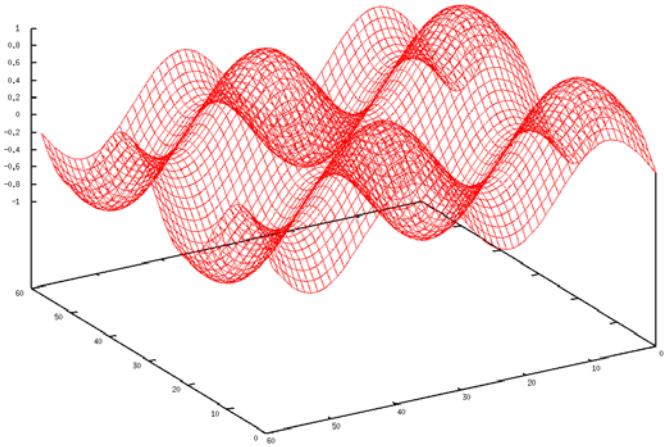
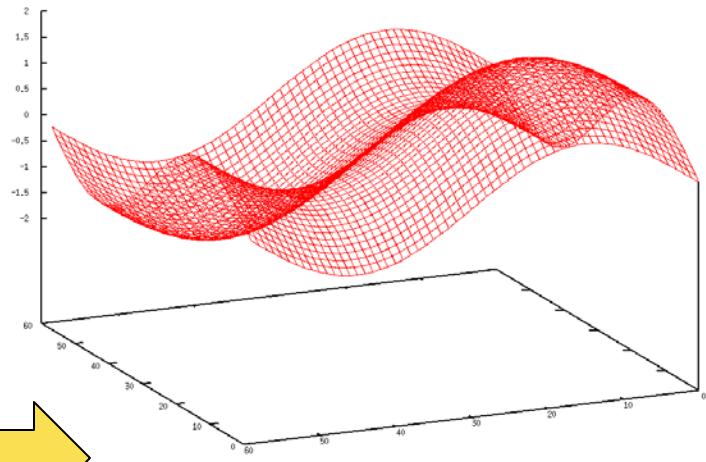
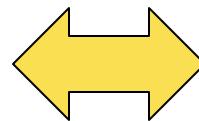
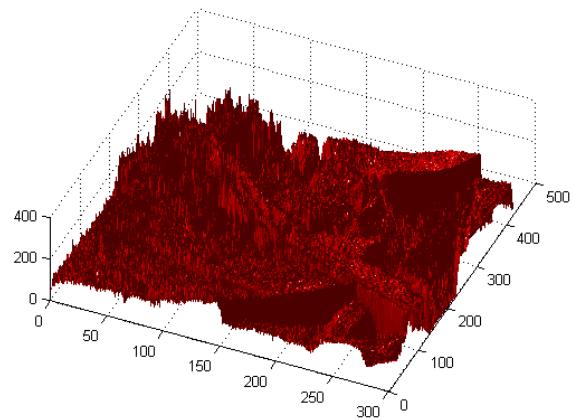
- Backward transform:

$$f(x, y) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u, v) e^{j2\pi(xu+yu)} du dv$$

- Forward transform to freq. yields complex values (magnitude and phase):

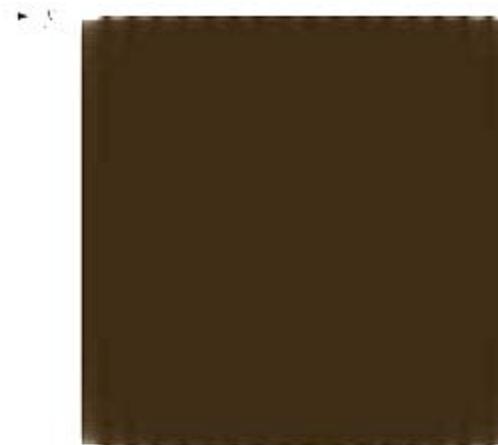
$$F(u, v) = F_r(u, v) + jF_i(u, v) = |F(u, v)| e^{j\angle F(u, v)}$$

# 2D Fourier Transform



# Fourier Spectrum

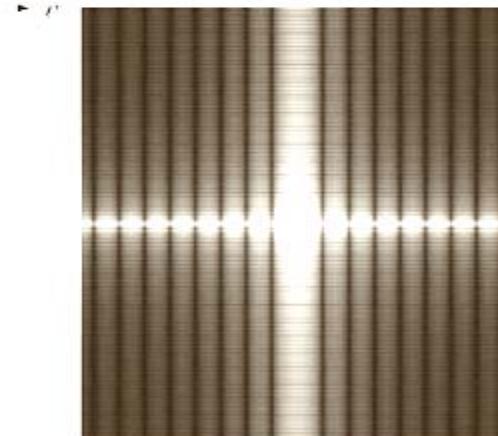
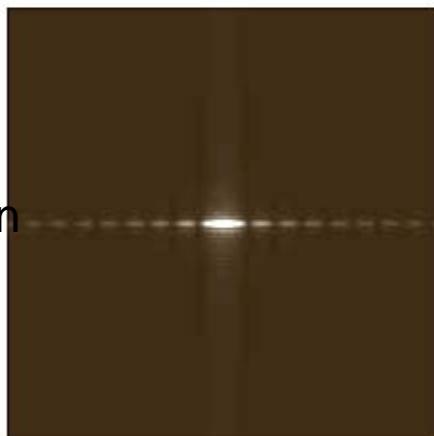
Image



$\leftarrow C$

Fourier spectrum  
Origin in corners

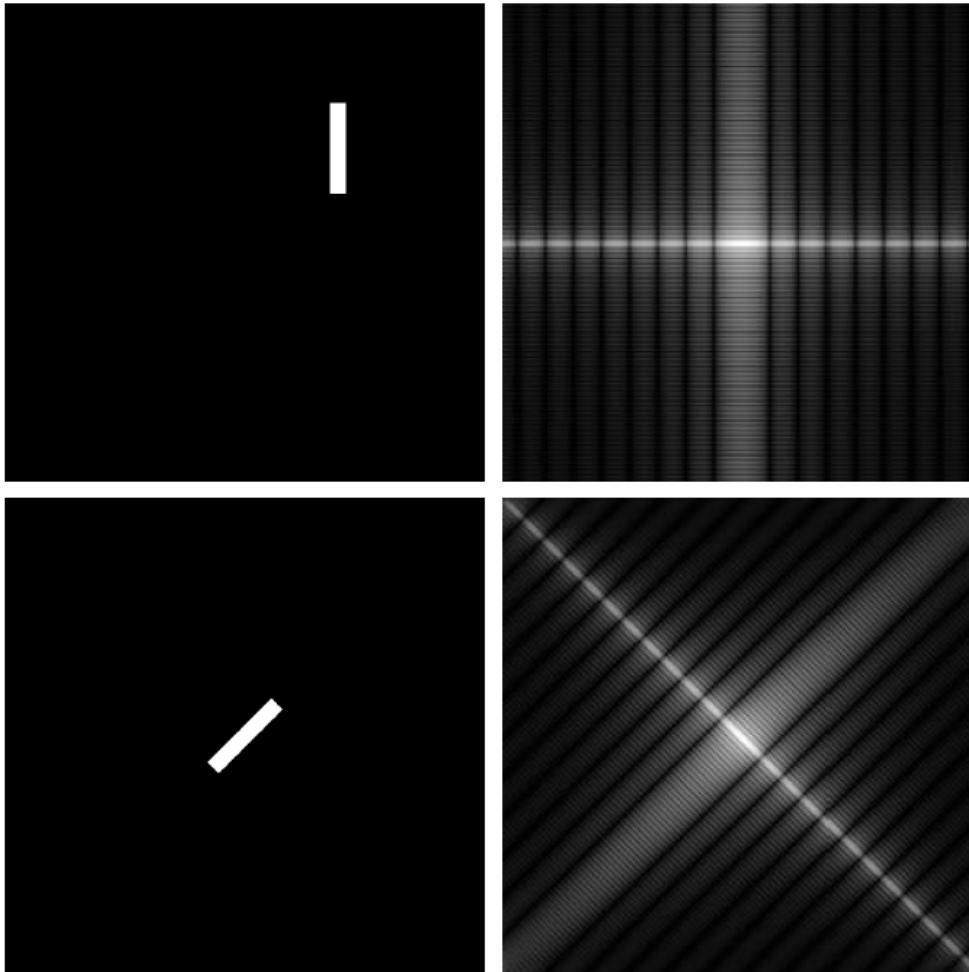
Retiled with origin  
In center



$\leftarrow C$

Log of spectrum

# Fourier Spectrum–Rotation



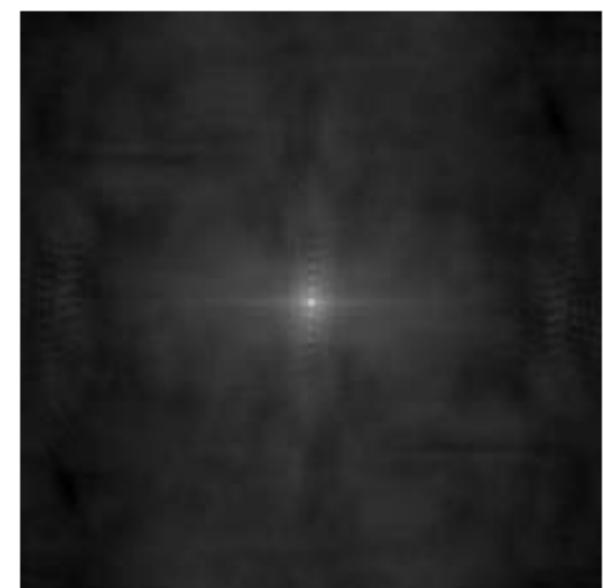
# Phase vs Spectrum



Image



Reconstruction from  
phase map



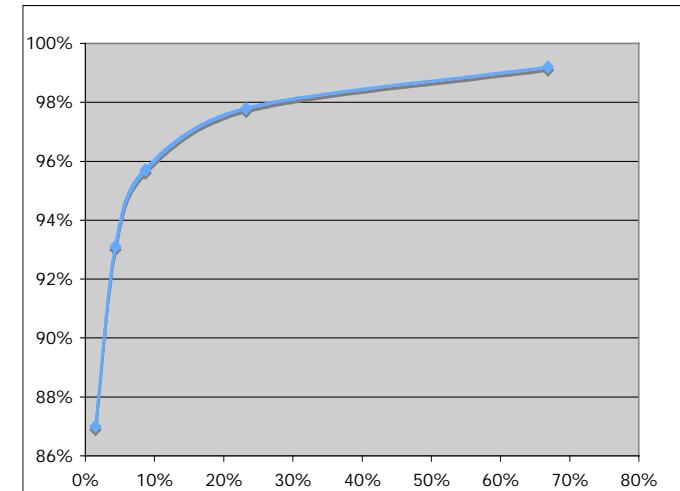
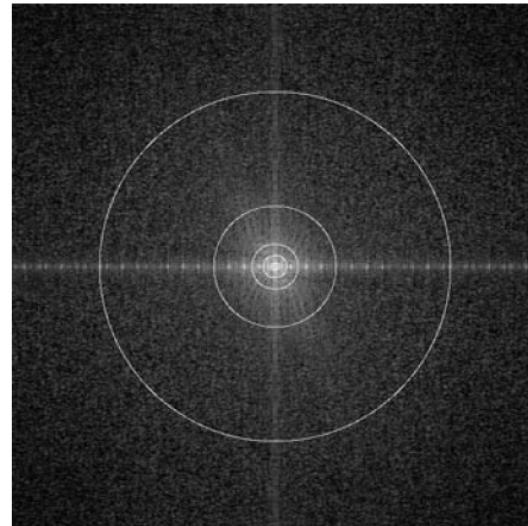
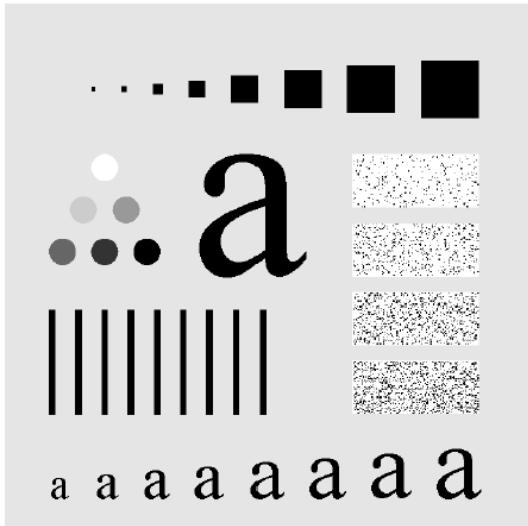
Reconstruction from  
spectrum

# Fourier Spectrum Demo

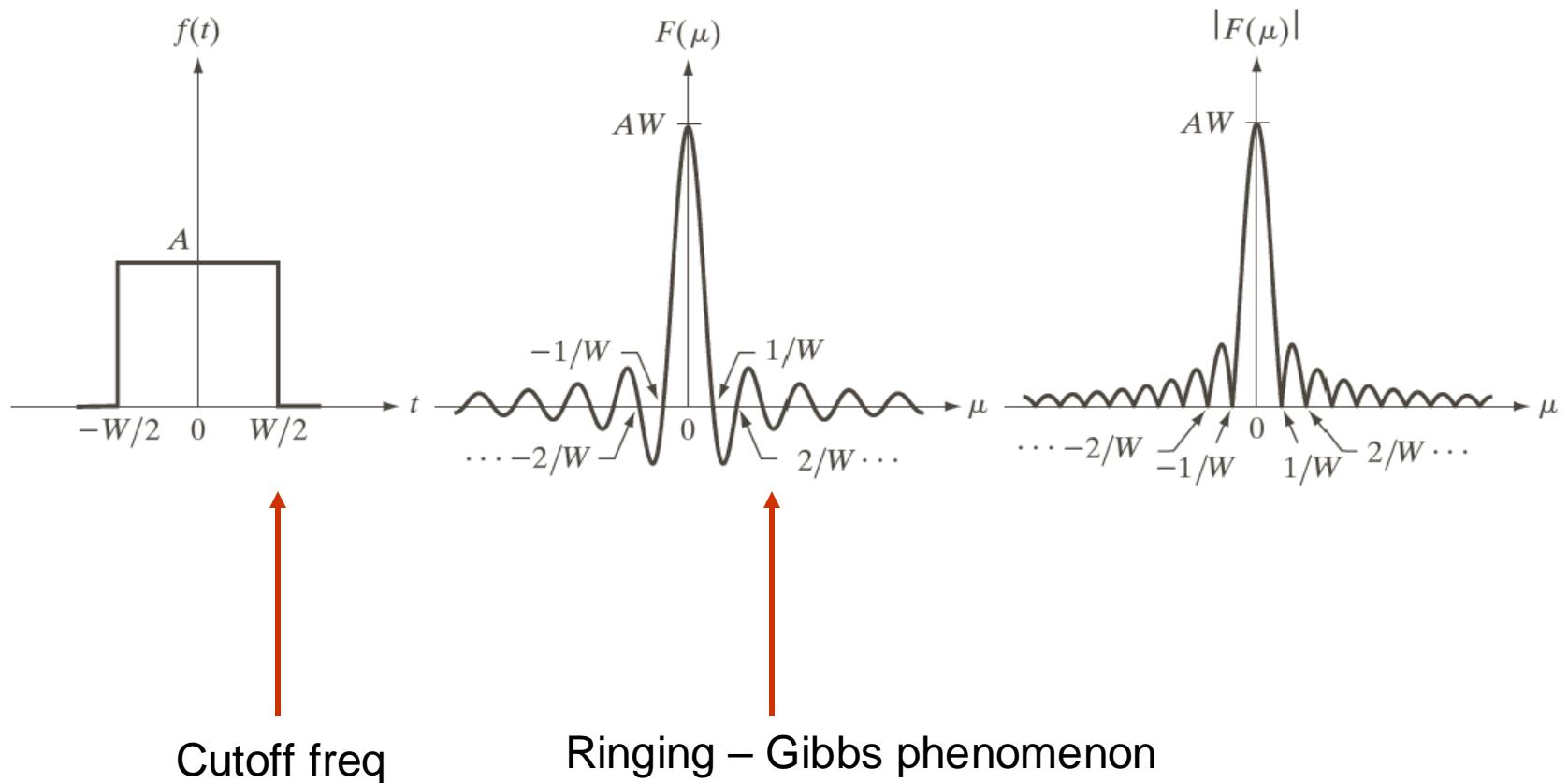
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# Low-Pass Filter

- Reduce/eliminate high frequencies
- Applications
  - Noise reduction
    - uncorrelated noise is broad band
    - Images have spectrum that focus on low



# Ideal LP Filter – Box, Rect



# Extending Filters to 2D (or higher)

- Two options

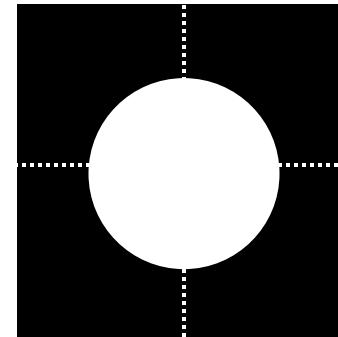
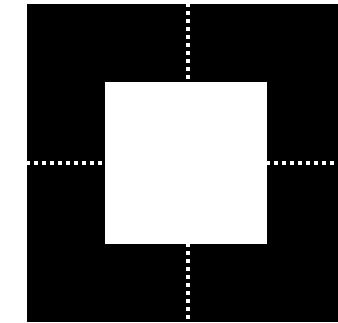
- Separable



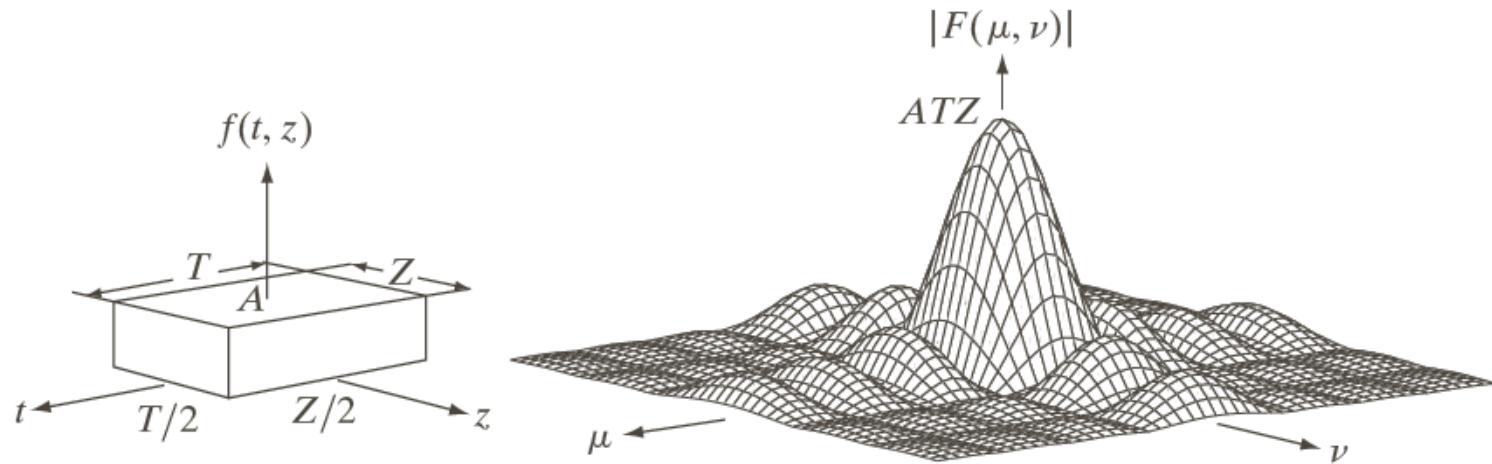
- $H(s) \rightarrow H(u)H(v)$
    - Easy, analysis

- Rotate

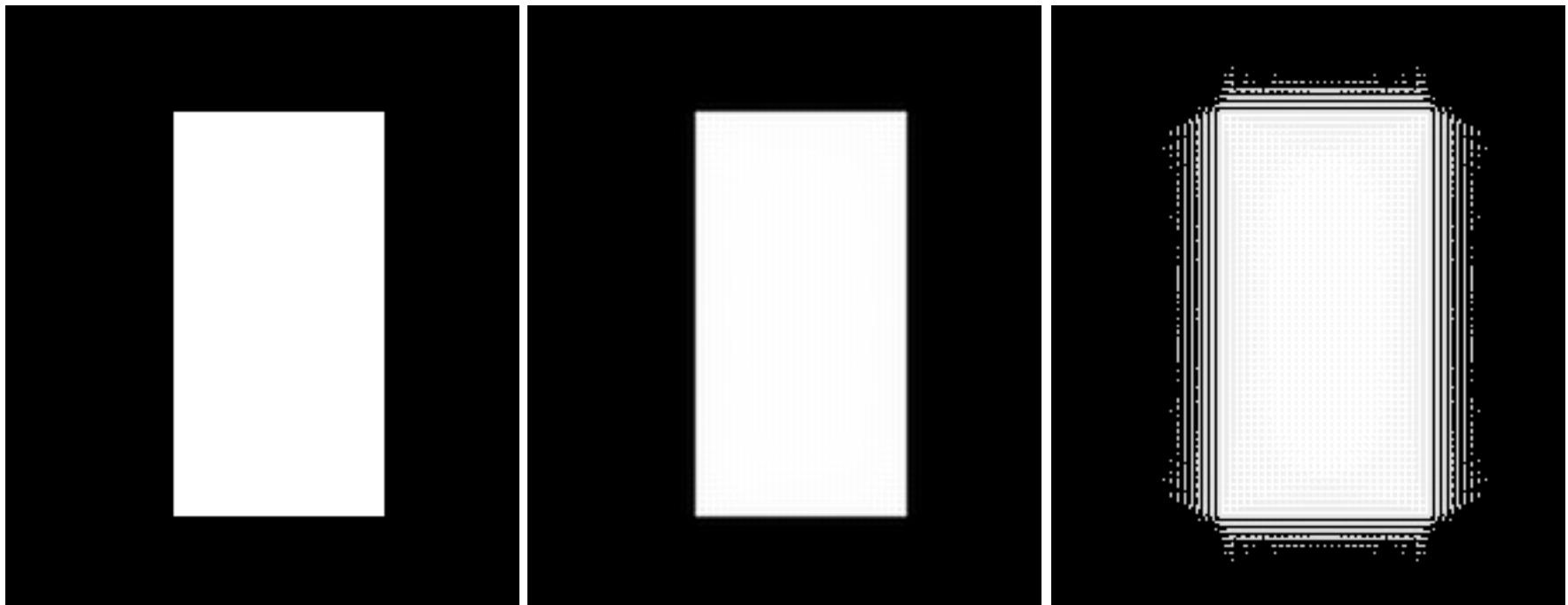
- $H(s) \rightarrow H((u^2 + v^2)^{1/2})$
    - Rotationally invariant



# Ideal LP Filter – Box, Rect



# Ideal Low-Pass Rectangle With Cutoff of 2/3



Image

Filtered

Filtered + HE

# Ideal LP – 1/3



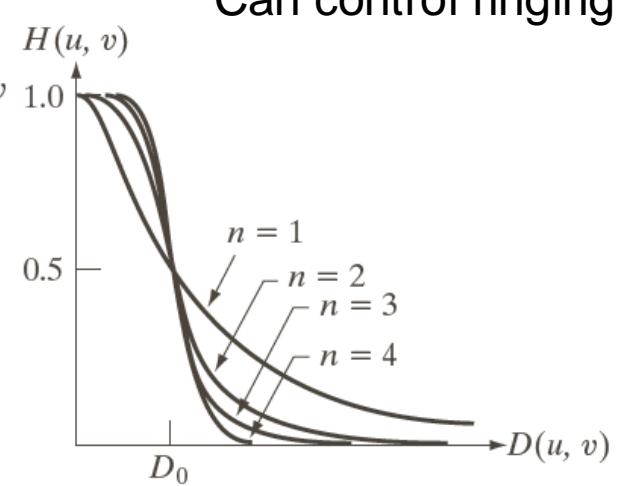
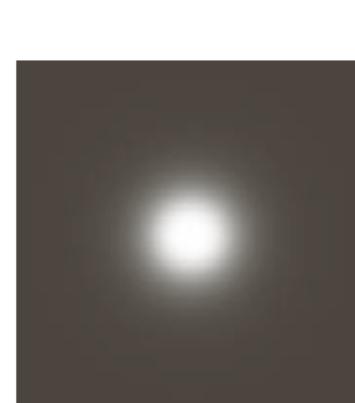
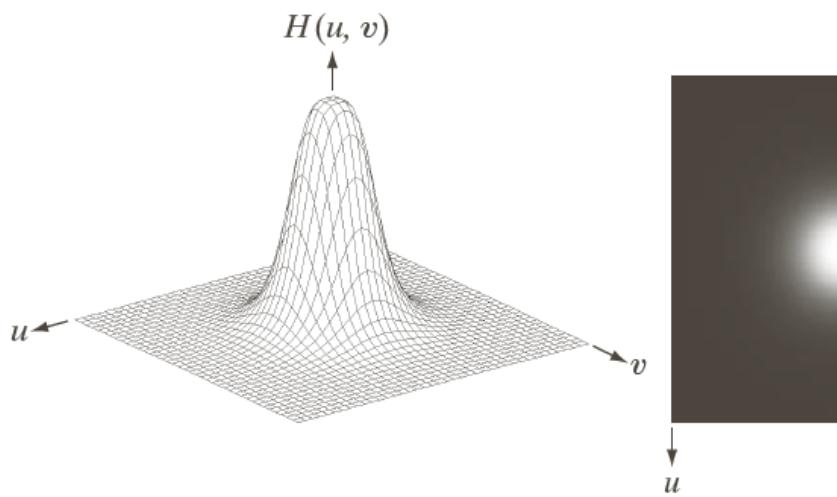
# Ideal LP – 2/3



# Butterworth Filter

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

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



Control of cutoff and slope  
Can control ringing

# Butterworth - 1/3



# Butterworth vs Ideal LP

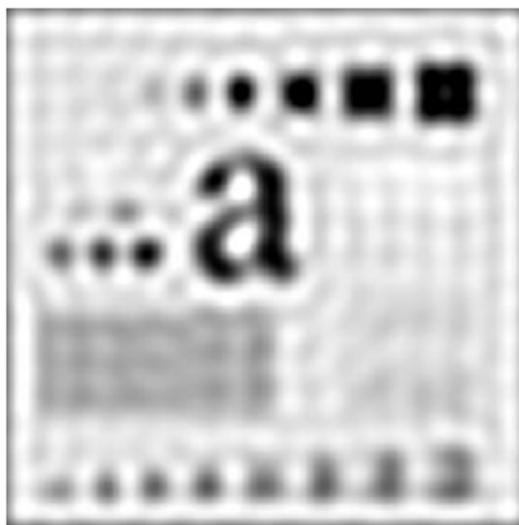


# Butterworth – 2/3

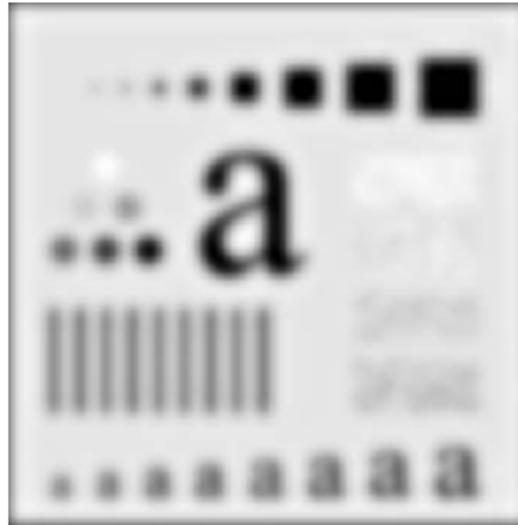


# Gaussian LP Filtering

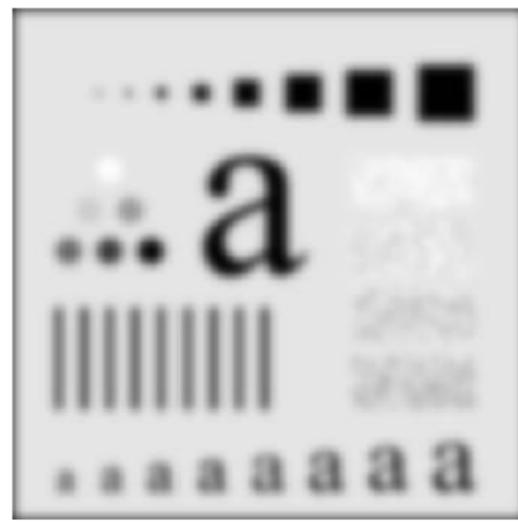
ILPF



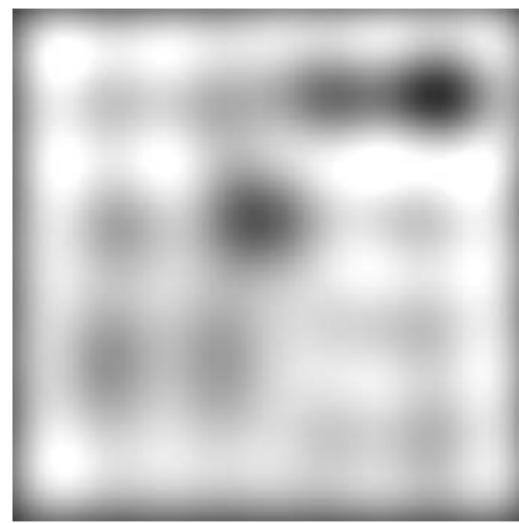
BLPF



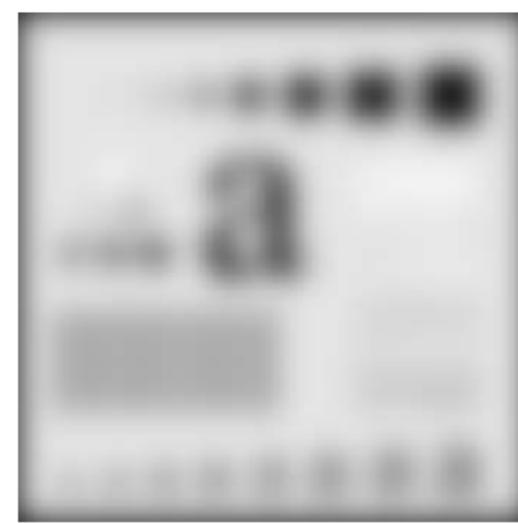
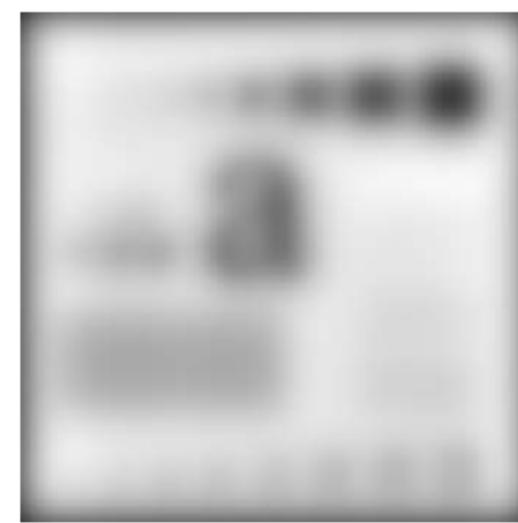
GLPF



F1



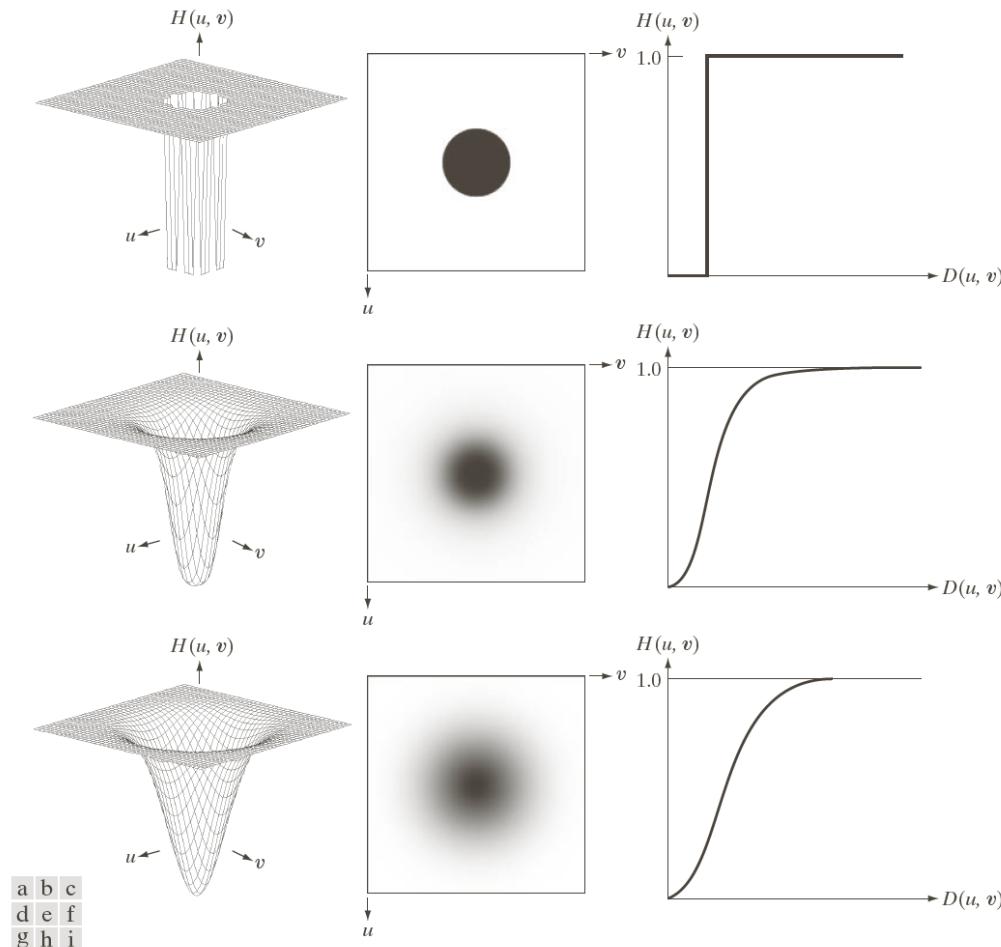
F2



# High Pass Filtering

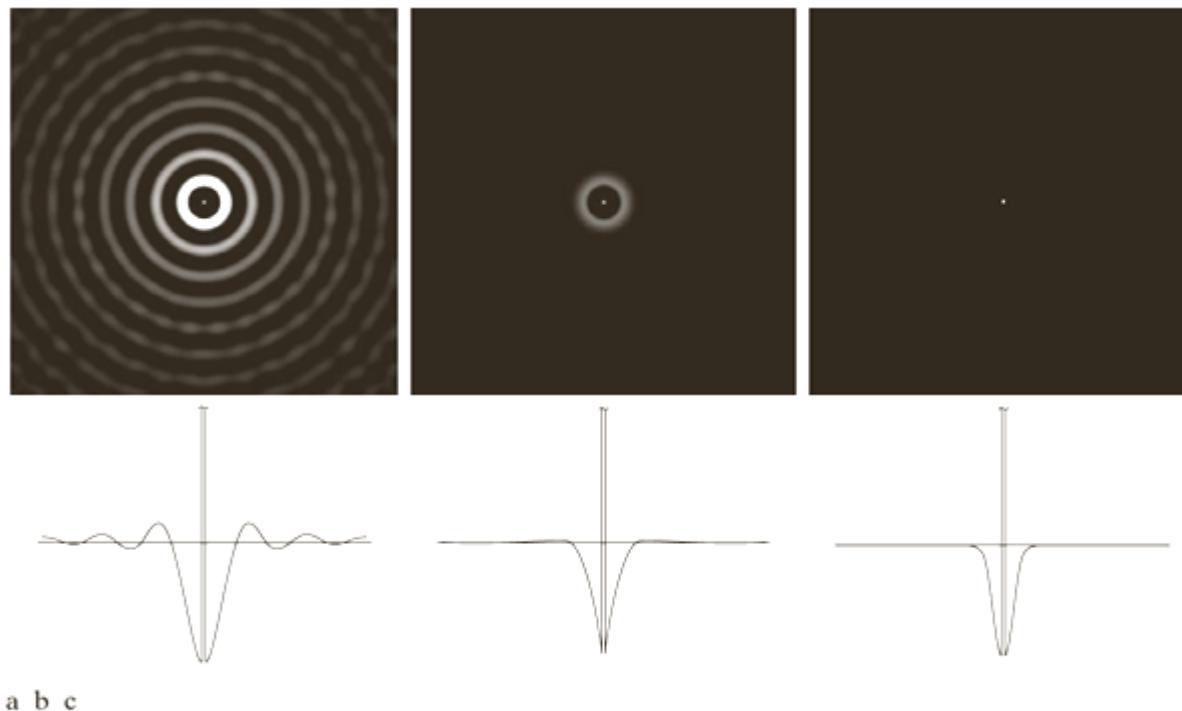
- $HP = 1 - LP$ 
  - All the same filters as HP apply
- Applications
  - Visualization of high-freq data (accentuate)
- High boost filtering
  - $HB = (1 - a) + a(1 - LP) = 1 - a^*LP$

# High-Pass Filters



**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.

# High-Pass Filters in Spatial Domain



a b c

**FIGURE 4.53** Spatial representation of typical (a) ideal, (b) Butterworth, and (c) Gaussian frequency domain highpass filters, and corresponding intensity profiles through their centers.

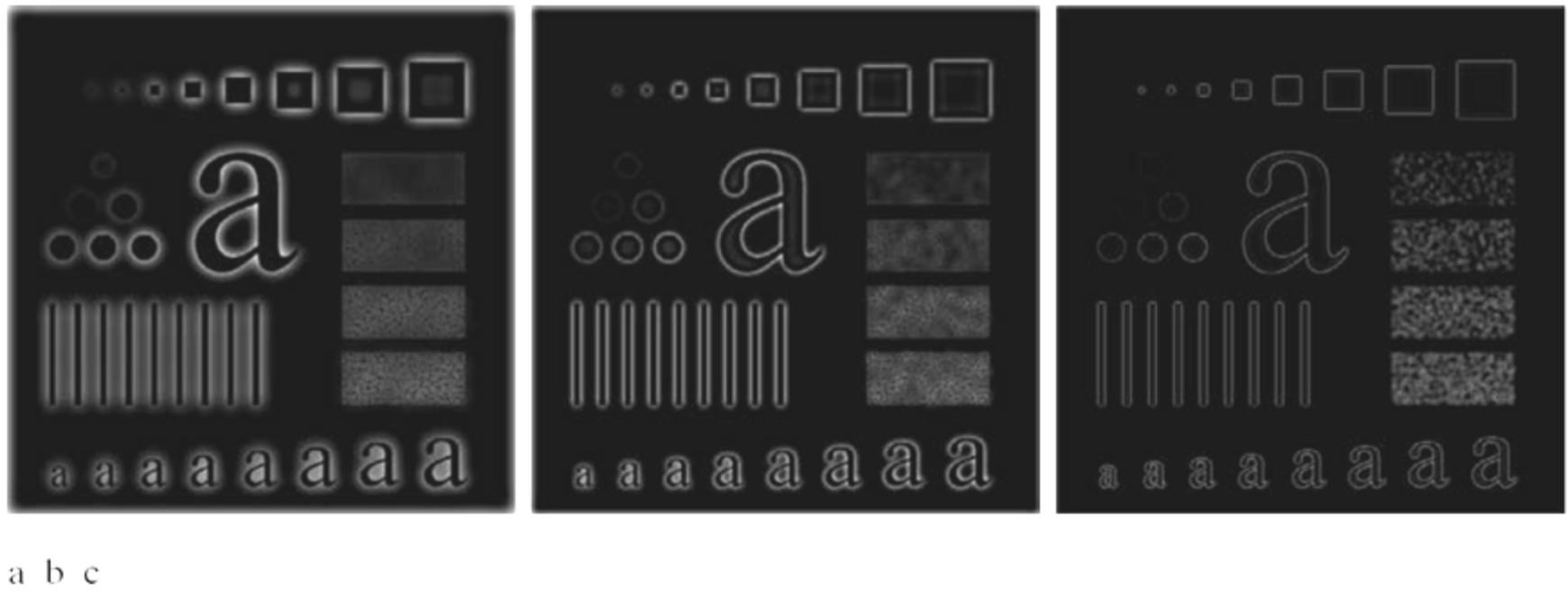
# High-Pass Filtering with IHPF



a b c

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

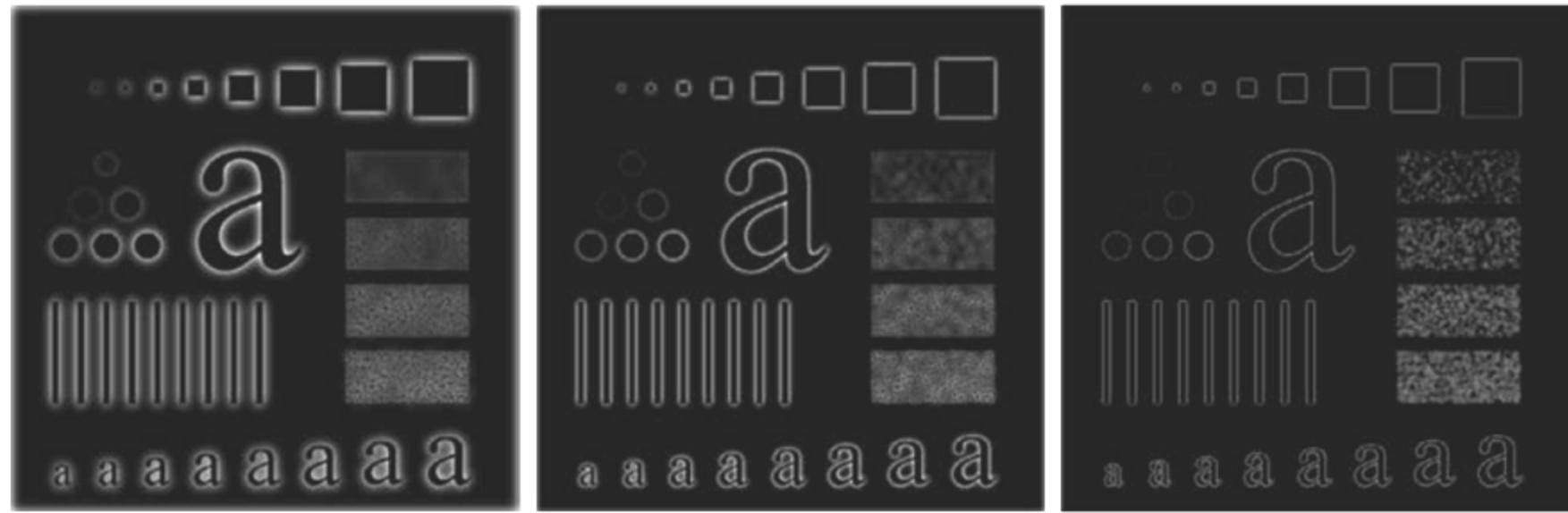
# BHPF



a b c

**FIGURE 4.55** Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.41(a) using a BHPF of order 2 with  $D_0 = 30, 60$ , and  $160$ , corresponding to the circles in Fig. 4.41(b). These results are much smoother than those obtained with an IHPF.

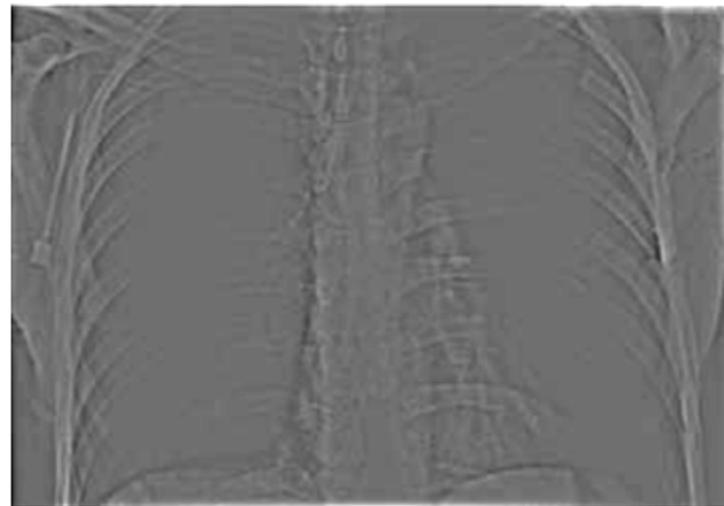
# GHPF



a b c

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

# HP, HB, HE



# High Boost with GLPF

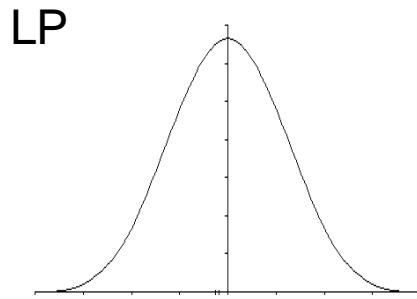


# High-Boost Filtering

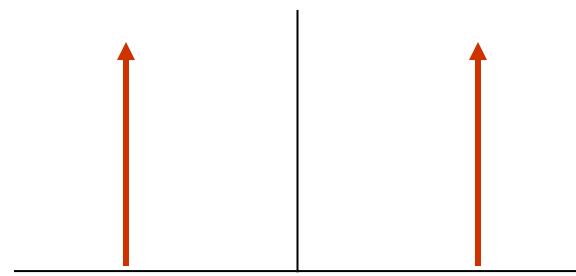


# Band-Pass Filters

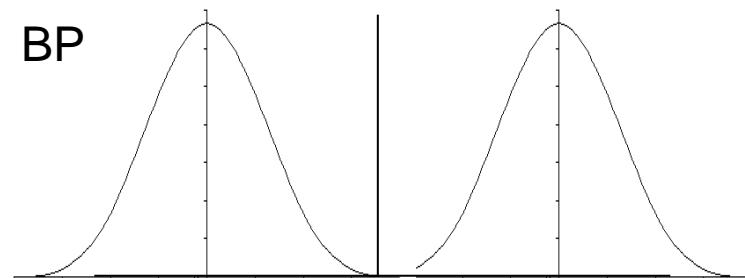
- Shift LP filter in Fourier domain by convolution with delta



$$\delta(s - s_0) + \delta(s + s_0)$$

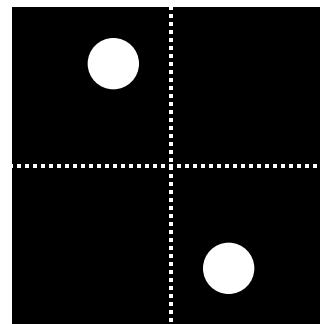
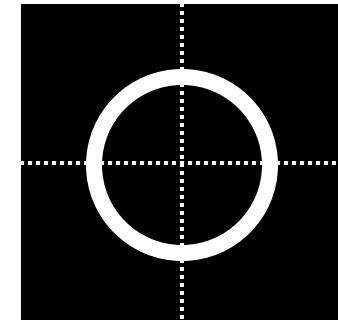
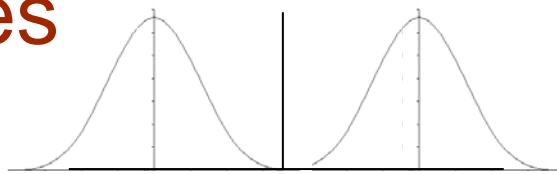


Typically 2-3 parameters  
-Width  
-Slope  
-Band value

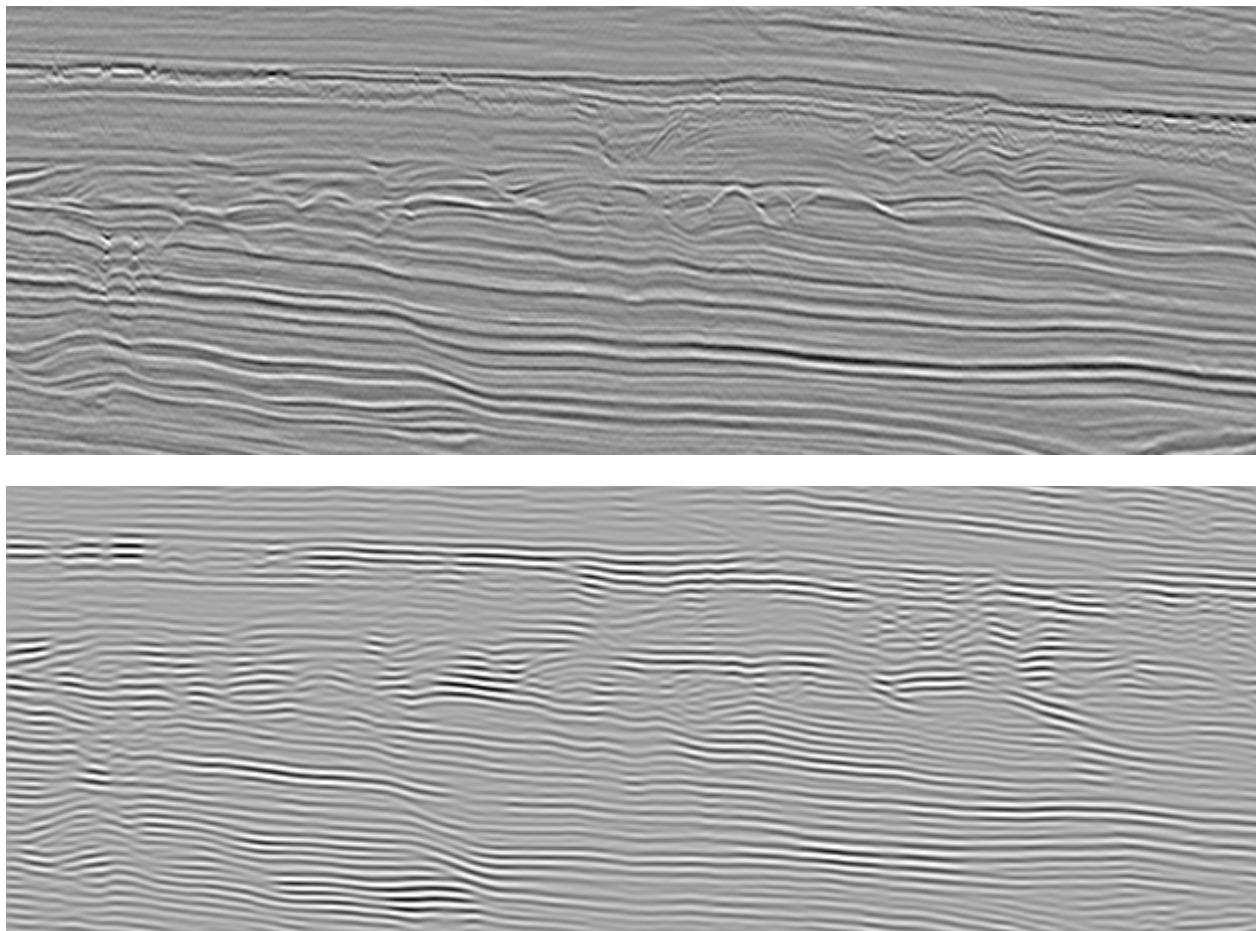


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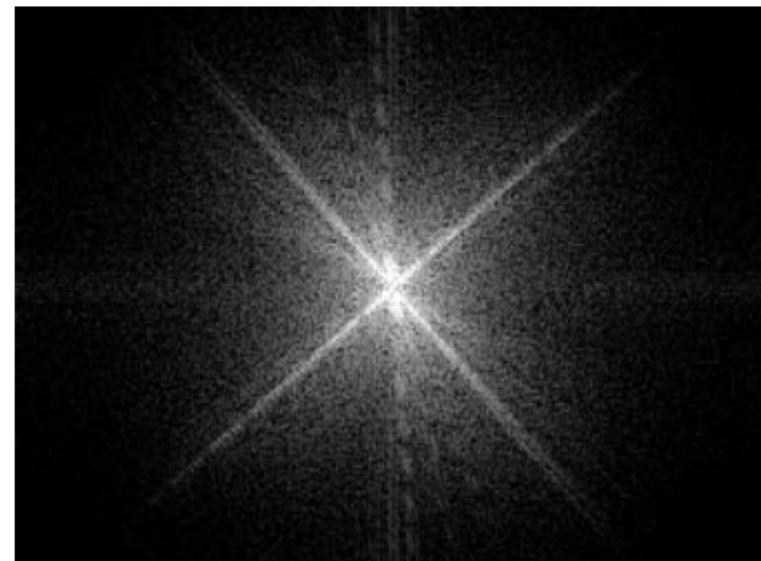
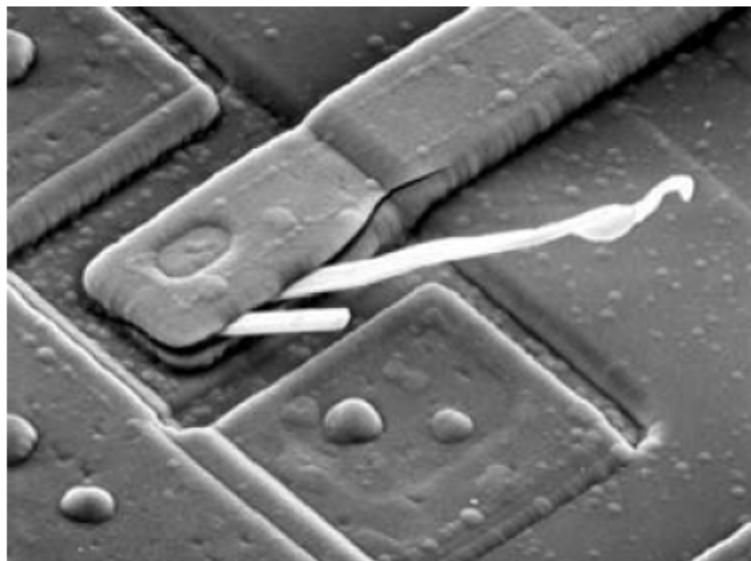
- Two strategies
  - Rotate
    - Radially symmetric
  - Translate in 2D
    - Oriented filters
- Note:
  - Convolution with delta-pair in FD is multiplication with cosine in spatial domain



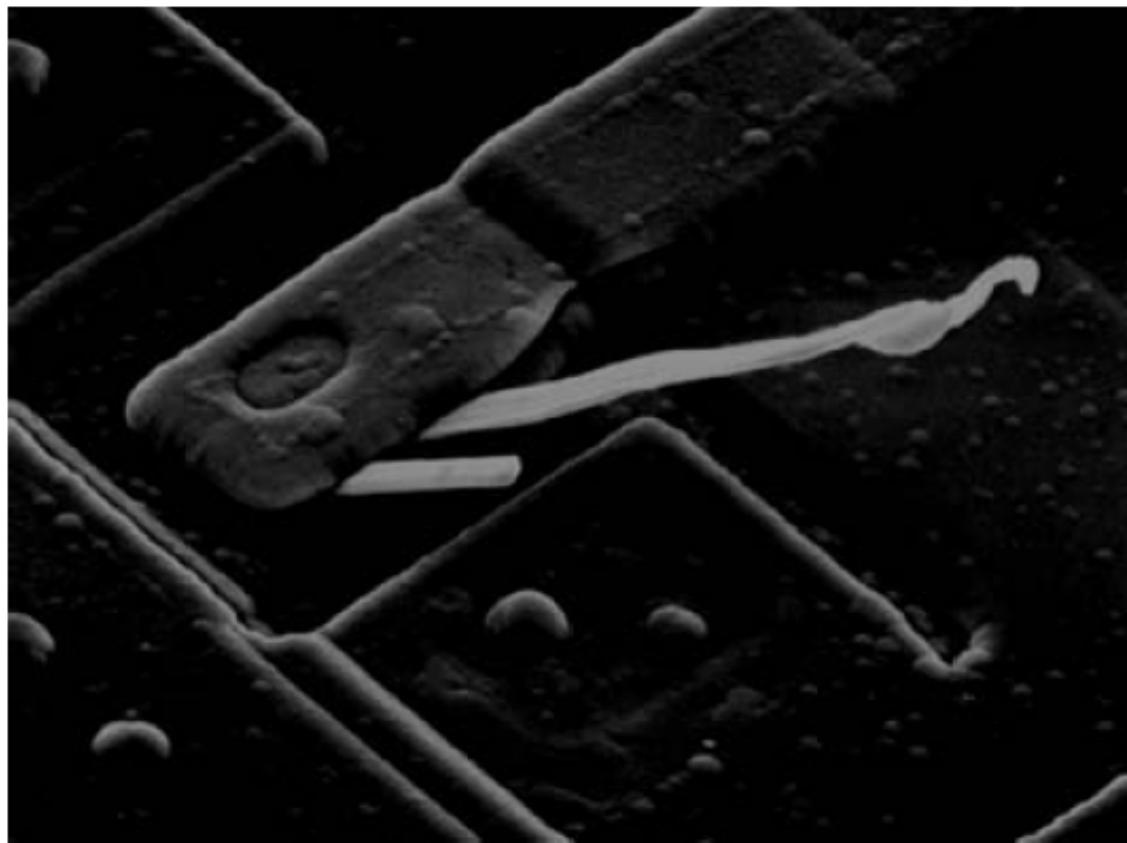
# Band Bass Filtering



# SEM Image and Spectrum

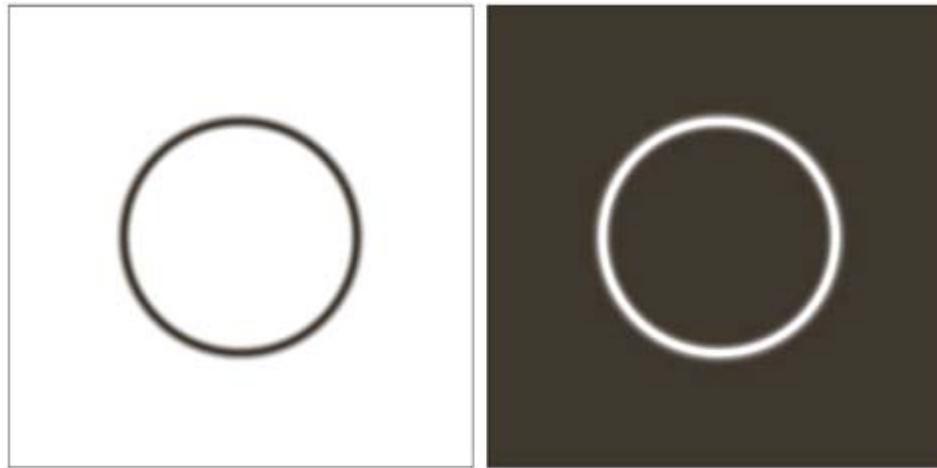


# Band-Pass Filter

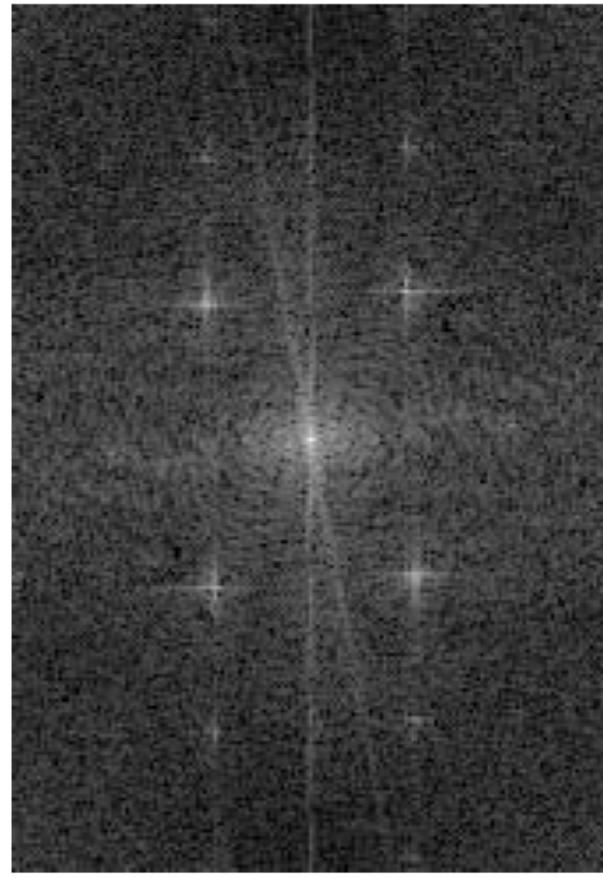


# Radial Band Pass/Reject

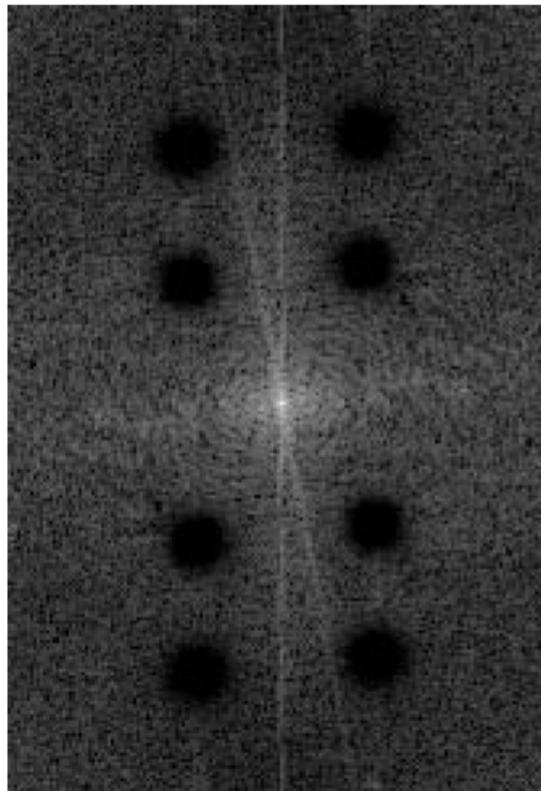
Ideal	Butterworth	Gaussian
$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } D_0 - \frac{W}{2} \leq D \leq D_0 + \frac{W}{2} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[ \frac{DW}{D^2 - D_0^2} \right]^{2n}}$	$H(u, v) = 1 - e^{-\left[ \frac{D^2 - D_0^2}{DW} \right]^2}$



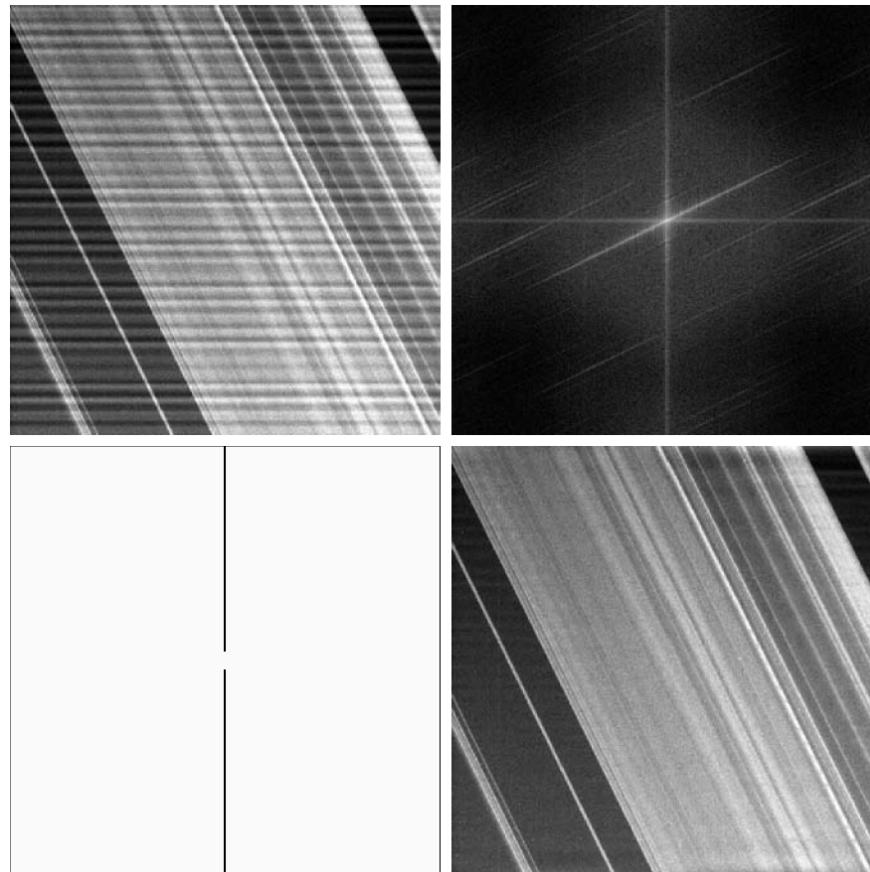
# Band Reject Filtering



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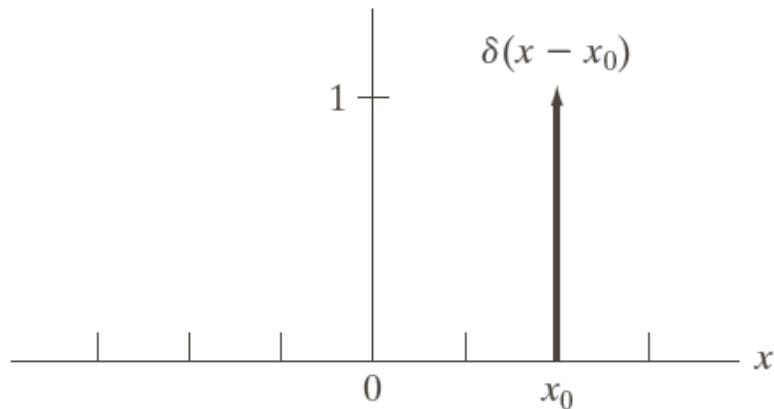
# Aliasing

# Discrete Sampling and Aliasing

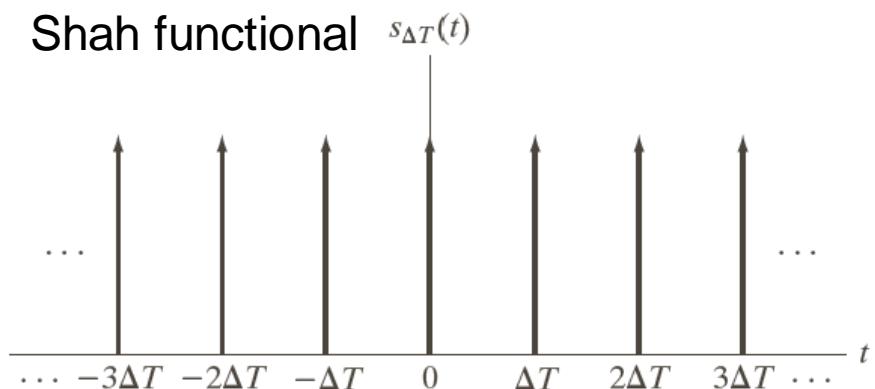
- Digital signals and images are discrete representations of the real world
  - Which is continuous
- What happens to signals/images when we sample them?
  - Can we quantify the effects?
  - Can we understand the artifacts and can we limit them?
  - Can we reconstruct the original image from the discrete data?

# A Mathematical Model of Discrete Samples

Delta functional



Shah functional



$$s_{\Delta T}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

# A Mathematical Model of Discrete Samples

- Goal
  - To be able to do a continuous Fourier transform on a signal before and after sampling

Discrete signal

$$f_k \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

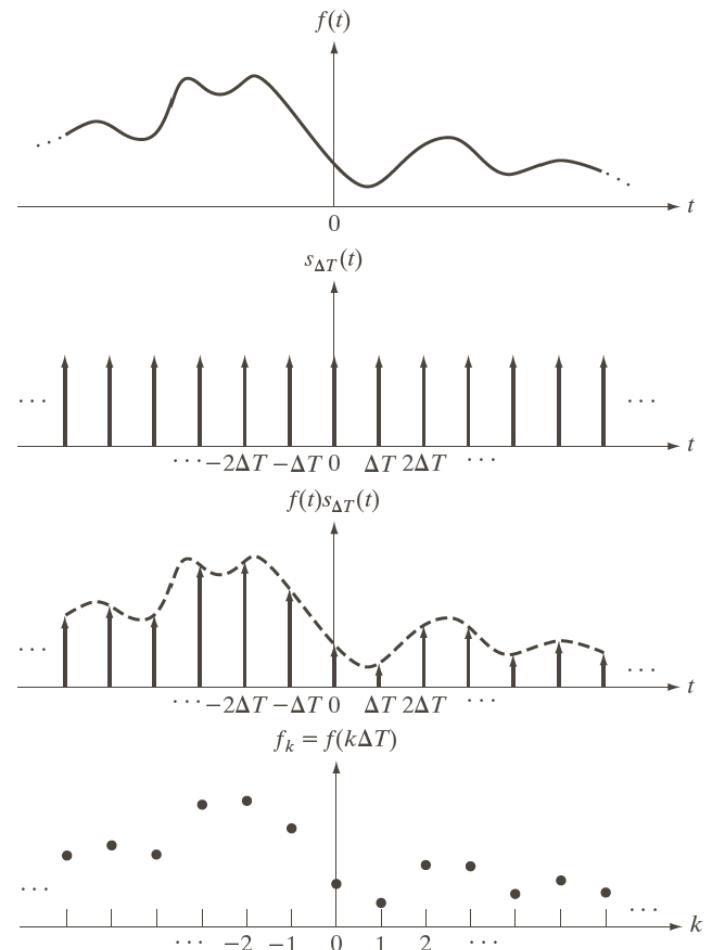
Samples from continuous function

$$f_k = f(k\Delta T)$$

Representation as a function of t

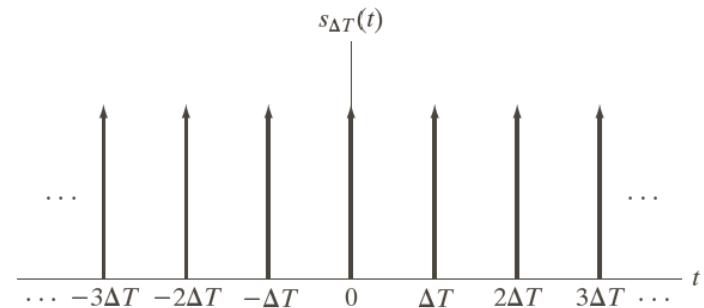
- Multiplication of  $f(t)$  with Shah

$$\tilde{f}(t) = f(t)s_{\Delta T}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

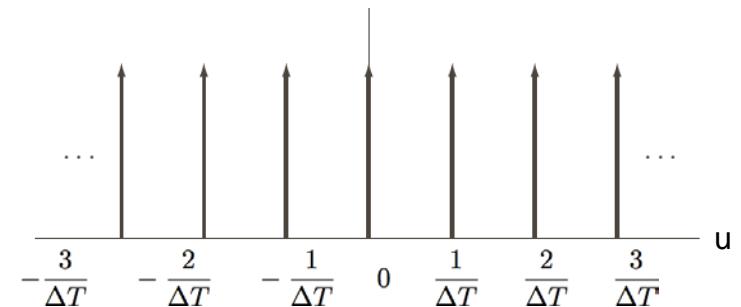


# Fourier Series of A Shah Functional

$$s(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

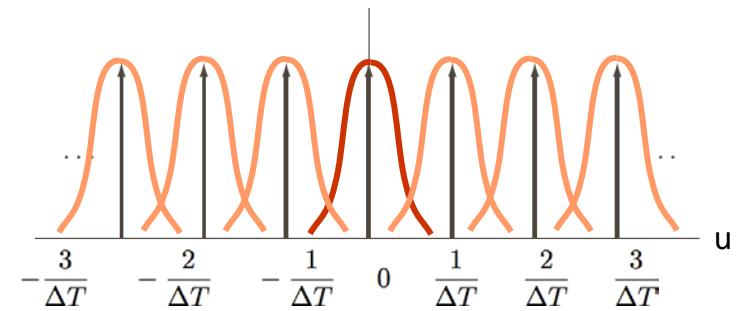
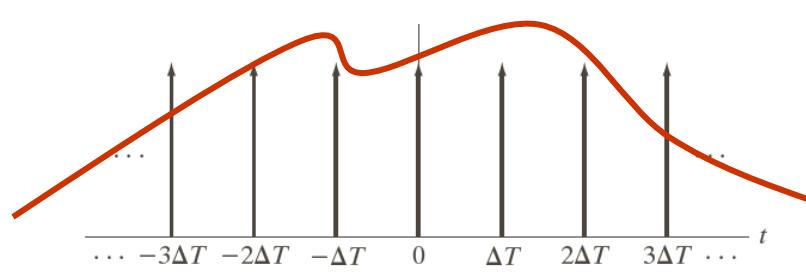


$$\begin{aligned} S(u) &= \frac{1}{\Delta T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(u - \frac{k}{\Delta T}) \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\Delta Tu - k) \end{aligned}$$



# Fourier Transform of A Discrete Sampling

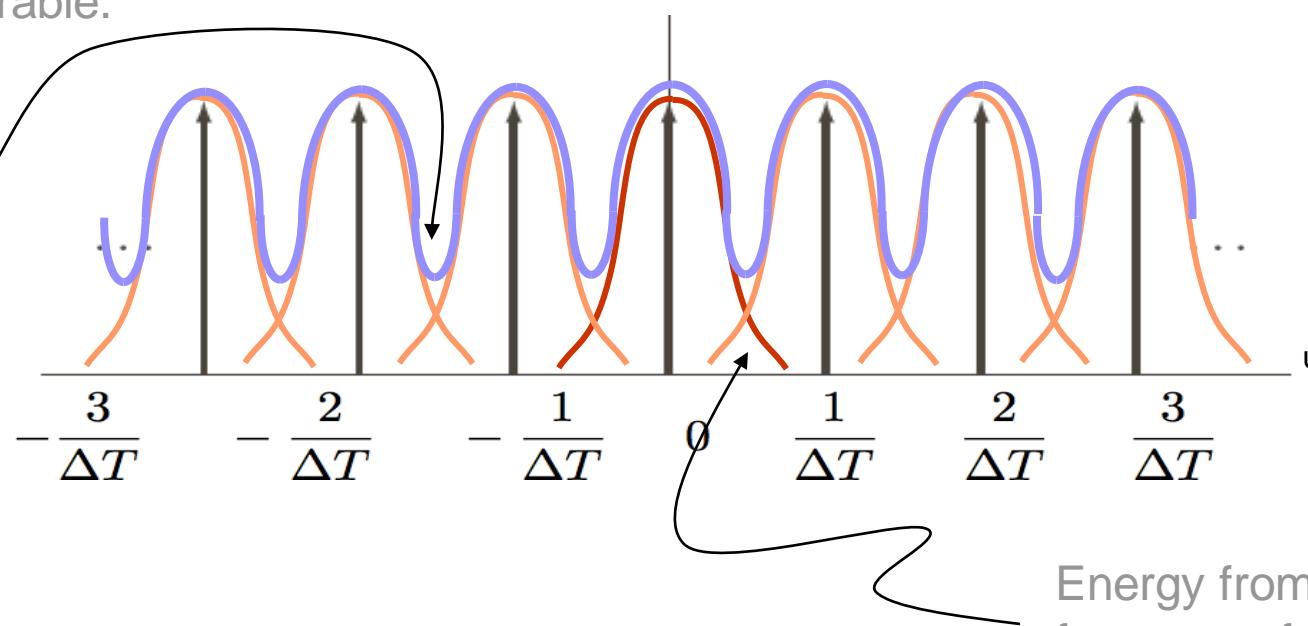
$$\tilde{f}(t) = f(t)s(t) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \tilde{F}(u) = F(u) * S(u)$$



# Fourier Transform of A Discrete Sampling

Frequencies get mixed. The original signal is not recoverable.

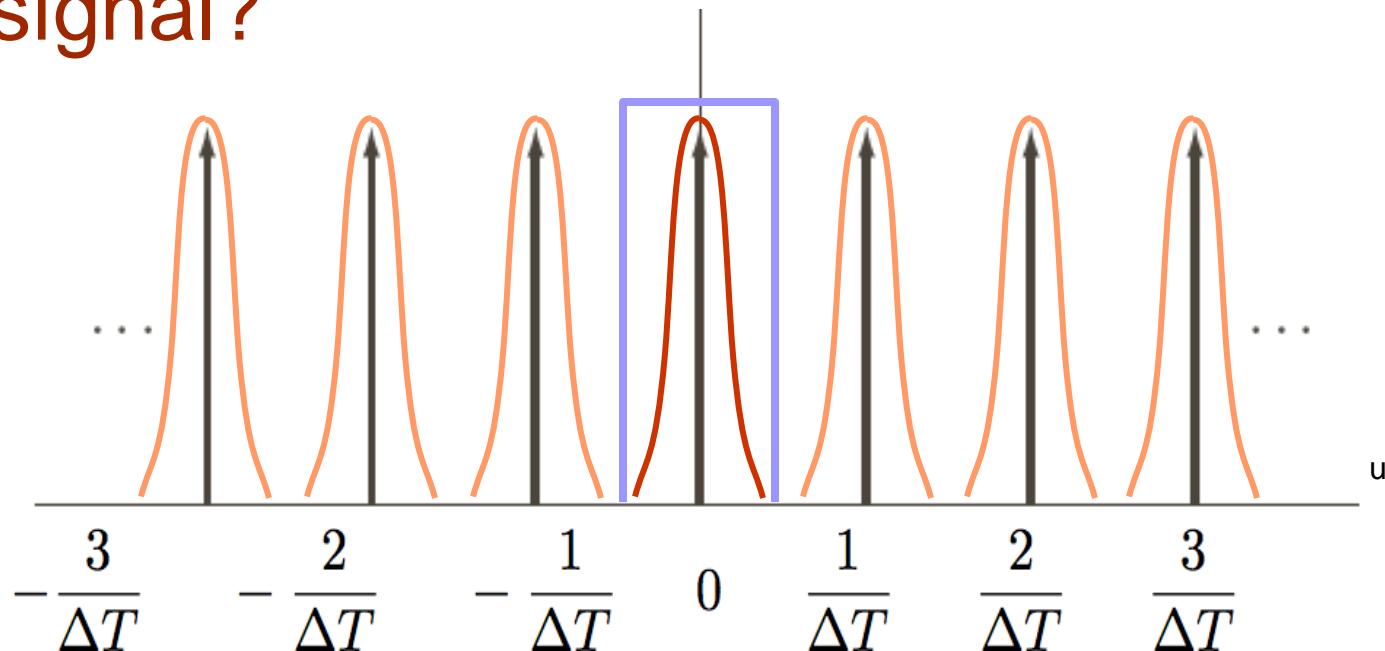
$$\tilde{F}(u) = F(u) * S(u)$$



Energy from higher freqs gets folded back down into lower freqs – Aliasing

# What if $F(u)$ is Narrower in the Fourier Domain?

- No aliasing!
- How could we recover the original signal?



# What Comes Out of This Model

- Sampling criterion for complete recovery
- An understanding of the effects of sampling
  - Aliasing and how to avoid it
- Reconstruction of signals from discrete samples

# Shannon Sampling Theorem

- Assuming a signal that is band limited:

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(u) \quad |F(u)| = 0 \quad \forall \quad |u| > B$$

- Given set of samples from that signal

$$f_k = f(k\Delta T) \quad \Delta T \leq \frac{1}{2B}$$

- Samples can be used to generate the original signal
  - Samples and continuous signal are equivalent

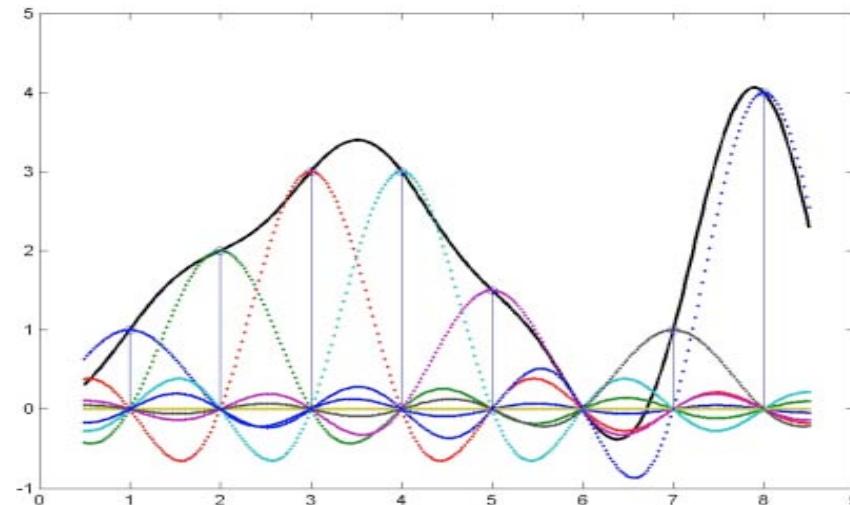
# Sampling Theorem

- Quantifies the amount of information in a signal
  - Discrete signal contains limited frequencies
  - Band-limited signals contain no more information than their discrete equivalents
- Reconstruction by cutting away the repeated signals in the Fourier domain
  - Convolution with sinc function in space/time

# Reconstruction

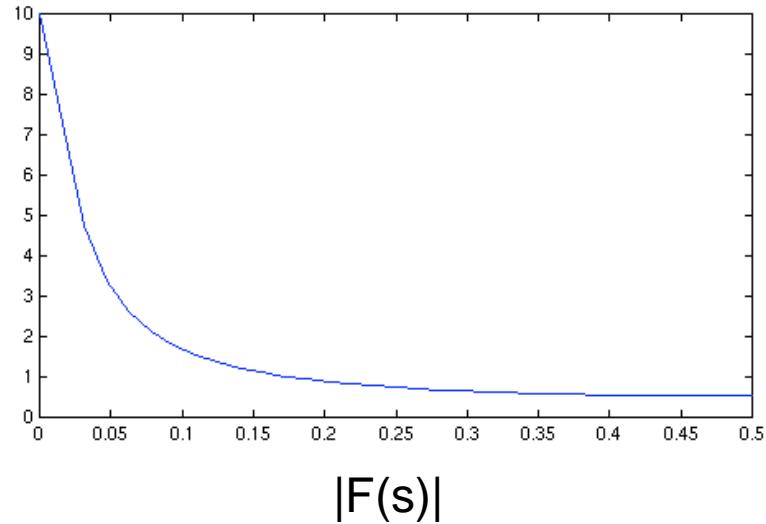
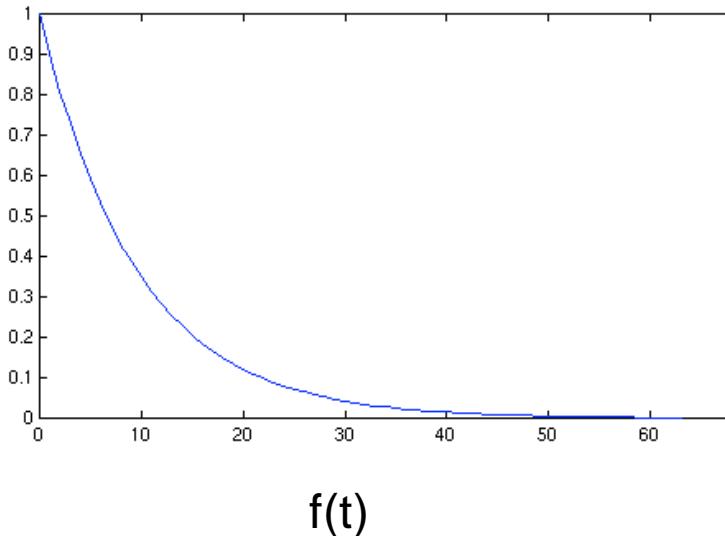
- Convolution with sinc function

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \tilde{f}(t) * \mathbb{F}^{-1} [\text{rect}(\Delta T u)] \\ &= \left( \sum_k f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T) \right) * \text{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{\Delta T}\right) = \sum_k f_k \text{sinc}\left(\frac{t - k\Delta T}{\Delta T}\right) \end{aligned}$$

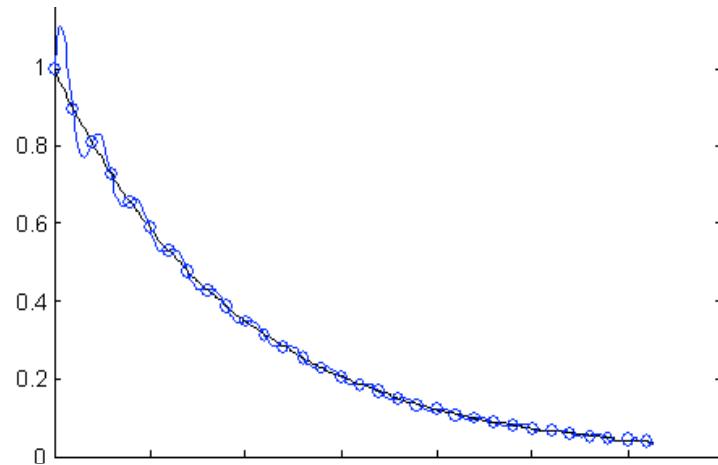
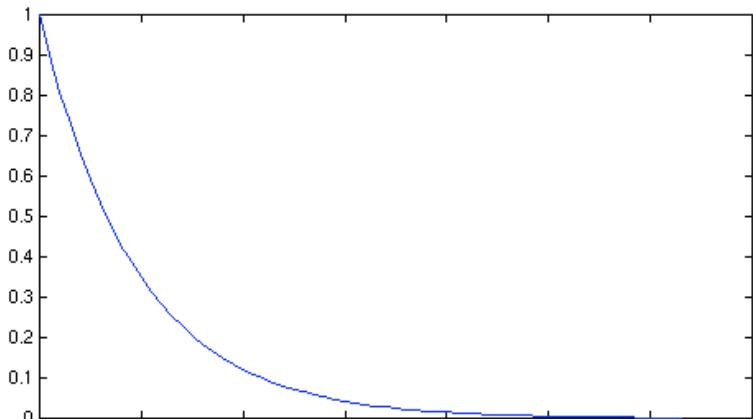


# Sinc Interpolation Issues

- Must functions are not band limited
- Forcing functions to be band-limited can cause artifacts (ringing)



# Sinc Interpolation Issues



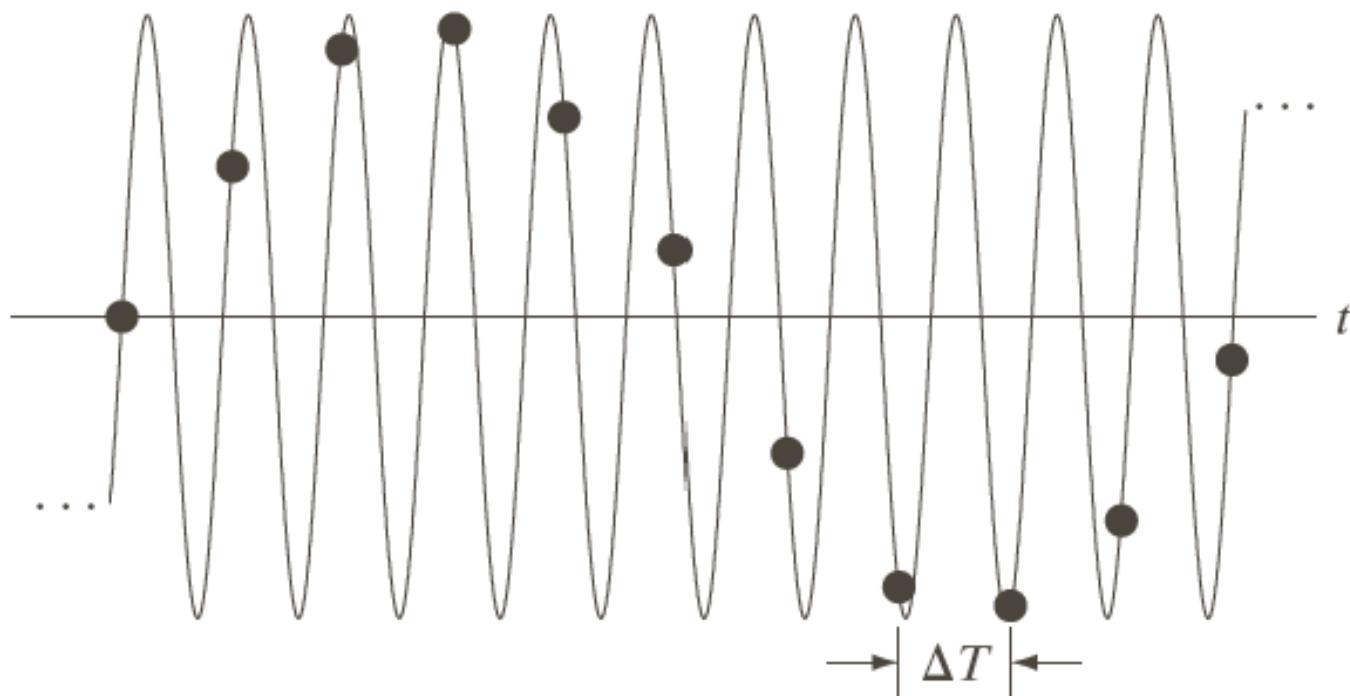
Ringing - Gibbs phenomenon

Other issues:

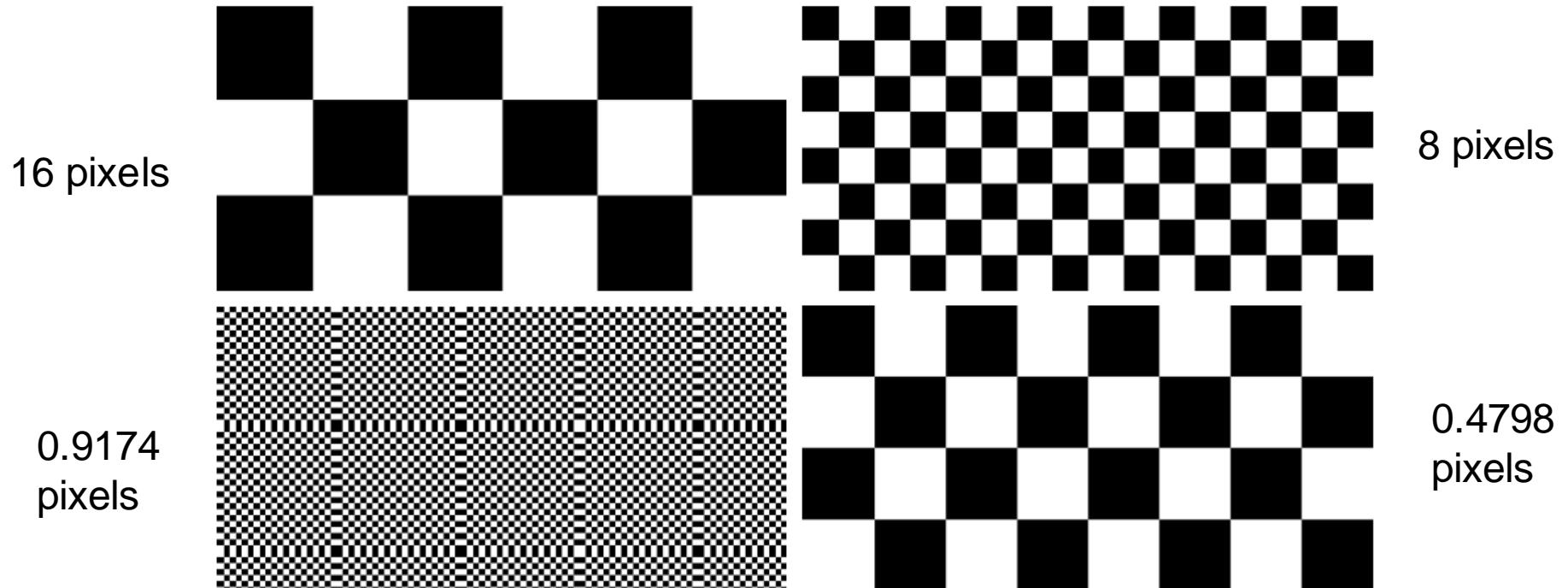
Sinc is infinite - must be truncated

# Aliasing

- High frequencies appear as low frequencies when undersampled

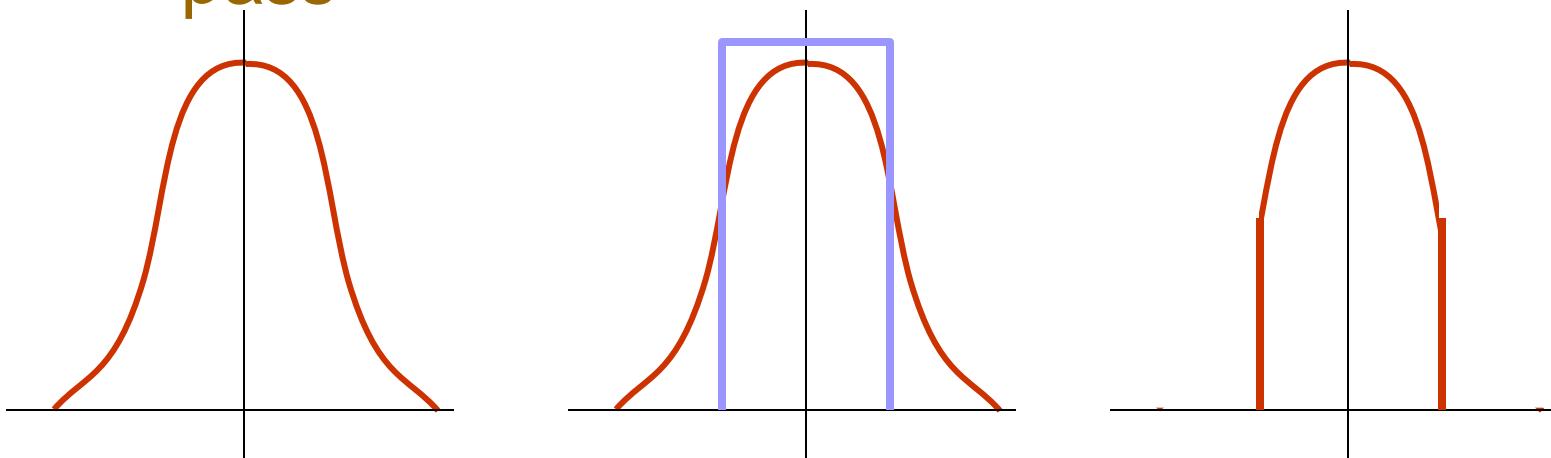


# Aliasing



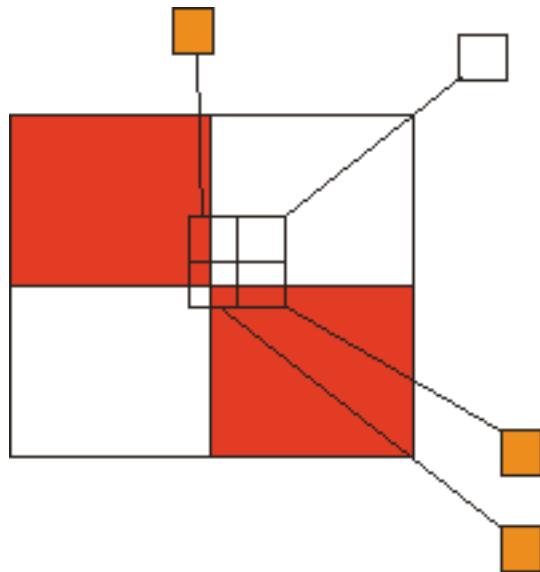
# Overcoming Aliasing

- Filter data prior to sampling
  - Ideally - band limit the data (conv with sinc function)
  - In practice - limit effects with fuzzy/soft low pass



# Antialiasing in Graphics

- Screen resolution produces aliasing on underlying geometry



Multiple high-res samples get averaged to create one screen sample



aliased



antialiased

# Antialiasing



# Interpolation as Convolution

- Any discrete set of samples can be considered as a functional

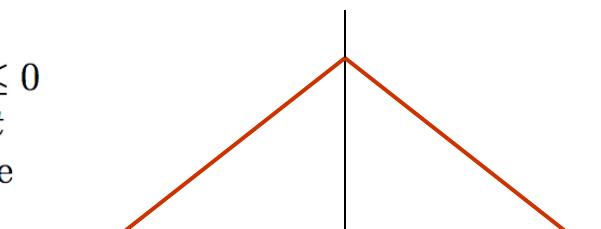
$$\tilde{f}(t) = \sum_k f_k \delta(t - k\Delta T)$$

- Any linear interpolant can be considered as a convolution

- Nearest neighbor -  $\text{rect}(t)$

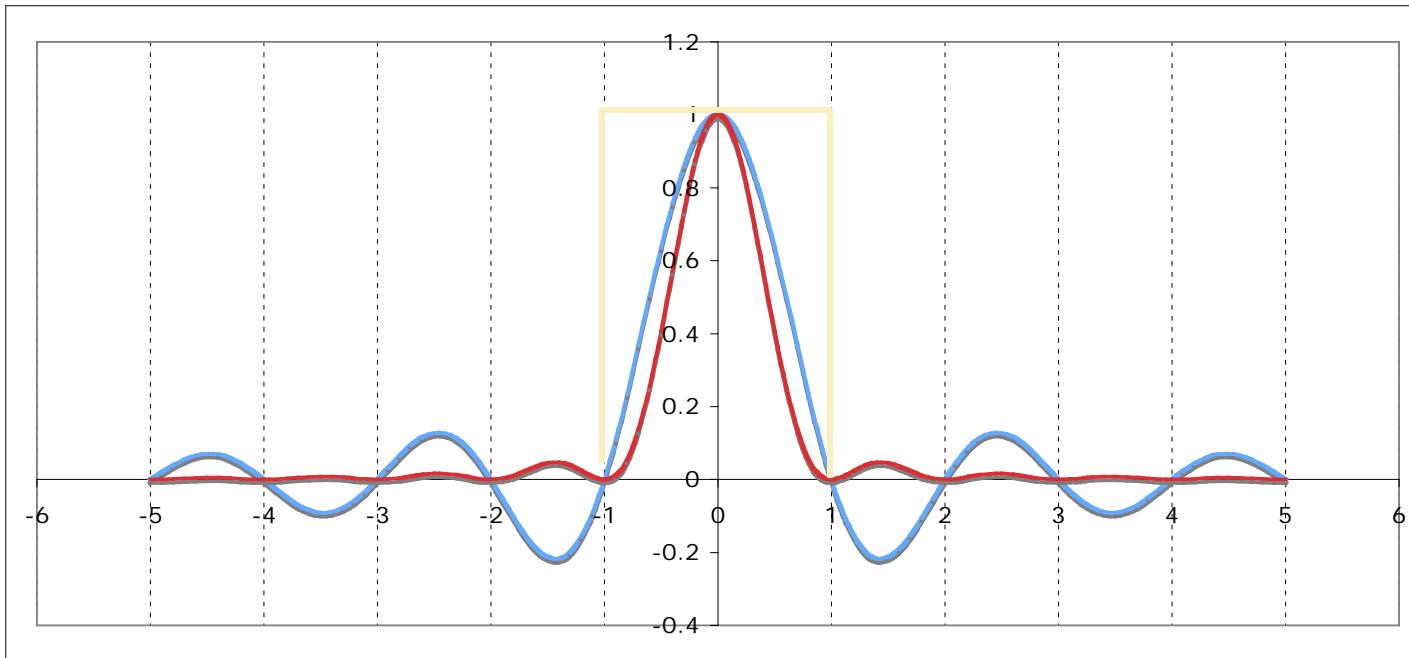
- Linear -  $\text{tri}(t)$

$$\text{tri}(t) = \begin{cases} t + 1 & -1 \leq t \leq 0 \\ 1 - t & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Convolution-Based Interpolation

- Can be studied in terms of Fourier Domain
- Issues
  - Pass energy (=1) in band
  - Low energy out of band
  - Reduce hard cut off (Gibbs, ringing)



# Fast Fourier Transform

With slides from Richard  
Stern, CMU

# DFT

- Ordinary DFT is  $O(N^2)$
  - DFT is slow for large images
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- Exploit periodicity and symmetry
  - Fast FT is  $O(N \log N)$
  - FFT can be faster than convolution

# Fast Fourier Transform

- Divide and conquer algorithm
- Gauss ~1805
- Cooley & Tukey 1965
- For  $N = 2^K$

# The Cooley-Tukey Algorithm

- Consider the DFT algorithm for an integer power of 2,  $N = 2^v$

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{nk} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi nk/N}; \quad W_N = e^{-j2\pi/N}$$

- Create separate sums for even and odd values of  $n$ :

$$X[k] = \sum_{\substack{n \text{ even}}} x[n] W_N^{nk} + \sum_{\substack{n \text{ odd}}} x[n] W_N^{nk}$$

- Letting  $n = 2r$  for  $n$  even and  $n = 2r+1$  for  $n$  odd, we

obtain

$$X[k] = \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r] W_N^{2rk} + \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1] W_N^{(2r+1)k}$$

# The Cooley-Tukey Algorithm

- Splitting indices in time, we have obtained

$$X[k] = \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r]W_N^{2rk} + \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1]W_N^{(2r+1)k}$$

- But  $W_N^2 = e^{-j2\pi 2/N} = e^{-j2\pi/(N/2)} = W_{N/2}$  and  $W_N^{2rk}W_N^k = W_N^k W_{N/2}^{rk}$

So ...

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r]W_{N/2}^{rk} + W_N^k \sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r+1]W_{N/2}^{rk}$$



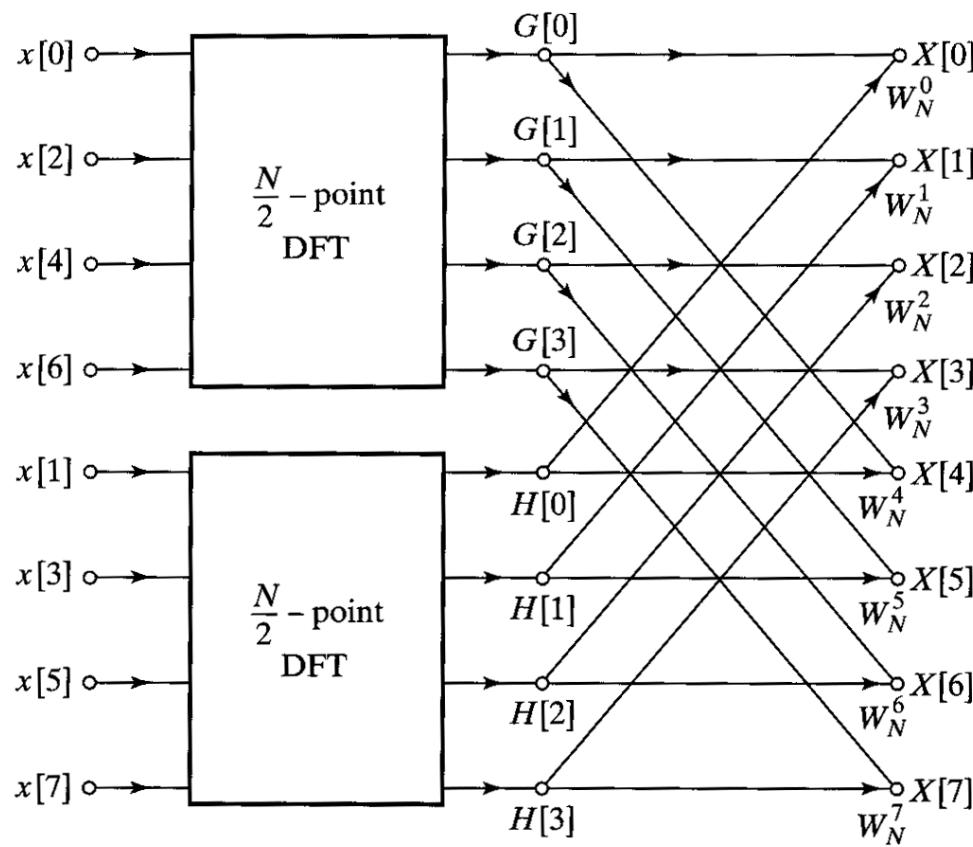


N/2-point DFT of  $x[2r]$

N/2-point DFT of  $x[2r+1]$

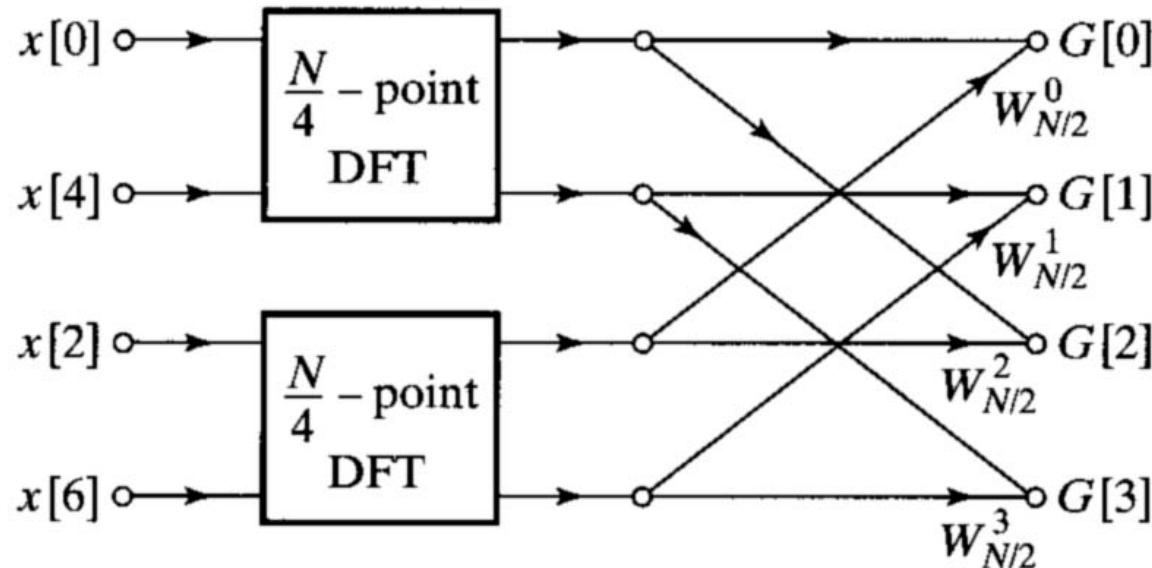
# Example: N=8

- Divide and reuse



# Example: N=8, Upper Part

- Continue to divide and reuse



# Two-Point FFT

- The expression for the 2-point DFT is:

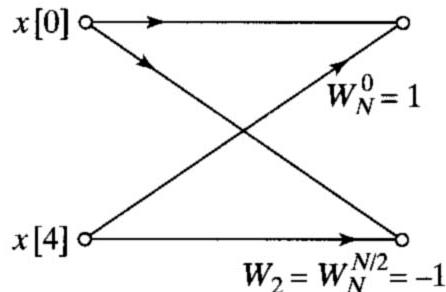
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^1 x[n]W_2^{nk} = \sum_{n=0}^1 x[n]e^{-j2\pi nk/2}$$

- Evaluating for  $k = 0, 1$  we obtain

$$X[0] = x[0] + x[1]$$

$$X[1] = x[0] + e^{-j2\pi 1/2}x[1] = x[0] - x[1]$$

which in signal flowgraph notation looks like ...



This topology is referred to as the basic butterfly