



Thinking in Frequency

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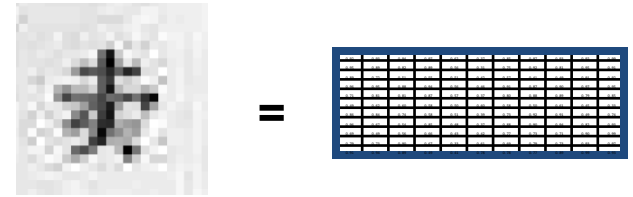
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Administrative

- Matlab/linear algebra tutorial tomorrow, planned for 6:30pm
 - Probably 1214 DCL (will send confirmation later via Piazza)
- Project is due in ~2 weeks

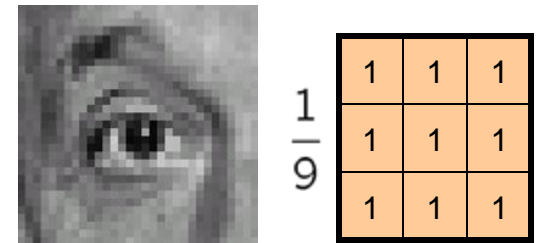
Last class

- Image is a matrix of numbers



- Linear filtering is a dot product at each position

- Can smooth, sharpen, translate (among many other uses)



- Be aware of details for filter size, extrapolation, cropping

- Filter size should be large enough so that values at edges of filter are near 0
- Careful to distinguish between bandwidth/sigma of Gaussian (how broad the function is) with the filter size (where you cut it off)



Review: questions

1. Write down a 3x3 filter that returns a positive value if the average value of the 4-adjacent neighbors is less than the center and a zero or negative value otherwise
2. Write down a filter that will compute the gradient in the x-direction:

$$\text{grad}_x(y, x) = \text{im}(y, x+1) - \text{im}(y, x) \text{ for each } x, y$$

Review: questions

3. Fill in the blanks:

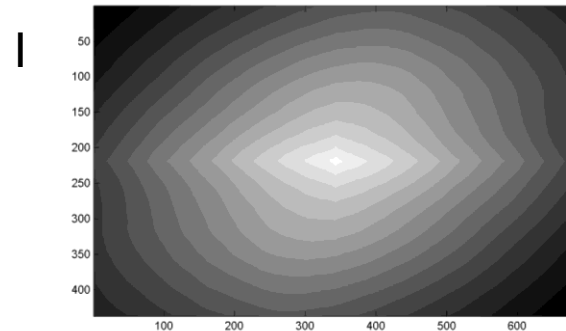
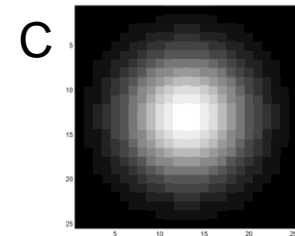
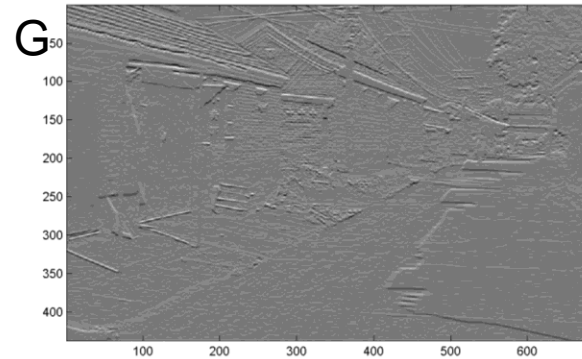
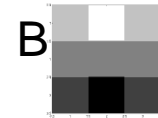
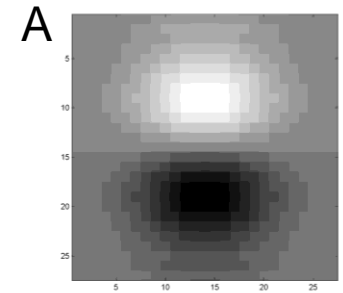
a) $_ = D * B$

b) $A = _ * _$

c) $F = D * _$

d) $_ = D * D$

Filtering Operator



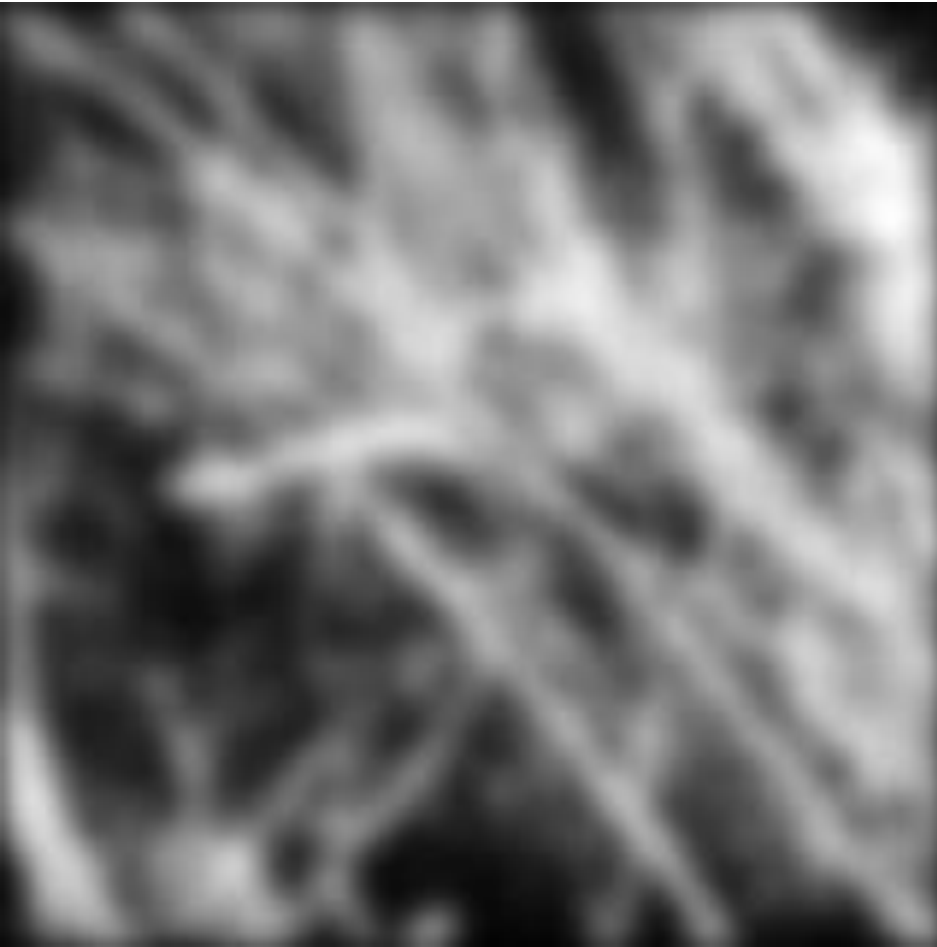
Today's class

- Fourier transform and frequency domain
 - Frequency view of filtering
 - Another look at hybrid images
 - Sampling

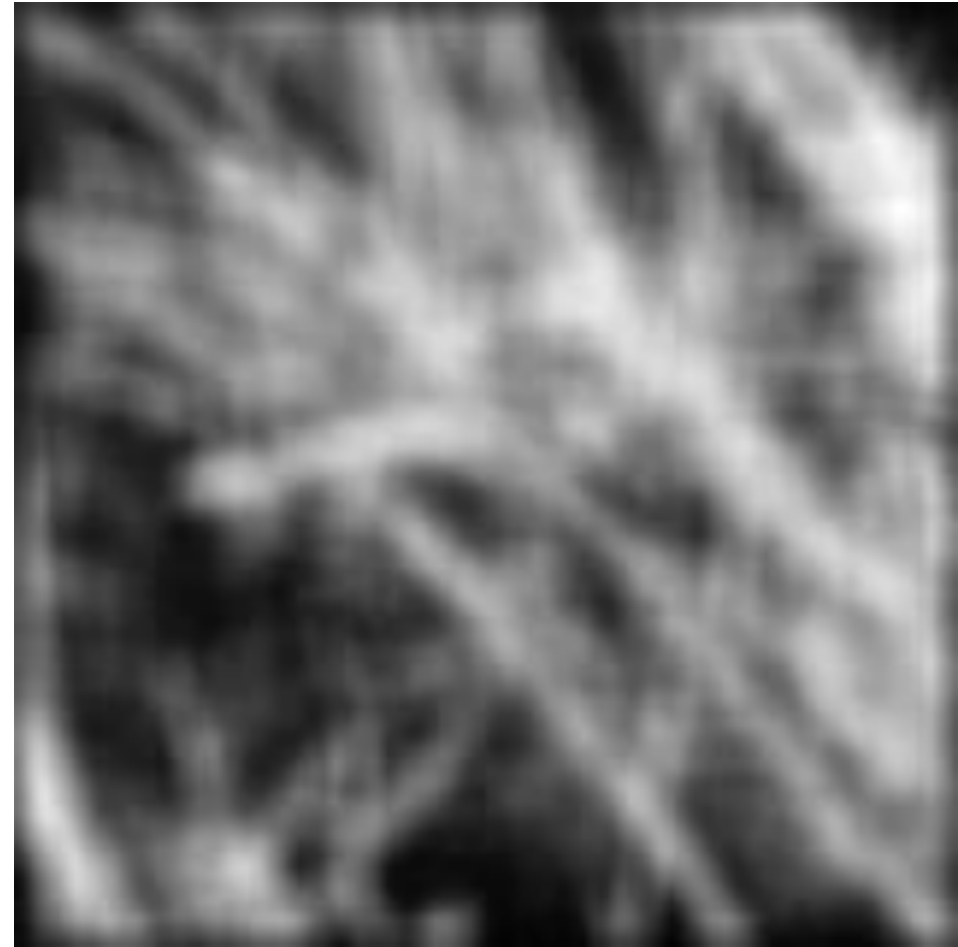
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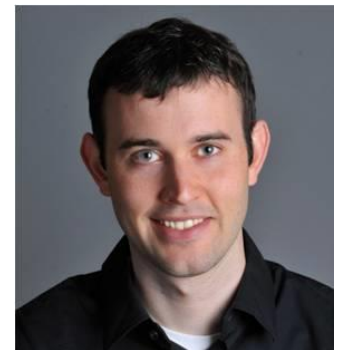
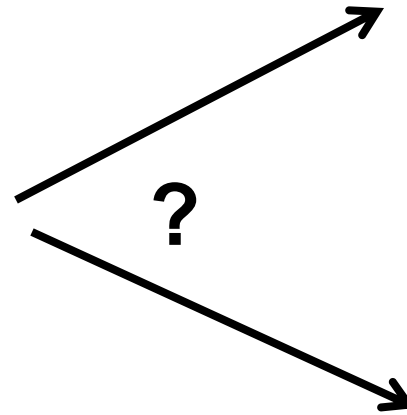
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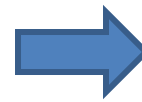
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Thinking in terms of frequency

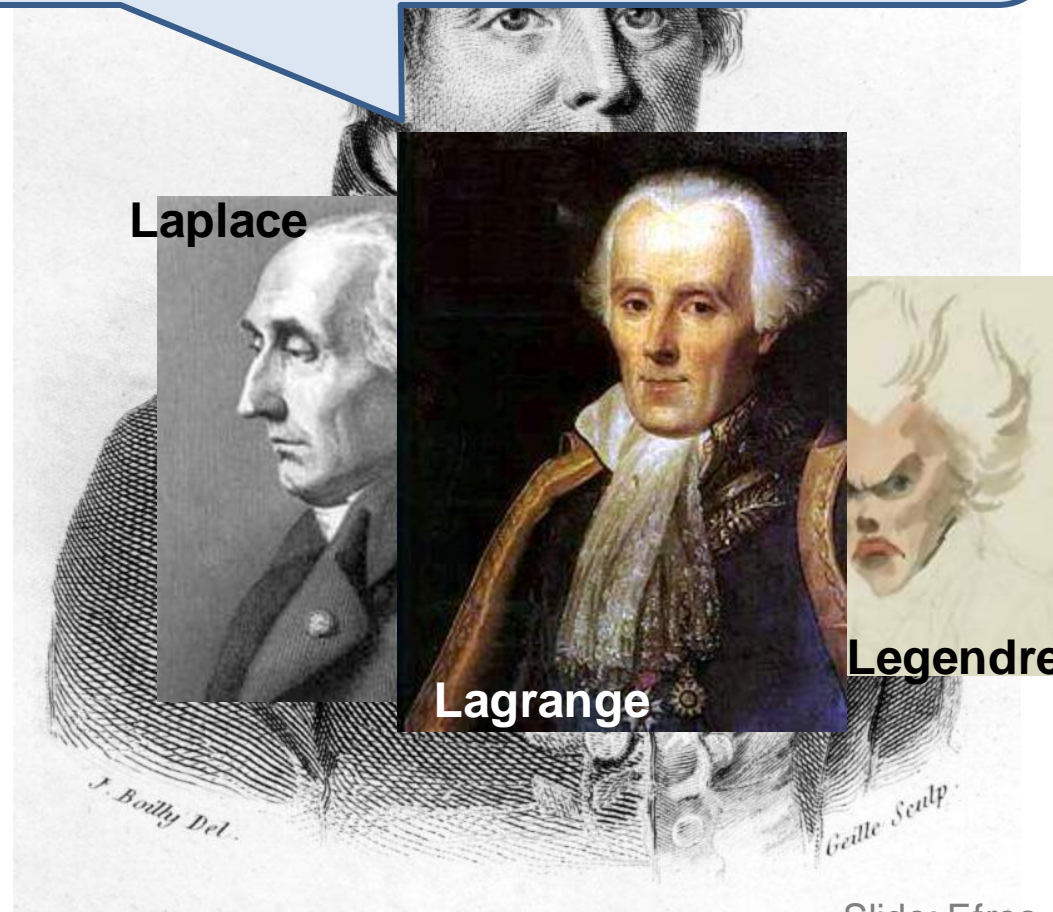
Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

had crazy idea (1807):

Any univariate function can be rewritten as a weighted sum of sines and cosines of different frequencies.

...the manner in which the author arrives at these equations is not exempt of difficulties and...his analysis to integrate them still leaves something to be desired on the score of generality and even rigour.

- Don't believe it?
 - Neither did Lagrange, Laplace, Poisson and other big wigs
 - Not translated into English until 1878!
- But it's (mostly) true!
 - called Fourier Series
 - there are some subtle restrictions

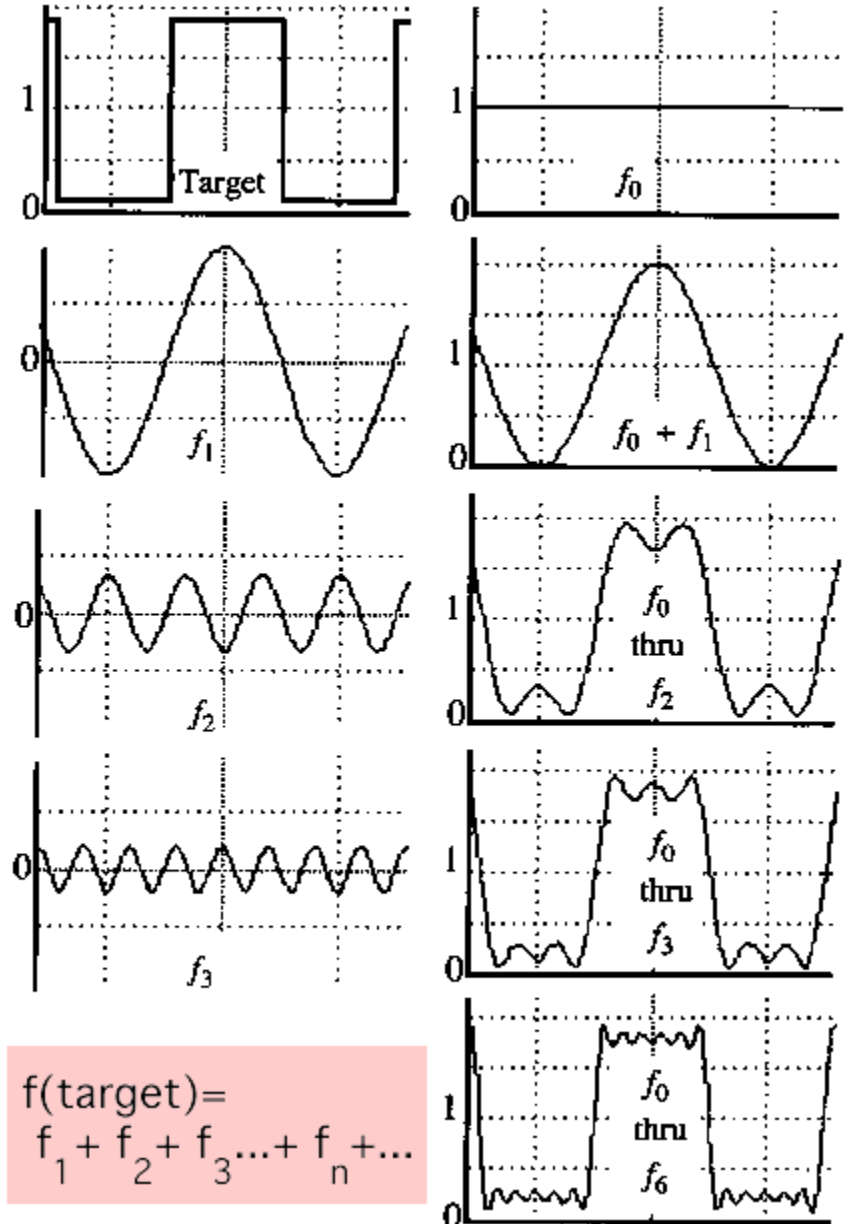


A sum of sines

Our building block:

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

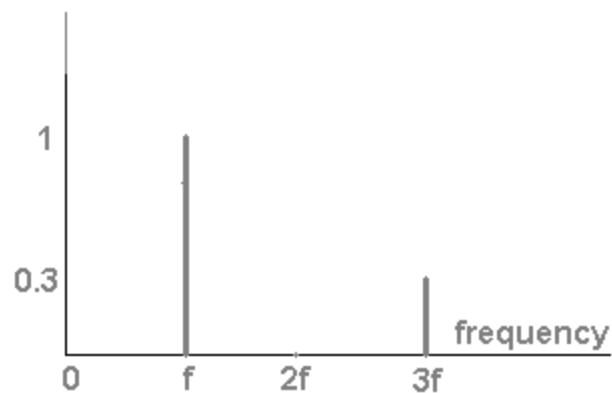
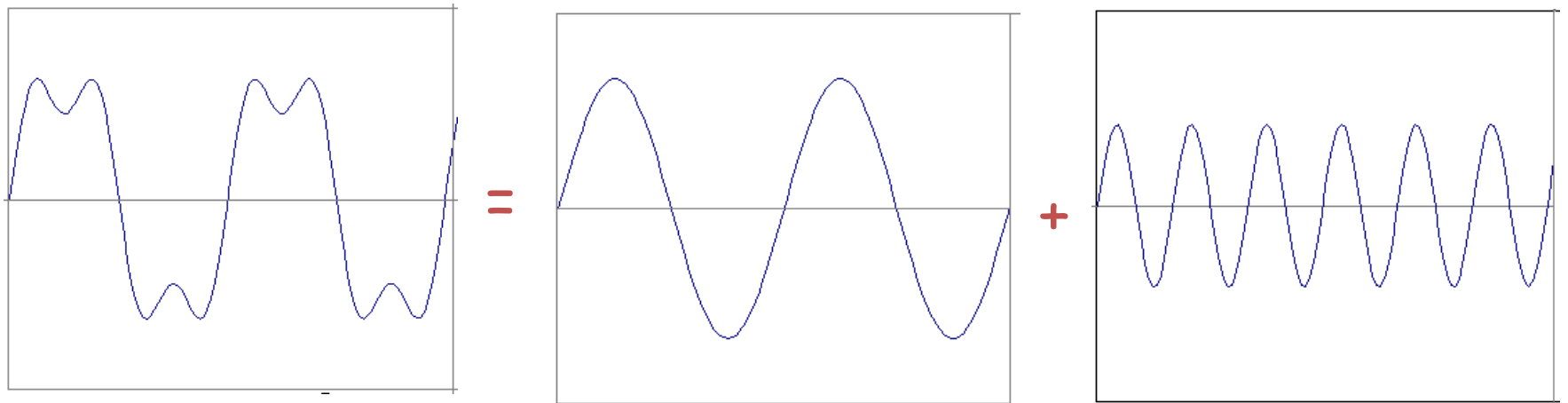
Add enough of them to get any signal $f(x)$ you want!



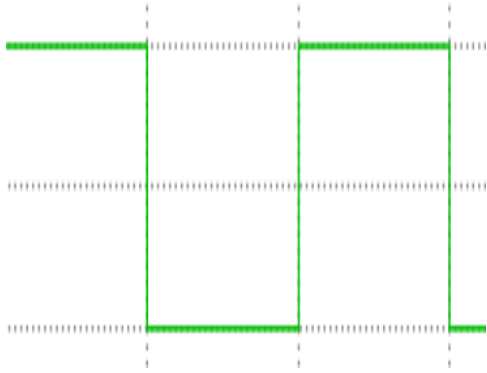
$$f(\text{target}) = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_n + \dots$$

Frequency Spectra

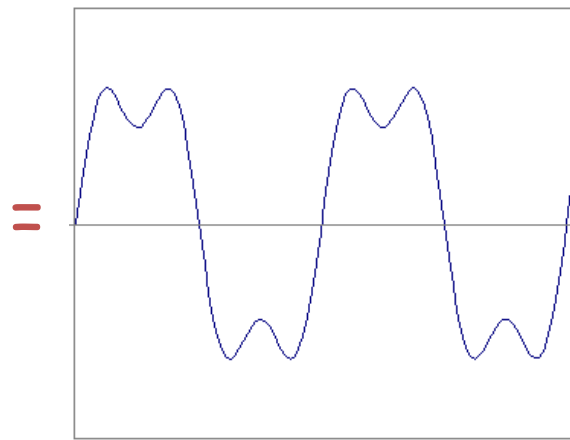
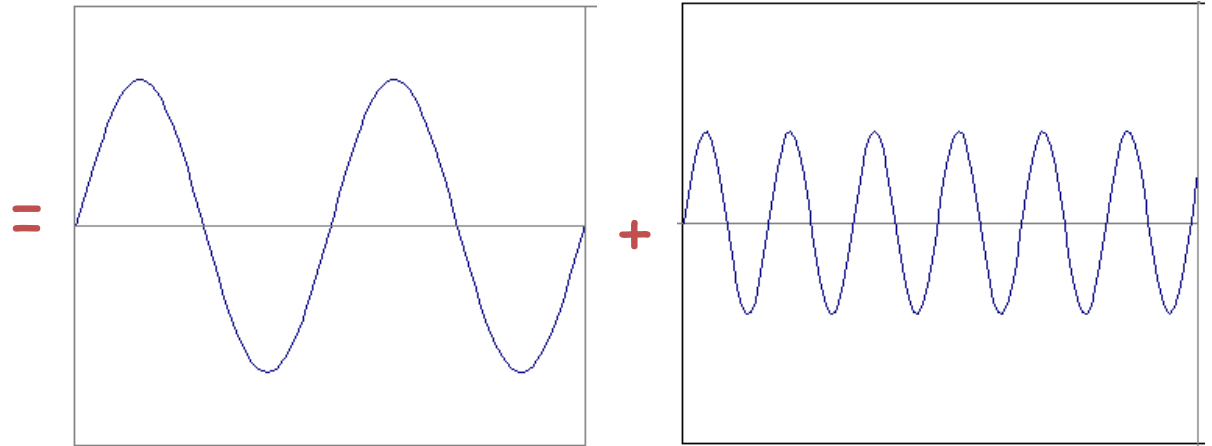
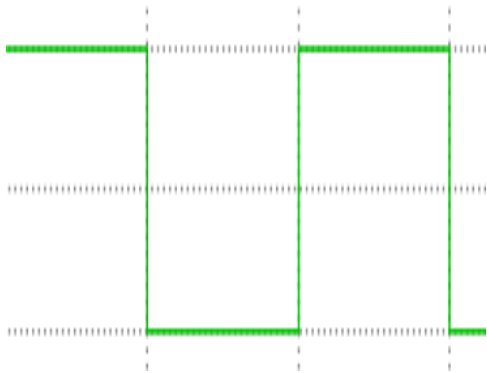
- example : $g(t) = \sin(2\pi f t) + (1/3)\sin(2\pi(3f) t)$



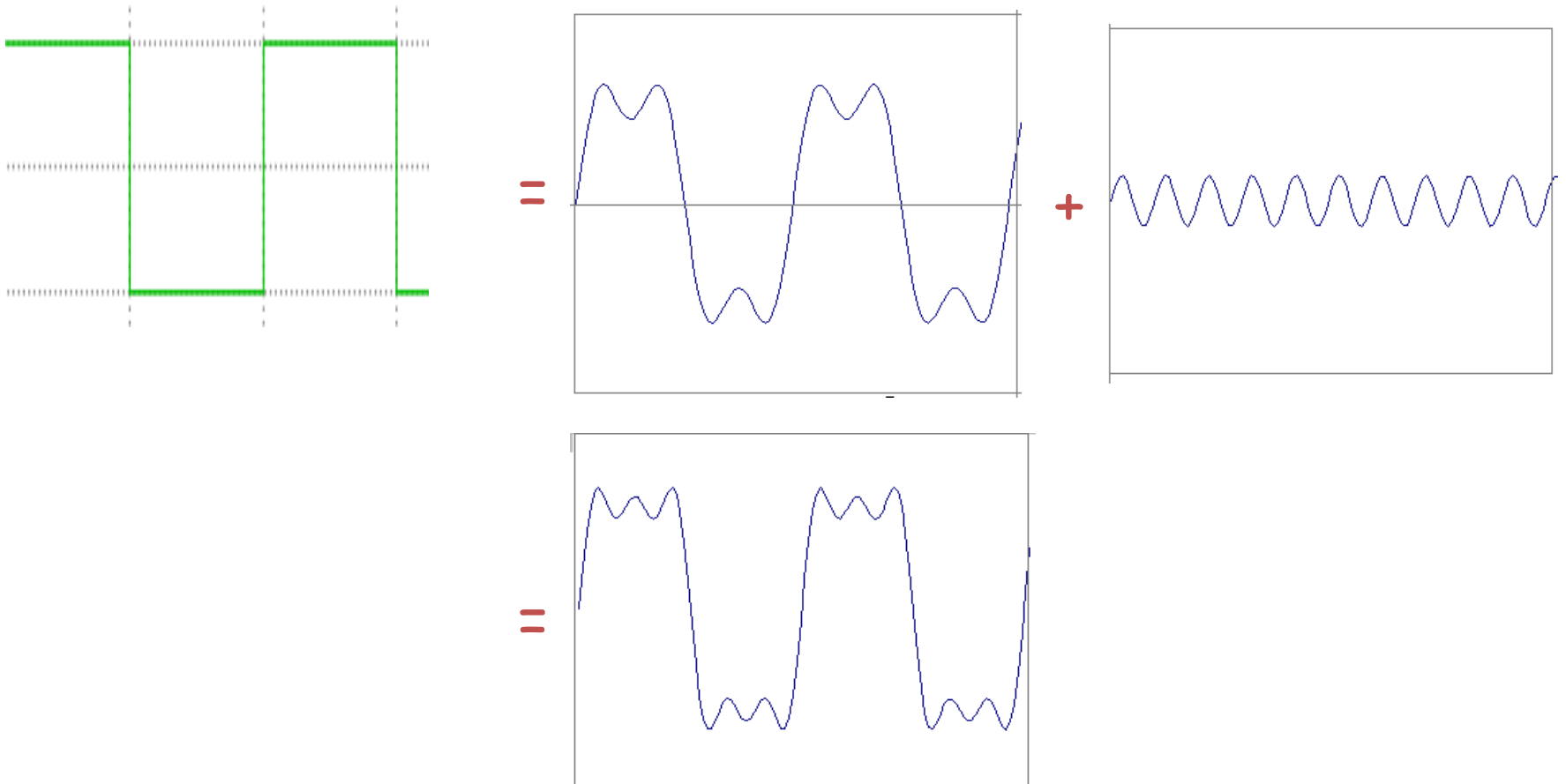
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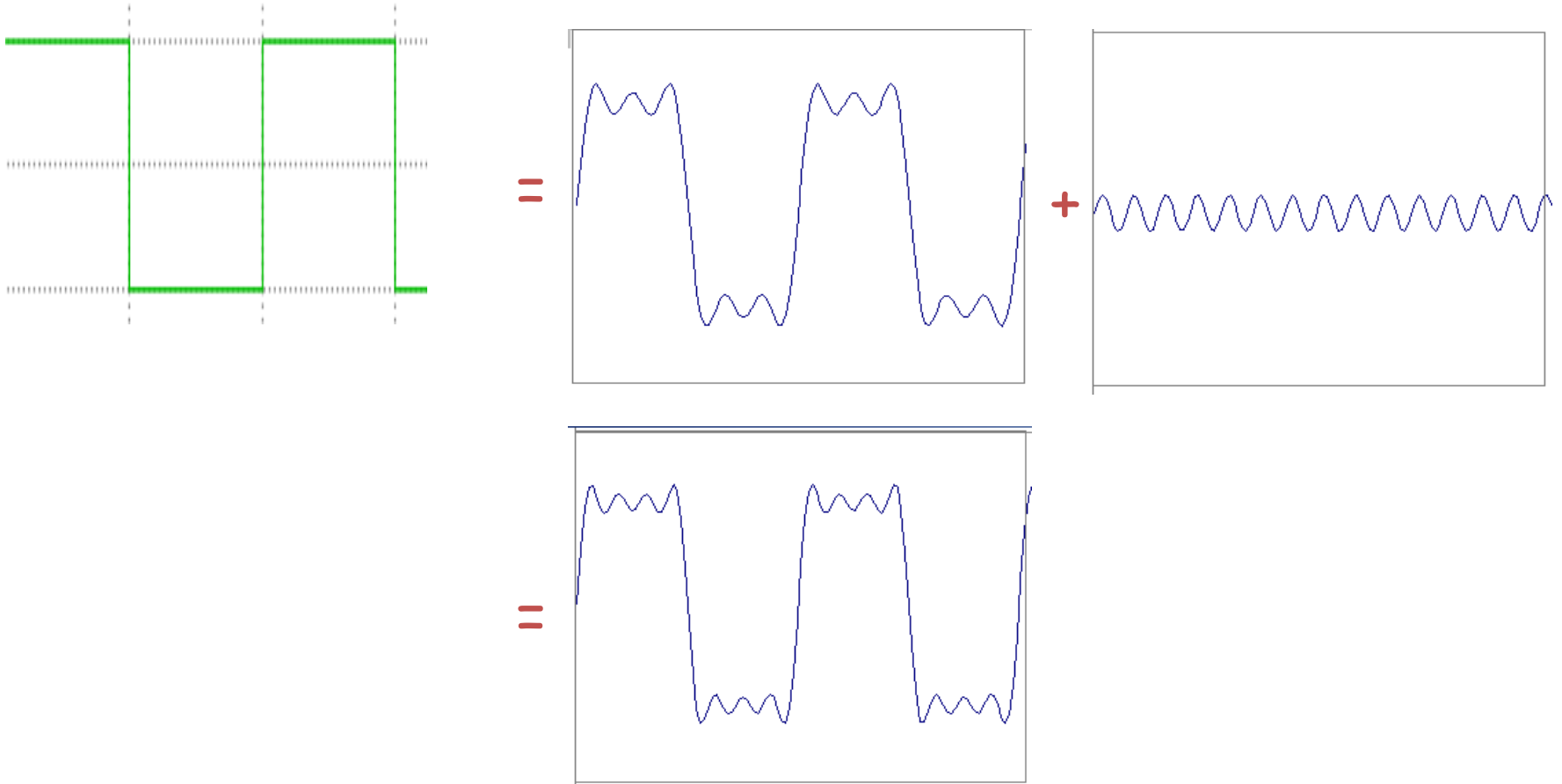
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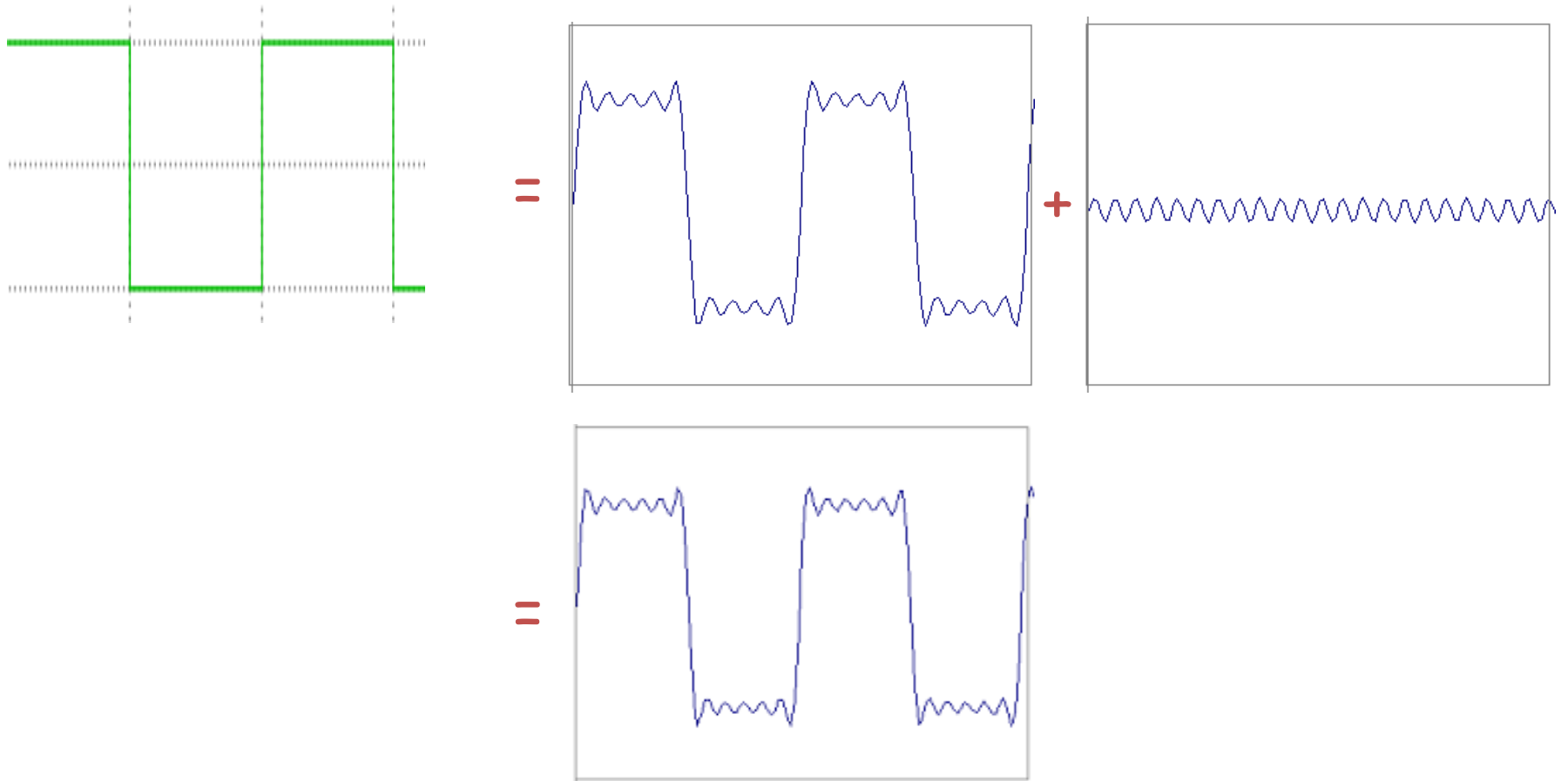
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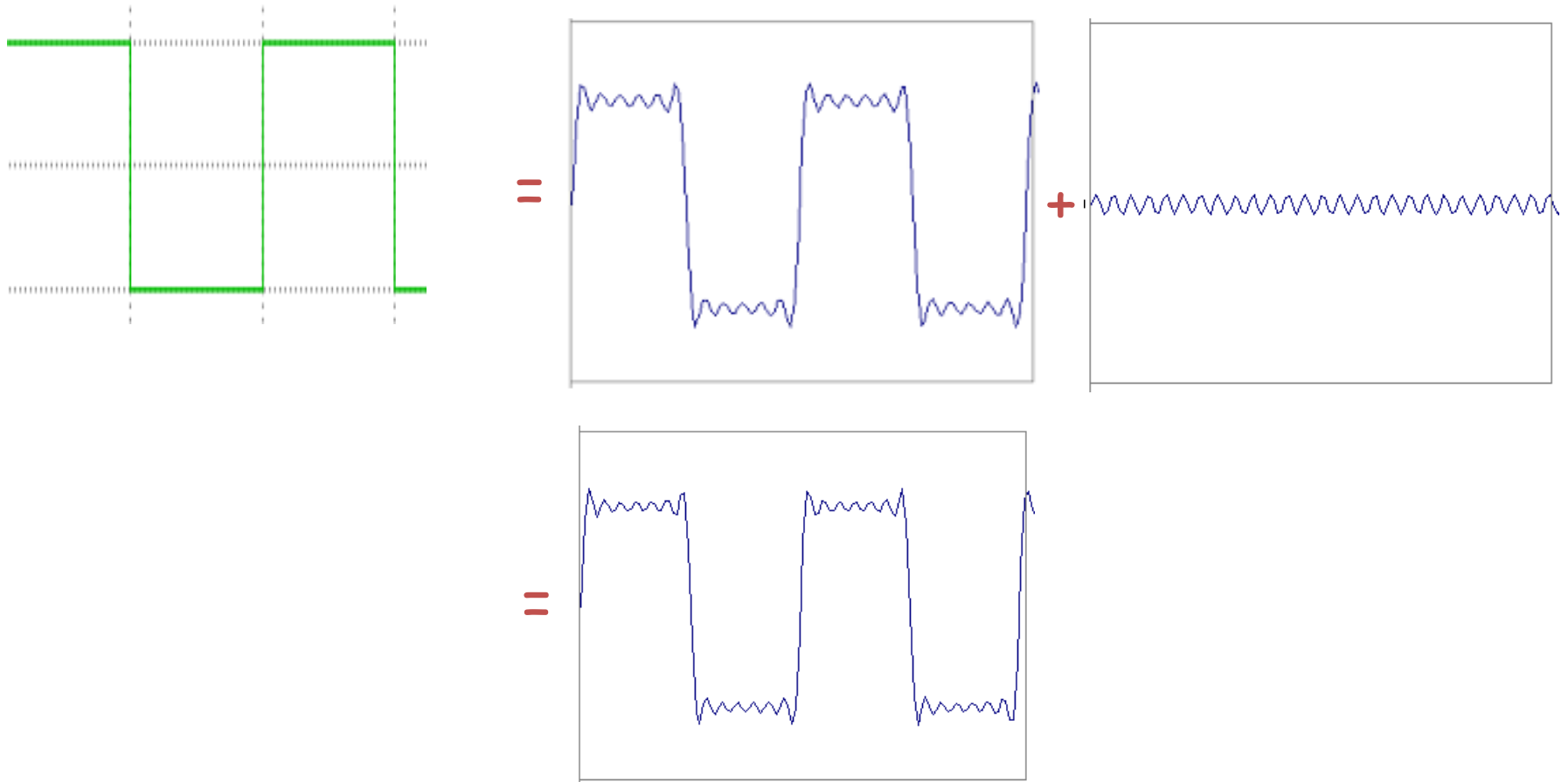
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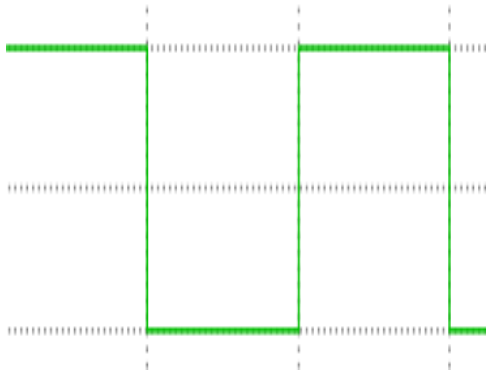
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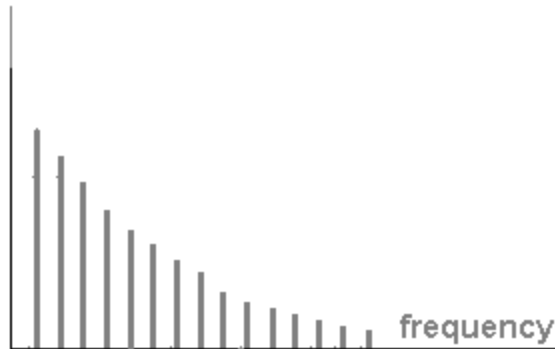
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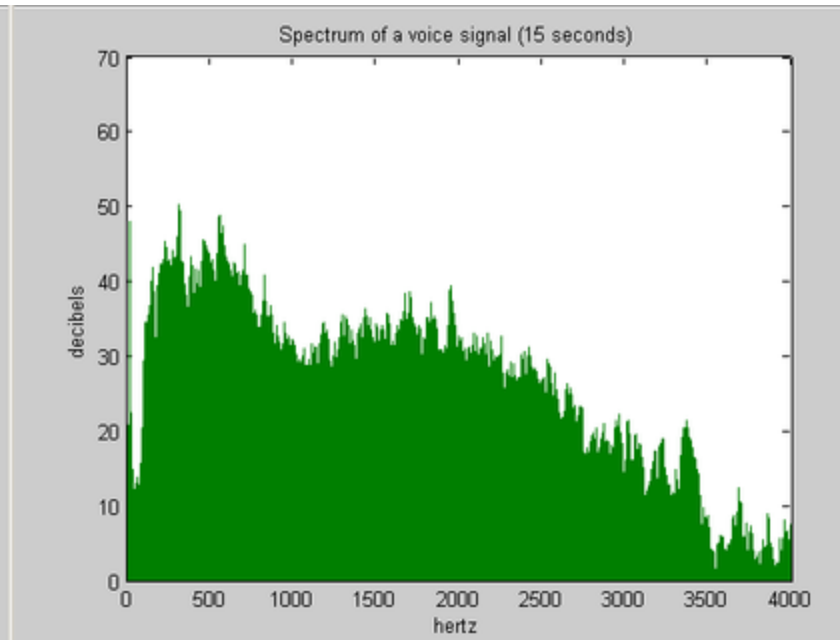
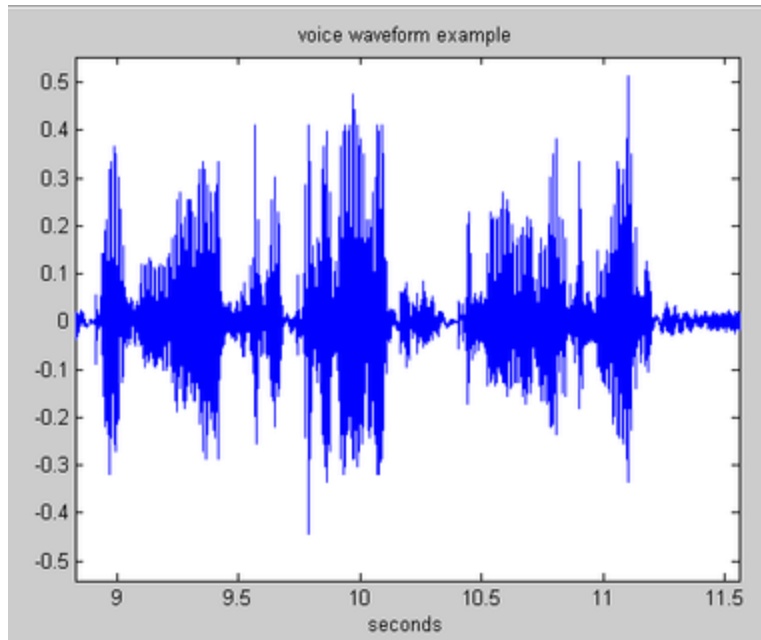


$$= A \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sin(2\pi kt)$$



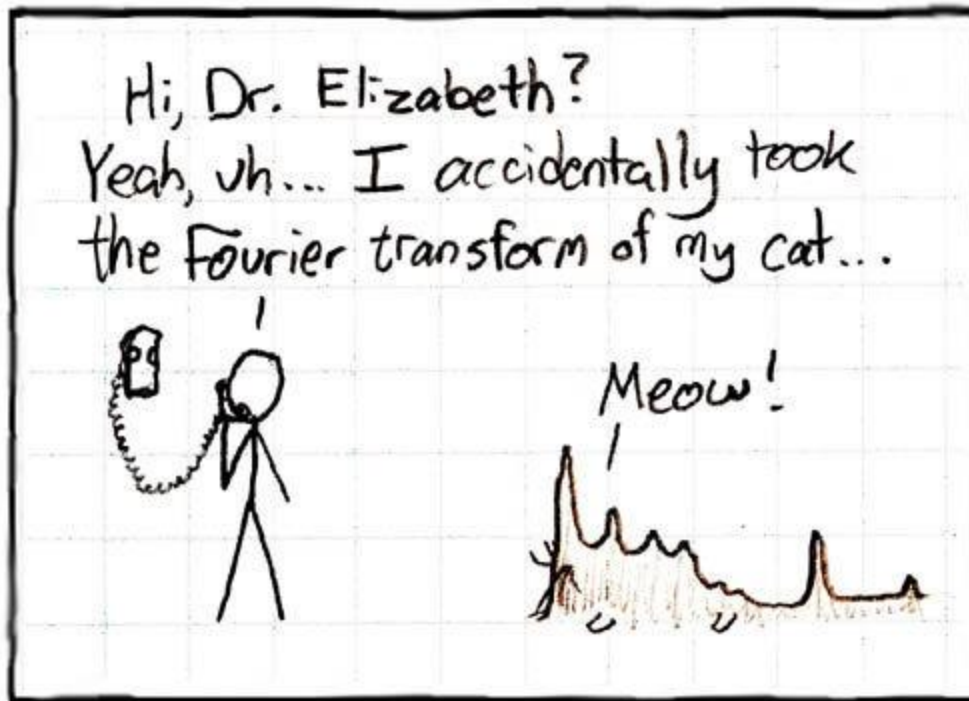
Example: Music

- We think of music in terms of frequencies at different magnitudes



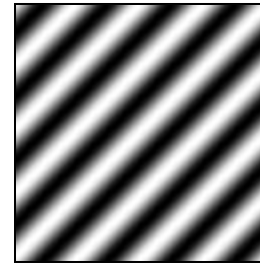
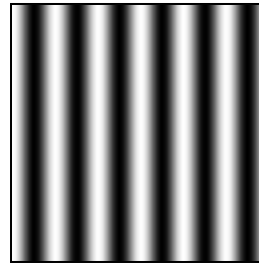
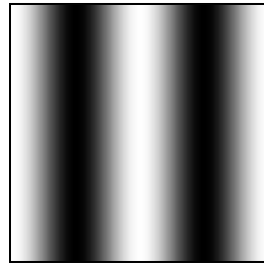
Other signals

- We can also think of all kinds of other signals the same way

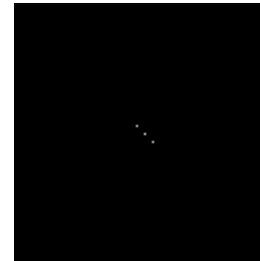
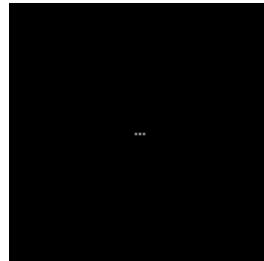


Fourier analysis in images

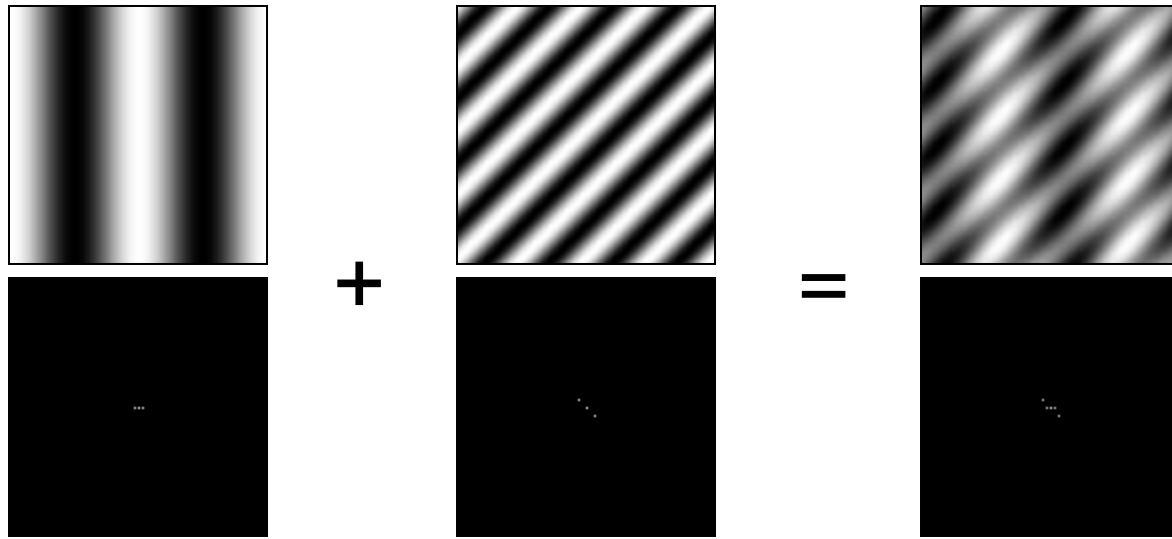
Intensity Image



Fourier Image



Signals can be composed



Fourier Transform

- Fourier transform stores the magnitude and phase at each frequency
 - Magnitude encodes how much signal there is at a particular frequency
 - Phase encodes spatial information (indirectly)
 - For mathematical convenience, this is often notated in terms of complex numbers

$$\text{Amplitude: } A = \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^2 + I(\omega)^2} \qquad \text{Phase: } \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$$

$$\text{Euler's formula: } e^{inx} = \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)$$

Computing the Fourier Transform

$$H(\omega) = \mathcal{F} \{h(x)\} = Ae^{j\phi}$$

Continuous

$$H(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x)e^{-j\omega x} dx$$

Discrete

$$H(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} h(x)e^{-j\frac{2\pi kx}{N}}$$

$k=-N/2..N/2$



(options for if you can't remember this)

[Fast Fourier Transform](#) (FFT): $N \log N$

The Convolution Theorem

- The Fourier transform of the convolution of two functions is the product of their Fourier transforms

$$F[g * h] = F[g]F[h]$$

- The inverse Fourier transform of the product of two Fourier transforms is the convolution of the two inverse Fourier transforms

$$F^{-1}[gh] = F^{-1}[g] * F^{-1}[h]$$

- **Convolution** in spatial domain is equivalent to **multiplication** in frequency domain!

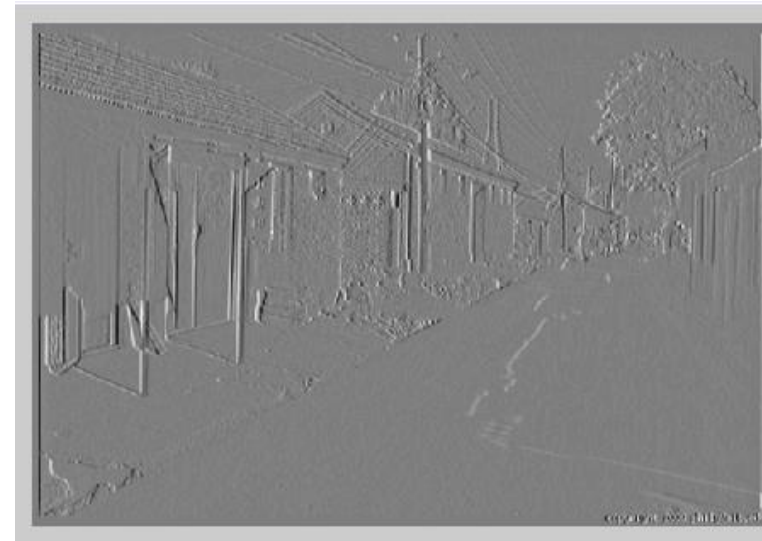
Properties of Fourier Transforms

- Linearity $\mathcal{F}[ax(t) + by(t)] = a\mathcal{F}[x(t)] + b\mathcal{F}[y(t)]$
- Fourier transform of a real signal is symmetric about the origin
- The energy of the signal is the same as the energy of its Fourier transform

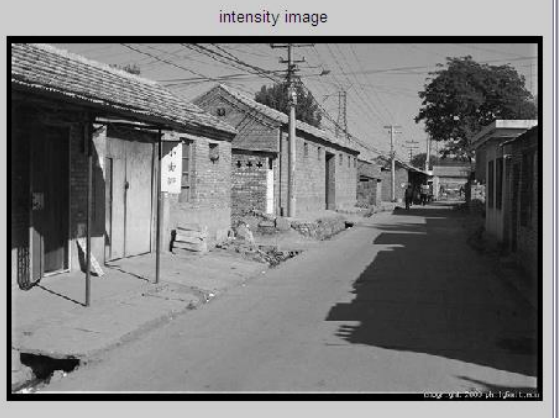
Filtering in spatial domain

1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

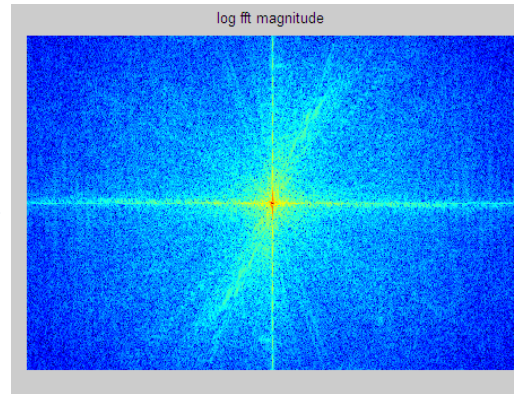
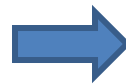
intensity image



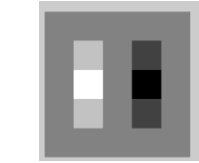
Filtering in frequency domain



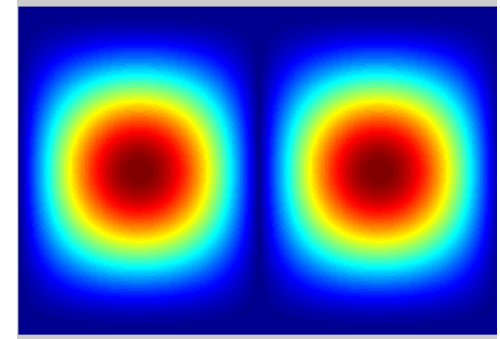
FFT



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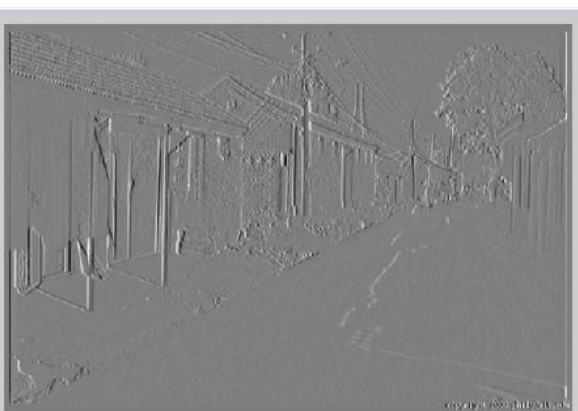
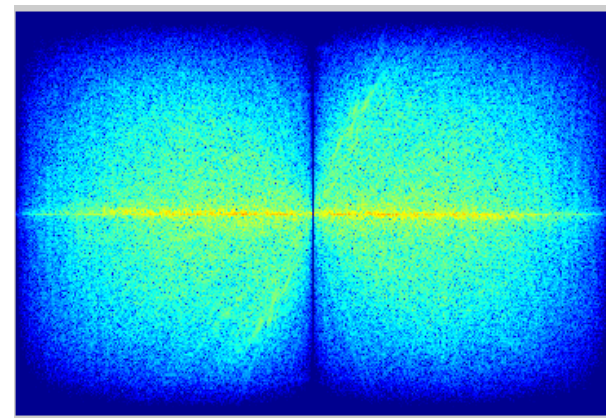


FFT



$=$

Inverse FFT



Fourier Matlab demo

FFT in Matlab

- Filtering with fft

```
im = ... % "im" should be a gray-scale floating point image
[imh, imw] = size(im);
fftsize = 1024; % should be order of 2 (for speed) and include padding
im_fft = fft2(im, fftsize, fftsize); % 1) fft im with padding
hs = 30; % filter half-size
fil = fspecial('gaussian', hs*2+1, 10);
fil_fft = fft2(fil, fftsize, fftsize); % 2) fft fil, pad to same size as image
im_fil_fft = im_fft .* fil_fft; % 3) multiply fft images
im_fil = ifft2(im_fil_fft); % 4) inverse fft2
im_fil = im_fil(1+hs:size(im,1)+hs, 1+hs:size(im, 2)+hs); % 5) remove padding
```

- Displaying with fft

```
figure(1), imagesc(log(abs(fftshift(im_fft)))), axis image, colormap jet
```


Questions

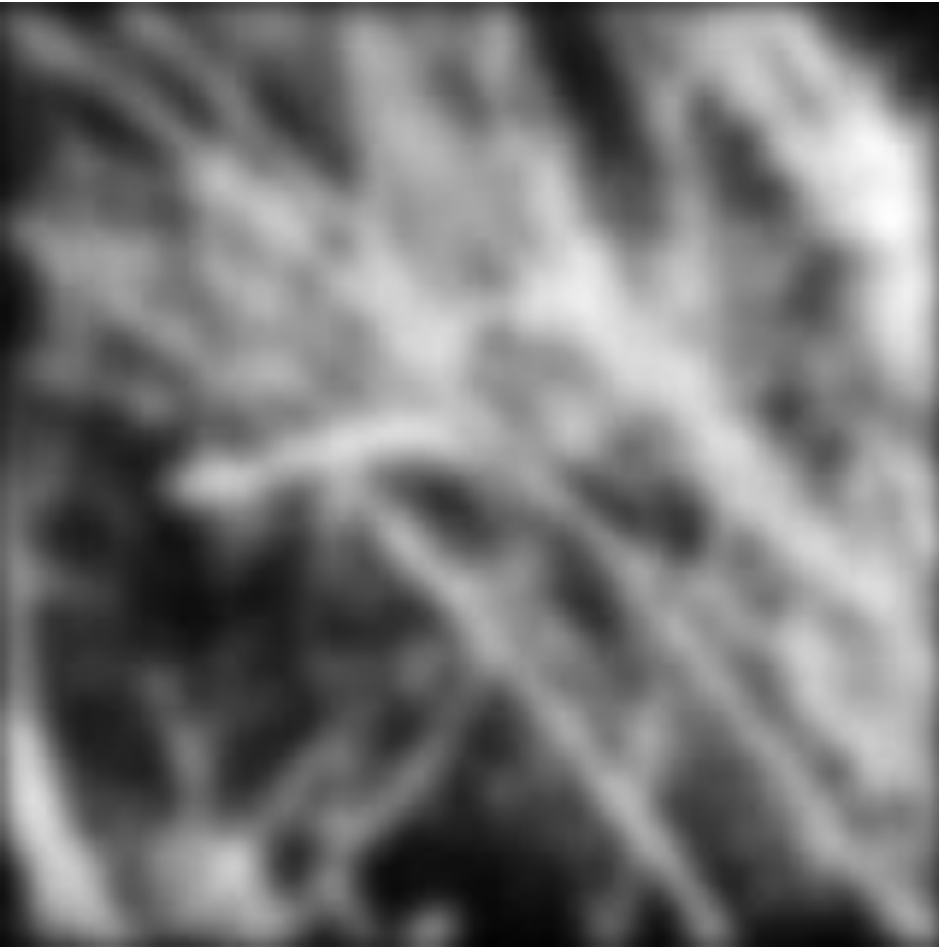
Which has more information, the phase or the magnitude?

What happens if you take the phase from one image and combine it with the magnitude from another image?

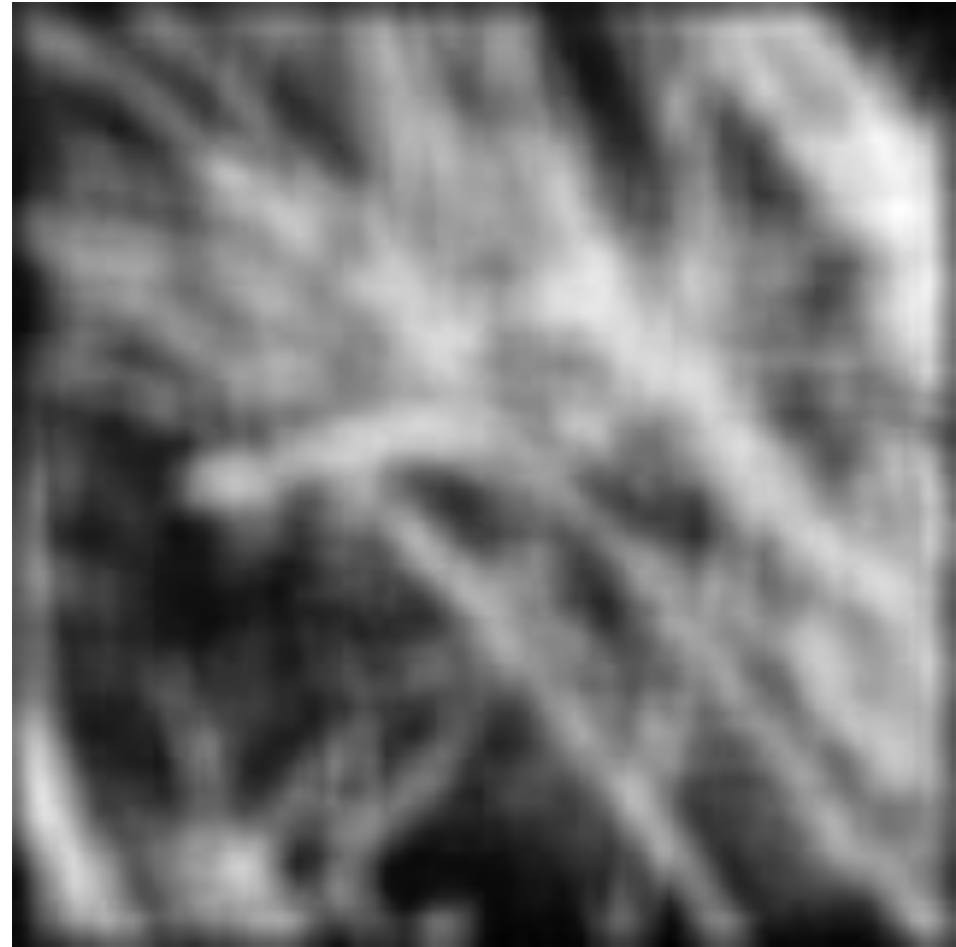
Filtering

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Gaussian



Box filter

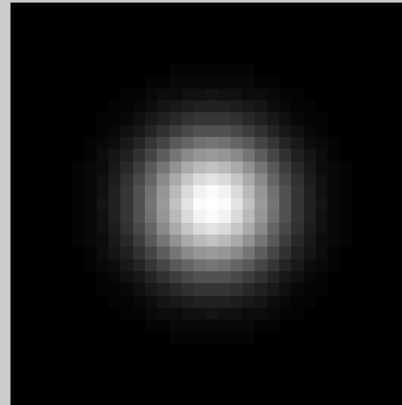


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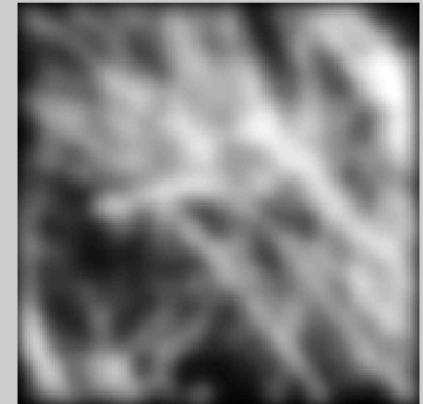
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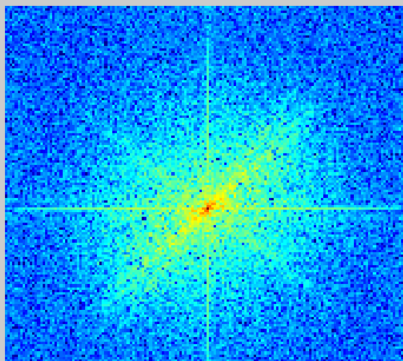
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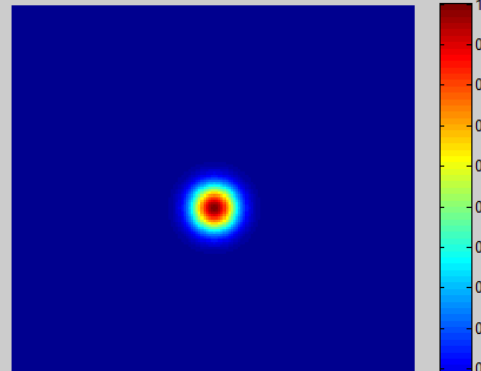
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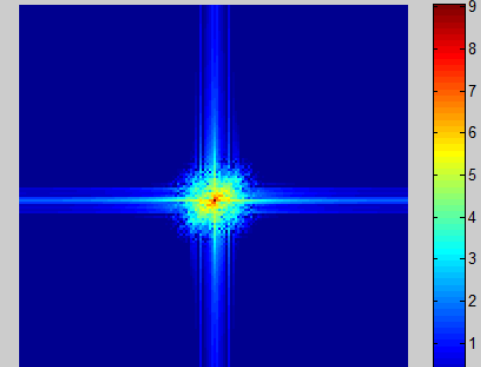
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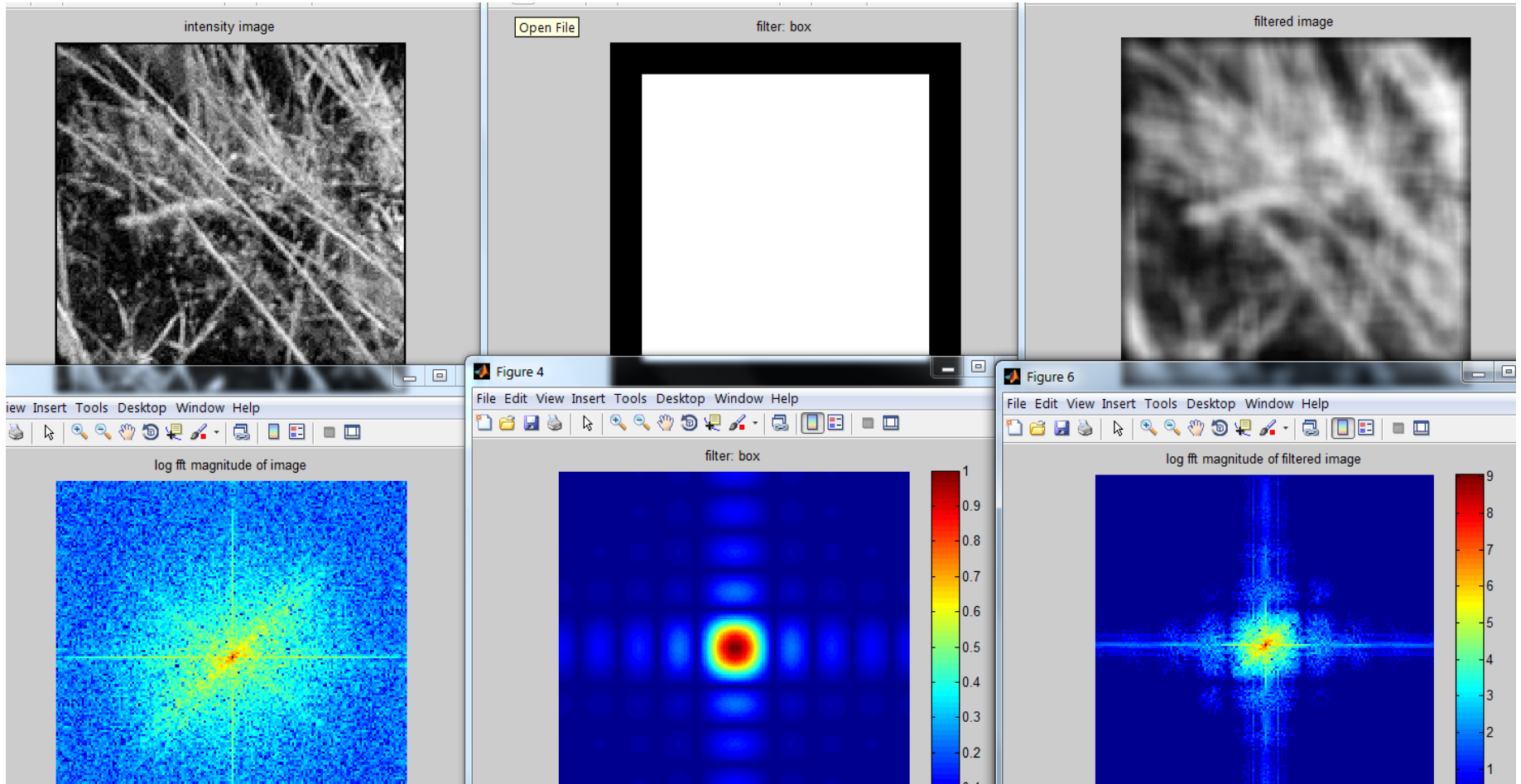
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log fit magnitude of filtered image

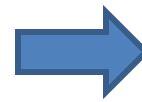


Box Filter

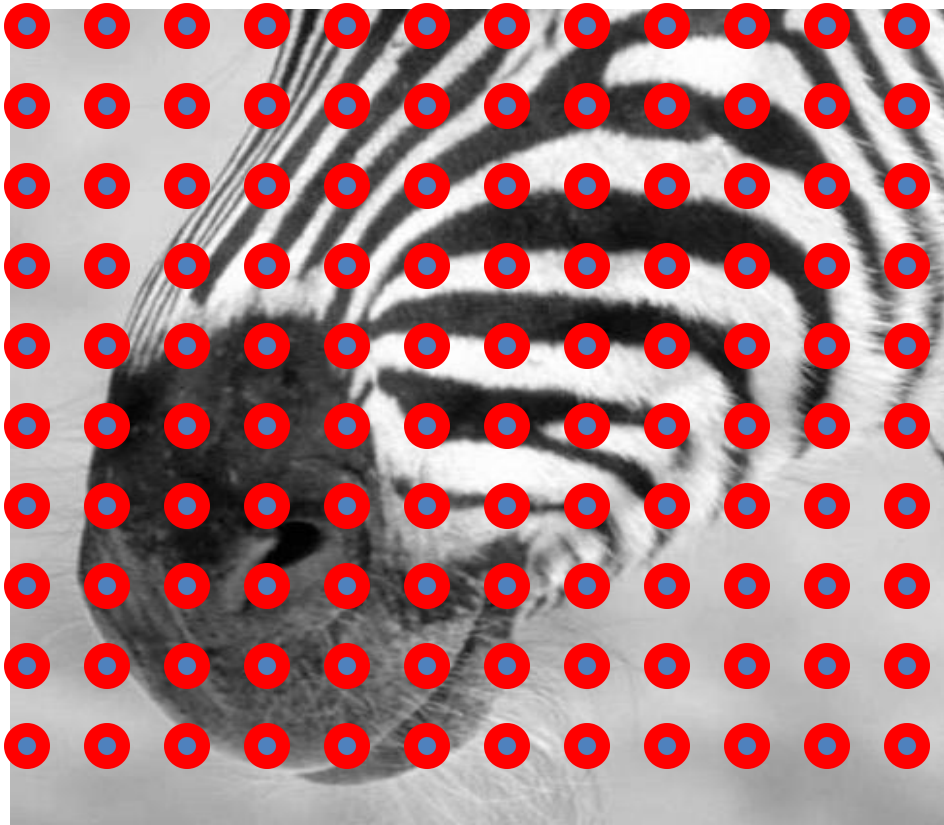


Sampling

Why does a lower resolution image still make sense to us? What do we lose?



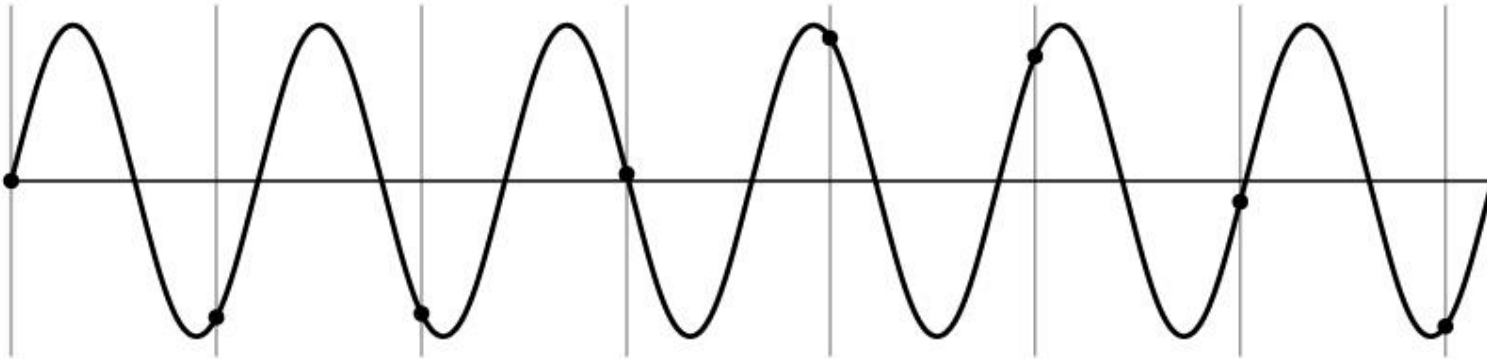
Subsampling by a factor of 2



Throw away every other row and column to create a 1/2 size image

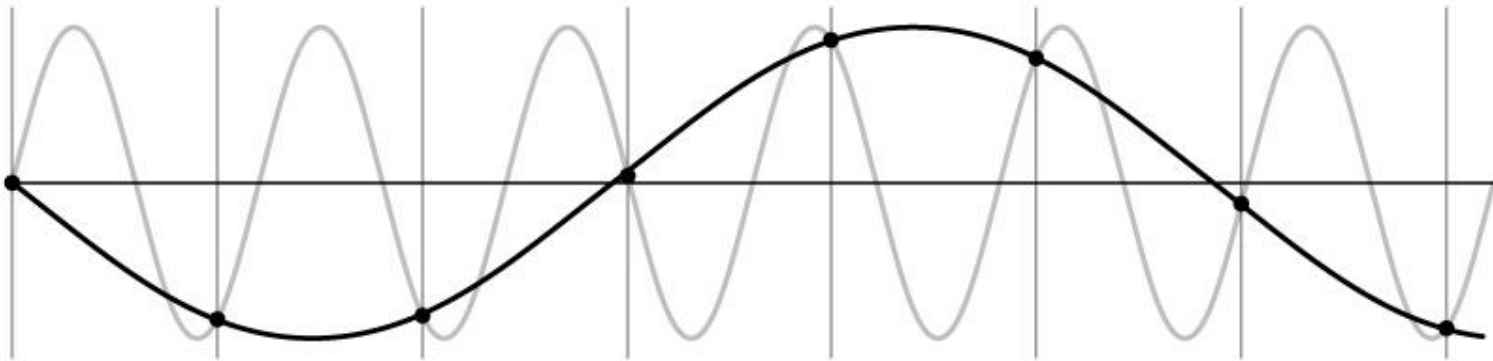
Aliasing problem

- 1D example (sinewave):



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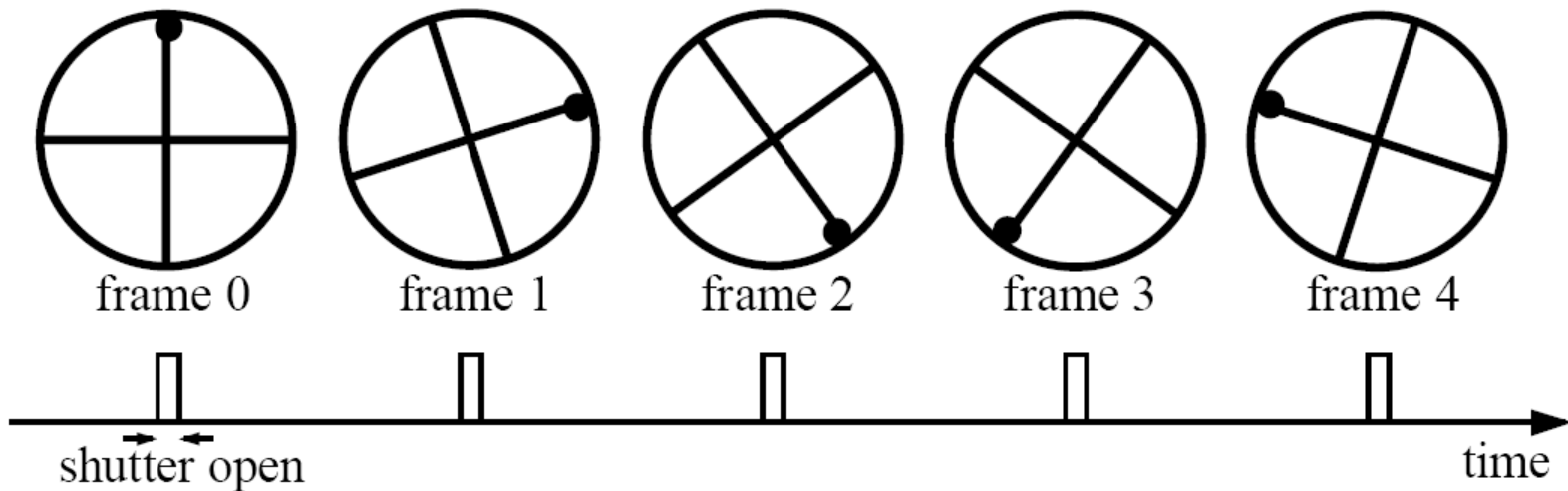
- Sub-sampling may be dangerous....
- Characteristic errors may appear:
 - “Wagon wheels rolling the wrong way in movies”
 - “Checkerboards disintegrate in ray tracing”
 - “Striped shirts look funny on color television”

Aliasing in video

Imagine a spoked wheel moving to the right (rotating clockwise).

Mark wheel with dot so we can see what's happening.

If camera shutter is only open for a fraction of a frame time (frame time = 1/30 sec. for video, 1/24 sec. for film):



Without dot, wheel appears to be rotating slowly backwards!
(counterclockwise)

Aliasing in graphics



Sampling and aliasing

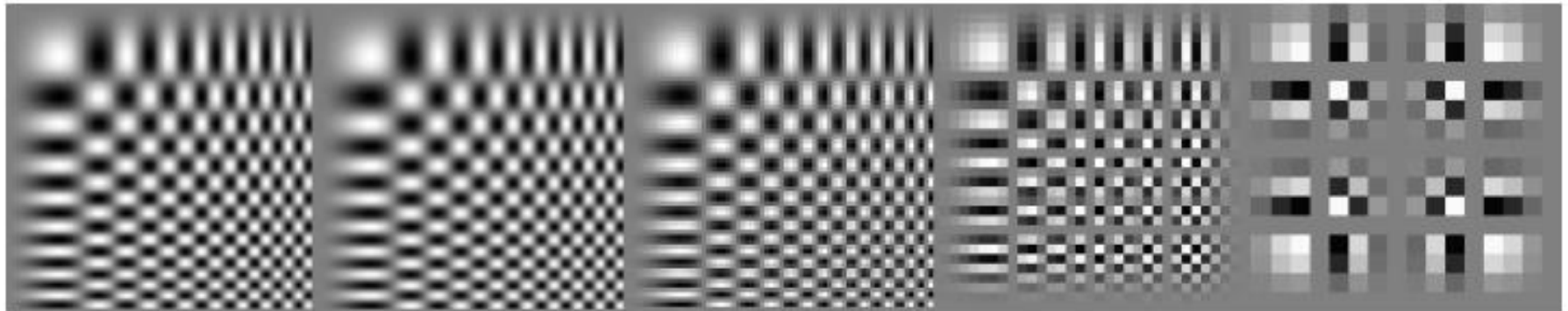
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128x128

64x64

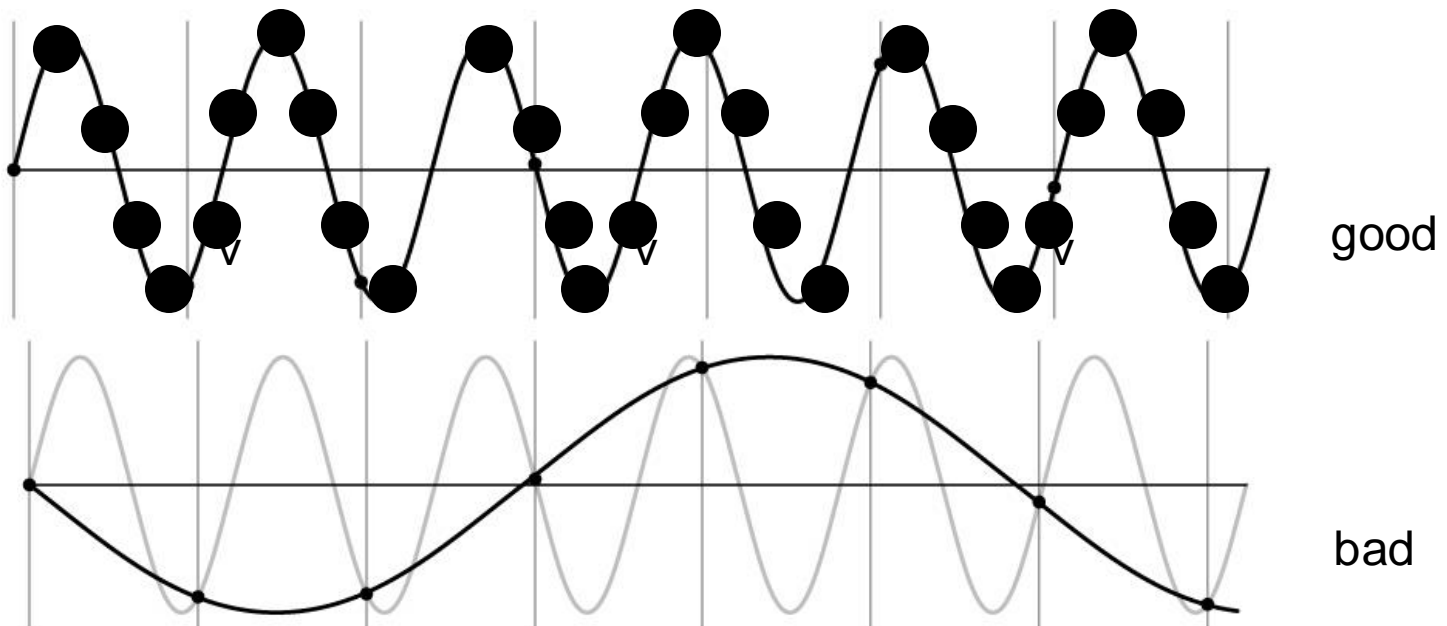
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16x16



Nyquist-Shannon Sampling Theorem

- When sampling a signal at discrete intervals, the sampling frequency must be $\geq 2 \times f_{\max}$
- f_{\max} = max frequency of the input signal
- This will allow to reconstruct the original perfectly from the sampled version



Anti-aliasing

Solutions:

- Sample more often
- Get rid of all frequencies that are greater than half the new sampling frequency
 - Will lose information
 - But it's better than aliasing
 - Apply a smoothing filter

Algorithm for downsampling by factor of 2

1. Start with image(h, w)

2. Apply low-pass filter

```
im_blur = imfilter(image, fspecial('gaussian', 7, 1))
```

3. Sample every other pixel

```
im_small = im_blur(1:2:end, 1:2:end);
```

Anti-aliasing

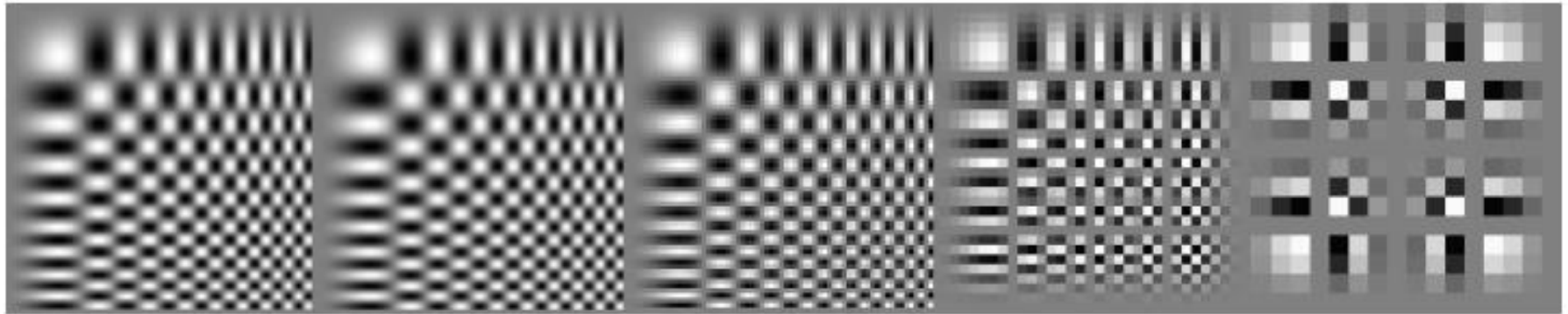
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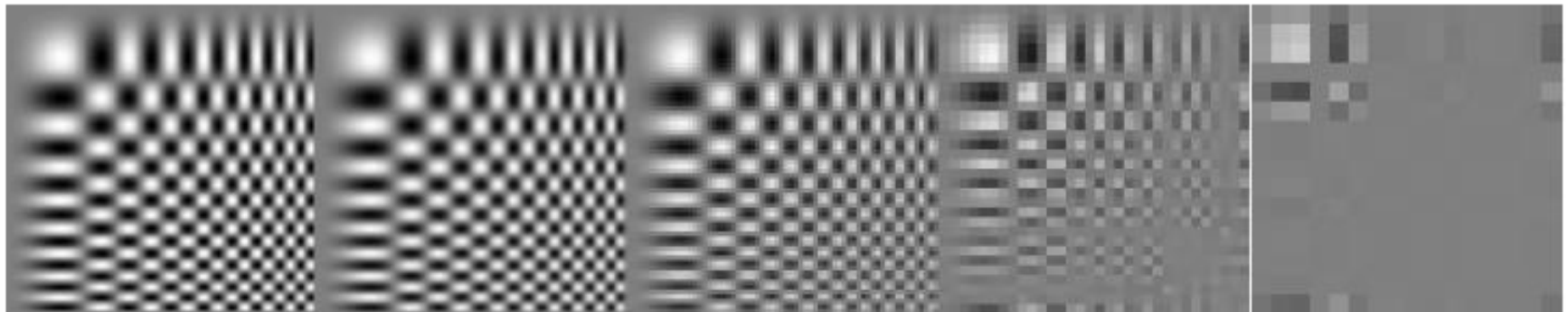
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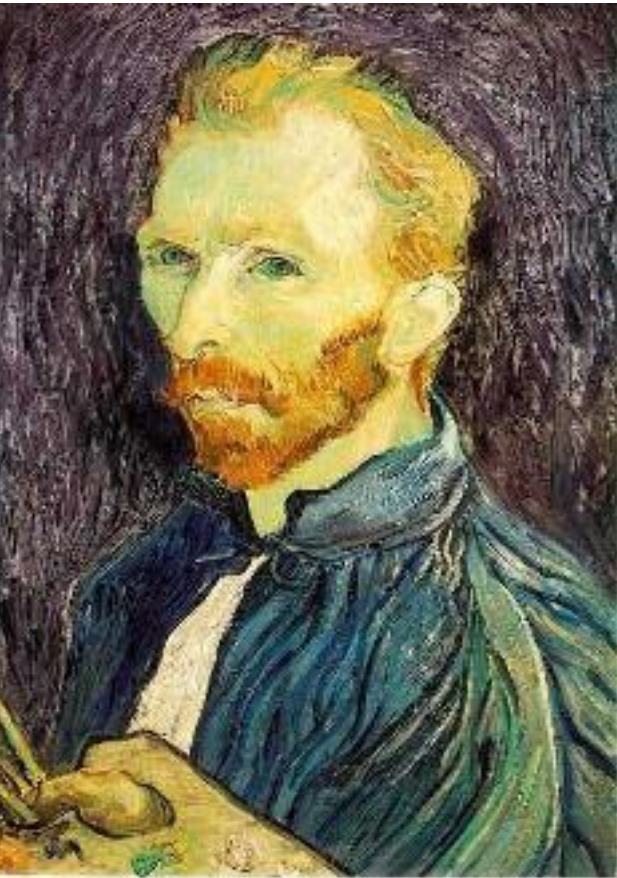
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Subsampling without pre-filtering



1/2



1/4 (2x zoom)



1/8 (4x zoom)

Subsampling with Gaussian pre-filtering



Gaussian $1/2$

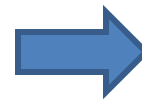


G $1/4$

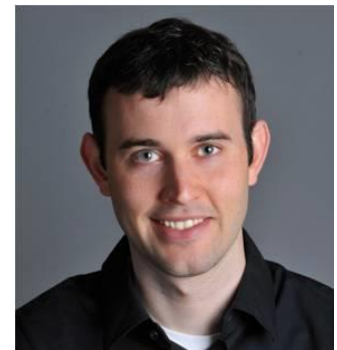
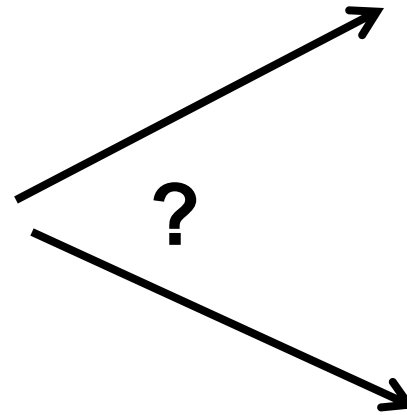


G $1/8$

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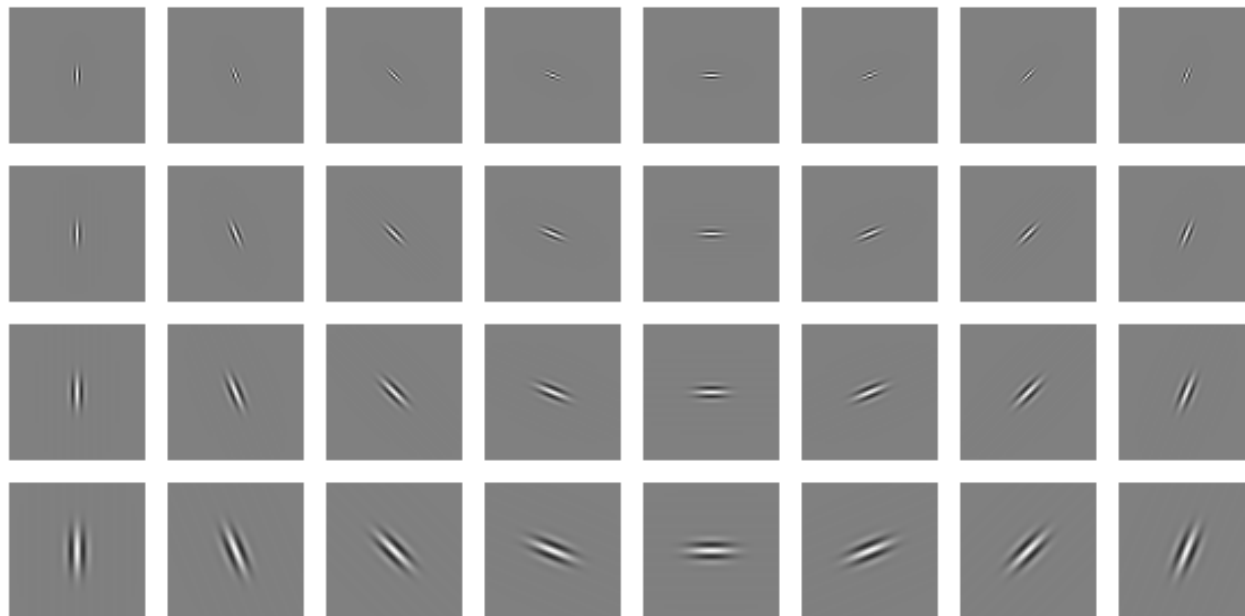


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Clues from Human Perception

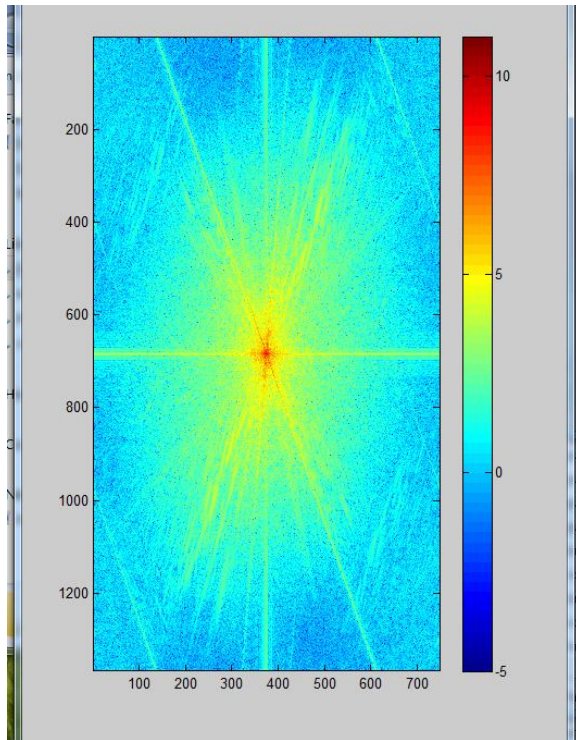
- Early processing in humans filters for various orientations and scales of frequency
- Perceptual cues in the mid frequencies dominate perception
- When we see an image from far away, we are effectively subsampling it



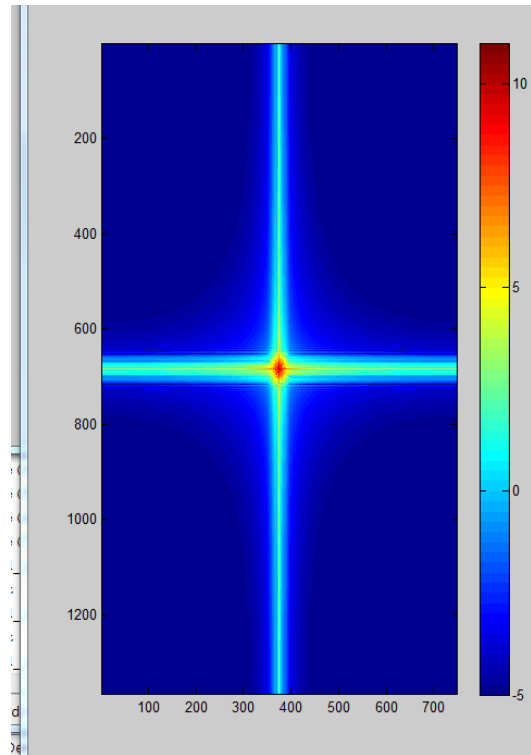
Early Visual Processing: Multi-scale edge and blob filters

Hybrid Image in FFT

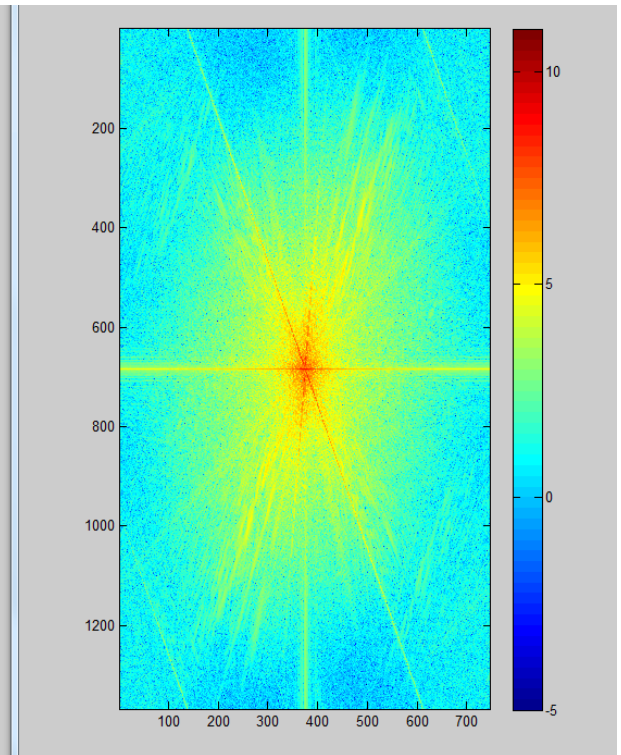
Hybrid Image



Low-passed Image

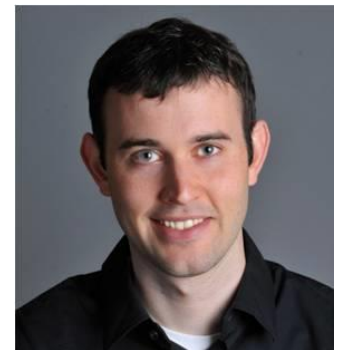
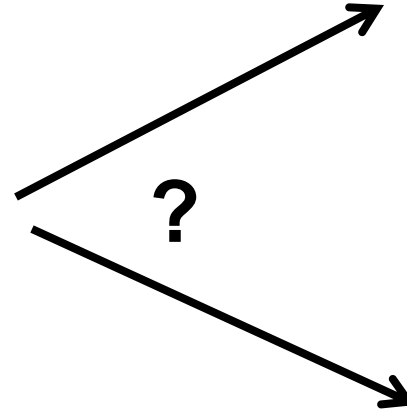


High-passed Image



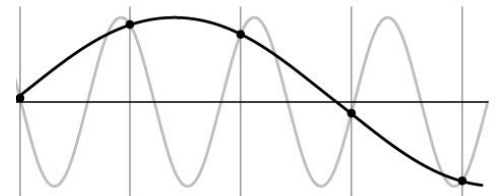
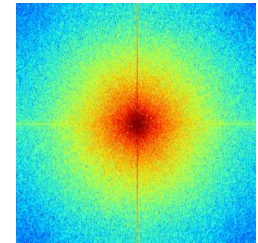
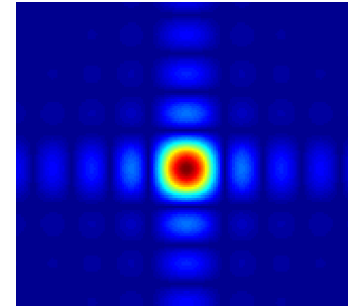
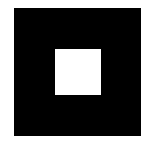
Perception

Why do we get different, distance-dependent interpretations of hybrid images?



Things to Remember

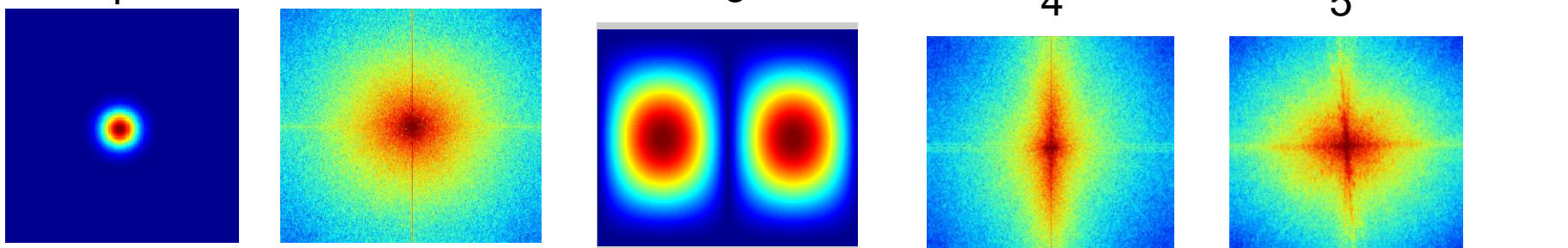
- Sometimes it makes sense to think of images and filtering in the frequency domain
 - Fourier analysis
- Can be faster to filter using FFT for large images ($N \log N$ vs. N^2 for auto-correlation)
- Images are mostly smooth
 - Basis for compression
- Remember to low-pass before sampling



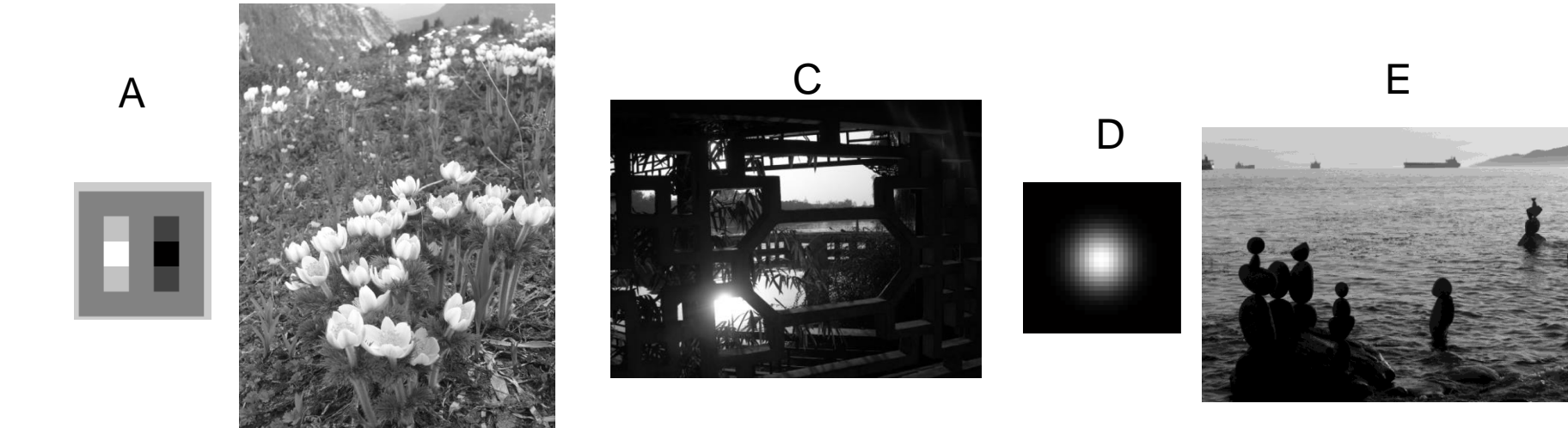
Take-home question

1. Match the spatial domain image to the Fourier magnitude image

1 2 3 4 5



A B C D E



The task is to match the spatial domain images (A-E) to the Fourier magnitude images (1-5). The Fourier magnitude images show the frequency content of the spatial domain images. Image 1 is a single central peak, corresponding to a constant image (A). Image 2 is a central peak with a vertical line, corresponding to a periodic pattern in the vertical direction (B). Image 3 is two side-by-side peaks, corresponding to a periodic pattern in the horizontal direction (C). Image 4 is a central peak with a vertical line and a horizontal line, corresponding to a periodic pattern in both directions (D). Image 5 is a central peak with both vertical and horizontal lines, corresponding to a periodic pattern in both directions (E).

Next class: applications of filtering

- Denoising
- Template matching
- Image pyramids
- Compression