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**PRACTICE EXAM 1**

Exam will be Tuesday, September 26, 2023

- This will be a **CLOSED BOOK** exam.
- You will be permitted one sheet of handwritten notes, 8.5x11.
- Calculators and computers are not permitted.
- Don't simplify explicit numerical expressions.
- If you're taking the exam online, you will need to have your webcam turned on. Your exam will appear on Gradescope at exactly 9:30am; you will need to photograph and upload your answers by exactly 11:00am.
- There will be a total of 100 points in the exam. Each problem specifies its point total. Plan your work accordingly.
- You must **SHOW YOUR WORK** to get full credit.

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**Linear Algebra:** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is tall and thin, with full column rank, then

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{v}} \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}\|^2 = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$$

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is short and fat, with full row rank, then

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$$

Orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\mathbf{x}_\perp = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$ . Orthogonal projection onto the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\mathbf{x}_\perp = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ . **Image Interpolation**

$$y[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} x \left[ \frac{n_1}{U}, \frac{n_2}{U} \right] & \frac{n_1}{U}, \frac{n_2}{U} \text{ both integers} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$z[n_1, n_2] = h[n_1, n_2] * y[n_1, n_2]$$

$$h_{\text{rect}}[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq n_1, n_2 < U \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h_{\text{tri}}[n] = \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{|n_1|}{U}\right) \left(1 - \frac{|n_2|}{U}\right) & -U \leq n_1, n_2 \leq U \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h_{\text{sinc}}[n_1, n_2] = \frac{\sin(\pi n_1/U)}{\pi n_1/U} \frac{\sin(\pi n_2/U)}{\pi n_2/U}$$

**Barycentric Coordinates**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \beta_3 \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & x_{1,3} \\ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & x_{2,3} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**DTFT, DFT, STFT**

$$X(\omega) = \sum_n x[n] e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(\omega) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

$$X_m(\omega) = \sum_n w[n-m] x[n] e^{-j\omega(n-m)}, \quad \omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$$

$$x[n] = \frac{\sum_m \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_m[k] e^{j\omega_k(n-m)}}{\sum_m w[n-m]}$$

**Griffin-Lim**

$$X_t[k] \leftarrow \text{STFT} \{ \text{ISTFT} \{ X_t[k] \} \}$$

$$X_t[k] \leftarrow M_t[k] e^{j \angle X_t[k]}$$

1. (16 points) A  $200 \times 200$  sunset image is bright on the bottom, and dark on top, thus the pixel in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column has intensity  $A[i, j] = 200 - i$ . Suppose that this formula extends past the edge of the image, and also extends to non-integer pixel locations, so you can assume that it holds for every real-valued coordinate value  $(i, j)$ .

Suppose your goal is to recognize sunset images that have been taken by people laying upside-down on the beach. You decide to train the classifier by rotating the image  $A[i, j]$  to every possible angle, thus creating the training images

$$B_k[i, j] = A[i \cos \theta_k - j \sin \theta_k, i \sin \theta_k + j \cos \theta_k], \quad \theta_k = \frac{2\pi k}{100}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq 99$$

Your next step is to reshape each  $200 \times 200$  image  $B_k[i, j]$  into a vector of raw pixel intensities,  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , then to compute the dataset mean,  $\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{k=0}^{99} \mathbf{x}_k$ .

- (a) What is the length of the vector  $\mathbf{m}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\text{len}(\mathbf{m}) = \text{len}(\mathbf{x}_k) = 200 \times 200 = 40,000$$

- (b) What is the numerical value of  $\mathbf{m}$ ? Provide enough information to specify the value of every element of the vector.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} M[i, j] &= \frac{1}{100} \sum_{k=0}^{99} B_k[i, j] \\ &= \frac{1}{100} \sum_{k=0}^{99} A \left[ i \cos \frac{2\pi k}{100} - j \sin \frac{2\pi k}{100}, i \sin \frac{2\pi k}{100} + j \cos \frac{2\pi k}{100} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{100} \sum_{k=0}^{99} \left( 200 - i \cos \frac{2\pi k}{100} + j \sin \frac{2\pi k}{100} \right) \\ &= 200 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{m} = [200, 200, \dots, 200]^T$$

2. (16 points) Suppose you have a 1000-sample audio waveform,  $x[n]$ , such that  $x[n] \neq 0$  for  $0 \leq n \leq 999$ . You want to chop this waveform into 200-sample frames, with 10% overlap between frames. How many nonzero samples are there in the last frame?

**Solution:** 10% overlap = 20-sample overlap, so the frames start at samples 0, 180, 360, 540, 720, and 900. The last frame has 100 nonzero samples.

3. (21 points) You are given a 640x480 B/W input image,  $x[n_2, n_1]$  for integer pixel values  $0 \leq n_1 \leq 639$ ,  $0 \leq n_2 \leq 479$ . You wish to interpolate the given pixel values in order to find the value of the image at location  $(n_1, n_2) = (500.3, 300.8)$ . Specify the formula used to calculate  $x[300.8, 500.3]$  using each of the following algorithms. Be certain that your formula clearly states which pixels from the input image are used.

- (a) Piece-wise constant interpolation.

**Solution:**

$$x[300.8, 500.3] = x[300, 500]$$

- (b) Bilinear interpolation.

**Solution:**

$$x[300.8, 500.3] = (0.7)(0.2)x[300, 500] + (0.7)(0.8)x[301, 500] + (0.3)(0.2)x[300, 501] + (0.3)(0.8)x[301, 501]$$

- (c) Sinc interpolation.

**Solution:**

$$x[300.8, 500.3] = \sum_{n_1=0}^{639} \sum_{n_2=0}^{479} x[n_2, n_1] \text{sinc}(\pi(500.3 - n_1)) \text{sinc}(\pi(300.8 - n_2))$$

4. (10 points) Suppose a particular image has the following pixel values:

$$a[0,0] = 1, \quad a[1,0] = 0, \quad a[0,1] = 0, \quad a[1,1] = 0$$

Use bilinear interpolation to estimate the value of the pixel  $a\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ .

**Solution:**  $a\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{9}$

5. (20 points) Image warping has moved input pixel  $i(4.6, 8.2)$  to output pixel  $i'(15, 7)$ . Input pixel  $i(4.6, 8.2)$  is unknown, but you know that  $i(4, 8) = a$ ,  $i(4, 9) = b$ ,  $i(5, 8) = c$ , and  $i(5, 9) = d$ . Use bilinear interpolation to estimate  $i(4.6, 8.2)$  in terms of  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ .

**Solution:**

$$i(4.6, 8.2) = (0.4)(0.8)a + (0.4)(0.2)b + (0.6)(0.8)c + (0.6)(0.2)d$$

6. (17 points) Your goal is to find a positive real number,  $a$ , so that  $ax[n]$  is as similar as possible to  $y[n]$  in the sense that it minimizes the following error:

$$\epsilon = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (|Y(\omega)| - a|X(\omega)|)^2 d\omega$$

Find the value of  $a$  that minimizes  $\epsilon$ , in terms of  $|X(\omega)|$  and  $|Y(\omega)|$ .

**Solution:**

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial a} = 2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (a|X(\omega)| - |Y(\omega)|) |X(\omega)| d\omega$$

which equals 0 at:

$$a = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(\omega)| |Y(\omega)| d\omega}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(\omega)|^2 d\omega}$$

7. (5 points) Consider the problem of upsampling, by a factor of 2, the infinite-sized image

$$x[n_1, n_2] = \delta[n_1 - 5] = \begin{cases} 1 & n_1 = 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Suppose that the image is upsampled, then filtered, as

$$y[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} x[n_1/2, n_2/2] & n_1/2 \text{ and } n_2/2 \text{ both integers} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad z[n_1, n_2] = y[n_1, n_2] * * h[n_1, n_2]$$

Let  $h[n_1, n_2]$  be the ideal anti-aliasing filter with frequency response

$$H(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & |\omega_1| < \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad |\omega_2| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find  $z[n_1, n_2]$ .

**Solution:**

$$h[n_1, n_2] = h_1[n_1] h_2[n_2] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi n_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi n_2}{2}\right)$$

$$y[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} 1 & n_1 = 10 \text{ and } n_2 \text{ a multiple of } 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \left(\sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n_2 - 2p]\right) & n_1 = 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Convolving along each row gives  $h_2[n_2] * y[n_1, n_2]$ , which is zero, except on the  $n_1 = 10$  row. On that row,  $y[n_1, n_2]$  is equal to one on the even-numbered samples, and equal to zero on the odd-numbered samples. The correct answer is the obvious one: the low-pass filter computes a perfect average between 0 and 1, so each pixel winds up with a value of 1/2. If you want to do a more careful analysis, you could notice that this row is an impulse train with a period of  $P = 2$ , and therefore it has a DTFT which has impulses of area  $2\pi/P = \pi$  at  $\omega = 0$  and  $\omega = \pi$ .

The LPF keeps only the  $\omega = 0$  impulse, thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_2[n_2] * y[n_1, n_2] &= \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n_2 - 2p] \right) * \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{sinc} \left( \frac{\pi n_2}{2} \right) \right) & n_1 = 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{2\pi}{2} \sum_{k=0}^1 \delta \left( \omega - \frac{2\pi k}{2} \right) \right) \left( \begin{cases} 1 & |\omega_2| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \right) \right\} & n_1 = 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{ \pi \delta(\omega) \} & n_1 = 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & n_1 = 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Convolving along each column, then, gives

$$z[n_1, n_2] = h_1[n_1] * h_2[n_2] * y[n_1, n_2] = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \text{sinc} \left( \frac{\pi(n_1 - 10)}{2} \right)$$

8. (5 points) Suppose you have a  $200 \times 200$ -pixel image that is just one white dot at pixel  $(45, 25)$ , and all the other pixels are black:

$$x[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} 255 & n_1 = 45, n_2 = 25 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise, } 0 \leq n_1 < 199, 0 \leq n_2 < 199 \end{cases}$$

This image is upsampled to size  $400 \times 400$ , then filtered, as

$$y[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} x[n_1/2, n_2/2] & n_1/2 \text{ and } n_2/2 \text{ both integers} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad z[n_1, n_2] = y[n_1, n_2] * h[n_1, n_2]$$

where  $h[n_1, n_2]$  is the ideal anti-aliasing filter whose frequency response is

$$H(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & |\omega_1| < \frac{\pi}{2}, |\omega_2| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find  $z[n_1, n_2]$ .

**Solution:**

$$y[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} 255 & n_1 = 90, n_2 = 50 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h[n_1, n_2] = \frac{1}{2} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi n_1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi n_2}{2}\right) = h_1[n_1] h_2[n_2]$$

Row convolution gives  $v[n_1, n_2] = h_2[n_2] * y[n_1, n_2]$ , which is

$$v[n_1, n_2] = \begin{cases} \frac{255}{2} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi(n_2-50)}{2}\right) & n_1 = 90 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Column convolution then gives

$$z[n_1, n_2] = \frac{255}{4} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi(n_1-90)}{2}\right) \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi(n_2-50)}{2}\right)$$



9. (5 points) Suppose that  $\mathcal{X}$  is the unit disk, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{X} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

Suppose that  $\mathcal{Y}$  is defined as:

$$\mathcal{Y} = \left\{ \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} : \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \right\}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined to be the following matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that the area of  $\mathcal{X}$ , in the two-dimensional plane, is  $|\mathcal{X}| = \pi$ . What is the numerical value of  $|\mathcal{Y}|$ , the area of  $\mathcal{Y}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$|\mathcal{Y}| = |\mathbf{A}|\pi = 3\pi$$

10. (5 points) Suppose that you are trying to allocate money to a set of  $N$  different possible investments. Suppose that if you allocate  $a_k$  dollars to investment  $k$ , it will return  $a_k b_k$  dollars in profit. However, in order to invest, you first need to borrow the money, and the cost of borrowing is quadratic in terms of the allocations. Let  $\mathbf{a}$  be your vector of allocations, let  $\mathbf{b}$  be the vector of profit factors, and let  $\mathbf{C}$  be the matrix of cost factors; suppose that your total profit is

$$P = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{a}$$

In terms of  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ , find the vector  $\mathbf{a}$  that will maximize your profit. You may assume that  $\mathbf{C}$  is nonsingular.

**Solution:**

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}} P = \mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}$$

Setting  $\nabla_{\mathbf{a}} P = 0$  gives

$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

If  $\mathbf{C}$  is symmetric (a reasonable assumption, but not specified in the problem statement), then this is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

11. (24 points) The images  $y[\eta]$  and  $x[\mathbf{m}]$  are related by an affine transformation, where  $\eta = [\eta, \xi, 1]^T$  and  $\mathbf{m} = [m, n, 1]$  are coordinate vectors of the input and output image, respectively,  $m$  is the row index, and  $n$  is the column index.

- (a) The affine transformation  $\eta = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}$  is a rotation by  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$  radians. Find  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\pi/3) & -\sin(-\pi/3) & 0 \\ \sin(-\pi/3) & \cos(-\pi/3) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) The affine transformation  $\eta = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{m}$  consists of scaling the height of the image ( $m$ ) by a factor of 5, while keeping the width ( $n$ ) unchanged. Find  $\mathbf{B}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) The affine transformation  $\eta = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{m}$  consists of shifting all pixels to the left (negative  $n$  direction) by 20 columns. Find  $\mathbf{C}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -20 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) The affine transformation  $\eta = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{m}$  consists of performing parts (a) through (c) of this problem, one after the other, in order. Specify the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  in terms of the matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$ . **There should be no numbers in your answer to this part.**

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{CBA}$$

12. (11 points) A particular triangle has corner coordinates at

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\beta_0 = [\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3]^T$  be the barycentric coordinate vector corresponding to pixel  $\mathbf{x}_0 = [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}]^T$ . Find  $\beta_0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\beta_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

13. (12 points) The images  $y[\eta]$  and  $x[\mathbf{m}]$  are related by an affine transformation  $\eta = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}$ , where  $\eta = [\eta, \xi, 1]^T$  and  $\mathbf{m} = [m, n, 1]^T$  are coordinate vectors of the input and output images, respectively. It is known that under this transformation, the origin swaps places with the point  $[2, 2]$ , thus

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Specify the  $\mathbf{A}$  matrix as completely as you can. There should be two scalar variables in your answer; you may use the variables names  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -1 - \alpha & 2 \\ \beta & -1 - \beta & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

14. (15 points) A triangle begins at

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that, in this triangle, the barycentric coordinates of any point  $(x_4, y_4)$  are given by

$$\beta_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - x_4 - y_4 \\ x_4 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose the triangle is rotated, shifted and scaled to the new position

$$\mathbf{\Xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \xi_3 \\ \eta_1 & \eta_2 & \eta_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The point  $(x_4, y_4) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ , internal to the first triangle, gets mapped to some point  $(\xi_4, \eta_4)$ . Find  $\xi_4$  and  $\eta_4$ .

**Solution:**  $\xi_4 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\eta_4 = 2$

15. (10 points) A reference image  $I_0(u, v)$  has the following pixel values:

$$I_0(u, v) = 1 + (-1)^{u+v}$$

The test image  $I_1(x, y)$  is created by piece-wise affine transformation of the pixel locations in  $I_0(u, v)$ . In particular, the triangle  $U$  in  $I_0(u, v)$  is moved to the triangle  $X$  in  $I_1(x, y)$ , where

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find the reference coordinate  $\mathbf{u} = [u, v, 1]^T$  that corresponds to the test coordinate  $\mathbf{x} = [3, 2, 1]^T$ .

**Solution:**

$$\beta^T = \left[ \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \right]$$
$$\mathbf{u}^T = [1.5, 2, 1]$$

(b) Use bilinear interpolation to find the value of the test pixel  $I_1(3, 2)$ .

**Solution:**

$$I_1(3, 2) = I_0(1.5, 2) = \frac{1}{2}I_0(1, 2) + \frac{1}{2}I_0(2, 2) = 1$$

16. (16 points) Remember that an affine transform is defined by a matrix with the following form:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define the scalar term  $\beta$  to be  $\beta = bd - (a - 1)(e - 1)$ . It turns out that, as long as  $\beta \neq 0$ , there is exactly one input vector of the form  $\mathbf{u}_0 = [u_0, v_0, 1]^T$  that maps to itself ( $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_0 = \mathbf{u}_0$ ). Find  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  in terms of  $a, b, c, d, e, f$  and  $\beta$ . HINT: you may find it useful to know that the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma} \begin{bmatrix} \delta & -\beta \\ -\gamma & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$u_0 = \frac{(e-1)c - bf}{\beta}, \quad v_0 = \frac{(a-1)f - dc}{\beta}$$

17. (17 points) The barycentric coordinates of point  $\mathbf{x}_0 = [x_0, y_0, 1]^T$ , as defined by the triangle  $\mathbf{x}_1 = [x_1, y_1, 1]^T, \mathbf{x}_2 = [x_2, y_2, 1]^T, \mathbf{x}_3 = [x_3, y_3, 1]^T$ , are the coordinates  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \beta_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \beta_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \beta_3\mathbf{x}_3$ . If we constrain  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 1$ , then there are actually only two degrees of freedom; for example, we could substitute  $\beta_3 = 1 - \beta_1 - \beta_2$ . A more interesting way to specify the two degrees of freedom is by defining variables  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $0 \leq a, b \leq 1$ , such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ab \\ (1-a)b \\ 1-b \end{bmatrix}$$

Draw a two-dimensional Cartesian plane, and label the  $x$  and  $y$  axes. Label the point  $\mathbf{x}_1 = [0, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = [2, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = [1, 2, 1]^T$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_0 = [1, 1, 1]^T$ . Now, given the values of these four points, find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ , and sketch the line segment connecting the point  $\mathbf{x}_3$  to the point  $a\mathbf{x}_1 + (1-a)\mathbf{x}_2$ .

**Solution:**

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

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

The sketch should show a line segment connecting the point  $\mathbf{x}_3 = [1, 2]^T$  to the point  $a\mathbf{x}_1 + (1-a)\mathbf{x}_2 = [1, 0]^T$ .

18. (17 points) The Barycentric coordinates of point  $\mathbf{x}_0 = [x_0, y_0, 1]^T$ , as defined by the triangle  $\mathbf{x}_1 = [x_1, y_1, 1]^T, \mathbf{x}_2 = [x_2, y_2, 1]^T, \mathbf{x}_3 = [x_3, y_3, 1]^T$ , are the coordinates  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Provide an equation in terms of the six scalars  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3$  specifying the conditions under which the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular.

**Solution:** There are several such equations. One shows that the columns are linearly dependent:

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= \alpha x_1 + \beta x_2 \\ \exists \alpha, \beta \text{ s.t. } y_3 &= \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2 \\ 1 &= \alpha + \beta \end{aligned}$$

Another shows that the determinant is zero:

$$x_1(y_2 - y_3) - x_2(y_1 - y_3) + x_3(y_1 - y_2) = 0$$

19. (16 points) Consider four points,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = [u_1, v_1, 1]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = [u_2, v_2, 1]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = [u_1 + \alpha \cos \theta, v_1 + \alpha \sin \theta, 1]^T$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_4 = [u_2 + \beta \cos \theta, v_2 + \beta \sin \theta, 1]^T$ . Notice that the slope of the line segment connecting  $\mathbf{u}_1$  to  $\mathbf{u}_3$  is  $\frac{\alpha \sin \theta}{\alpha \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$ , while the slope of the line segment connecting  $\mathbf{u}_2$  to  $\mathbf{u}_4$  is also  $\frac{\beta \sin \theta}{\beta \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$ . Suppose that there is an affine transform  $A$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_1 = A\mathbf{u}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = A\mathbf{u}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = A\mathbf{u}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_4 = A\mathbf{u}_4$ . Prove that, for any affine transform matrix  $A$ , the line segment connecting  $\mathbf{x}_1$  to  $\mathbf{x}_3$  is parallel to (has the same slope as) the line segment that connects  $\mathbf{x}_2$  to  $\mathbf{x}_4$ .

**Solution:** Use

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $\mathbf{du}_3 = \mathbf{u}_3 - \mathbf{u}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{du}_4 = \mathbf{u}_4 - \mathbf{u}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{dx}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_1 = A\mathbf{du}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{dx}_4 = \mathbf{x}_4 - \mathbf{x}_2 = A\mathbf{du}_4$ . Then

$$\mathbf{dx}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a\alpha \cos \theta + b\alpha \sin \theta \\ d\alpha \cos \theta + e\alpha \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{dx}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} a\beta \cos \theta + b\beta \sin \theta \\ d\beta \cos \theta + e\beta \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the slopes are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{slope}(x_1\bar{x}_3) &= \frac{d\alpha \cos \theta + e\alpha \sin \theta}{a\alpha \cos \theta + b\alpha \sin \theta} = \frac{d \cos \theta + e \sin \theta}{a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta} \\ \text{slope}(x_2\bar{x}_4) &= \frac{d\beta \cos \theta + e\beta \sin \theta}{a\beta \cos \theta + b\beta \sin \theta} = \frac{d \cos \theta + e \sin \theta}{a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$



20. (20 points) A particular signal,  $x[n]$ , is sampled at  $F_s = 18,000$  samples/second. There are a total of 10,000 samples, numbered  $x[0]$  through  $x[9999]$ . These samples are divided into  $T$  frames,  $\mathbf{x}_t$ , with a window length of 250 samples and a hop length of 100 samples, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \begin{bmatrix} x[100t] \\ \vdots \\ x[100t + 249] \end{bmatrix}$$

Your goal is to create two different matrices:  $X = [\mathbf{X}_0, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{T-1}]$  is the STFT (short-time Fourier transform) of  $x[n]$ , and  $S = [\mathbf{S}_0, \dots, \mathbf{S}_{T-1}]$  is the spectrogram of  $x[n]$ . The final image matrix  $S$  should show the spectral level (in decibels) of  $x[n]$ , as a function of time and frequency.

- (a) Find  $T$ , the number of frames. This should be set so that (1) every sample of  $x[n]$  appears in at least one frame, and (2) there is at most one frame with zero-padding. Your answer should be a number, or an explicit numerical expression.

**Solution:** The first frame is at  $t = 0$ , and the last is where  $100t + 249 \geq 9999$ , i.e.,  $t \geq 97.5$ . The smallest such integer is  $t = 98$ , therefore there are  $T = 99$  frames.

- (b) Your goal is to create 480-row matrices (length of  $\mathbf{X}_t$  is 480), representing the spectrum between 0Hz and 5000Hz. Each STFT vector,  $\mathbf{X}_t$ , contains the frequency bins in the range between 0 and 5000Hz, from the length- $N$  DFT of one frame of  $\mathbf{x}_t$ . Find  $N$ . Your answer should be a number, or an explicit numerical expression.

**Solution:**

$$N = 480 \left( \frac{18000}{5000} \right) = 1728$$

- (c) The STFT is given by  $\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_t$  for some matrix,  $\mathbf{A}$ , whose  $(k, n)^{\text{th}}$  element is  $a_{kn}$ . Give an expression for  $a_{kn}$  in terms of  $k$ ,  $n$ , and  $N$ .

**Solution:**

$$a_{kn} = e^{-j \frac{2\pi kn}{N}}$$

- (d) Suppose that  $X_{max} = \max_k \max_t |X[k, t]|$ . The spectrogram  $S[k, t]$  is the level of  $X[k, t]$ , in decibels. Create an image  $I[k, t]$  whose colors are scaled, shifted, and clipped versions of the pixels of  $S[k, t]$  such that that the resulting image,  $I[k, t]$ , is equal to 255 if  $X[k, t] = X_{max}$ , and is equal to zero if  $|X[k, t]| \leq X_{max}/1000$ . Give an equation specifying  $I[k, t]$  as a function of  $X[k, t]$ .

**Solution:**

$$I[k, t] = \max \left( 0, 255 \left( \frac{\log \left( \frac{|X[k, t]|}{X_{MAX}} \right)}{\log(1000)} + 1 \right) \right)$$

21. (5 points) The signal  $x[n]$  is given by

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} \cos(\omega_0 n) & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$X[k]$  is the length- $N$  DFT of  $x[n]$ . Find  $X[k]$ , in terms of  $N$  and  $\omega_0$ . You may find it useful to write your answer in terms of the transform of a rectangular window,  $W_R(\omega)$ , which is

$$w_R[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \leftrightarrow W_R(\omega) = \frac{\sin(\omega N/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j\omega(\frac{N-1}{2})}$$

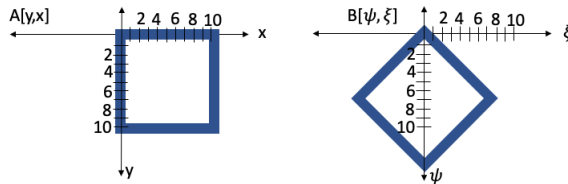
**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \frac{1}{2} W_R\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N} - \omega_0\right) + \frac{1}{2} W_R\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N} + \omega_0\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} W_R\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N} - \omega_0\right) + \frac{1}{2} W_R\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N} - (2\pi - \omega_0)\right) \end{aligned}$$

22. (15 points) Suppose you have a picture of a white square on a black field,  $A[y, x]$ , where  $x$  is the column index,  $y$  is the row index. You wish to perform an affine transform that will turn your square into a picture of a diamond,  $B[\psi, \xi]$ , in which  $\xi$  is the column index, and  $\psi$  is the row index:

$$A[y, x] = \begin{cases} 255 & x = 0 \text{ or } x = 10, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 10 \\ 255 & y = 0 \text{ or } y = 10, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$B[\psi, \xi] = \begin{cases} 255 & \psi - \xi = 0 \text{ or } \psi - \xi = 10\sqrt{2}, \quad 0 \leq \psi + \xi \leq 10\sqrt{2} \\ 255 & \psi + \xi = 0 \text{ or } \psi + \xi = 10\sqrt{2}, \quad 0 \leq \psi - \xi \leq 10\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- (a) **Affine Transform:** This affine transform can be written by a transform matrix, as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \psi \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a, b, c \\ d, e, f \\ g, h, i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h$  and  $i$ . Your answers should be numbers, or else explicit numerical expressions; there should be no unresolved variables in your answers. Note: there is more than one correct answer.

**Solution:** There are exactly eight correct solutions. The two solutions that map point  $x = 0, y = 0$  to point  $\xi = 0, \psi = 0$  are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a, b, c \\ d, e, f \\ g, h, i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \pm \cos(\pi/4), \mp \sin(\pi/4), 0 \\ \sin(\pi/4), \cos(\pi/4), 0 \\ 0, 0, 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are also six more solutions: 3 different corners of the original square can map to the point  $(0,0)$ , each with 2 different corners mapped to the point at  $(-5\sqrt{2}, 5\sqrt{2})$ .

- (b) **Bilinear Interpolation:**  $A[y, x]$  is a discrete-space image ( $y$  and  $x$  are integers), whereas  $A(y, x)$  is the corresponding continuous-space image ( $y$  and  $x$  are real numbers). An affine transform maps integer coordinates  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  to real-valued coordinates  $x$  and  $y$ , so it's necessary to estimate the values of the continuous-space image. For example, one way to compute the intensity of the pixel at  $B[2, 1]$  is by setting it equal to  $A\left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \approx A(2.1, 0.7)$ . Use bilinear interpolation, combined with the information given in Eq. 1, to estimate the numerical value of  $A(2.1, 0.7)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} A(2.1, 0.7) &= (0.9)(0.3)A[2, 0] + (0.9)(0.7)A[2, 1] + (0.1)(0.3)A[3, 0] + (0.1)(0.7)A[3, 1] \\ &= (0.9)(0.3)(255) + (0.9)(0.7)(0) + (0.1)(0.3)(255) + (0.1)(0.7)(0) \\ &= (0.3)255 \end{aligned}$$

(The last step, simplification, is optional).

- (c) **Barycentric Coordinates:** Suppose we have some coordinate with known values of  $x$  and  $y$ , and we're trying to find the values of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  to which it gets moved. One way to solve this problem is by using the transform matrix you computed in part (a). A different solution is to use the triangle whose coordinates are  $[x_1, y_1]$ ,  $[x_2, y_2]$ , and  $[x_3, y_3]$  before transformation, but  $[\xi_1, \psi_1]$ ,  $[\xi_2, \psi_2]$ , and  $[\xi_3, \psi_3]$  after transformation, where

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \psi_1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \begin{bmatrix} \xi_2 \\ \psi_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, & \begin{bmatrix} \xi_3 \\ \psi_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -5\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

In terms of these triangles, the Barycentric coordinates of any point are the same before and after transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_3 \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} = \beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \psi_1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} \xi_2 \\ \psi_2 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_3 \begin{bmatrix} \xi_3 \\ \psi_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 1$ . Suppose that  $x$  and  $y$  are known, but  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  are unknown. **Find  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ , and  $\beta_3$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .**

**Solution:**

$$\beta_2 = \frac{x}{10}, \quad \beta_3 = \frac{y}{10}, \quad \beta_1 = 1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$$

23. (25 points) Consider applying the Griffin-Lim algorithm to reconstruct  $x[n]$  from  $X_m[k]$ , an STFT with window length of 2 samples and hop length of 1 sample. Suppose that we start with the following initial estimate of  $X_m[k]$ :

$$X_m[0] = \begin{cases} 2 & m \text{ even} \\ 1 & m \text{ odd} \end{cases}, \quad X_m[1] = \begin{cases} 1 & m \text{ even} \\ 2 & m \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Not that the initial phase is zero at all frequencies; don't try to apply a random initial phase.

- (a) The first step in Griffin-Lim is to find

$$x[n] = \text{ISTFT}(X_m[k])$$

Compute  $x[n]$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Assume that the windows are rectangular, and that therefore the STFT denominator is  $\sum_m w[n-m] = 2$ .

**Solution:** For even values of  $m$ ,  $X_m[k] = [2, 1]$ , which has the inverse DFT  $x[n+m] = [\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ . For odd values of  $m$ ,  $X_m[k] = [1, 2]$ , which has the inverse DFT  $x[n+m] = [\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}]$ . Overlapping these signals by one sample, adding them together, and dividing by two, we get:

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{2} (\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) = 1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

(b) The second step in Griffin-Lim is to find

$$\tilde{X}_m[k] = \text{STFT}(x[n])$$

Find  $\tilde{X}_m[k]$  for  $m \geq 1$ . Use rectangular windows.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X_m[k] &= \text{DFT}(x[n+m]w[n]) \\ &= \begin{cases} \text{DFT}([1, \frac{1}{2}]) = [\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] & m \text{ odd} \\ \text{DFT}([\frac{1}{2}, 1]) = [\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}] & m \text{ even} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$