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One dimensional spatial frequencies.

Superposition of different sine waves; image (left) and gray value profile (right) are shown for:

(a) fundamental frequency: sin(x); (b) sin(x) plus 3 harmonics: sin(x) + sin(3x)/3 + sin(5x)/5 + sin(7x)/7; (c) sin(x) plus 7 harmonics: sin(x) + sin(3x)/3 + ... + sin(15x)/15; (d) rectangular wave as limiting case for infinite number of harmonics: sin(x) + sin(3x)/3 + ...; (e) periodic wave pattern - 8 repetitions, (f) general wave pattern - no periodicity within width of image.

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Figure 19.2

Two dimensional spatial frequencies.

Images as superposition of wave trains; image (left) and gray value profile (right).

(a) Superposition of horizontal and vertical sine wave; horizontal gray value profile; (b) vertical gray value profile of (a);
(c) superposition of a number of sine waves: horizontal gray value profile; (d) oblique gray value profile of (c); (e) image of fern leaves: horizontal gray value profile; (f) vertical gray value profile of (e).





Fourier transform of sine waves.

(a) Sine waves with decreasing wavelength, i.e., increasing frequency (top to bottom);

(b) corresponding Fourier transforms.

x = length; u = frequency = I/x; F(u) = Fourier transform of f(x).



One-dimensional Fourier Transforms.

From left to right: grayscale image, gray value profile, and Fourier transform shown for:

(a) fundamental sine wave, 4 per image width;

(b) fundamental plus I harmonic, $4 \cdot 3 = 12$ per image width;

(c) fundamental plus 2 harmonics, $4 \cdot 5=20$ per image width;

(d) fundamental plus 3 harmonics, 4 · 7=28 per image width;

(e) fundamental plus 4 harmonics, 4 · 9=36 per image width;

(f) rectangular wave;

(g) three superposed sine waves;

(h) general pattern;

gray value profile f(x) scaled to x = I image width; Fourier transform F(u) with u = frequency per image width; note wrapping effect at u = 64 in FFT profiles.





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Figure 19.5

One-dimensional Fourier Transforms of a two-dimensional image.

(a) Image of fern with vertical trace, gray value profile and Fourier transform; short wavelengths are circled in f(x) plot (red) and located in image (red arrow), corresponding low frequencies are indicated in F(u) plot (black arrow); (b) same as (a) with horizontal trace: here, short wavelengths, i.e., high frequencies are indicated; gray value profile f(x) scaled to x = 1 image width; Fourier transform F(u) with u = frequency per image width.



Coordinate systems.

(a) x-y coordinates of real image;

(b) u-v coordinates of Fourier transform image; note location of origin in center of image.

Two-dimensional Fourier Transforms of basic patterns.

Gray value images (top) and Fourier transforms (bottom) are shown for:

(a) horizontal sine wave;

(b) vertical black and white stripes;

(c) chess board;

the gray value images are scaled such that 256 pixels = 1 image width; selected frequencies are circle in red and corresponding Info window is shown.

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Figure 19.8

Two-dimensional Fourier Transforms of images.

Gray value images (top) and Fourier transforms (bottom) are shown for:

(a) superposition of four sine waves with little white cut-out square;

(b) fern;

(c) noise;

the gray value images are scaled such that 256 pixels = 1 image width; selected orientations and frequencies are highlighted.

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Figure 19.9

Size of images and Fourier Transforms.

(a) Detail of 50 Euro bank note, image size is 2048 · 2048;

(b) Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) of (a), frames of 1024 $\,\cdot$ 1024 and 512 $\,\cdot$ 512 are indicated;

(c) FFT of 1024 · 1024 version of (a);

(d) FFT of 512 \cdot 512 version of (a);

yellow arrows point at same high frequency spot in (b) and (c).

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Figure 19.10

Orientation and displacement of images and Fourier Transforms.

Gray value image (top) and Fast Fourier transforms (bottom) are shown for:

(a) detail of 50 Euro bill;

(b) same as (a), rotated clockwise by 45°, Fourier transform is rotated;

(c) same as (a), cut in two, left and right piece swapped; Fourier transform is not affected.

Transmission electron micrograph and Fourier Transform.

(a) Scaled high resolution image of chlorite crystal (image courtesy Andreas Kronenberg), image size 1024 · 1024, enlarged inset;

(b) Fourier transform of (a); two lattice spacings can be inferred.

Forward and backward Fourier transforms.

(a) Original images;

(b) forward transform produces Fourier transforms of images;

(c) inverse transform reproduces original images from Fourier transforms.

Modifying the Fourier transform.

(a) Original image (chess board);

(b) forward transform yields Fourier transform (top), high frequencies are removed (bottom);

(c) recalculated images from original and modified version of the Fourier transform.

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Figure 19.14

Suppressing selected rulings in printed material.

(a) Detail of 50 Euro bank note (top) and Fourier transform (below); image size 1024 · 1024;

(b) horizontal frequencies, belonging to wavy vertical ruling (right side of image) removed;

(c) vertical frequencies belonging to horizontal ruling (right side of image) removed.

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Figure 19.15

Frequency filtering of printed map.

(a) Detail of a tectonic map, showing different rulings for different structural units (top), FFT (bottom); image size is 1024 · 1024;

(b) selected frequencies are erased (top) all but the lowest frequencies are removed (bottom);

(c) inverse FFT of modified Fourier transforms (b).

Creating Fourier filters in Image SXM.

(a) Fourier transform of image (image = fern, as shown in Figure 19.8.b);

(b) high-pass filtering either by blocking ('erasing') low frequencies (white, top) or by passing ('painting') high frequencies (black, bottom);

(c) low-pass filtering either by blocking ('erasing') high frequencies (white, top) or by passing ('painting') low frequencies

(black, bottom).

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Figure 19.17

High and low-pass filtering of image.

(a) Image of fern (top) with Fourier transform (bottom); arrows indicate frequencies of 1st and 2nd order frequencies;

(b) low-pass filtering of (a);

(c) high-pass filtering of (a);

image size is $512 \cdot 512$, the radius of the filter mask is 24 pixels.

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Figure 19.18

Frequency content of image.

(a) Image of fern (left) and gray value profiles (right); traces of profiles are indicated;

(b) low-pass filter: frequencies < 24 per image;

(c) high-pass filter: frequencies > 24 per image;

(d) ultra high-pass filter: frequencies > 48 per image.

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Figure 19.19

Frequency slicing.

Images after filtering (top) and corresponding frequency filters (bottom); original image = fern (Figure 19.18), image size is 1 frequencies are given per image

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(a) Pass filtering for (frequency < 20) and (frequency > 70);

(b) pass filtering for (20 < frequency < 70);

(c) pass filtering for frequencies with values (132 < gray value < 164).

Analysis of crystal lattices.

(a) High resolution TEM micrograph showing tilt wall in chlorite crystal;

(b) Fourier transform of (a);

(c) high-pass filter used for (c); black = pass, white = blocked ('erased'); filter width = 20% of image width, transition length of filter = 100% of filter width;

(d) filtered version of (a) using mask shown in (c);

(e) identification of orientation of lattice on left and right of tilt wall shown.

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Figure 19.21

Edge detection with Fourier filtering.

(a-c) Detail of 50 Euro bank note (above) and Fourier transform (below);

(a) Original:

- (b) low-pass filtering, filter width = 15% of image width;
- (c) high-pass filtering, using same filter size as (b);
- (d) enlarged view of detail outlined by yellow frame in original (a) and after thresholding (below);
- (e) enlarged view of detail outlined by yellow frame in high-pass filtered version (c) and after thresholding (below).

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Figure 19.22

Creating halftone images through Fourier filtering.

(a) Original drawing (tectonic map, see Figure 19.15.a); gray value profile; trace of profile is indicated; note different hatching systems; units A, B, C are indicated;

(b) to (d) low-pass filtered versions of (a) using different filter sizes and transition widths; filter mask is shown on right; gray values profile and profile of filter are shown in center;

- (b) filter width = 10 % of image; transition width = 100% of filter width;
- (c) filter width = 10 % of image; transition width = 0% of filter width;
- (d) filter width = 20 % of image; transition width = 100% of filter width.