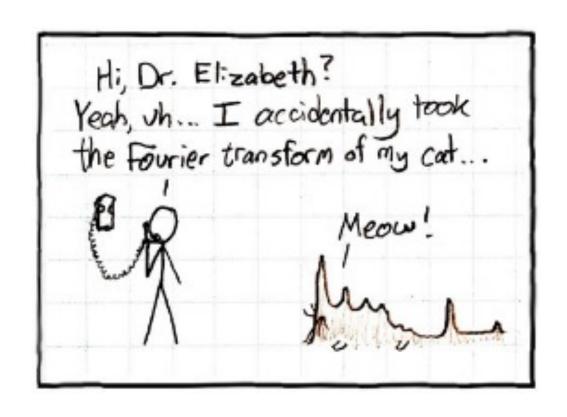
Image pyramids and frequency domain



Course announcements

- Programming assignment 1 (will be) posted on course website.
 - Due on September 23rd at 23:59.
- Office hours for the rest of the semester:

Tuesdays, 5 pm - 7 pm, Prakhar Thursdays, 10 am - noon, Varun Friday, 4 pm - 6 pm, Chaoyang

Overview of today's lecture

- Image downsampling.
- Aliasing.
- Gaussian image pyramid.
- Laplacian image pyramid.
- Fourier series.
- Frequency domain.
- Fourier transform.
- Frequency-domain filtering.
- Revisiting sampling.

Slide credits

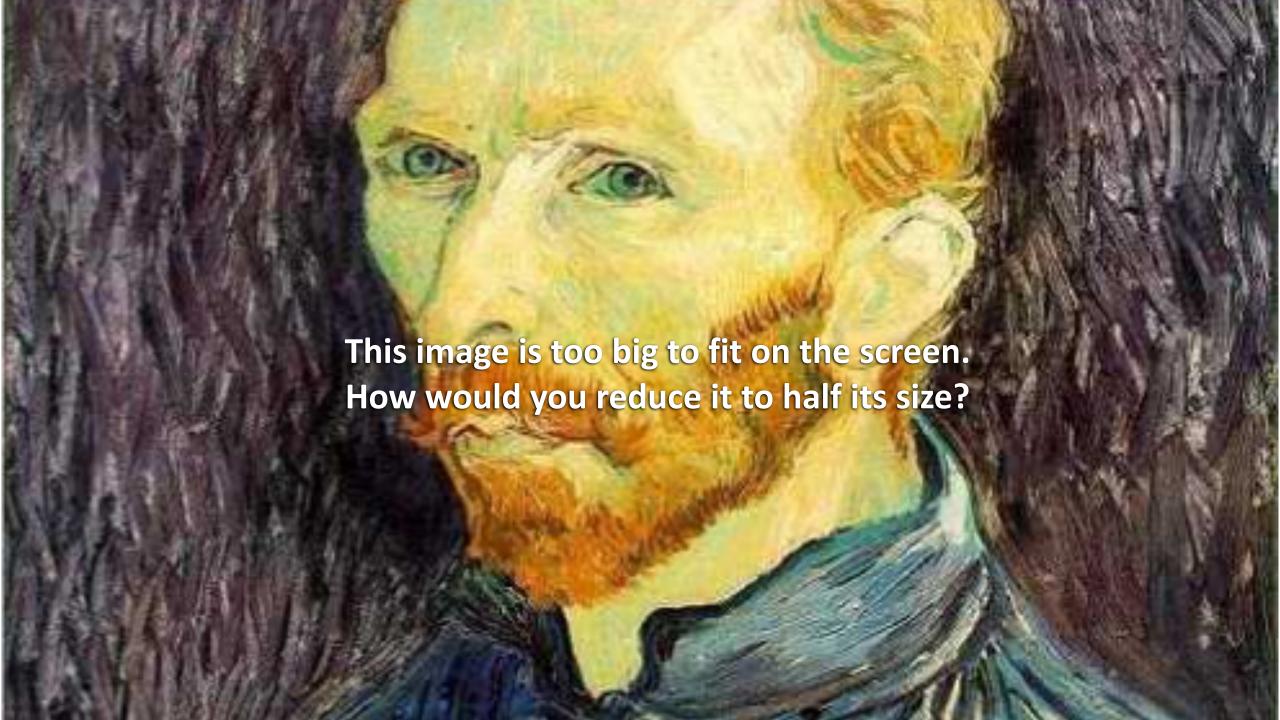
Most of these slides were adapted directly from:

Kris Kitani (15-463, Fall 2016).

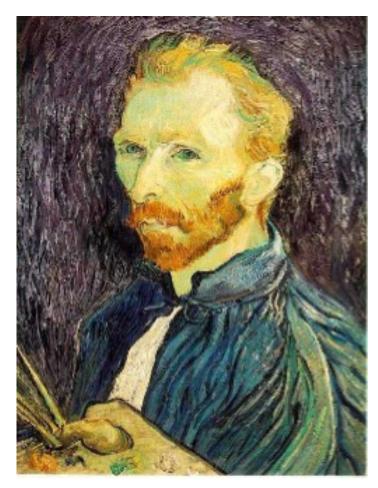
Some slides were inspired or taken from:

- Fredo Durand (MIT).
- Bernd Girod (Stanford University).
- James Hays (Georgia Tech).
- Steve Marschner (Cornell University).
- Steve Seitz (University of Washington).

Image downsampling



Naïve image downsampling



Throw away half the rows and columns

delete even rows delete even columns



delete even rows delete even columns



1/8

1/4

Naïve image downsampling

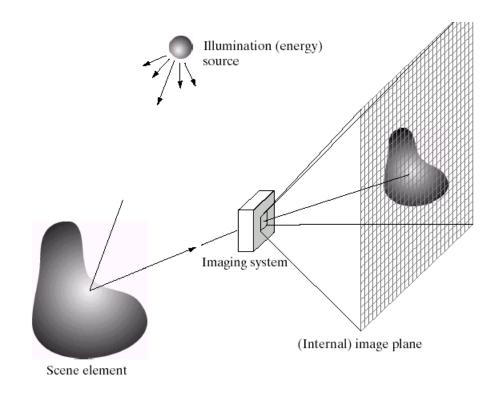


Why is the 1/8 image so pixelated (and do you know what this effect is called)?

Aliasing

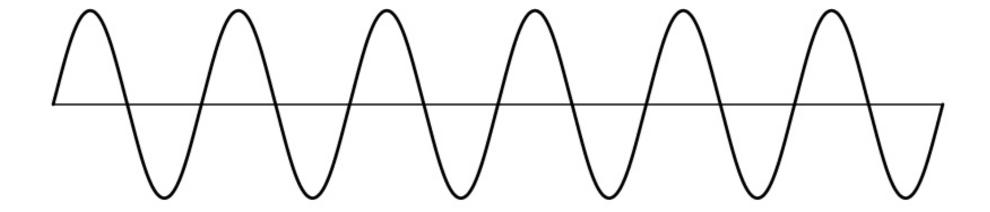
Reminder





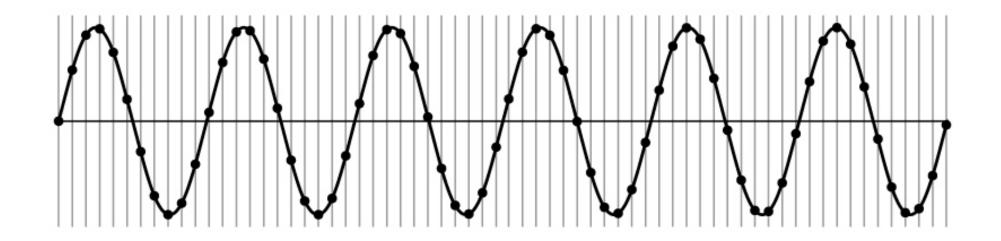
Images are a discrete, or sampled, representation of a continuous world

Very simple example: a sine wave

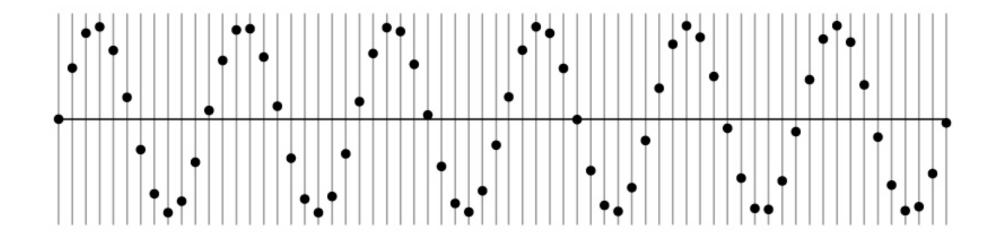


How would you discretize this signal?

Very simple example: a sine wave

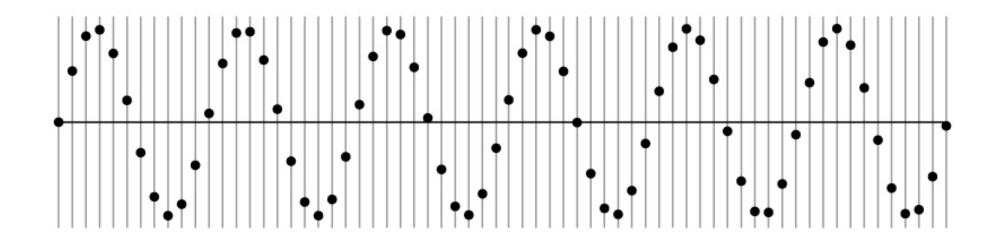


Very simple example: a sine wave



How many samples should I take?
Can I take as *many* samples as I want?

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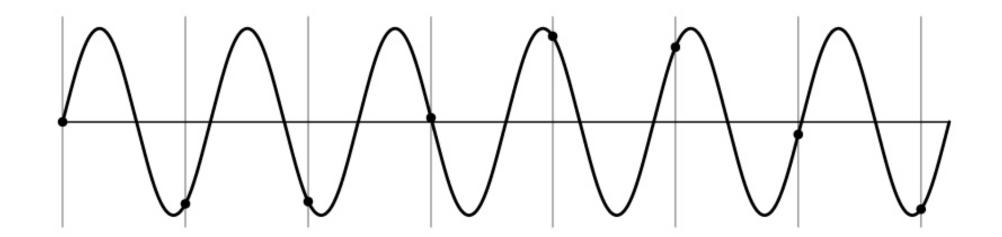


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Can I take as *few* samples as I want?

Undersampling

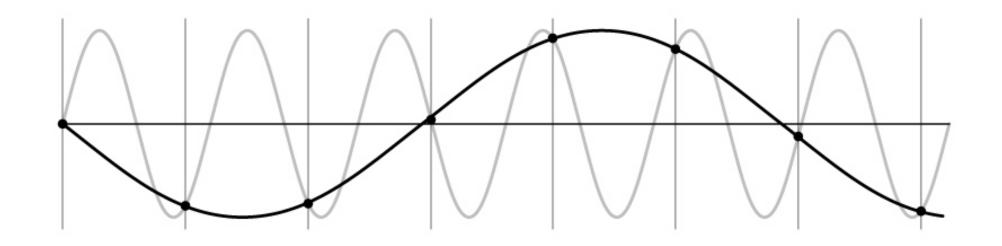
Very simple example: a sine wave



Unsurprising effect: information is lost.

Undersampling

Very simple example: a sine wave

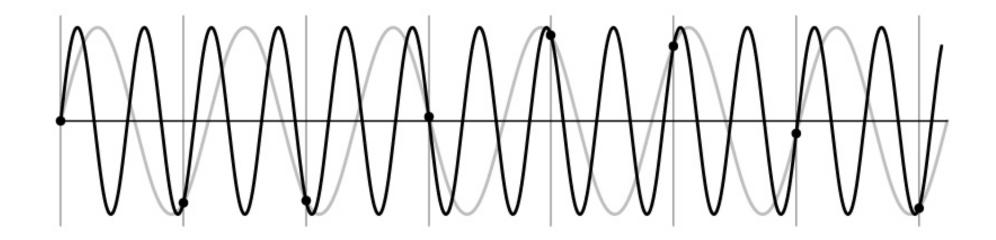


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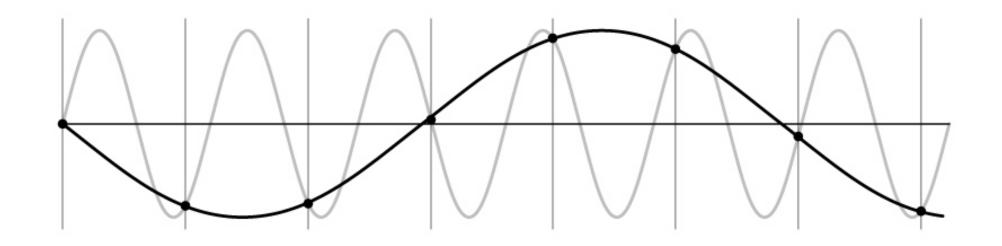
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Aliasing

Fancy term for: Undersampling can disguise a signal as one of a lower frequency



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Aliasing in textures



Aliasing in photographs

This is also known as "moire"



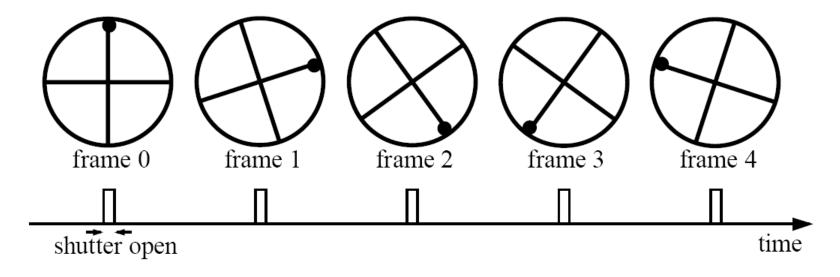




Temporal aliasing

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)





Anti-aliasing

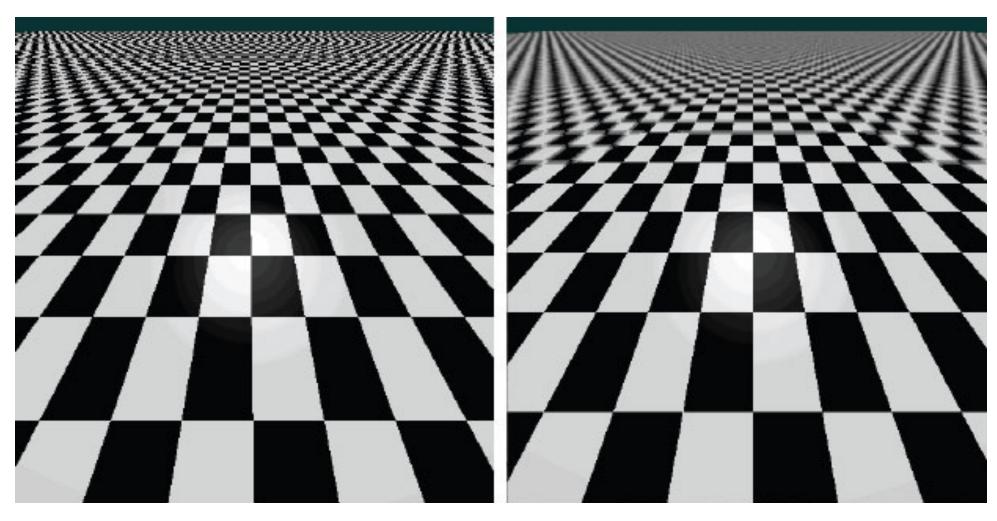
How would you deal with aliasing?

Anti-aliasing

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Approach 1: Oversample the signal

Anti-aliasing in textures



aliasing artifacts

anti-aliasing by oversampling

Anti-aliasing

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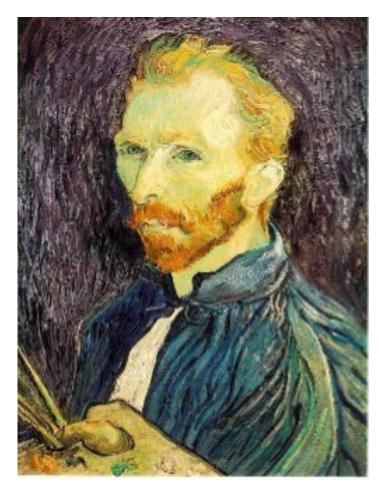
Approach 1: Oversample the signal

Approach 2: Smooth the signal

- Remove some of the detail effects that cause aliasing.
- Lose information, but better than aliasing artifacts.

How would you smooth a signal?

Better image downsampling



Apply a smoothing filter first, then throw away half the rows and columns

Gaussian filter
delete even rows
delete even columns



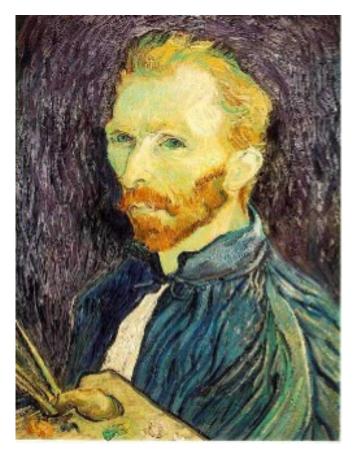
Gaussian filter
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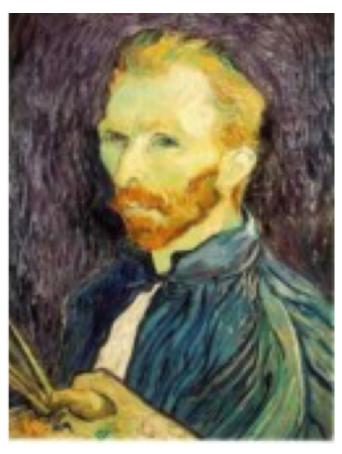


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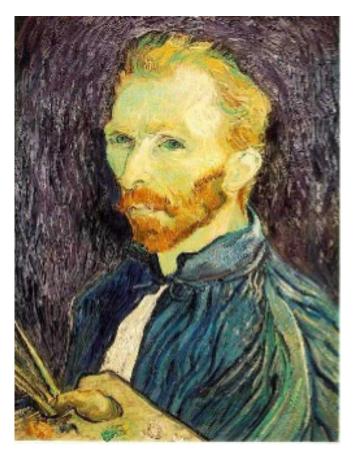


1/2

1/4 (2x zoom)

1/8 (4x zoom)

Naïve image downsampling







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Anti-aliasing

Question 1: How much smoothing do I need to do to avoid aliasing?

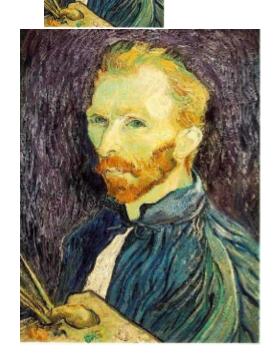
Question 2: How many samples do I need to take to avoid aliasing?

Answer to both: Enough to reach the Nyquist limit.

We'll see what this means soon.

Gaussian image pyramid

Gaussian image pyramid



The name of this sequence of subsampled images

Constructing a Gaussian pyramid

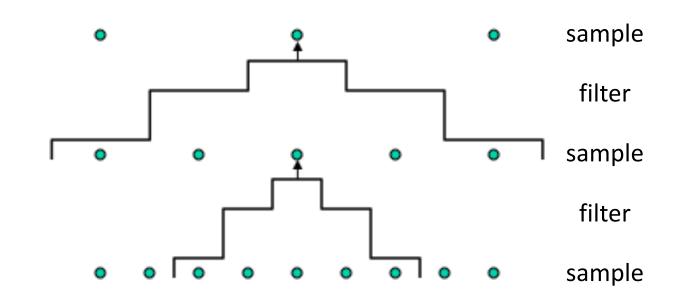


repeat:

filter

subsample

until min resolution reached



Question: How much bigger than the original image is the whole pyramid?

Constructing a Gaussian pyramid

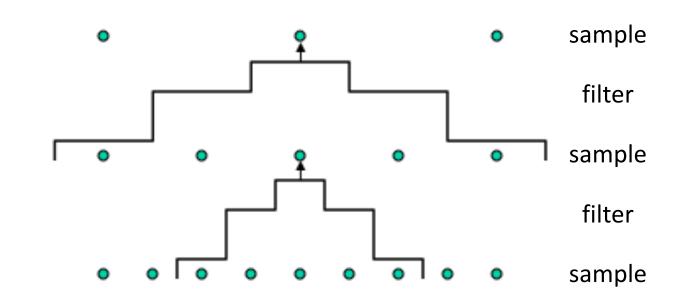
Algorithm

repeat:

filter

subsample

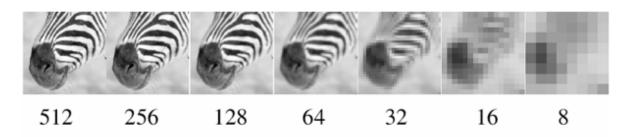
until min resolution reached



Question: How much bigger than the original image is the whole pyramid?

Answer: Just 4/3 times the size of the original image! (How did I come up with this number?)

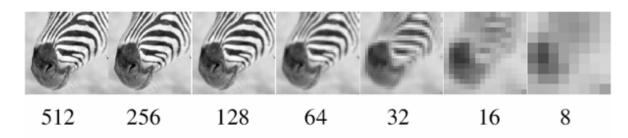
Some properties of the Gaussian pyramid



What happens to the details of the image?



Some properties of the Gaussian pyramid



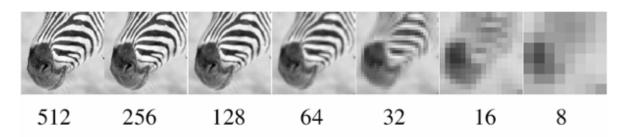


What happens to the details of the image?

 They get smoothed out as we move to higher levels.

What is preserved at the higher levels?

Some properties of the Gaussian pyramid





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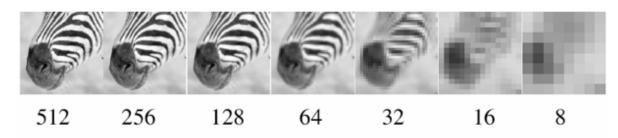
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That's not possible.

Blurring is lossy



level 0



level 1 (before downsampling)

What does the residual look like?

Blurring is lossy



level 0



level 1 (before downsampling)

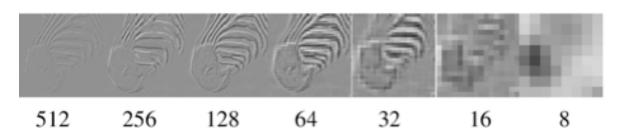


residual

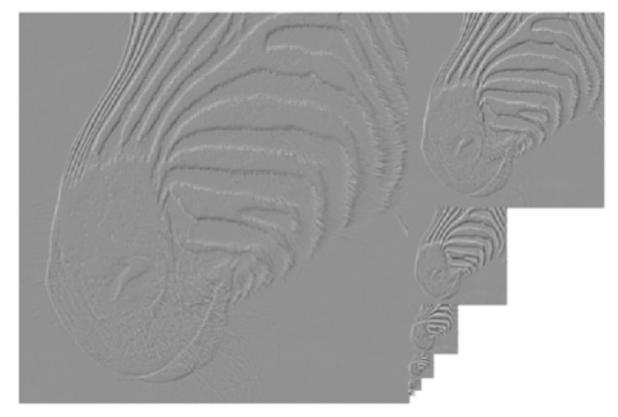
Can we make a pyramid that is lossless?

Laplacian image pyramid

Laplacian image pyramid

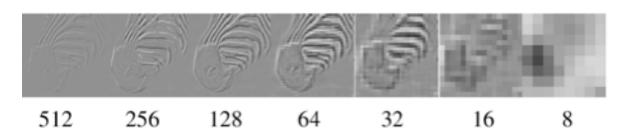


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Can we reconstruct the original image using the pyramid?

Laplacian image pyramid



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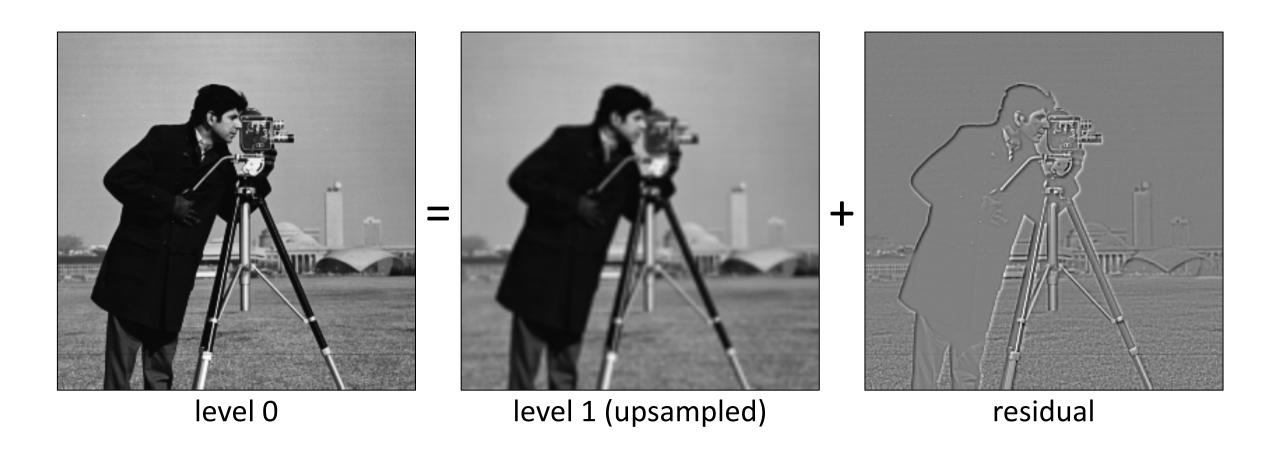


Can we reconstruct the original image using the pyramid?

Yes we can!

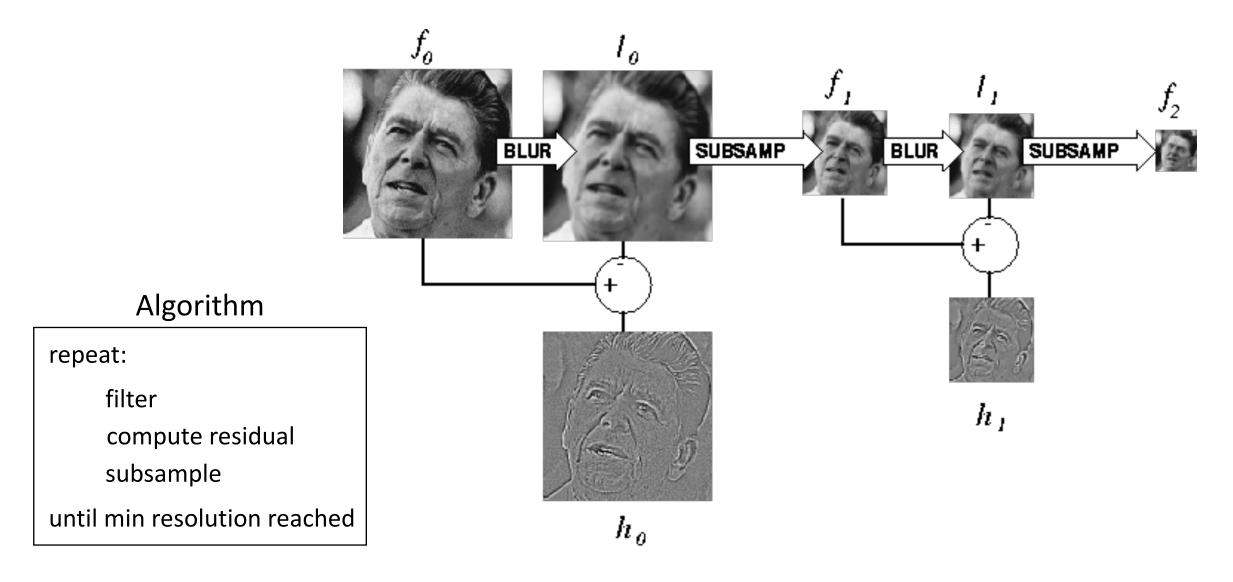
What do we need to store to be able to reconstruct the original image?

Let's start by looking at just one level

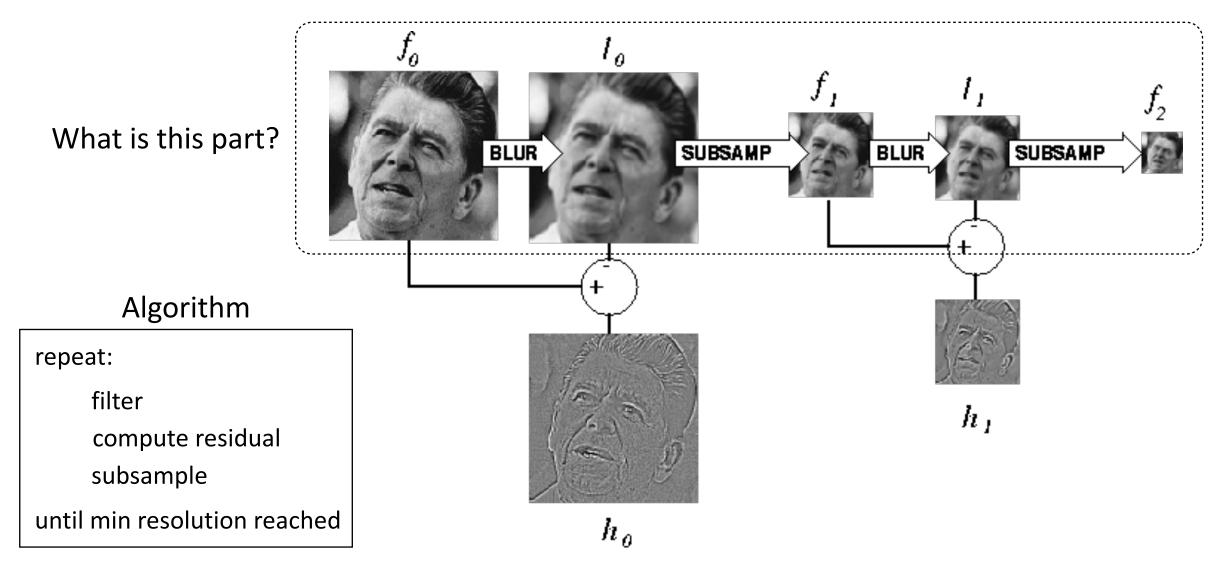


Does this mean we need to store both residuals and the blurred copies of the original?

Constructing a Laplacian pyramid



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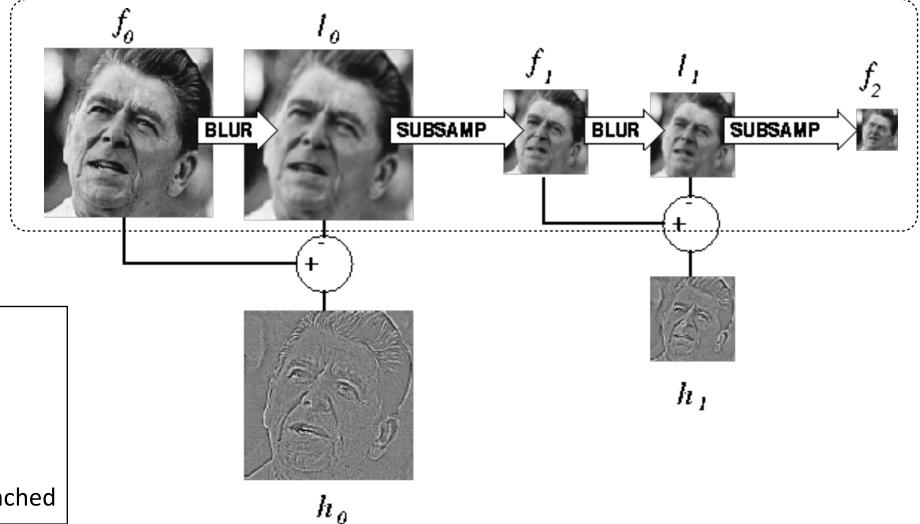
It's a Gaussian pyramid.

Algorithm

repeat:

filter compute residual subsample

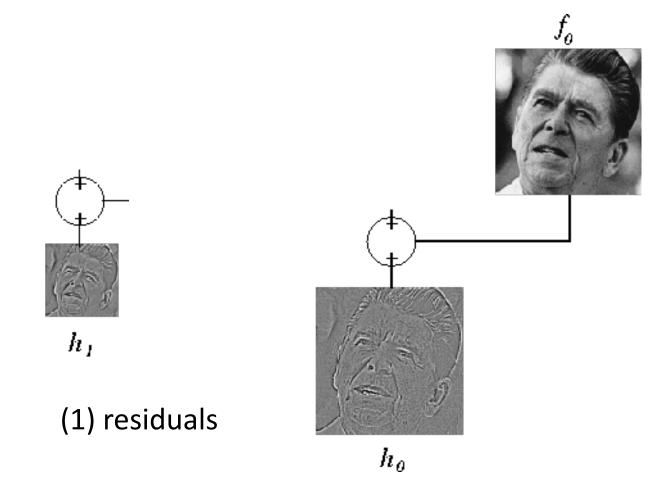
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What do we need to construct the original image?

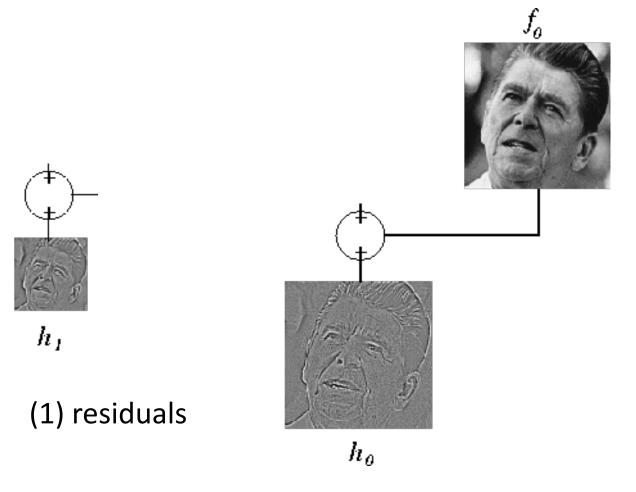


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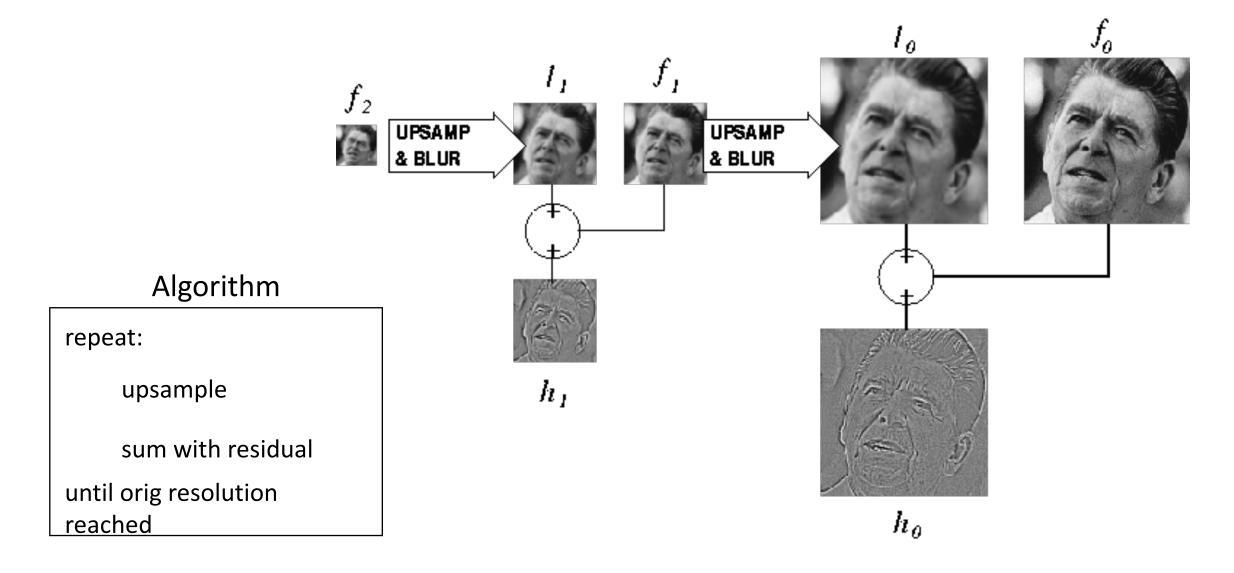


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Reconstructing the original image



Gaussian vs Laplacian Pyramid

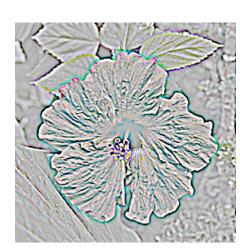


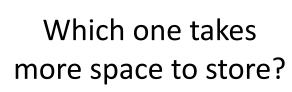




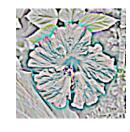


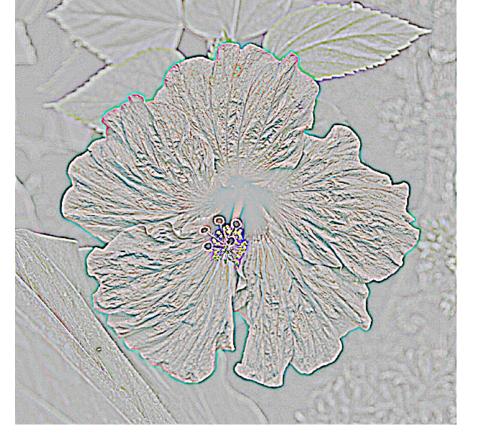
Shown in opposite order for space.







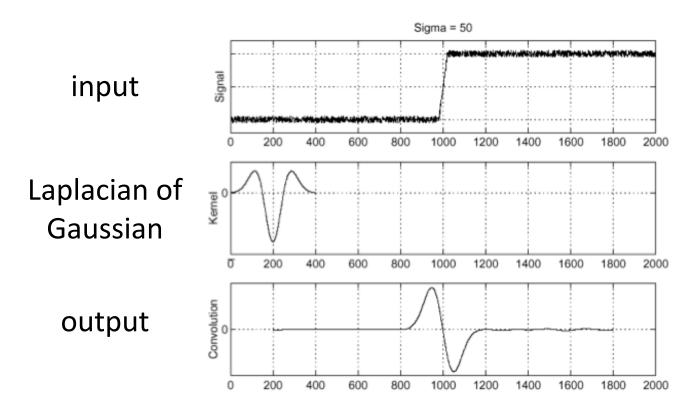




Why is it called a Laplacian pyramid?

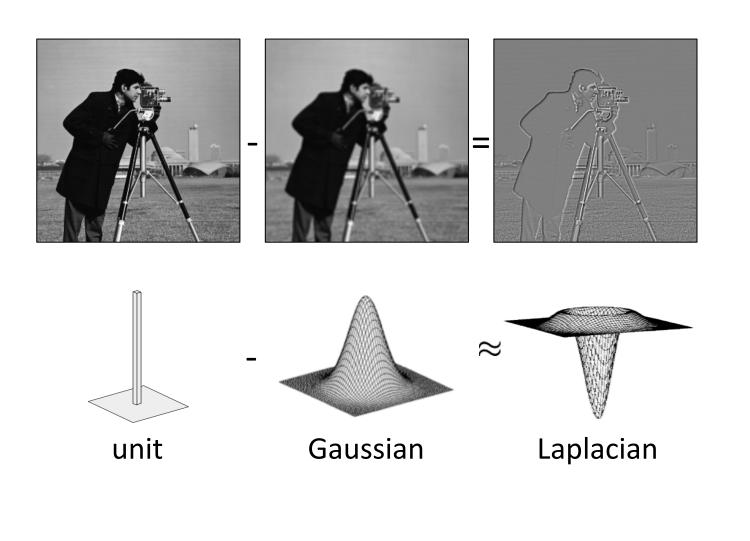
Reminder: Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG) filter

As with derivative, we can combine Laplace filtering with Gaussian filtering

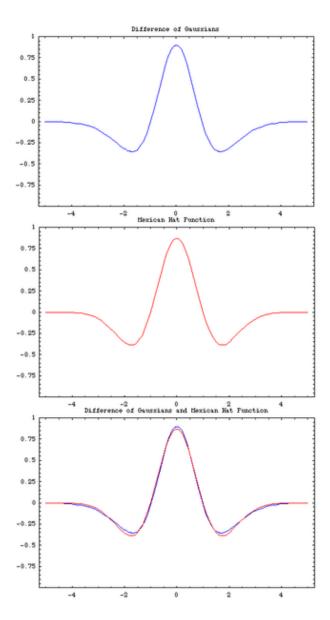


"zero crossings" at edges

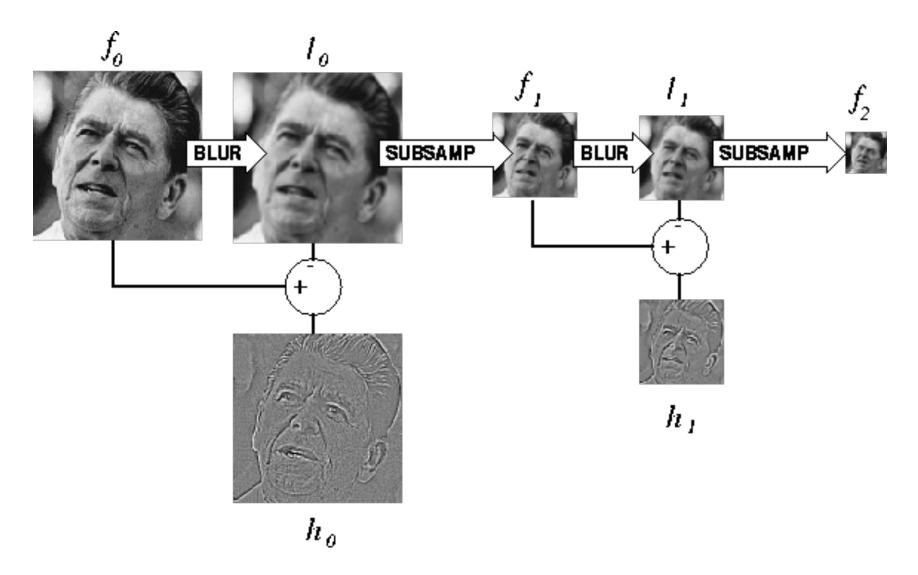
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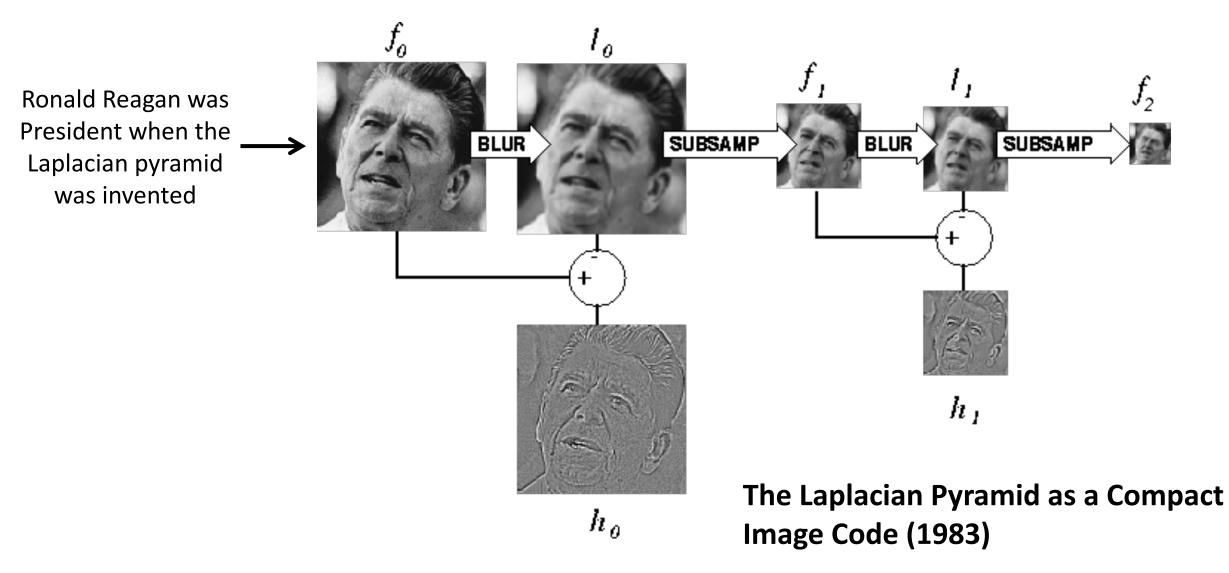
Difference of Gaussians approximates the Laplacian



Why Reagan?



Why Reagan?



Peter J. Burt, Edward H. Adelson

Still used extensively



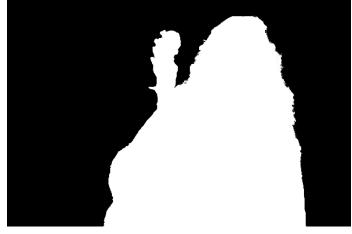
Still used extensively



foreground details enhanced, background details reduced



input image



user-provided mask

Other types of pyramids

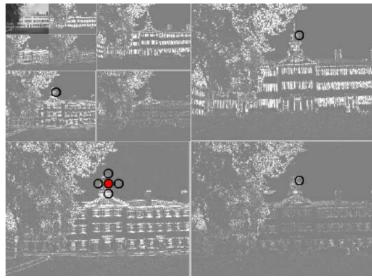
Steerable pyramid: At each level keep multiple versions, one for each direction.



Wavelets: Huge area in image processing

(see 18-793).





What are image pyramids used for?

image compression





multi-scale texture mapping

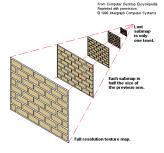
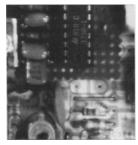


image blending



focal stack compositing







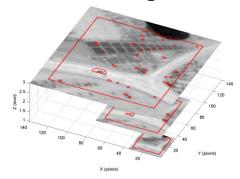
denoising



multi-scale detection



multi-scale registration



Some history

Who is this guy?



What is he famous for?



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... and apparently also for the discovery of the greenhouse effect

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Malus



Lagrange



Legendre



Laplace

The committee
examining his paper
had expressed
skepticism, in part due
to not so rigorous
proofs

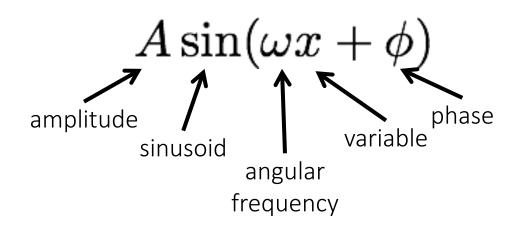
Fourier series

Basic building block

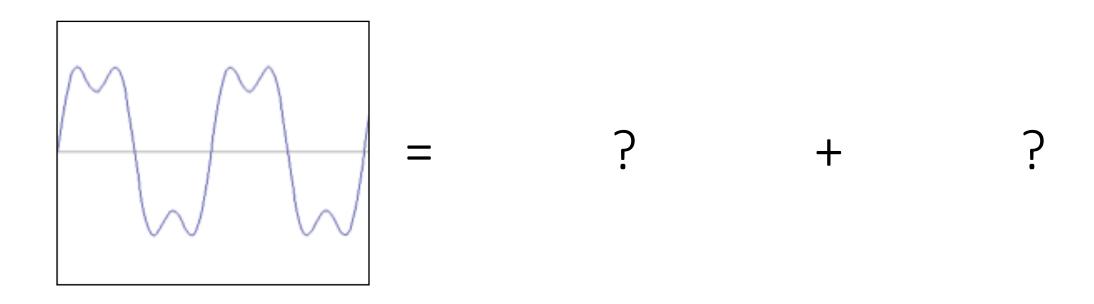
$$A\sin(\omega x + \phi)$$

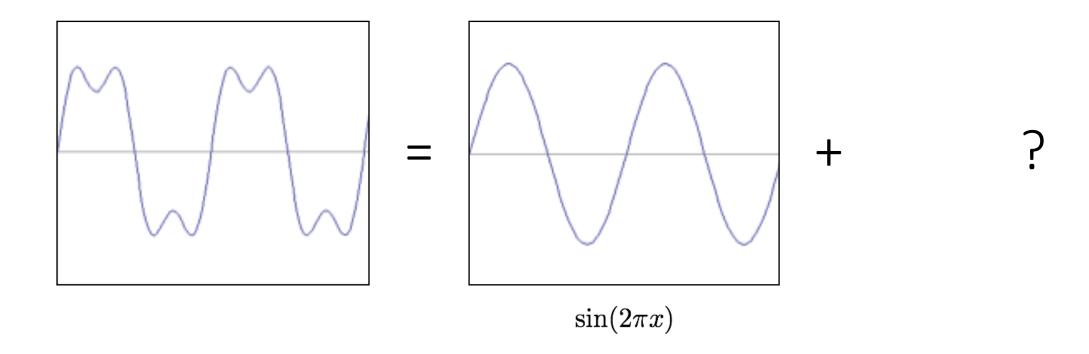
Fourier's claim: Add enough of these to get any periodic signal you want!

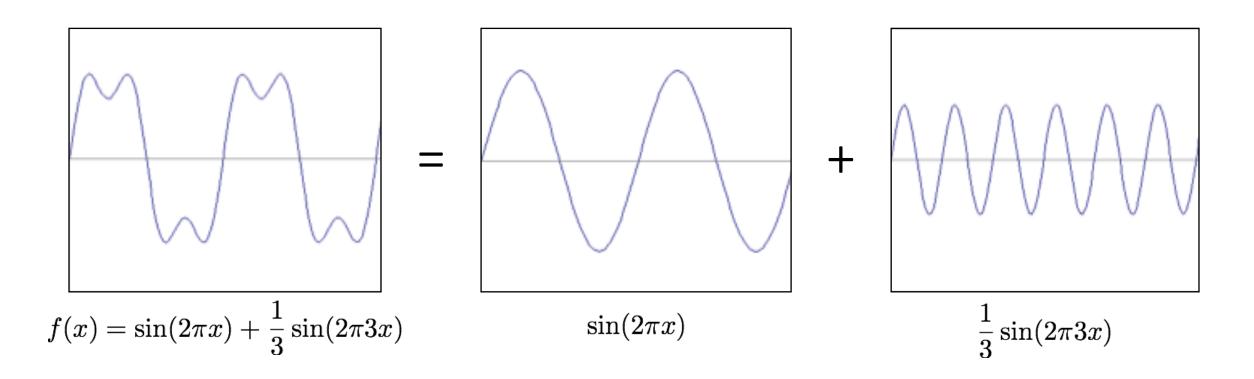
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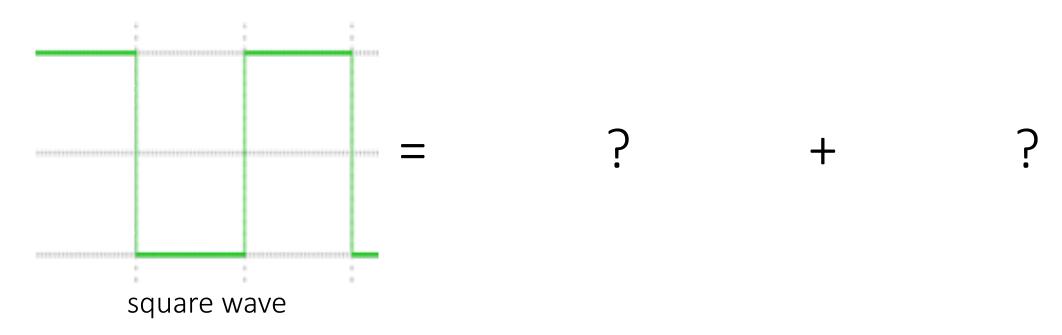


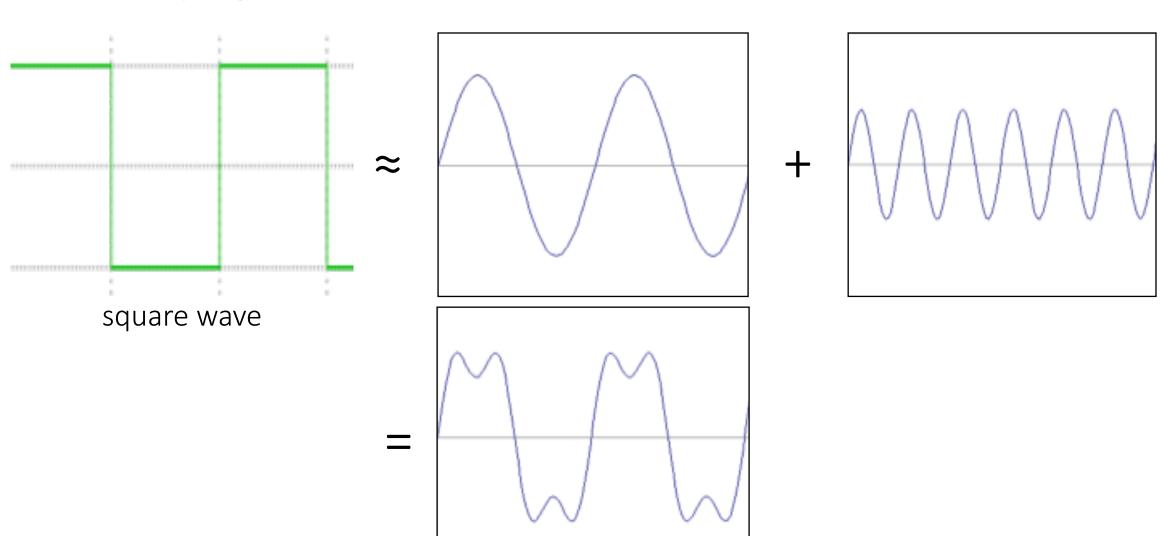
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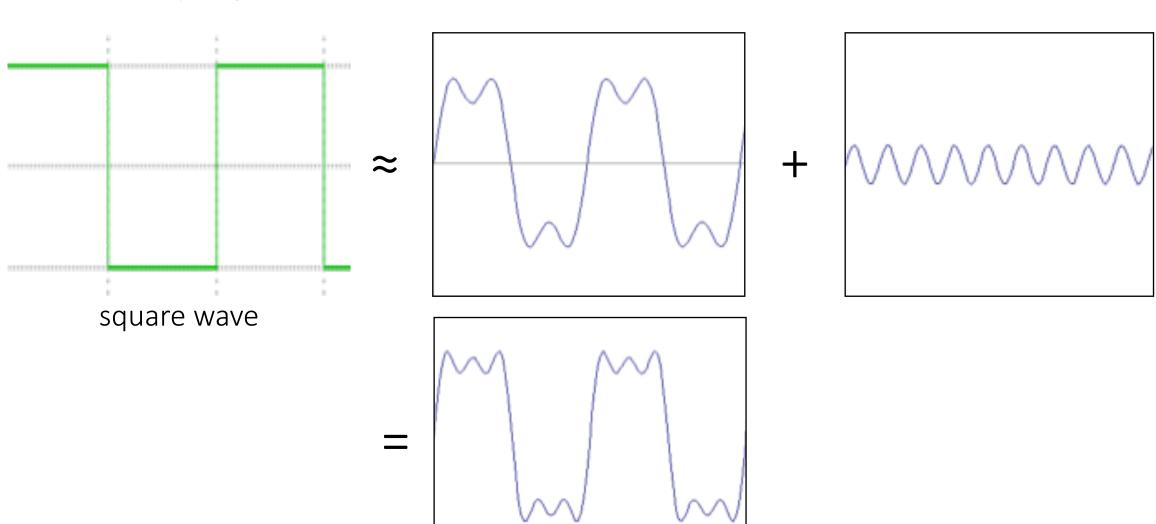


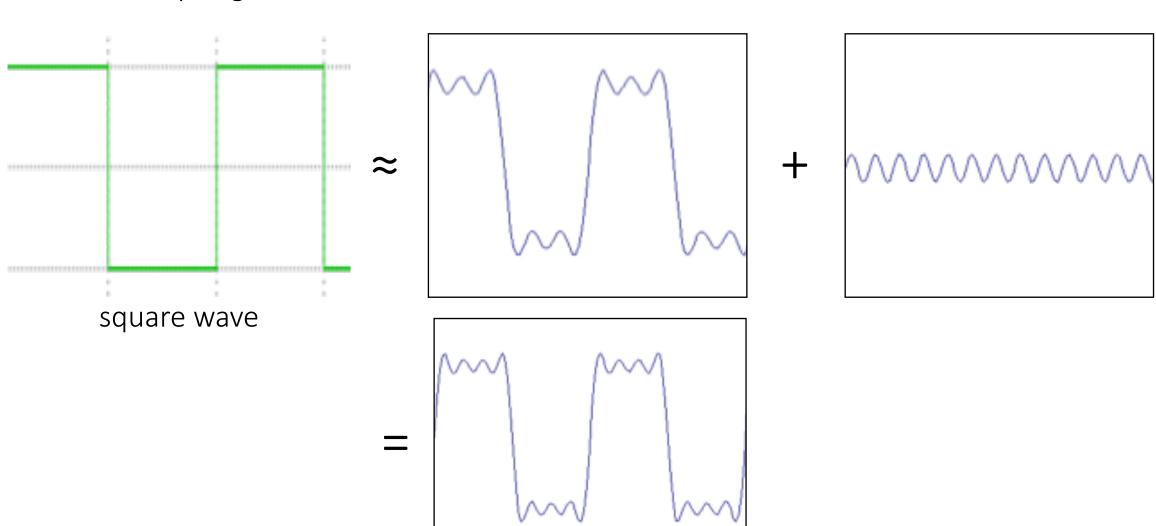


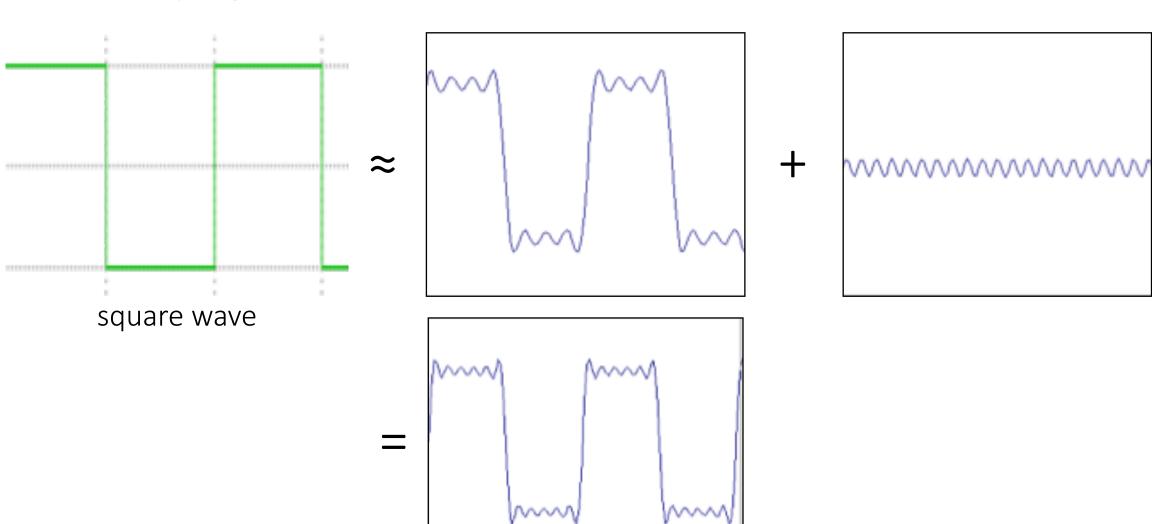


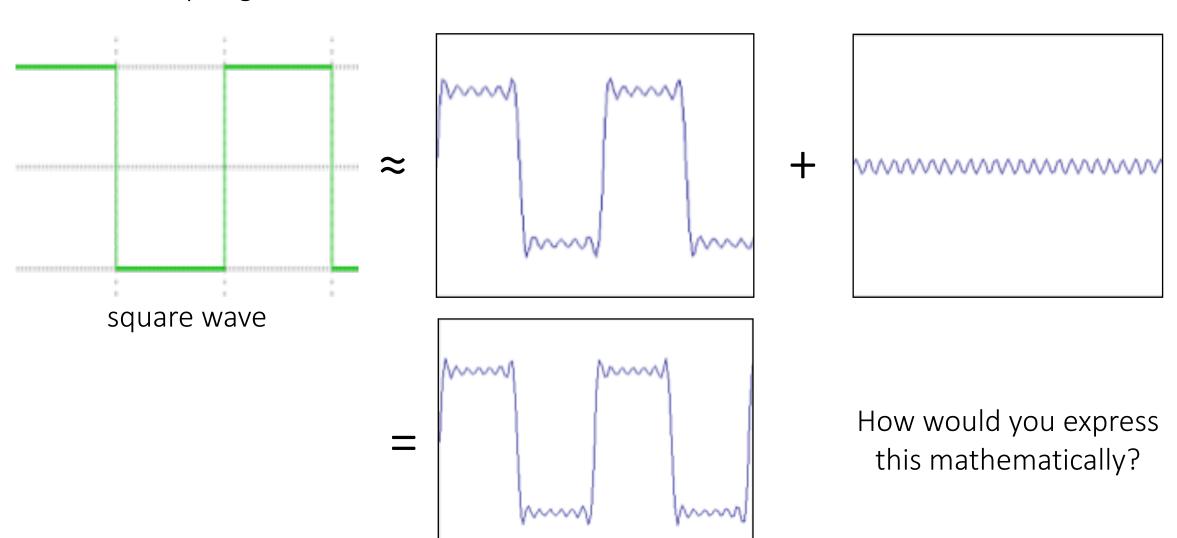


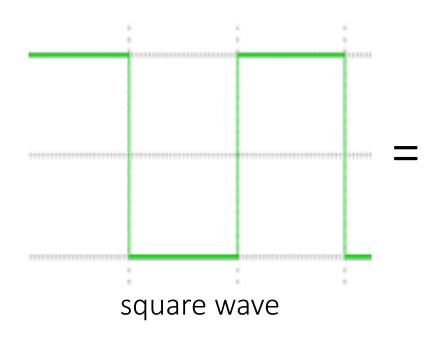








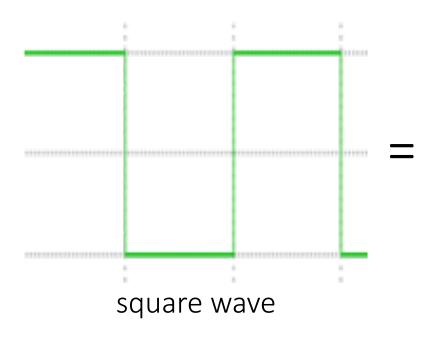




$$A\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sin(2\pi kx)$$

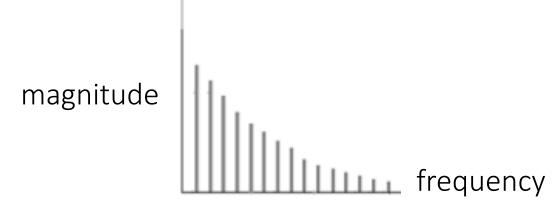
infinite sum of sine waves

How would could you visualize this in the frequency domain?

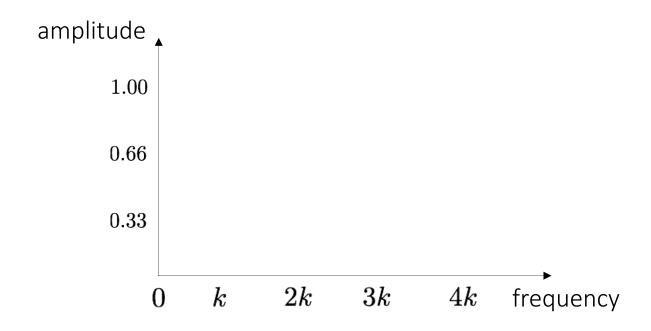


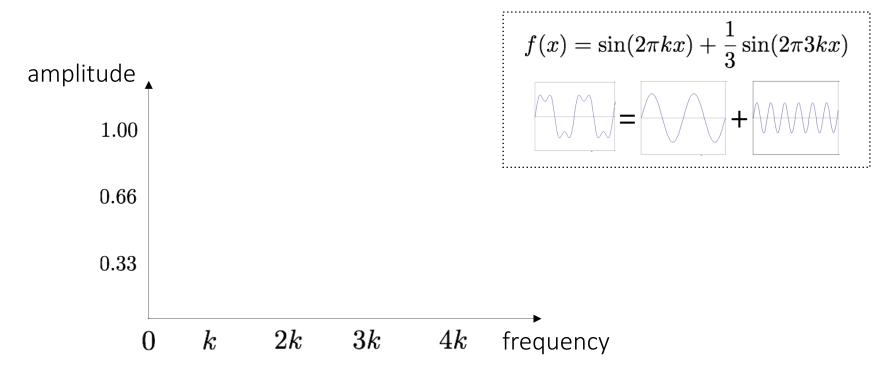
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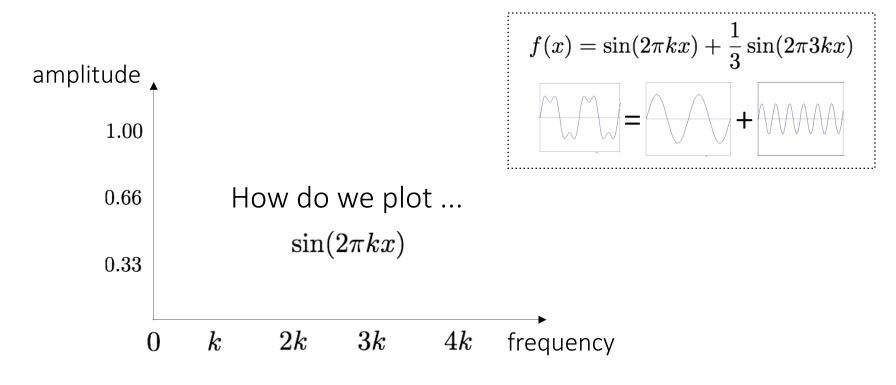
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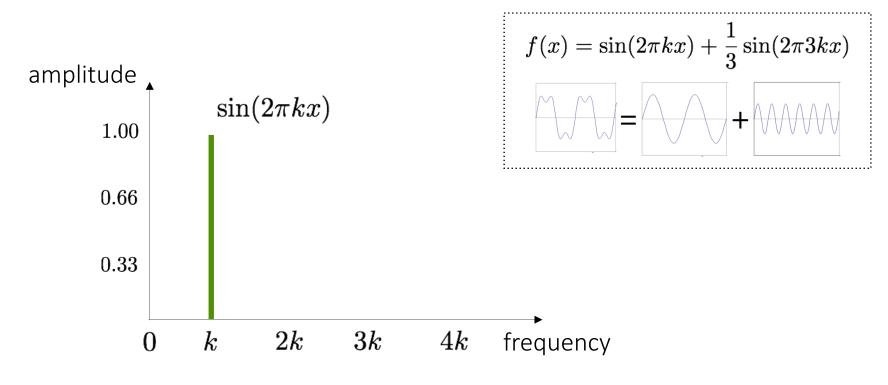


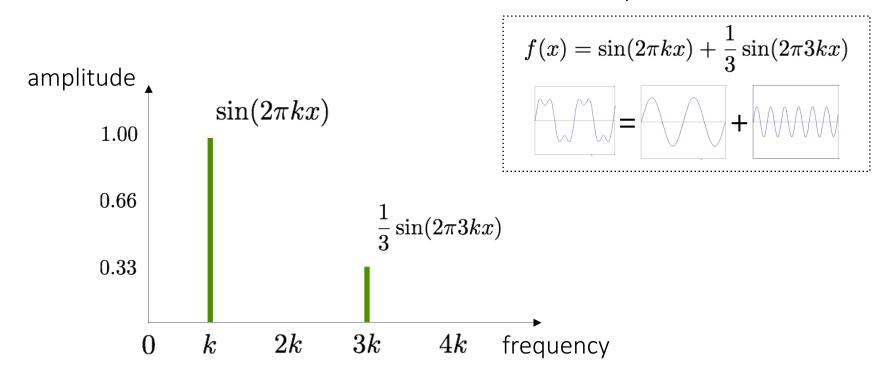
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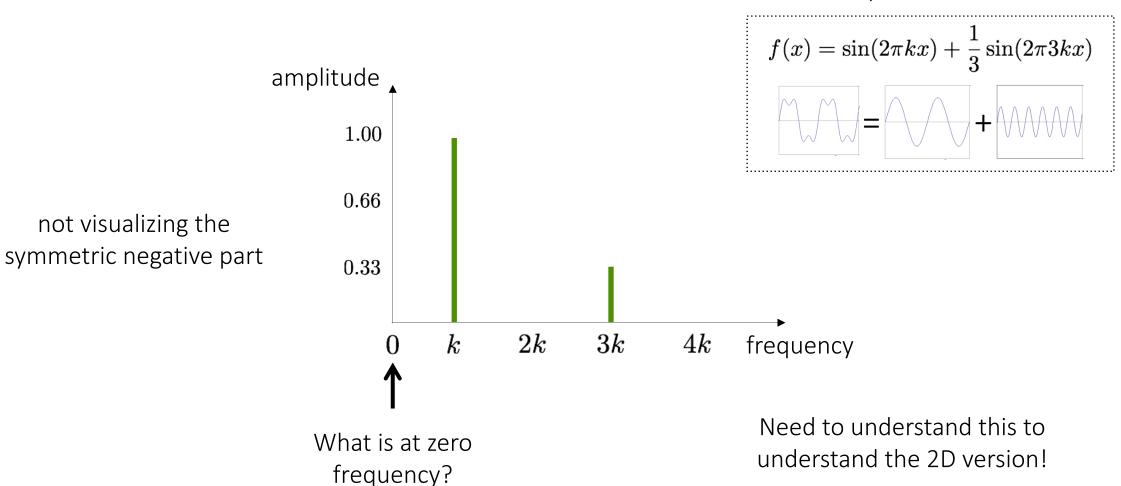




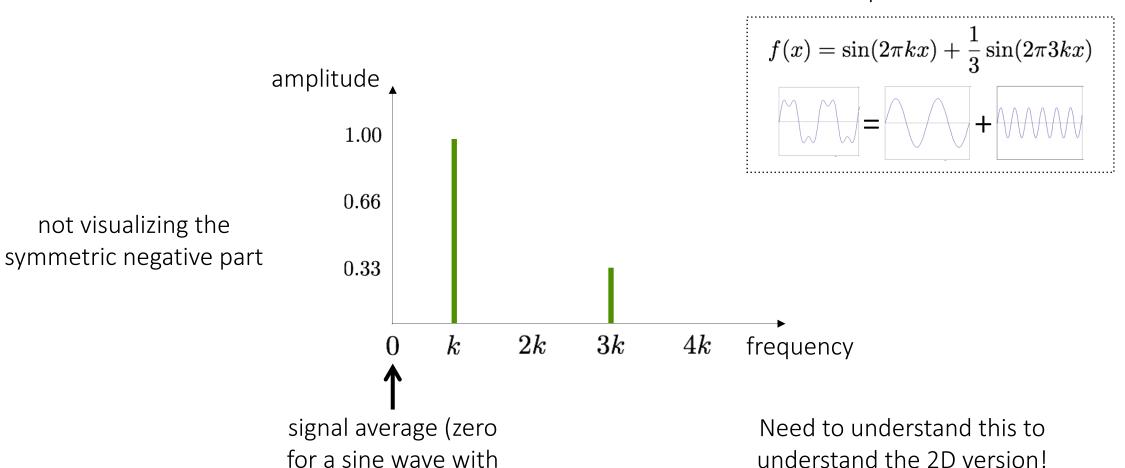








Recall the temporal domain visualization

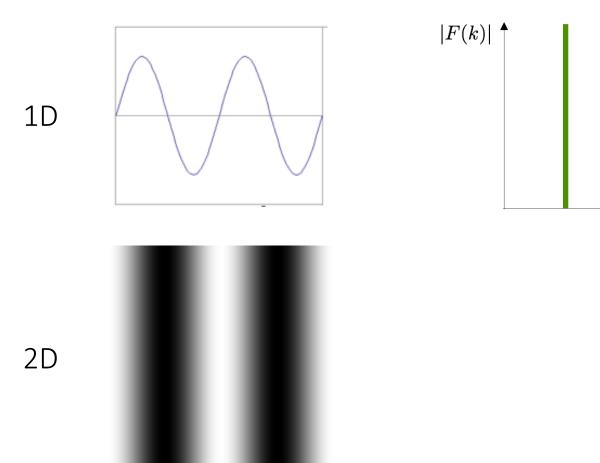


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Spatial domain visualization

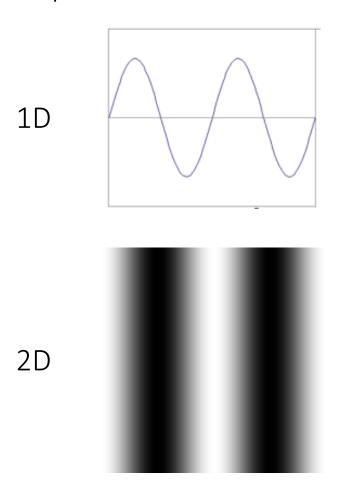
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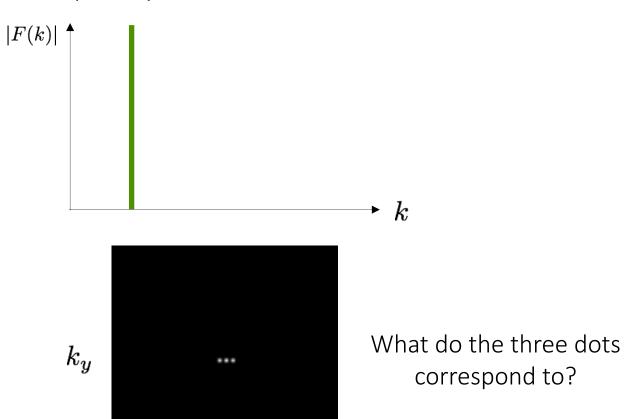
→ k



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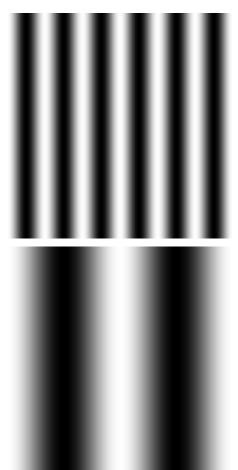
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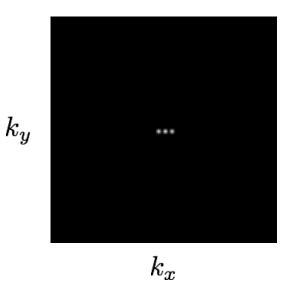




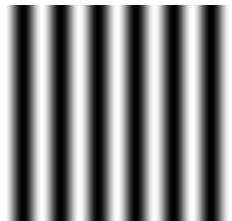
 k_x

Spatial domain visualization Frequency domain visualization

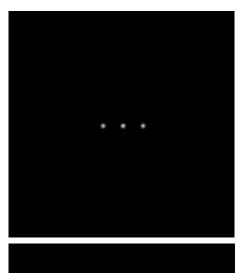




Spatial domain visualization



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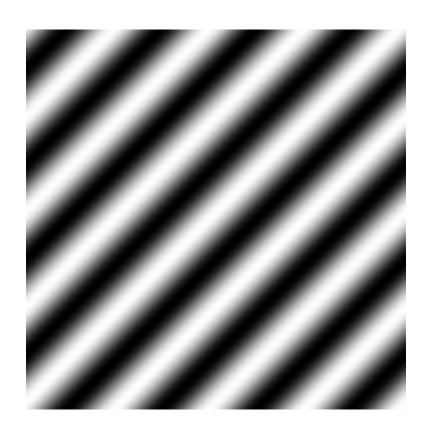


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 k_y

 k_x

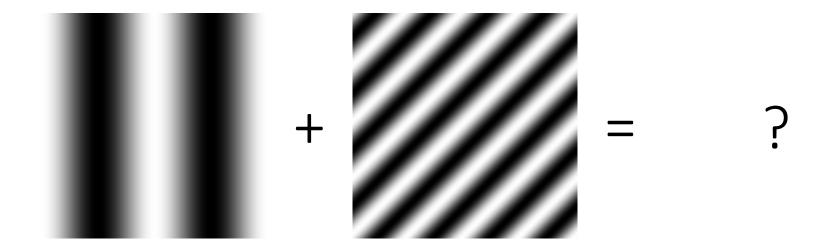
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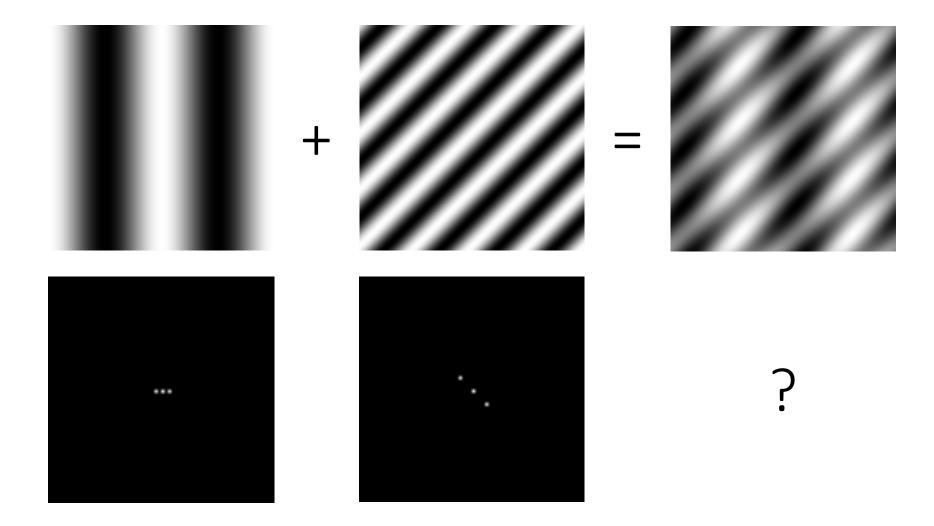


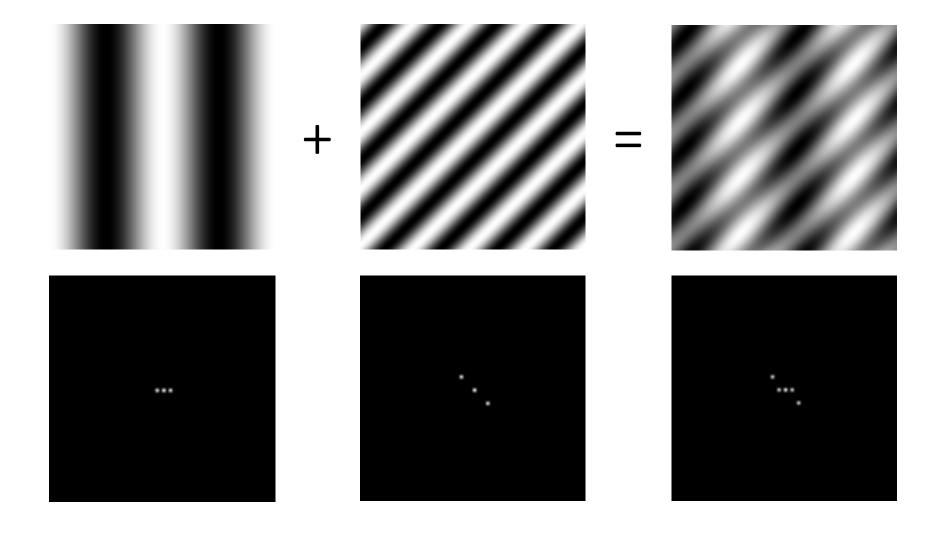
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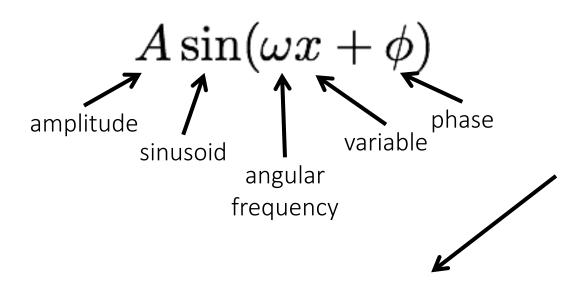
Has both an x and y components







Basic building block



What about non-periodic signals?

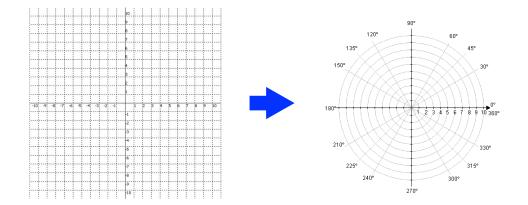
Fourier's claim: Add enough of these to get any periodic signal you want!

Fourier transform

Complex numbers have two parts:

rectangular coordinates

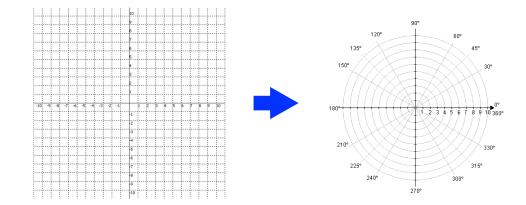
$$R+jI$$
 what's this?



Complex numbers have two parts:

rectangular coordinates

$$R+jI$$
real imaginary



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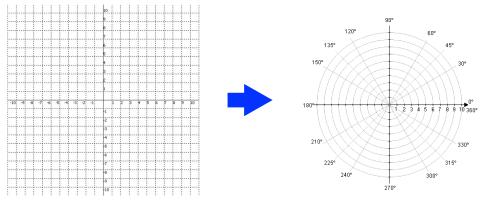
$$R+jI$$
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Alternative reparameterization:

polar coordinates

$$r(\cos\theta + j\sin\theta)$$

how do we compute these?



polar transform

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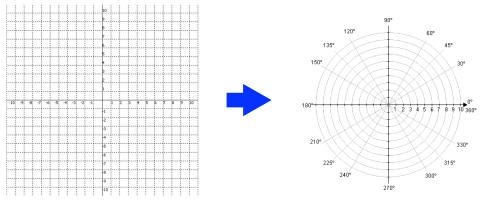
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$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{I}{R}) \quad r = \sqrt{R^2 + I^2}$$



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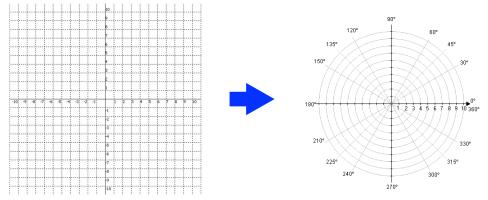
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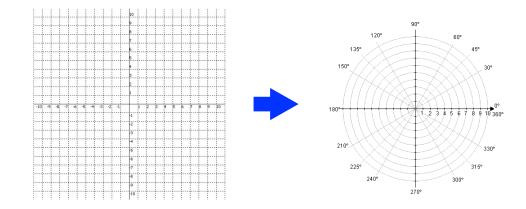
polar transform

How do you write these in exponential form?

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or equivalently

$$re^{j\theta}$$

how did we get this?

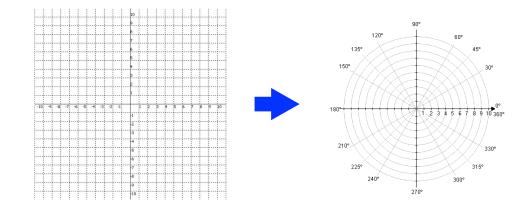
exponential form

Recalling some basics

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Euler's formula

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$$

exponential form

This will help us understand the Fourier transform equations

Fourier transform

Fourier transform

inverse Fourier transform

continuous

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{-\infty} f(x)e^{-j2\pi kx}dx$$

$$f(x) = \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} F(k)e^{j2\pi kx}dk$$

liscrete

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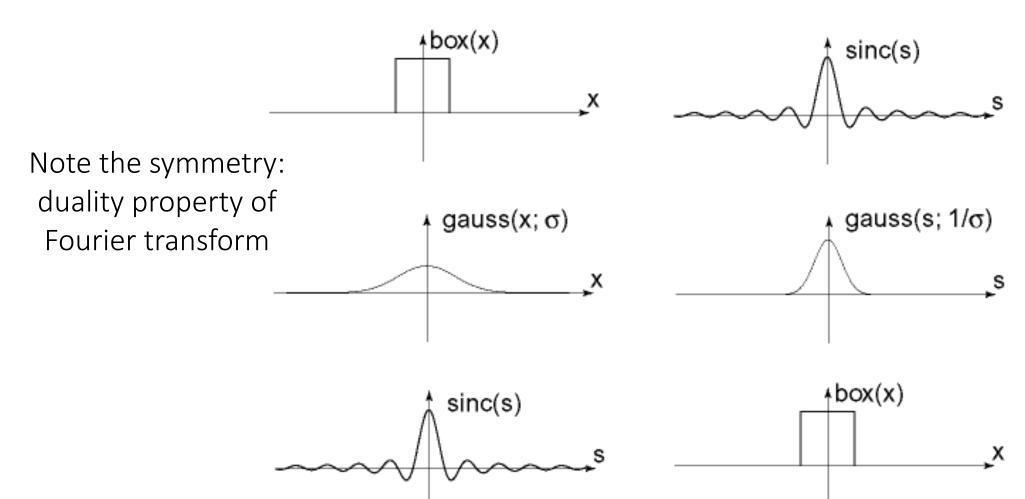
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$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F(k) e^{j2\pi kx/N}$$
 Euler's formula
$$e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$$
 sum over frequencies
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F(k) \bigg\{ \cos(2\pi kx) + j\sin(2\pi kx) \bigg\}$$
 scaling parameter wave components

Fourier transform pairs

spatial domain

frequency domain



Computing the discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

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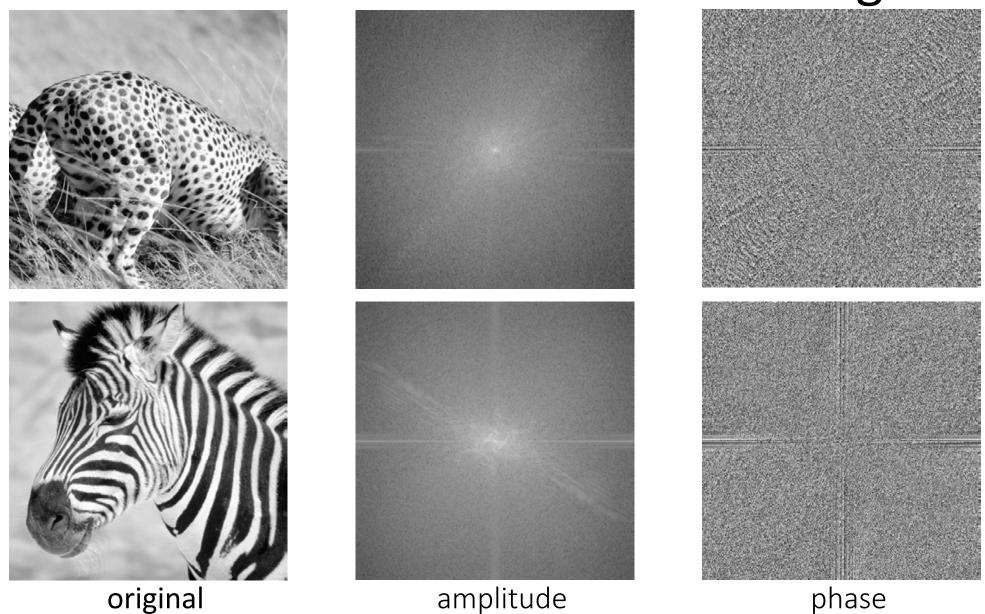
$$F(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} f(x) e^{-j2\pi kx/N}$$
 is just a matrix multiplication:

$$F = Wf$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F(0) \\ F(1) \\ F(2) \\ F(3) \\ \vdots \\ F(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W^0 & W^0 & W^0 & W^0 & \cdots & W^0 \\ W^0 & W^1 & W^2 & W^3 & \cdots & W^{N-1} \\ W^0 & W^2 & W^4 & W^6 & \cdots & W^{N-2} \\ W^0 & W^3 & W^6 & W^9 & \cdots & W^{N-3} \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ W^0 & W^{N-1} & W^{N-2} & W^{N-3} & \cdots & W^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \\ f(2) \\ f(3) \\ \vdots \\ f(N-1) \end{bmatrix} \qquad W = e^{-j2\pi/N}$$

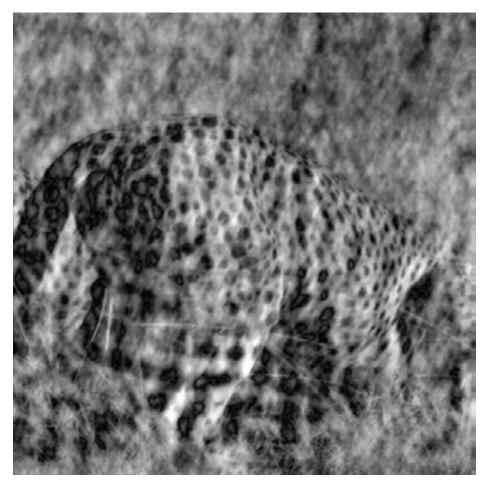
In practice this is implemented using the fast Fourier transform (FFT) algorithm.

Fourier transforms of natural images

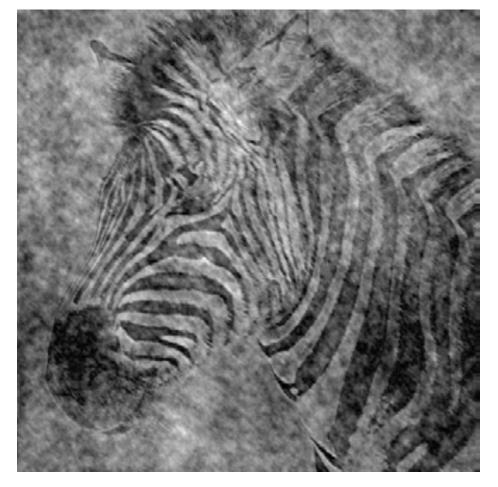


Fourier transforms of natural images

Image phase matters!



cheetah phase with zebra amplitude



zebra phase with cheetah amplitude

Frequency-domain filtering

Why do we care about all this?

The convolution theorem

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

$$\mathcal{F}\{g*h\} = \mathcal{F}\{g\}\mathcal{F}\{h\}$$

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

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{gh\} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{g\} * \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{h\}$$

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

What do we use convolution for?

Convolution for 1D continuous signals

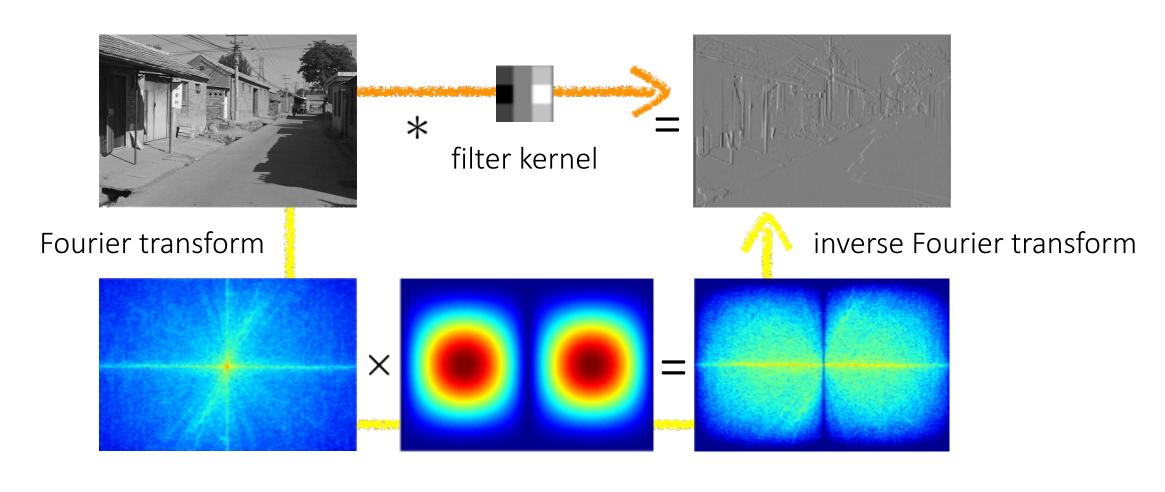
Definition of linear shift-invariant filtering as convolution:

$$(f*g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y)g(x-y)dy$$
 filter signal

Using the convolution theorem, we can interpret and implement all types of linear shift-invariant filtering as multiplication in frequency domain.

Why implement convolution in frequency domain?

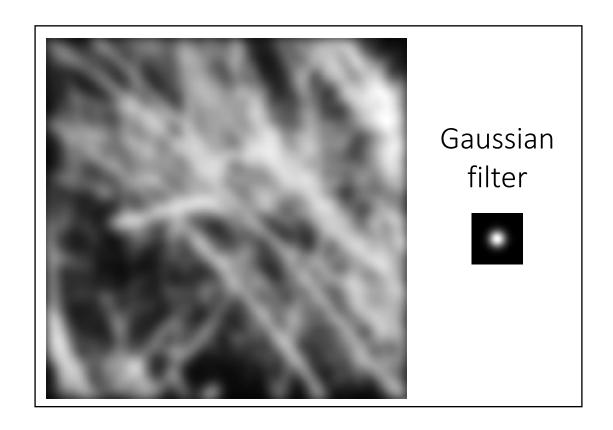
Spatial domain filtering

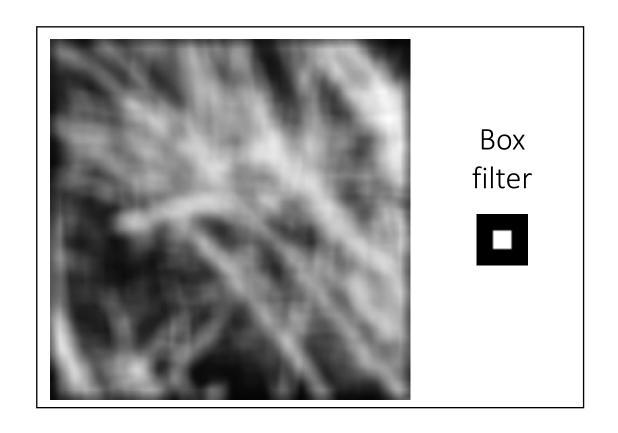


Frequency domain filtering

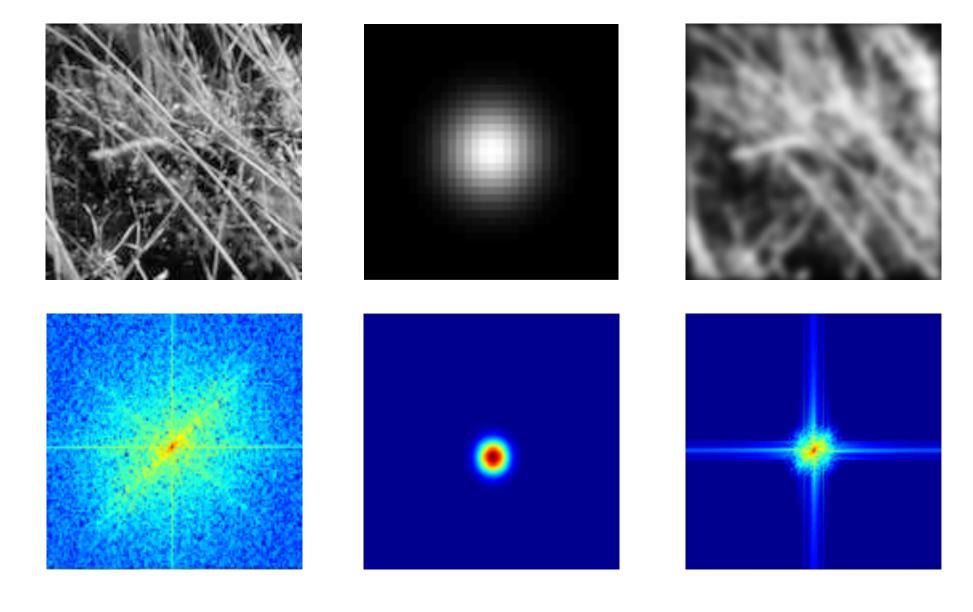
Revisiting blurring

Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?

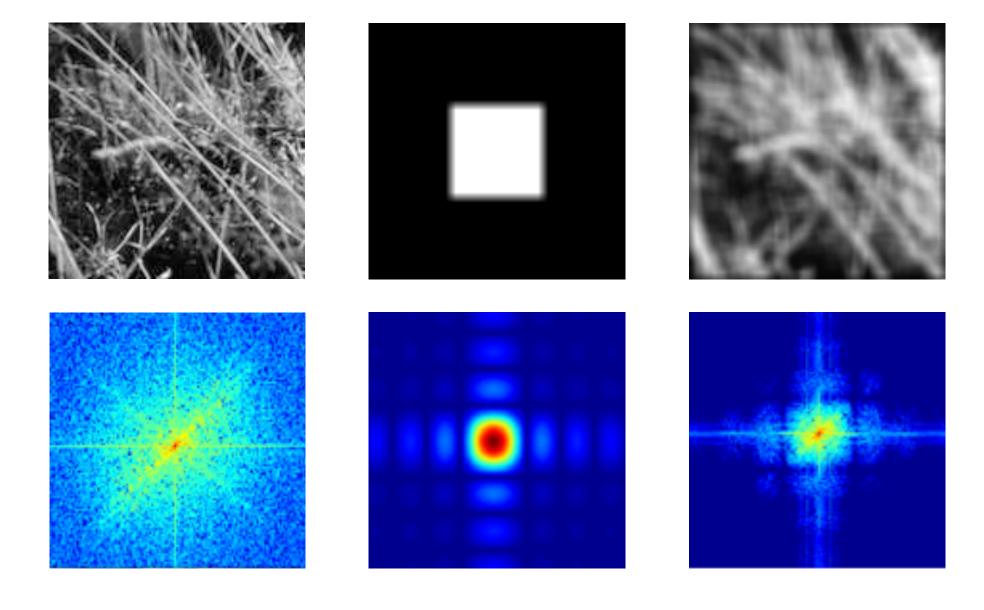


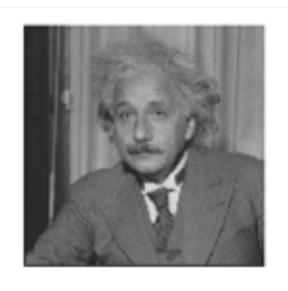


Gaussian blur



Box blur

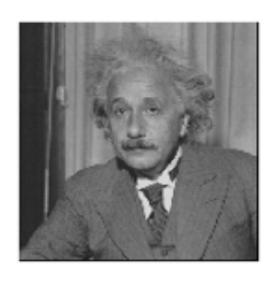




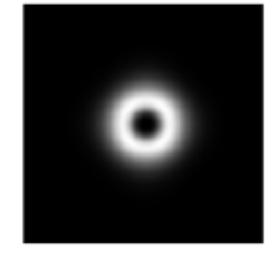
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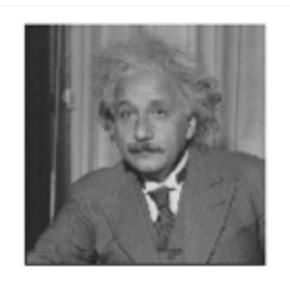


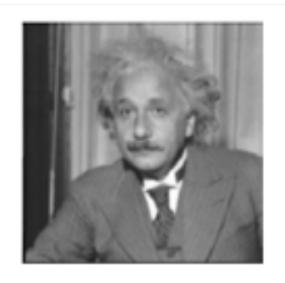
filters shown in frequency-domain



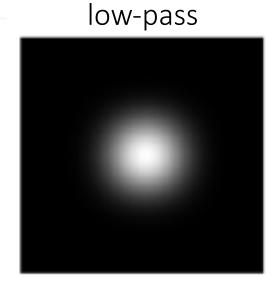
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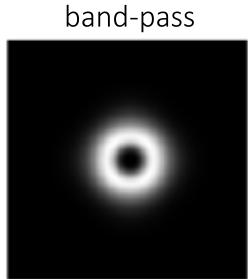










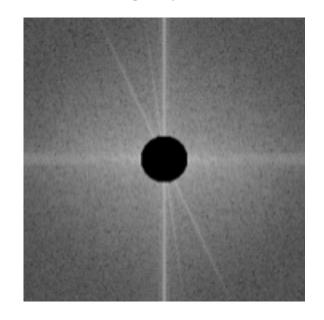


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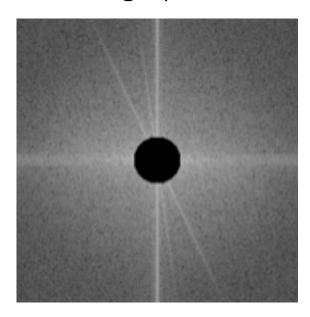
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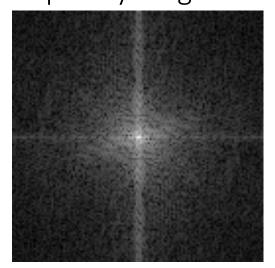
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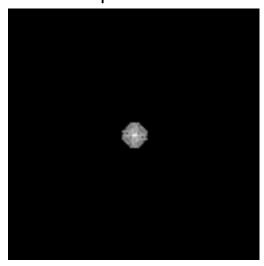
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frequency magnitude



low-pass filter

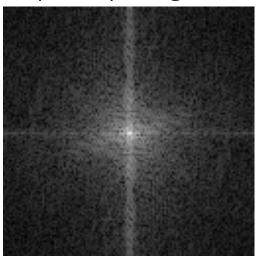


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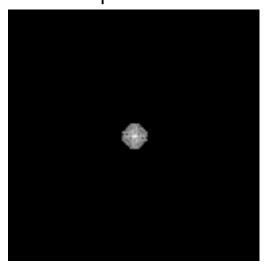
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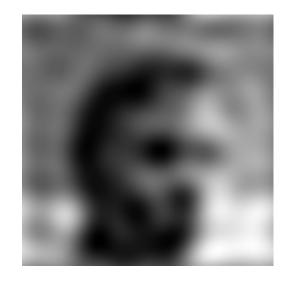


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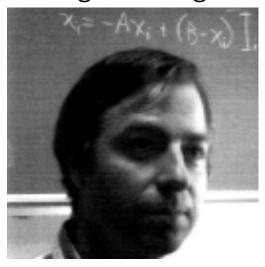


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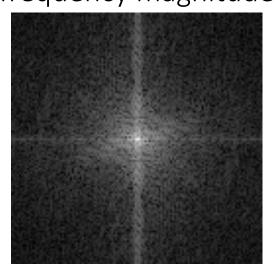




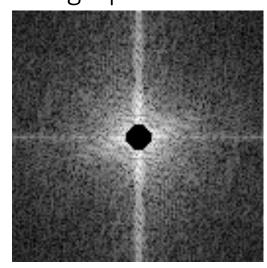
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frequency magnitude



high-pass filter

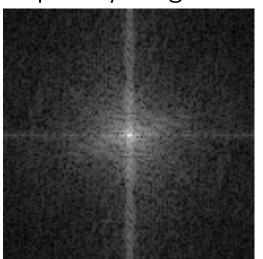




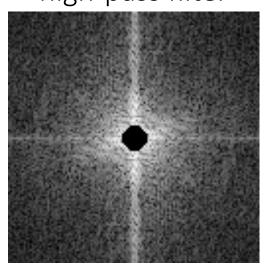
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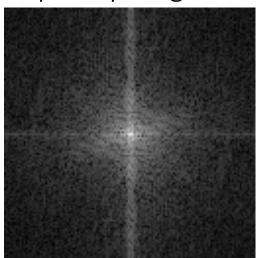




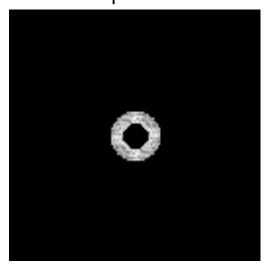
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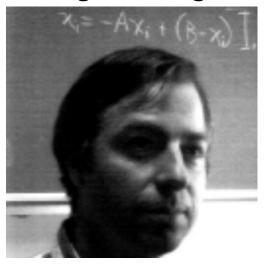


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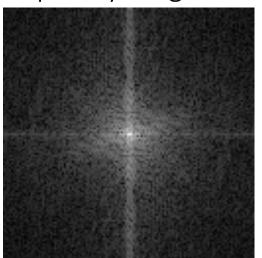




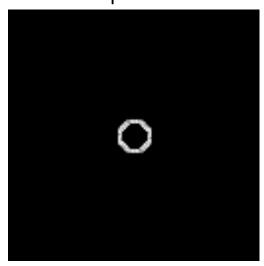
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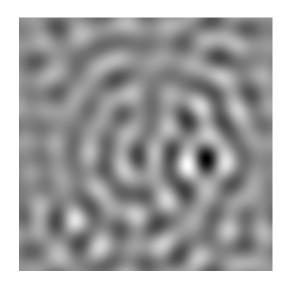


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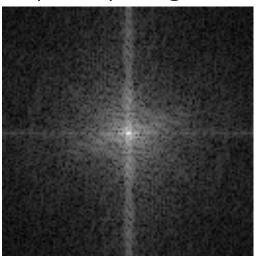




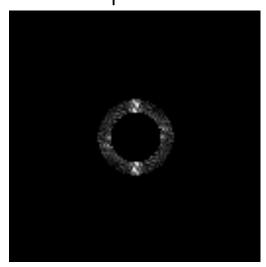
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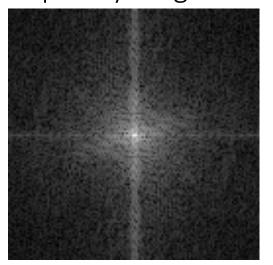




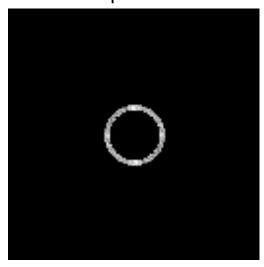
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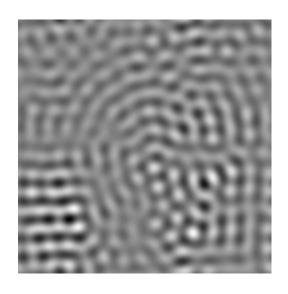


frequency magnitude



band-pass filter





Revisiting sampling

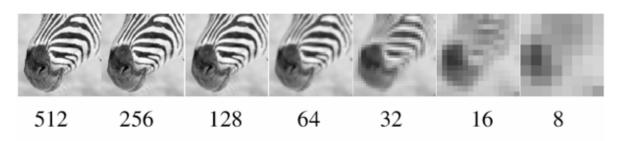
The Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem

A continuous signal can be perfectly reconstructed from its discrete version using linear interpolation, if sampling occurred with frequency:

$$f_{s} \geq 2 f_{\mathrm{max}}$$
 — This is called the Nyquist frequency

Equivalent reformulation: When downsampling, aliasing does not occur if samples are taken at the Nyquist frequency or higher.

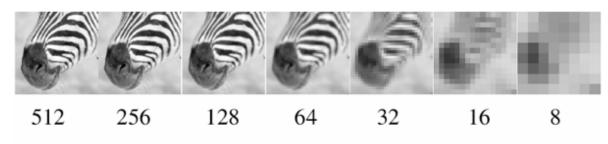
Gaussian pyramid



How does the Nyquist-Shannon theorem relate to the Gaussian pyramid?



Gaussian pyramid





How does the Nyquist-Shannon theorem relate to the Gaussian pyramid?

- Gaussian blurring is low-pass filtering.
- By blurring we try to sufficiently decrease the Nyquist frequency to avoid aliasing.

How large should the Gauss blur we use be?

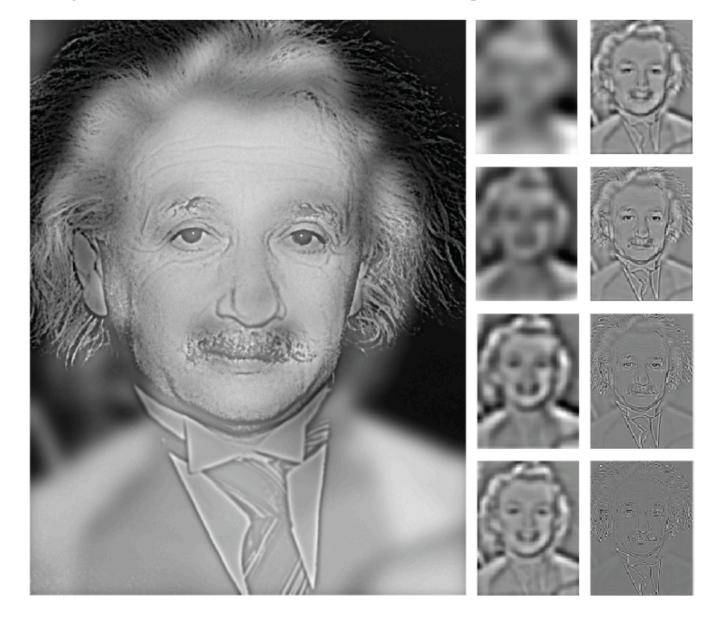
Frequency-domain filtering in human vision



"Hybrid image"

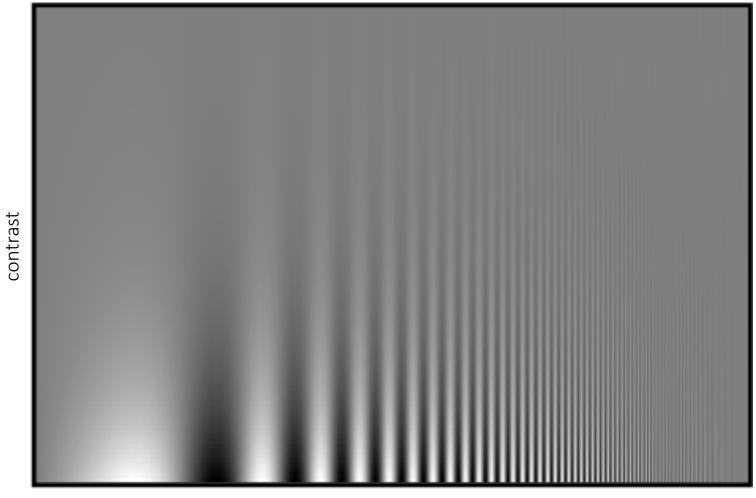
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Frequency-domain filtering in human vision



Variable frequency sensitivity

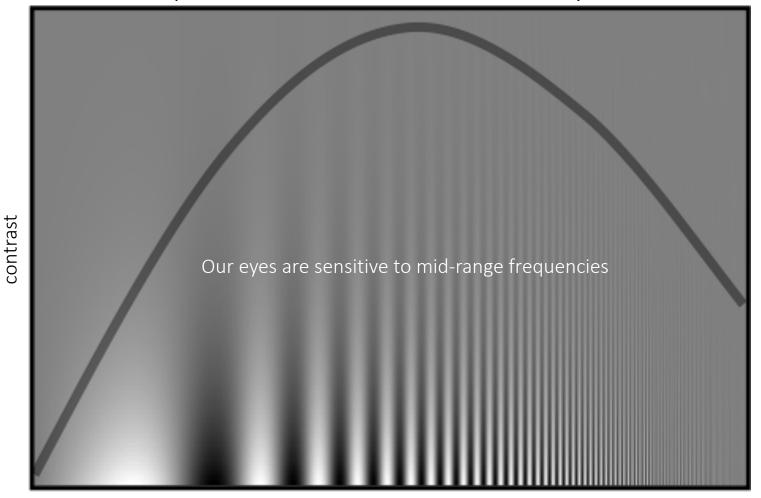
Experiment: Where do you see the stripes?



frequency

Variable frequency sensitivity

Campbell-Robson contrast sensitivity curve



- Early processing in humans filters for various orientations and scales of frequency
- Perceptual cues in the mid frequencies dominate perception

frequency