Digital Image Processing Chapter 4: Image Enhancement in the Frequency Domain

Background: Fourier Series

Fourier series:

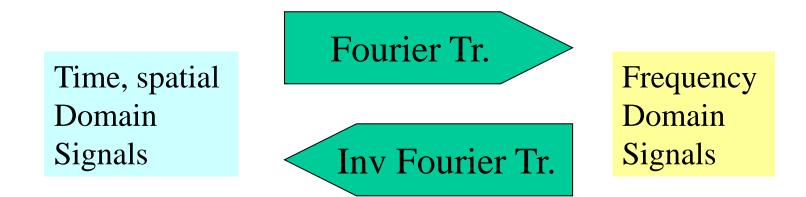


Any periodic signals can be viewed as weighted sum of sinusoidal signals with different frequencies

> Frequency Domain: view frequency as an independent variable

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Fourier Tr. and Frequency Domain



1-D, Continuous case

Fourier Tr.:
$$F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-j2\pi ux} dx$$

Inv. Fourier Tr.: $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u)e^{j2\pi ux} du$

Fourier Tr. and Frequency Domain (cont.)

1-D, Discrete case

Fourier Tr.:
$$F(u) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} f(x) e^{-j2\pi u x/M}$$
 $u = 0, ..., M-1$

Inv. Fourier Tr.:
$$f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} F(u) e^{j2\pi u x/M}$$
 $x = 0,...,M-1$

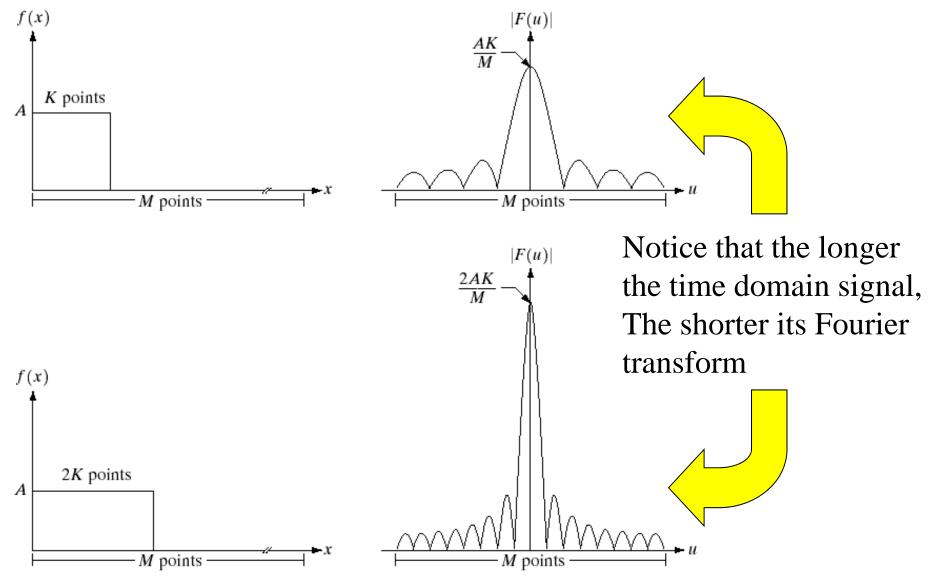
F(u) can be written as

$$F(u) = R(u) + jI(u)$$
 or $F(u) = |F(u)|e^{-j\phi(u)}$

where

$$\left|F(u)\right| = \sqrt{R(u)^2 + I(u)^2} \qquad \phi(u) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{I(u)}{R(u)}\right)$$

Example of 1-D Fourier Transforms



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Relation Between Δx and Δu

For a signal f(x) with M points, let spatial resolution Δx be space between samples in f(x) and let frequency resolution Δu be space between frequencies components in F(u), we have

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{M\Delta x}$$

Example: for a signal f(x) with sampling period 0.5 sec, 100 point, we will get frequency resolution equal to

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{100 \times 0.5} = 0.02$$
 Hz

This means that in F(u) we can distinguish 2 frequencies that are apart by 0.02 Hertz or more.

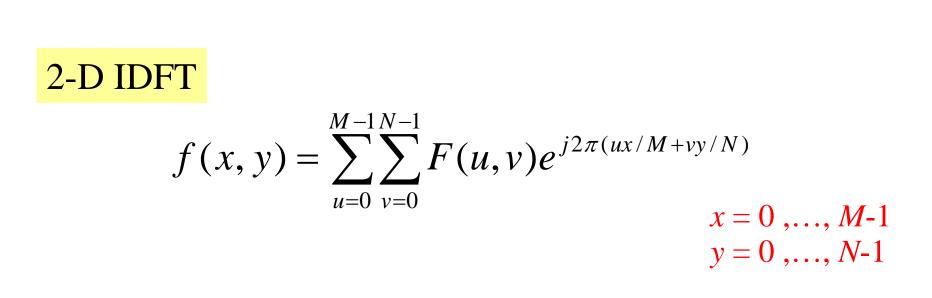
2-Dimensional Discrete Fourier Transform

For an image of size MxN pixels

2-D DFT

$$F(u,v) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x,y) e^{-j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)}$$

u = frequency in x direction, u = 0, ..., M-1v = frequency in y direction, v = 0, ..., N-1



2-Dimensional Discrete Fourier Transform (cont.)

F(u,v) can be written as

F(u,v) = R(u,v) + jI(u,v) or $F(u,v) = |F(u,v)|e^{-j\phi(u,v)}$

where

$$|F(u,v)| = \sqrt{R(u,v)^2 + I(u,v)^2}$$
 $\phi(u,v) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{I(u,v)}{R(u,v)}\right)$

For the purpose of viewing, we usually display only the Magnitude part of F(u,v)

2-D DFT Properties

TABLE 4.1Summary of someimportantproperties of the2-D Fouriertransform.

Property	Expression(s)
Fourier transform	$F(u, v) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)}$
Inverse Fourier transform	$f(x, y) = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u, v) e^{j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)}$
Polar representation	$F(u, v) = F(u, v) e^{-j\phi(u, v)}$
Spectrum	$ F(u, v) = [R^2(u, v) + I^2(u, v)]^{1/2}, R = \operatorname{Real}(F) \text{ and} \\ I = \operatorname{Imag}(F)$
Phase angle	$\phi(u, v) = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{I(u, v)}{R(u, v)} \right]$
Power spectrum	$P(u, v) = F(u, v) ^2$
Average value	$\overline{f}(x, y) = F(0, 0) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y)$
Translation	$f(x, y)e^{j2\pi(u_0x/M+v_0y/N)} \Leftrightarrow F(u - u_0, v - v_0)$
	$f(x - x_0, y - y_0) \Leftrightarrow F(u, v)e^{-j2\pi(ux_0/M + vy_0/N)}$
	When $x_0 = u_0 = M/2$ and $y_0 = v_0 = N/2$, then
	$f(x, y)(-1)^{x+y} \Leftrightarrow F(u - M/2, v - N/2)$
	$f(x - M/2, y - N/2) \Leftrightarrow F(u, v)(-1)^{u+v}$

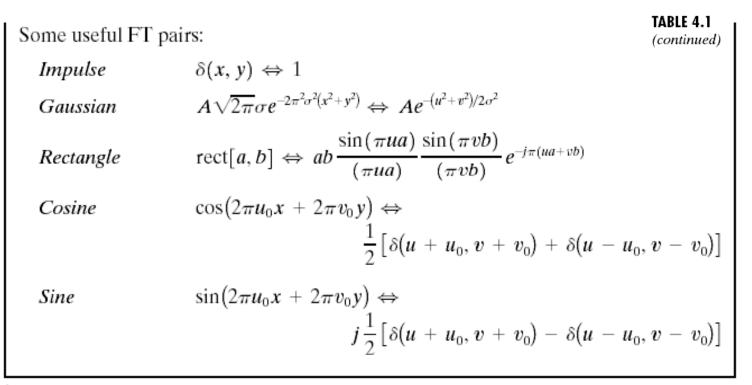
2-D DFT Properties (cont.)

Conjugate symmetry	$F(u, v) = F^*(-u, -v)$ F(u, v) = F(-u, -v)	
Differentiation	$\frac{\partial^n f(x, y)}{\partial x^n} \Leftrightarrow (ju)^n F(u, v)$	TABLE 4.1 (continued)
	$(-jx)^n f(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial^n F(u, v)}{\partial u^n}$	()
Laplacian	$\nabla^2 f(x, y) \Leftrightarrow -(u^2 + v^2)F(u, v)$	
Distributivity	$\Im[f_1(x, y) + f_2(x, y)] = \Im[f_1(x, y)] + \Im[f_2(x, y)]$ $\Im[f_1(x, y) \cdot f_2(x, y)] \neq \Im[f_1(x, y)] \cdot \Im[f_2(x, y)]$	
Scaling	$af(x, y) \Leftrightarrow aF(u, v), f(ax, by) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{ ab }F(u/a, v/b)$	
Rotation	$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta y = r \sin \theta u = \omega \cos \varphi v = \omega \sin \varphi \\ f(r, \theta + \theta_0) \Leftrightarrow F(\omega, \varphi + \theta_0) \end{aligned}$	
Periodicity	F(u, v) = F(u + M, v) = F(u, v + N) = F(u + M, v + N) f(x, y) = f(x + M, y) = f(x, y + N) = f(x + M, y + N)	
Separability	See Eqs. (4.6-14) and (4.6-15). Separability implies that we can compute the 2-D transform of an image by first computing 1-D transforms along each row of the image, and then computing a 1-D transform along each column of this intermediate result. The reverse, columns and then rows, yields the same result.	
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2-D DFT Properties (cont.)

Property	Expression(s)
Computation of the inverse Fourier transform using a forward transform algorithm	$\frac{1}{MN}f^*(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN}\sum_{u=0}^{M-1}\sum_{v=0}^{N-1}F^*(u, v)e^{-j2\pi(ux/M+vy/N)}$ This equation indicates that inputting the function $F^*(v_{\text{TABLE 4.1}})$ into an algorithm designed to compute the forward trat(continued) (right side of the preceding equation) yields $f^*(x, y)/MN$. Taking the complex conjugate and multiplying this result by MN gives the desired inverse.
$Convolution^{\dagger}$	$f(x, y) * h(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(m, n) h(x - m, y - n)$
$\operatorname{Correlation}^{\dagger}$	$f(x, y) \circ h(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f^*(m, n) h(x + m, y + n)$
Convolution theorem [†]	$f(x, y) * h(x, y) \Leftrightarrow F(u, v)H(u, v);$ $f(x, y)h(x, y) \Leftrightarrow F(u, v) * H(u, v)$
Correlation theorem [†]	$ \begin{aligned} f(x, y) \circ h(x, y) &\Leftrightarrow F^*(u, v) H(u, v); \\ f^*(x, y) h(x, y) &\Leftrightarrow F(u, v) \circ H(u, v) \end{aligned} $



[†] Assumes that functions have been extended by zero padding.

Computational Advantage of FFT Compared to DFT

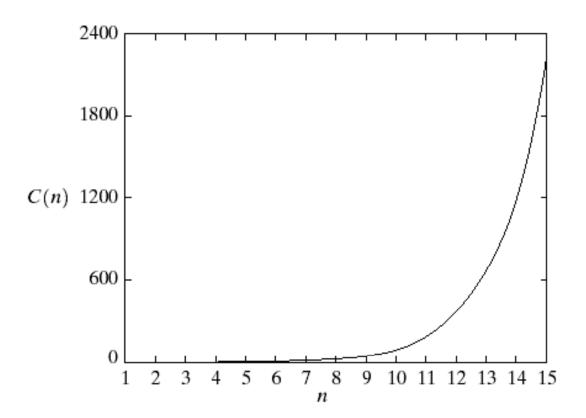


FIGURE 4.42

Computational advantage of the FFT over a direct implementation of the 1-D DFT. Note that the advantage increases rapidly as a function of *n*.

Relation Between Spatial and Frequency Resolutions

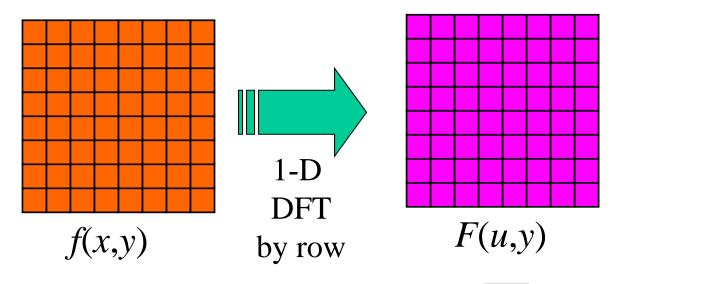
$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{M\Delta x} \qquad \Delta v = \frac{1}{N\Delta y}$$

where

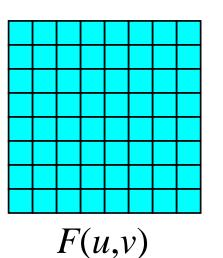
 Δx = spatial resolution in *x* direction Δy = spatial resolution in *y* direction

(Δx and Δy are pixel width and height.) Δu = frequency resolution in *x* direction Δv = frequency resolution in *y* direction N,M = image width and height

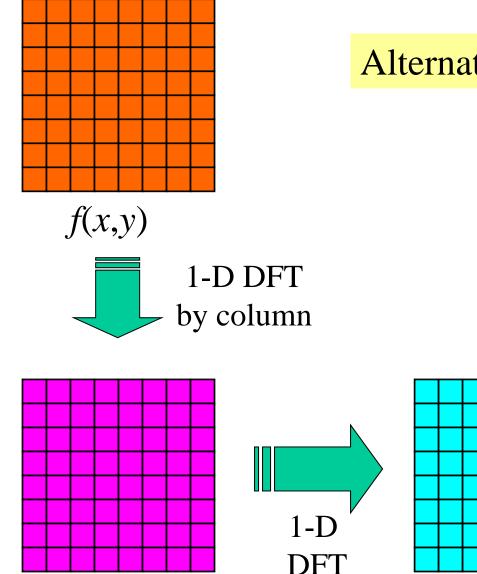
How to Perform 2-D DFT by Using 1-D DFT



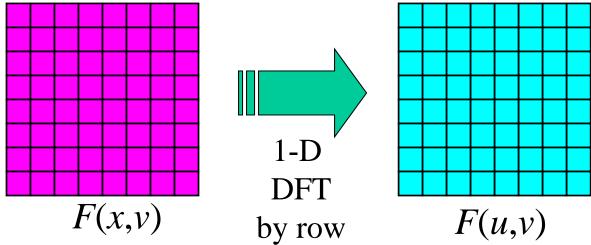




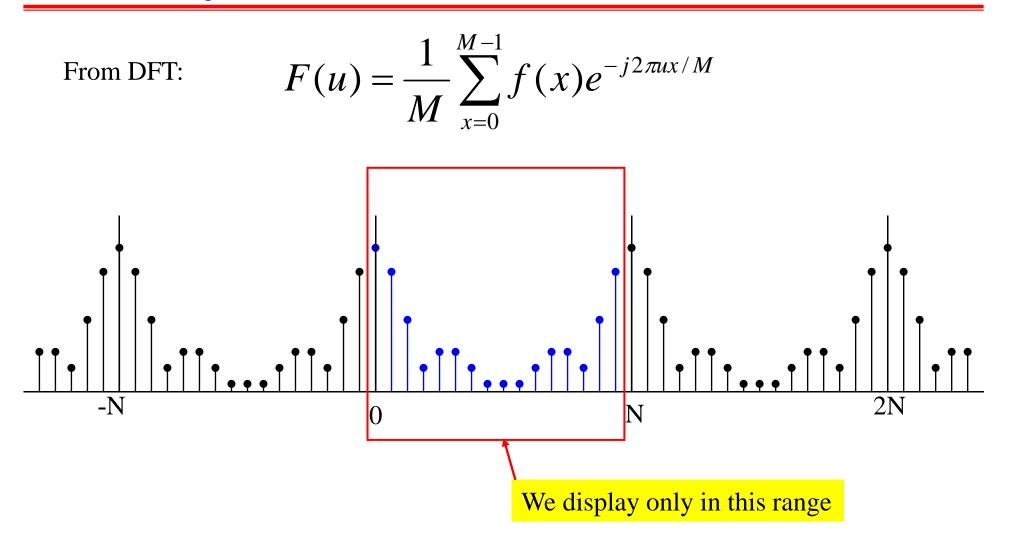
How to Perform 2-D DFT by Using 1-D DFT (cont.)



Alternative method

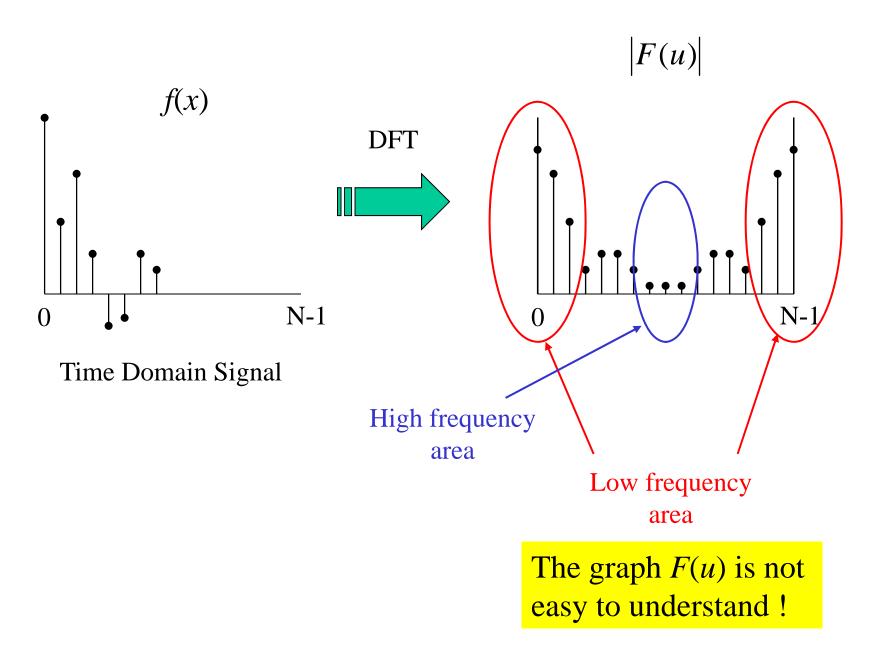


Periodicity of 1-D DFT

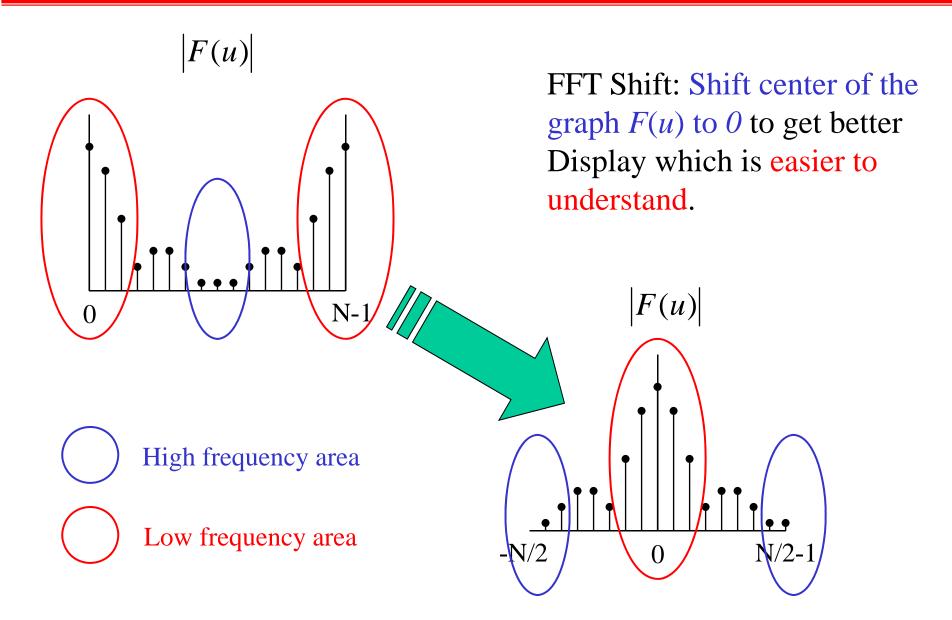


DFT repeats itself every N points (Period – N) but we usually display it for n = 0, ..., N-1

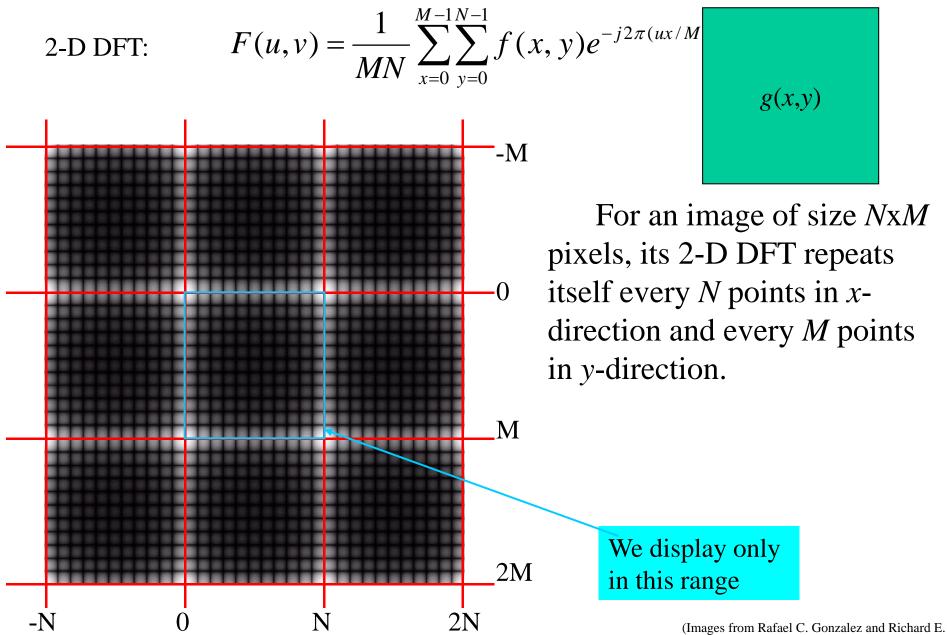
Conventional Display for 1-D DFT



Conventional Display for DFT : FFT Shift

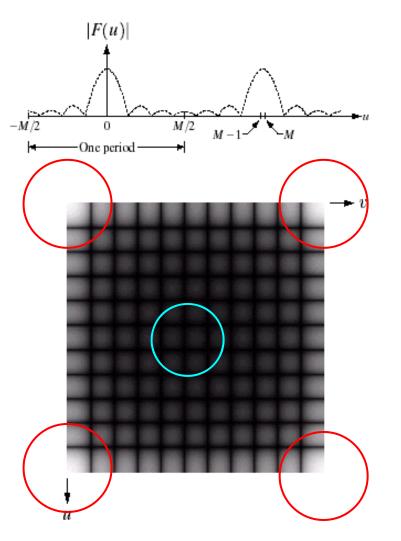


Periodicity of 2-D DFT



Conventional Display for 2-D DFT

F(u,v) has low frequency areas at corners of the image while high frequency areas are at the center of the image which is inconvenient to interpret.

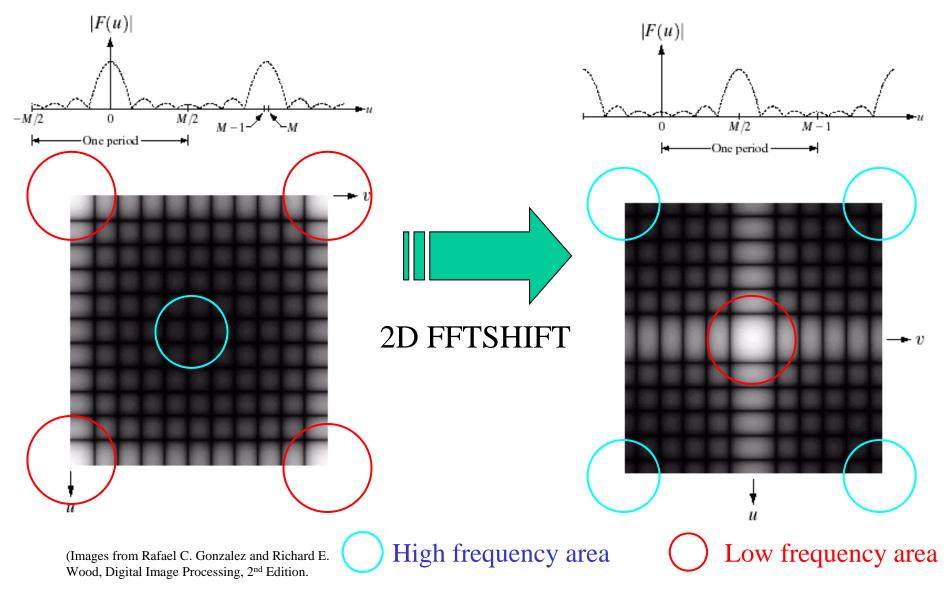


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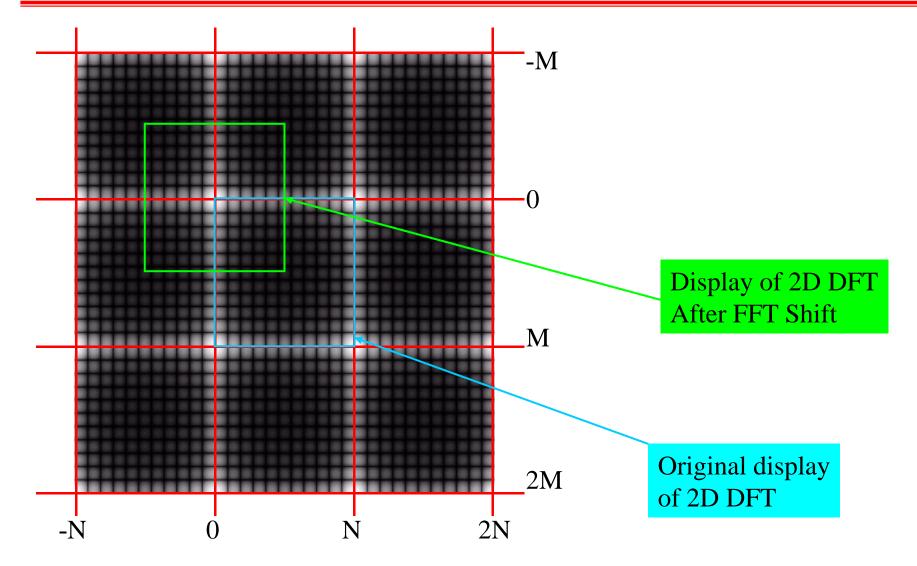
High frequency area
Low frequency area

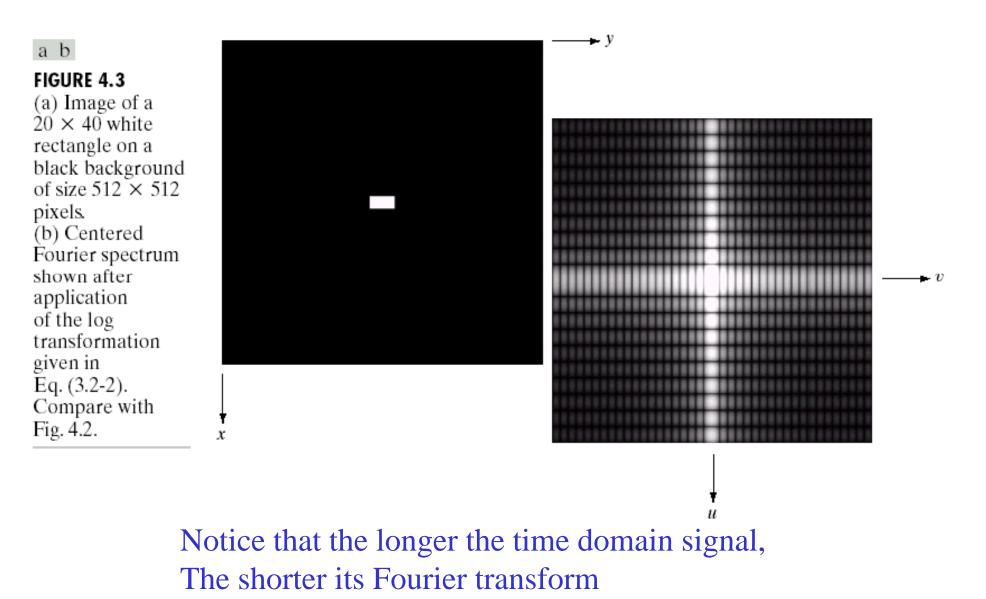
2-D FFT Shift : Better Display of 2-D DFT

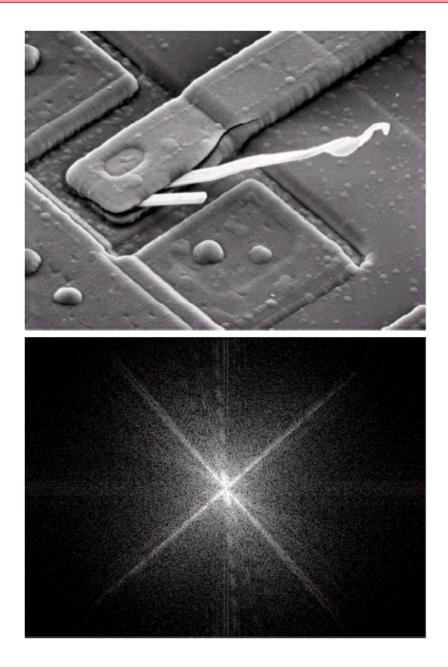
2-D FFT Shift is a MATLAB function: Shift the zero frequency of F(u,v) to the center of an image.



2-D FFT Shift (cont.) : How it works



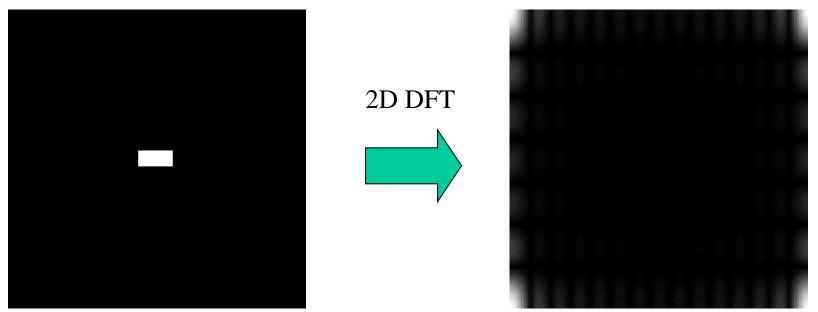




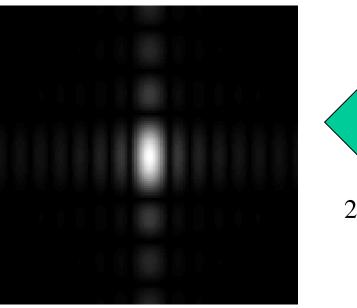
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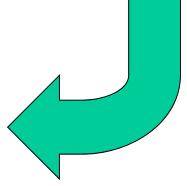
FIGURE 4.4 (a) SEM image of a damaged integrated circuit. (b) Fourier spectrum of (a). (Original image courtesy of Dr. J. M. Hudak, Brockhouse Institute for Materials Research, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.)

Notice that direction of an object in spatial image and Its Fourier transform are orthogonal to each other.

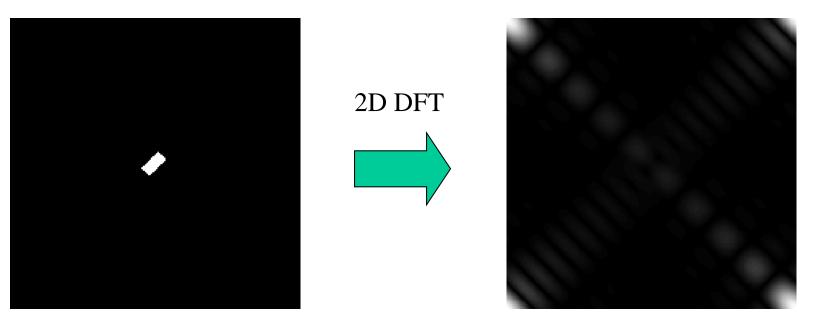


Original image

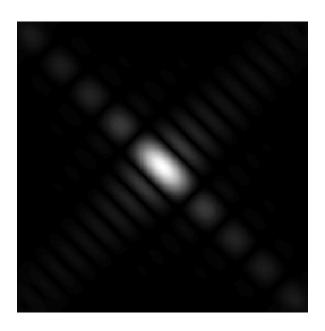


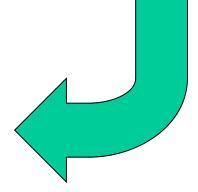


2D FFT Shift



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2D FFT Shift

Basic Concept of Filtering in the Frequency Domain

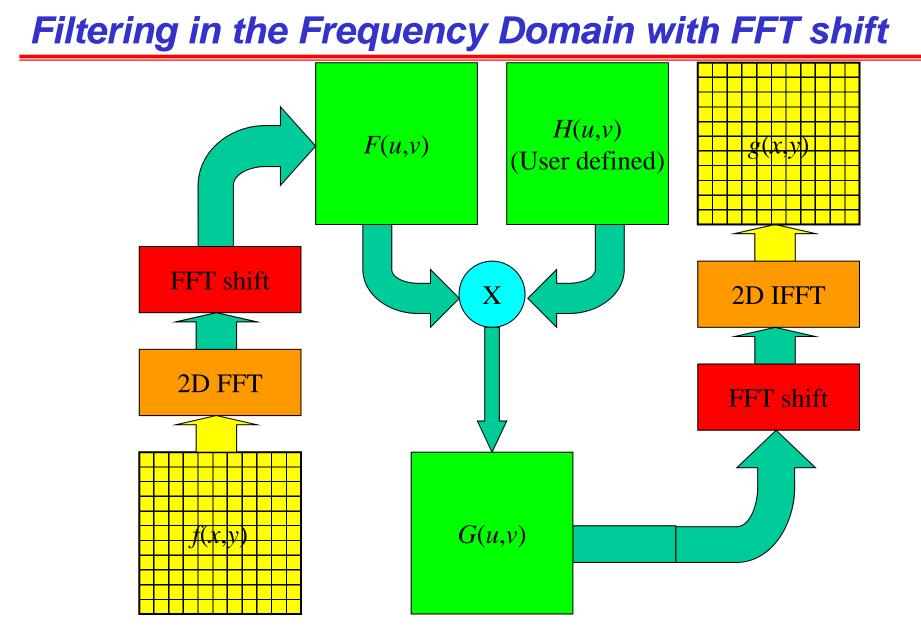
From Fourier Transform Property:

 $g(x, y) = f(x, y) * h(x, y) \Leftrightarrow F(u, v) \cdot H(u, v) = G(u, v)$

We cam perform filtering process by using

Filter Inverse Fourier function Fourier transform transform H(u, v)F(u, v)H(u, v)F(u, v)Pre-Postprocessing processing Multiplication in the frequency domain is easier than convolution in the spatial Domain. f(x, y)g(x, y)Input Enhanced image image (Images from Rafael C. Gonzalez and Richard E. Wood, Digital Image Processing, 2nd Edition.

Frequency domain filtering operation



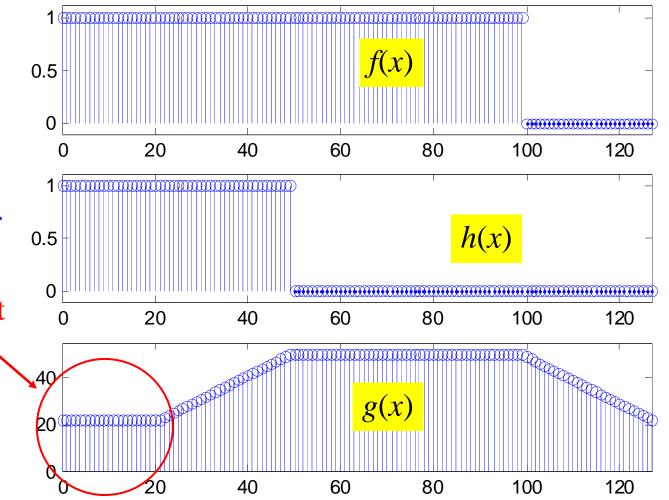
In this case, F(u,v) and H(u,v) must have the same size and have the zero frequency at the center.

Multiplication in Freq. Domain = Circular Convolution

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f(x) \rightarrow \mathrm{DFT} \rightarrow F(u) \\ & & & \\ &$$

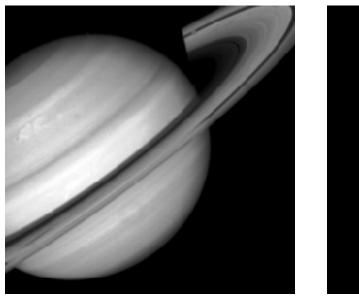
Multiplication of DFTs of 2 signals is equivalent to perform circular convolution in the spatial domain.

"Wrap around" effect



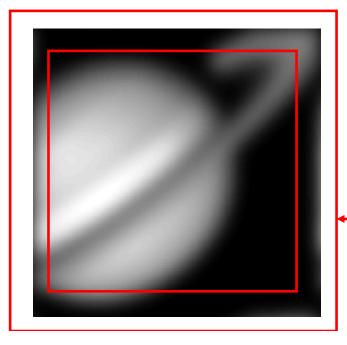
Multiplication in Freq. Domain = Circular Convolution

Original image





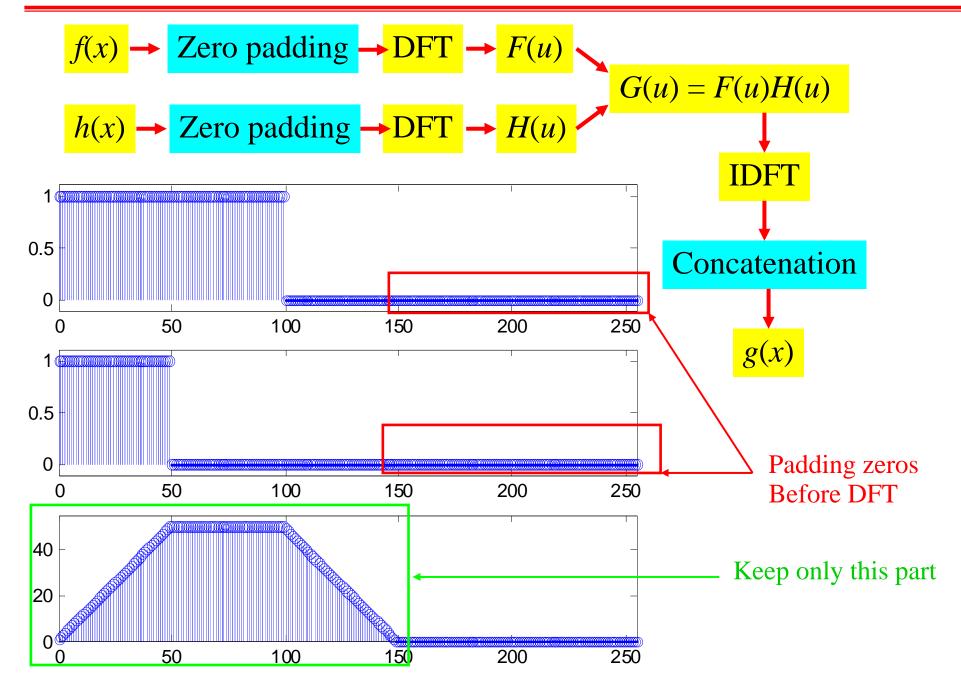
H(u,v)Gaussian Lowpass Filter with D0 = 5



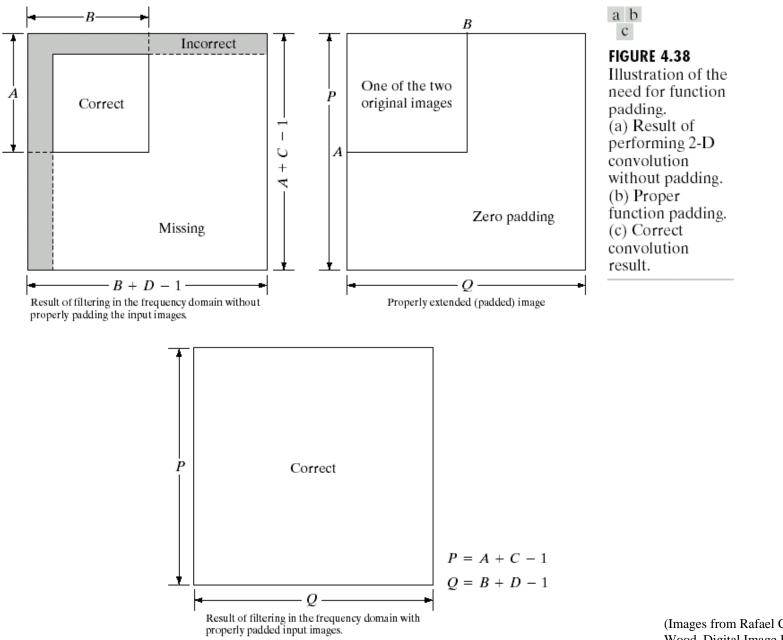
Filtered image (obtained using circular convolution)

- Incorrect areas at image rims

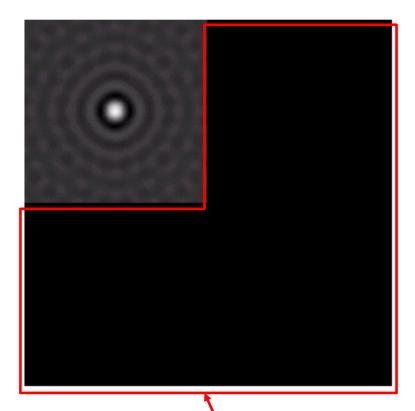
Linear Convolution by using Circular Convolution and Zero Padding

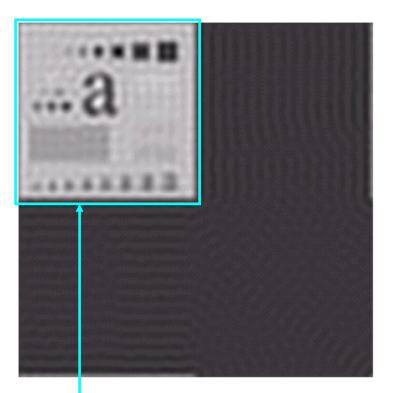


Linear Convolution by using Circular Convolution and Zero Padding



Linear Convolution by using Circular Convolution and Zero Padding



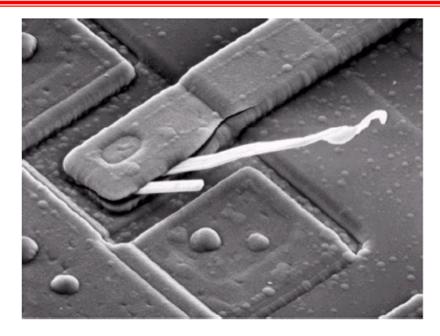


Filtered image

Zero padding area in the spatial Domain of the mask image (the ideal lowpass filter)

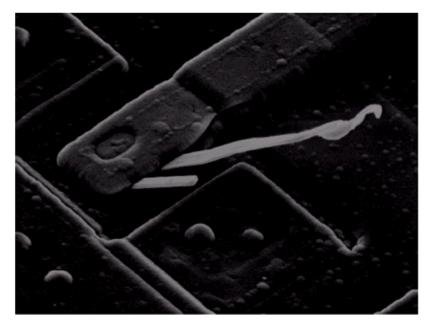
Only this area is kept.

Filtering in the Frequency Domain : Example



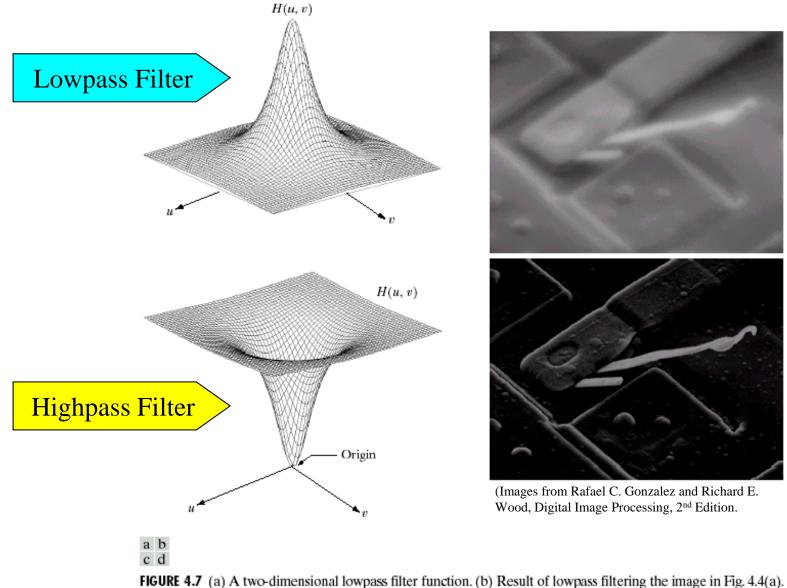
Note: Zero frequency = average intensity of an image

In this example, we set F(0,0) to zero which means that the zero frequency component is removed.



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Filtering in the Frequency Domain : Example

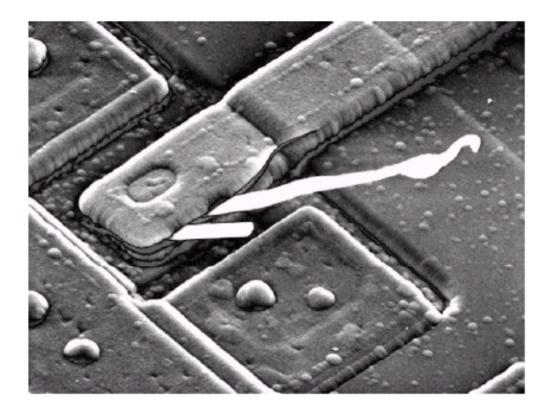


(c) A two-dimensional highpass filter function. (d) Result of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a).

Filtering in the Frequency Domain : Example (cont.)

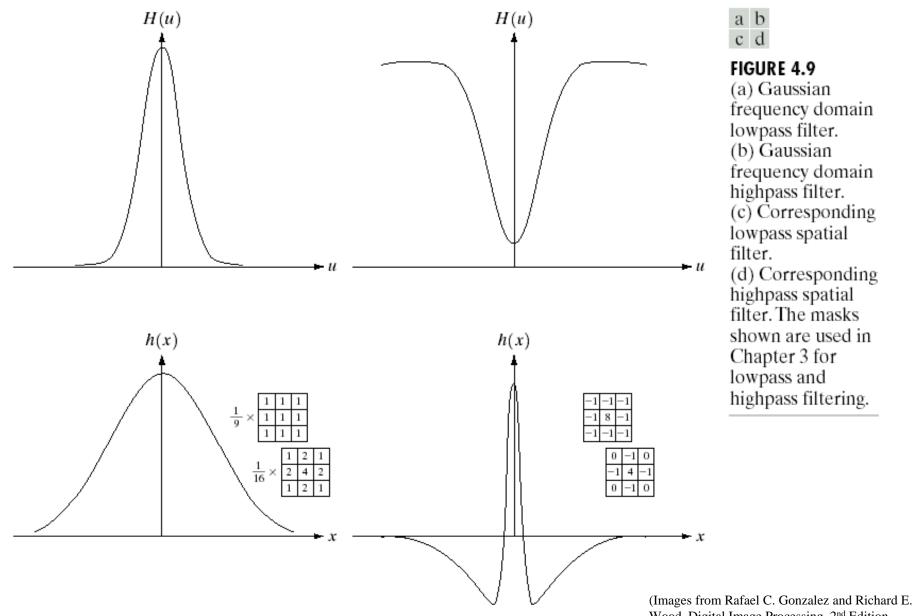
FIGURE 4.8

Result of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a) with the filter in Fig. 4.7(c), modified by adding a constant of one-half the filter height to the filter function. Compare with Fig. 4.4(a).



Result of Sharpening Filter

Filter Masks and Their Fourier Transforms



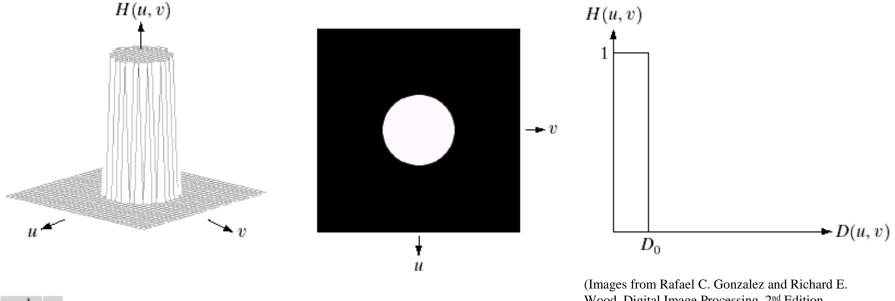
Wood, Digital Image Processing, 2nd Edition.

Ideal Lowpass Filter

Ideal LPF Filter Transfer function

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1 & D(u,v) \le D_0 \\ 0 & D(u,v) > D_0 \end{cases}$$

where D(u,v) = Distance from (u,v) to the center of the mask.

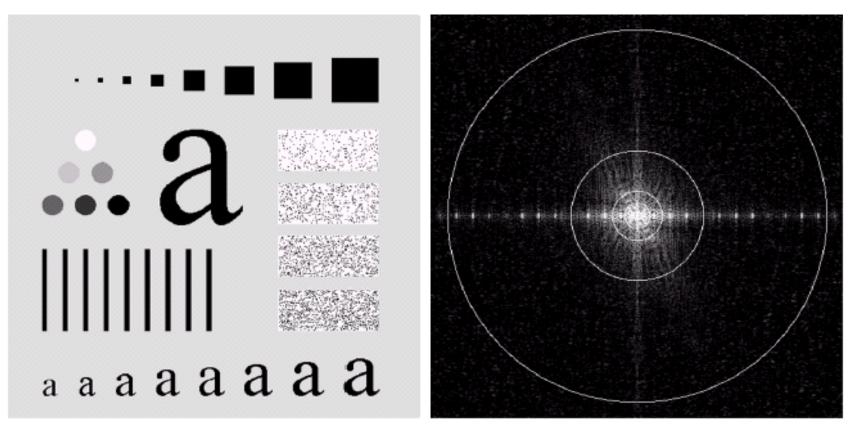


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FIGURE 4.10 (a) Perspective plot of an ideal lowpass filter transfer function. (b) Filter displayed as an image. (c) Filter radial cross section.

Examples of Ideal Lowpass Filters



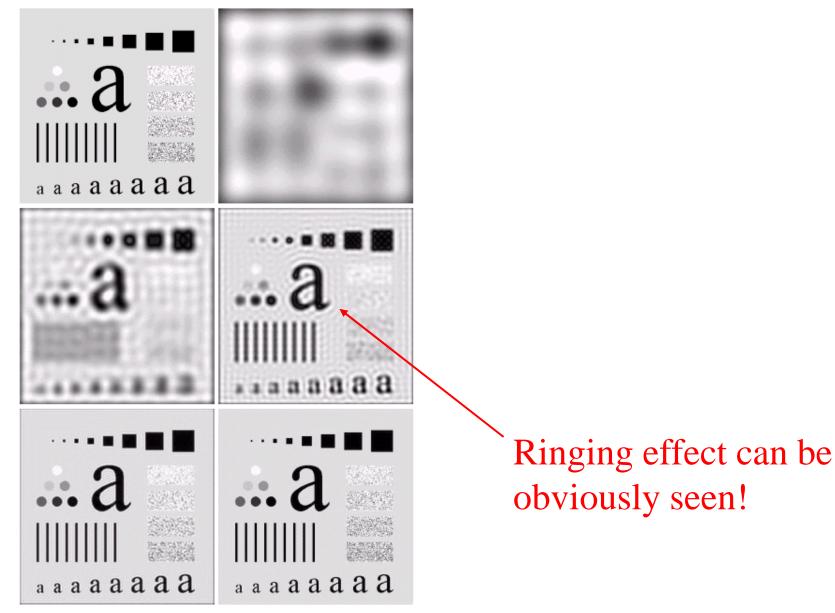
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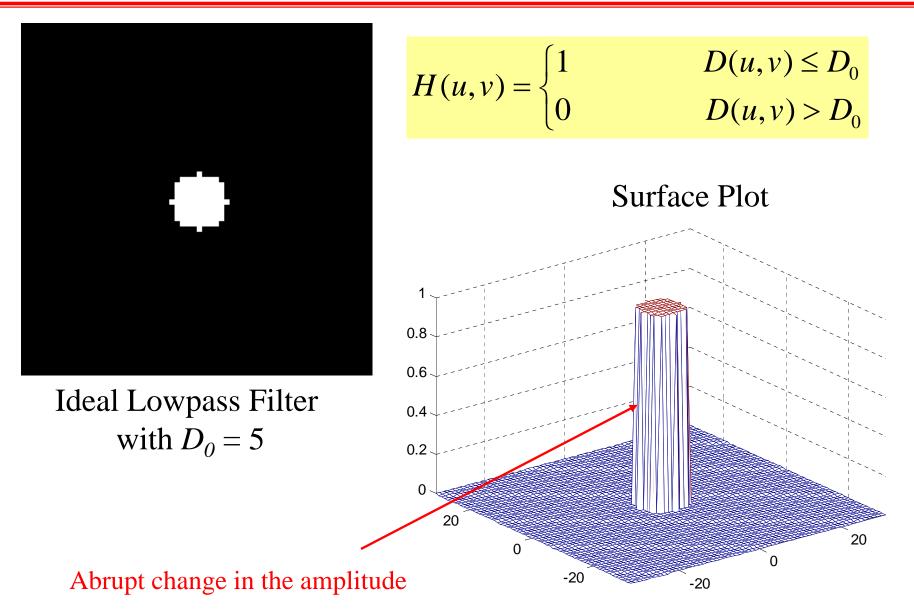
FIGURE 4.11 (a) An image of size 500×500 pixels and (b) its Fourier spectrum. The superimposed circles have radii values of 5, 15, 30, 80, and 230, which enclose 92.0, 94.6, 96.4, 98.0, and 99.5% of the image power, respectively.

The smaller D_0 , the more high frequency components are removed.

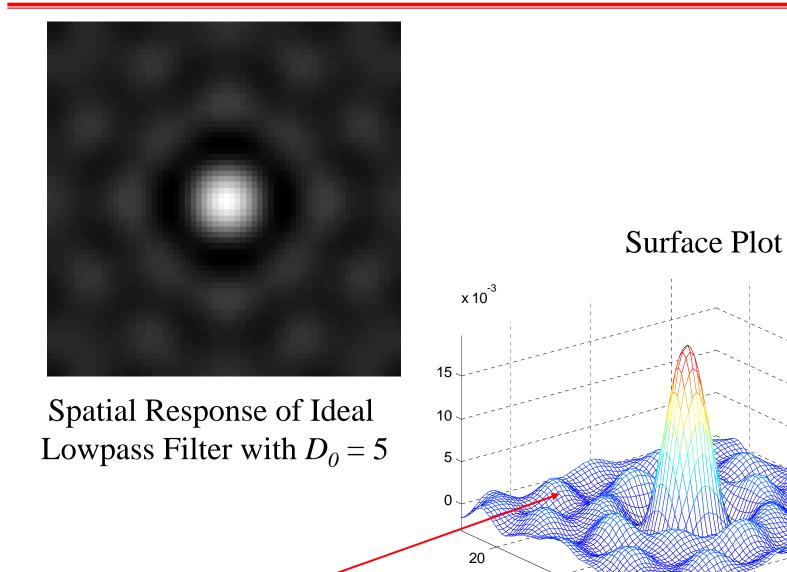
Results of Ideal Lowpass Filters



How ringing effect happens



How ringing effect happens (cont.)



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Ripples that cause ringing effect

How ringing effect happens (cont.)

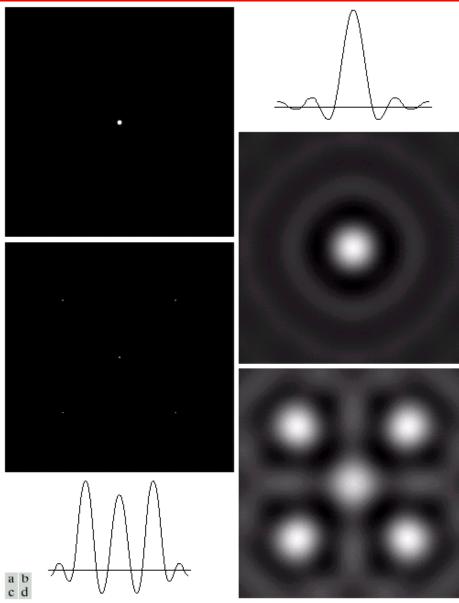


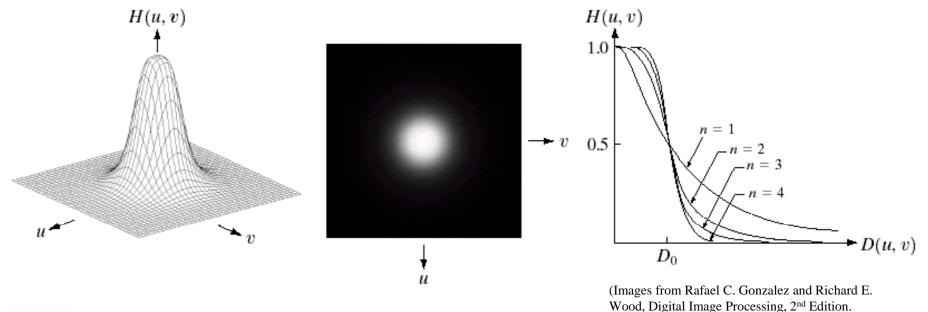
FIGURE 4.13 (a) A frequency-domain ILPF of radius 5. (b) Corresponding spatial filter (note the ringing). (c) Five impulses in the spatial domain, simulating the values of five pixels. (d) Convolution of (b) and (c) in the spatial domain.

Butterworth Lowpass Filter

Transfer function

$$H(u,v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D(u,v)/D_0]^{2N}}$$

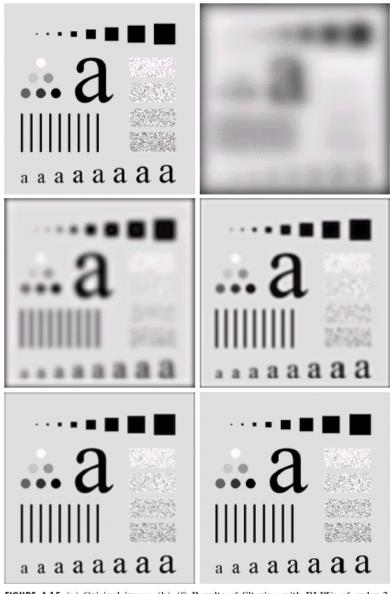
Where D_0 – Cut off frequency, N – filter order.



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FIGURE 4.14 (a) Perspective plot of a Butterworth lowpass filter transfer function. (b) Filter displayed as an image. (c) Filter radial cross sections of orders 1 through 4.

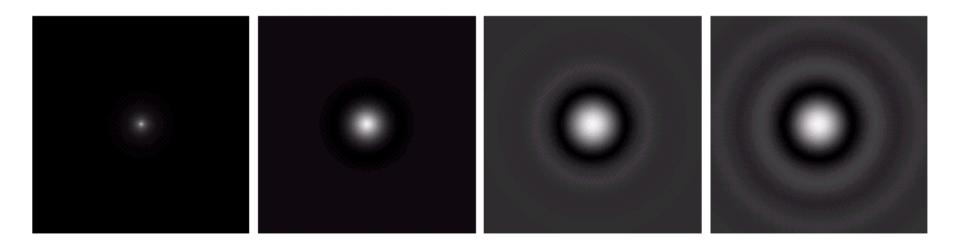
Results of Butterworth Lowpass Filters

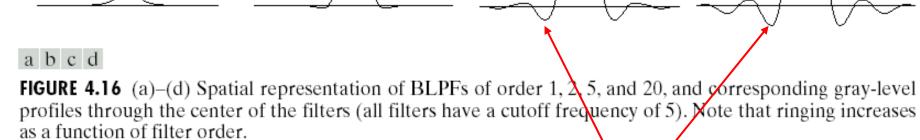


a b FIGURE 4.15 (a) Original image. (b)–(f) Results of filtering with BLPFs of order 2, with cutoff frequencies at radii of 5, 15, 30, 80, and 230, as shown in Fig. 4.11(b). Compare with Fig. 4.12.

There is less ringing effect compared to those of ideal lowpass filters!

Spatial Masks of the Butterworth Lowpass Filters





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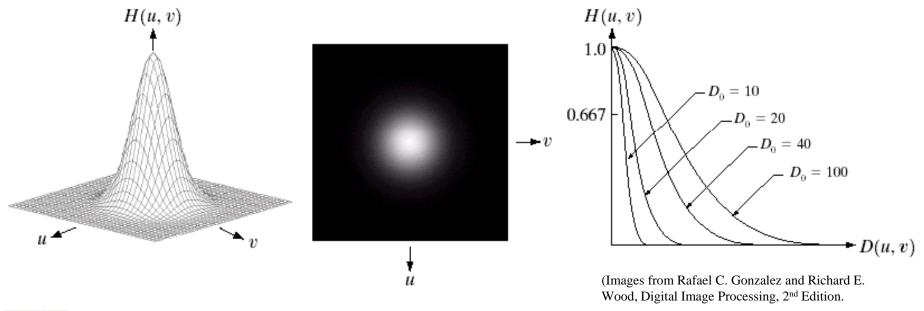
Some ripples can be seen.

Gaussian Lowpass Filter

Transfer function

$$H(u,v) = e^{-D^2(u,v)/2D_0^2}$$

Where D_0 = spread factor.

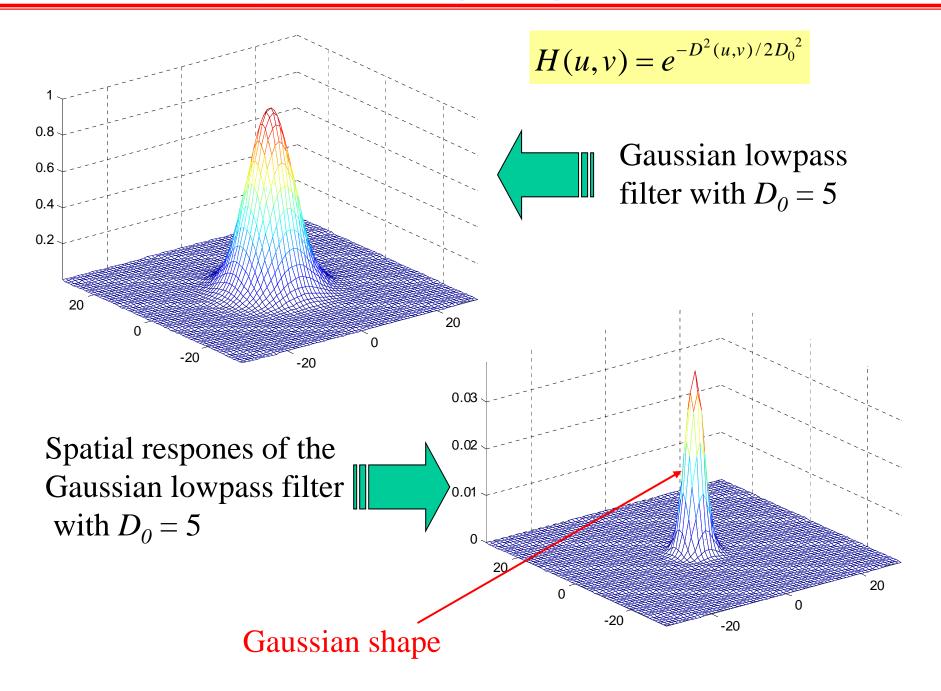


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FIGURE 4.17 (a) Perspective plot of a GLPF transfer function. (b) Filter displayed as an image. (c) Filter radial cross sections for various values of D_0 .

Note: the Gaussian filter is the only filter that has no ripple and hence no ringing effect.

Gaussian Lowpass Filter (cont.)



Results of Gaussian Lowpass Filters

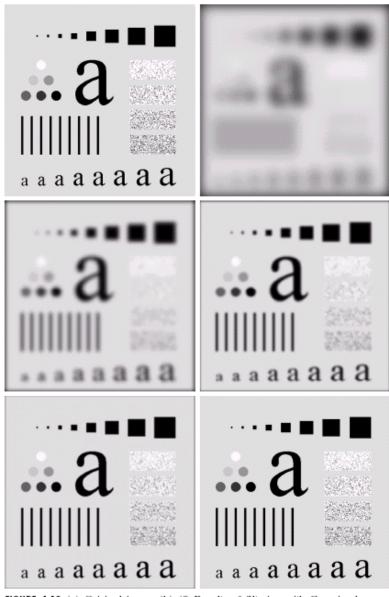


FIGURE 4.18 (a) Original image. (b)-(f) Results of filtering with Gaussian lowpass
filters with cutoff frequencies set at radii values of 5, 15, 30, 80, and 230, as shown in
Fig. 4.11(b). Compare with Figs. 4.12 and 4.15.a b
c
d
e
f

No ringing effect!

Application of Gaussian Lowpass Filters

a b

FIGURE 4.19

(a) Sample text of poor resolution
(note broken
characters in
magnified view).
(b) Result of
filtering with a
GLPF (broken
character
segments were
joined).

Historically, certain computer programs were written using only two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. Accordingly, the company's software may recognize a date using "00" as 1900 rather than the year 2000.



Original image

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The GLPF can be used to remove jagged edges and "repair" broken characters.

Application of Gaussian Lowpass Filters (cont.)

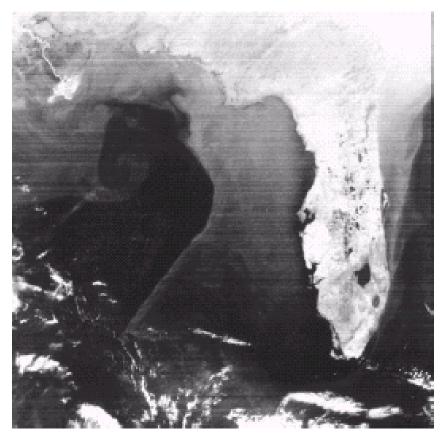


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Softer-Looking

FIGURE 4.20 (a) Original image (1028 × 732 pixels). (b) Result of filtering with a GLPF with $D_0 = 100$. (c) Result of filtering with a GLPF with $D_0 = 80$. Note reduction in skin fine lines in the magnified sections of (b) and (c).

Application of Gaussian Lowpass Filters (cont.)



Original image : The gulf of Mexico and Florida from NOAA satellite.

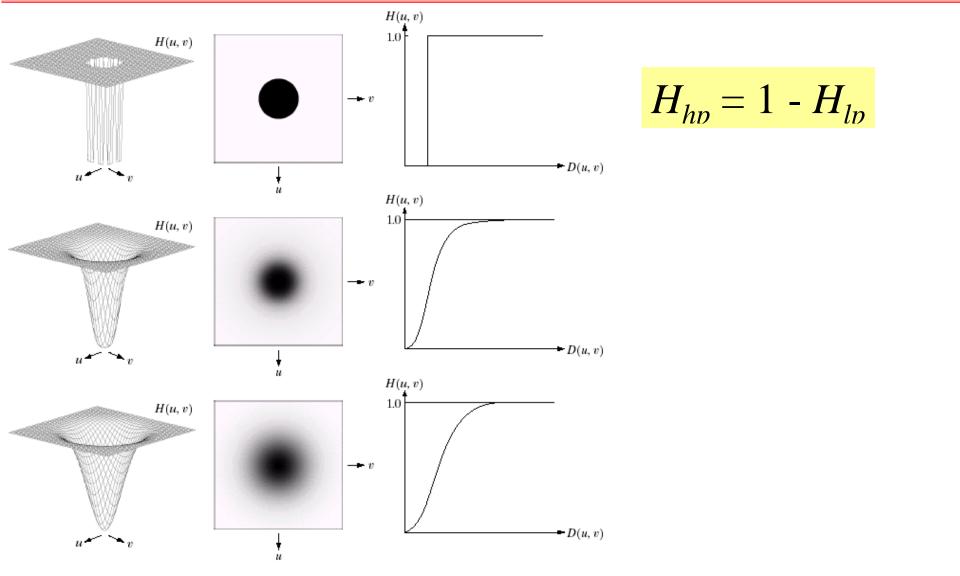


Filtered image

(Images from Rafael C. Gonzalez and Richard E. Wood, Digital Image Processing, 2nd Edition.

Remove artifact lines: this is a simple but crude way to do it!

Highpass Filters



abc def ghi

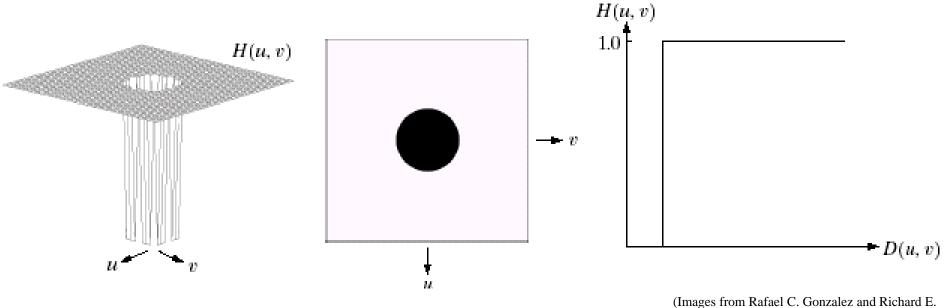
FIGURE 4.22 Top row: Perspective plot, image representation, and cross section of a typical ideal highpass filter. Middle and bottom rows: The same sequence for typical Butterworth and Gaussian highpass filters.

Ideal Highpass Filters

Ideal LPF Filter Transfer function

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0 & D(u,v) \le D_0 \\ 1 & D(u,v) > D_0 \end{cases}$$

where D(u,v) = Distance from (u,v) to the center of the mask.

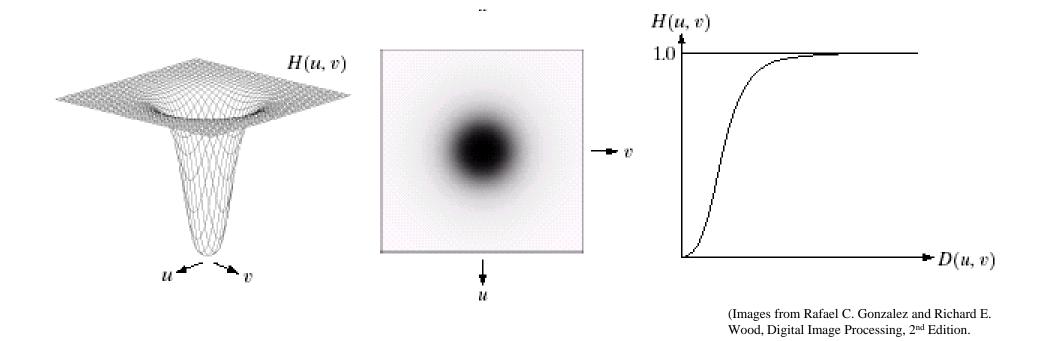


Butterworth Highpass Filters

Transfer function

$$H(u,v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D_0 / D(u,v)]^{2N}}$$

Where D_0 – Cut off frequency, N – filter order.

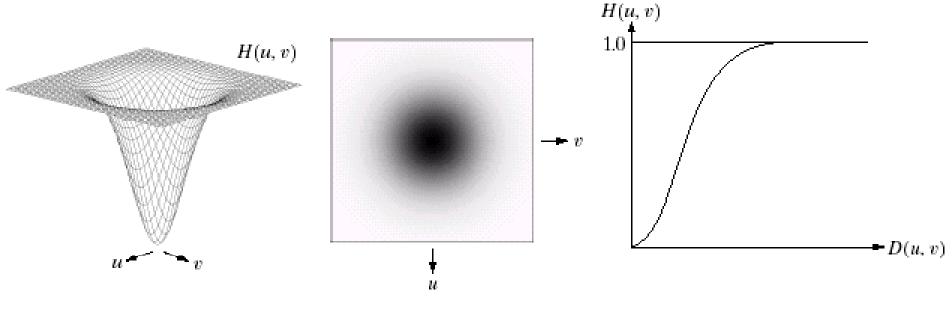


Gaussian Highpass Filters

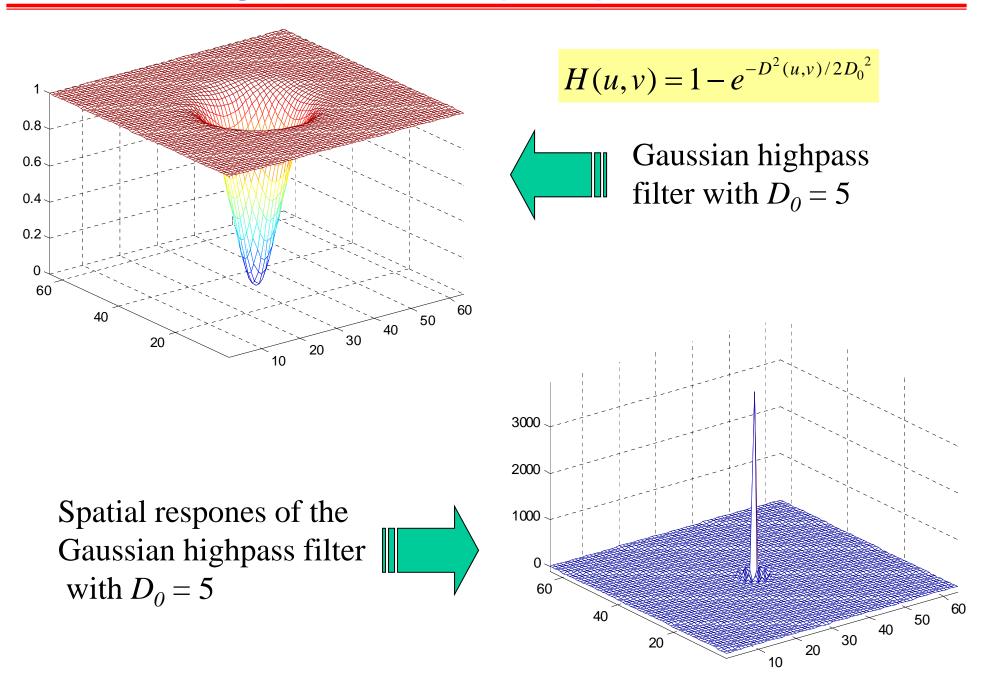
Transfer function

$$H(u,v) = 1 - e^{-D^2(u,v)/2D_0^2}$$

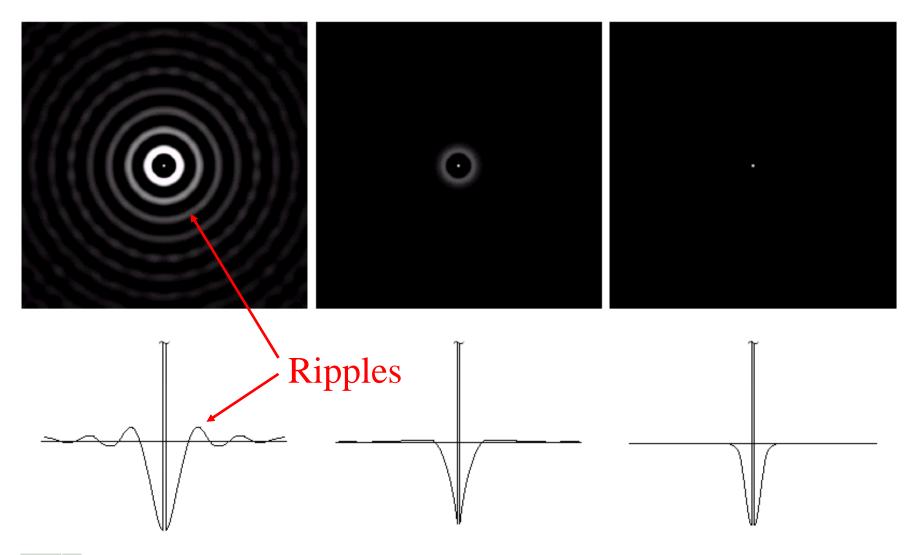
Where D_0 = spread factor.



Gaussian Highpass Filters (cont.)



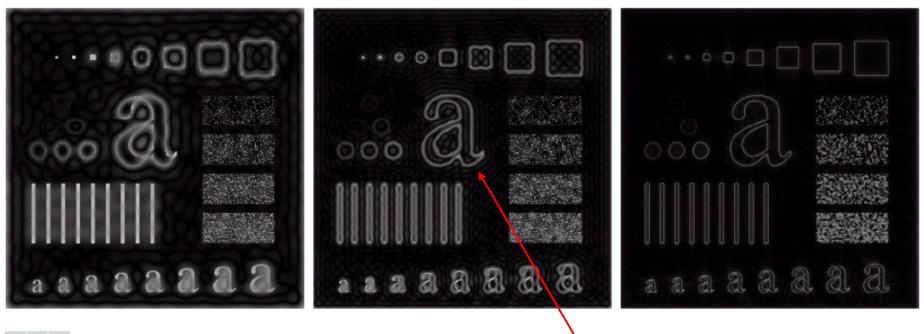
Spatial Responses of Highpass Filters



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FIGURE 4.23 Spatial representations of typical (a) ideal, (b) Butterworth, and (c) Gaussian frequency domain highpass filters, and corresponding gray-level profiles.

Results of Ideal Highpass Filters

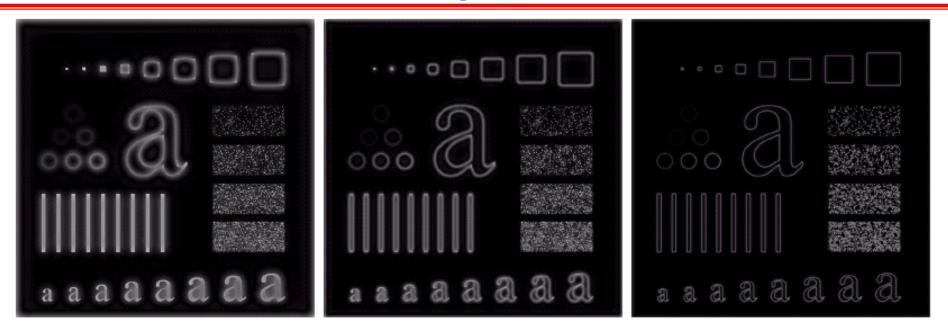


a b c

FIGURE 4.24 Results of ideal highpass filtering the image in Fig 4.11(a) with $D_0 = 15$, 30, and 80, respectively. Problems with ringing are quite evident in (a) and (b).

Ringing effect can be obviously seen!

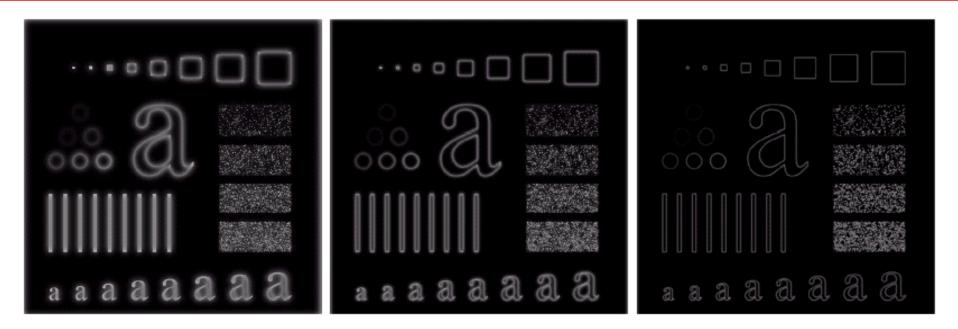
Results of Butterworth Highpass Filters



a b c

FIGURE 4.25 Results of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.11(a) using a BHPF of order 2 with $D_0 = 15$, 30, and 80, respectively. These results are much smoother than those obtained with an ILPF.

Results of Gaussian Highpass Filters



abc

FIGURE 4.26 Results of highpass filtering the image of Fig. 4.11(a) using a GHPF of order 2 with $D_0 = 15$, 30, and 80, respectively. Compare with Figs. 4.24 and 4.25.

Laplacian Filter in the Frequency Domain

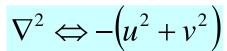
From Fourier Tr. Property:

$$\frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n} \Leftrightarrow (ju)^n F(u)$$

Then for Laplacian operator

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \Leftrightarrow -(u^2 + v^2)F(u, v)$$

We get



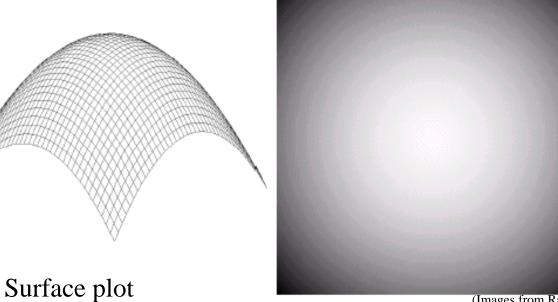
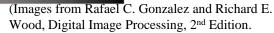
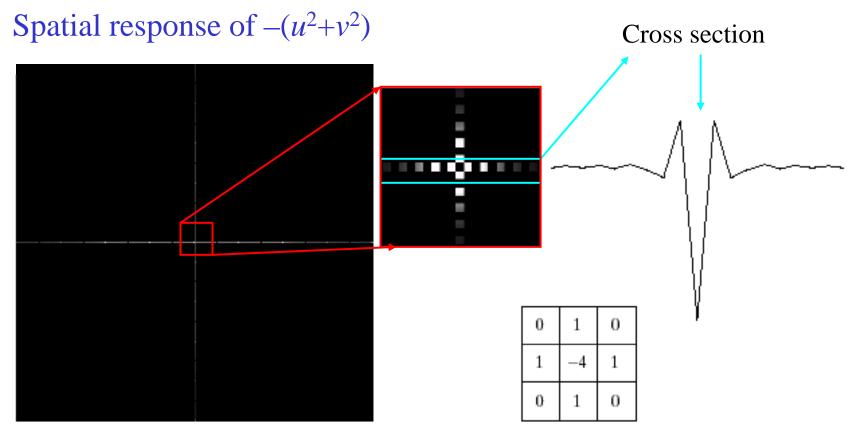


Image of $-(u^2+v^2)$



Laplacian Filter in the Frequency Domain (cont.)



Laplacian mask in Chapter 3

Sharpening Filtering in the Frequency Domain

Spatial Domain

$$f_{hp}(x, y) = f(x, y) - f_{lp}(x, y)$$

$$f_{hb}(x, y) = Af(x, y) - f_{lp}(x, y)$$

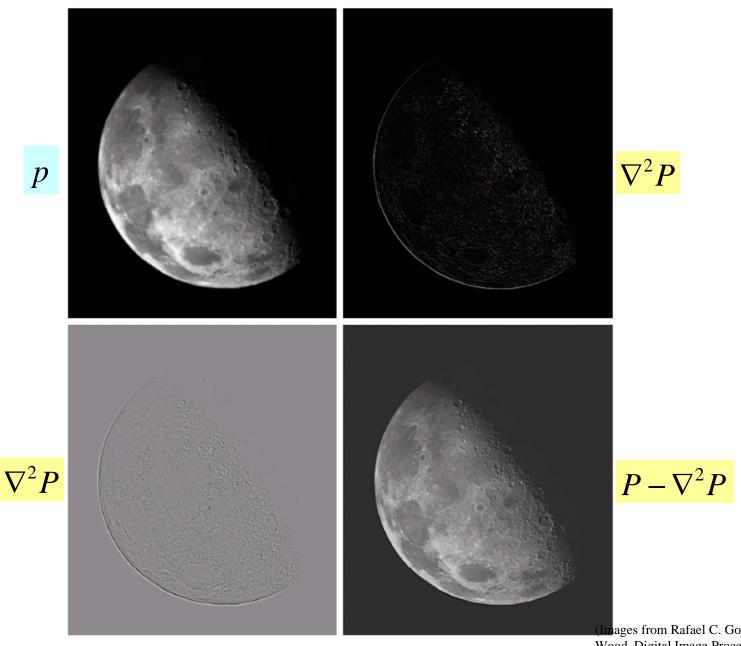
$$f_{hb}(x, y) = (A-1)f(x, y) + f(x, y) - f_{lp}(x, y)$$

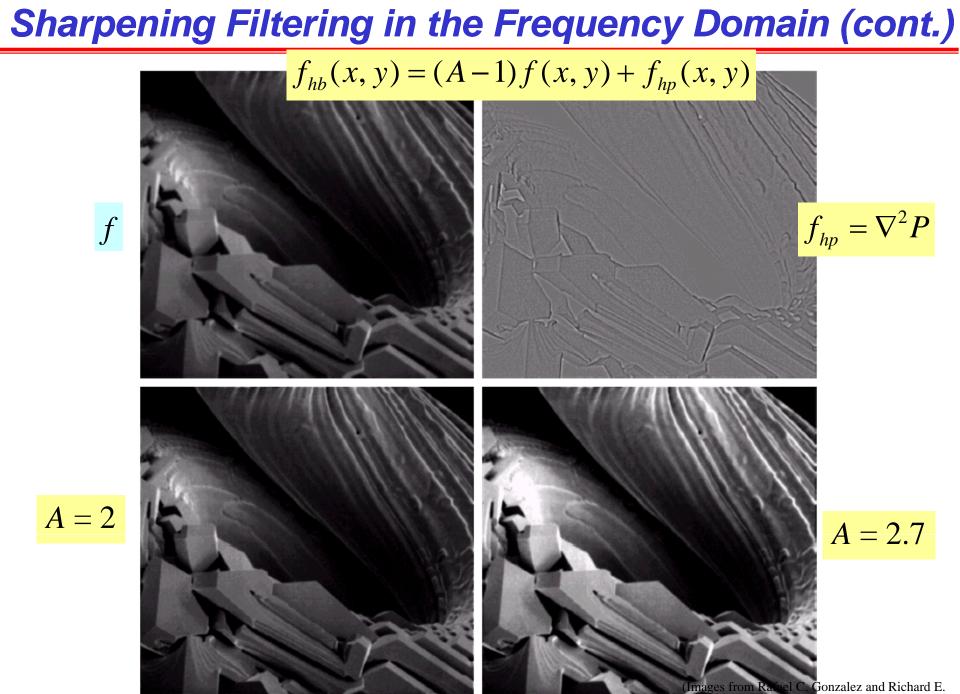
$$f_{hb}(x, y) = (A - 1)f(x, y) + f_{hp}(x, y)$$

Frequency Domain Filter

$$H_{hp}(u,v) = 1 - H_{lp}(u,v)$$
$$H_{hb}(u,v) = (A-1) + H_{hp}(u,v)$$

Sharpening Filtering in the Frequency Domain (cont.)

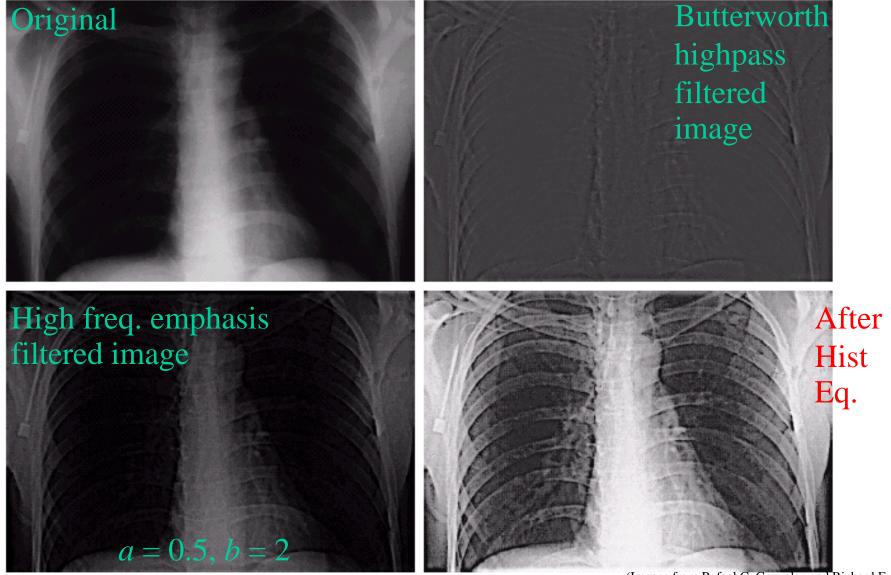




Wood, Digital Image Processing, 2nd Edition.

High Frequency Emphasis Filtering

$H_{hfe}(u,v) = a + bH_{hp}(u,v)$



Homomorphic Filtering

An image can be expressed as

f(x, y) = i(x, y)r(x, y)

i(x,y) = illumination component r(x,y) = reflectance component

We need to suppress effect of illumination that cause image Intensity changed slowly.

FIGURE 4.31 Homomorphic filtering approach for image enhancement.

Homomorphic Filtering

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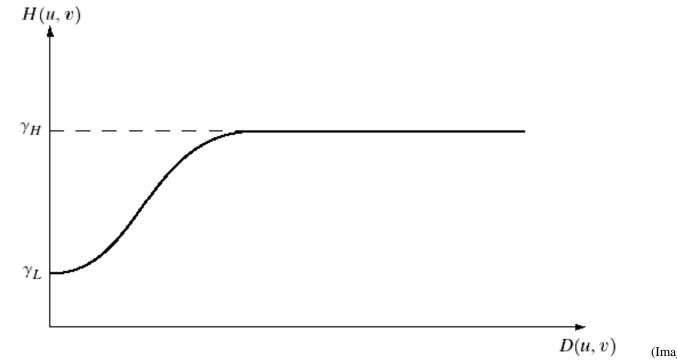


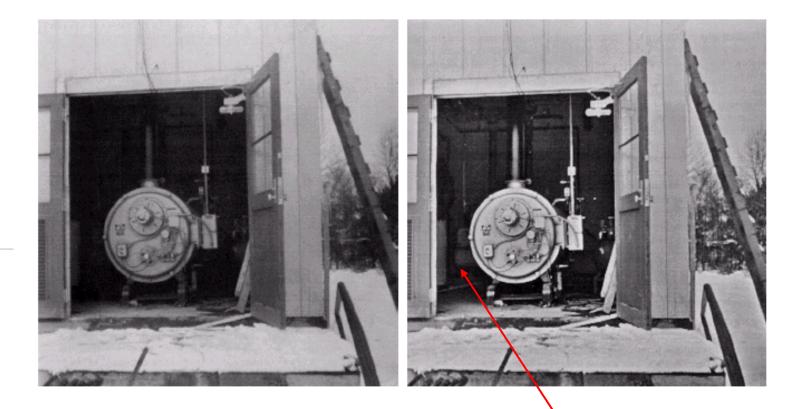
FIGURE 4.32

Cross section of a circularly symmetric filter function. D(u, v) is the distance from the origin of the centered transform.

Homomorphic Filtering

a b

FIGURE 4.33 (a) Original image. (b) Image processed by homomorphic filtering (note details inside shelter). (Stockham.)



More details in the room can be seen!

Correlation Application: Object Detection

