

Digital Image Processing

Image Enhancement in the

Frequency Domain



Fourier Series

Any function that periodically repeats itself can be expressed as the sum of sines and/or cosines of different frequencies, each multiplied by a different coefficients. This sum is called a Fourier series.

FIGURE 4.1 The function at the bottom is the sum of the four functions above it. Fourier's idea in 1807 that periodic functions could be represented as a weighted sum of sines and cosines was met with skepticism.

Fourier Series



Fourier Transform

A function that is not periodic but the area under its curve is finite can be expressed as the integral of sines and/or cosines multiplied by a weighing function. The formulation in this case is Fourier transform.

Continuous One-Dimensional Fourier Transform and Its Inverse





- (*u*) is the frequency variable.
- *F*(*u*) is composed of an infinite sum of sine and cosine terms and...
- Each value of u determines the frequency of its corresponding sine-cosine pair.

Continuous One-Dimensional Fourier Transform and Its Inverse

Example Find the Fourier transform of a gate function Π (t) defined by



A continuous function f(x) is discretized into a sequence:

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$$f(x_0), f(x_0 + \Delta x), f(x_0 + 2\Delta x), \dots, f(x_0 + [N-1]\Delta x)$$
}

by taking N or M samples Δx units apart.



Where x assumes the discrete values (0,1,2,3,...,M-1) then

$$f(x) = f(x_0 + x\Delta x)$$

 The sequence {f(0),f(1),f(2),...f(M-1)} denotes any M uniformly spaced samples from a corresponding continuous function.



 The values u = 0, 1, 2, ..., M-1 correspond to samples of the continuous transform at values 0, ∆u, 2∆u, ..., (M-1)∆u.

i.e. F(u) represents $F(u\Delta u)$, where:

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

• The Fourier transform of a real function is generally complex and we use polar coordinates:

$$F(u) = R(u) + jI(u)$$

$$F(u) = |F(u)|e^{j\phi(u)}$$

$$|F(u)| = [R^{2}(u) + I^{2}(u)]^{1/2}$$

• Its phase angle $\phi(u) = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{I(u)}{R(u)} \right]$

The square of the spectrum

$P(u) = |F(u)|^2 = R^2(u) + I^2(u)$

is referred to as the Power Spectrum of f(x) (spectral density).

Discrete 2-Dimensional Fourier Transform

• Fourier spectrum: $|F(u,v)| = [R^2(u,v) + I^2(u,v)]^{1/2}$



• **Power spectrum:** $P(u,v) = |F(u,v)|^2 = R^2(u,v) + I^2(u,v)$



Time and Frequency Resolution and Sampling

F_{max} = 100 Hz What is the sampling rate (Nyquist)? What is the time resolution? What is the frequency resolution? What if we take samples for two seconds with the Nyquist sampling rate?





Fourier Spectrum



F(0,0) is the average intensity of an image



Use Matlab to generate the above figures

Frequency Shifting Property of the Fourier Transform

$g(t) \leftrightarrow G(\omega)$

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 $g(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow G(\omega - \omega_0)$

 $f(x, y) e^{j2\pi(u_0\frac{x}{M}+v_0\frac{y}{N})} \leftrightarrow F(u-u_0, v-v_0)$

Frequency Shifting Property of the Fourier Transform



Basic Filtering in the Frequency Domain using Matlab

function Normalized_DFT = Img_DFT(img) img=double(img); % So mathematical operations can be conducted on % the image pixels. [R,C]=size(img); for r = 1:R% To phase shift the image so the DFT will be for c=1:C % centered on the display monitor phased_img(r,c)=(img(r,c))*(-1)^(r+c); end end fourier_img = fft2(phased_img); %Discrete Fourier Transform mag_fourier_img = abs(fourier_img); % Magnitude of DFT Log_mag_fourier_img = log10(mag_fourier_img +1); Max = max(max(Log_mag_fourier_img)); Normalized_DFT = $(Log_mag_fourier_img)^*(255/Max);$ imshow(uint8(Normalized_DFT))

Basic Filtering in the Frequency Domain



- 1. Multiply the input image by $(-1)^{x+y}$ to center the transform
- 2. Compute F(u,v), the DFT of the image from (1)
- 3. Multiply F(u,v) by a filter function H(u,v)
- 4. Compute the inverse DFT of the result in (3)
- 5. Obtain the real part of the result in (4)
- 6. Multiply the result in (5) by $(-1)^{x+y}$

An image and its Frequency information





FIGURE 4.4 (a) SEM image of

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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.)

Filtering out the DC Frequency Component

FIGURE 4.6

Result of filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a) with a notch filter that set to 0 the F(0, 0) term in the Fourier transform.



Notch Filter

if (u, v) = (M / 2, N / 2)otherwise $H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0\\1 \end{cases}$

Low-pass and High-pass Filters

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Low Pass Filter attenuate

high frequencies while "passing" low frequencies.

High Pass Filter

attenuate low frequencies while "passing" high frequencies.





Origin



FIGURE 4.7 (a) A two-dimensional lowpass filter function. (b) Result of lowpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a). (c) A two-dimensional highpass filter function. (d) Result of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a).

High-pass Filtering

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).



Low-pass and High-pass Filters



Smoothing Frequency Domain, Ideal Low-pass Filters



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

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Smoothing Frequency Domain, Ideal Low-pass 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.

Total Power $\longrightarrow P_T = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} |F(u,v)|^2$ The remained percentage $\longrightarrow \alpha = 100 \times \left[\sum_{u=v}^{N-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} |F(u,v)| / P_T \right]$

Smoothing Frequency Domain, Ideal Low-pass Filters



Cause of Ringing









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.



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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.





Smoothing Frequency Domain, Butterworth Low-pass Filters



FIGURE 4.16 (a)–(d) Spatial representation of BLPFs of order 1, 2, 5, and 20, and corresponding gray-level profiles through the center of the filters (all filters have a cutoff frequency of 5). Note that ringing increases as a function of filter order.





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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 .

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



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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.

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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).



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FIGURE 4.21 (a) Image showing prominent scan lines. (b) Result of using a GLPF with $D_0 = 30$. (c) Result of using a GLPF with $D_0 = 10$. (Original image courtesy of NOAA.)

Sharpening Frequency Domain Filters H(u, v) $H_{hp}(u,v) = 1 - H_{lp}(u,v)$ 1.0H(u, v)-vIdeal HPF +D(u, v)u H(u, v)1.0H(u, v)**Butterworth HPF** +D(u, v)u 👘 H(u, v)1.0H(u, v)

Gaussian HPF

-D(u, v)

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Sharpening Frequency Domain Filters



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

Sharpening Frequency Domain, Ideal High-pass Filters



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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).

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

Sharpening Frequency Domain, Butterworth High-pass Filters



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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.

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

Sharpening Frequency Domain, Gaussian High-pass Filters



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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.

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





Homomorphic Filtering



FIGURE 4.31 Homomorphic filtering approach for image enhancement.

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

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Convolution



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two discrete functions. Right: convolution of the same functions, taking into account the implied periodicity of the DFT. Note in (j) how data from adjacent periods corrupt the result of convolution.





Convolution







FIGURE 4.39 Padded lowpass filter is the spatial domain (only the real part is shown).



FIGURE 4.40 Result of filtering with padding. The image is usually cropped to its original size since there is little valuable information past the image boundaries.