

The Fast Fourier Transform

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DFT in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} F(0) \\ F(1) \\ \vdots \\ F(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}} & e^{-j\frac{4\pi}{N}} & \dots & e^{-j\frac{(N-1)2\pi}{N}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{(N-1)2\pi}{N}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \\ \vdots \\ f(N-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F(u) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} f(x) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}ux}$$

• Note: $u=Ax$ form!

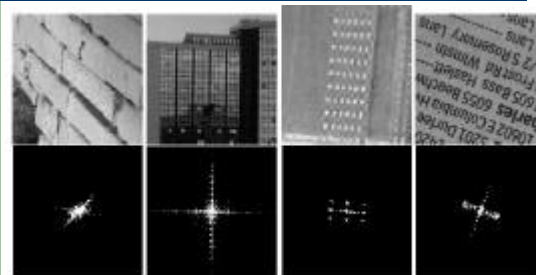
Inverse: A^T
• y

Displaying the Fourier Transform

- Practically the Fourier transform coefficients have a large range
- Usually the magnitude $|F(u,v)|$ is what we want to see
- Compress range variation to see as an image:

$$D(i,j) = c \cdot \log(1 + |F(u,v)|)$$

Manmade object images:

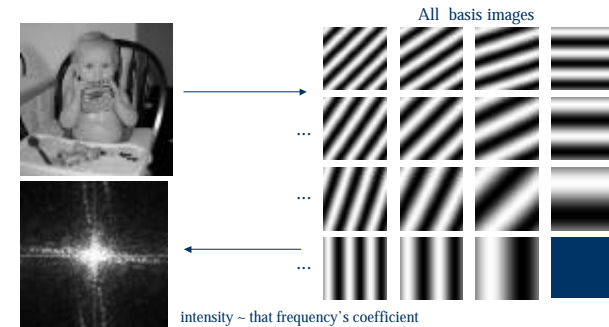


- What does the F-t express?

Periodicity

- The fourier transform highlights/identifies periodic structure in images.
- This is seen as peaks (usually several) along the same axis as the repetition in the original image

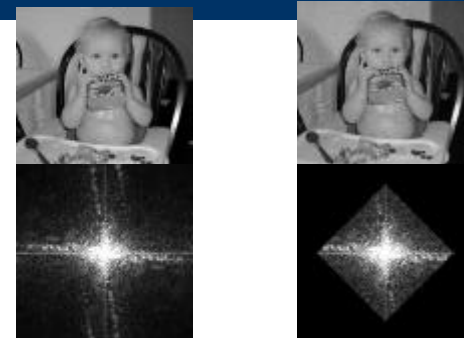
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Frequency spectrum

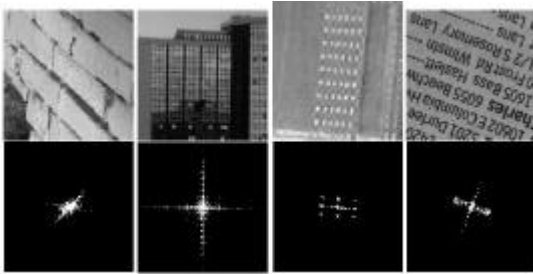
- By convention the lowest frequency components are shifted to the center of the image. (use fftshift in matlab)
- Fourier transform coefficients tells us the relative composition of low and high spatial frequencies, i.e. the frequency spectrum
- Usually more lows than highs

Cropping in Fourier space



Data Reduction: only use *some* of the existing frequencies

Properties: Rotation



- Notice direction of F-t:

Properties: Rotation

- Rotating $f(x,y)$ by an angle θ_0 rotates $F(u,v)$ by the same angle
- expressing the variables in polar coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad u = w \cos \phi, \quad v = w \sin \phi$$

- substitution leads to

$$f(r, \theta + \theta_0) \leftrightarrow F(w, \phi + \theta_0)$$

Properties: Translation

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

$$f(x - x_0, y - y_0) \leftrightarrow F(u, v) e^{-j2\pi(ux_0 + vy_0)/N}$$

- the magnitude is unaffected because

$$|F(u, v) e^{-j2\pi(ux_0 + vy_0)/N}| = |F(u, v)|$$

Properties: Distributivity

- the Fourier transform and its inverse are distributive over addition but not over multiplication:

$$F\{f_1(x, y) + f_2(x, y)\} = F\{f_1(x, y)\} + F\{f_2(x, y)\}$$

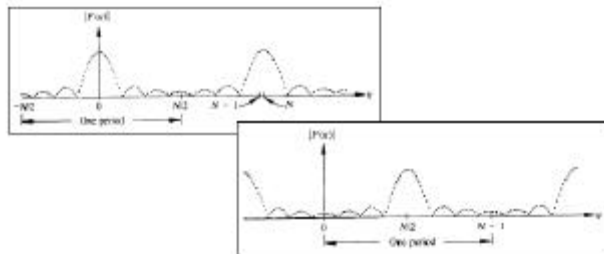
- and

$$F\{f_1(x, y) * f_2(x, y)\} \neq F\{f_1(x, y)\} * F\{f_2(x, y)\}$$

Properties: Periodicity

- discrete Fourier transform and inverse are periodic with period N

$$F(u, v) = F(u + N, v) = F(u, v + N) = F(u + N, v + N)$$



Slow Fourier transform: DFT in matrix form

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$$F(u) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} f(x) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}ux}$$

- Note: $u=Ax$ form!
- $O(N^2)$ due to matrix mult
- Inverse: A^T
- y

Fast Fourier Transform, FFT

- Recall DFT:

$$\begin{aligned} F(u) &= \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} f(x) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}ux} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{N/2-1} f(2x) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}u(2x)} + \sum_{x=0}^{N/2-1} f(2x+1) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}u(2x+1)} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{N/2-1} f(2x) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N/2}ux} + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}u} \sum_{x=0}^{N/2-1} f(2x+1) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N/2}ux} \\ &= F^{\text{Even}} + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}u} F^{\text{Odd}} \end{aligned}$$

DFT vs FFT time comparison

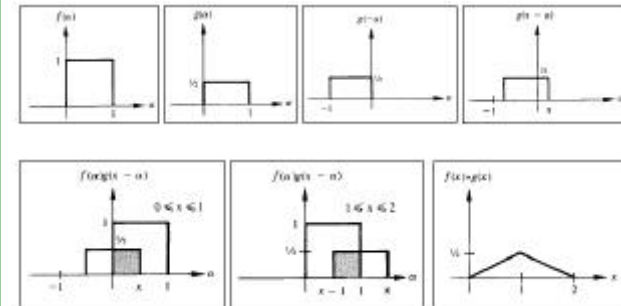
- DFT: $F=Af$
- $O(N^2)$ time complexity
- FFT: $F(0..255) = F(0,2,\dots,254) + eF(1,3,\dots,255)$
- So $F(256) \rightarrow 2xF(128) \rightarrow 4xF(64) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 256xF(1)$
- In general: $O(N \log N)$ time complexity

Convolution

- Like an inner product, but with g reversed.
- Def:
$$f(x) \tilde{*} g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\xi)g(x - \xi)d\xi$$

(Gonzalez 3.3.23)
- Theorem: $(f \tilde{*} g) = FG$
- Convolution integral -> Point wise multiplication!!
- Discrete: FFT+Convolution theorem = fast convolutions.

Convolution example



Discrete convolution

- Gonzalez 3.3.29

$$f(x) \tilde{*} g(x) = \sum_{\xi=0}^{N-1} f(\xi)g(x - \xi)$$

- Can also be written with a circulant matrix, e.g.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Convolution: Applications

- Models many physical processes like lens and diffraction distortion/degradation.
- Can also be used to “undo” degradation in image enhancement.
- Basic operation in shift invariant linear systems.
- (Used to describe generalized functions)

Practical discrete FFT-convolution

1. Let $x=[1,2,3,2,1]$, $y=[1,1,1]$
2. Pad to: $x=[0,1,2,3,2,1,0,0]$, $y=[0,0,1,1,1,0,0,0]$
3. Compute FFT $\rightarrow X, Y$
4. Compute pointwise product $\rightarrow XY=Z$
5. Compute IFFT(Z)

(Result hopefully $=[1,3,6,7,6,3,1,0]$)

- Note need $n=2^k$ for FFT
- Pad with zeros to avoid overlap and get 2^k