Image Operations in the Frequency Domain

- Low Pass Filter
- High Pass Filter
- Band pass Filter
- Blurring
- Sharpening







Frequency Bands

Image



Fourier Spectrum



Percentage of image power enclosed in circles (small to large) :

90, 95, 98, 99, 99.5, 99.9

Blurring - Ideal Low pass Filter













99%



99.5%



99.9%













The Power Law of Natural Images





Figure 1: (a) A natural image $(256 \times 256 \text{ pixels})$, and (b) its circularly averaged power spectrum (thick line) and a linear fit to the high frequency portion (thin line). The slope in (b) is 2.3.

• The power in a disk of radii r=sqrt(u^2+v^2) follows: P(r)=Ar^{- α} where $\alpha \approx 2$

Images from: Millane, Alzaidi & Hsiao - 2003

Recall: The Convolution Theorem

g = f * h $g = f \cdot h$ impliesimplies $G = F \cdot H$ G = F * H

Low pass Filter





H(u,v) - Ideal Low Pass Filter

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

$$D(u,v) = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$
$$D_0 = \text{cut off frequency}$$



Blurring - Ideal Low pass Filter





99.7%











98.65%

Blurring - Ideal Low pass Filter



99.7%



99.6%



99.4%



98.0%



99.0%





The Ringing Problem







H(u,v) - Gaussian Filter



$$H(u,v) = e^{-D^2(u,v)/(2D^2_0)}$$

$$\mathsf{D}(\mathsf{u},\mathsf{v}) = \sqrt{\mathsf{u}_2 + \mathsf{v}_2}$$

Softer Blurring + no Ringing

Blurring - Gaussain Lowpass Filter





99.11%









96.44%

The Gaussian Lowpass Filter



Freq. domain









= point multiplication of the transform with a gaussian.



Image Sharpening - High Pass Filter

H(u,v) - Ideal Filter

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

$$D(u,v) = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$
$$D_0 = \text{cut off frequency}$$



High Pass Gaussian Filter



$$H(u,v) = 1 - e^{-D^2(u,v)/(2D^2_0)}$$

$$\mathsf{D}(\mathsf{u},\mathsf{v}) = \sqrt{\mathsf{u}_2 + \mathsf{v}_2}$$

High Pass Filtering

Original



High Pass Filtered



High Frequency Emphasis

Original



High Pass Filtered





High Frequency Emphasis

Emphasize High Frequency. Maintain Low frequencies and Mean.

$$H'(u,v) = K_0 + H(u,v)$$

(Typically $K_0 = 1$)



High Frequency Emphasis - Example

Original



High Frequency Emphasis





Original

High Frequency Emphasis

High Pass Filtering - Examples

Original



High pass Emphasis





High Frequency Emphasis + Histogram Equalization Band Pass Filtering

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0 & D(u,v) \le D_0 - \frac{w}{2} \\ 1 & D_0 - \frac{w}{2} \le D(u,v) \le D_0 + \frac{w}{2} \\ 0 & D(u,v) > D_0 + \frac{w}{2} \end{cases}$$
$$D(u,v) = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$
$$D_0 = \text{cut off frequency}$$

w = band width





$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1 & D_1(u,v) \le D_0 \text{ or } D_2(u,v) \le D_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$D_1(u,v) = \sqrt{(u-u_0)^2 + (v-v_0)^2}$$
$$D_2(u,v) = \sqrt{(u+u_0)^2 + (v+v_0)^2}$$

 $D_0 = local frequency radius$ $u_0, v_0 = local frequency coordinates$



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Additive Noise Filtering



Local Reject Filter - Example

Original Noisy image



Fourier Spectrum





Band Reject Filter

Local Reject Filter - Example

Original Noisy image



Fourier Spectrum





Local Reject Filter

Homomorphic Filtering (multiplicative Noise Filtering)

Noise Model:

Image	i(x,y)
Noise	n(x,y)
Brightness	$f(x,y) = i(x,y) \bullet n(x,y)$

Assumption: noise \approx low frequencies.

Goal: Clean multiplicative noise (suppress low frequencies associated with n(x,y))

However:

$$\widetilde{F}(i(x, y) \cdot n(x, y)) \neq \widetilde{F}(i(x, y)) \cdot \widetilde{F}(n(x, y))$$



Original

Homomorphic Filtering - Example

Reflectance Model:

Surface Reflectancei(x,y)Illuminationn(x,y)Brightness $f(x,y) = i(x,y) \bullet n(x,y)$

Assumptions:

Illumination changes "slowly" across scene Illumination \approx low frequencies.

Surface reflections change "sharply" across scene reflectance \approx high frequencies.



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Illumination

Reflectance

Brightness

Goal: Determine i(x,y)

Perform:



Homomorphic Filtering:





Original



Filtered



Original



Histogram Equalized



Filtered



Original



Filtered

Computer Tomography using FFT



CT Scanners

• In 1901 W.C. Roentgen won the Nobel Prize (1st in physics) for his discovery of X-rays.





Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen

CT Scanners

- In 1979 G. Hounsfield & A. Cormack, won the Nobel Prize for developing the computer tomography.
- The invention revolutionized medical imaging.



Allan M. Cormack





1st prototype of CT scanner

Godfrey N. Hounsfield

Computerized Tomography

Reconstruction from projections





Projection & Sinogram

Projection: All ray-sums in a direction



CT Image & Its Sinogram





K. Thomenius & B. Roysam





Interpolations Method:

Interpolate (linear, quadratic etc) in the frequency space to obtain all values in F(u,v). Perform **Inverse Fourier Transform** to obtain the image f(x,y).

Reconstruction from Projections - Example Original simulated density image 8 projections-Frequency Domain 120 projections-Frequency Domain b a d с

8 projections-Reconstruction

120 projections-Reconstruction

Back Projection Reconstruction



g(x) is Back Projected along the line of projection. The value of g(x) is added to the existing values at each point which were obtained from other back projections.

Note: a blurred version of the original is obtained. (for example consider a single point object is back projected into a blurred delta).

Back Projection Reconstruction - Example

1 view b a d c



32 views

180 views

Filtered Back Projection - Example



8 view



32 views





180 views



THE END