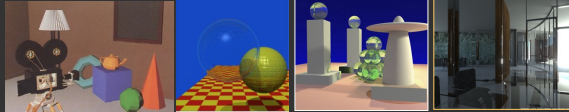


## Computer Graphics II: Rendering

CSE 168[Spr 25], Lecture 11: Fourier Analysis, Sampling  
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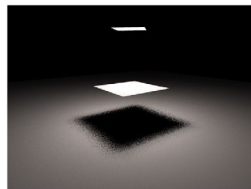
## To Do

- Start immediately on homework 4.
- Start thinking about final project
- This lecture gives core background on sampling and signal-processing (bear in mind image processing)

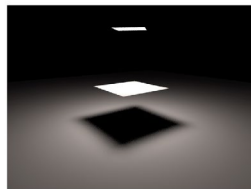
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## Quality Improves with More Rays



Area  
1 shadow ray



Area  
16 shadow rays

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pixelsamples = 1

jaggies

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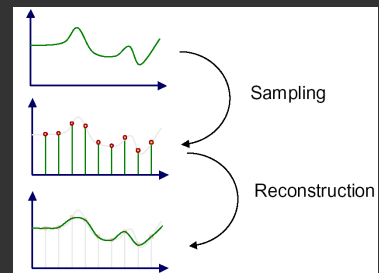
pixelsamples = 16

anti-aliased

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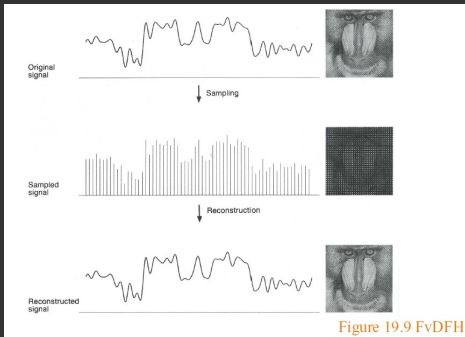
## Sampling and Reconstruction

- An image is a 2D array of samples
- Discrete samples from real-world continuous signal



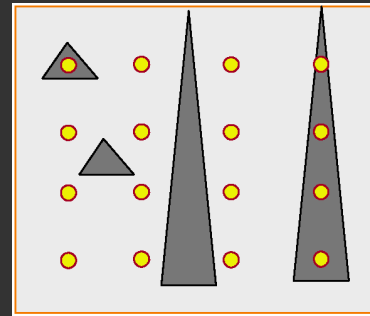
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## Sampling and Reconstruction



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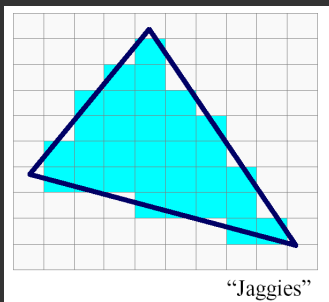
## (Spatial) Aliasing



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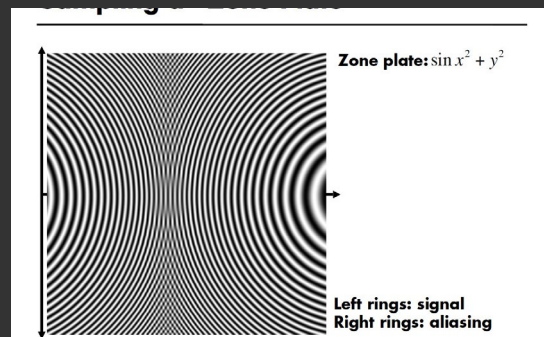
## (Spatial) Aliasing

- Jaggies probably biggest aliasing problem



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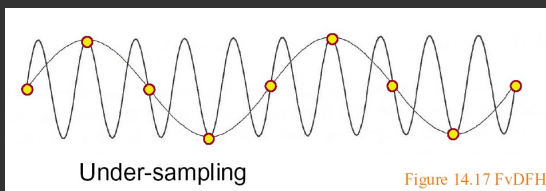
## Sampling a Zone Plate



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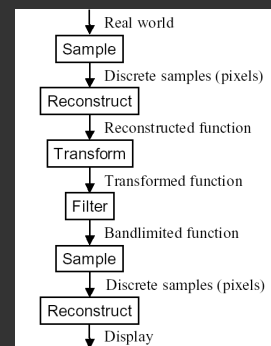
## Sampling and Aliasing

- Artifacts due to undersampling or poor reconstruction
- Formally, high frequencies masquerading as low
- E.g. high frequency line as low freq jaggies



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## Image Processing pipeline



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## Motivation

- Formal analysis of sampling and reconstruction
- Important theory (signal-processing) for graphics
- Also relevant in rendering, modeling, animation
- Note: Fourier Analysis useful for understanding, but image processing often done in spatial domain

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## Ideas

- Signal (function of time generally, here of space)
- Continuous: defined at all points; discrete: on a grid
- High frequency: rapid variation; Low Freq: slow variation
- Images are converting continuous to discrete. Do this sampling as best as possible.
- Signal processing theory tells us how best to do this
- Based on concept of frequency domain Fourier analysis

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## Sampling Theory

- Analysis in the frequency (not spatial) domain
- Sum of sine waves, with possibly different offsets (phase)
  - Each wave different frequency, amplitude

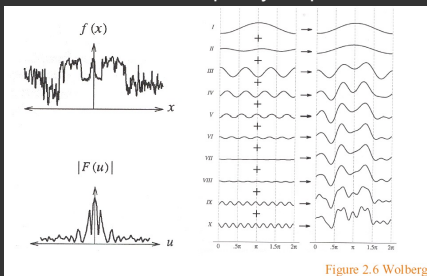


Figure 2.6 Wolberg

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## Fourier Transform

- Tool for converting from spatial to frequency domain

$$f(x) = \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux}$$

$$e^{2\pi iux} = \cos(2\pi ux) + i \sin(2\pi ux)$$

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

- Or vice versa
- One of most important mathematical ideas
- Computational algorithm: Fast Fourier Transform
  - One of 10 great algorithms scientific computing
  - Makes Fourier processing possible (images etc.)
  - Not discussed here, but look up if interested

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## Fourier Transform

- Simple case, function sum of sines, cosines

$$f(x) = \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux}$$

$$F(u) = \int_0^1 f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$$

- Continuous infinite case

Forward Transform:  $F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$

Inverse Transform:  $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux} du$

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## Fourier Transform

- Simple case, function sum of sines, cosines

$$f(x) = \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux}$$

$$F(u) = \int_0^1 f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$$

- Discrete case

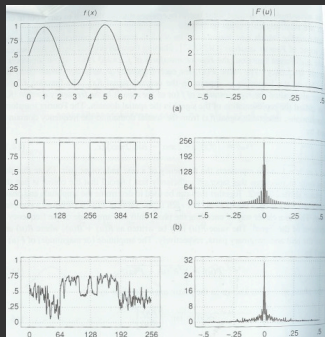
$$F(u) = \sum_{x=0}^{x=N-1} f(x) [\cos(2\pi ux/N) - i \sin(2\pi ux/N)], \quad 0 \leq u \leq N-1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{u=0}^{u=N-1} F(u) [\cos(2\pi ux/N) + i \sin(2\pi ux/N)], \quad 0 \leq x \leq N-1$$

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## Fourier Transform: Examples 1

Single sine curve  
(+constant DC term)



$$f(x) = \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux}$$

$$F(u) = \int_0^1 f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$$

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## Fourier Transform Examples 2

Forward Transform:  $F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$

Inverse Transform:  $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux} du$

### Common examples

$f(x)$	$F(u)$
$\delta(x - x_0)$	$e^{-2\pi iux_0}$
1	$\delta(u)$
$e^{-ax^2}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{-\pi^2 u^2 / a}$

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## Fourier Transform Properties

Forward Transform:  $F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$

Inverse Transform:  $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux} du$

### Common properties

Linearity:  $F(af(x) + bg(x)) = aF(f(x)) + bF(g(x))$

Derivatives: [integrate by parts]  $F(f'(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx = 2\pi iuF(u)$

### 2D Fourier Transform

Forward Transform:  $F(u,v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y)e^{-2\pi iux} e^{-2\pi ivy} dx dy$

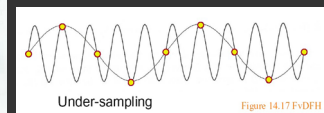
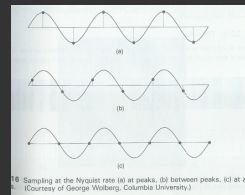
### Convolution (next)

Inverse Transform:  $f(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u,v)e^{2\pi iux} e^{2\pi ivy} du dv$

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## Sampling Theorem, Bandlimiting

- A signal can be reconstructed from its samples, if the original signal has no frequencies above half the sampling frequency – Shannon
- The minimum sampling rate for a bandlimited function is called the Nyquist rate



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## Sampling Theorem, Bandlimiting

- A signal can be reconstructed from its samples, if the original signal has no frequencies above half the sampling frequency – Shannon
- The minimum sampling rate for a bandlimited function is called the Nyquist rate
- A signal is bandlimited if the highest frequency is bounded. This frequency is called the bandwidth
- In general, when we transform, we want to filter to bandlimit before sampling, to avoid aliasing

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## Antialiasing

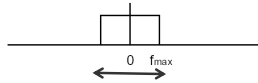
- Sample at higher rate
  - Not always possible
  - Real world: lines have infinitely high frequencies, can't sample at high enough resolution
- Prefilter to bandlimit signal
  - Low-pass filtering (blurring)
  - Trade blurriness for aliasing

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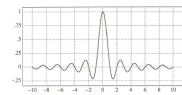
## Ideal bandlimiting filter

- Formal derivation is homework exercise

- Frequency domain



- Spatial domain



if full width  $f_{\max} = 1$

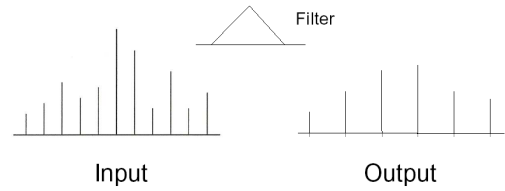
$$\text{Sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x}$$

Figure 4.5 Wolberg

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## Convolution 1

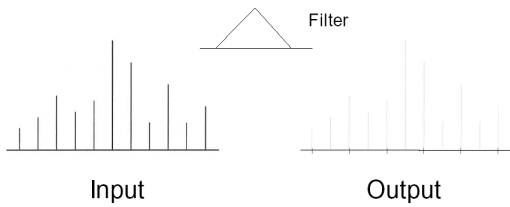
- Spatial domain: output pixel is weighted sum of pixels in neighborhood of input image
  - Pattern of weights is the "filter"



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## Convolution 2

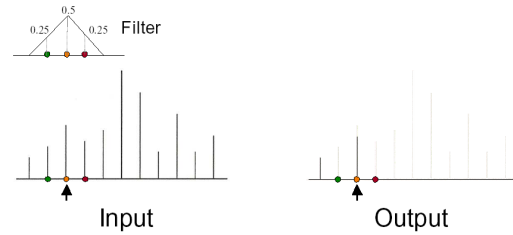
- Example 1:



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## Convolution 3

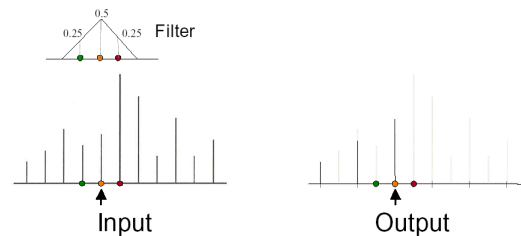
- Example 1:



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## Convolution 4

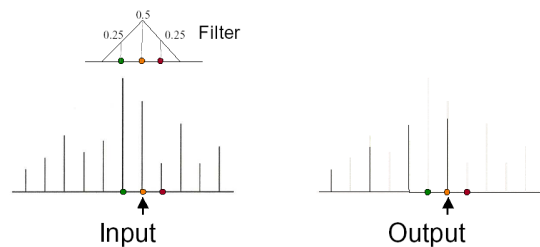
- Example 1:



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## Convolution 5

- Example 1:



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## Convolution in Frequency Domain

Forward Transform:  $F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi iux} dx$

Inverse Transform:  $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u)e^{2\pi iux} du$

- Convolution (f is signal ; g is filter [or vice versa])

$$h(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(y-x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(y-x)dx$$

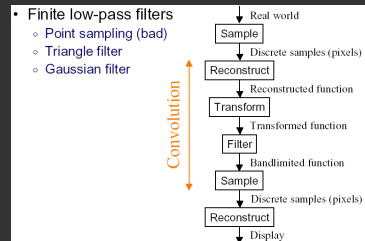
$$h = f * g \text{ or } f \otimes g$$

- Fourier analysis (frequency domain multiplication)  $H(u) = F(u)G(u)$

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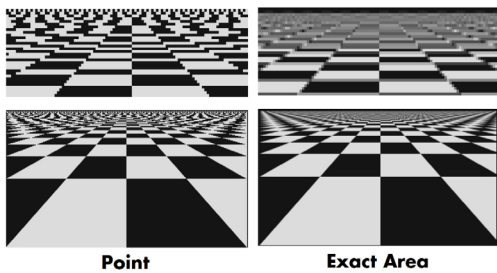
## Practical Image Processing

- Discrete convolution (in spatial domain) with filters for various digital signal processing operations
- Easy to analyze, understand effects in frequency domain
  - E.g. blurring or bandlimiting by convolving with low pass filter



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## Point vs Area Sampling



Point

Exact Area

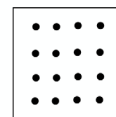
Checkerboard sequence by Tom Duff

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## Uniform Supersampling

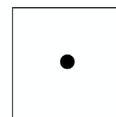
Increasing the number of samples moves each copy of the spectra further apart, thus there is less overlap

This reduces, but does not eliminate, aliasing



Samples

$$Pixel = \sum_s w_s \cdot Sample_s$$



Pixel

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## Non-uniform Sampling

### Uniform sampling

- The spectrum of uniformly spaced samples is also a set of uniformly spaced spikes
- Multiplying the signal by the sampling pattern corresponds to placing a copy of the spectrum at each spike (in freq. space)
- Aliases are coherent, and very noticeable

### Non-uniform sampling

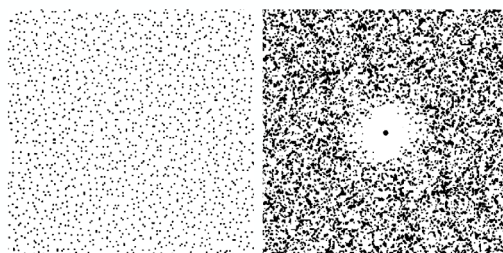
- Samples at non-uniform locations have a different spectrum; a single spike plus noise
- Sampling a signal in this way converts aliases into broadband noise
- Noise is incoherent, and much less objectionable
- May cause error in the integral

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## Jittered Sampling

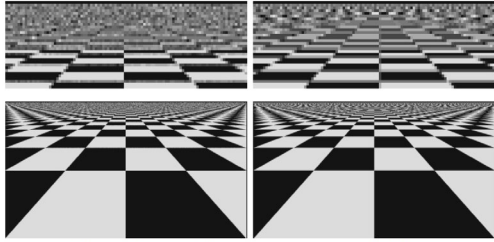


Add uniform random jitter to each sample



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### Jittered vs Uniform Supersampling

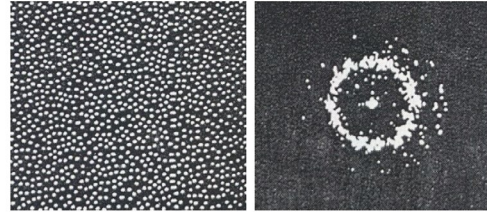


4x4 Jittered Sampling

4x4 Uniform

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### Distribution of Extrafoveal Cones



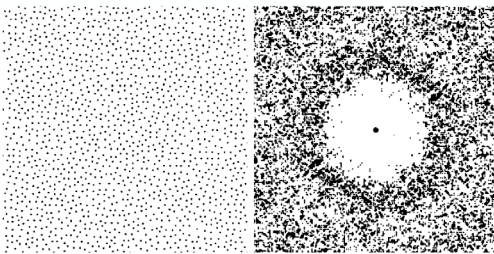
Monkey eye cone distribution

Fourier transform

Yellot

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### Poisson Disk Sampling



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