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## Median filters

- A Median Filter operates over a window by selecting the median intensity in the window.
- What advantage does a median filter have over a mean filter?
- Is a median filter a kind of convolution?


## Comparison: salt and pepper noise



## Bilateral filtering



Figure 3.20 Bilateral filtering (Durand and Dorsey 2002) © 2002 ACM: (a) noisy step edge input; (b) domain filter (Gaussian); (c) range filter (similarity to center pixel value); (d) bilateral filter; (e) filtered step edge output; (f) 3D distance between pixels.

## Morphological Operators


(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

Figure 3.21 Binary image morphology: (a) original image; (b) dilation; (c) erosion; (d) majority; (e) opening; (f) closing. The structuring element for all examples is a $5 \times 5$ square. The effects of majority are a subtle rounding of sharp corners. Opening fails to eliminate the dot, since it is not wide enough.
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# Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts? 



## Why does a lower resolution image still make sense to us? What do we lose?



## Thinking in Frequency

## Fourier, Joseph (1768-1830)



French mathematician who discovered that any periodic motion can be written as a superposition of sinusoidal and cosinusoidal vibrations. He developed a mathematical theory of heat in Théorie Analytique de la Chaleur (Analytic Theory of Heat), (1822), discussing it in terms of differential equations.

Fourier was a friend and advisor of Napoleon. Fourier believed that his health
would be improved by wrapping himself up in blankets, and in this state he tripped down the stairs in his house and killed himself. The paper of Galois which he had taken home to read shortly before his death was never recovered.

SEE AISO: Galois

Additional biographies: MacTutor (St. Andrews), Bonn
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## Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

had crazy idea (1807): Any univariate function can rewritten as a weighted sum sines and cosines of differen frequencies.

- Don't believe it?
- Neither did Lagrange, Laplace, Poisson and other big wigs
- Not translated into English until 1878!
- But it's (mostly) true!
- called Fourier Series
- there are some subtle restrictions equations is not exempt of difficulties and...his analysis to integrate them still leaves something to be desired on the score of generality and even rigour.


## Frequency Spectra

- example : $g(t)=\sin (2 \pi f t)+(1 / 3) \sin (2 \pi(3 f) t)$



Frequency Spectra


Frequency Spectra





Frequency Spectra


## Frequency Spectra



## Frequency Spectra



## Frequency Spectra



## Frequency Spectra



## Example: Music

- We think of music in terms of frequencies at different magnitudes



## Fourier analysis in images

Intensity Image

Fourier Image


## Fourier Transform

- Fourier transform stores the magnitude and phase at each frequency
- Magnitude encodes how much signal there is at a particular frequency
- Phase encodes spatial information (indirectly)
- For mathematical convenience, this is often notated in terms of real and complex numbers

Amplitude: $\quad A= \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^{2}+I(\omega)^{2}}$
Phase: $\phi=\tan ^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$

## Fourier Transform Pairs



## Fourier Transforms of Filters

```
box-3
```


$\frac{1}{3}(1+2 \cos \omega)$
box-5

$\frac{1}{5}(1+2 \cos \omega+2 \cos 2 \omega)$
linear

| $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\frac{1}{2}(1+\cos \omega)$
binomial

| $\frac{1}{16}$ | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\frac{1}{4}(1+\cos \omega)^{2}$

Sobel

$$
\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}
\frac{1}{2}-1 & 0 & 1 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

Man-made Scene


## Can change spectrum, then reconstruct



## Low and High Pass filtering



## The Convolution Theorem

- The Fourier transform of the convolution of two functions is the product of their Fourier transforms

$$
\mathrm{F}[g * h]=\mathrm{F}[g] \mathrm{F}[h]
$$

- Convolution in spatial domain is equivalent to multiplication in frequency domain!

$$
g^{*} h=\mathrm{F}^{-1}[\mathrm{~F}[g] \mathrm{F}[h]]
$$

Filtering in spatial domain

| 1 | 0 | -1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 0 | -2 |
| 1 | 0 | -1 |



## Filtering in frequency domain



## Filtering

## Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?



## Gaussian



## Box Filter



## Is convolution invertible?

- If convolution is just multiplication in the Fourier domain, isn't deconvolution just division?
- Sometimes, it clearly is invertible (e.g. a convolution with an identity filter)
- In one case, it clearly isn't invertible (e.g. convolution with an all zero filter)
- What about for common filters like a Gaussian?


## But you can't invert multiplication by 0

- But it's not quite zero, is it...



## Let's experiment on Novak

## Convolution



## Deconvolution?


iFFT
FFTV
FFT




## But under more realistic conditions


iFFT


FFT $\downarrow$
$\square$ ? $\square$


Random noise, .000001 magnitude


FFT


## But under more realistic conditions



FFT $\downarrow$
iFFT-


Random noise, .0001 magnitude


FFT V

## But under more realistic conditions


iFFT


Random noise, .001 magnitude


FFT

## With a random filter...


iFFT

Random noise, .001 magnitude


FFT $\sqrt{\text {, }}$


## Deconvolution is hard

- Active research area.
- Even if you know the filter (non-blind deconvolution), it is still very hard and requires strong regularization.
- If you don't know the filter (blind deconvolution) it is harder still.

