

Bioengineering 280A  
Principles of Biomedical Imaging

Fall Quarter 2013  
CT/Fourier Lecture 3

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Computing Transforms

$$F(\delta(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx = 1$$

$$F(\delta(x - x_0)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - x_0) e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx = e^{-j2\pi k_x x_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(\Pi(x)) &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-j\pi k_x} - e^{j\pi k_x}}{-j2\pi k_x} \\ &= \frac{\sin(\pi k_x)}{\pi k_x} = \text{sinc}(k_x) \end{aligned}$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Computing Transforms

$$F(I) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx = ???$$

Define  $h(k_x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx$  and see what it does under an integral.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(k_x) h(k_x) dk_x &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(k_x) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx dk_x \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(k_x) e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dk_x dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(-x) dx \\ &= G(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } F(I) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx = \delta(k_x)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Computing Transforms

Similarly,

$$F\{e^{j2\pi k_0 x}\} = \delta(k_x - k_0)$$

$$F\{\cos 2\pi k_0 x\} = \frac{1}{2}(\delta(k_x - k_0) + \delta(k_x + k_0))$$

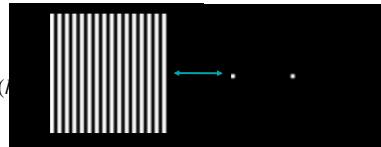
$$F\{\sin 2\pi k_0 x\} = \frac{1}{2j}(\delta(k_x - k_0) - \delta(k_x + k_0))$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Examples

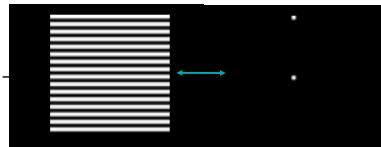
$$g(x,y) = 1 + e^{-j2\pi ax}$$

$$G(k_x, k_y) = \delta(k_x, k_y) + \delta(k_x + a)\delta(k_y)$$



$$g(x,y) = 1 + e^{j2\pi ay}$$

$$G(k_x, k_y) = \delta(k_x, k_y) + \delta(k_x)\delta(k_y - b)$$



TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Examples

$$g(x,y) = \cos(2\pi(ax + by))$$

$$G(k_x, k_y) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(k_x - a)\delta(k_y - b) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(k_x + a)\delta(k_y + b)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Examples

$$\begin{aligned} G(k_x, k_y) = & \delta(k_x, k_y) + \\ & \delta(k_x + c)\delta(k_y) + \\ & \delta(k_x)\delta(k_y - d) + \\ & \frac{1}{2}\delta(k_x - a)\delta(k_y - b) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(k_x + a)\delta(k_y + b) \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x,y) = ???$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Basic Properties

### Linearity

$$F[ag(x,y) + bh(x,y)] = aG(k_x, k_y) + bH(k_x, k_y)$$

### Scaling

$$F[g(ax, by)] = \frac{1}{|ab|}G\left(\frac{k_x}{a}, \frac{k_y}{b}\right)$$

### Shift

$$F[g(x - a, y - b)] = G(k_x, k_y)e^{-j2\pi(k_x a + k_y b)}$$

### Modulation

$$F[g(x, y)e^{j2\pi(xa + yb)}] = G(k_x - a, k_y - b)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Linearity

The Fourier Transform is linear.

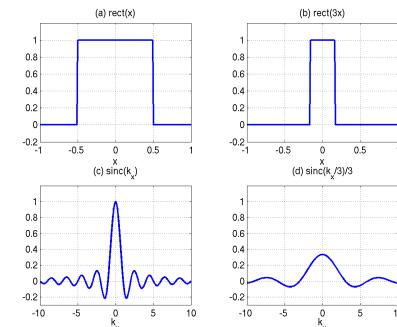
$$F\{ag(x) + bh(x)\} = aG(k_x) + bH(k_x)$$

$$F[ag(x,y) + bh(x,y)] = aG(k_x, k_y) + bH(k_x, k_y)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Scaling Theorem

$$F\{g(ax)\} = \frac{1}{|a|} G\left(\frac{k_x}{a}\right) \quad F[g(ax, by)] = \frac{1}{|ab|} G\left(\frac{k_x}{a}, \frac{k_y}{b}\right)$$



TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Separable Functions

$g(x, y)$  is said to be a separable function if it can be written as  $g(x, y) = g_x(x)g_y(y)$

The Fourier Transform is then separable as well.

$$\begin{aligned} G(k_x, k_y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) e^{-j2\pi(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_x(x) e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_y(y) e^{-j2\pi k_y y} dy \\ &= G_X(k_x)G_Y(k_y) \end{aligned}$$

*Example*

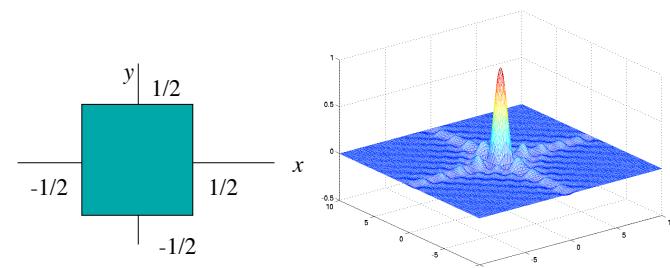
$$g(x, y) = \Pi(x)\Pi(y)$$

$$G(k_x, k_y) = \text{sinc}(k_x)\text{sinc}(k_y)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Example (sinc/rect)

*Example*  
 $g(x, y) = \Pi(x)\Pi(y)$   
 $G(k_x, k_y) = \text{sinc}(k_x)\text{sinc}(k_y)$



TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Examples

Is this function separable?

$$g(x, y) = \exp(-j2\pi(8x + 9y)) \sin(28\pi x)$$

[PollEv.com/be280a](http://PollEv.com/be280a)

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Examples

$$g(x, y) = \delta(x, y) = \delta(x)\delta(y)$$

$$G(k_x, k_y) = 1$$

$$g(x, y) = \delta(x)$$

$$G(k_x, k_y) = \delta(k_y) !!!$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Duality

Note the similarity between these two transforms

$$\begin{aligned} F\left\{e^{j2\pi ax}\right\} &= \delta(k_x - a) \\ F\left\{\delta(x - a)\right\} &= e^{-j2\pi k_x a} \end{aligned}$$

These are specific cases of duality

$$F\{G(x)\} = g(-k_x)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Application of Duality

$$F\{\text{sinc}(x)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx = ??$$

$$\text{Recall that } F\{\Pi(x)\} = \text{sinc}(k_x).$$

$$\text{Therefore from duality, } F\{\text{sinc}(x)\} = \Pi(-k_x) = \Pi(k_x)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Shift Theorem

$$F\{g(x - a)\} = G(k_x)e^{-j2\pi ak_x}$$

$$F[g(x - a, y - b)] = G(k_x, k_y)e^{-j2\pi(k_x a + k_y b)}$$

Shifting the function doesn't change its spectral content, so the magnitude of the transform is unchanged.

Each frequency component is shifted by  $a$ . This corresponds to a relative phase shift of

$$-2\pi a / (\text{spatial period}) = -2\pi ak_x$$

For example, consider  $\exp(j2\pi k_x x)$ . Shifting this by  $a$  yields  $\exp(j2\pi k_x(x - a)) = \exp(j2\pi k_x x)\exp(-j2\pi ak_x)$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Modulation

$$F[g(x)e^{j2\pi k_0 x}] = G(k_x) * \delta(k_x - k_0) = G(k_x - k_0)$$

$$F[g(x)\cos(2\pi k_0 x)] = \frac{1}{2}G(k_x - k_0) + \frac{1}{2}G(k_x + k_0)$$

$$F[g(x)\sin(2\pi k_0 x)] = \frac{1}{2j}G(k_x - k_0) - \frac{1}{2j}G(k_x + k_0)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Example

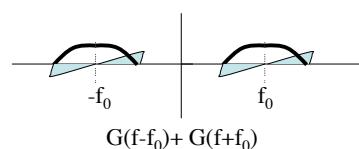
Amplitude Modulation (e.g. AM Radio)

$$g(t) \xrightarrow{\text{modulator}} 2g(t) \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

$$2\cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

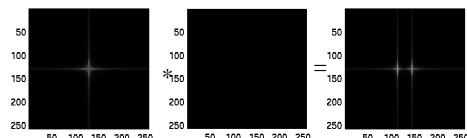
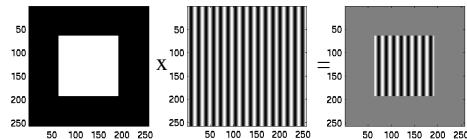


$G(f)$



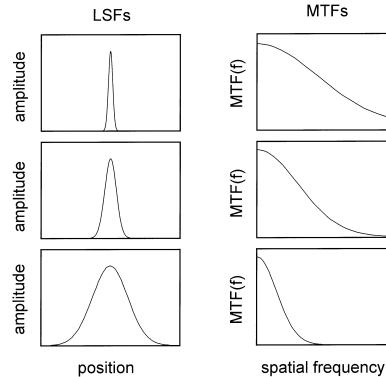
TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Modulation Example



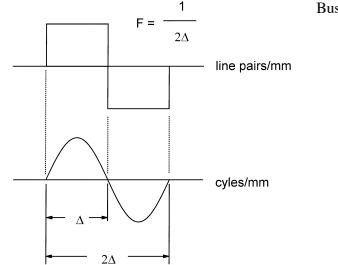
TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

**MTF = Fourier Transform of PSF**

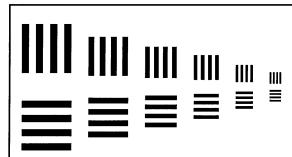


TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

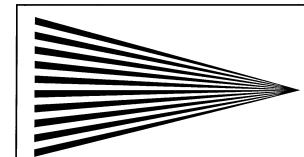
Bushberg et al 2001



Bushberg et al 2001



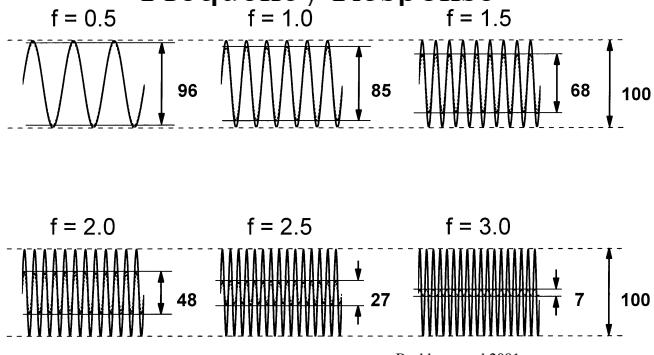
TT1 Line Pair Test Phantom



Section of a Star Pattern

**Modulation Transfer Function (MTF)**  
or

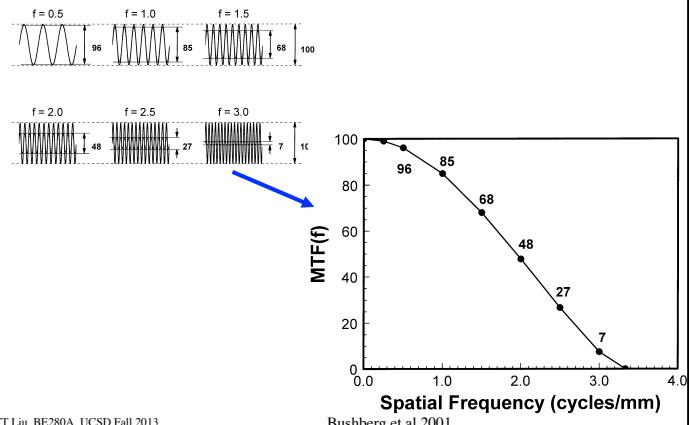
**Frequency Response**



TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

Bushberg et al 2001

**Modulation Transfer Function**



TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

Bushberg et al 2001

**Figure 1:**

**Figure 2:**

8. Referring to Figure 1 (above) which demonstrates 3 different line spread functions (LSFs), which LSF will yield the best spatial resolution?

10. Referring to Figure 1 which shows LSFs, and Figure 2 which shows the corresponding modulation transfer functions (MTFs), which MTF corresponds to LSF C?

A. MTF number 1  
B. MTF number 2  
C. MTF number 3

---

[PollEv.com/be280a](http://PollEv.com/be280a)

## Eigenfunctions

The fundamental nature of the convolution theorem may be better understood by observing that the complex exponentials are eigenfunctions of the convolution operator.

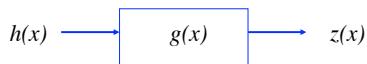
$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{j2\pi k_x x} &\xrightarrow{\quad g(x) \quad} z(x) \\
 z(x) &= g(x) * e^{j2\pi k_x x} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) e^{j2\pi k_x (x-u)} du \\
 &= G(k_x) e^{j2\pi k_x x}
 \end{aligned}$$

The response of a linear shift invariant system to a complex exponential is simply the exponential multiplied by the FT of the system's impulse response.

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Convolution/Multiplication

Now consider an arbitrary input  $h(x)$ .



Recall that we can express  $h(x)$  as the integral of weighted complex exponentials.

$$h(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(k_x) e^{j2\pi k_x x} dk_x$$

Each of these exponentials is weighted by  $G(k_x)$  so that the response may be written as

$$z(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(k_x) H(k_x) e^{j2\pi k_x x} dk_x$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Convolution/Modulation Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 F\{g(x) * h(x)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) * h(x-u) du \right] e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x-u) e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx du \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) H(k_x) e^{-j2\pi k_x u} du \\
 &= G(k_x) H(k_x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Convolution in the spatial domain transforms into multiplication in the frequency domain. Dual is modulation

$$F\{g(x)h(x)\} = G(k_x) * H(k_x)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## 2D Convolution/Multiplication

*Convolution*

$$F[g(x,y) * h(x,y)] = G(k_x, k_y)H(k_x, k_y)$$

*Multiplication*

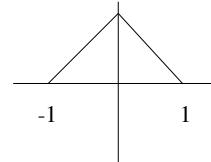
$$F[g(x,y)h(x,y)] = G(k_x, k_y) * H(k_x, k_y)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Application of Convolution Thm.

$$\Lambda(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - |x| & |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F(\Lambda(x)) = \int_{-1}^1 (1 - |x|) e^{-j2\pi k_x x} dx = ??$$

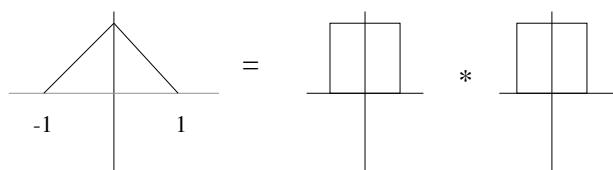


TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Application of Convolution Thm.

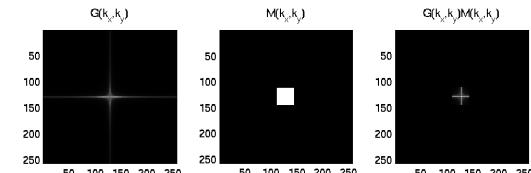
$$\Lambda(x) = \Pi(x) * \Pi(x)$$

$$F(\Lambda(x)) = \text{sinc}^2(k_x)$$



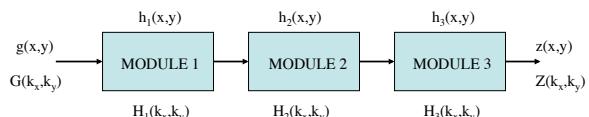
TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

## Convolution Example



TT I

### Response of an Imaging System

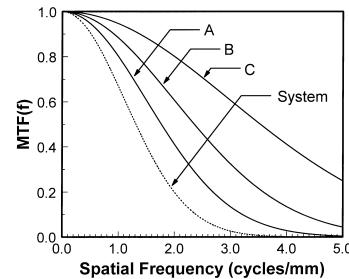


$$z(x,y) = g(x,y) * h_1(x,y) * h_2(x,y) * h_3(x,y)$$

$$Z(k_x,k_y) = G(k_x,k_y) H_1(k_x,k_y) H_2(k_x,k_y) H_3(k_x,k_y)$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

### System MTF = Product of MTFs of Components



Bushberg et al 2001

PollEv.com/be280a

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

### Useful Approximation

$$FWHM_{System} = \sqrt{FWHM_1^2 + FWHM_2^2 + \dots + FWHM_N^2}$$

*Example*

$$FWHM_1 = 1\text{ mm}$$

$$FWHM_2 = 2\text{ mm}$$

$$FWHM_{System} = \sqrt{5} = 2.24\text{ mm}$$

TT Liu, BE280A, UCSD Fall 2013

- D74.** The intrinsic resolution of a gamma camera is 5 mm. The collimator resolution is 10 mm. The overall system resolution is \_\_\_\_\_ mm.

- A. 15
- B. 11.2
- C. 7.5
- D. 5.0
- E. 0.5

PollEv.com/be280a