

EECS 4422/5323 Computer Vision

Unit 2: Image Representation

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Introduction: Motivation and approach

Representation is key to enabling understanding

- It is often useful to transform an image in some way as a preliminary step in our analysis.
- We seek to produce a new image that is more amenable to further manipulation.

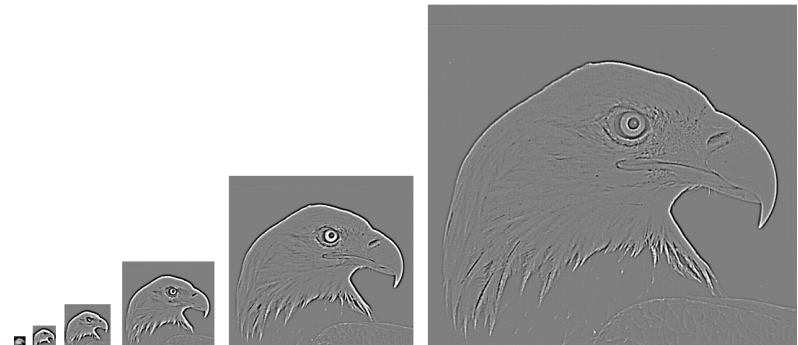


Approach

- Introduce tools with certain analytic properties to allow guidance by theory.
- Demonstrate the utility of the concept of spatial frequency.

Remarks

- Much of what we will cover in this unit would be found as part of a course on image processing.
- Moreover, many of the tools developed are straightforward extensions of those used in classical 1D signal representation/analysis.



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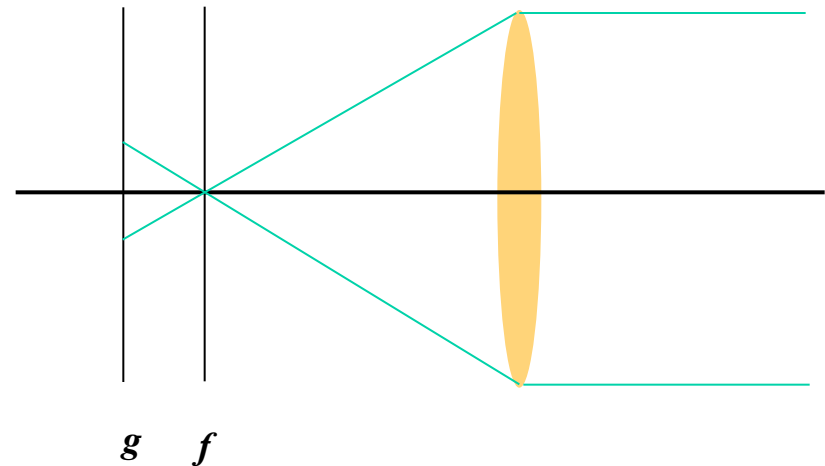
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Basics: Linear, shift invariant (LSI) systems

Intuition

- Consider
 - An ideal, in focus image, f
 - Its out of focus counterpart, g
- Suppose the light is changed so that
 - the irradiance in f is doubled,
 - then so is the irradiance in g doubled.
- Suppose the imaging system is moved so that
 - the pattern in f is shifted,
 - then the pattern in g is similarly shifted.
- The transformation from the ideal to the out of focus system is said to be a **linear, shift invariant** operation.



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Remarks

- Most real systems are limited in their maximum response and thus cannot be strictly linear.
- Irradiance, power/unit area, cannot be negative; so, visual input is restricted to be nonnegative.

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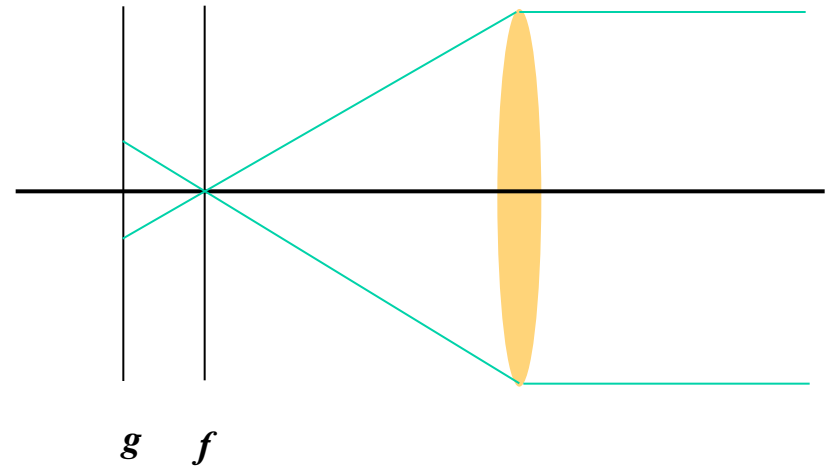
Remarks

- In practice, images are limited in area; so, shift invariance only holds for limited displacements.
- Aberrations in optical imaging vary spatially, yielding further departure from perfect shift invariance.

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Example revisited

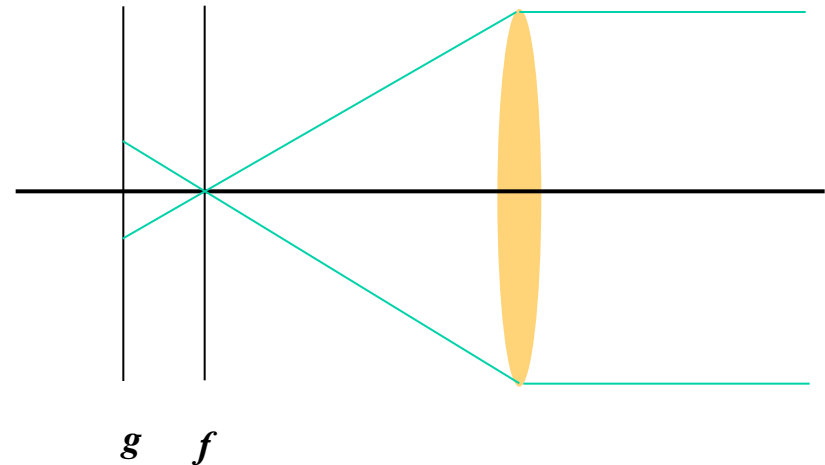
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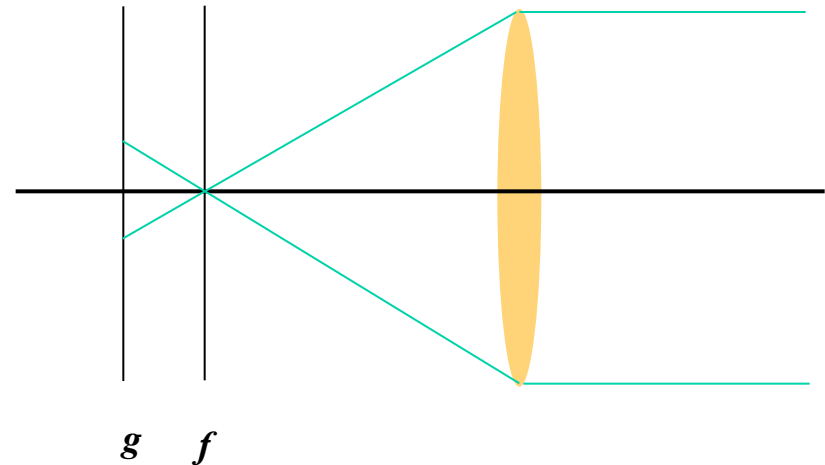
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Basics: Overview

Linear, shift invariant systems

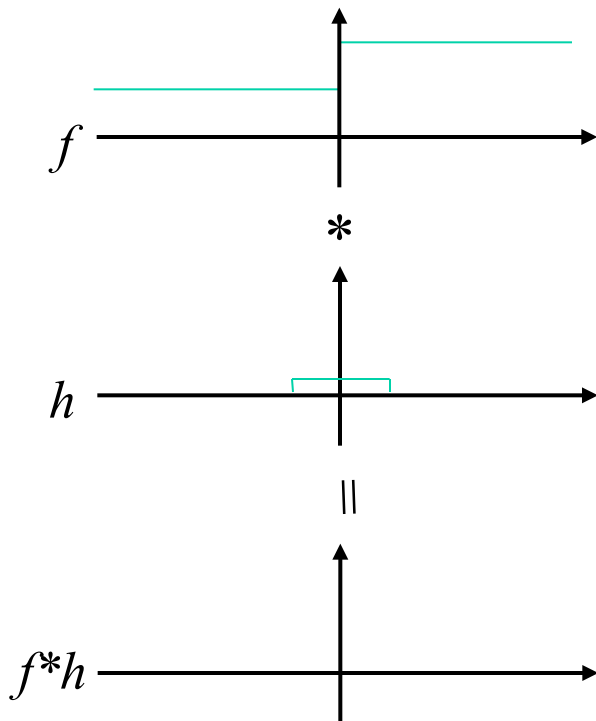
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Basics: Smoothing via local averaging

Graphic depiction



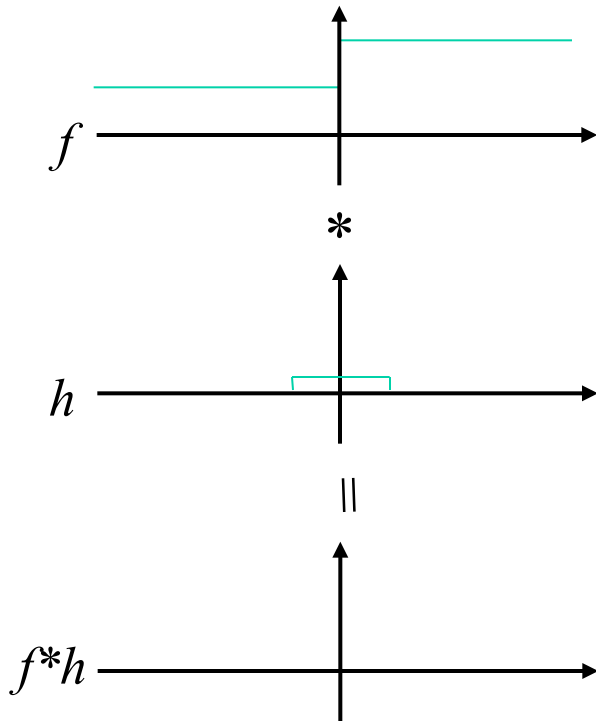
Formalization

Numerical calculation

x	s	$f(x-s)h(s)$	+
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Basics: Smoothing via local averaging

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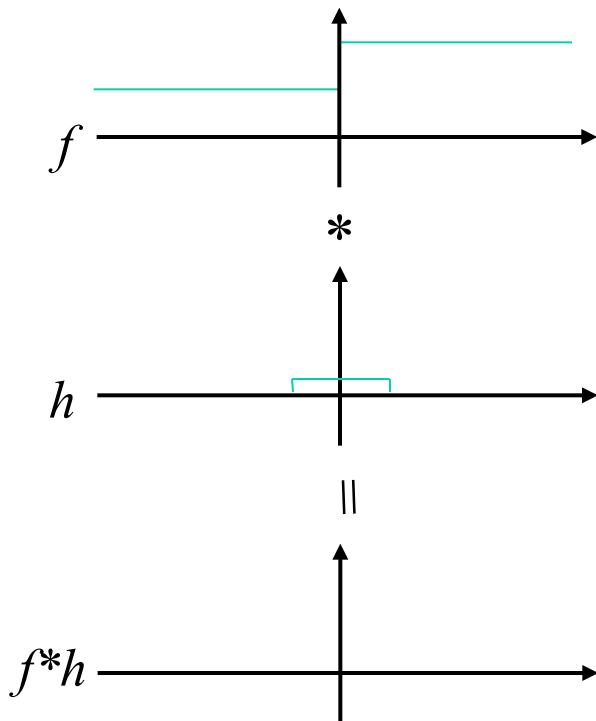
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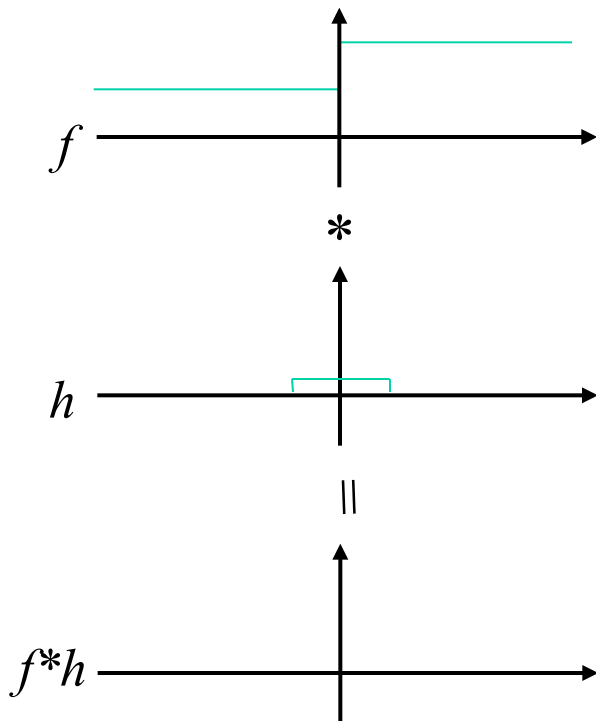
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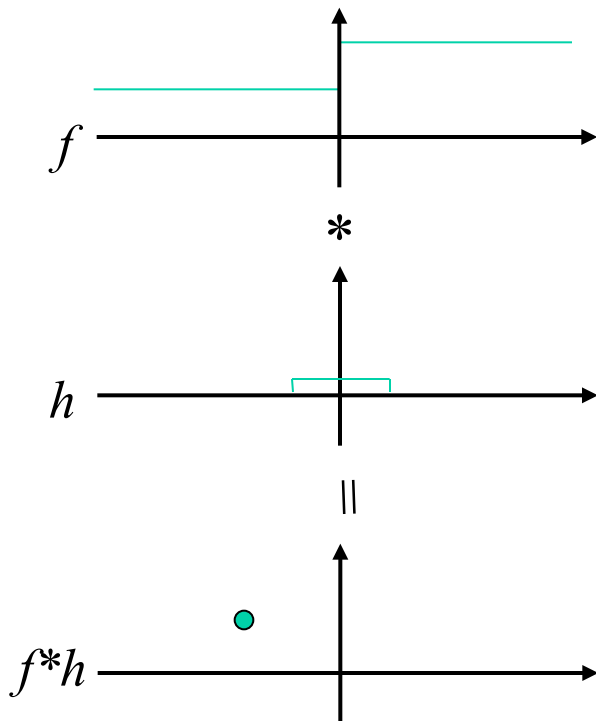
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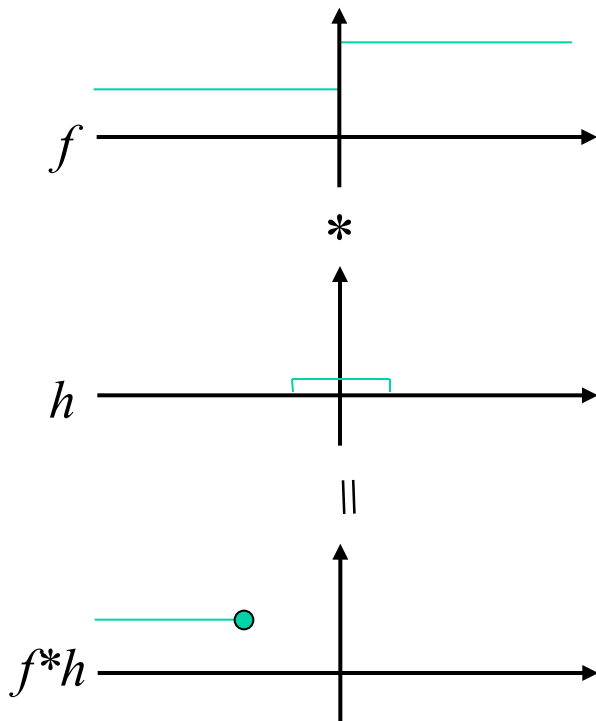
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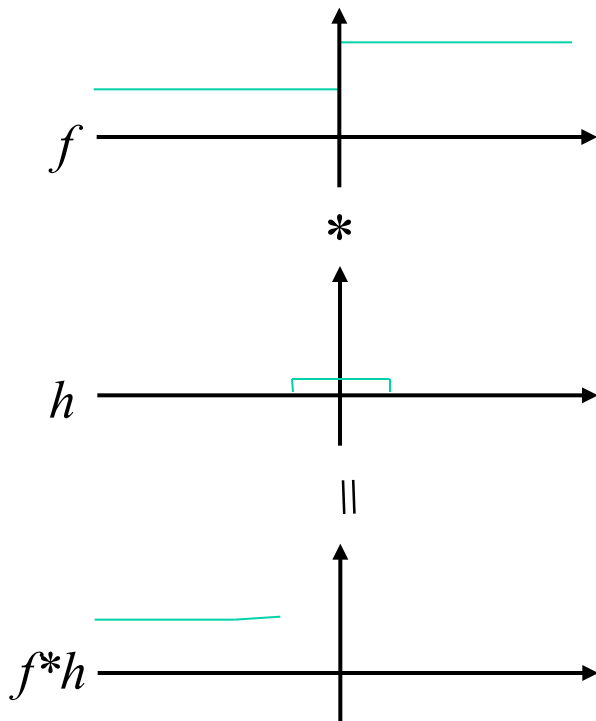
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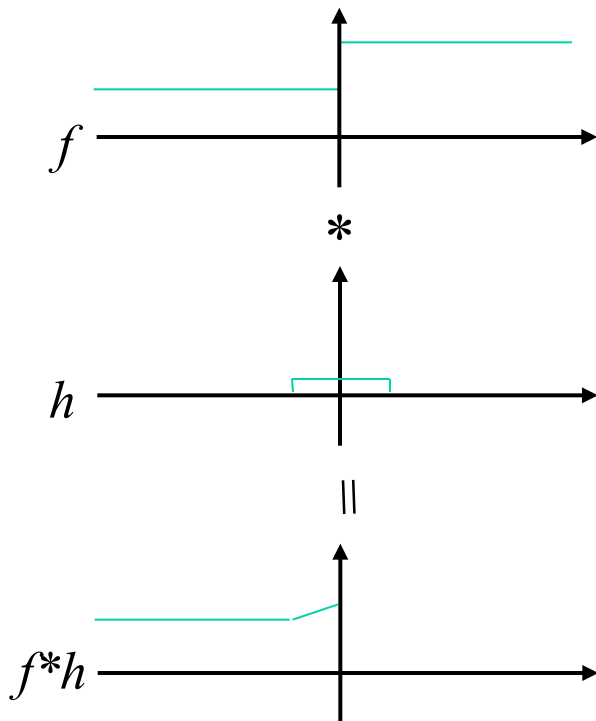
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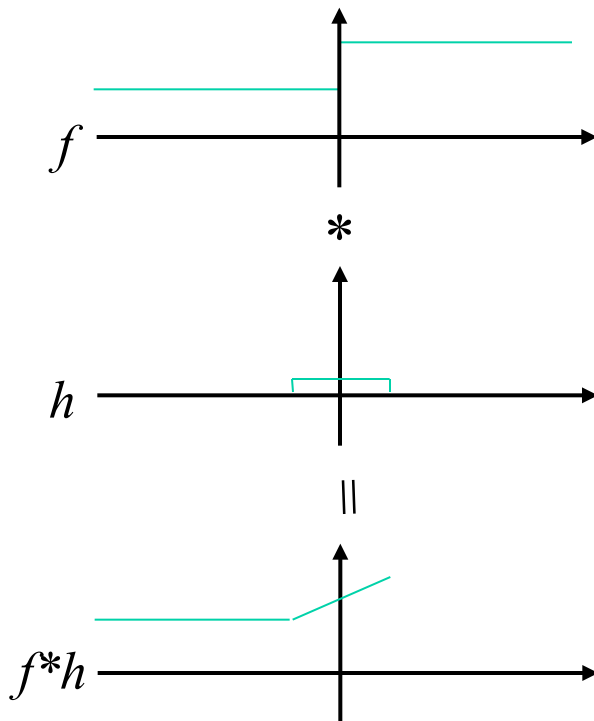
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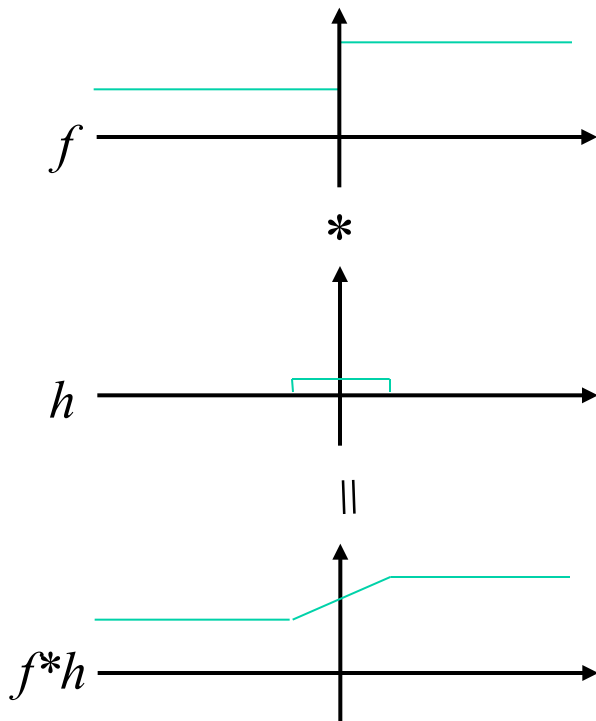
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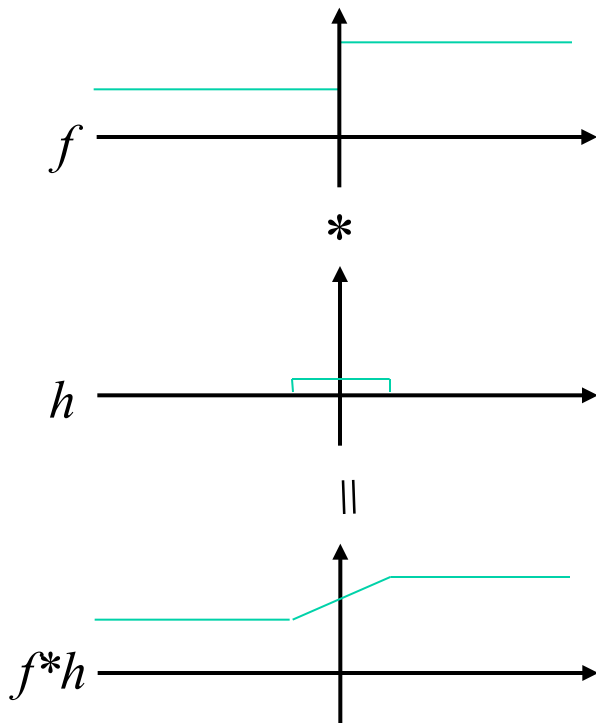
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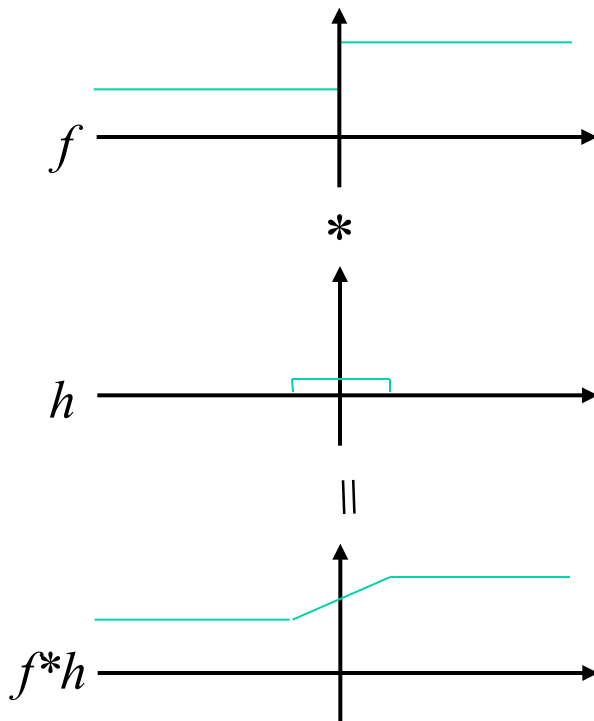
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Formalization

- We begin by considering a function: $f(x)$

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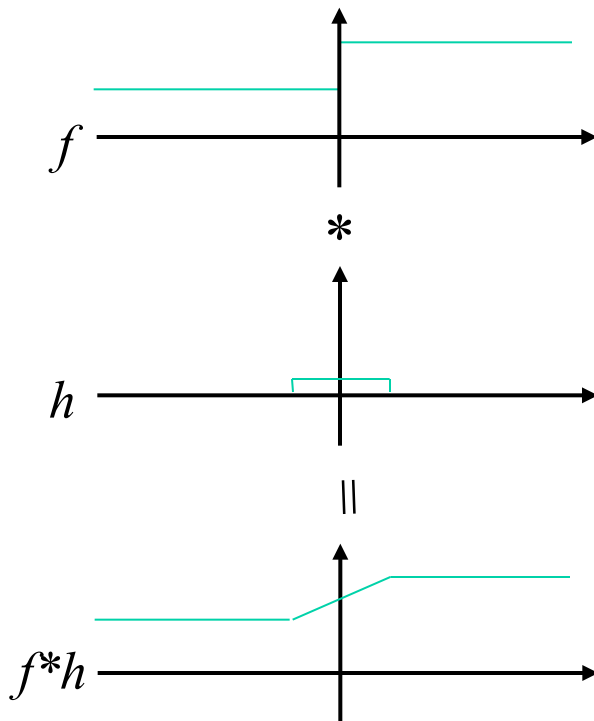
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- And we multiply it with values of another function:

$$f(x)h$$

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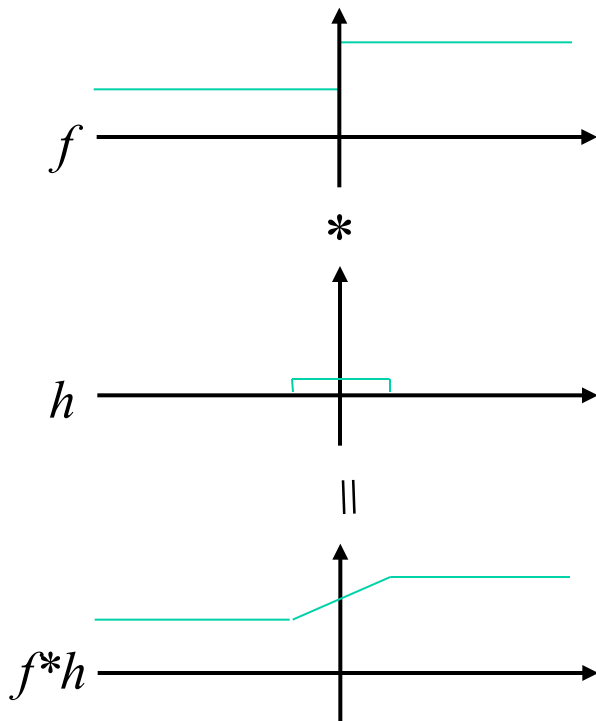
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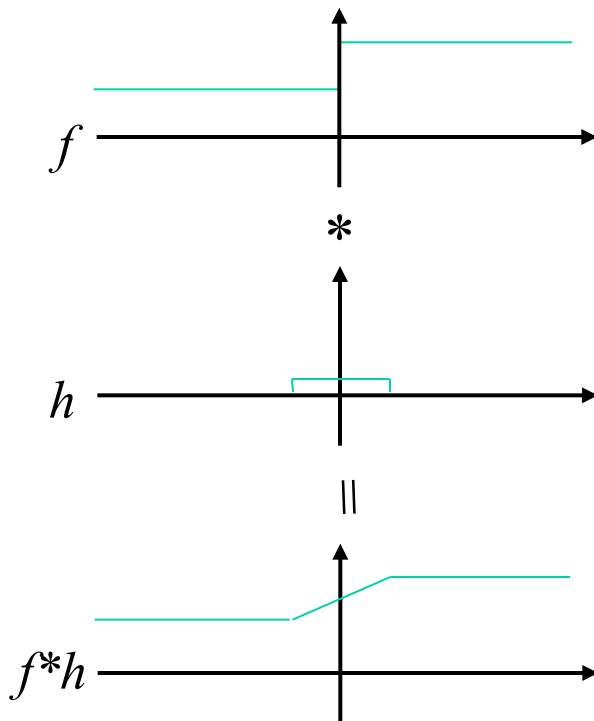
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- and multiply by infinitesimal support elements: $f(x-s)h(s)ds$

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Formalization

- Finally, we sum up (integrate): $\int f(x-s)h(s)ds$

Basics: Convolution

Definition

- Consider a system that, given $f(x,y)$ as input, produces output

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- Follows from rule for integrating the product of a constant and a function
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$$\int [a\alpha(\xi) + b\beta(\xi)] d\xi = a \int \alpha(\xi) d\xi + b \int \beta(\xi) d\xi$$

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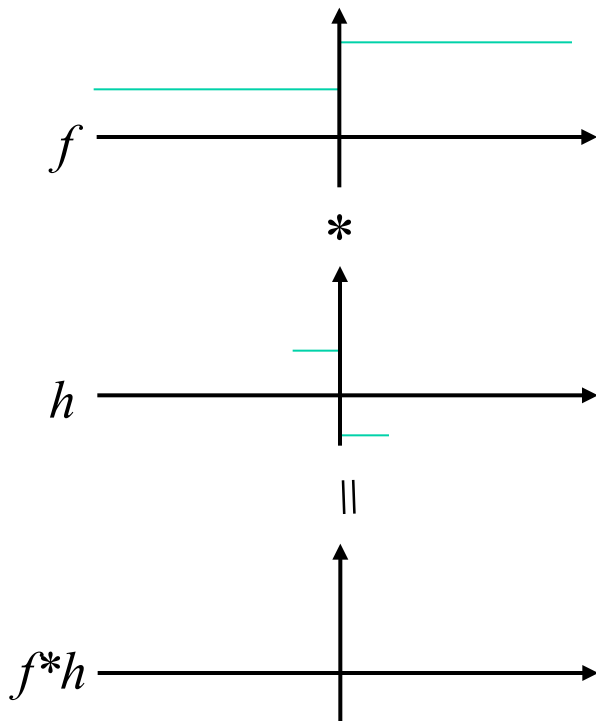
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The converse also is true

- **Any linear shift invariant system performs a convolution.**

Basics: Another convolution example

Graphic depiction



Formalization

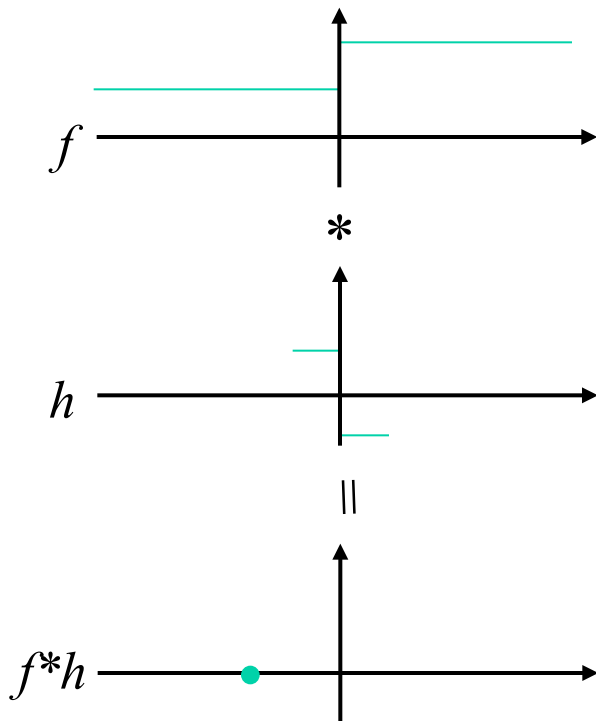
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Numerical calculation

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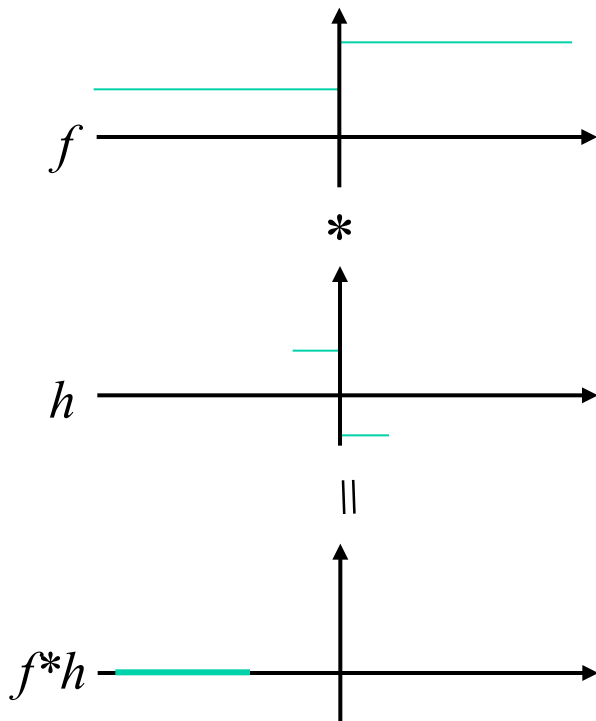
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Numerical calculation

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	1	(1)(-1)	0
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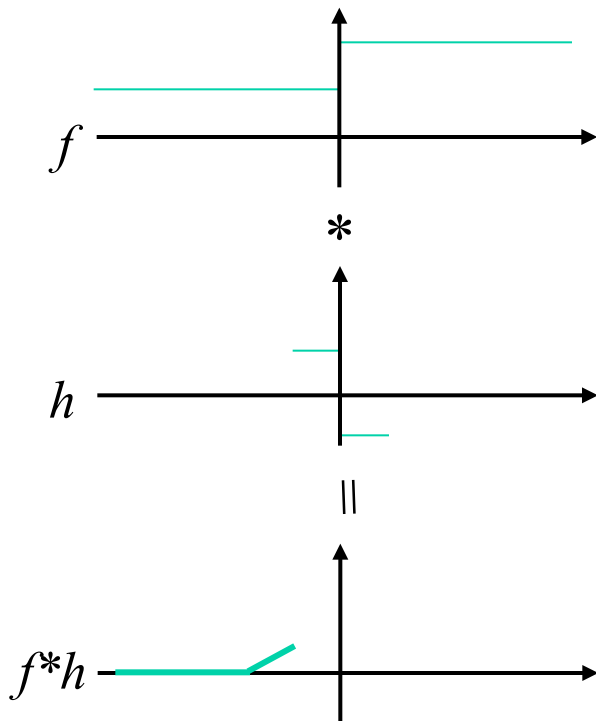
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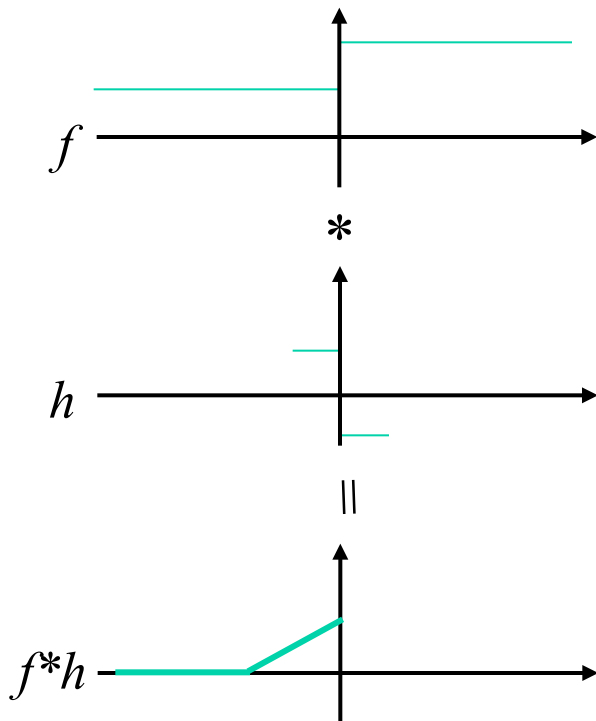
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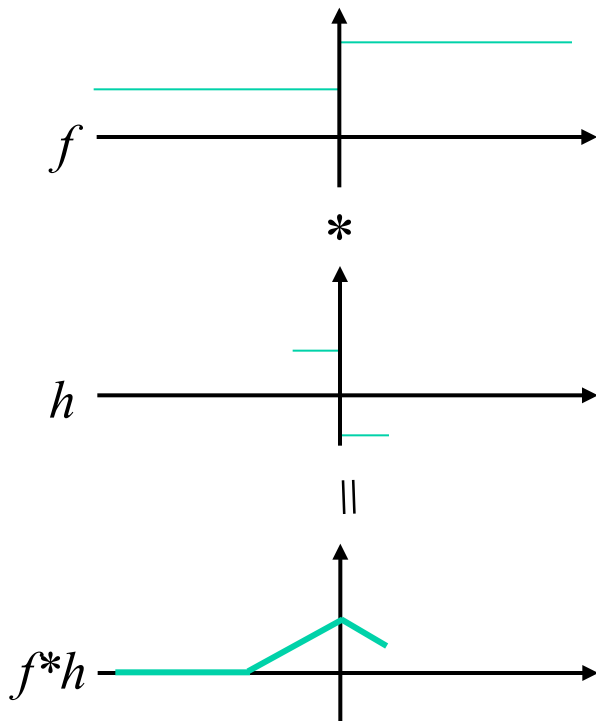
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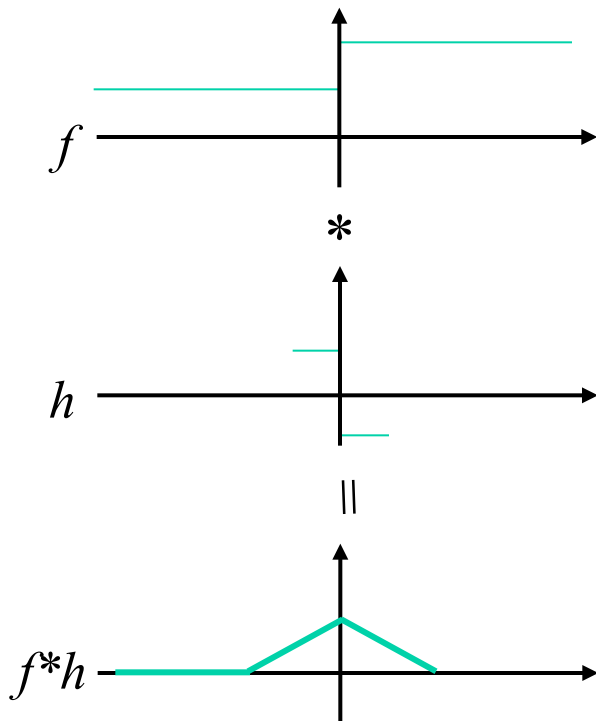
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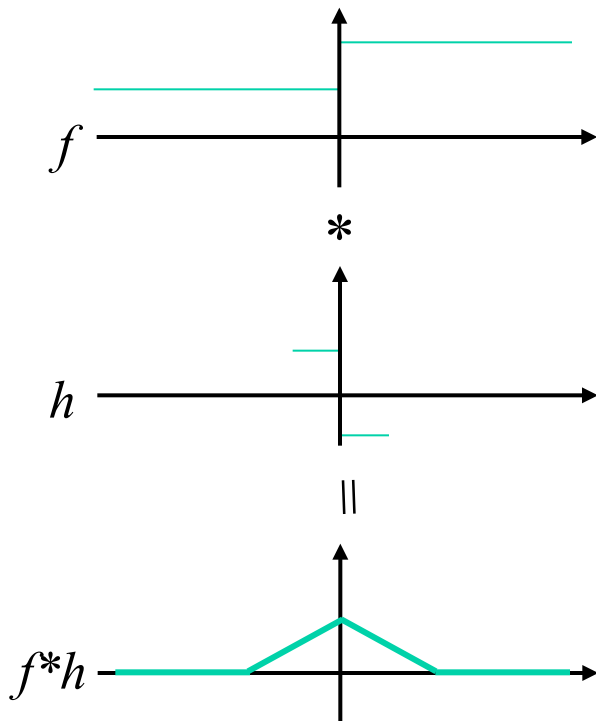
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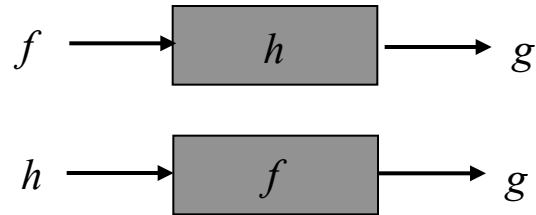
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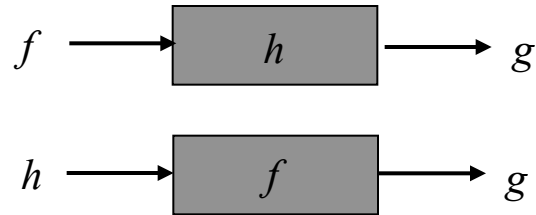
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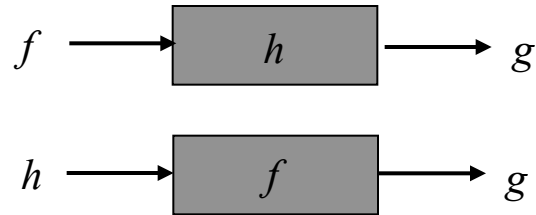
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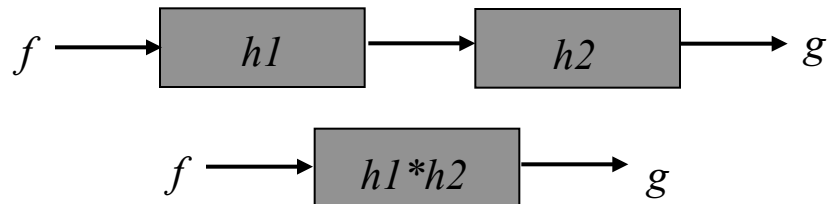
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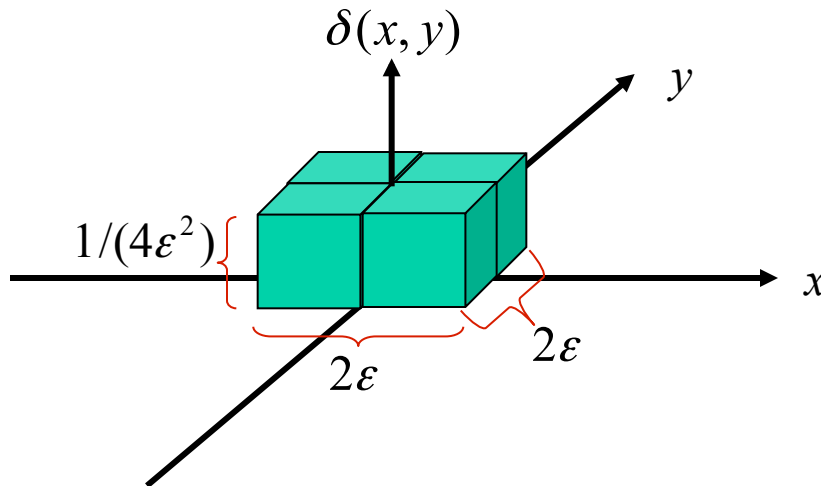
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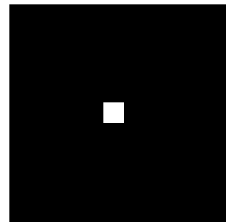
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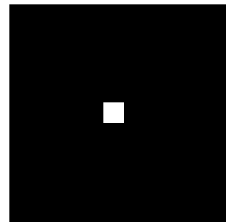


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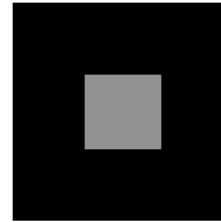
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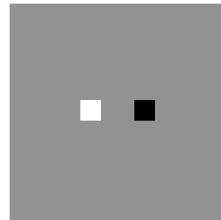


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Another example revisited

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- We call w the **frequency** (or **wave number**) of the eigenfunction.
- In practice, we use real waveforms, like $\cos(wt)$ and $\sin(wt)$, with the relationship

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which is known as **Euler's relation**.

- The complex exponential is used in derivations simply because it provides a compact notation.

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1D frequency

- We consider functions of the form

$$f(x) = A\cos(ux + d)$$

where

A is the amplitude

u is the (angular) frequency

d is the phase constant.

- Notice that the function repeats its value when $ux + d$ increases by 2π .
- For example, when $d = 0$, the maxima and minima occur when $ux = k\pi$, for k an integer.
- The wavelength (period), λ , is defined by calculating when the argument to \cos at $x + \lambda$ is 2π plus that at x

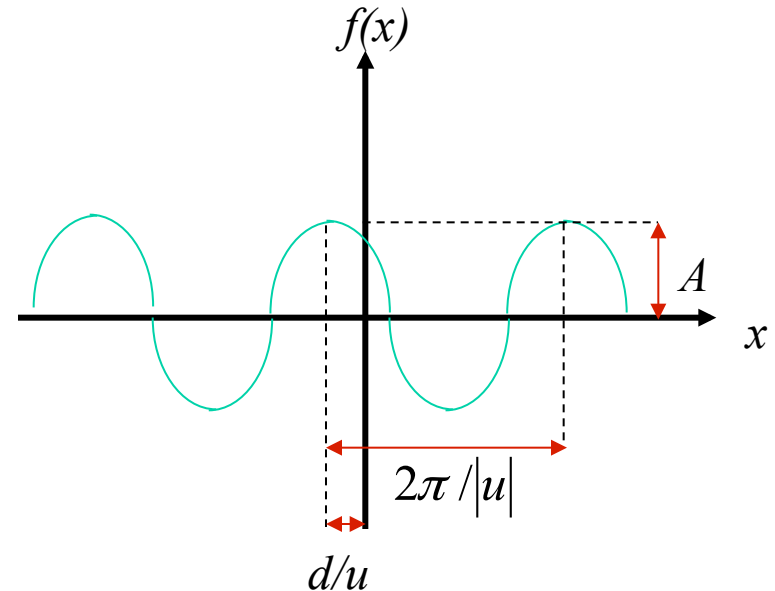
$$u(x + \lambda) + d = 2\pi + ux + d$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2\pi / |u|$$

- The shift in the peak (from 0) is

$$d/u$$

$$\text{e.g., } \cos[u(-d/u) + d] = \cos[0] = 1$$



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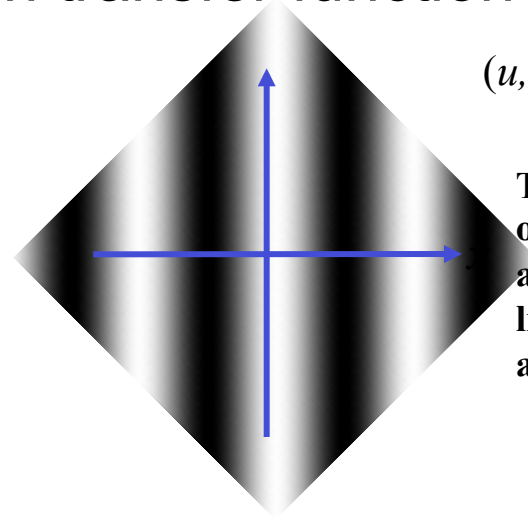
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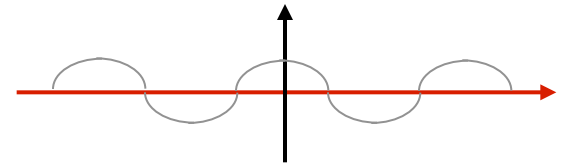
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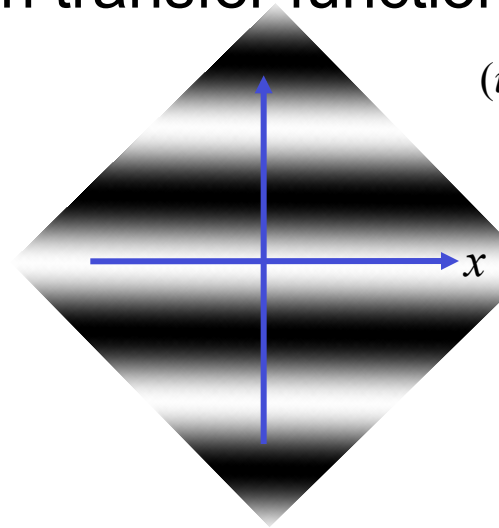


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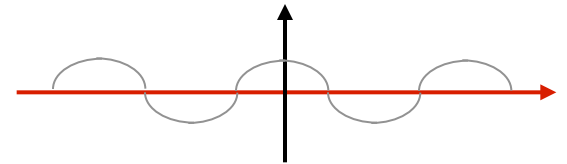
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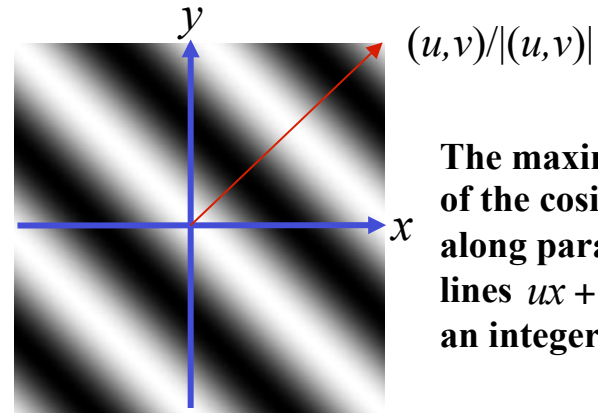


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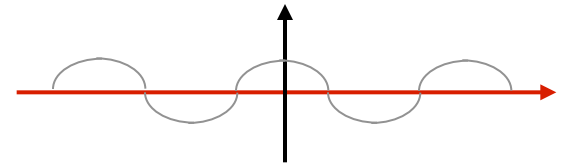
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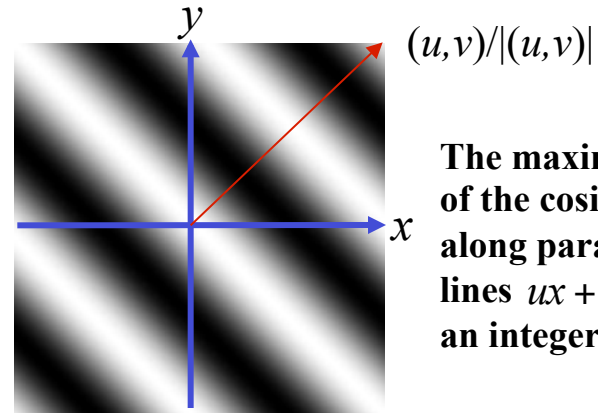
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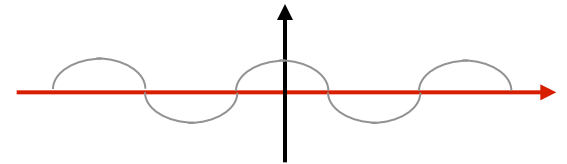
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- Apparently, if we knew how to decompose an arbitrary function, f , into a sum of sinusoidal waveforms, then the MTF could be used to characterize the effect of an LSI system operating on a function.
- It seems that this would be a simpler description (just multiplication!) than that offered by convolution with a PSF.

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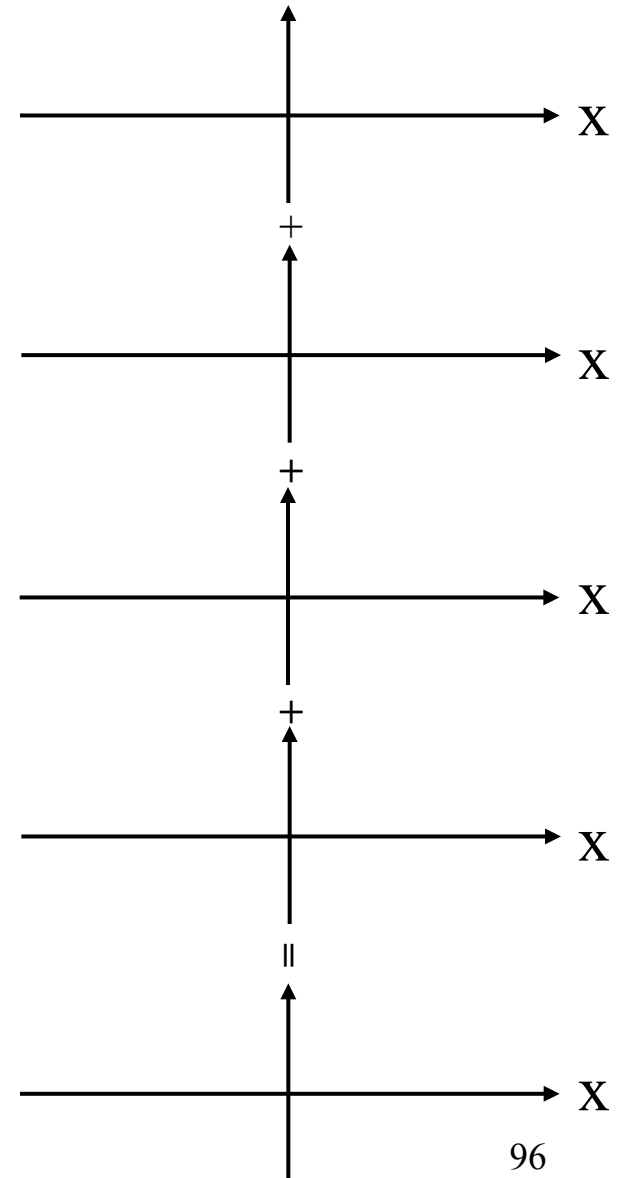
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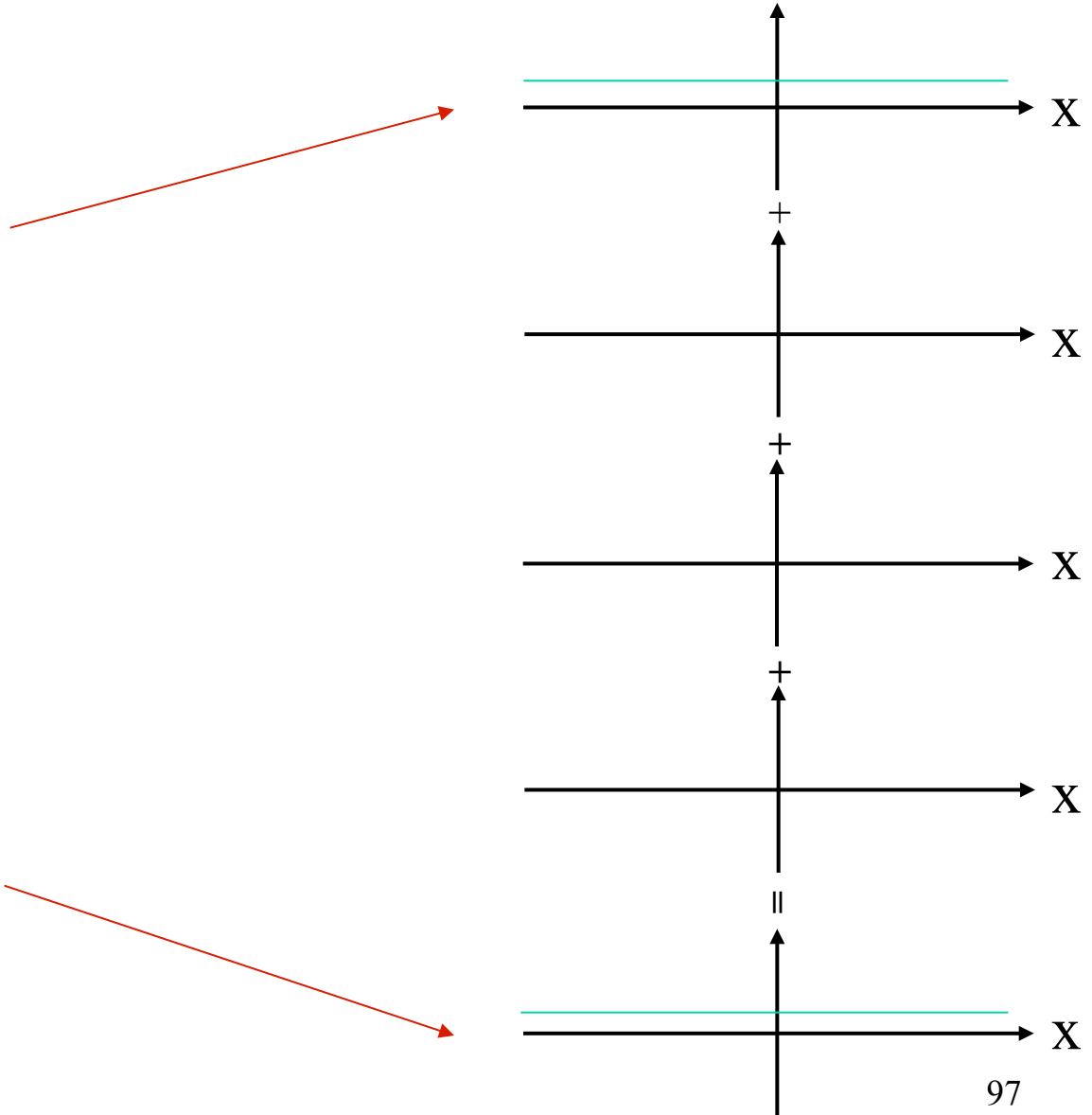
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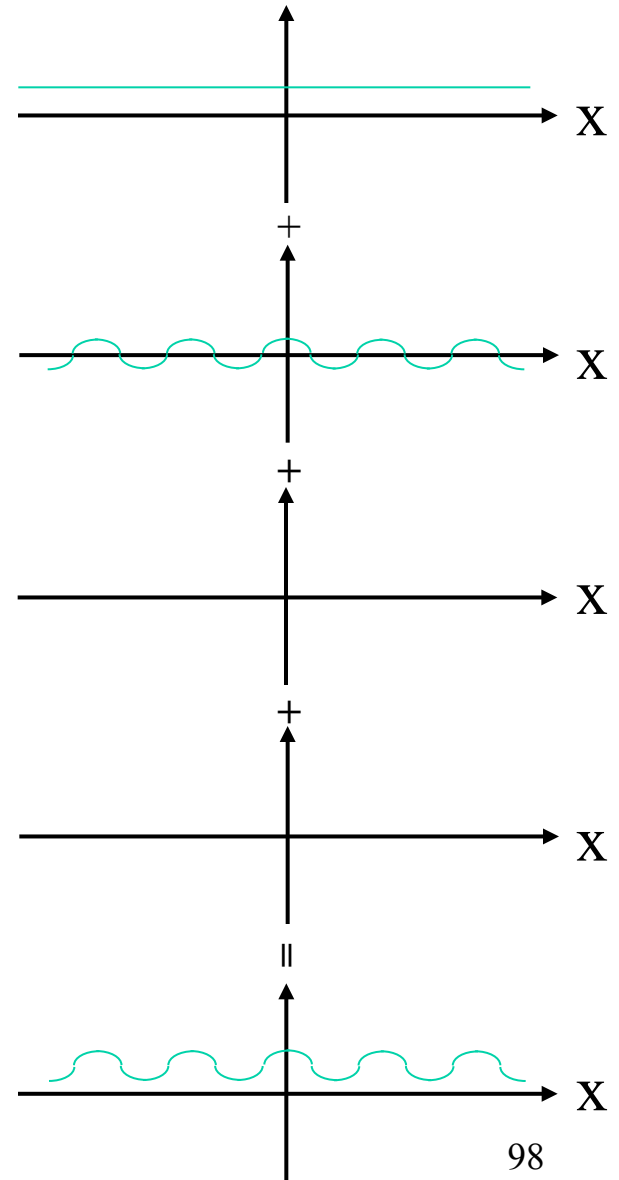
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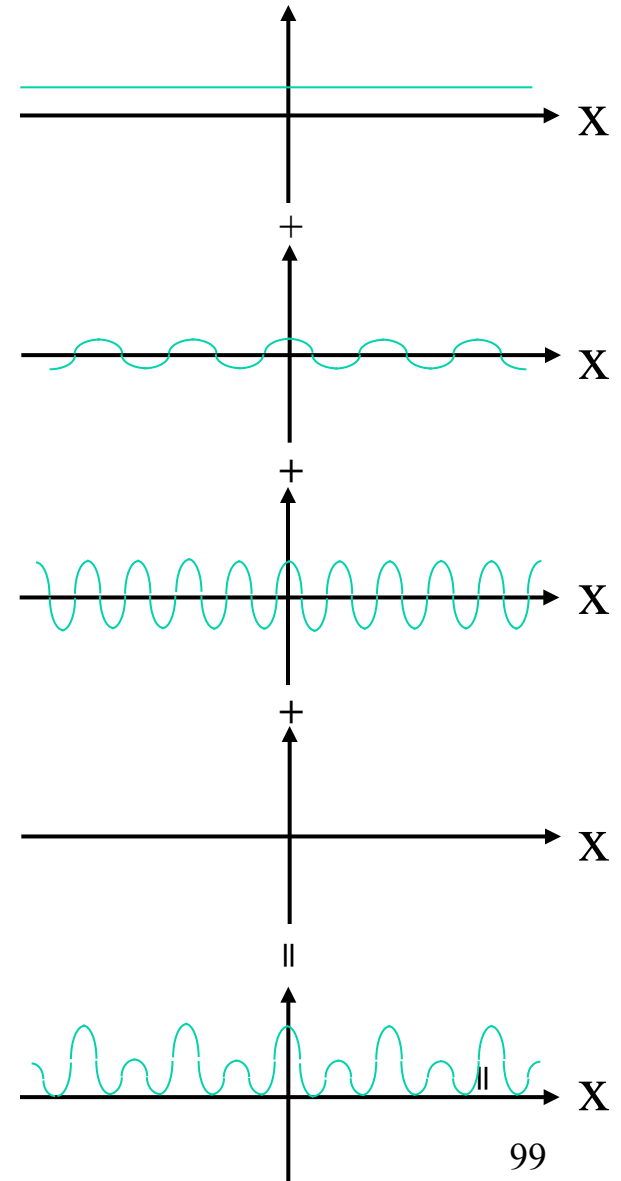
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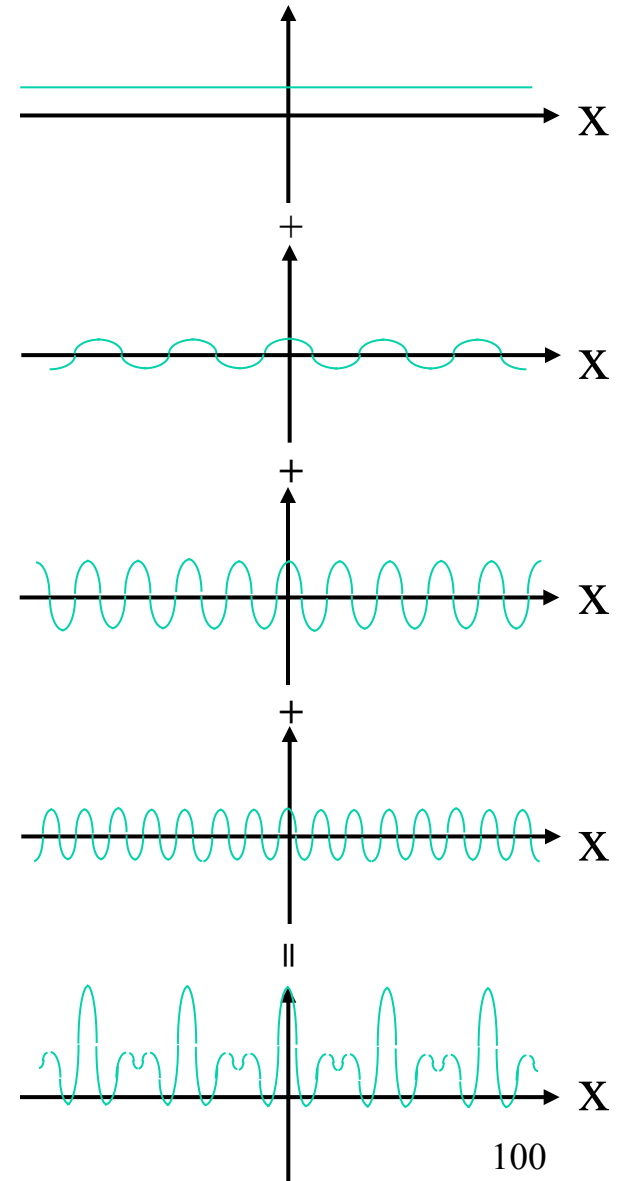
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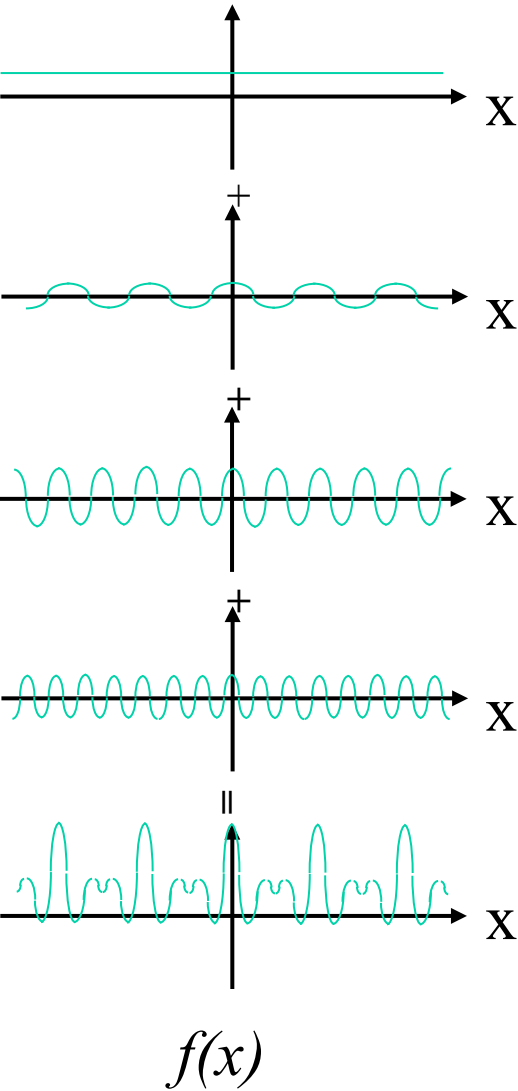
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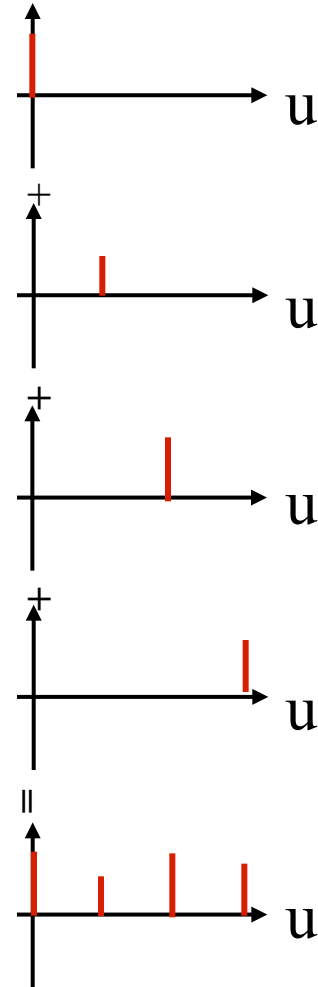


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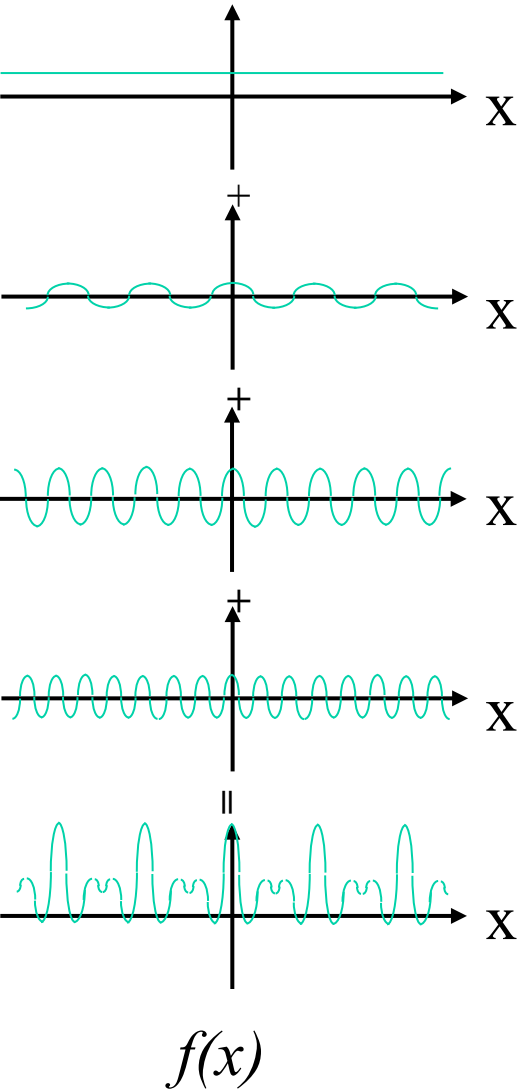
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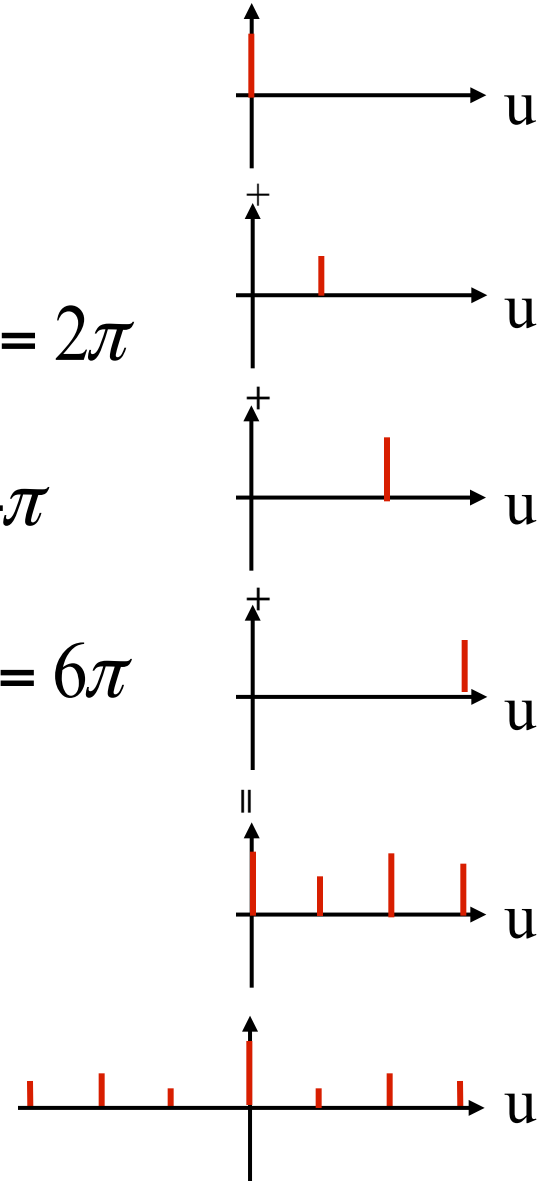
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- Sometimes, we will find it convenient to consider the (squared) magnitude of the Fourier transform

$$|F(u, v)|^2$$

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- For small $\delta u, \delta v$

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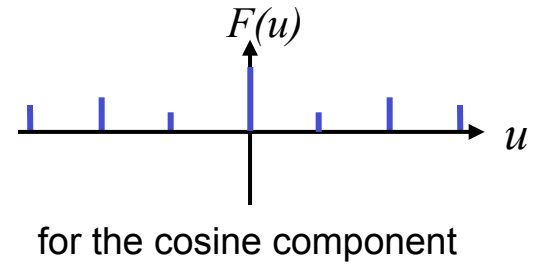
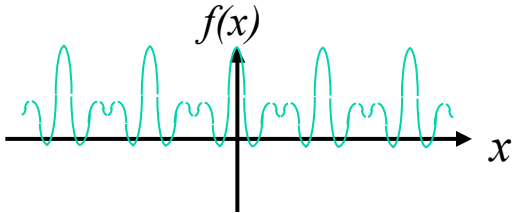
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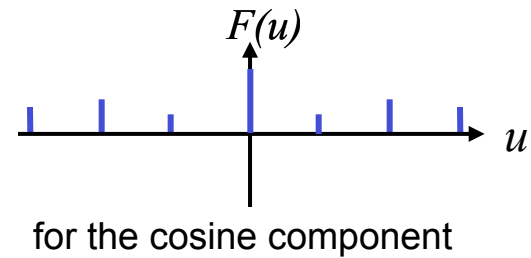
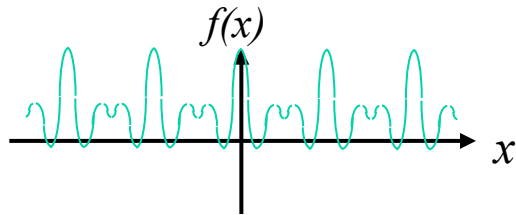
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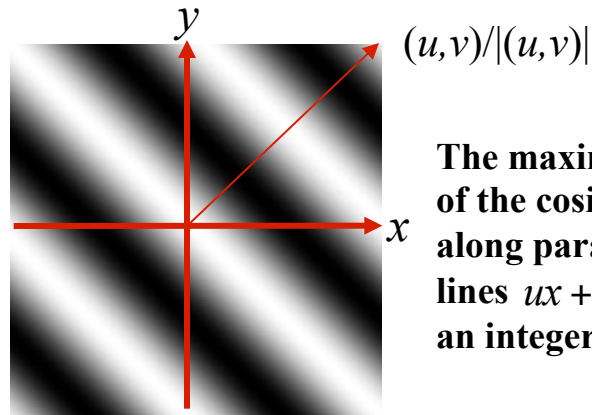
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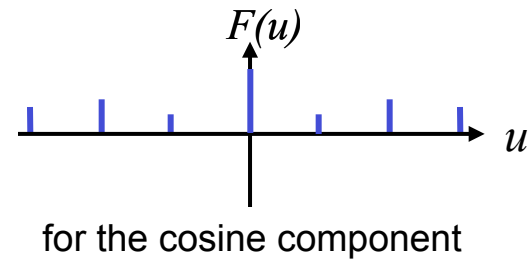
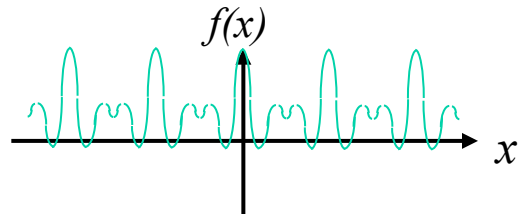


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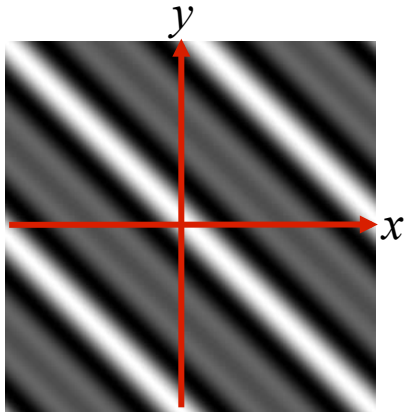
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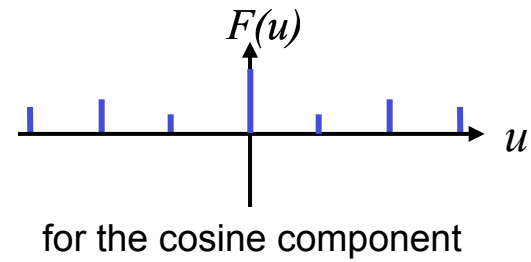
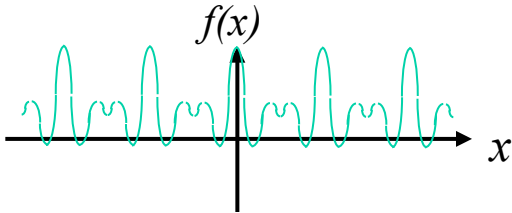
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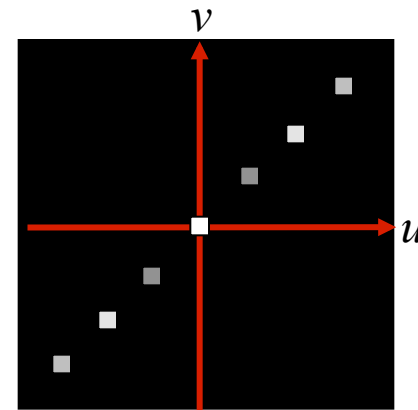
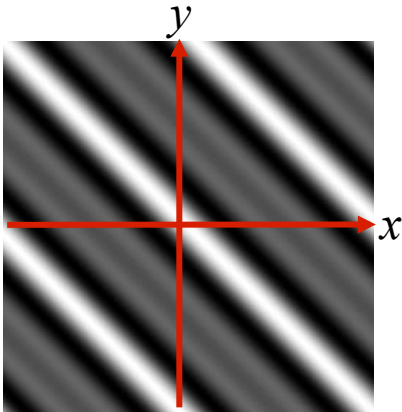
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Remarks

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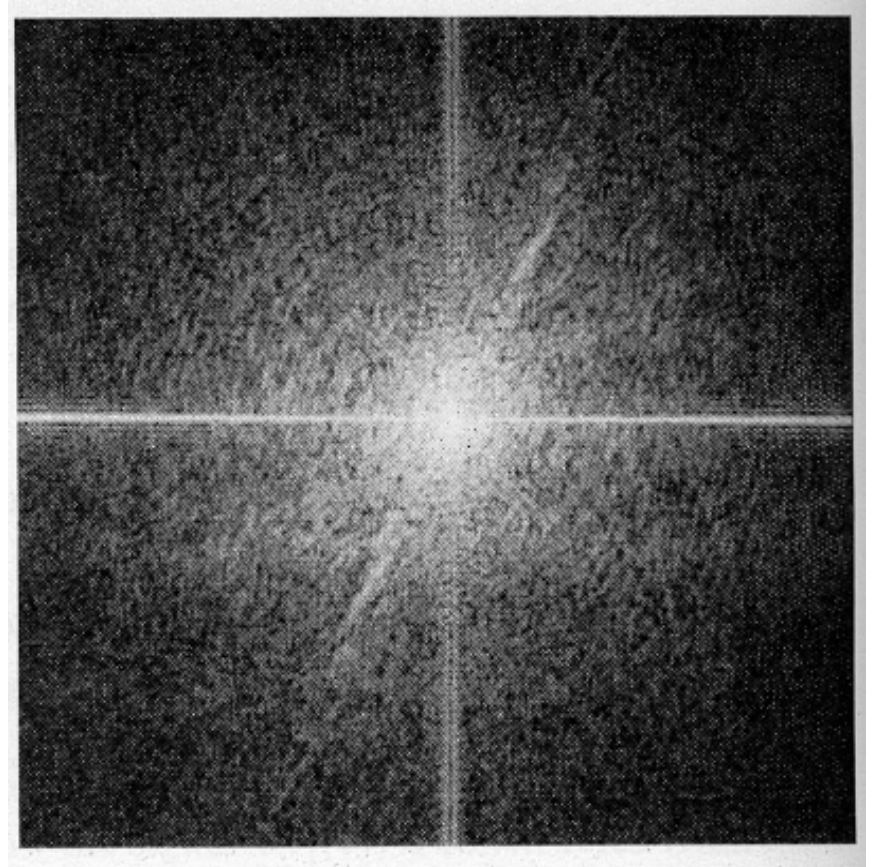
Frequency domain

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Inverse Fourier transform

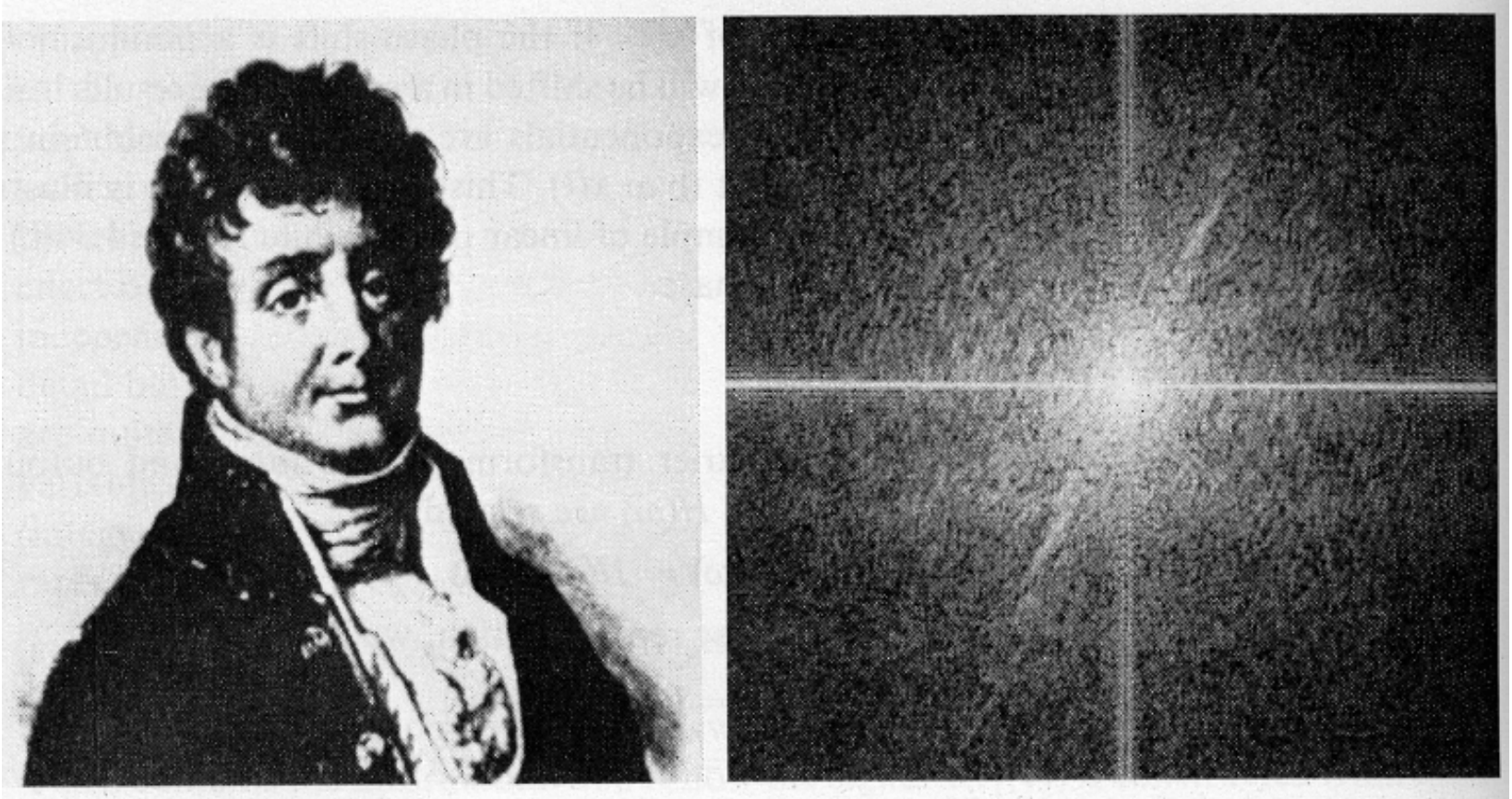
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Fourier power spectrum

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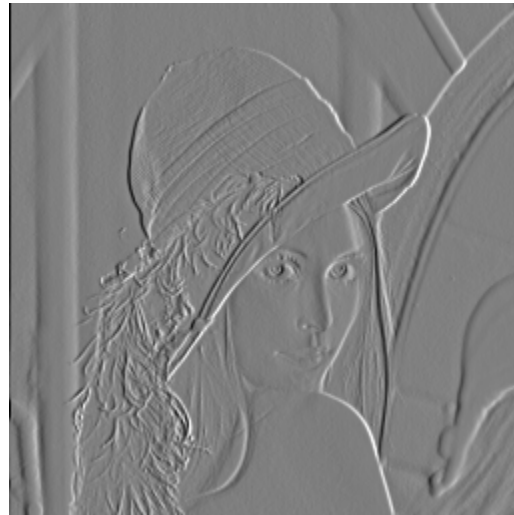
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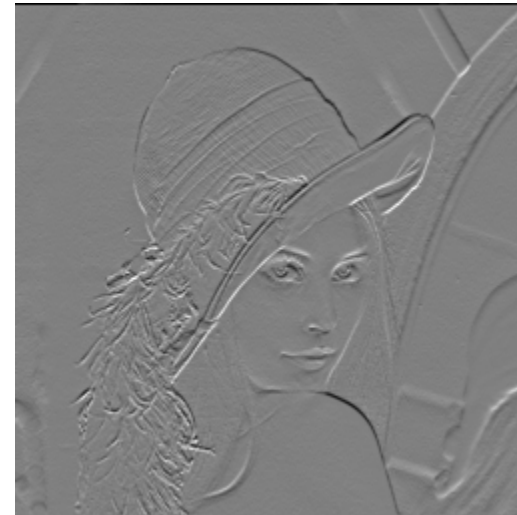
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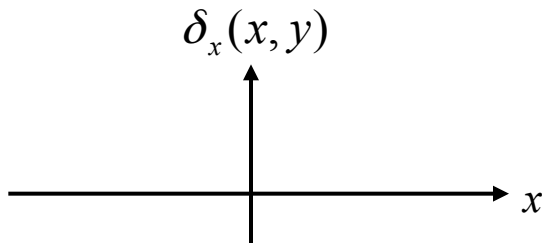
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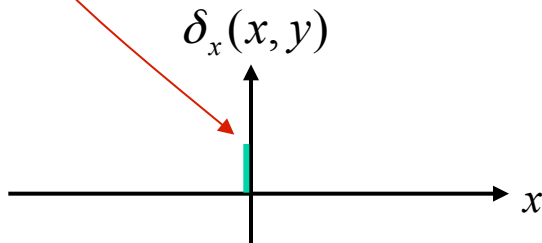
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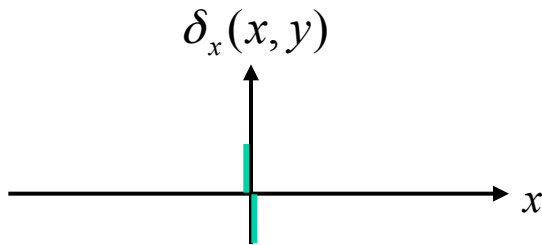
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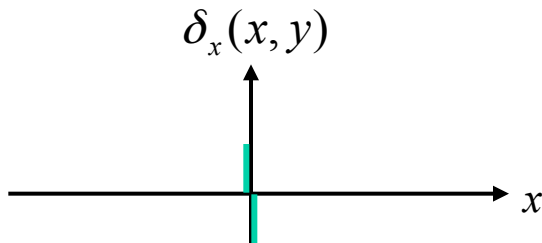
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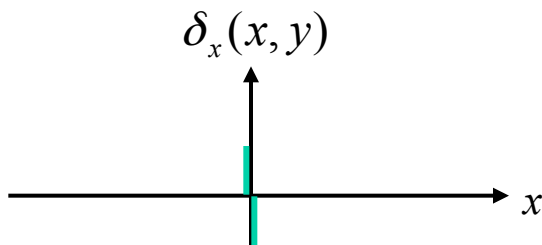
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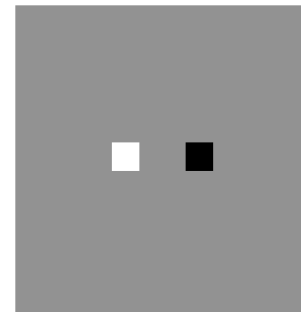
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Remark

- Recall our earlier example 2D PSF...
- which we now recognize as an approx. of $\delta_x(x, y)$



Local operators: Partial derivatives and convolution

Another conclusion

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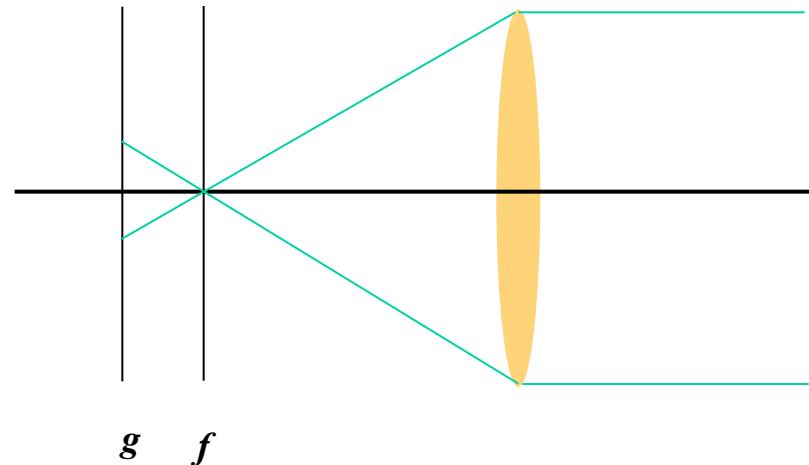
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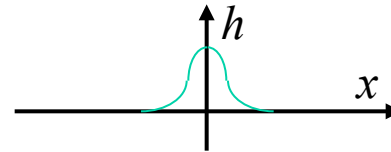
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$$h(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sigma^2}\right)\right]$$



with sigma, the standard deviation that gives the spread of the Gaussian.

- This point spread function is rotationally symmetric as it depends only on $x^2 + y^2$, not x and y individually.
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$$dt = \sqrt{a} dx$$

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i.e.,

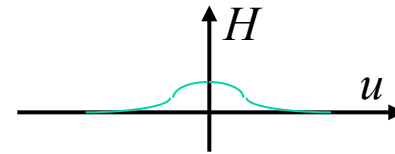
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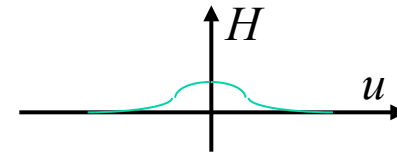


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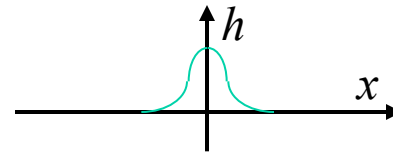
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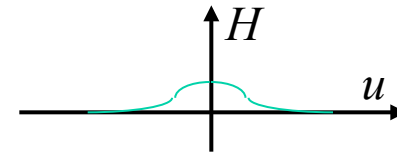
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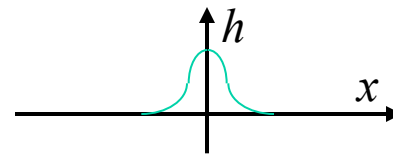
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Good blur

- A number of image noise sources yield selective corruption of the high spatial frequencies.
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Noise corrupted image



Gaussian blurred image

Restoration and enhancement: Beyond blur

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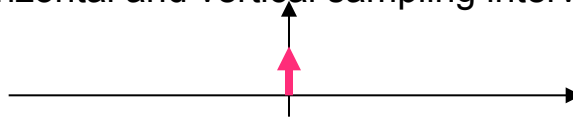
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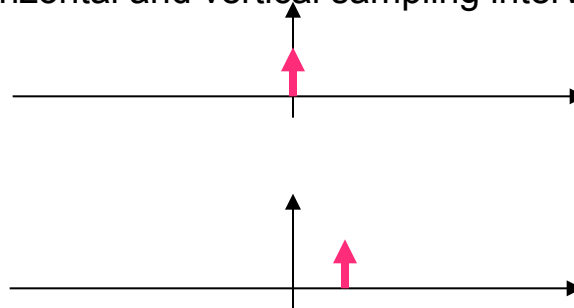
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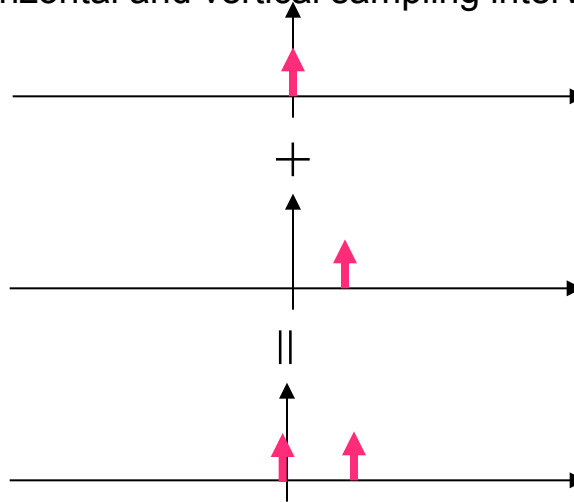
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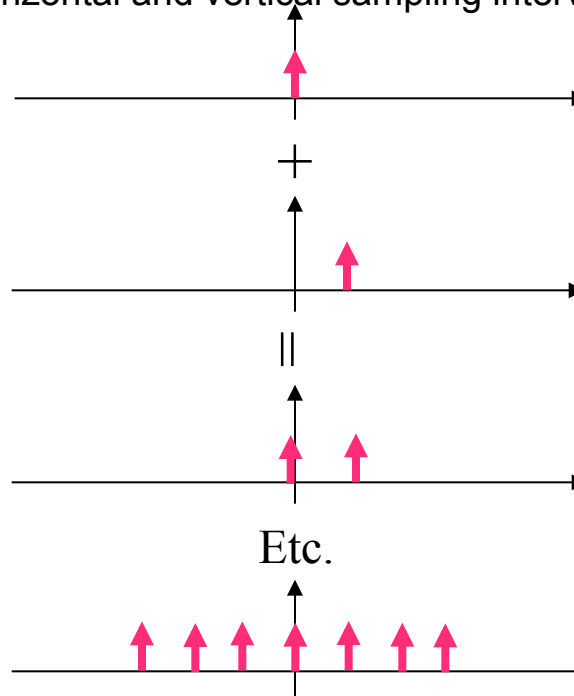
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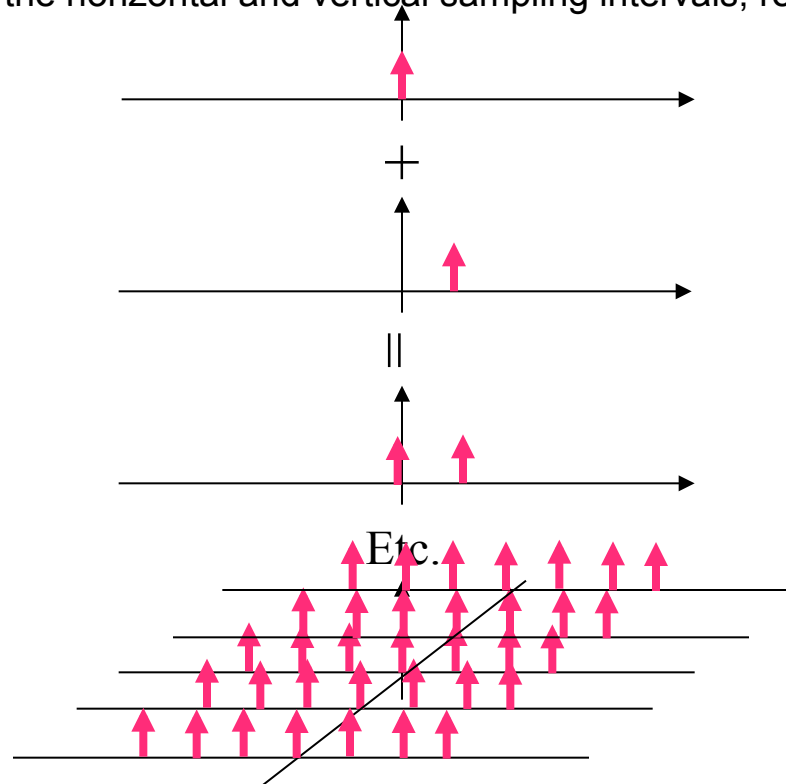
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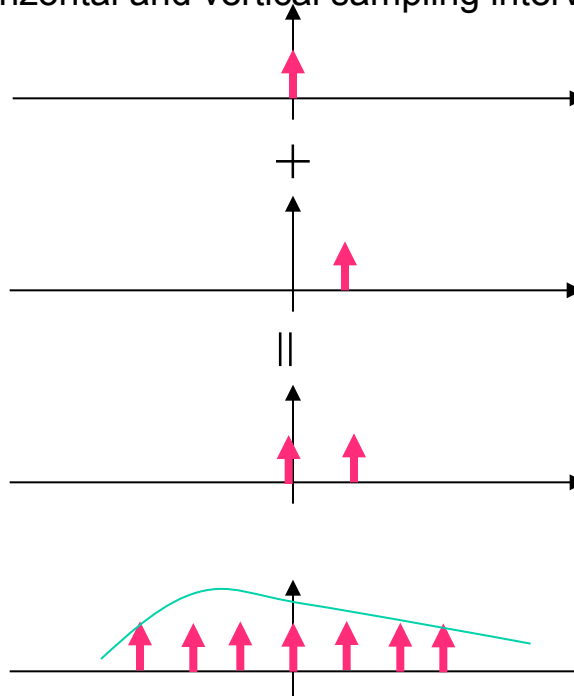
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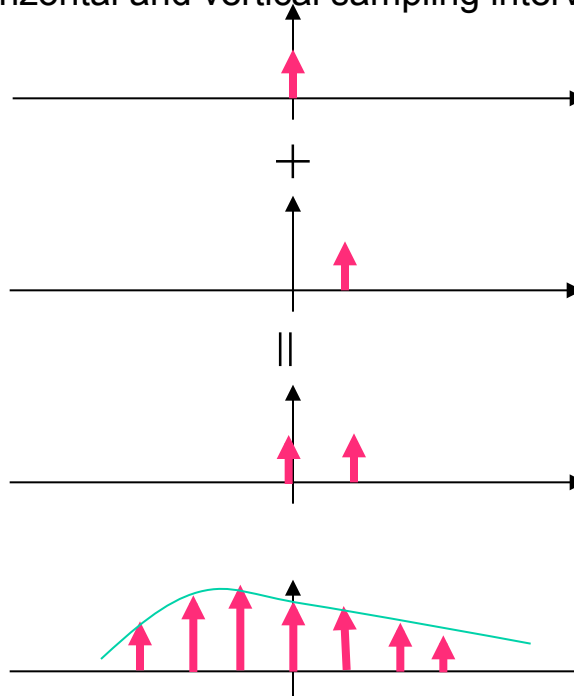
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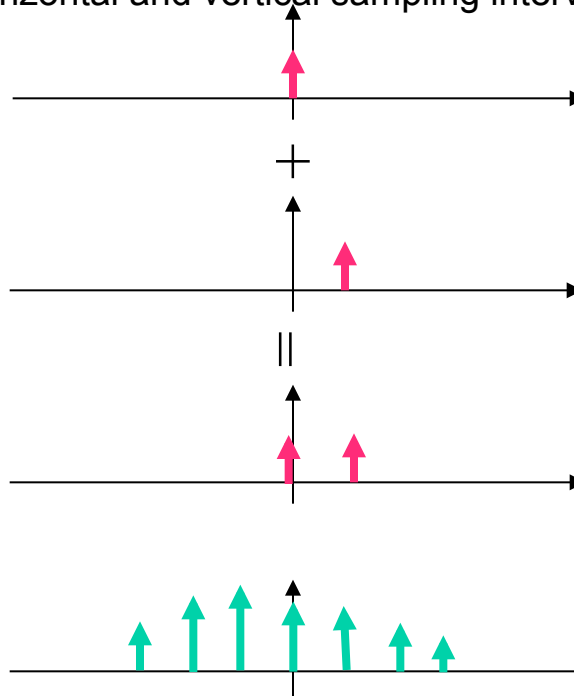
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The discrete case: Discrete image sampling

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pull f out of integral, group by u & v

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The discrete case: Discrete image sampling

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- Remark

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- We notice that the final expression is simply an interpolation of the sampled image points f_{kl}
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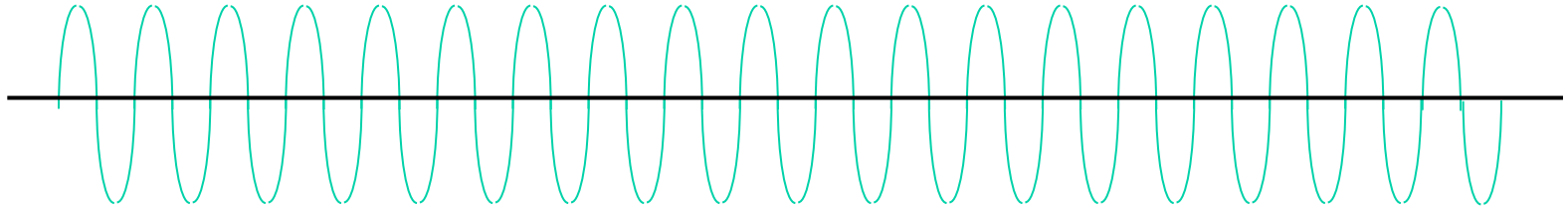
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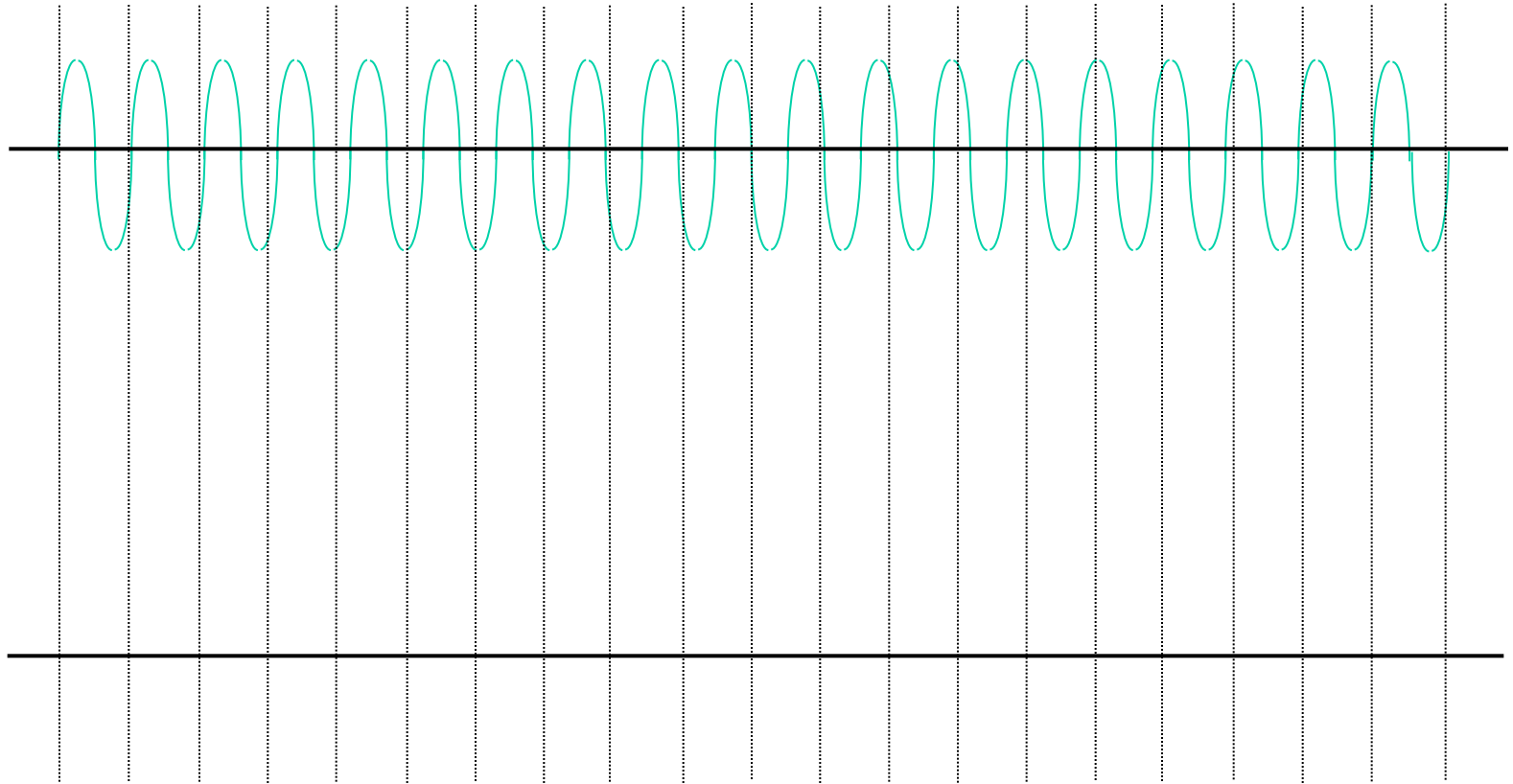
- In order to avoid certain singular situations that can occur when sampling at the minimally defined interval we typically sample at a smaller interval.
- Indeed, in the presence of significant noise, it is prudent to use a sampling interval a factor of 5 or 10 smaller than the minimally defined.

The discrete case: Aliasing example



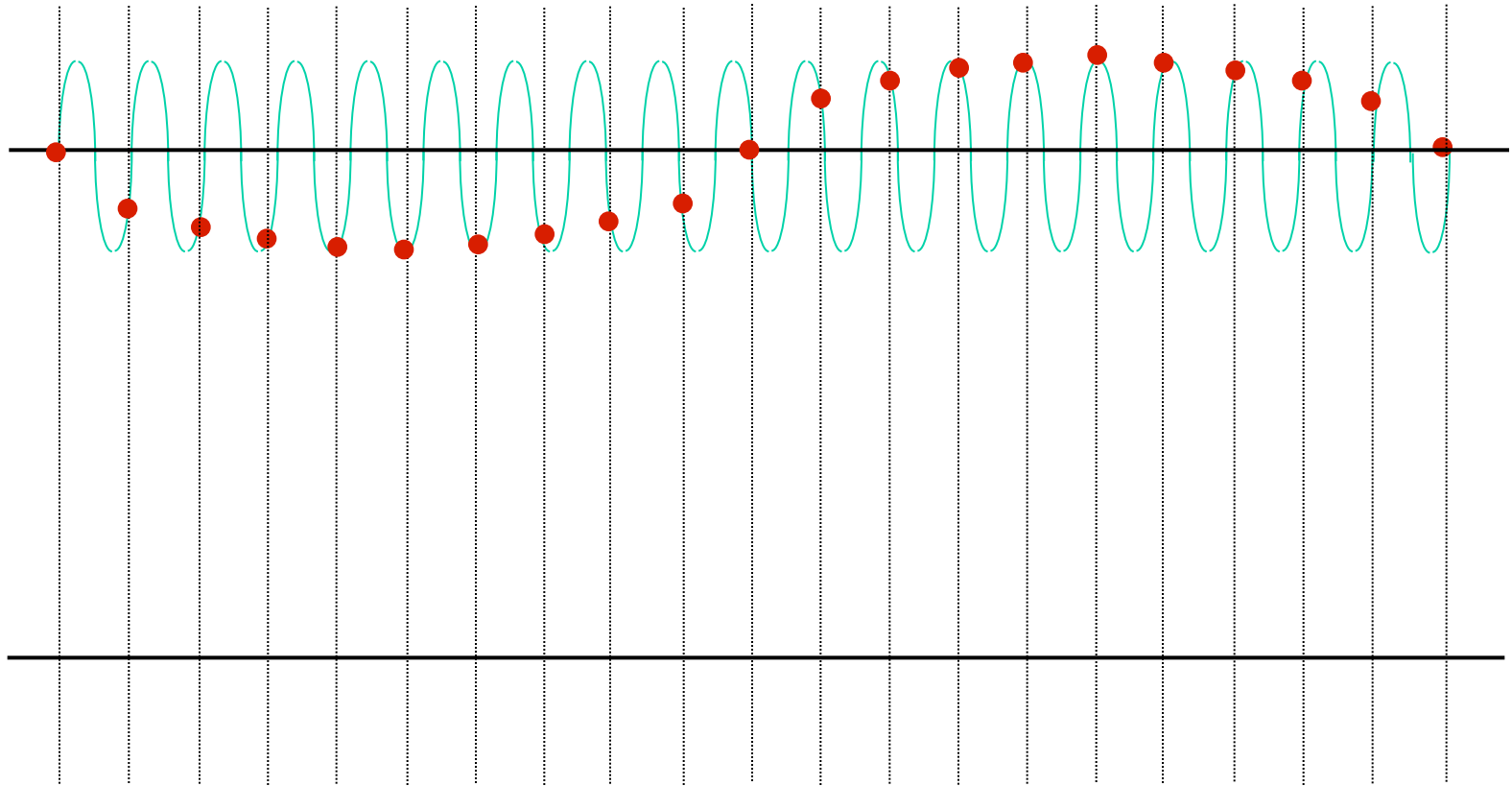
Consider: A sinusoidal pattern.

The discrete case: Aliasing example



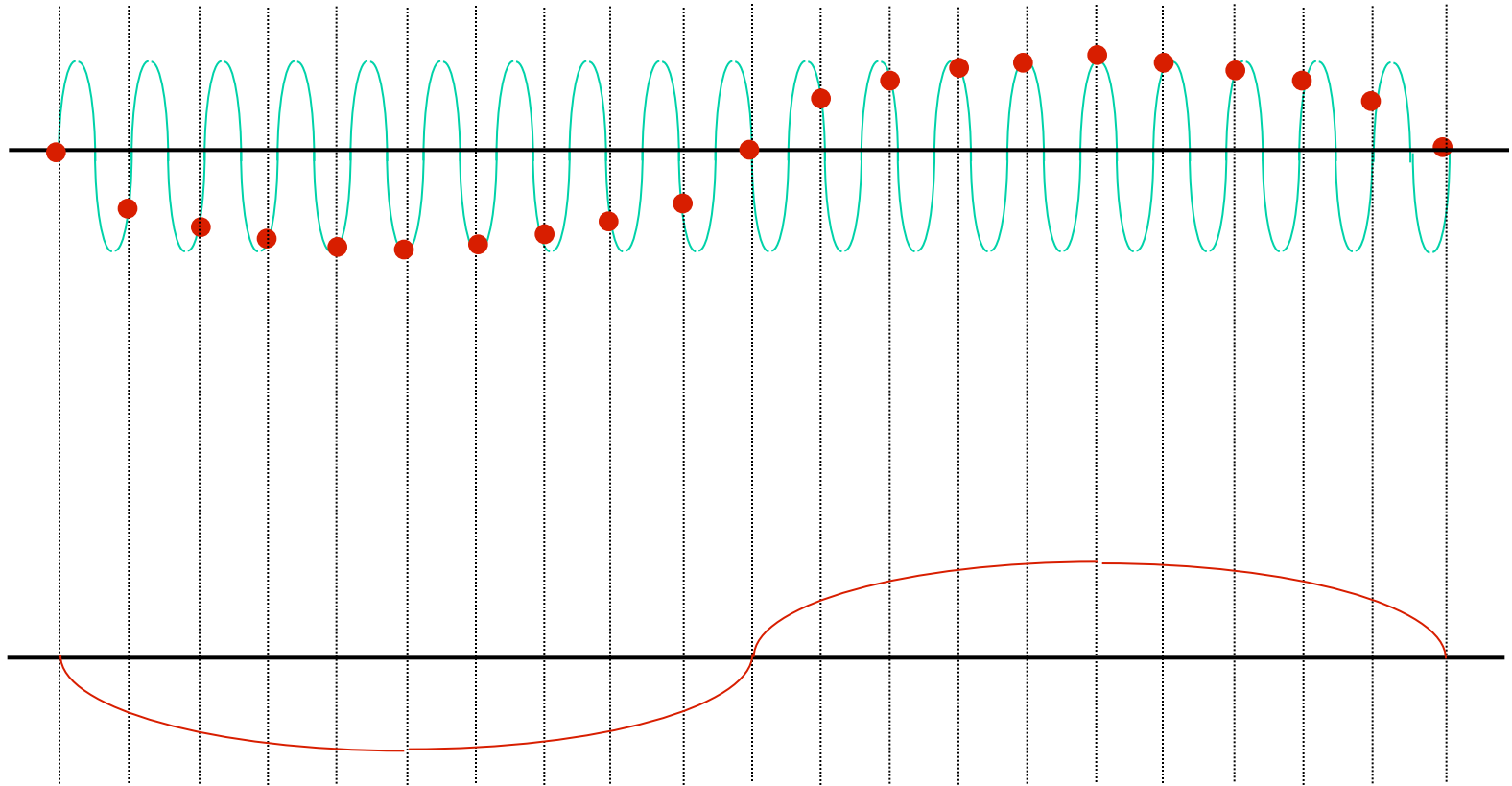
Suppose: That the **sinusoid** is spatially sampled at an interval greater than that of half the wavelength.

The discrete case: Aliasing example



Notice: That along the sampled points
another sinusoid becomes apparent

The discrete case: Aliasing example



Conclusion: For the dotted sampling grid, the **higher frequency sinusoid** aliases to the **lower frequency sinusoid**

The discrete case: The discrete Fourier transform

Definitions

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with i, j taking the roles of x, y and k, l taking the roles of ξ, η

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- We will sometimes refer to these discrete counterparts as (digital) **masks** or **stencils**.
- We will refer to the individual (numerical) elements within the masks as **taps**.
- For example, one reasonable sampling of the Gaussian point spread function (with unit standard deviation) yields the following mask

$$\frac{1}{16^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 6 & 24 & 36 & 24 & 6 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Remark

- At the image borders, where the mask does not fit within the image, there are several choices
 1. Design special masks that are adapted to such configurations.
 2. Assume that values outside the image are some constant value, e.g., 0.
 3. Reflect the image about its borders.

The discrete case: A refinement

Separability

- Notice that

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- Correspondingly, the 2D convolution can be separated into 2 1D convolutions.
- A separable implementation yields increased computational efficiency, e.g., for convolution with an $N \times N$ mask in 2D requires N^2 operations at each point, while 2 1D convolutions require only $2N$ operations.
- Remark: Here, separability arises from the fact that the underlying Gaussian PSF has the form $\exp(a+b) = \exp(a)\exp(b)$.

The discrete case: Another refinement

Steerability

- Recall that the directional derivative along some direction $\mathbf{v} = (\cos a, \sin a)$ can be had as

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(x, y)$$

or in terms of convolution as

$$= \mathbf{v} \cdot \left(\delta_x * f(x, y), \delta_y * f(x, y) \right)$$

- In words: The directional derivative along any direction can be computed as the weighted sum of the partial derivatives along just two directions.
- We say that the two convolutions are **steered** according to the coefficients $(\cos a, \sin a)$ specified by \mathbf{v} to yield the final result.
- Computational advantage can be had as we can precompute the needed interim basis results and subsequently combine them according to our subsequent needs.
- Remark: Steerability can be invoked when ever the desired function can be represented as set of basis functions.

The discrete case: Example revisited



Noise corrupted image



Gaussian blurred image

Remark: The depicted transformation was accomplished via the just described convolution algorithm using the Gaussian PSF mask given a few slides back.

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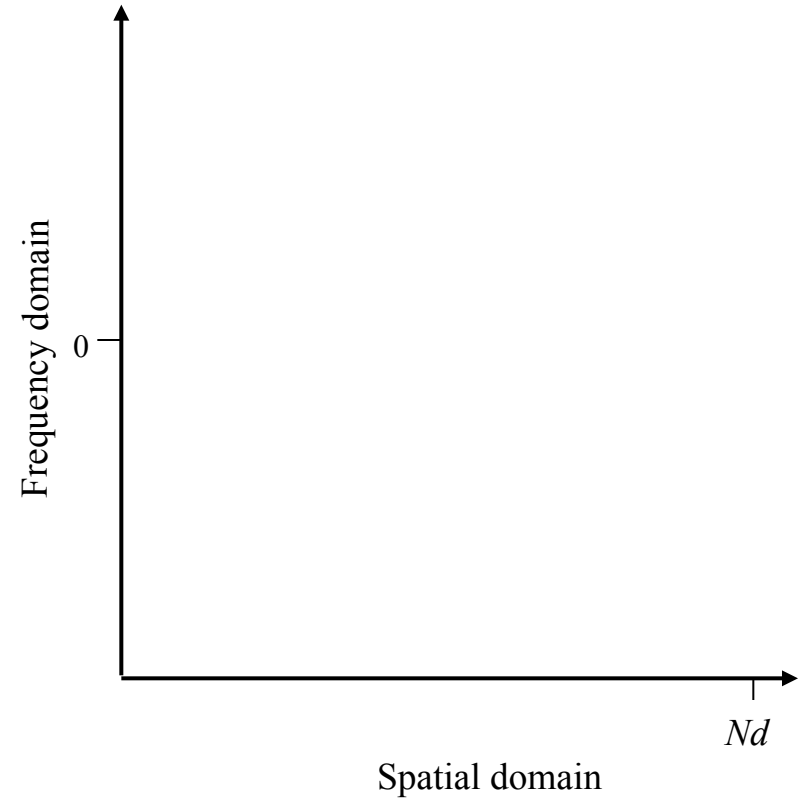
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Local scale and orientation

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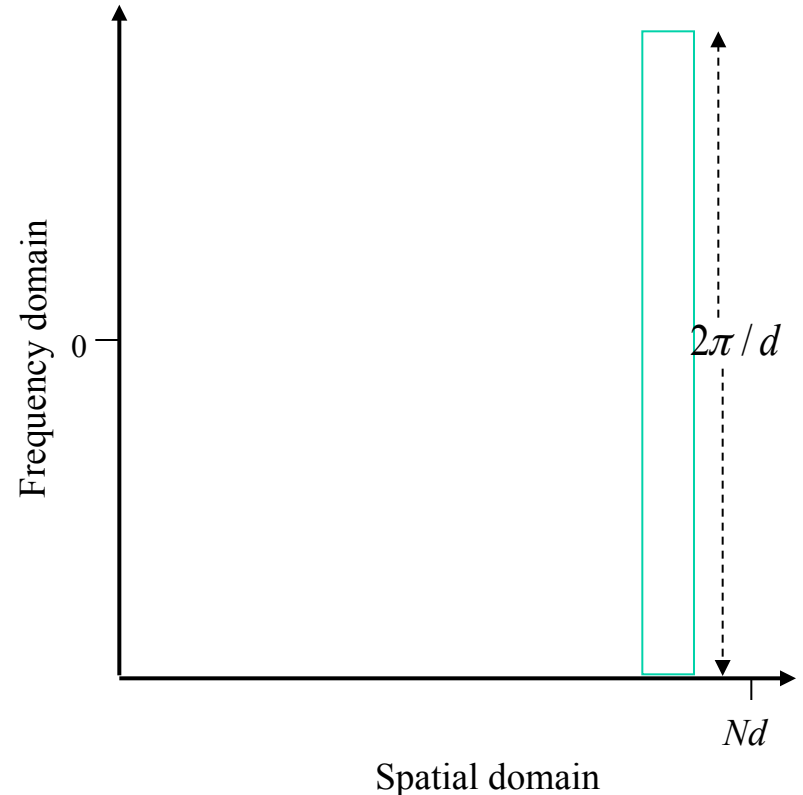
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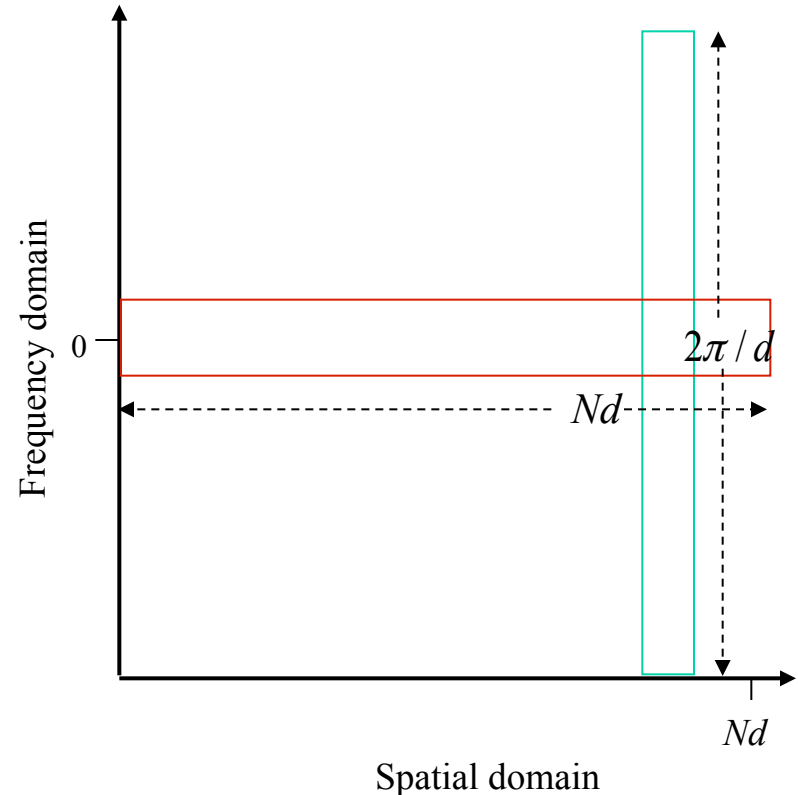
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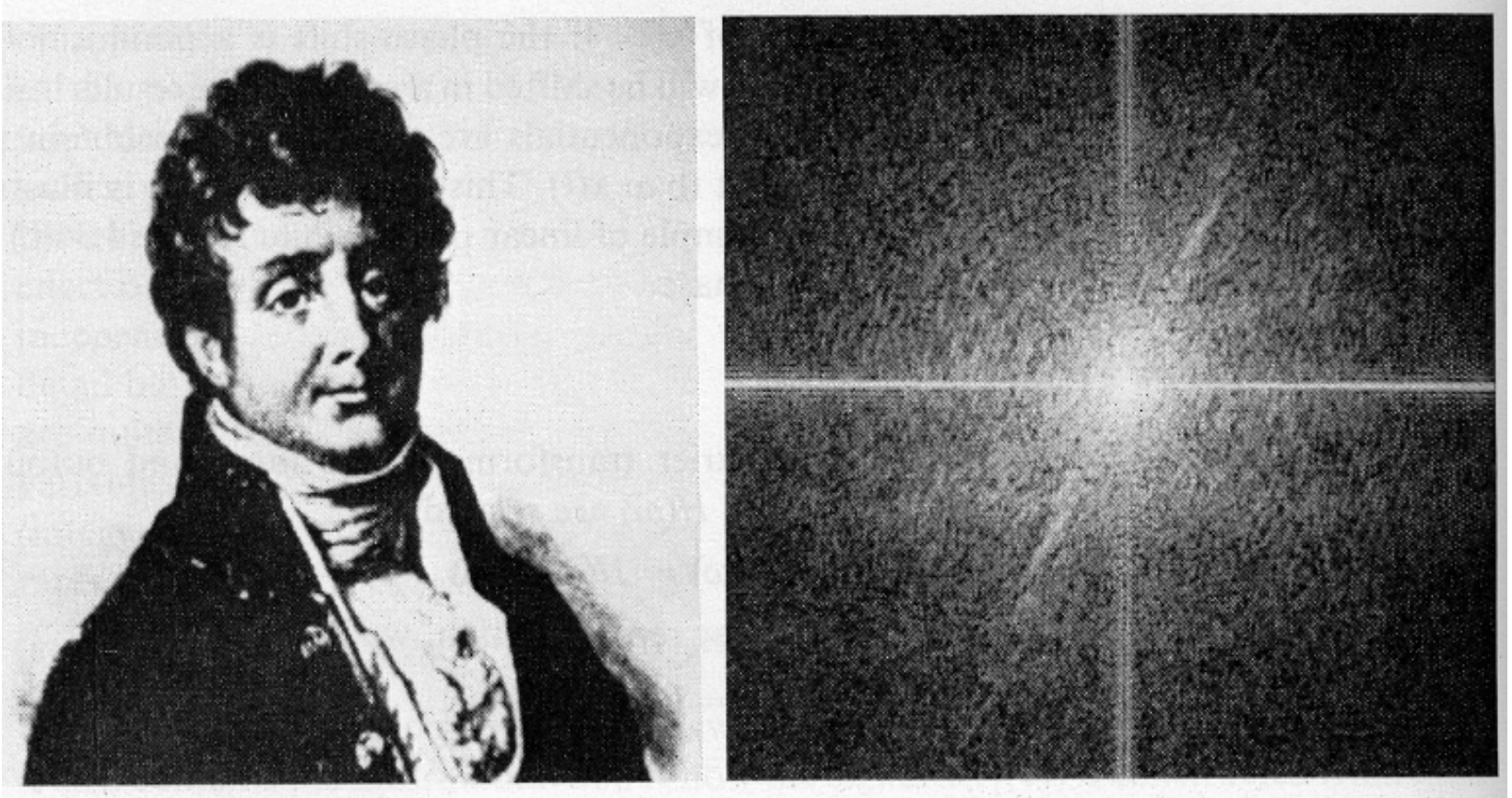
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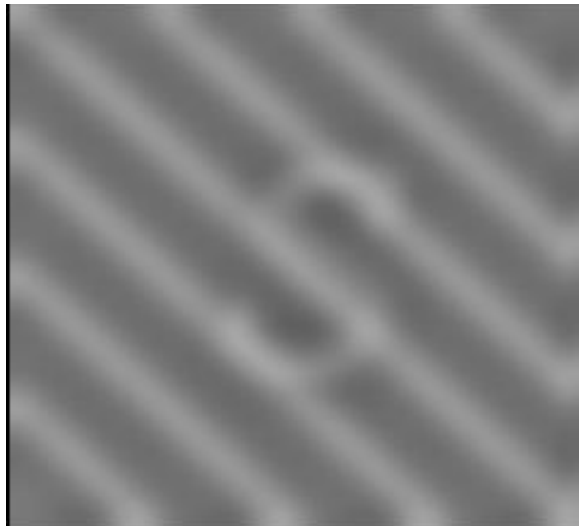


Source image (J. Fourier)

Power spectrum

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Concept: Provide a local representation of frequency content.



Advantage: Provides a principled parsing of the local image structure.

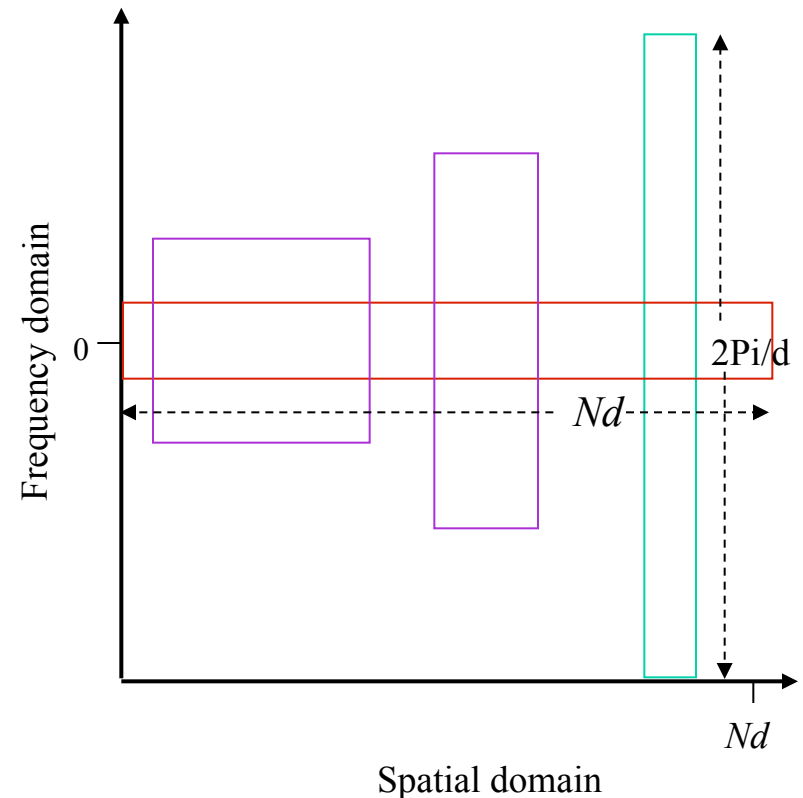
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Where we stand

- We have discussed two different ways to represent an image
 - The spatial domain
 - The frequency domain

We seek a compromise

- We desire a joint representation that allows us to capture the range of scales present locally in the image.
- Refer to such representations as **multiscale** or **multiresolution**.



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$$f(x, y) * w(x, y) \exp[i(u_0 x + v_0 y)]$$

with the inclusion of an additional phase component

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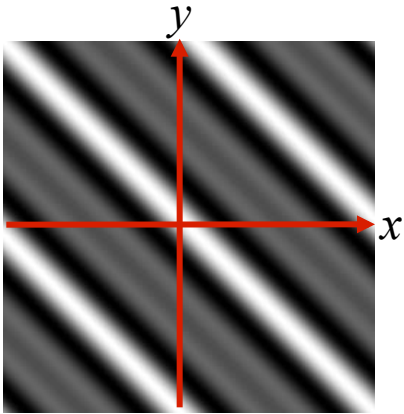
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- In words, we see that the MTF can
 - Pass the centre frequencies relatively unattenuated.
 - Suppress frequencies away from the centre so that they are attenuated according to the shape of the window function.
- We refer to such operation as that of a **bandpass filter**: It passes frequencies within a certain region (band) about the centre frequency.

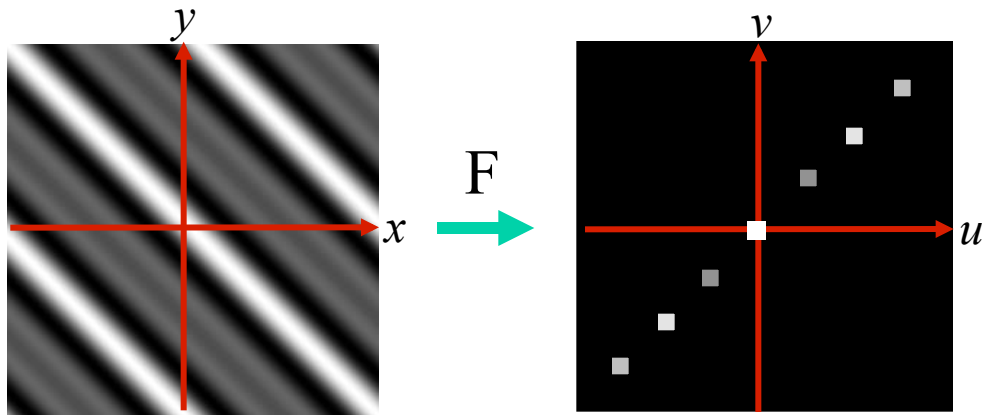
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Example (pictorial)



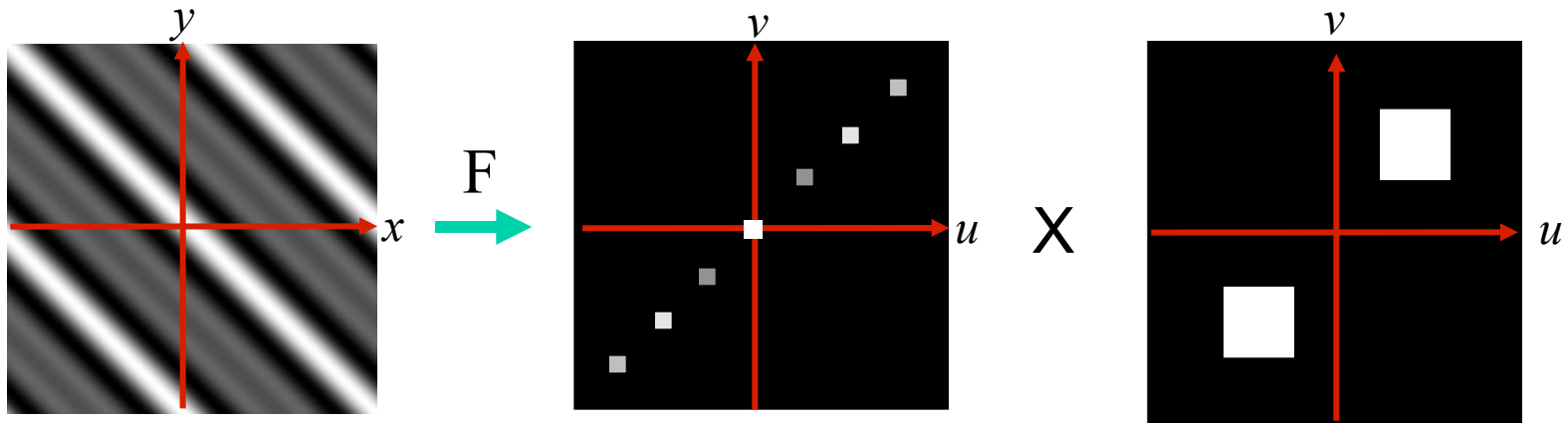
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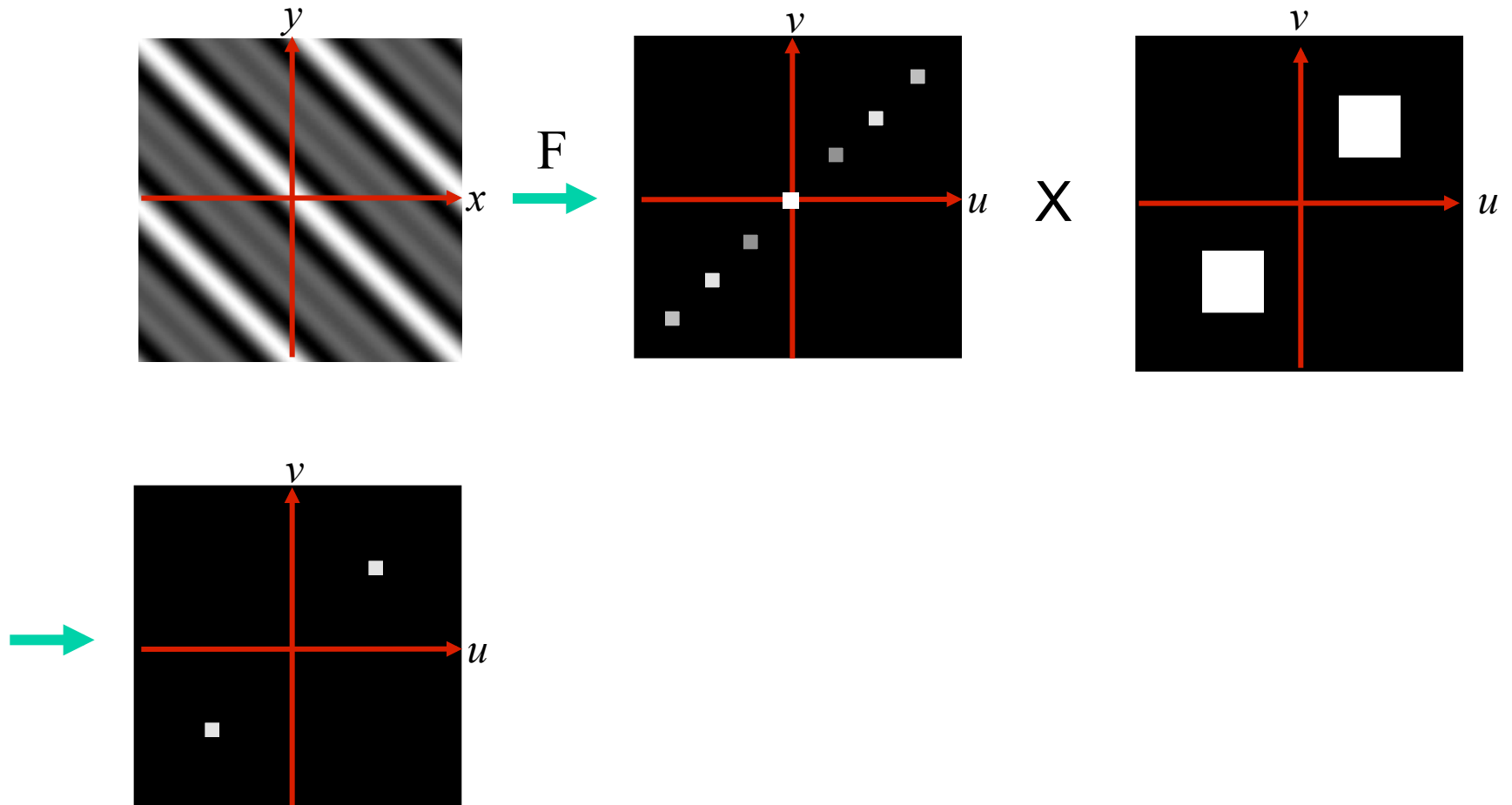
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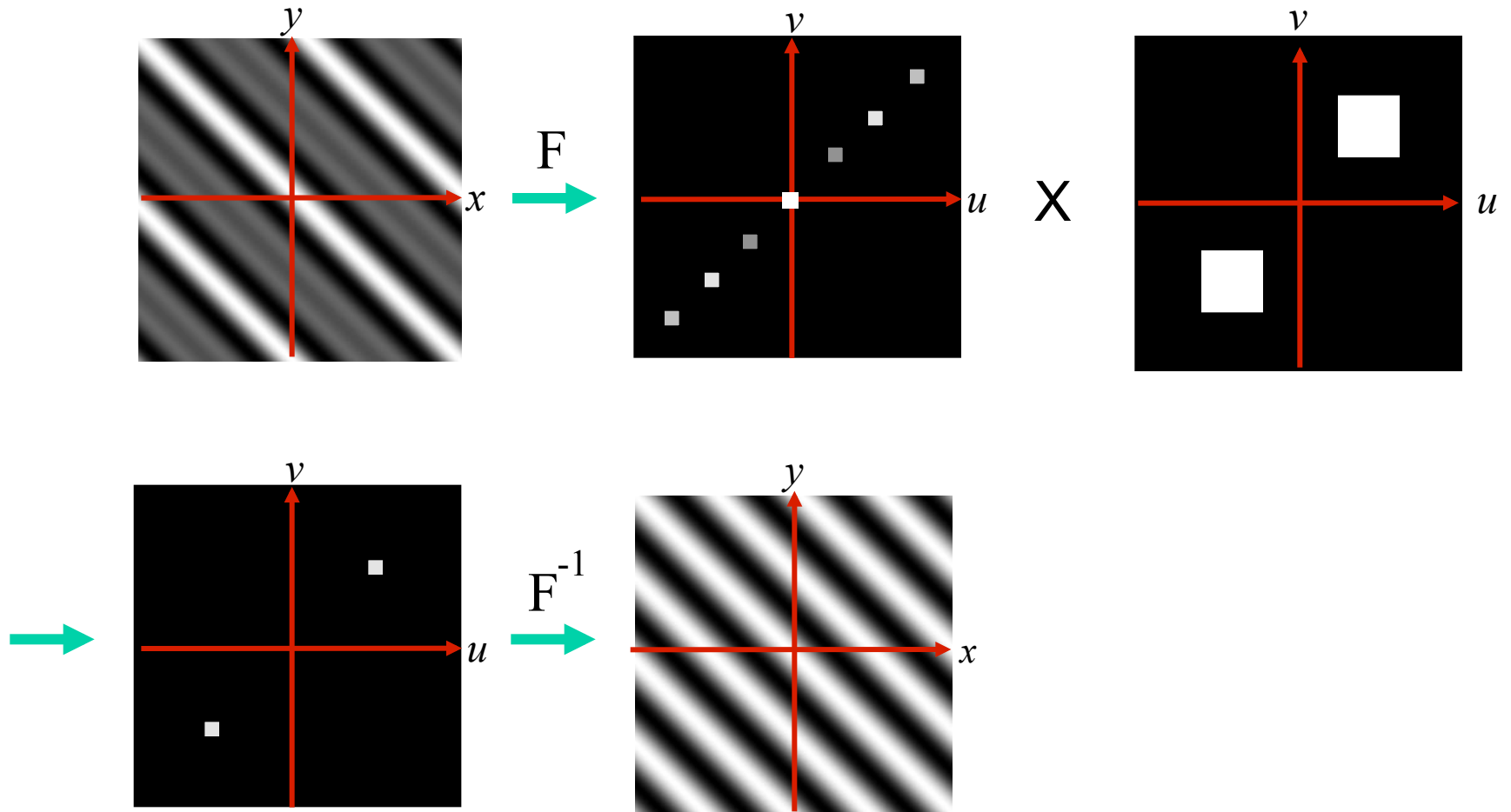
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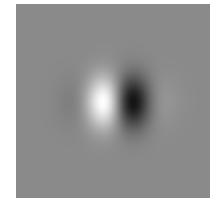
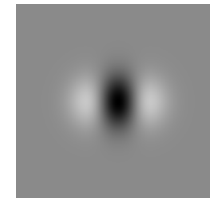
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Remark

- In practice, such filters are applied by splitting them into their cosinusoidal and sinusoidal components

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cos(u_0x + v_0y) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sigma^2}\right)\right]$$

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Local scale: Quadrature filters

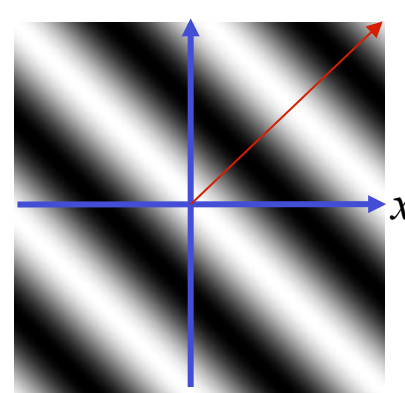
Some more terminology

- Gabor filters are examples of **quadrature filters**.
- That is, the sinusoidal and cosinusoidal components have the same MTF except that they are shifted in phase by $\pi / 2$.
- Technically, they are related by the so called **Hilbert transform**.
- Just in case anybody asks...

Local scale & orientation: Relating space & frequency

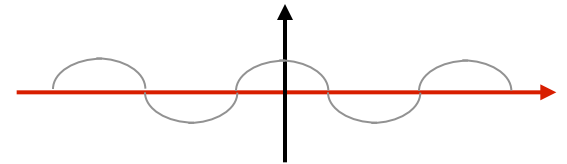
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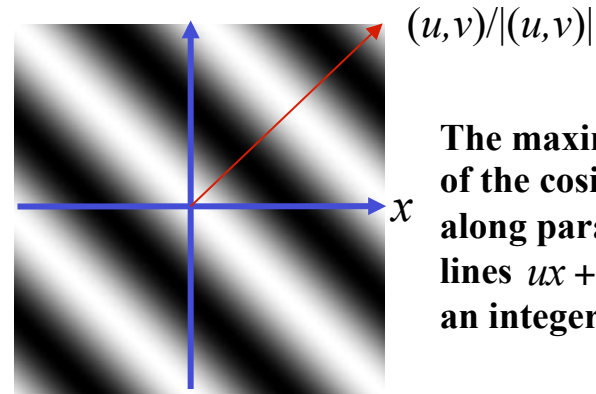


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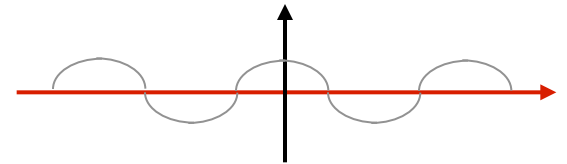
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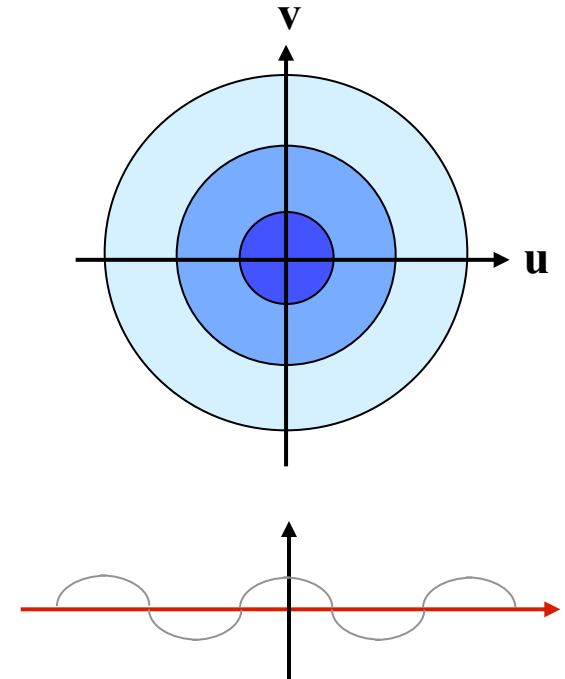
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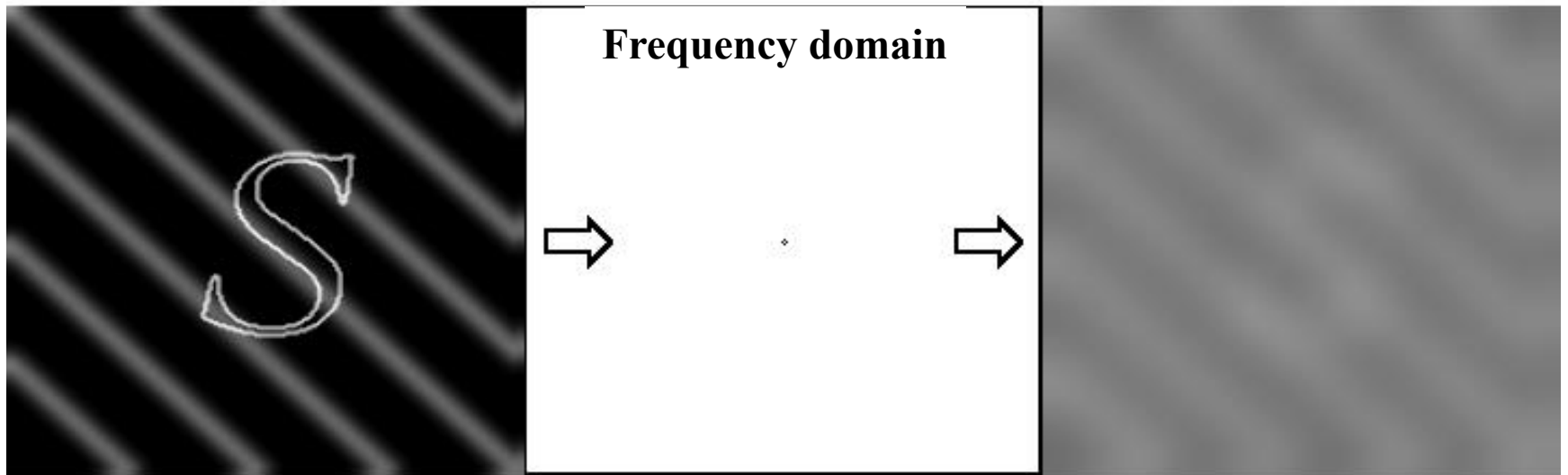
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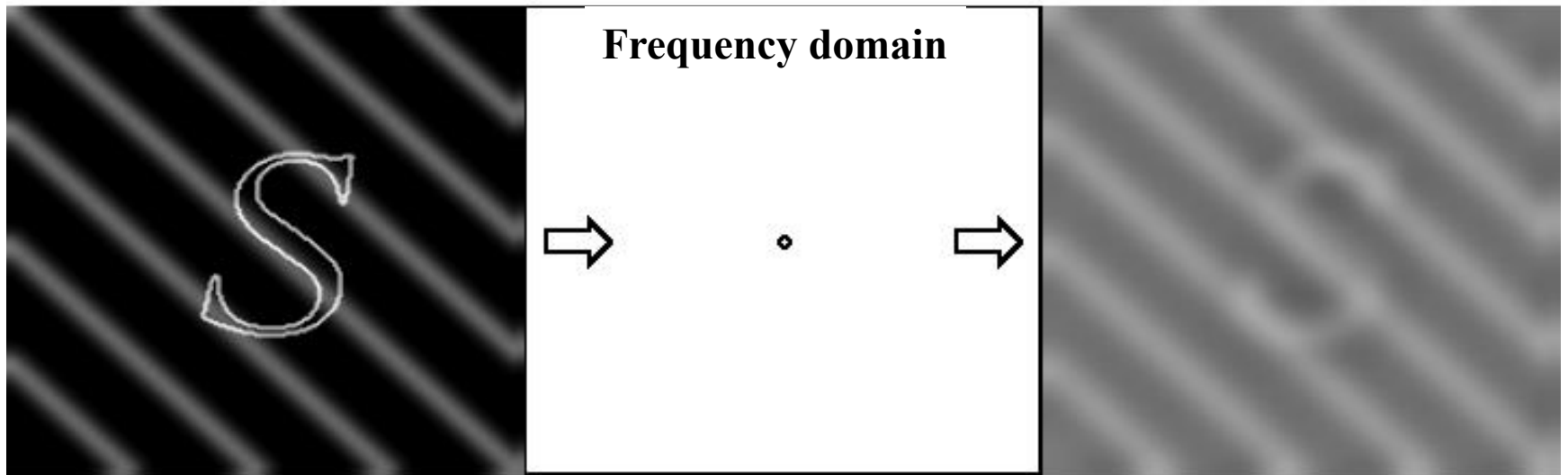


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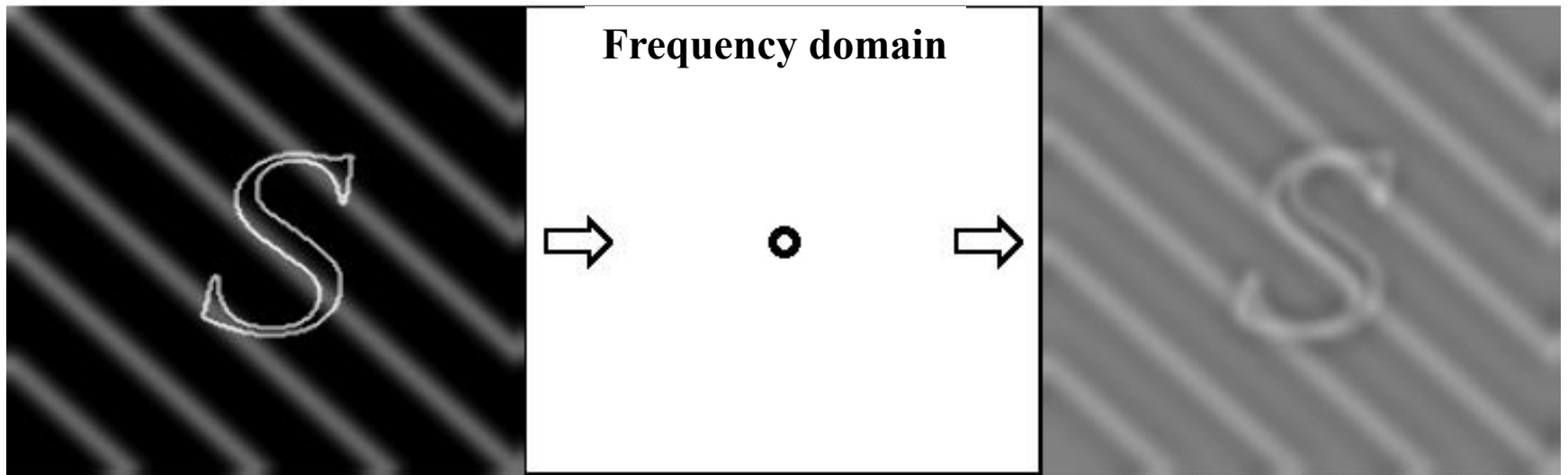
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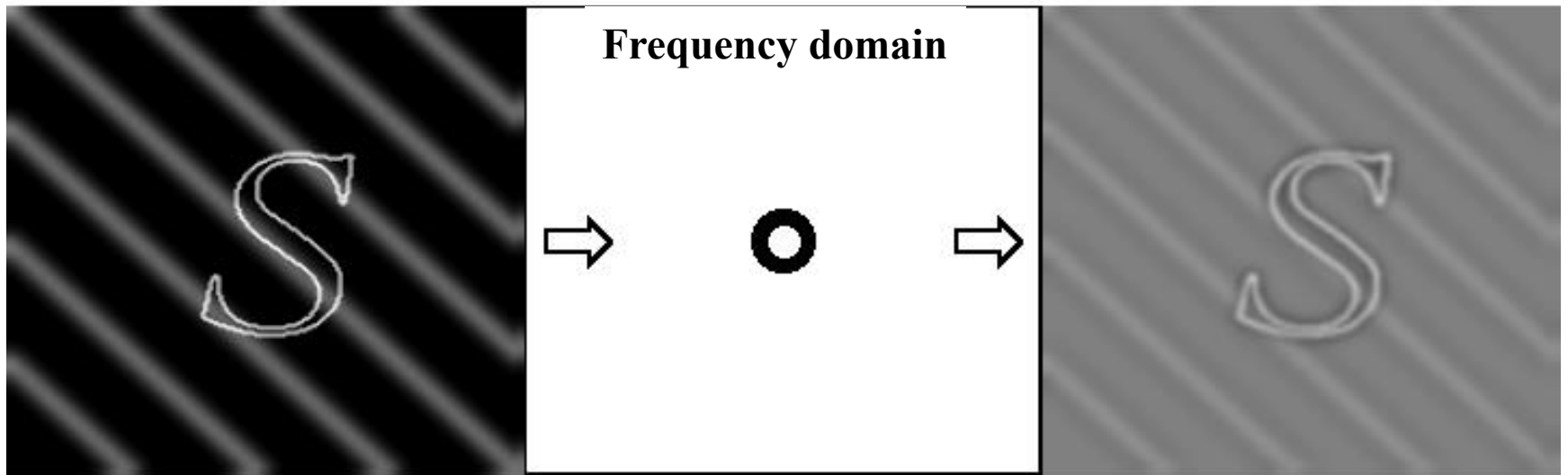
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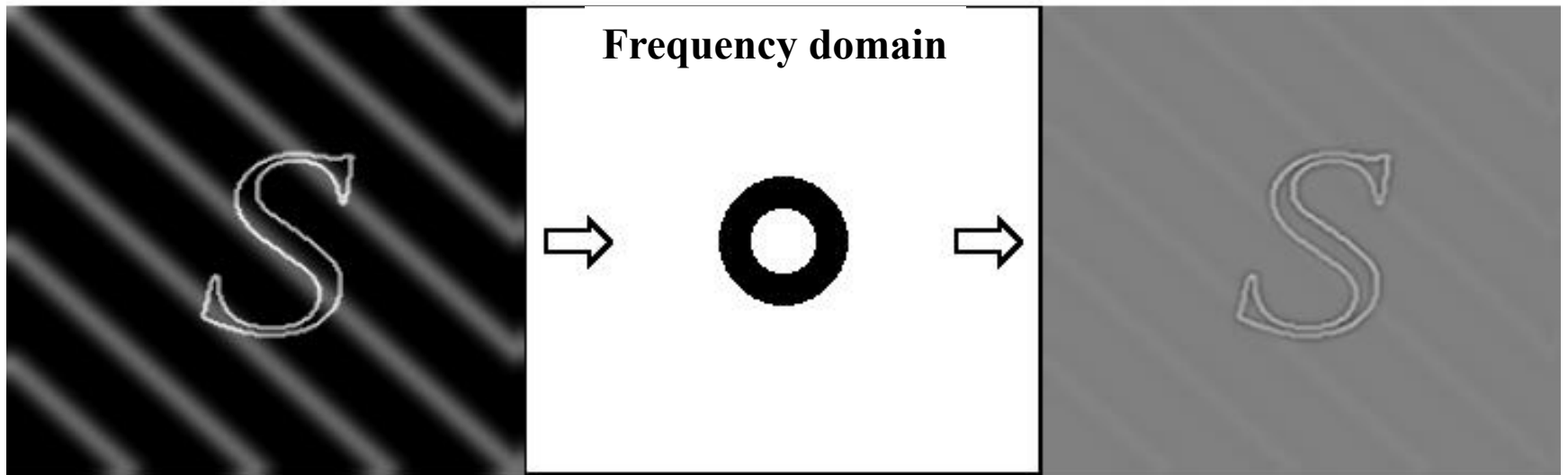
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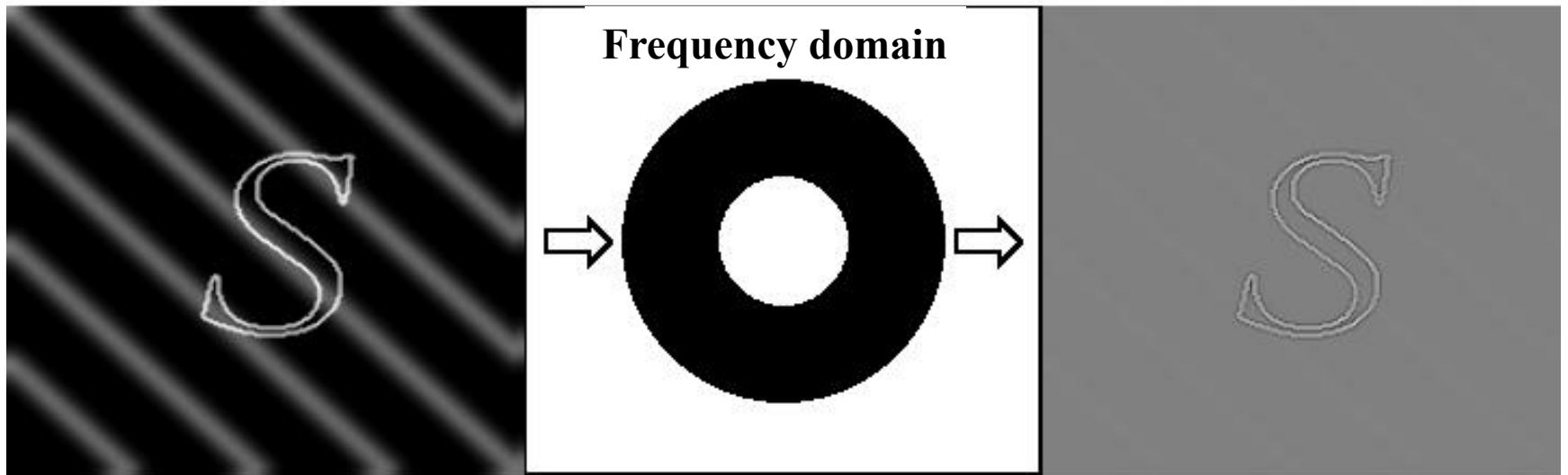
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Local scale & orientation: Orientation

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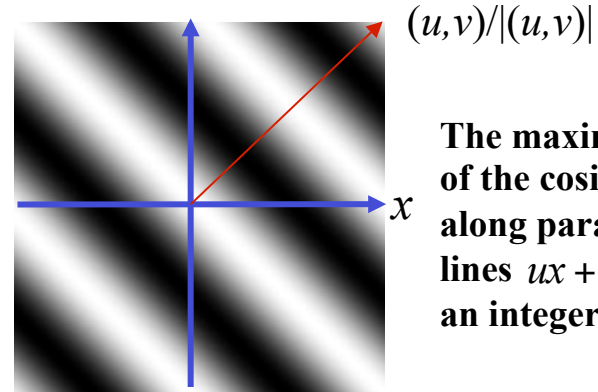
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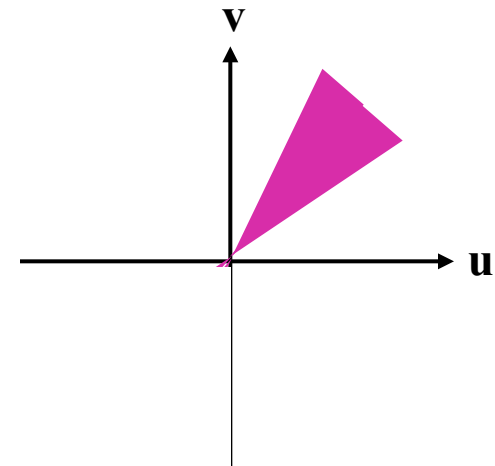
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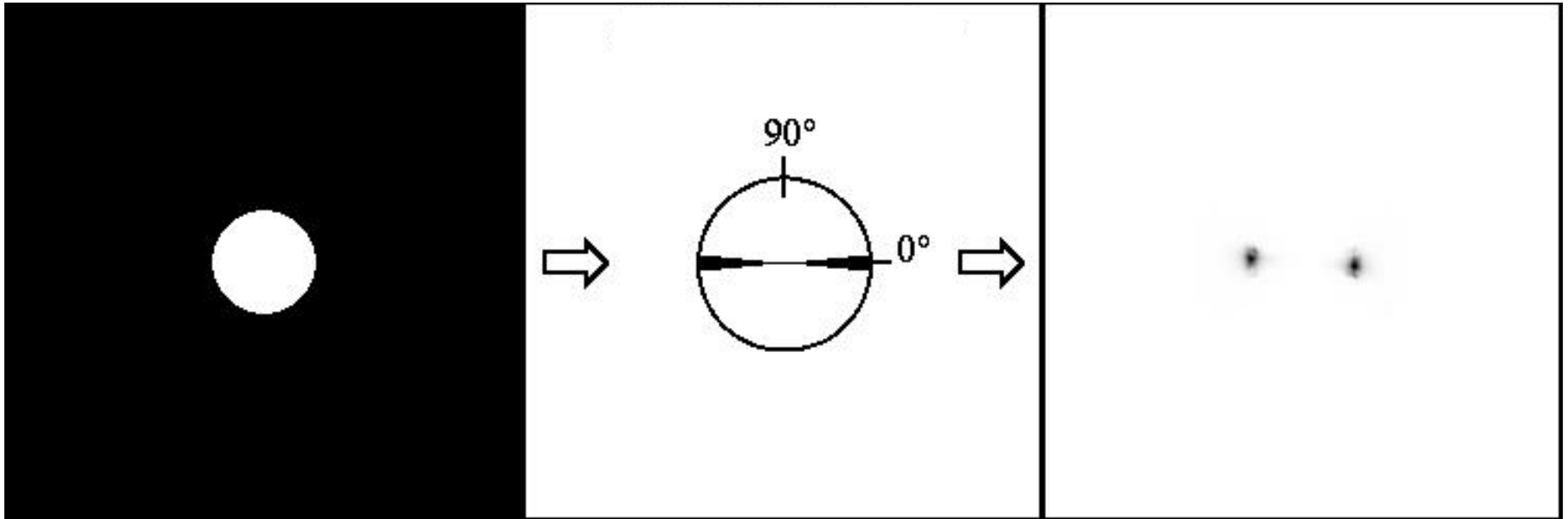
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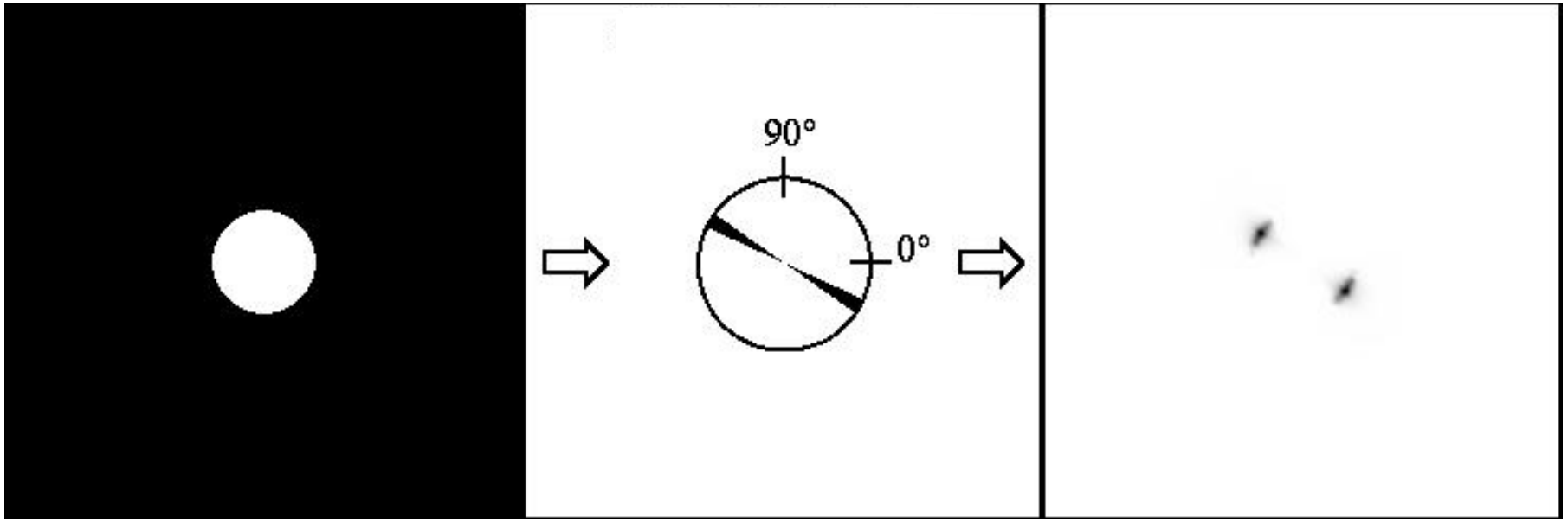
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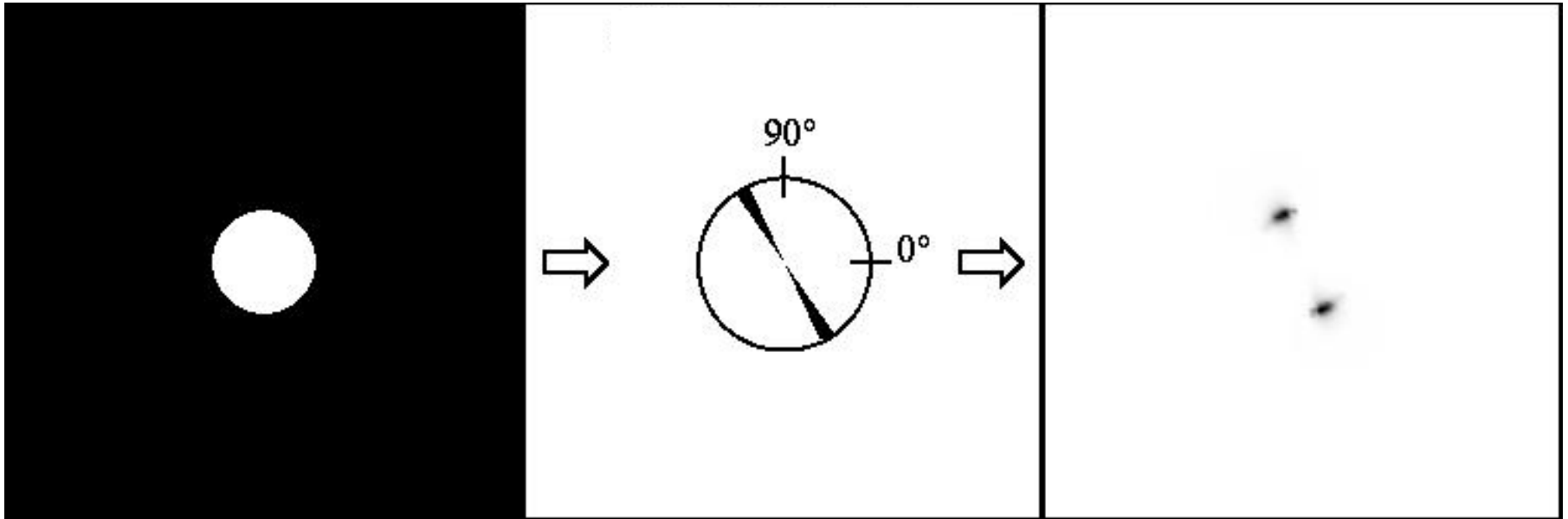
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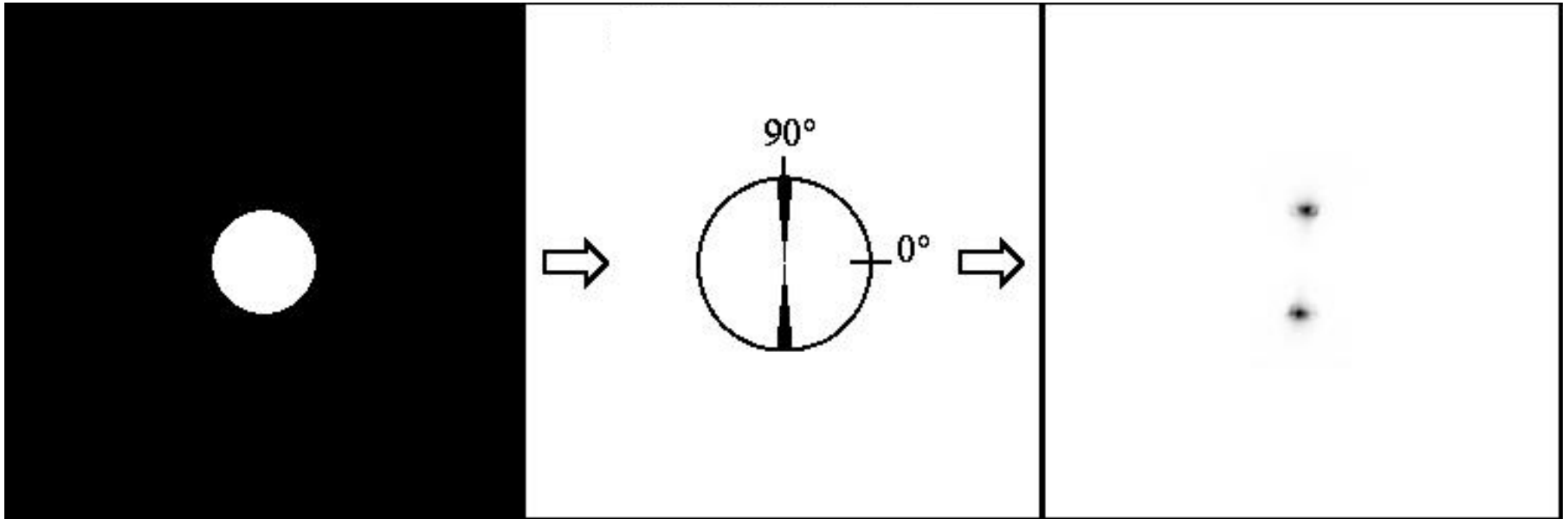
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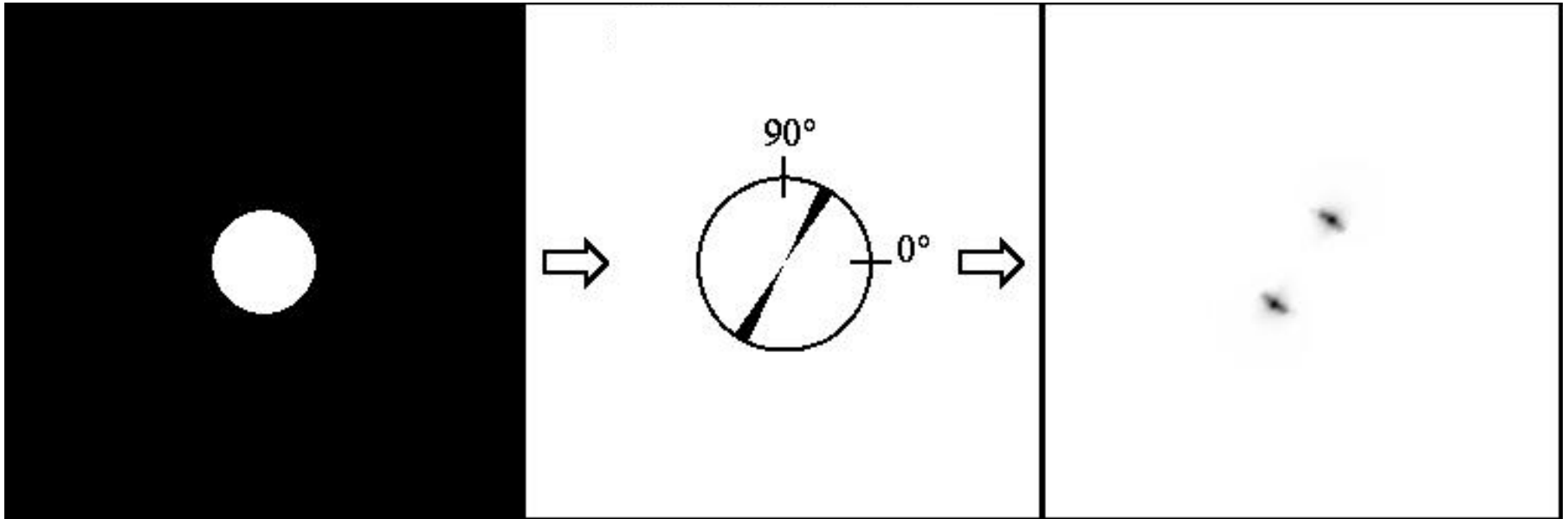
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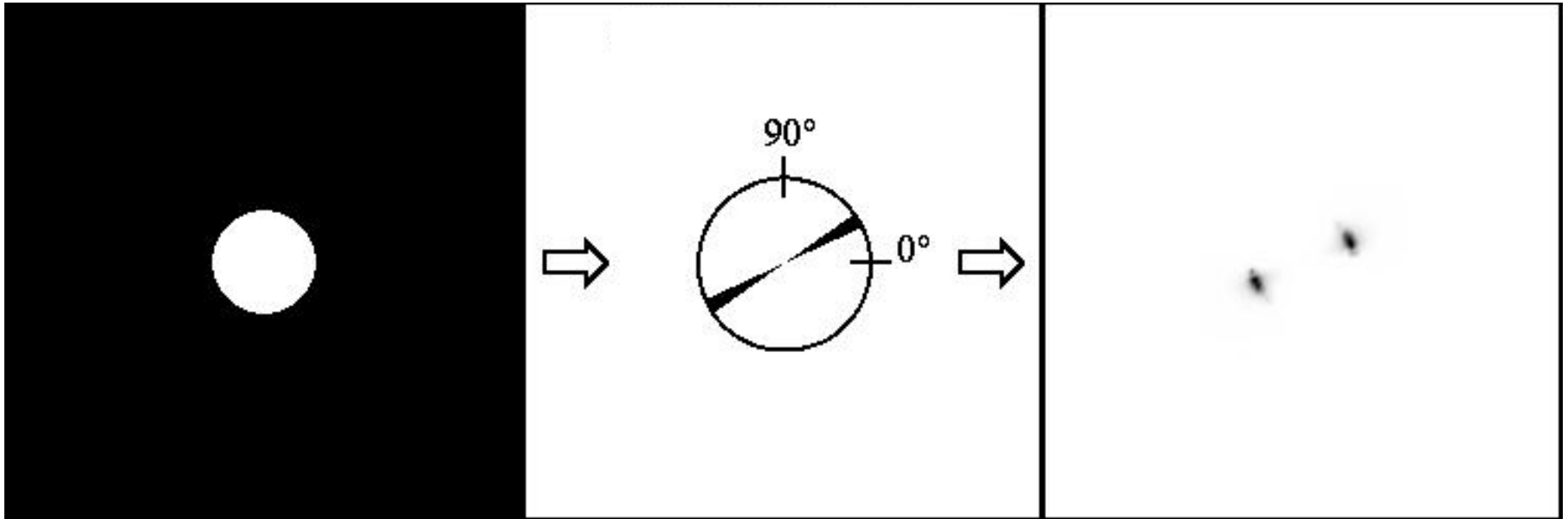
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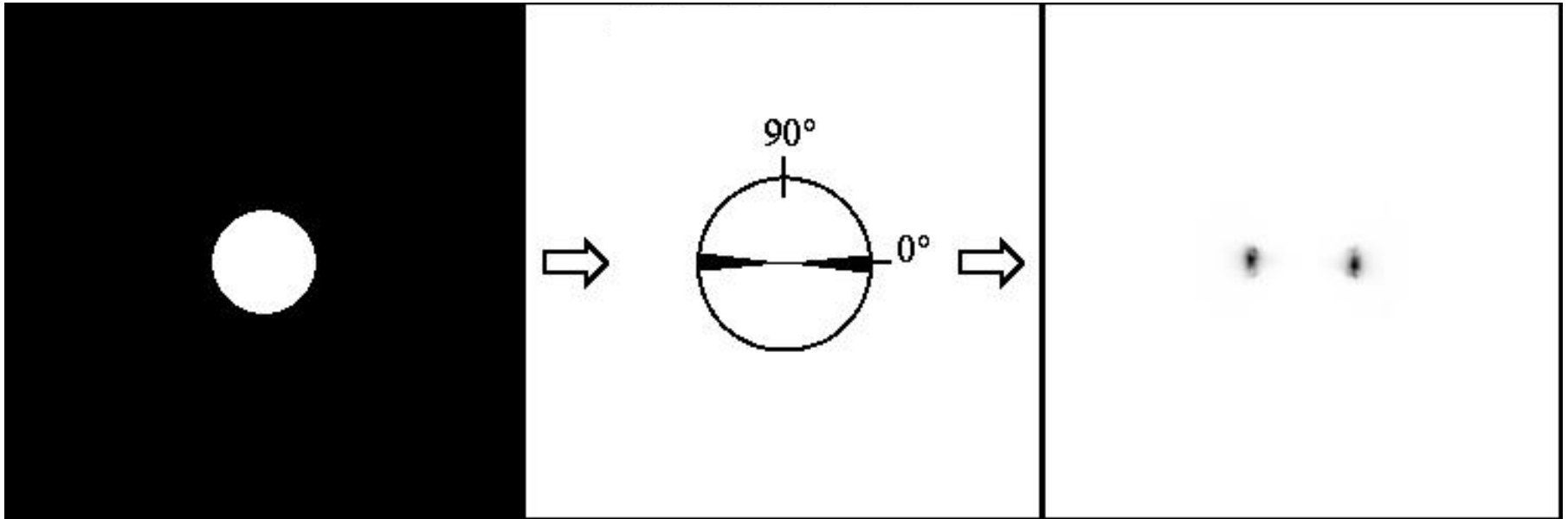


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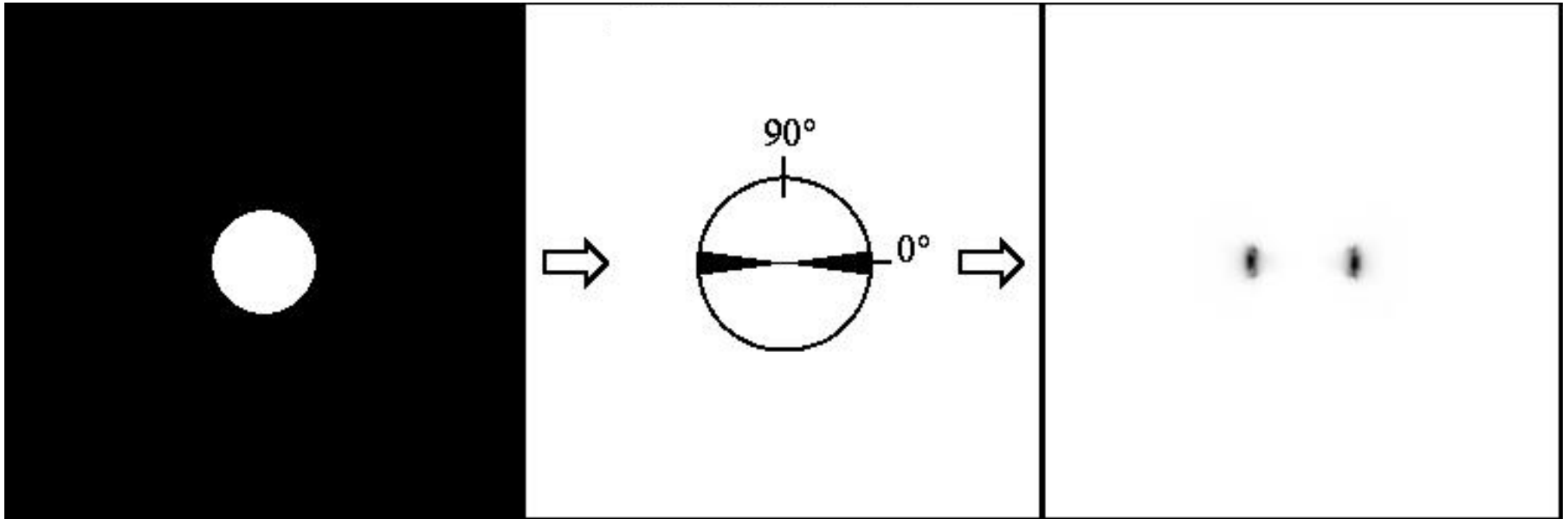


Local orientation: Bandwidth selection

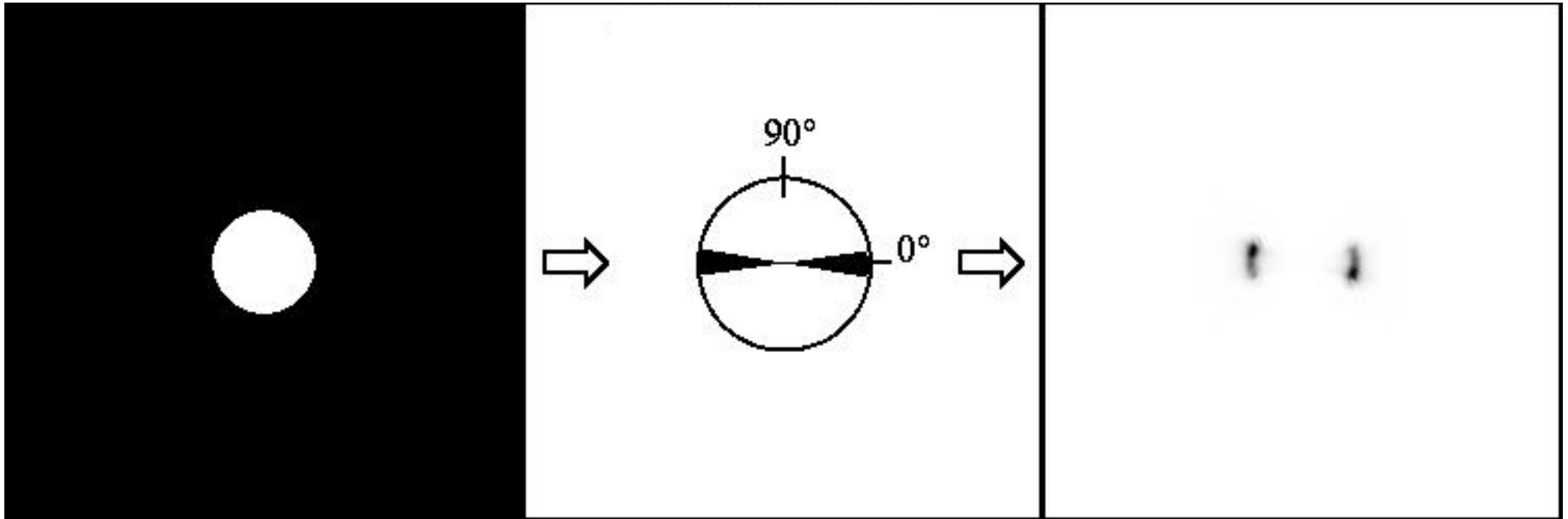
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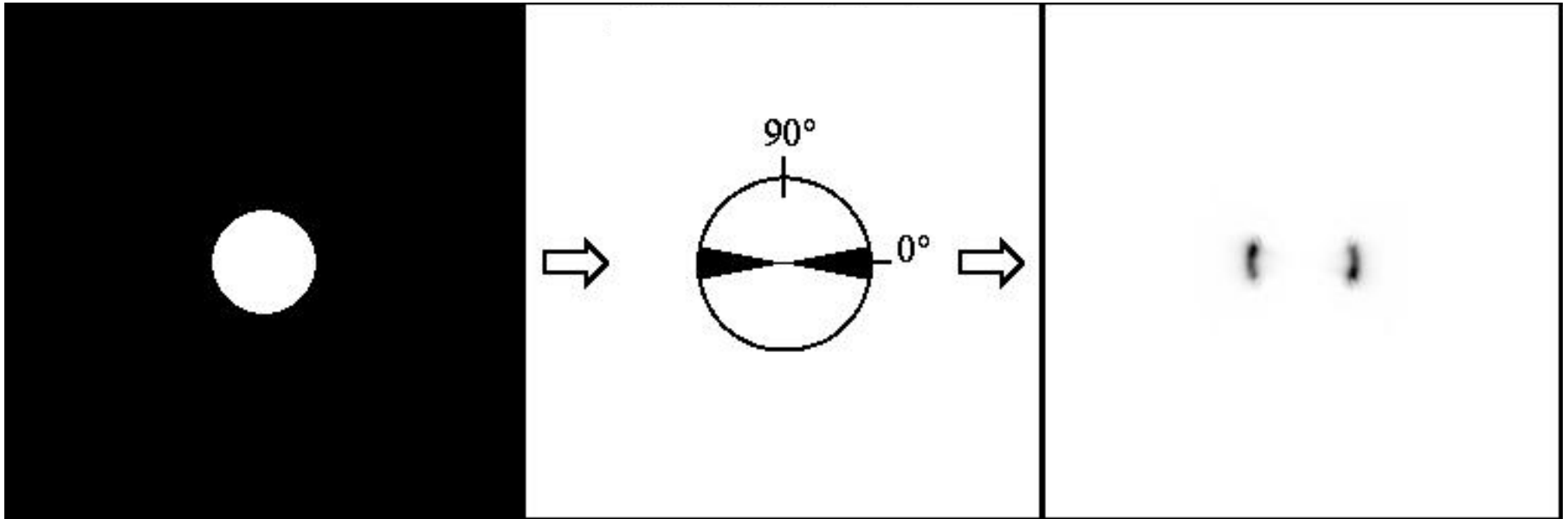
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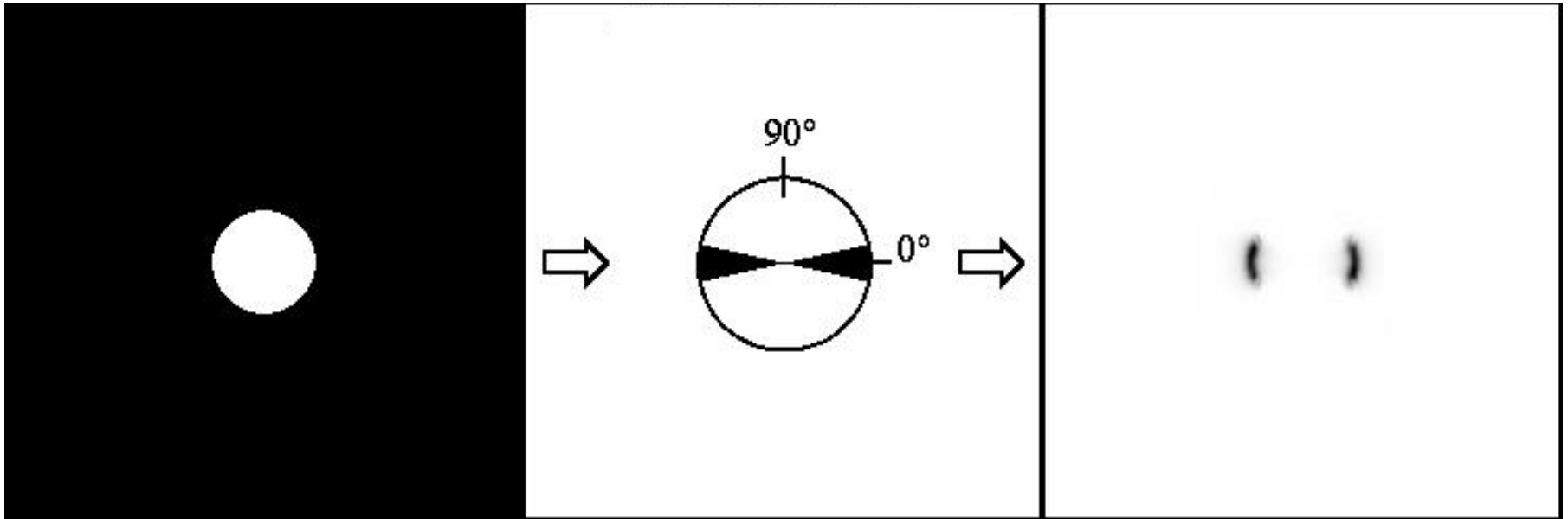
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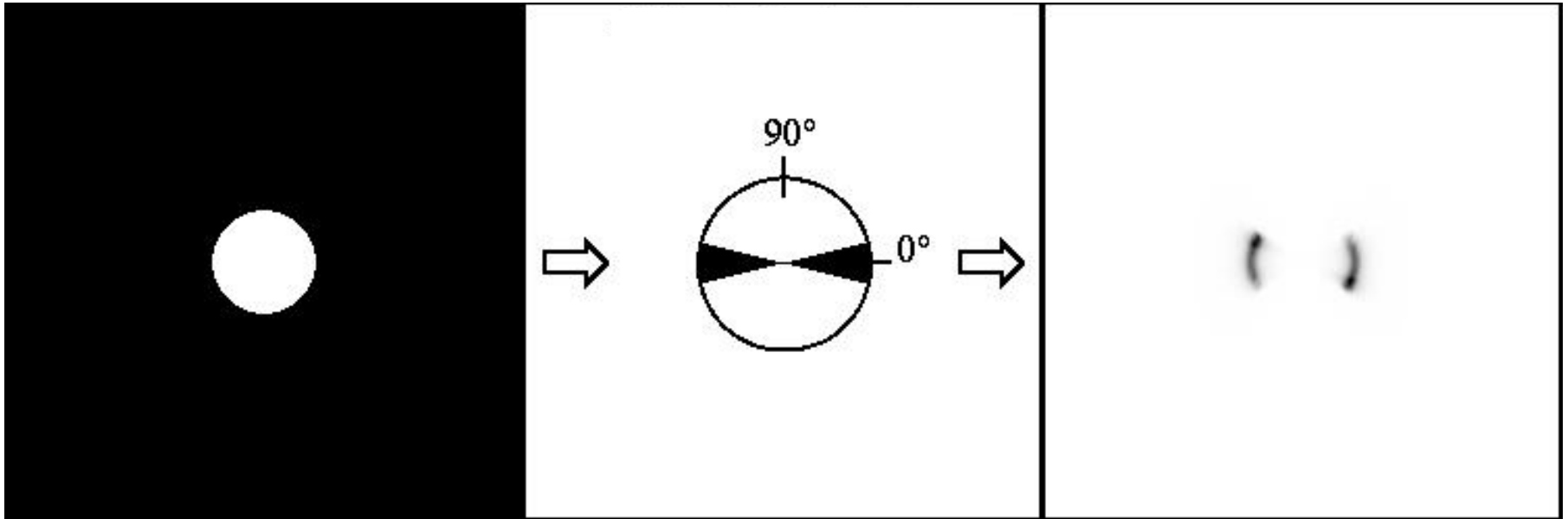
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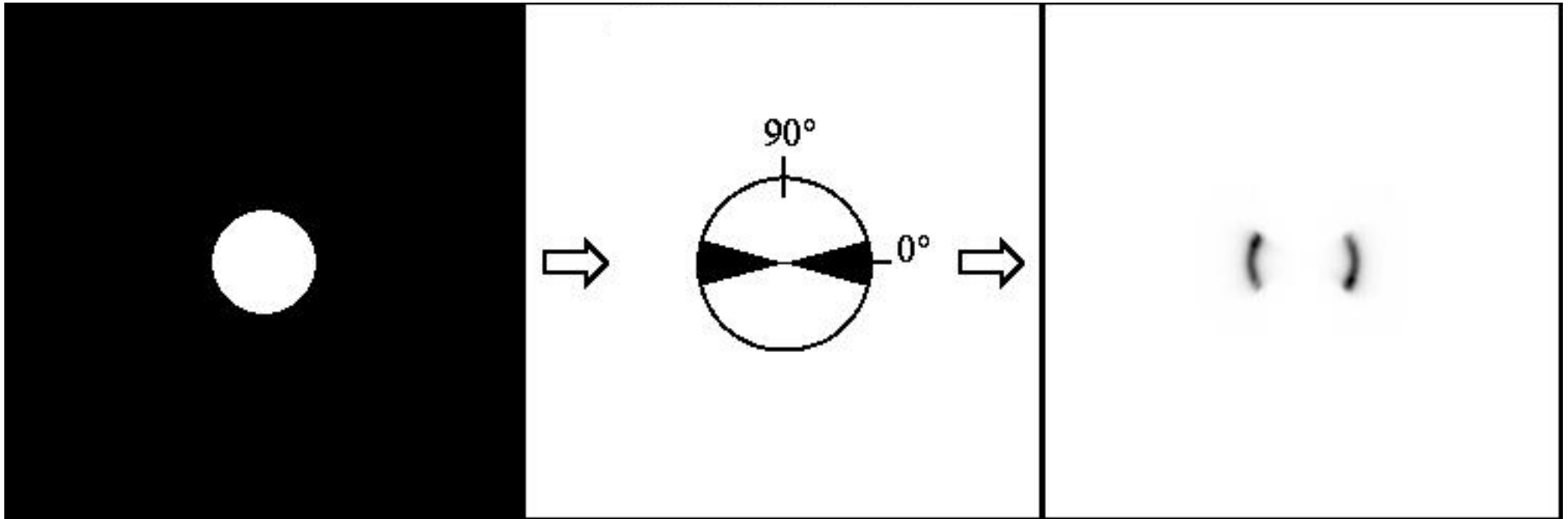
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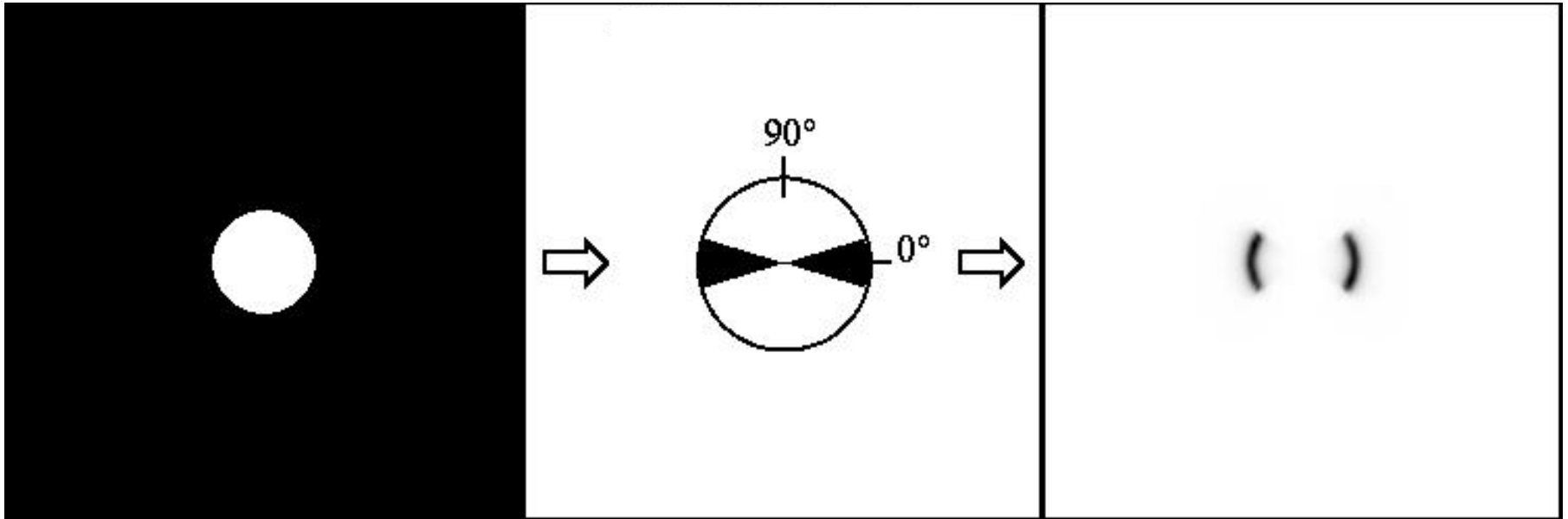
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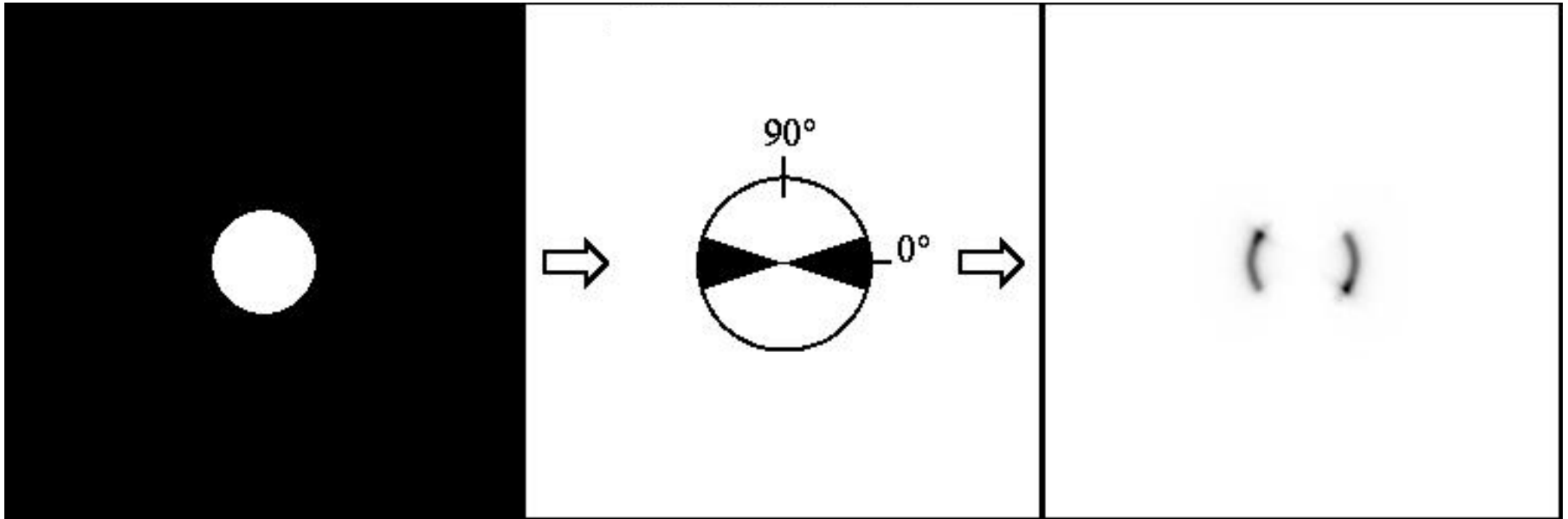
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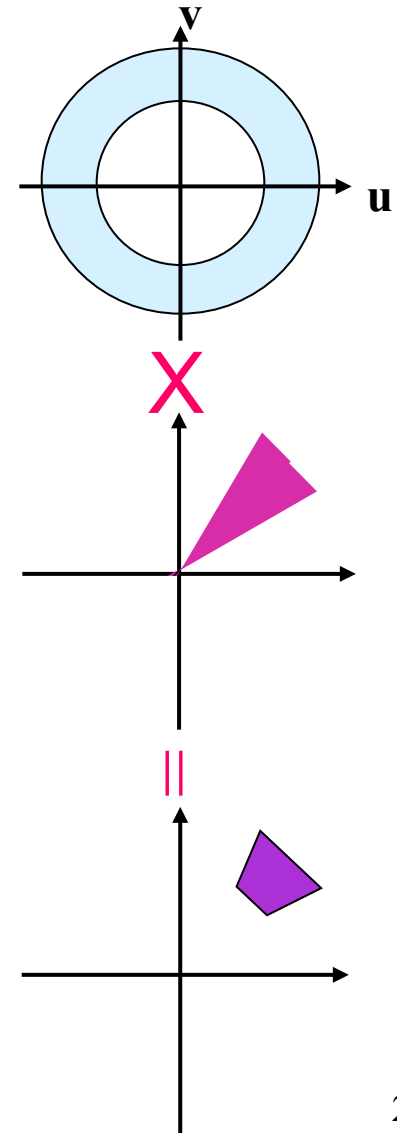
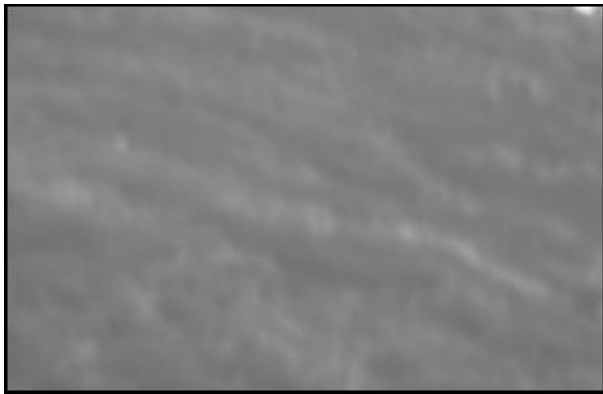


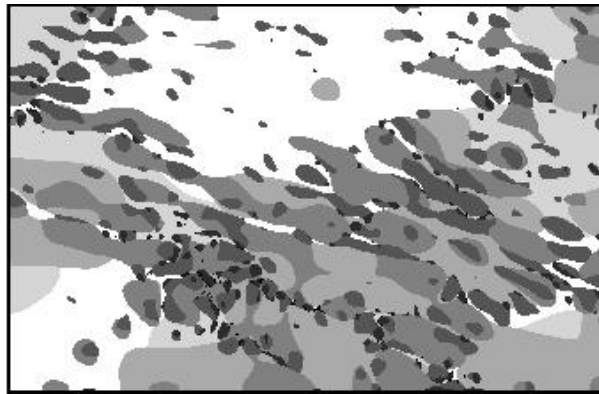
Image representation: Local scale x orientation analysis

Example

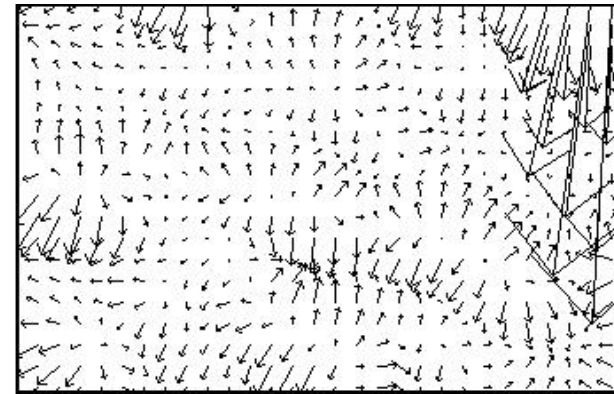
- Seek to guide subsequent processing by pointing way to locally characteristic/dominant image structure.
- Decompose an image according to local scale and orientation via application of bandpass filters.
- Select locally dominant scale and orientation via scanning the resulting representation for strongest responses.



**Source image
(natural terrain)**



**Locally dominant scale
(darker intensity for finer scale)**

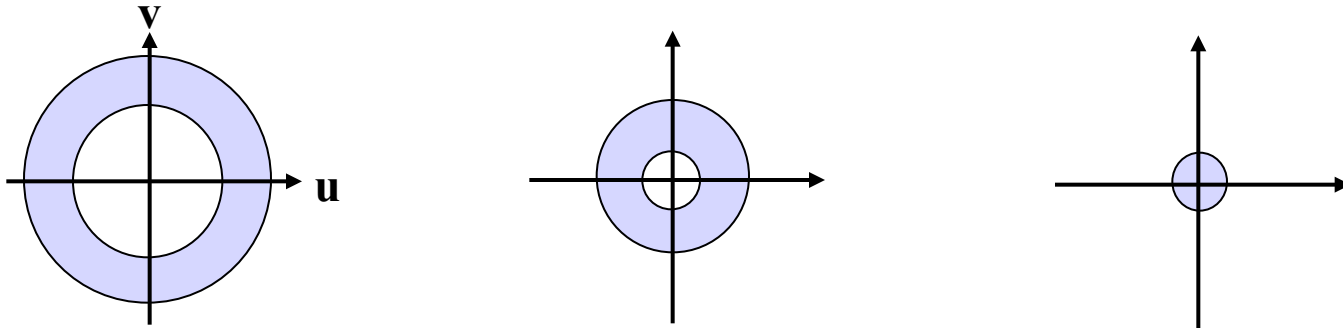


**Locally dominant orientation
(shown as normal vector)**

Local scale: Lowpass filters

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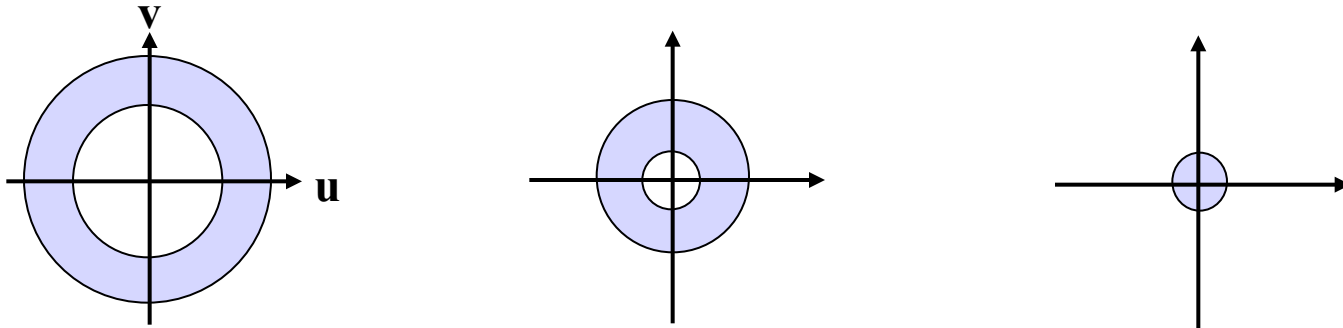
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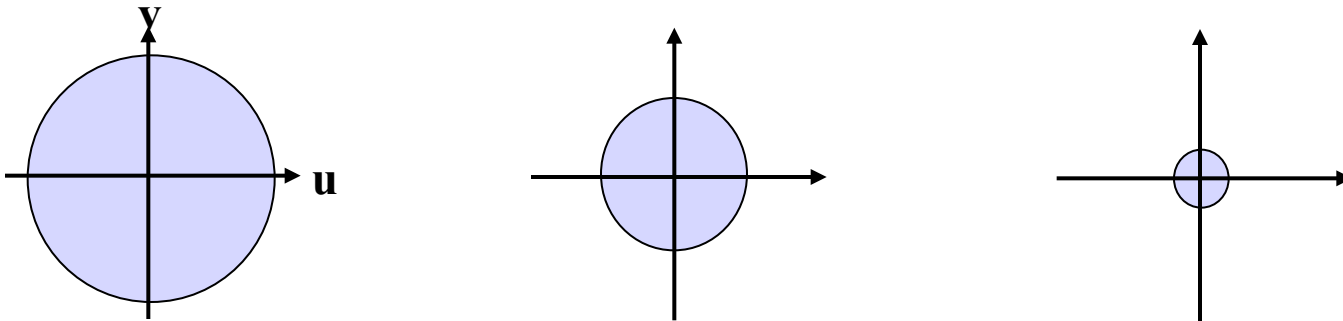
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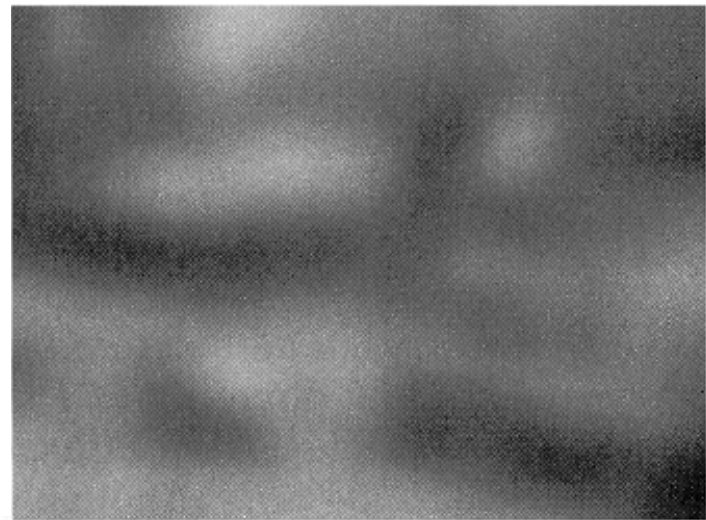
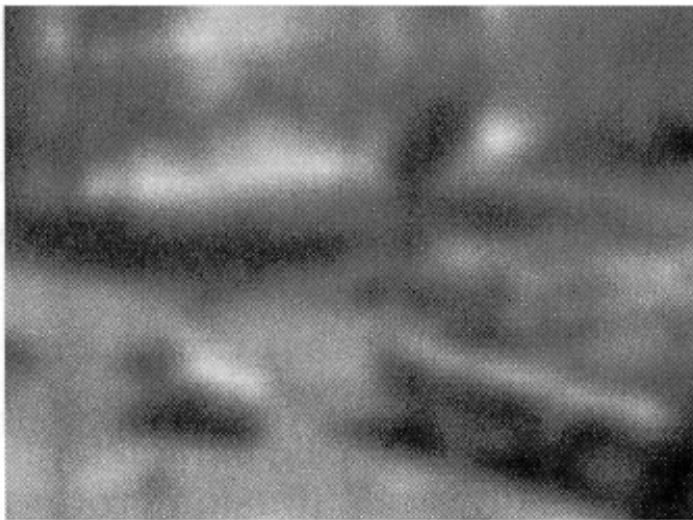
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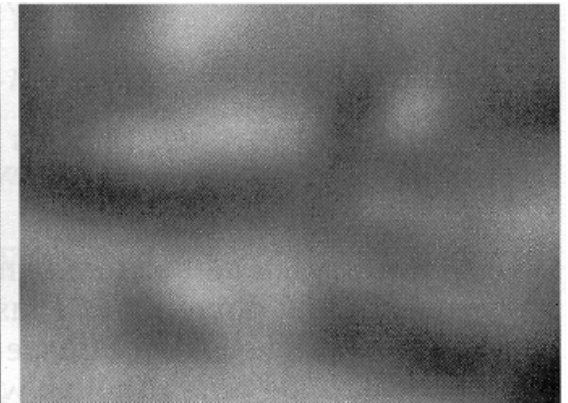
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Local scale: Lowpass example



Local scale: Scale space

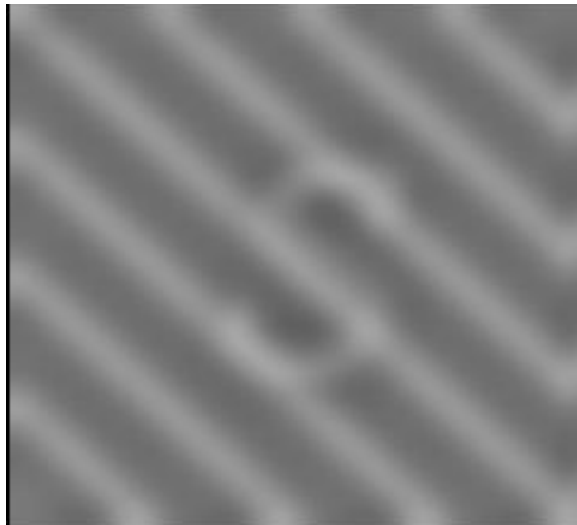
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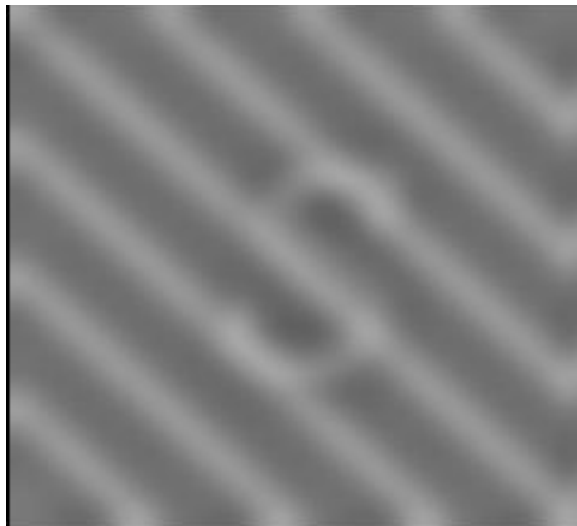
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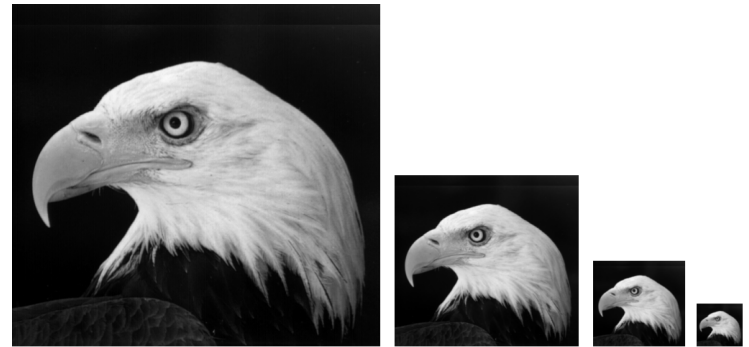


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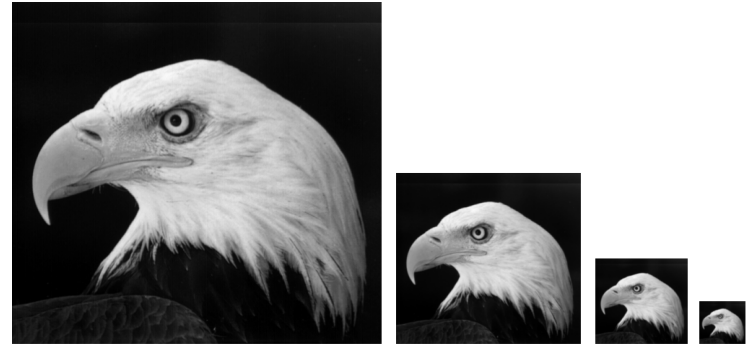
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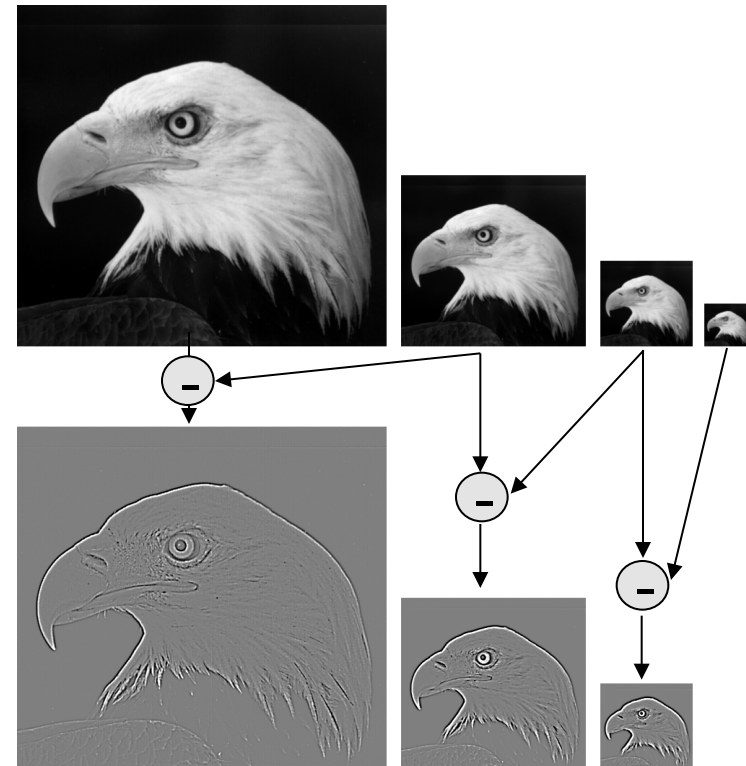
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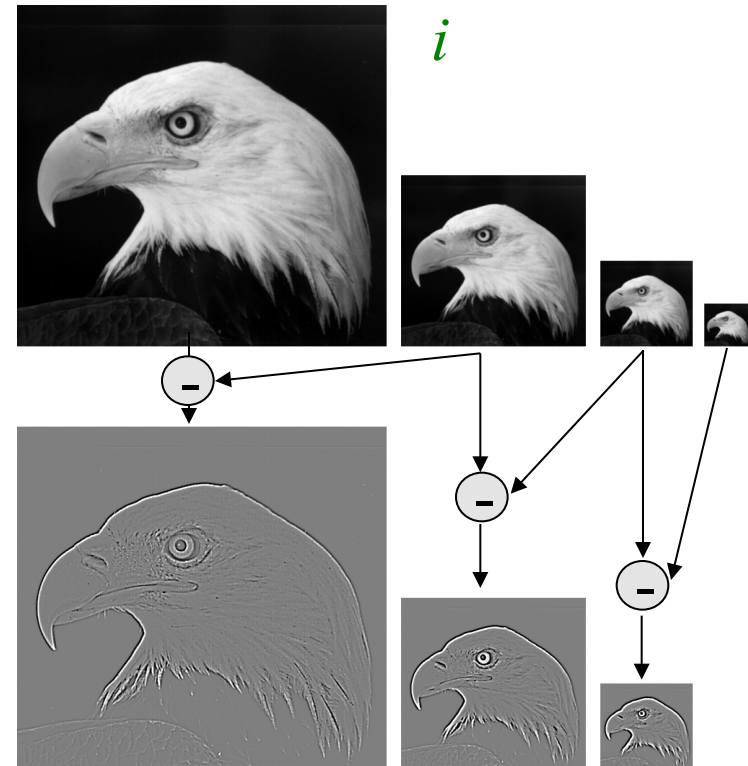
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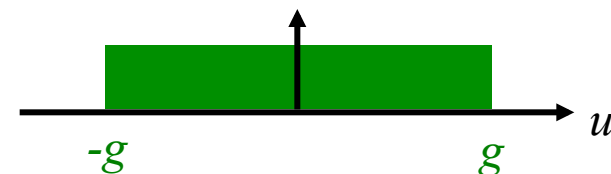
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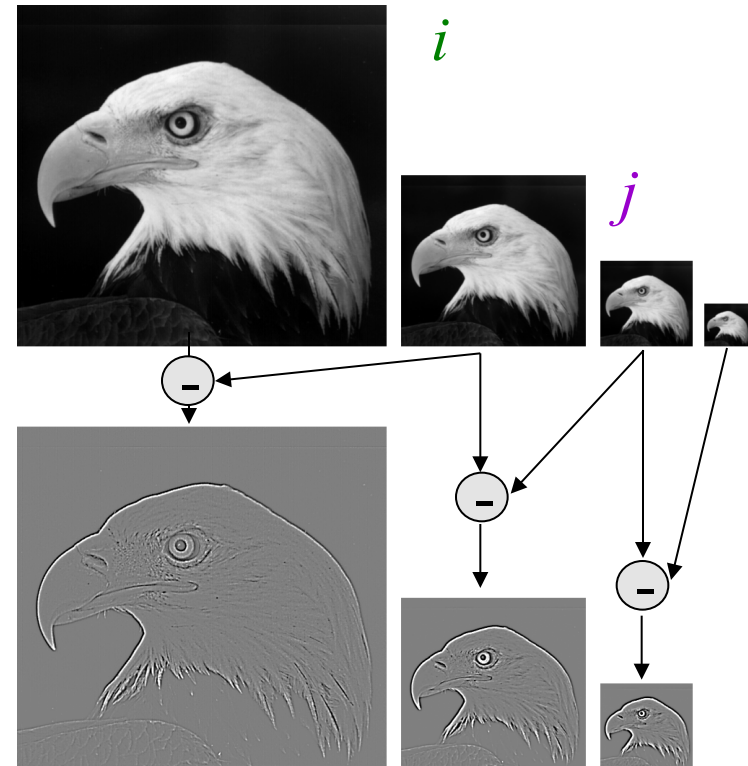
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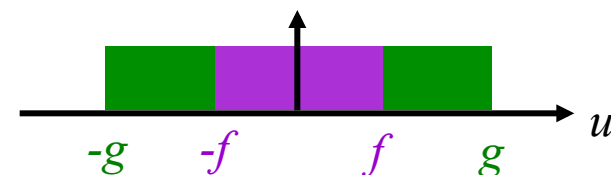
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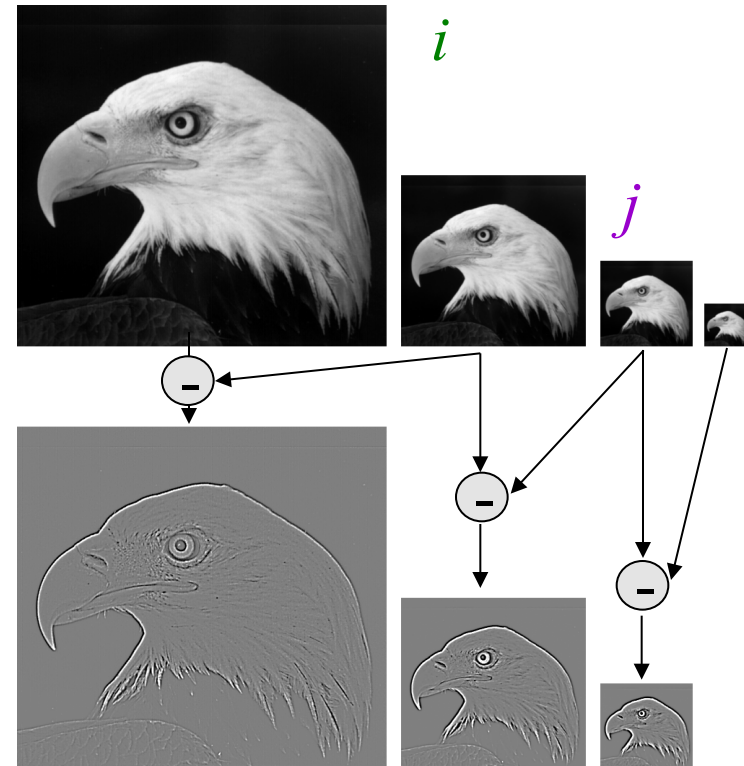
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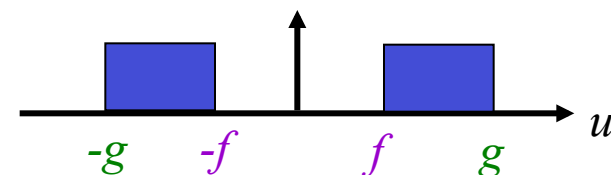
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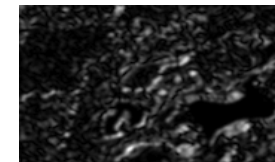
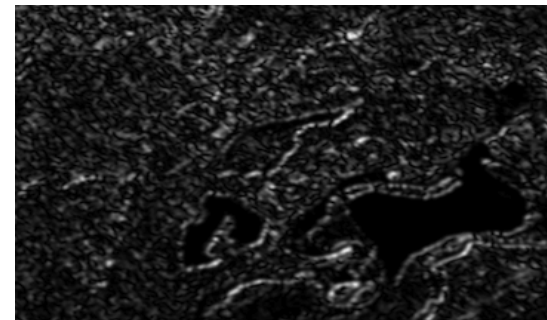
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Local scale & orientation : Pyramids

Bringing it all together

- Application of oriented filters across pyramid levels allows us to build **oriented pyramids**.
- Now we have the ability to decompose an image according to local scale and orientation content...
- ...in a storage efficient data structure.



scale
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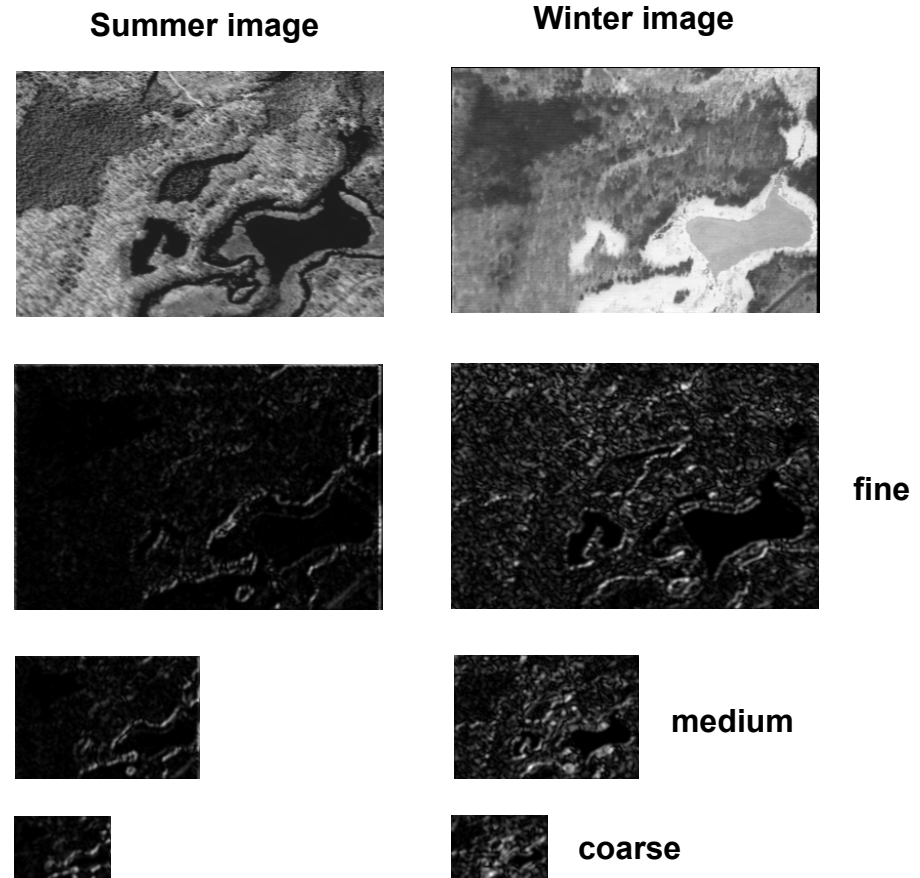
Remark: One orientation band shown at 45 deg.

Oriented pyramid 300

Local scale & orientation: Toward invariance

Remark

- This type of representation can make local geometric similarity explicit...
- even in the presence of great photometric differences.
- For example: This type of representation can be an enabling component in matching images of the same scene across variable
 - Illumination
 - View direction
 - Surface cover



Remark: Only one of four orientations shown.

Local scale & orientation: Texture analysis

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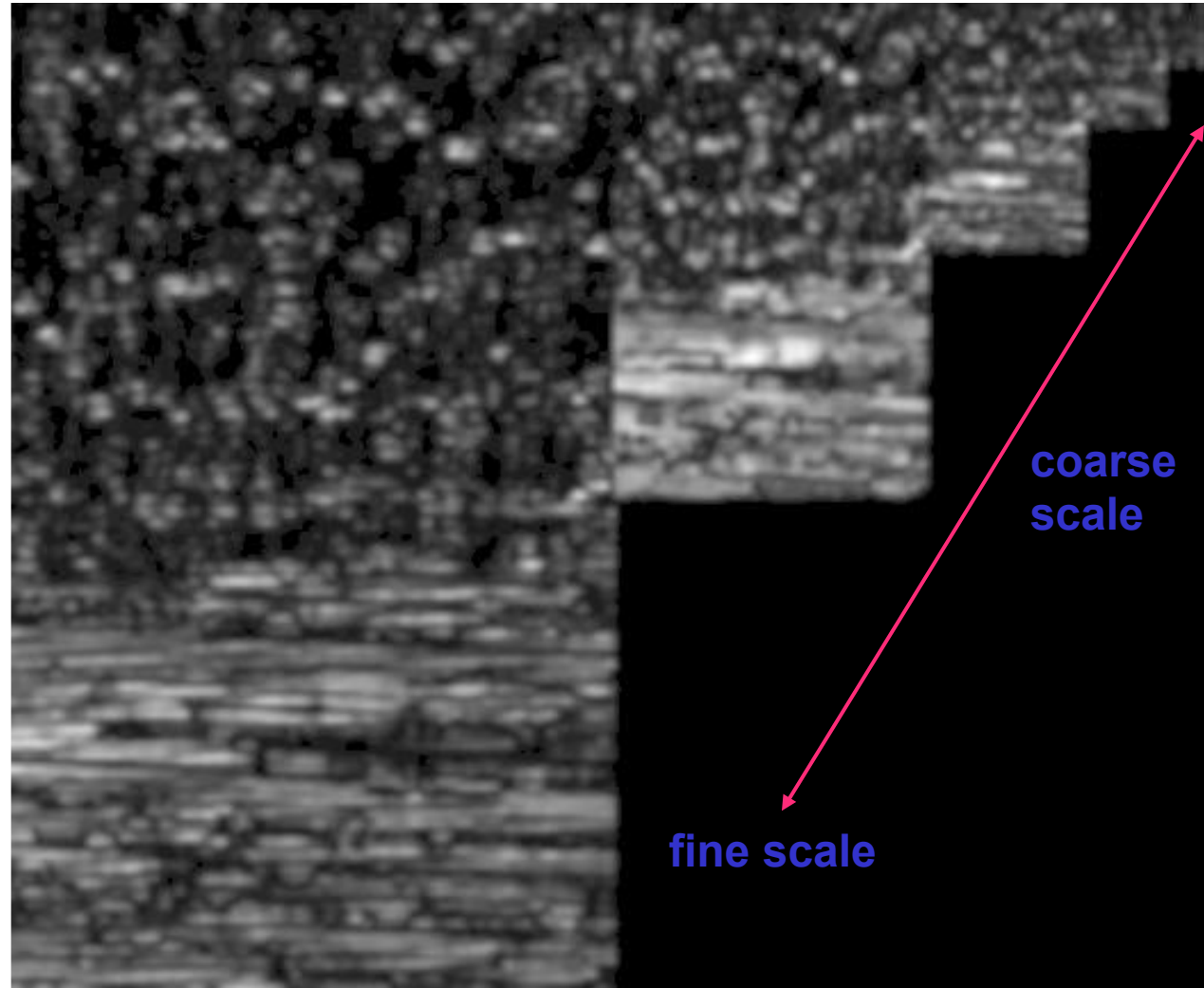


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horizontal filtering result

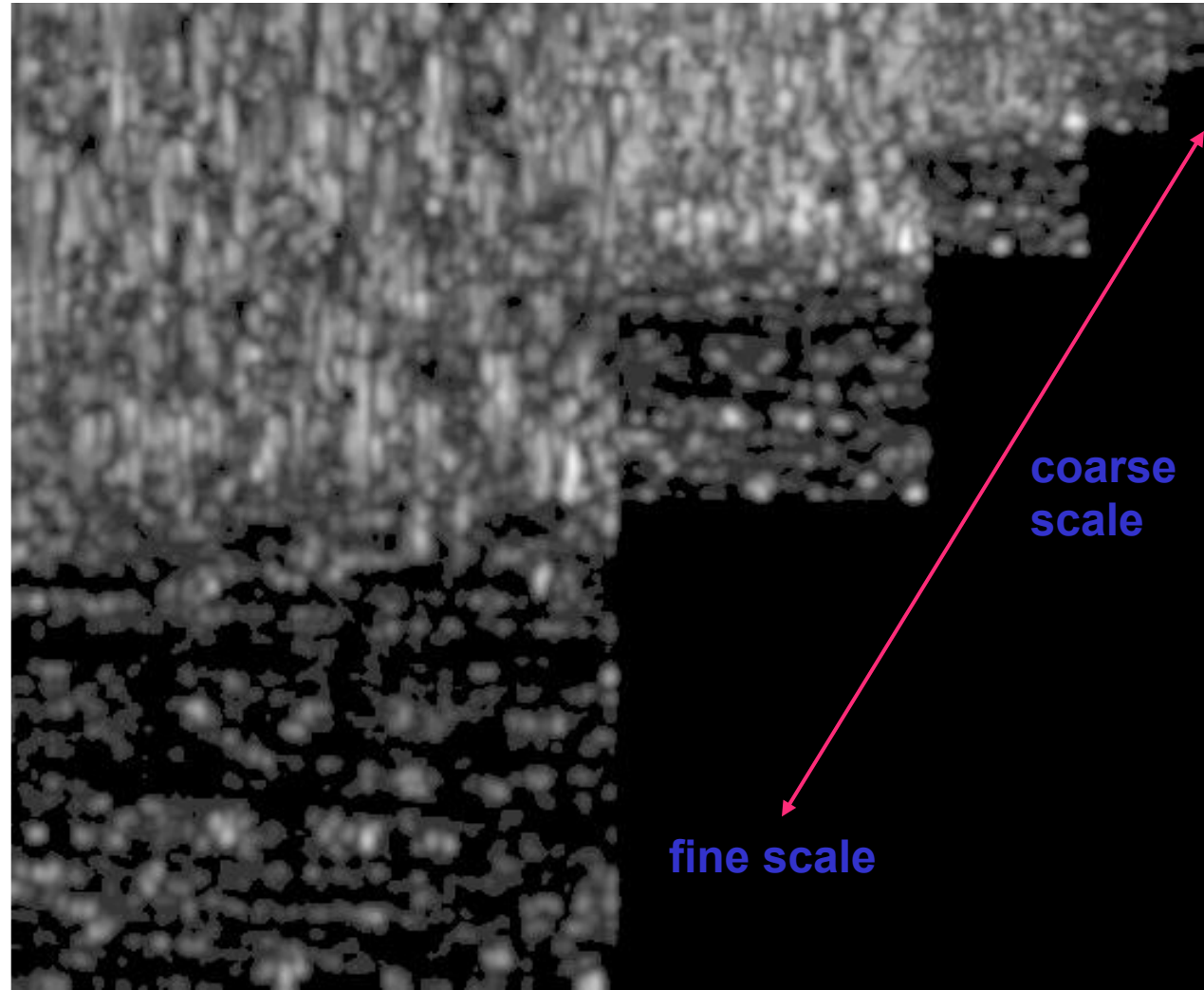


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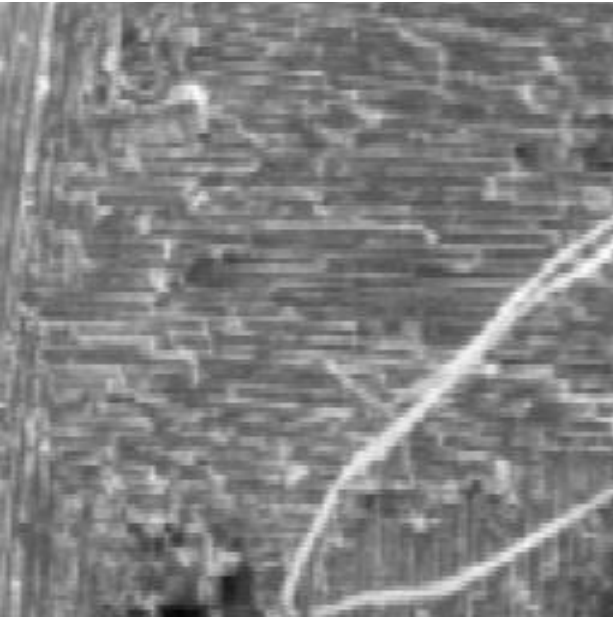


vertical filtering result



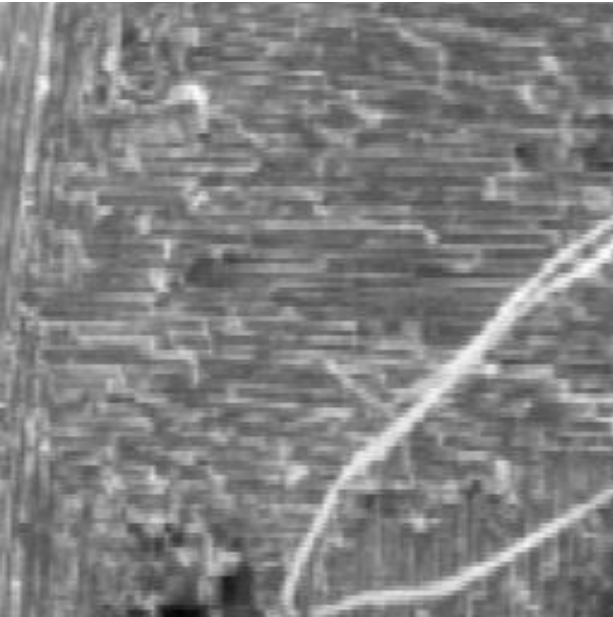
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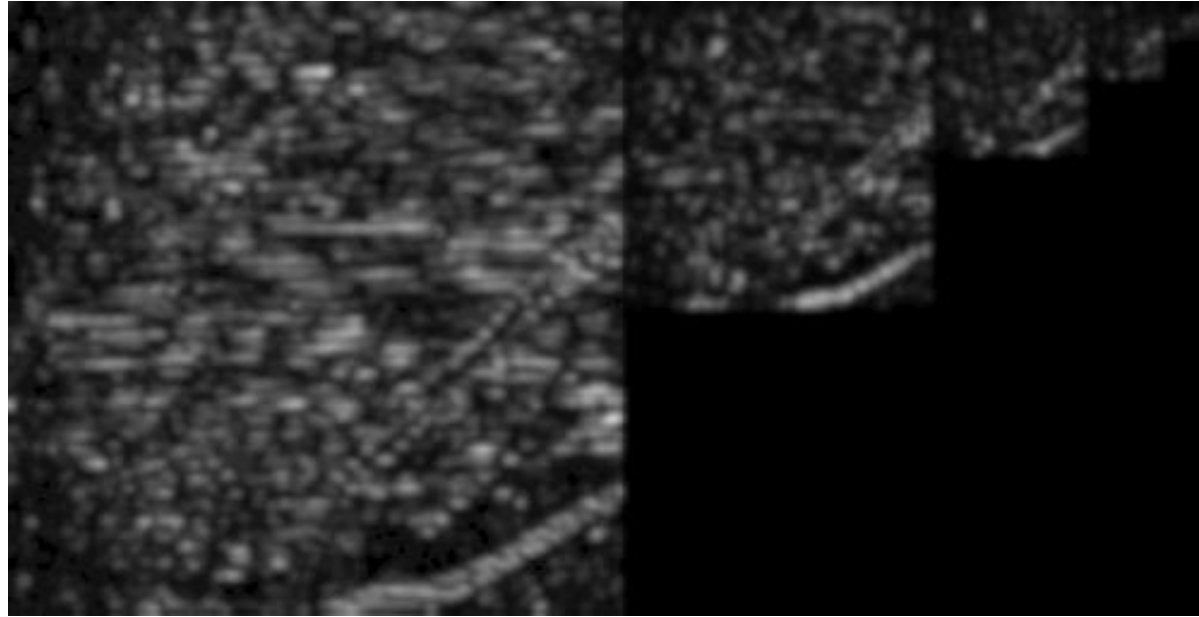


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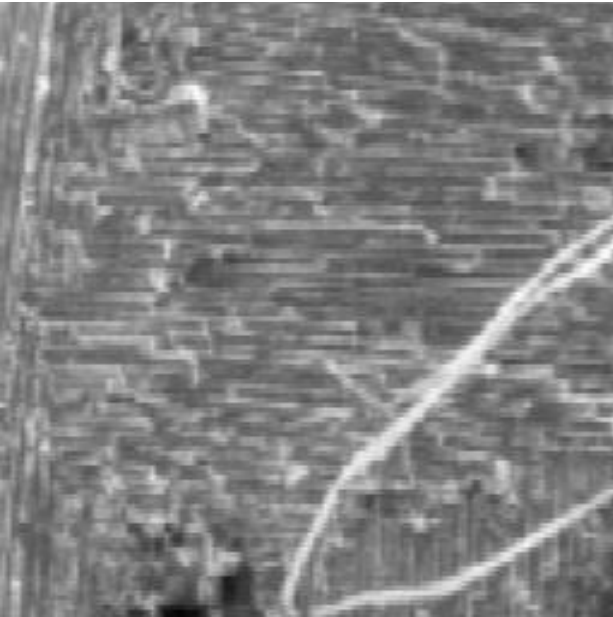
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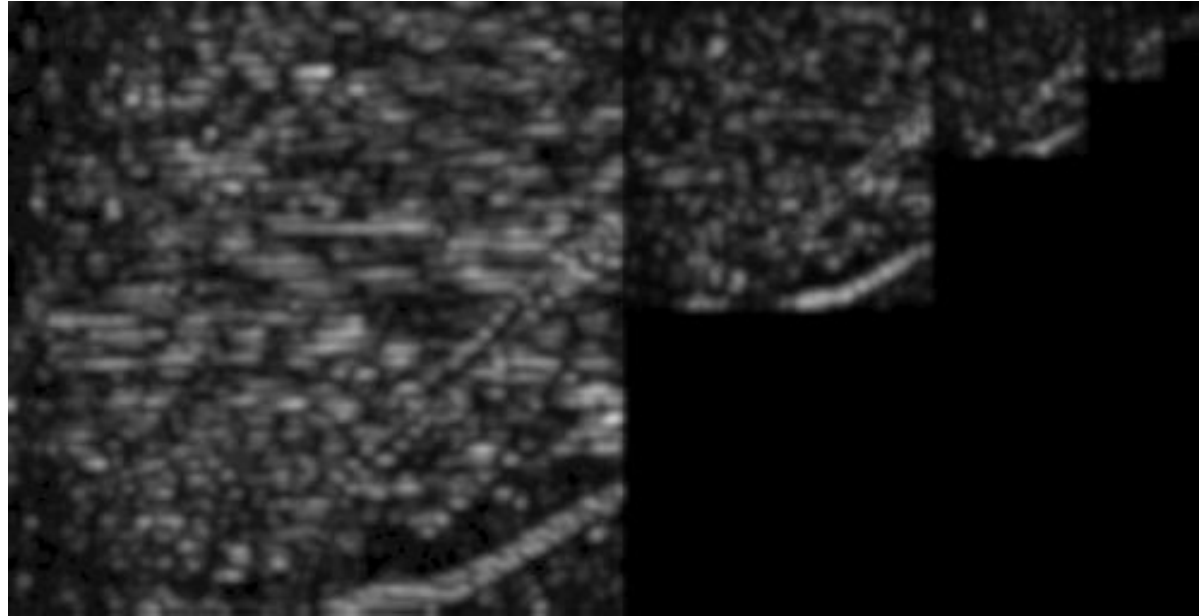
coarse

Local scale & orientation: Texture analysis

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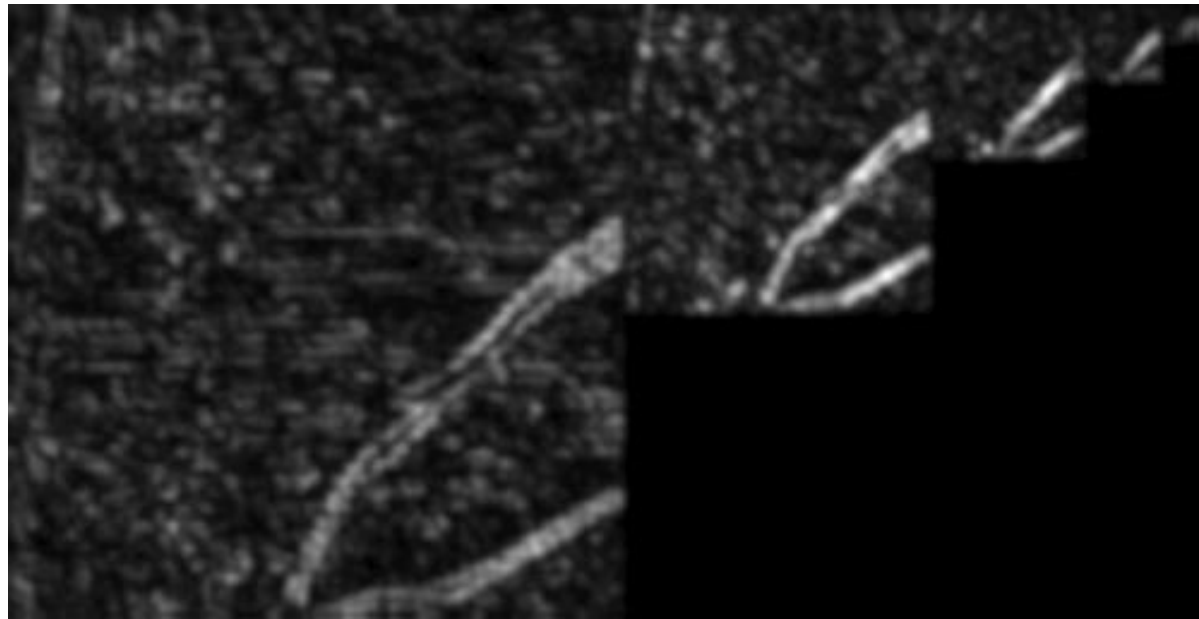


fine



coarse

diagonal



Summary

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