



Fourier Optics

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Properties of 2D Fourier Transforms

Definitions:

$$F(f_x, f_y) = \iint f(x, y) e^{-i2\pi(xf_x + yf_y)} dx dy$$

$$f(x, y) = \iint F(f_x, f_y) e^{i2\pi(xf_x + yf_y)} df_x df_y$$

Linearity:

$$\alpha f(x, y) + \beta g(x, y) \longleftrightarrow \alpha F(f_x, f_y) + \beta G(f_x, f_y)$$

Scaling:

$$f\left(\frac{x}{a}, \frac{y}{b}\right) \longleftrightarrow |ab| F(af_x, bf_y)$$

Shift:

$$f(x - x_0, y - y_0) \longleftrightarrow F(f_x, f_y) e^{-i2\pi(x_0 f_x + y_0 f_y)}$$



Properties of 2D Fourier Transforms (contd.)

Rotation:

$$R_{\theta} \{f(x, y)\} \longleftrightarrow R_{\theta} \{F(f_x, f_y)\}$$

Convolution:

$$\iint f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})g(x - \tilde{x}, y - \tilde{y})d\tilde{x}d\tilde{y} \longleftrightarrow F(f_x, f_y)G(f_x, f_y)$$

Parseval's theorem:

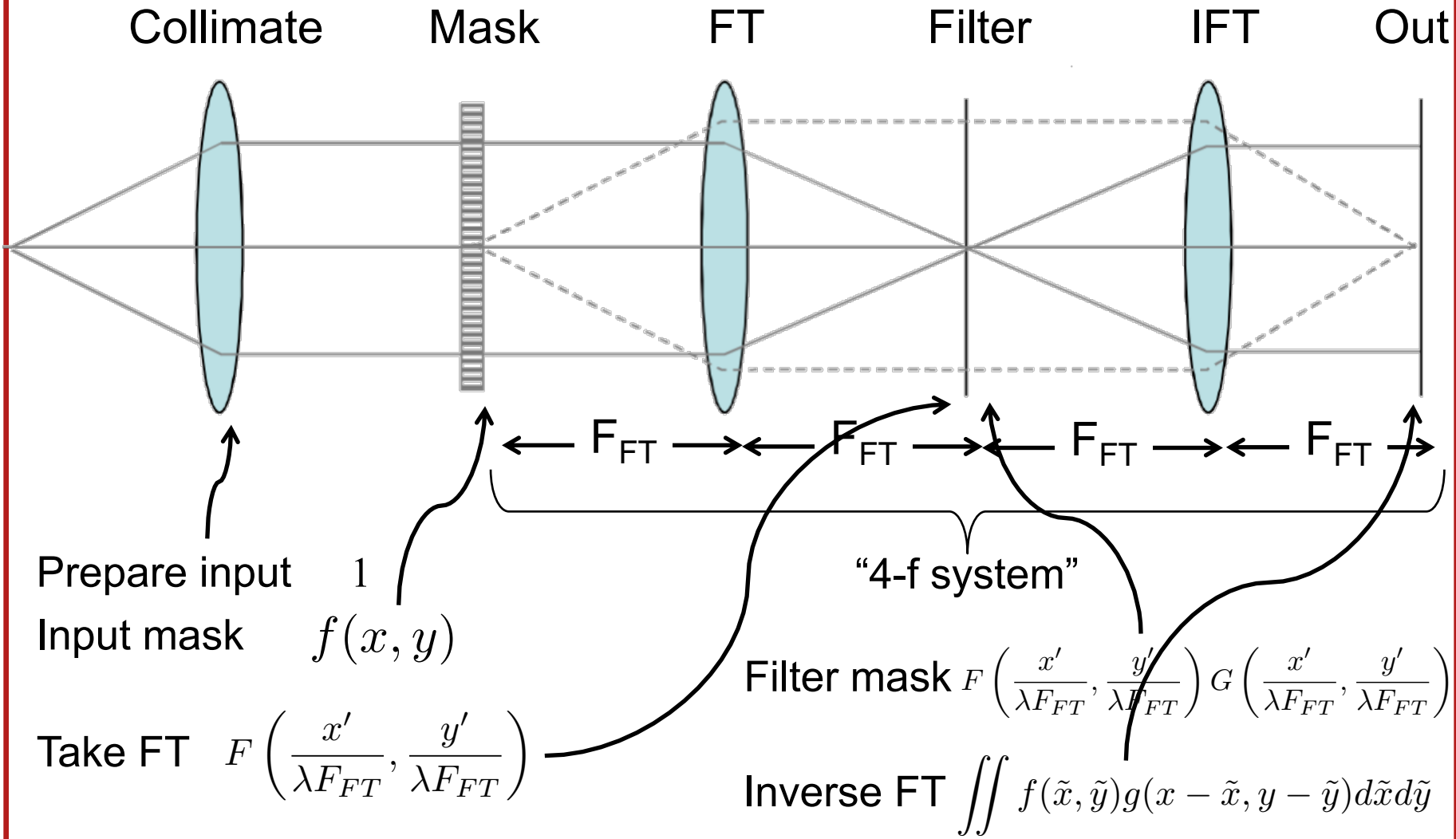
$$\iint |f(x, y)|^2 dx dy = \iint |F(f_x, f_y)|^2 df_x df_y$$

Slice theorem:

$$\int f(x, y) dy \longleftrightarrow F(f_x, 0)$$



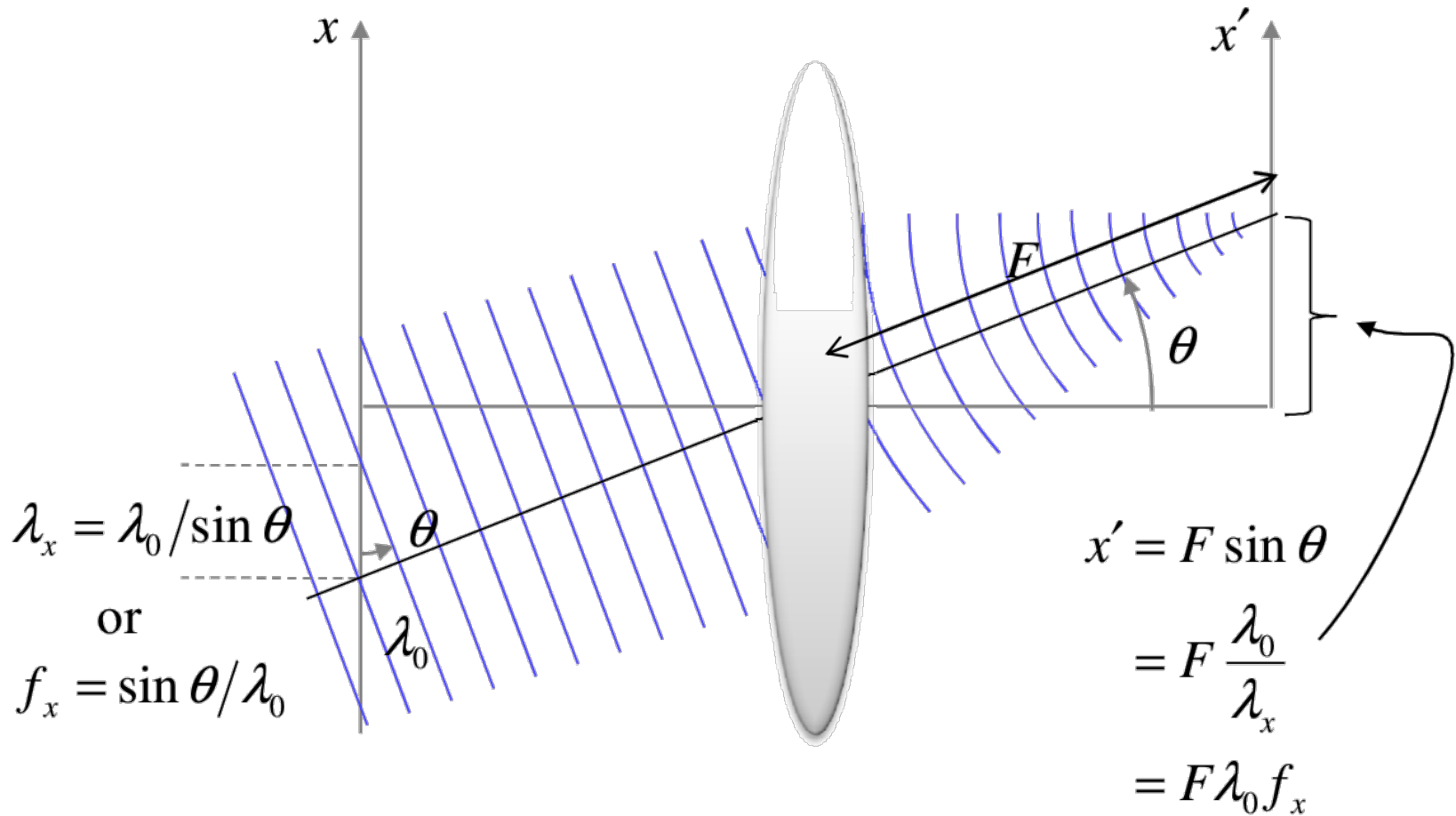
4-f System



2D object $f(x,y)$ has been filtered with 2D filter with impulse response $g(x,y)$



Coordinate system after the lens: spatial frequency converter



Thus, the spatial frequency f_x is related to coordinate x' by scaling factor $F\lambda$

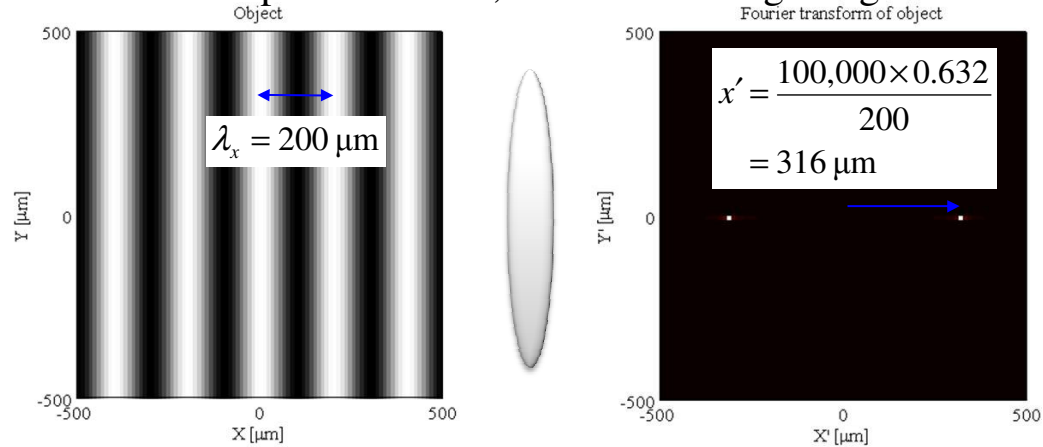


Simple Fourier Transform

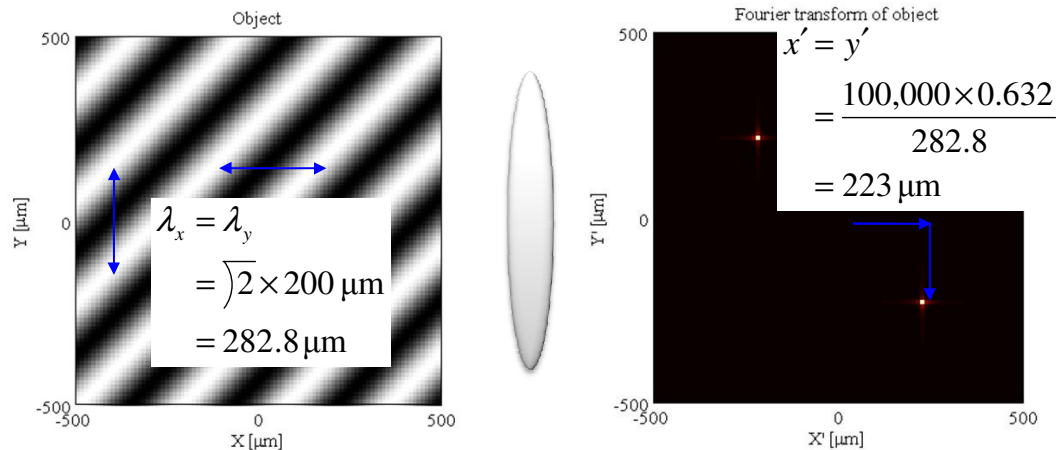
Focal length
Laser wavelength

$F = 100 \text{ mm}$
 $\lambda_0 = 632 \text{ nm}$

Amplitude cosine, aka diffraction grating

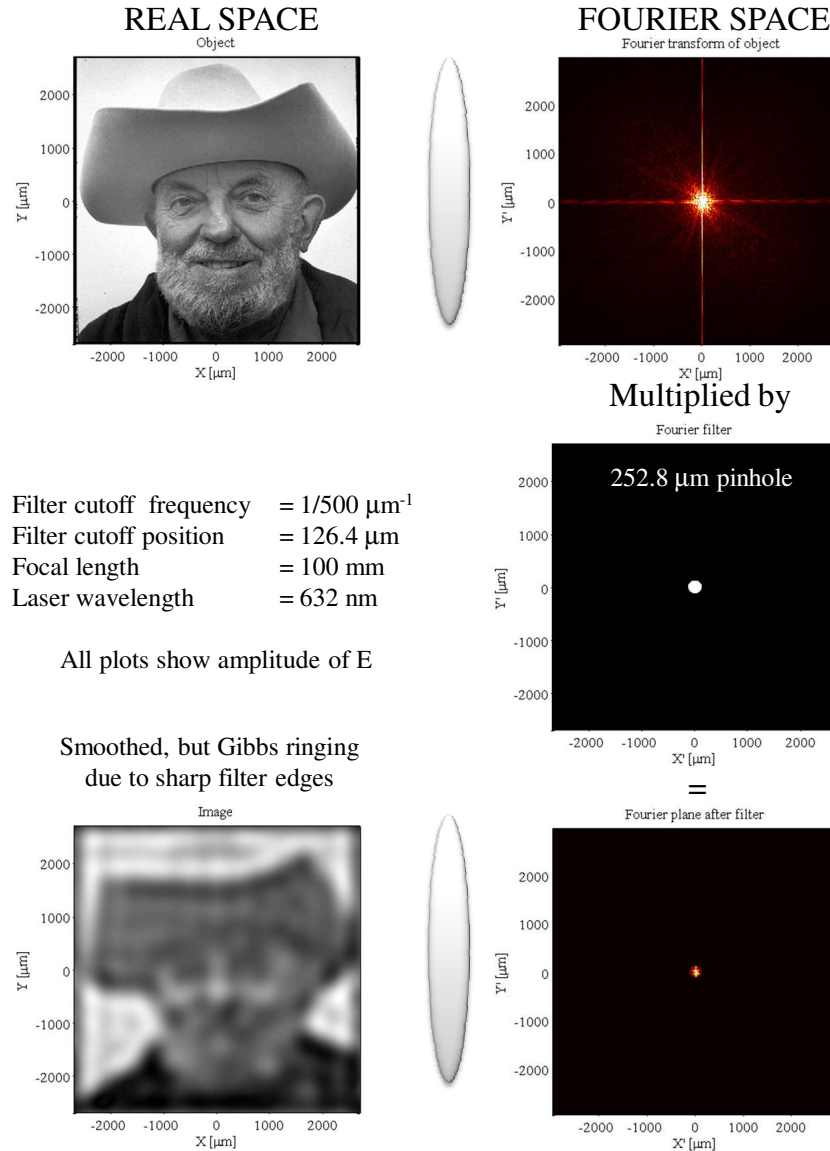


Rotate object by 45°





Low pass filter (sharp cutoff)



Filter cutoff frequency = $1/500 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$
Filter cutoff position = $126.4 \mu\text{m}$
Focal length = 100 mm
Laser wavelength = 632 nm

All plots show amplitude of E

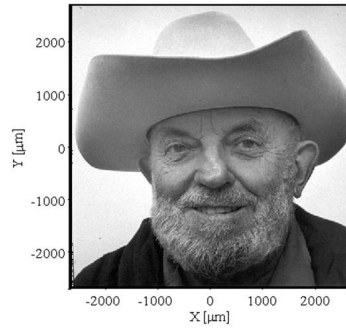
Smoothed, but Gibbs ringing
due to sharp filter edges



Low pass filter (smooth cutoff)

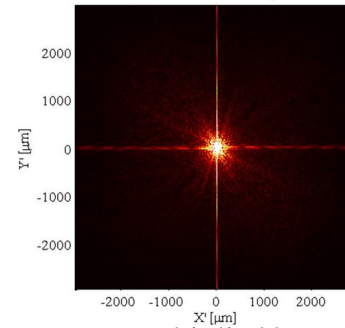
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Object



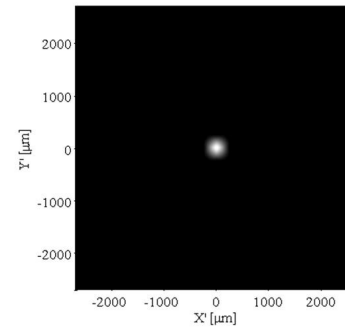
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Fourier transform of object



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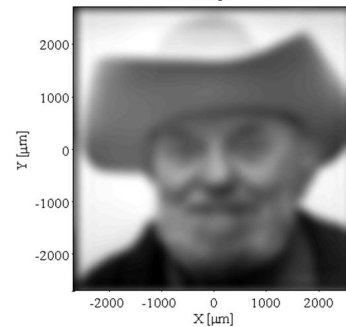
Fourier filter



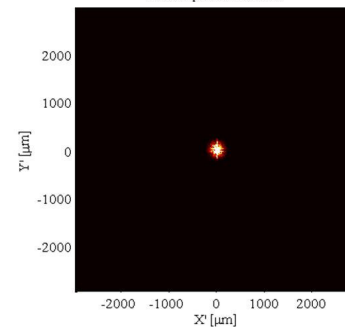
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Filter cutoff position = $126.4 \mu\text{m}$
Edge smoothing = $132 \mu\text{m}$
Focal length = 100 mm
Laser wavelength = 632 nm

Now just nicely smoothed

Image



Fourier plane after filter

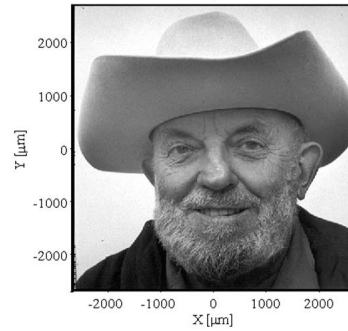




High pass (narrow band)

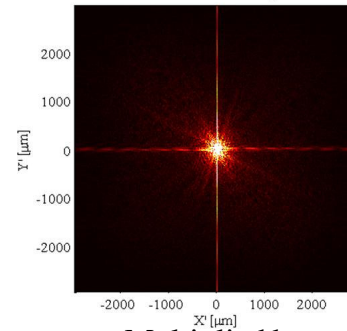
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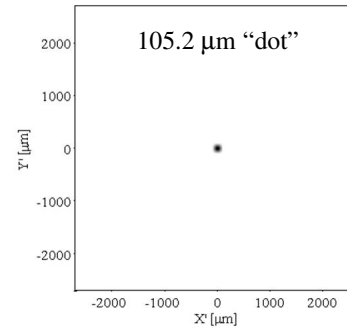
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Fourier transform of object



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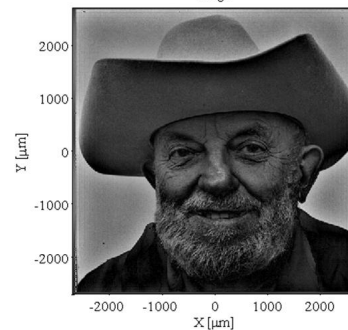
Fourier filter



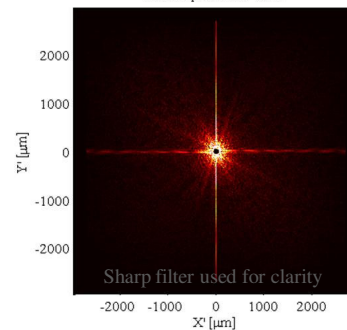
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- Filter cutoff position = $52.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Edge smoothing = $58.2 \mu\text{m}$
- Focal length = 100 mm
- Laser wavelength = 632 nm

Note sharp edges, darkening of large, uniform areas (~DC)

Image



Fourier plane after filter

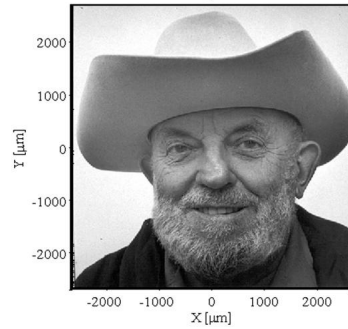




High pass (high band)

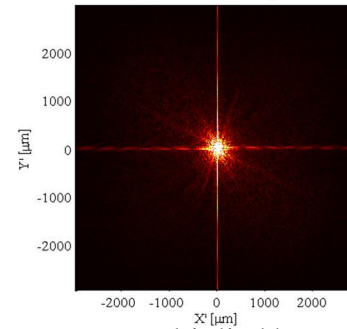
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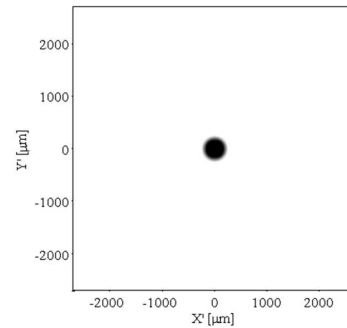
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Fourier transform of object



Multiplying by

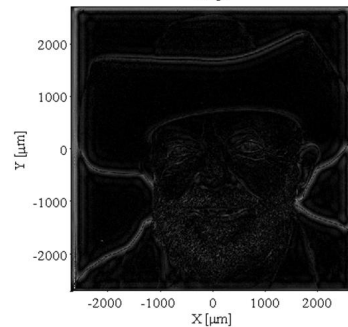
Fourier filter



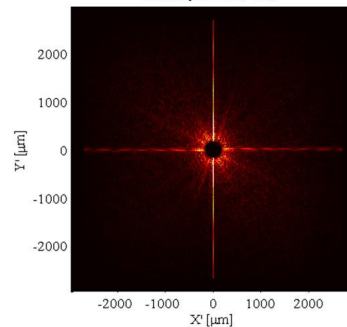
- Filter cutoff frequency = $1/300 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$
- Filter cutoff position = $210.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Edge smoothing = $46.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Focal length = 100 mm
- Laser wavelength = 632 nm

Only edges remain. Almost a "line drawing"

Image



Fourier plane after filter

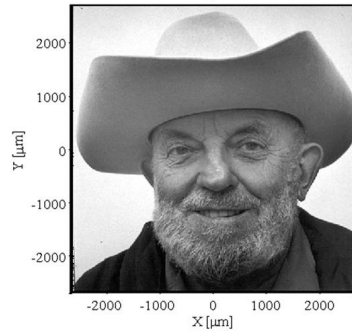




Vertical low pass (“smeers” vertically)

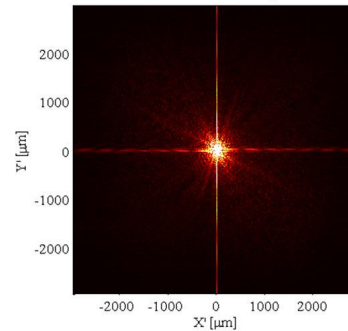
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Object



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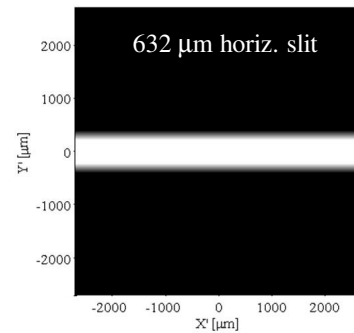
Fourier transform of object



- Filter cutoff frequency = $1/200 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$
- Filter cutoff position = $316 \mu\text{m}$
- Edge smoothing = $93.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Focal length = 100 mm
- Laser wavelength = 632 nm

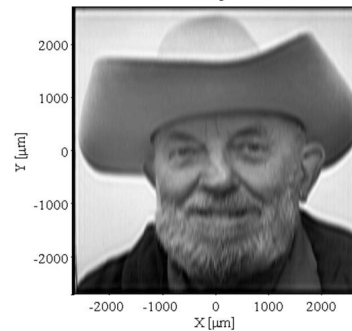
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Fourier filter

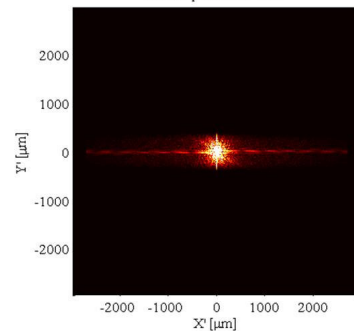


Horizontal lines at edges of eyes gone
Vertical lines above nose remain.

Image



Fourier plane after filter

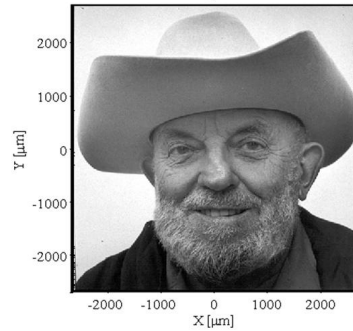




Horizontal low pass (“smeers” horizontally)

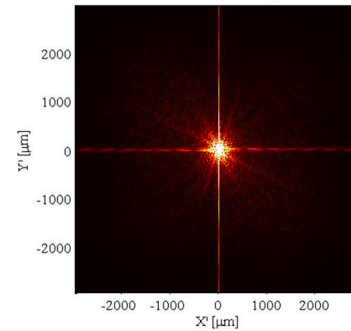
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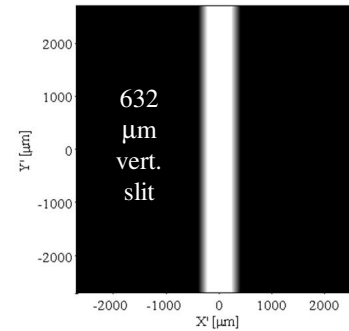
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Fourier transform of object



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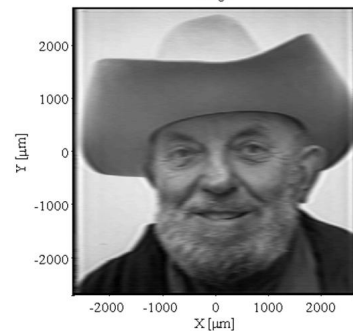
Fourier filter



- Filter cutoff frequency = $1/200 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$
- Filter cutoff position = $316 \mu\text{m}$
- Edge smoothing = $93.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Focal length = 100 mm
- Laser wavelength = 632 nm

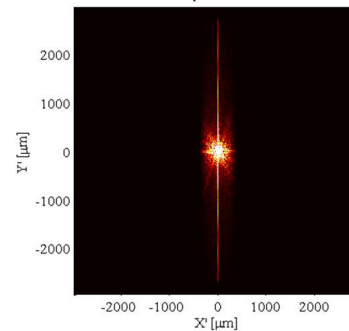
Horizontal lines at edges of eyes remain.
Vertical lines above nose gone.

Image



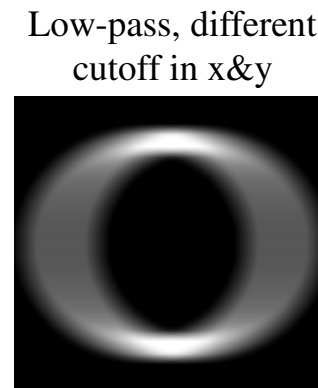
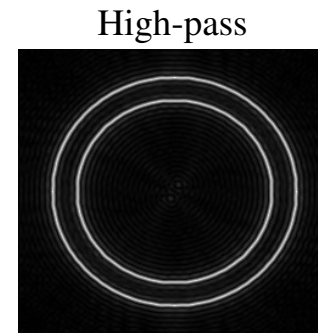
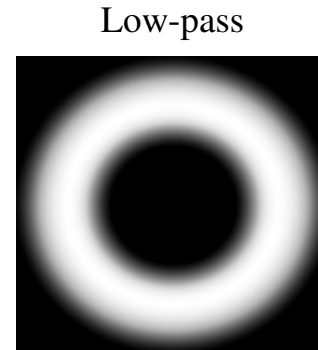
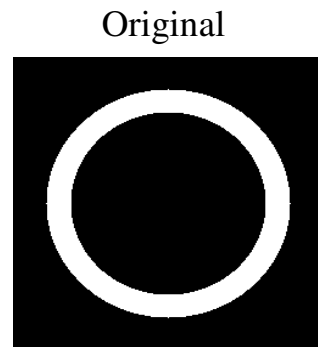
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Fourier plane after filter





Simpler objects

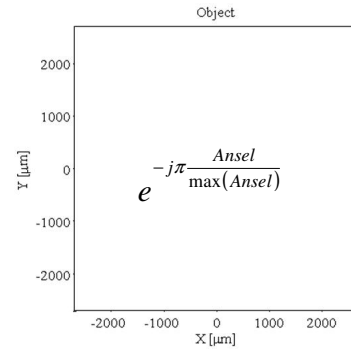


A side note: this is how bandpass filters look like in the frequency (focus) domain.

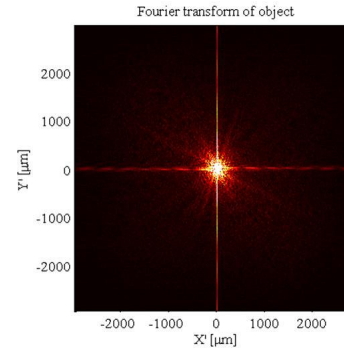


Phase contrast imaging

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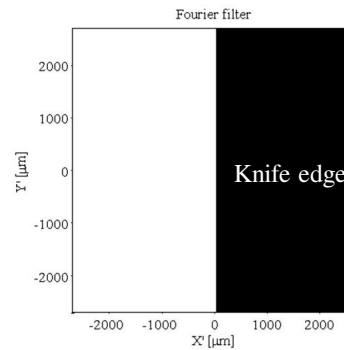


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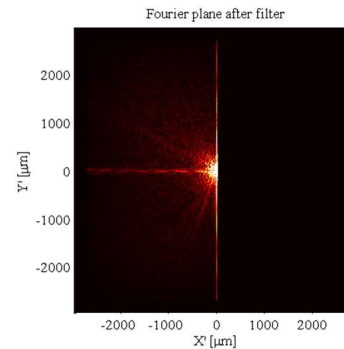
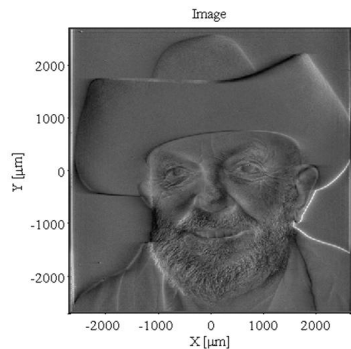
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- Filter cutoff frequency = $1/5000 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$
- Filter cutoff position = $12.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Focal length = 100 mm
- Laser wavelength = 632 nm



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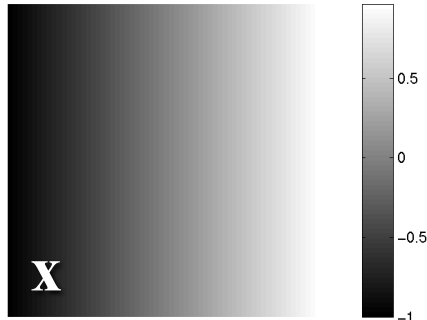
Phase has become amplitude.
Zernike won the 1953 Nobel in Physics for this.



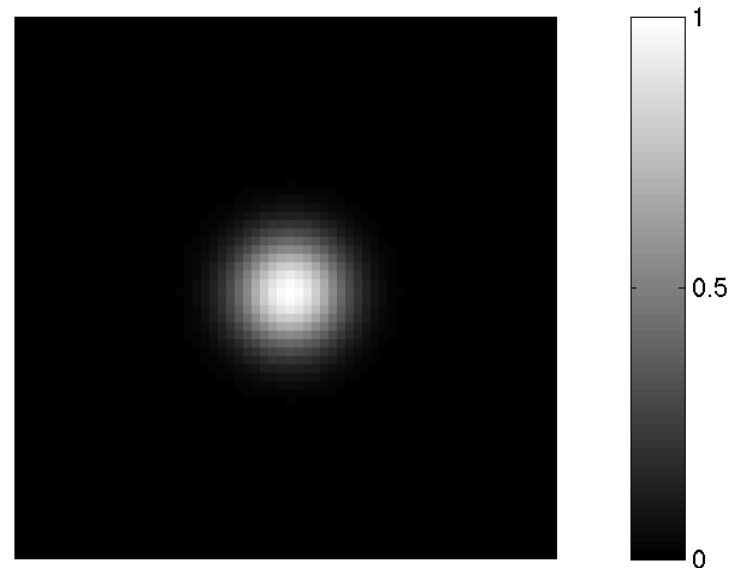
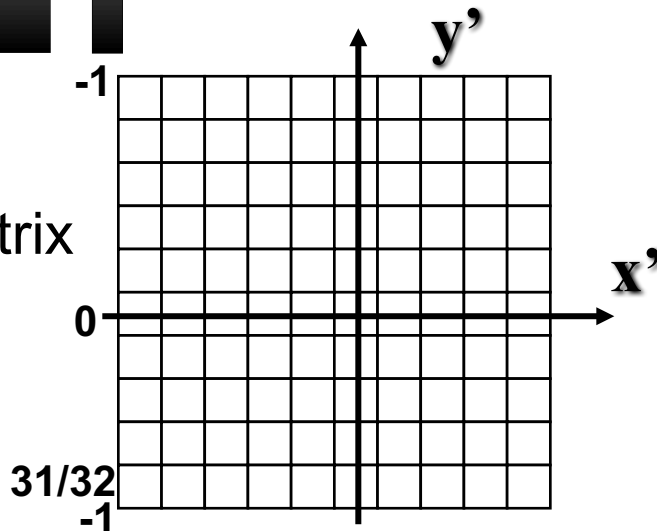


Some MATLAB tips: 2D functions

- Create a matrix that evaluates 2D Gaussian: $\exp(-\pi/2(x^2+y^2)/\sigma^2)$
 - `>>ind = [-32:1:31] / 32;`
 - `>>[x,y] = meshgrid(ind,-1*ind);`
 - `>>z = exp(-pi/2*(x.^2+y.^2)/(.25.^2));`
 - `>>imshow(z)`
 - `>>colorbar`



64x64 matrix

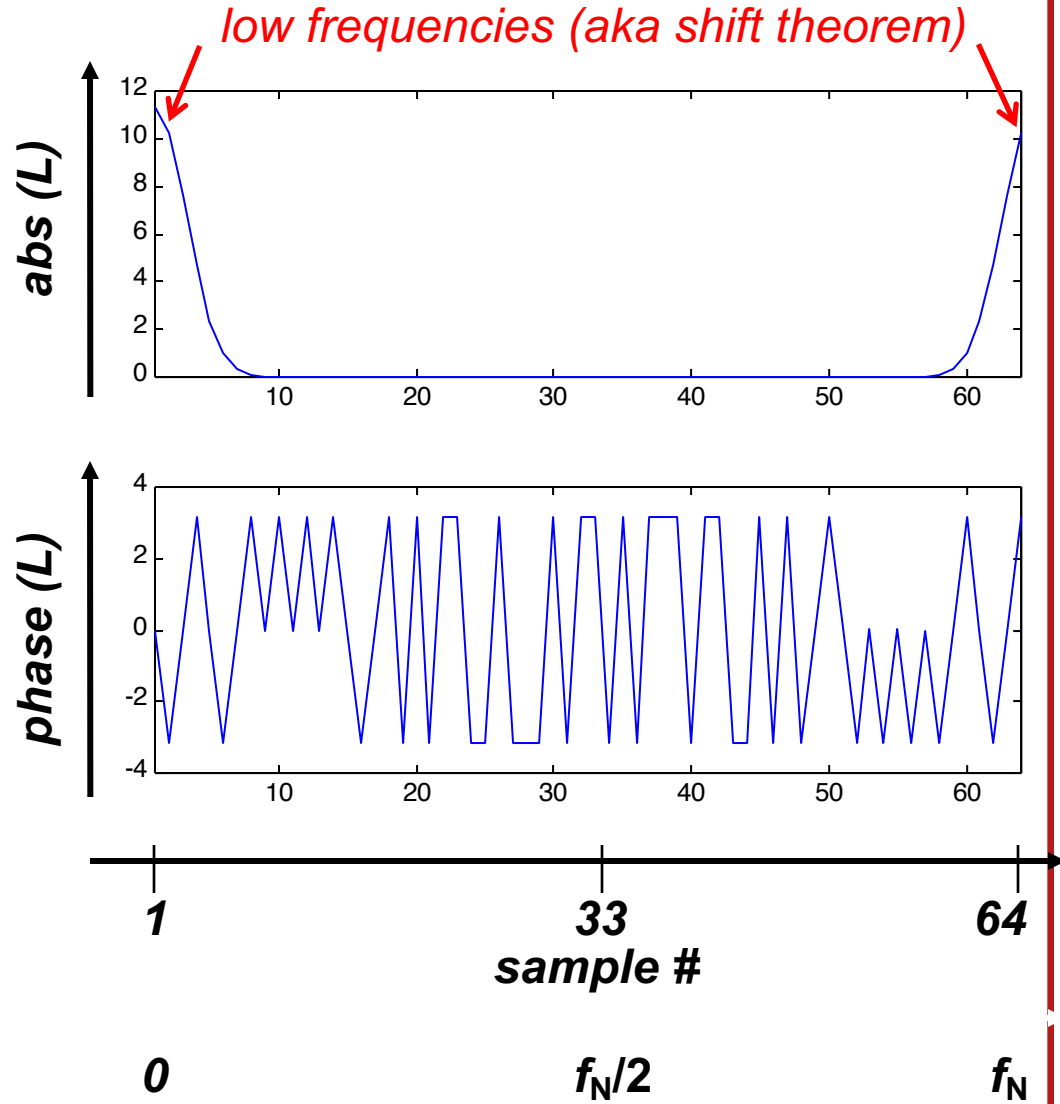
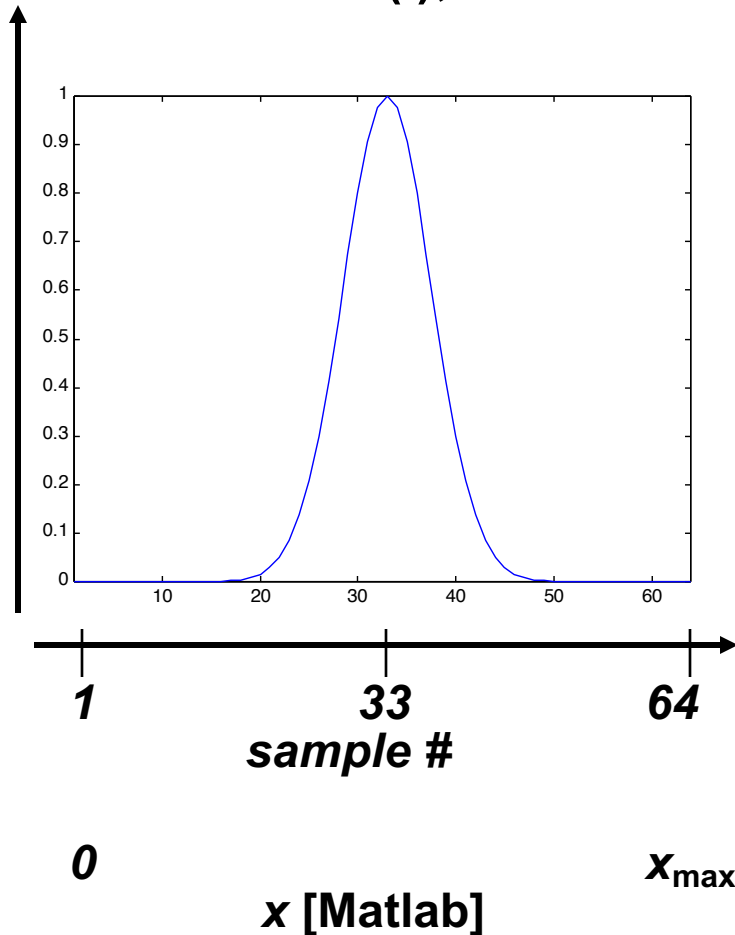




FFT “splits” low frequencies

1D Fourier Transform

- `>>I = z(33,:);`
- `>>L = fft(I);`

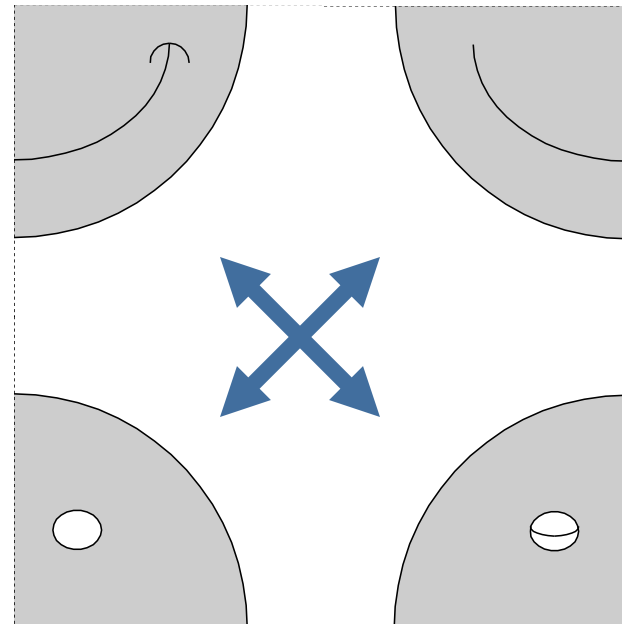
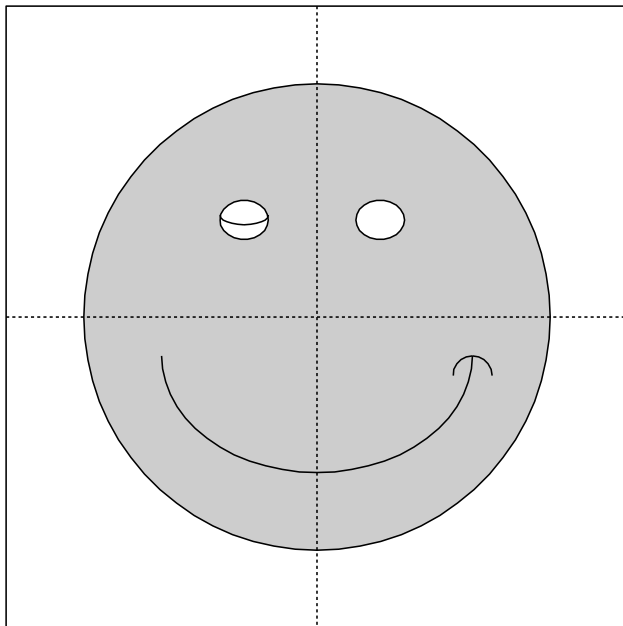




Use FFTSHIFT prior to/after FFT or FFT2

Use fftshift for 2D functions

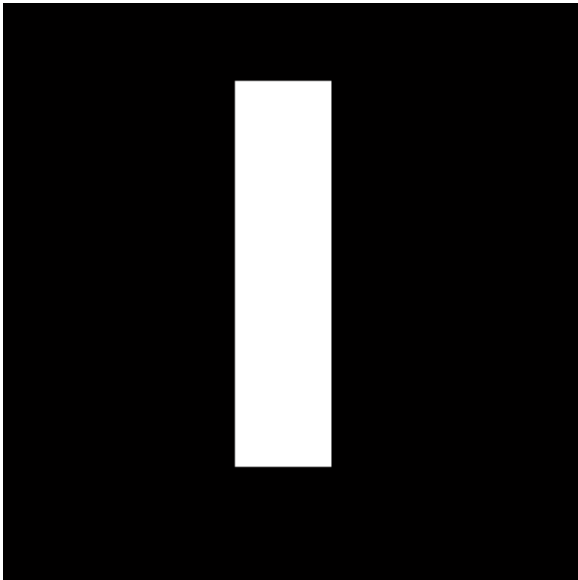
– `>>smiley2 = fftshift(smiley);`





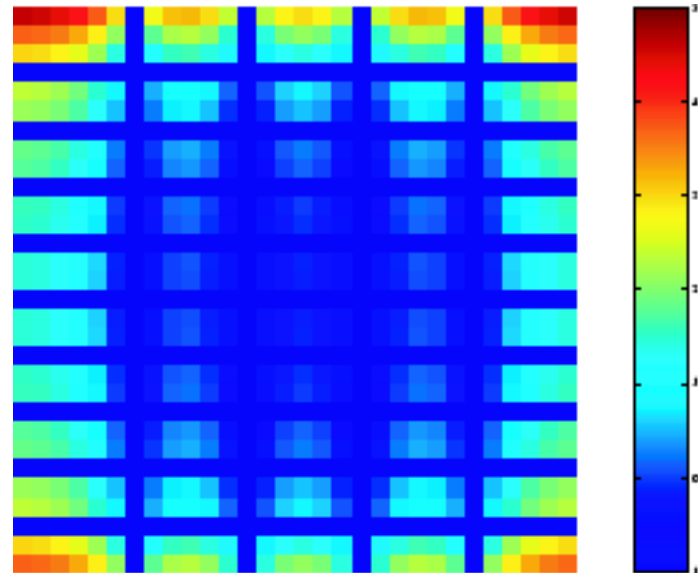
If your FFT looks jagged...

```
f = zeros(30,30);  
f(5:24,13:17) = 1;  
imshow(f,'InitialMagnification','fit')
```



```
F = fft2(f);  
F2 = log(abs(F));  
imshow(F2,[-1 5],'InitialMagnification','fit');  
colormap(jet); colorbar
```

Discrete Fourier Transform Computed Without Padding

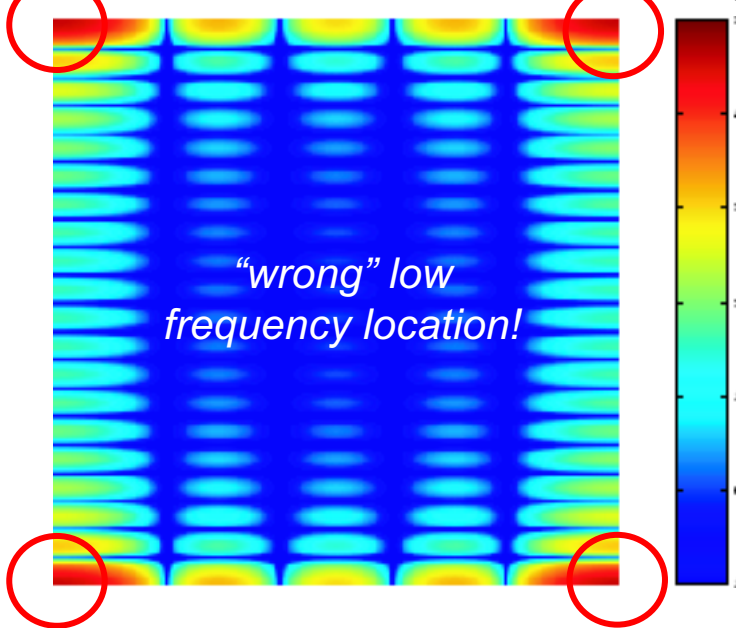




Apply zero-padding!

```
F = fft2(f,256,256);  
imshow(log(abs(F)),[-1 5]); colormap(jet);  
colorbar
```

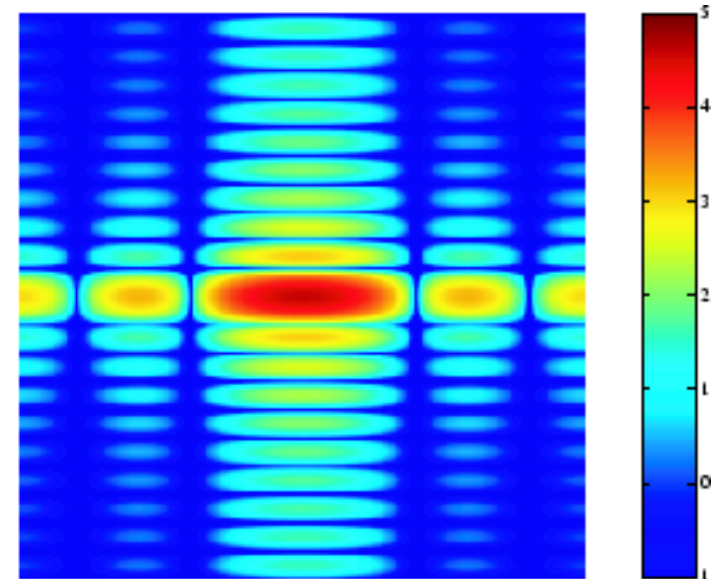
Discrete Fourier Transform With Padding



% Apply FFTSHIFT

```
F = fft2(f,256,256);F2 = fftshift(F);  
imshow(log(abs(F2)),[-1 5]); colormap(jet);  
colorbar
```

Normal FT look





Links/references

<http://ecee.colorado.edu/~mcleod/teaching/ugol/lecturenotes/Lecture%2004%20Fourier%20Optics.pdf>

<http://www.medphysics.wisc.edu/~block/bme530lectures/matlabintro.ppt>

<http://www.mathworks.com/help/images/fourier-transform.html>