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$$
F(\omega)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2 \pi i x \omega} d x
$$

## Lecture 18

Signal Theory \& Sampling

Reminder:
Constructing Bases
Frequency Space Analysis

## Which of the following two is better?




Obvious, but why?

- Long story...
- Sampling theory
- Fourier transforms involved
- We'll look at this l- Ker now.
- Also: why the "Sombrero"-style shape?


## Radial Basis Functions



Regular grids


Irregular (w/scaling)

## Signal Theory \& Sampling

## Topics

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- What is the problem?
- Fourier transform
- Theorems
- Analysis of regularly sampled signals
- Irregular sampling


## Model Problem: Raytracing



## Raytracing

- Sample 3D scenes with "view rays" through each pixel
Sampling Aliasing



## Sampling Text

## text



## Reconstruction Aliasing



## text

magnified pixels

## Aliasing - the Short Story

## Sampling Aliasing

- Sampling a signal inadequately
- Detail information shows up "under false name"
- Too-high-frequency details $\rightarrow$ low-frequency moiré
- Need to understand sampling requirements


## Reconstruction Aliasing

- Low-detail signal is reconstructed with unwarranted high-frequency details
- Need to understand reconstruction process

Rendering: Crucial for quality + efficiency

## Underlying Question

Deeper question underlying this

- How much information is in a function?


## Complex Numbers

## Complex Numbers

Vector space $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ :

- $z \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow z=(x, y)=: x+i y$
- $i$ is the upward basis vector $(0,1)$
- $i$ introduces the $y$-axis
- Unlike $\mathbb{R}$ : Unordered!



## Additional multiplication

- Multiplying complex numbers $z_{1} \cdot z_{2}$ :
- Multiply length
- Add angles
- This makes $i=\sqrt{-1}$


## Complex exponential

## Complex exponentials:

- Powers of imaginary numbers
= rotating vectors
- Euler's formula:

$$
e^{i x}=\cos x+i \sin x
$$

Real Fourier Series

## Fourier Basis

## Fourier basis (orthonormal)

$$
B=\left\{1, \sqrt{2} \sin 2 \pi k x, \sqrt{2} \cos 2 \pi k x \mid k \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 1}\right\}
$$

## Fourier series

- Periodic functions $f:[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Fourier series approximation:
$\tilde{f}(x)=b_{0}+\sqrt{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\left[a_{k} \sin 2 \pi k x+b_{k} \cos 2 \pi k x\right]$
- Coefficients?


## Fourier Basis

## Fourier series

- Fourier series:

$$
\tilde{f}(x)=b_{0}+\sqrt{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\left[a_{k} \sin 2 \pi k x+b_{k} \cos 2 \pi k x\right]
$$

- Coefficients?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{k}=\langle f(x), \sqrt{2} \sin 2 \pi k x\rangle=\sqrt{2} \int_{0}^{1} f(x) \cdot \sin 2 \pi k x d x \\
& b_{k}=\langle f(x), \sqrt{2} \cos 2 \pi k x\rangle=\sqrt{2} \int_{0}^{1} f(x) \cdot \cos 2 \pi k x d x \\
& b_{0}=\langle f(x), 1\rangle=\int_{0}^{1} f(x) d x
\end{aligned}
$$

- Convergence?


## Fourier Series

## Fourier Series

- Converges for functions
- Finite variation
- Lipschitz-smooth
- Convergence means:

$$
\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty}\|f-\tilde{f}\|^{2}=\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty}\langle f-\tilde{f}, f-\tilde{f}\rangle=0
$$

## Complex <br> Fourier Series

## Fourier Basis

## Fourier basis (real):

$$
B_{\mathbb{R}}=\{1, \sqrt{2} \sin 2 \pi k x, \sqrt{2} \cos 2 \pi k x \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}
$$

Fourier basis (complex):

$$
B_{\mathbb{C}}=\{\exp (2 \pi i k x) \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}
$$

## Complex Series

## Fourier series

- Fourier series:

$$
\tilde{f}(x)=\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} z_{k} \exp (2 \pi i k x)
$$

- Coefficients?

$$
\begin{aligned}
z_{k} & =\langle f(x), \exp (-2 \pi i k x)\rangle \\
& =\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \cdot \exp (-2 \pi i k x) d x
\end{aligned}
$$

Tip: 3BLUE1BROWN - But what is a Fourier series? From heat flow to circle drawings https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6sGWTCMz2k

## Scalar Product on Real Function Spaces

Real (finite-dim.) Vector Spaces

- For $\mathbb{z}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}:\langle\mathbb{z}, \mathbf{q}\rangle:=\mathbb{z}^{T} \mathbf{q}$


## Real Function Spaces

- For suitable*) functions

$$
f, g: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}
$$

the standard scalar product is defined as:

$$
f \cdot g=\langle f, g\rangle:=\int_{\Omega} f(x) \cdot g(x) d x
$$

- Measures an norm and angle in an abstract sense


## Complex Function Spaces

## Hermetian Vector Space

- For $\mathrm{z}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}:\langle\mathrm{z}, \mathbf{q}\rangle:=\mathrm{z}^{T} \overline{\mathbf{q}}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z=a+i b \\
& \bar{z}:=a-i b
\end{aligned}
$$

## Hermetian Function Space

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Fourier Transform

## Fourier Transform

## Continuous transform:

- Continuous function set: $\left\{e^{-i 2 \pi \omega x} \mid \omega \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$
- Orthogonal on $\mathbb{R}$
- Projection via scalar products $\Rightarrow$ Fourier transform
- Fourier transform: (f: $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow(F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C})$

$$
F(\omega)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2 \pi i x \omega} d x
$$

- Inverse Fourier transform: $(\mathrm{F}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow(\mathrm{f}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C})$

$$
f(x)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{2 \pi i x \omega} d \omega
$$

## Fourier Transform

## Interpreting the result:

- Transforming a real function

$$
f(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}
$$

- Result: $\mathrm{F}(\omega): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- $\omega$ are frequencies (real)
- Real input $f$ : Symmetric result

$$
F(-\omega)=F(\omega)
$$

- Output are complex numbers
- Magnitude: "power spectrum" (frequency content)
- Phase: phase spectrum (encodes shifts)


## Important Functions

## Some important Fourier-transform pairs



- Box function:

$$
f(x)=\operatorname{box}(x) \rightarrow \quad F(\omega)=\frac{\sin \omega}{\omega}:=\operatorname{sinc}(\omega)
$$




- Gaussian:

$$
f(x)=e^{-a x^{2}} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(\omega)=\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\pi \omega)^{2}}{a}}
$$

## Triangle Function

## Bilinear Interpolation




$$
f(x)=\operatorname{triangle}(x) \rightarrow F(\omega)=\frac{\sin ^{2} \omega}{\omega^{2}}:=\operatorname{sinc}^{2}(\omega)
$$

## Higher Dimensional FT

## Multi-dimensional Fourier Basis:

- Functions $f: \mathbb{R}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- 2D Fourier basis:

$$
\begin{gathered}
f(x, y) \text { represented } \\
\text { as combination of } \\
\left\{e^{-i 2 \pi \omega_{x} x} \cdot e^{-i 2 \pi \omega_{y} y} \mid \omega_{x}, \omega_{y} \in \mathbb{R}\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

- In general:
- All combinations of 1D functions
" „Tensor product basis"
- $b_{i, j}(x, y)=b_{i}(x) \cdot b_{j}(y)$


## Tensor Product



Example
Gaussian Basis Functions


## Convolution

## Convolution:

- Weighted average of functions
- Definition:

$$
f(t) \otimes g(t)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) g(x-t) d x
$$

## Example:





## Theorems

## Convolution theorem:

- Fourier Transform converts convolution into multiplication

$$
F T(f \otimes g)=F \cdot G
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All other cases as well

- $F T^{-1}(F \cdot G)=f \otimes g$
- $\quad F T(f \cdot g)=F \otimes G$
- $F T^{-1}(F \otimes G)=f \cdot g$
- (Formally: Fourier basis diagonalizes shift-invariant linear operators)


## Signal Theory

## Sampling a Signal

## Given:

- Signal $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Store digitally:
- Sample regularly ... $f(0.3), f(0.4), f(0.5) \ldots$
- Question: what information is lost?


## Delta Function






Dirac Delta "Function"

- $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta(x) d x=1$, zero everywhere but at $x=0$
- Idealization ("distribution") - think of very sharp peak


## Fourier Transform




## Fourier Transform Pair

- Dirac delta function $\leftrightarrow$ uniform spectrum...
- ...and vice versa.


## Important Functions

## Intuition: Gaussians



$$
f(x)=e^{-a x^{2}} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(\omega)=\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\pi \omega)^{2}}{a}}
$$

## Dirac Comb (Impulse Train)



## Impulse Train

$$
\mathrm{III}_{T}(x)=\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-k \cdot T)
$$

Fourier Transform

$$
F T\left(\mathrm{III}_{T}\right)=\frac{1}{T} \mathrm{III}_{1 / T}
$$

## Sampling



## Sampling a function

- Multiplication with impulse train

$$
f_{\text {sampled }}(x)=f(x) \cdot \mathrm{III}_{T}(x)
$$

## Sampling \& Reconstruction

spatial domain

(a) a continuous function and its frequency spectrum


(b) a regular sampling pattern (impulse train) and its frequency spectrum
spatial domain

frequency domain

(c) sampling: frequencies beyond the Nyquest limit $v_{s} / 2$ appear as aliasing

(d) reconstruction: filtering with a low-pass filter $R$ to remove replicated spectra

Reference: Foley, van Dam, Feiner, Hughes
Computer Graphics - Principles \& Practice, 2nd Edition, Addisson-Wesley, 1996
Chapter 14.10 "Aliasing and Antialiasing"

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## Reconstructing a Signal


(d) reconstruction: filtering with a low-pass filter $R$ to remove replicated spectra

## Regular Sampling

## Results: Sampling

- Band-limited signals can be represented exactly
- Sampling with frequency $v_{s}$ : Highest frequency in Fourier spectrum $\leq v_{s} / 2$
- Higher frequencies alias
- Aliasing artifacts (low-frequency patterns)
- Cannot be removed after sampling (loss of information)

band-limited

aliasing


## Regular Sampling

## Result: Reconstruction

- When reconstructing from discrete samples
- Use band-limited basis functions
- Highest frequency in Fourier spectrum $\leq v_{s} / 2$
- Otherwise: Reconstruction aliasing



## Regular Sampling

## Reconstruction Filters

- Optimal filter: sinc (no frequencies discarded)


## QR

- However:
- Ringing artifacts in spatial domain
- Not useful for images (better for audio)

Ringing by sinc reconstruction from [Mitchell \& Netravali, Siggraph 1988]

- Compromise
- Gaussian filter (most frequently used)
- There exist better ones, such as Mitchell-Netravalli, Lancos, etc...


2D sinc


2D Gaussian

## Irregular Sampling

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## Irregular Sampling

- No comparable formal theory
- However: similar idea
- Band-limited by "sampling frequency"
- Sampling frequency = mean sample spacing
- Not as clearly defined as in regular grids
- May vary locally (adaptive sampling)
- Aliasing
- Random sampling creates noise as aliasing artifacts
- Evenly distributed sample concentrate noise in higher frequency bands in comparison to purely random sampling

When designing bases for function spaces

- Use band-limited functions
- Typical scenario:
- Regular grid with spacing $\sigma$
- Grid points $\mathbf{g}_{i}$
- Use functions: $\exp \left(-\frac{\left(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{g}_{i}\right)^{2}}{\sigma^{2}}\right)$
- Irregular sampling:
- Same idea
- Use estimated sample spacing instead of grid width
- Set $\sigma$ to average sample spacing to neighbors


## Random Sampling

## Random sampling

- Aliasing gets replaced by noise
- Can we optimize this? - Yes!

Different types of noise

- "White noise": All frequencies equally likely
- "Blue noise": Pronounced high-frequency content

Depends on sampling

- Random sampling is "white"
- Poisson-disc sampling (uniform spacing) is "blue"


## Random Noise


pixel image (b/w)

discrete Fourier transform (power-spectrum)

## Poisson Disc Sampling


discrete Fourier transform
(power-spectrum)

## Regular Sampling


pixel image (b/w)

discrete Fourier transform (power-spectrum)

## Jittered Grid (Uniform Displacem.)

pixel image (b/w)

discrete Fourier transform (power-spectrum)

## Jittered Grid (same density)


pixel image (b/w)
discrete Fourier transform (power-spectrum)

## Examples


pixel image (b/w)


## discrete Fourier transform <br> (power-spectrum)

## Why should we care?



Exampe: Stochastic Raytracing

- Shoot random rays $\rightarrow$ random noise
- Low-pass filter $\rightarrow$ less noise
- Low-frequency noise persists
- LF-noise is particularly ugly!
- Need many samples

Recipe:

## Sampling Signals

## How to Sample

## Given

- Function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$


## Uniform sampling

- Sample spacing $\delta$ (given)

Choose filter kernel

- In case of doubt, try:


$$
\omega(\mathrm{x})=\exp \left(-\delta^{-1} x^{2}\right)
$$

- Sample $(f \otimes \omega(\mathrm{x}))$ regularly
- For example: Monte-Carlo integration


## How to Sample

Given

- Function $f: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$


## Multi-dimensional Gaussian

- In case of doubt, try:

$$
\omega(\mathrm{x})=\prod_{d=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{\delta} x_{d}^{2}\right)
$$

- Same procedure otherwise...


## How to Sample



Multi-dimensional Gaussian

$$
\omega(\mathrm{x})=\prod_{d=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{\delta} x_{d}^{2}\right)
$$

## How to Sample

## Non-Uniform Sampling

- Choose sample spacing $\delta(\mathrm{x})$
- Match level of detail
- Nyquest limit
- Spacing between two "ups" = frequency
- Filter adaptively
- Varying filter width
- Sample adaptively
- Sampling width varies accordingly

Recipe:
Reconstructing Signals

## Signal Rec



## Uniform

- Given samples $y_{i}=f\left(x_{i}\right), i=1, \ldots, n$, spacing $\delta$
- Chose reconstruction filter
- Try: $\omega$ ( x$)=\exp \left(-\delta^{-2} x^{2}\right)$

Reconstruction: $\tilde{f}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \cdot \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)$

## Non-Uniform

## Non-Uniform

- Samples $y_{i}=f\left(x_{i}\right), i=1, \ldots, n$,
- Varying spacing $\delta_{i}$
- If unknown: average spacing of k-nearest neighbors
- Chose reconstruction filter
- Try: $\omega_{i}(\mathrm{x})=\exp \left(-\delta_{i}^{-2}\left(x-x_{i}\right)^{2}\right)$


## Reconstruction:

$$
\tilde{f}=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \cdot \omega_{i}\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i}\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}
$$

"Partition of Unity" just to be save...

## Reconstruction: Implementation

Variant 1: Gathering

- Record samples in list (plus kD Tree, Octree, grid)
- For each pixel:
- Range query: kernel support radius
- Compute weighted sum (last slide)

Variant 2: Splatting

- Two pixel buffers: Color (3D), weight (1D)
- Iterate over samples:
- Add Gaussian splat to weight buffer
- Add $3 \times$ Gaussian splat scaled by RGB to color buffer
- In the end: Divide color buffer by weight buffer.


## Gathering

$\leftarrow 1$ pixel $\rightarrow$

rays $x_{i}, f\left(x_{i}\right) \quad$ filter $\omega$

$$
\tilde{f}=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \cdot \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}
$$

## Splatting


color buffer

weight buffer

$$
\tilde{f}=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \cdot \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}
$$

## Remark: Anisotropic Filtering



$$
\tilde{f}=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \cdot \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega\left(\mathrm{x}-x_{i}\right)}
$$

## Building Anisotropic Filters



$$
\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}}\left[\mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{T}\right] \mathrm{x}
$$

## How to construct?

- Given: Kernel $w(\mathbf{x})$
- For example: $w(\mathbf{x})=\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2 \sigma} \mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x}\right)$
- Coordinate transformation:
- $w(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow w(\mathbf{T x})$
- Gaussian: $w(\mathbf{x})=\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2 \sigma} \mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}}\left[\mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{T}\right] \mathbf{x}\right)$

Advanced
Reconstruction


MOURE 10.101
(a) The test situation: a straight edge between black and white regions. (b) A failure of weighted-average reconstruction. Reprinted, by permission, from Mitchell in Computer Graphics (Proc. Siggraph '87), fig. 11, p. 72.


HOURE 10.103
Reconstruction with the Mitchell multistage filter. Reprinted, by permission, from Mitchell in Computer Graphics (Proc. Siggraph '87), fig. 14, p. 72.

Source: [Glassner 1995, Principles of digital image synthesis, CC license]

## Problem with partition-of unity:

Artifacts at boundaries of sampling

## Remedy

## Push-Pull-Algorithm

- Reconstruct at multiple levels (stratification)
- Build quadtree
- Keep one sample per cell
- Creates different levels
- Add results together
- Do not reconstruct in empty cells


## Reduced bias

## Advanced Reconstruction Moving Least-Squares

## Moving Least Squares

## Moving least squares (MLS):

- MLS is a standard technique for scattered data interpolation.
- Generalization of partition-of-unity method


## Weighted Least-Squares

## Least Squares Approximation:



## Least-Squares

## Least Squares Approximation:

$$
\tilde{y}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} B_{i}(x)
$$

Best Fit (weighted):


## Least-Squares

Normal Equations: $\left(\mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{W}^{2} \mathbf{B}\right) \boldsymbol{\lambda}=\left(\mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{W}^{2}\right) \mathbf{y}$
Solution: $\quad \boldsymbol{\lambda}=\left(\mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{W}^{2} \mathbf{B}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{W}^{2} \mathbf{y}$
Evaluation: $\tilde{y}(x)=\langle\mathbf{b}(x), \boldsymbol{\lambda}\rangle=\mathbf{b}(x)^{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W}^{2} \mathbf{B}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W}^{2} \mathbf{y}$
MLS approximation

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{b}:=\left[B_{1}, \ldots, B_{n}\right] \\
\mathbf{B}:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
-\mathbf{b}\left(x_{1}\right)- \\
\vdots \\
-\mathbf{b}\left(x_{n}\right)-
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathbf{y}:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
y_{1} \\
\vdots \\
y_{n}
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathbf{W}:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\omega\left(x_{1}\right) \\
\ddots \\
\omega\left(x_{n}\right)
\end{array}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

Moving Least-Squares

## Moving Least Squares Approximation:


target values

move basis and weighting function, recompute approximation $\tilde{y}(x)$
Moving Least-Squares

## Moving Least Squares Approximation:



## Summary: MLS

## Standard MLS approximation:

- Choose set of basis functions
- Typically monomials of degree 0,1,2
- Choose weighting function
- Typical choices: Gaussian, Wendland function, B-Splines
- Solution will have the same continuity as the weighting function.
- Solve a weighted least squares problem at each point:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{y}(x)=\mathbf{b}(x)^{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{B}(x)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W}(x)^{2} \mathbf{B}(x)\right)^{-1} \mathbf{B}(x)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W}(x)^{2} \mathbf{y} \\
& \text { moment matrix }
\end{aligned}
$$

" Need to invert the "moment matrix" at each evaluation.

- Use SVD if sampling requirements are not guaranteed.


## Remark

 Uncertainty Relation(s)
## Fourier Transform Pairs

## Gaussians


$f(x)=e^{-a x^{2}} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(\omega)=\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\pi \omega)^{2}}{a}}$


## Taylor-Approximation

Function $f$

tangent slope

$$
\begin{gathered}
f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\
f^{\prime}(x)=\lim _{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}
\end{gathered}
$$

Think of this:


$$
\begin{gathered}
f=\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}\right) \\
f^{\prime}\left(x_{i}\right) \approx \frac{y_{i}-y_{i-1}}{h}
\end{gathered}
$$

