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Lecture 18 Signal Theory & Sampling

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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 later 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



Reconstruction Aliasing



pixel



Gaussian



Lanczos







magnified pixels

image

Aliasing – the Short Story

Sampling Aliasing

- Sampling a signal inadequately
 - Detail information shows up "under false name"
 - Too-high-frequency details → 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 :

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

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

Real Fourier Series

Fourier Basis

Fourier basis (orthonormal) $B = \{1, \sqrt{2} \sin 2\pi kx, \sqrt{2} \cos 2\pi kx \mid k \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 1}\}$

Fourier series

- Periodic functions $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Fourier series approximation:

$$\tilde{f}(x) = b_0 + \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [a_k \sin 2\pi kx + b_k \cos 2\pi kx]$$

Coefficients?

Fourier Basis

Fourier series

- Fourier series: $\tilde{f}(x) = b_0 + \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [a_k \sin 2\pi kx + b_k \cos 2\pi kx]$
- Coefficients?

$$a_{k} = \langle f(x), \sqrt{2} \sin 2\pi kx \rangle = \sqrt{2} \int_{0}^{1} f(x) \cdot \sin 2\pi kx \, dx$$
$$b_{k} = \langle f(x), \sqrt{2} \cos 2\pi kx \rangle = \sqrt{2} \int_{0}^{1} f(x) \cdot \cos 2\pi kx \, dx$$
$$b_{0} = \langle f(x), 1 \rangle = \int_{0}^{1} f(x) \, dx$$
$$\bullet \text{Convergence?}$$

Fourier Series

Fourier Series

- Converges for functions
 - Finite variation
 - Lipschitz-smooth

• Convergence means: $\lim_{k \to \infty} \left\| f - \tilde{f} \right\|^2 = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left\langle f - \tilde{f}, f - \tilde{f} \right\rangle = 0$

Complex Fourier Series

Fourier Basis

Fourier basis (real):

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

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?

$$z_{k} = \langle f(x), \exp(-2\pi i kx) \rangle$$

= $\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \cdot \exp(-2\pi i kx) dx$

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

Real Function Spaces

For suitable^{*)} functions

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

the *standard scalar product* is defined as:

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

Measures an norm and angle in an abstract sense

*) square-integrable

Complex Function Spaces

Hermetian Vector Space • For $\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}^d$: $\langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q} \rangle \coloneqq \mathbf{z}^T \overline{\mathbf{q}}$



Hermetian Function Space

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Fourier Transform

Fourier Transform

Continuous transform:

- Continuous function set: $\{e^{-i2\pi\omega x} \mid \omega \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 - Orthogonal on $\mathbb R$
 - Projection via scalar products \Rightarrow Fourier transform
- Fourier transform: $(f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}) \to (F: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C})$

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

• Inverse Fourier transform: $(F: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}) \to (f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C})$

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

Fourier Transform

Interpreting the result:

- Transforming a real function $f(x) \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$
- Result: $F(\boldsymbol{\omega}): \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$
 - ω 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



Triangle Function

Bilinear Interpolation





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

Higher Dimensional FT

Multi-dimensional Fourier Basis:

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

 $\begin{aligned} & f(x, y) \text{ represented} \\ & \text{ as combination of} \\ & \left\{ e^{-i2\pi\omega_{x}x} \cdot e^{-i2\pi\omega_{y}y} \mid \omega_{x}, \omega_{y} \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \end{aligned}$

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

Tensor Product



Convolution

Convolution:

- Weighted average of functions
- Definition:

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



Example:



Theorems

Convolution theorem:

 Fourier Transform converts convolution into multiplication

 $FT(\mathbf{f}\otimes g) = \mathbf{F}\cdot\mathbf{G}$

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All other cases as well

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

Signal Theory

Sampling a Signal

Given:

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



Dirac Delta "Function"

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

Fourier Transform



Fourier Transform Pair

- Dirac delta function ↔ uniform spectrum...
- ...and vice versa.

Important Functions

Intuition: Gaussians





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



Impulse Train

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

Fourier Transform

$$FT(\operatorname{III}_T) = \frac{1}{T}\operatorname{III}_{1/T}$$

Sampling



Sampling a function

Multiplication with impulse train

$$f_{sampled}(x) = f(x) \cdot III_T(x)$$

Sampling & Reconstruction







(b) a regular sampling pattern (impulse train) and its frequency spectrum $(s(t) \cdot u(t)) \otimes FT^{-1}(\mathbf{R})$ $FT^{-1}(\mathbf{R})$ t



(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"



(a) a continuous function and its frequency spectrum



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



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

Reconstructing a Signal



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

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)



Result: Reconstruction

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



Reconstruction Filters

- Optimal filter: sinc (no frequencies discarded)
- However:
 - Ringing artifacts in spatial domain
 - Not useful for images (better for audio)
- Compromise
 - Gaussian filter (most frequently used)
 - There exist better ones, such as Mitchell-Netravalli, Lancos, etc...



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



2D sinc

2D Gaussian

Irregular Sampling

Irregular Sampling

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

Consequences

When designing bases for function spaces

- Use band-limited functions
- Typical scenario:
 - Regular grid with spacing σ
 - Grid points **g**_i

• Use functions:
$$\exp\left(-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{g}_i)^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

- Irregular sampling:
 - Same idea
 - Use estimated sample spacing instead of grid width
 - Set σ 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)



Poisson Disc Sampling





pixel image (b/w)

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pixel image (b/w)

Jittered Grid (Uniform Displacem.)

pixel image (b/w)



Jittered Grid (same density)



pixel image (b/w)

Examples





pixel image (b/w)

Why should we care?





Exampe: Stochastic Raytracing

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

Recipe: Sampling Signals

How to Sample

Given

• Function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$

Uniform sampling

• Sample spacing δ (given)

Choose filter kernel

In case of doubt, try:



$$\omega(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(-\delta^{-1}x^2)$$

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

How to Sample

Given

• Function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$

Multi-dimensional Gaussian

In case of doubt, try:

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

Same procedure otherwise...



Multi-dimensional Gaussian

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

How to Sample

Non-Uniform Sampling

- Choose sample spacing $\delta(\mathbf{x})$
- 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



Uniform

- Given samples $y_i = f(x_i)$, i = 1, ..., n, spacing δ
- Chose reconstruction filter

• Try:
$$\omega(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(-\delta^{-2}x^2)$$

Reconstruction: $\tilde{f} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{y}_i \cdot \omega(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$

Non-Uniform

Non-Uniform

- Samples $y_i = f(x_i), i = 1, ..., n$,
- Varying spacing δ_i
 - If unknown: average spacing of k-nearest neighbors
- Chose reconstruction filter

• Try:
$$\omega_i(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(-\delta_i^{-2}(x-x_i)^2)$$

Reconstruction:

$$\tilde{f} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \cdot \omega_i (\mathbf{x} - x_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i (\mathbf{x} - x_i)}$$

"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× Gaussian splat scaled by RGB to color buffer
- In the end: Divide *color buffer* by *weight buffer*.





Splatting





color buffer

weight buffer

$$\tilde{f} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{y}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{i})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{i})}$$

Remark: Anisotropic Filtering





$$\tilde{f} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{y}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{i})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{i})}$$

Building Anisotropic Filters $\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{x}$

How to construct?

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

Push-Pull Algorithm







b) A failure of Reconstruction with the Reprinted, by permission

FIGURE 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.

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

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Problem with partition-of unity:

Artifacts at boundaries of sampling



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:



weighting functions

least squares fit



Least Squares Approximation:

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

n

Best Fit (weighted):

$$\underset{C_{i}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\| \left(\widetilde{y}(x_{i}) - y_{i} \right) \omega(x_{i}) \right\|^{2}$$

Least-Squares Normal Equations: $(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^2 \mathbf{B}) \lambda = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^2) \mathbf{y}$ Solution: $\lambda = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^2 \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^2 \mathbf{y}$ Evaluation: $\widetilde{y}(x) = \langle \mathbf{b}(x), \lambda \rangle = \mathbf{b}(x)^T (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^2 \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^2 \mathbf{y}$ MLS approximation

$$\mathbf{b} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} B_1, \dots, B_n \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{B} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b}(x_1) - \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{b}(x_n) - \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{y} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{W} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} \omega(x_1) \\ \ddots \\ \omega(x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Moving Least-Squares

Moving Least Squares Approximation:



recompute approximation $\widetilde{y}(x)$

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:

 $\widetilde{y}(x) = \mathbf{b}(x)^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\mathbf{B}(x)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W}(x)^{2} \mathbf{B}(x) \right)^{-1} \mathbf{B}(x)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W}(x)^{2} \mathbf{y}$ moment matrix

- 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



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





Taylor-Approximation

Function *f* Think of this: f(x)f(x) $f'(x_i)$ f'(x)X X h neighborhood differences tangent slope $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $f = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ $f'(x_i) \approx \frac{y_i - y_{i-1}}{h}$ $f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$