

# 2-D DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORM

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## DEFINITION

$$F(k, l) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(m, n) \cdot e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{mk}{M} + \frac{nl}{N}\right)} \quad \text{forward DFT}$$

$$f(m, n) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} F(k, l) \cdot e^{+j2\pi\left(\frac{mk}{M} + \frac{nl}{N}\right)} \quad \text{inverse DFT}$$

- The DFT is a **transform** of a discrete, complex 2-D array of size  $M \times N$  into another discrete, complex 2-D array of size  $M \times N$

Approximates the **Continuous Fourier Transform (CFT)** under certain conditions

Both  $f(m, n)$  and  $F(k, l)$  are 2-D periodic

Alternate definitions:

- $\frac{1}{MN}$  in inverse definition instead, or  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{MN}}$  in forward and inverse definitions (“unitary”)
- doesn’t matter as long as consistent

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## RELATION OF THE DFT TO THE CFT

- One view of the DFT is as an **approximation** to the CFT
- “**recipe**” to convert CFT to DFT:

1. **sample**  $f(x,y)$

$$f(x, y) \cdot \frac{1}{XY} \text{comb}(x/X, y/Y)$$

2. **truncate** to  $MX \times NY$

$$f(x, y) \cdot \frac{1}{XY} \text{comb}(x/X, y/Y) \cdot \text{rect}(x/MX, y/NY)$$

3. **make periodic**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) \cdot \frac{1}{XY} \text{comb}(x/X, y/Y) \cdot \text{rect}(x/MX, y/NY) \\ * * \frac{1}{MX \cdot NY} \text{comb}(x/MX, y/NY) \\ = f_p(m, n) \end{aligned}$$

, i.e. the periodic extension of a 2-D array  $f(m,n)$  with sample intervals  $X=Y=1$

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## 4. take CFT

*replicate (aliasing occurs here)*



*smooth (leakage occurs here)*



*sample*



$$[F(u, v) * * \text{comb}(uX, vY) * * MX \cdot NY \text{sinc}(uMX, vNY)] \cdot \text{comb}(uMX, vNY) \\ = F_p(k, l)$$

, i.e. the periodic extension of a 2-D array  $F(k,l)$  with sample intervals  $1/X=1/Y=1$

- The arrays  $f$  and  $F$  are both discrete and periodic in space and spatial frequency, respectively

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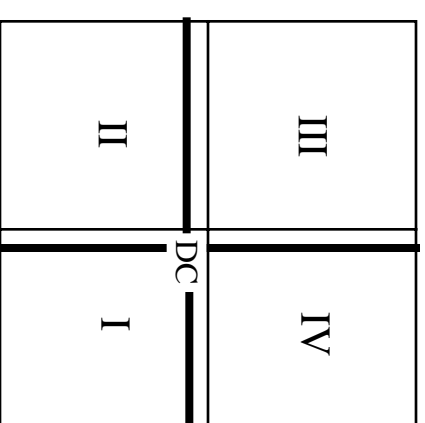
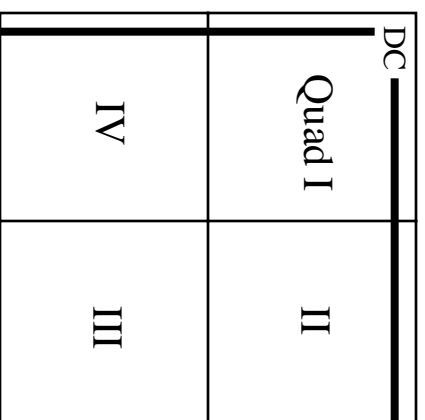
## CALCULATION OF DFT

- Both arrays  $f(m,n)$  and  $F(k,l)$  are  
*periodic (period =  $M \times N$ ) and  
sampled ( $X \times Y$  in space,  $1/MX \times 1/NY$  in frequency)*
  - In the CFT, if one function has compact support (i.e. it is space- or frequency-limited), the other must have  $\infty$  support
  - Therefore, **aliasing** will occur with the DFT, **either in space or frequency**. If we want the DFT to closely approximate the CFT, aliasing must be minimized in both domains
  - The **Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)** is an efficient algorithm to calculate the DFT that takes advantage of the periodicities in the complex exponential
- Can use 1-D FFT for 2-D DFT (later)

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## ARRAY COORDINATES

- The DC term ( $u=v=0$ ) is at  $(0,0)$  in the raw output of the DFT (e.g. the Matlab function “fft2”)



- Reordering puts the spectrum into a “physical” order (the same as seen in optical Fourier transforms) (e.g. the Matlab function “fftshift”)
- $N$  and  $M$  are commonly powers of 2 for the FFT. Therefore, the DC term is at  $(M/2, N/2)$  in the reordered format for  $(0,0)$  indexing and at  $(M/2+1, N/2+1)$  for  $(1,1)$  indexing

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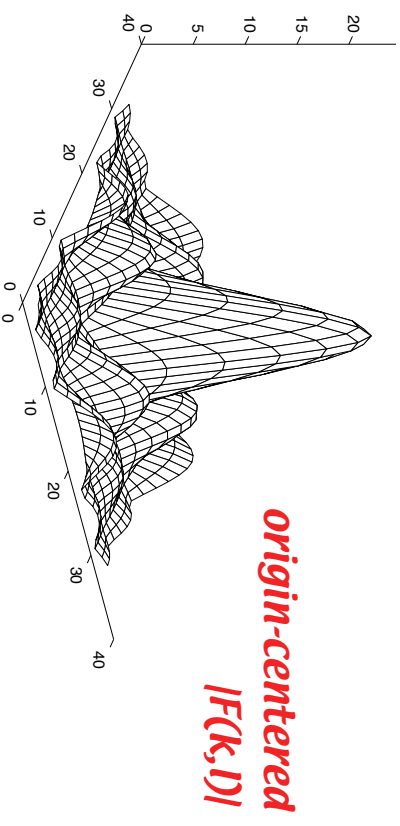
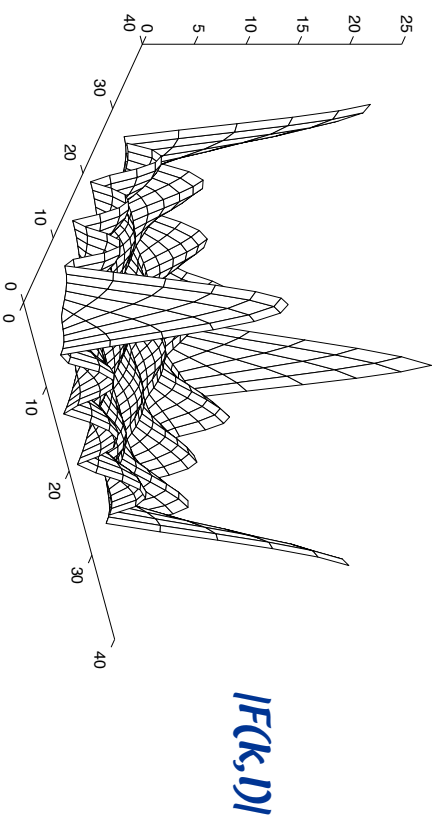
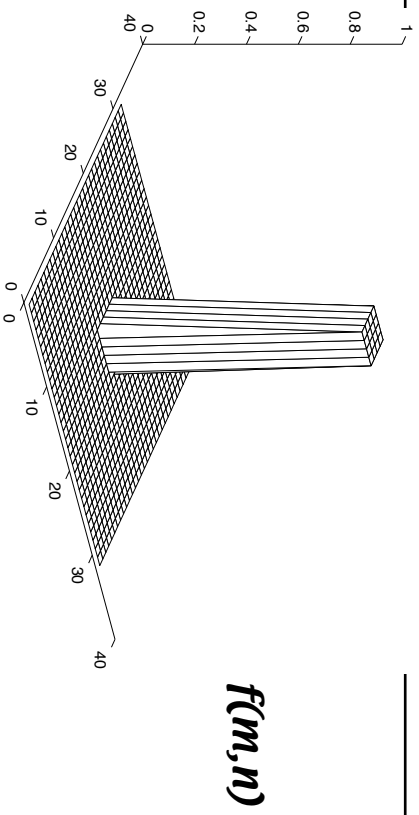
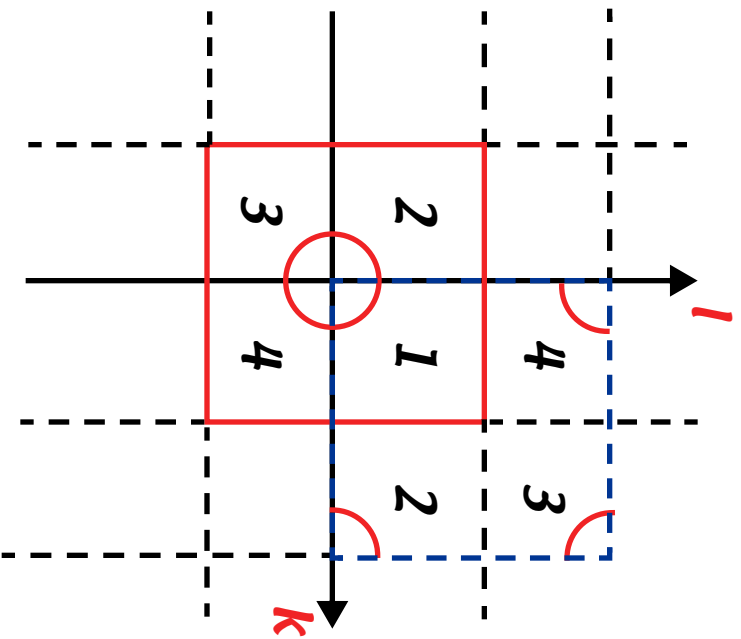
## SAMPLE INTERVALS

- **Constraints**
  - product of physical **sample intervals** in  $x$  and  $u$ ,  $y$  and  $v$ :  $XU = 1/M$ ,  $YV = 1/N$
  - sampling** (replication) frequency in  $u$  and  $v$ :  $u_s = 1/X$ ,  $v_s = 1/Y$
  - folding** frequency in  $u$  and  $v$ :  $u_f = 1/2X$ ,  $v_f = 1/2Y$
- **For images, a convenient, normalized set of units is**
  - $X = Y = 1$  pixel
- **Therefore,**
  - $U = 1/M$  cycles/pixel,  $u_s = 1$  cycle/pixel,  $u_f = 1/2$  cycle/pixel
  - $V = 1/N$  cycles/pixel,  $v_s = 1$  cycle/pixel,  $v_f = 1/2$  cycle/pixel
- **Note, in reodered DFT format,  $u_f$  and  $v_f$  are along the first row and columns of the array**

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## Reordering the 2-D DFT

- “origin-centered” display

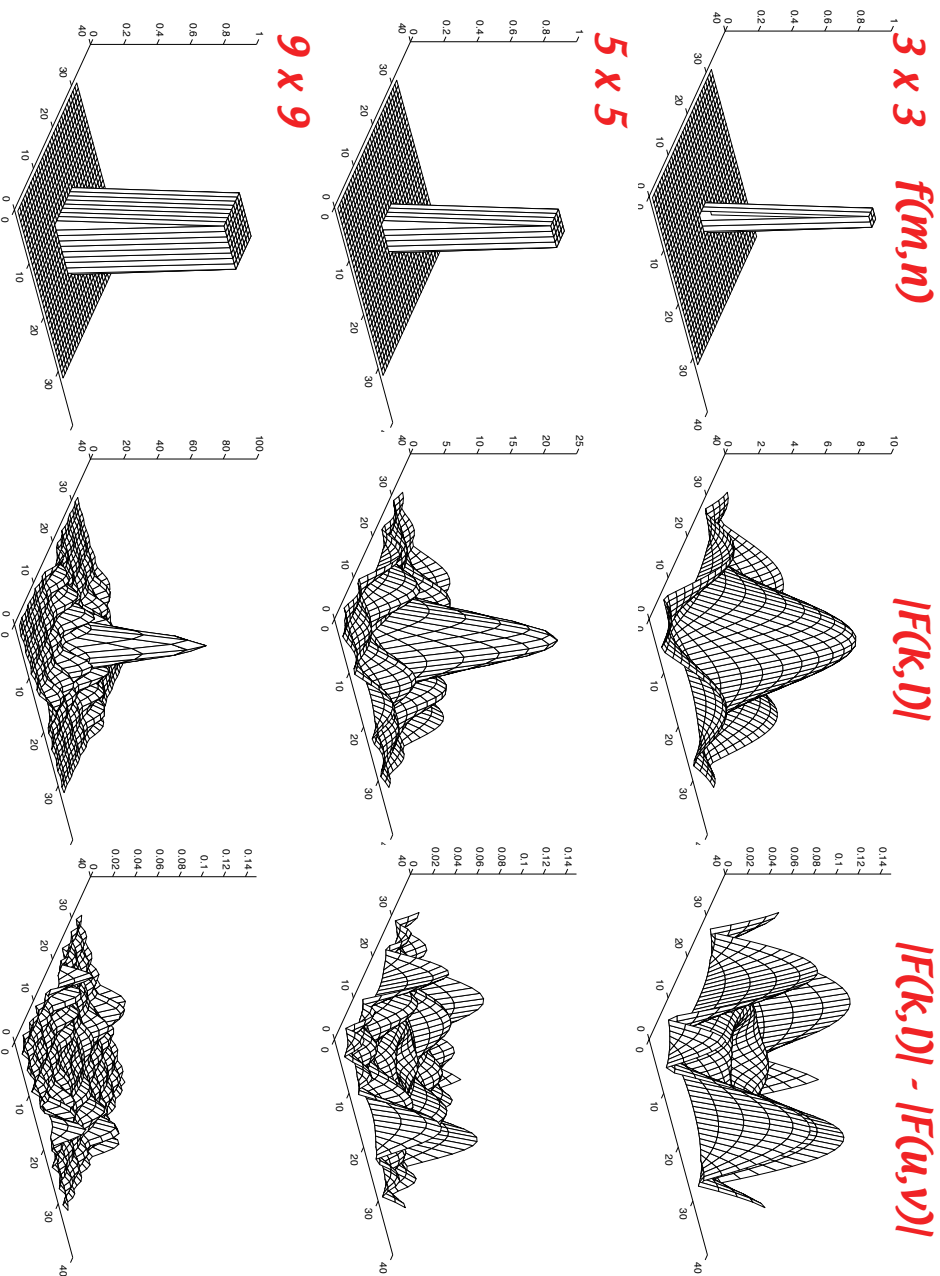




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## Aliasing in the frequency domain

- DFT of discrete approximation to a  $\text{rect}(x/W, y/W)$  function

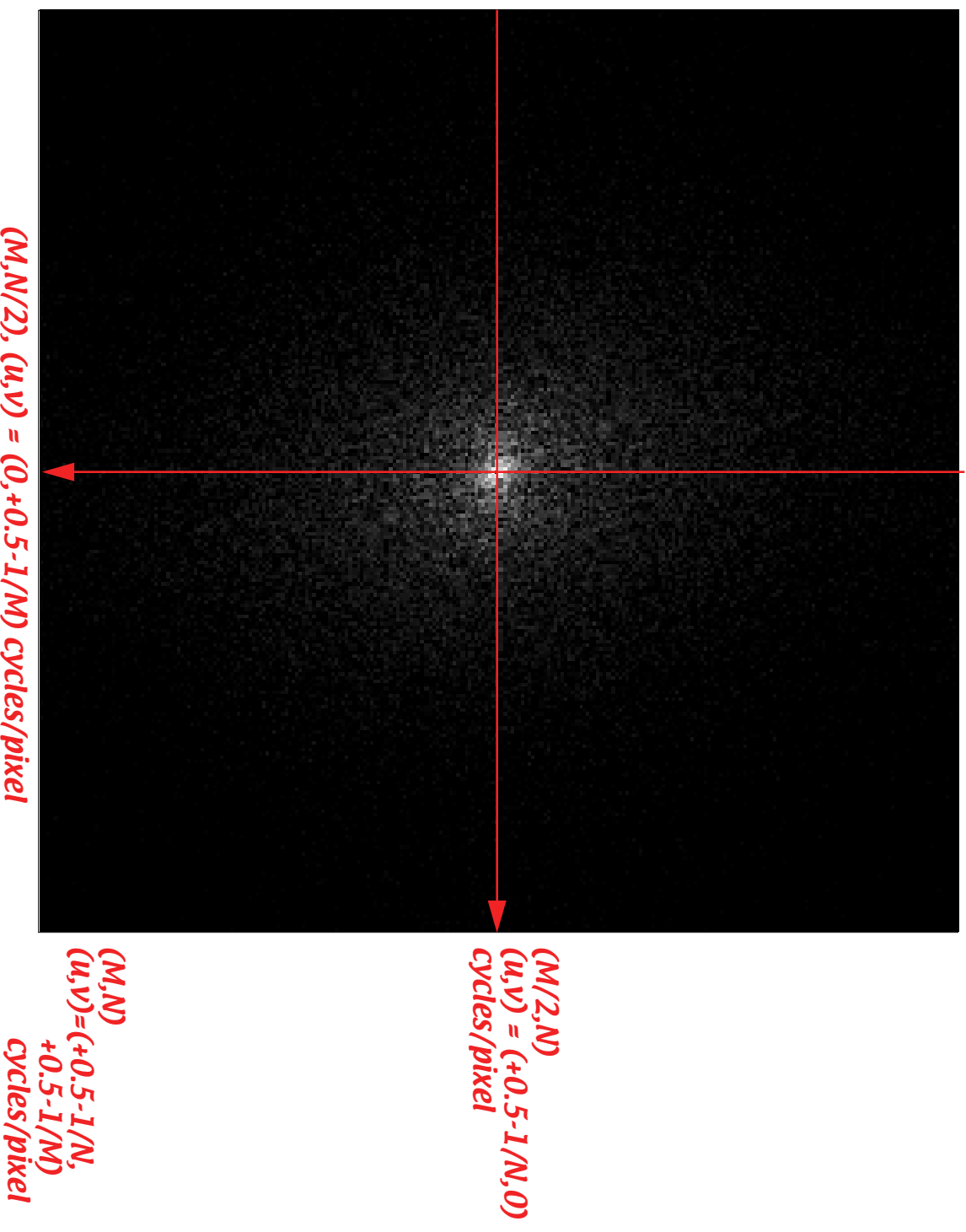




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*Digital image power spectrum (squared amplitude of  $F$ ) coordinates*

$(0,0)$   
 $(u,v) = (-0.5, -0.5)$   
cycles/pixel

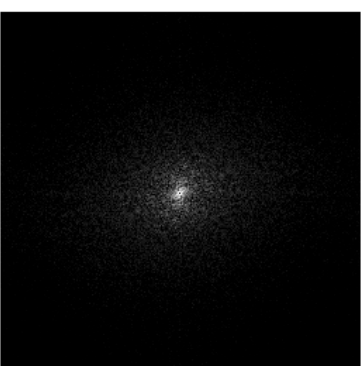


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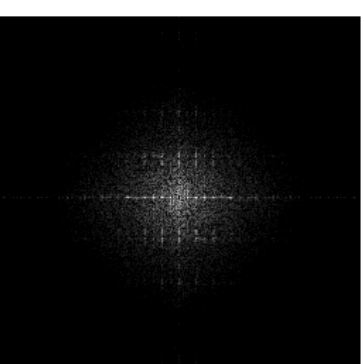
## EXAMPLES OF IMAGE POWER SPECTRA



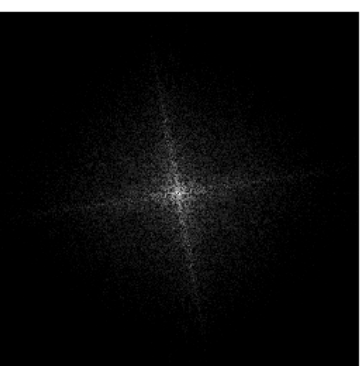
*desert*



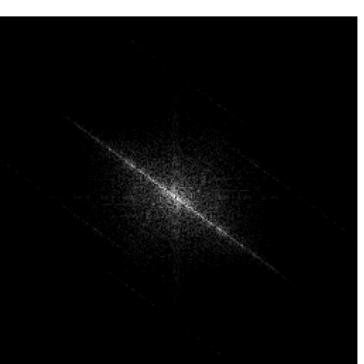
*streets*



*fields*



*railroad*



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## DISPLAY OF POWER SPECTRA

- *Large dynamic range*

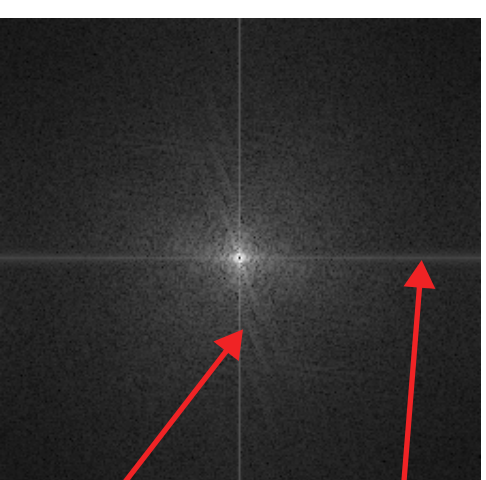
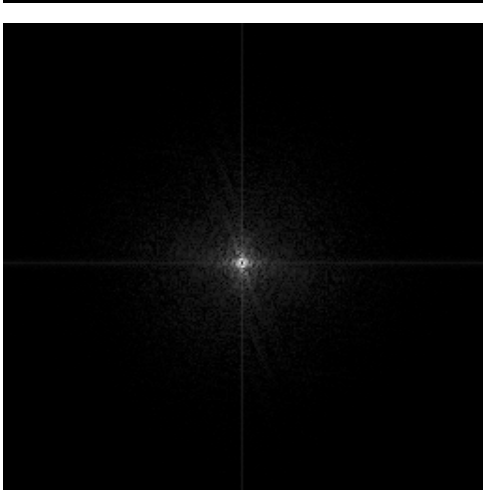
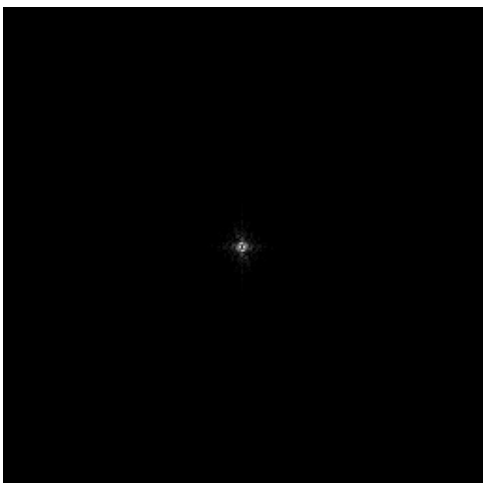
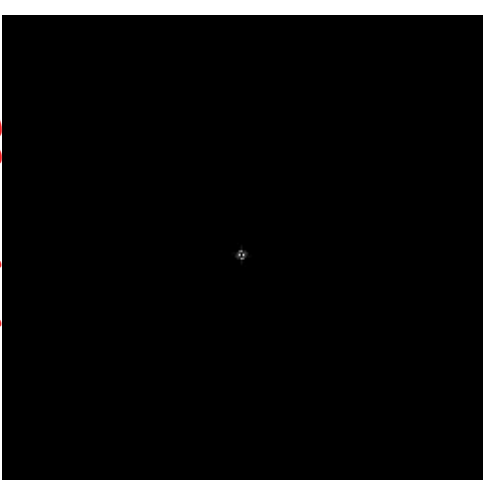
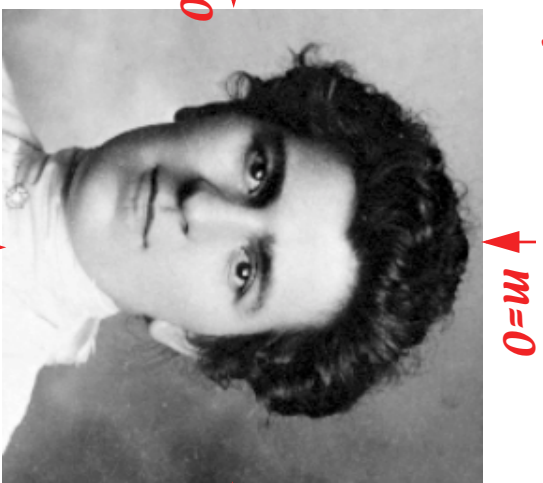
*amplitude at zero-frequency dominates*

### Power Spectra Display

- *Mask zero-frequency term to zero*
- *Contrast stretch with square-root transform*
- *Repeat contrast stretch as needed*

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**Example**



$2\sqrt{2}$

$4\sqrt{2}$

$8\sqrt{2}$

**power spectrum**

**DC masked**

due to  
periodic  
border  
at  $m=0$   
and  $M-1$

due to  
periodic  
border  
at  $n=0$   
and  $N-1$

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## MATRIX REPRESENTATION

*This section is from lecture notes by my late friend and colleague, Professor Steve Park, of the College of William and Mary, Virginia*

- **Compact notation**
- **Generalizable to other transforms**

- **DFT definition**  $F(k, l) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(m, n) \cdot e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{mk}{M} + \frac{nl}{N}\right)}$

let  $W_M(m, k) = e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{mk}{M}\right)}$ , where  $W_M$  is  $M \times M$ ,  $W_N$  is  $N \times N$

$$W_N(n, l) = e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{nl}{N}\right)}$$

$$\text{then } F(k, l) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} W_M(m, k) \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(m, n) W_N(n, l) = \frac{1}{MN} W_M f W_N,$$

which is the **forward transform**

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- **Note that**

$$W_M^* W_M = W_M W_M^* = M I_M \text{ (M x M identity matrix)}$$

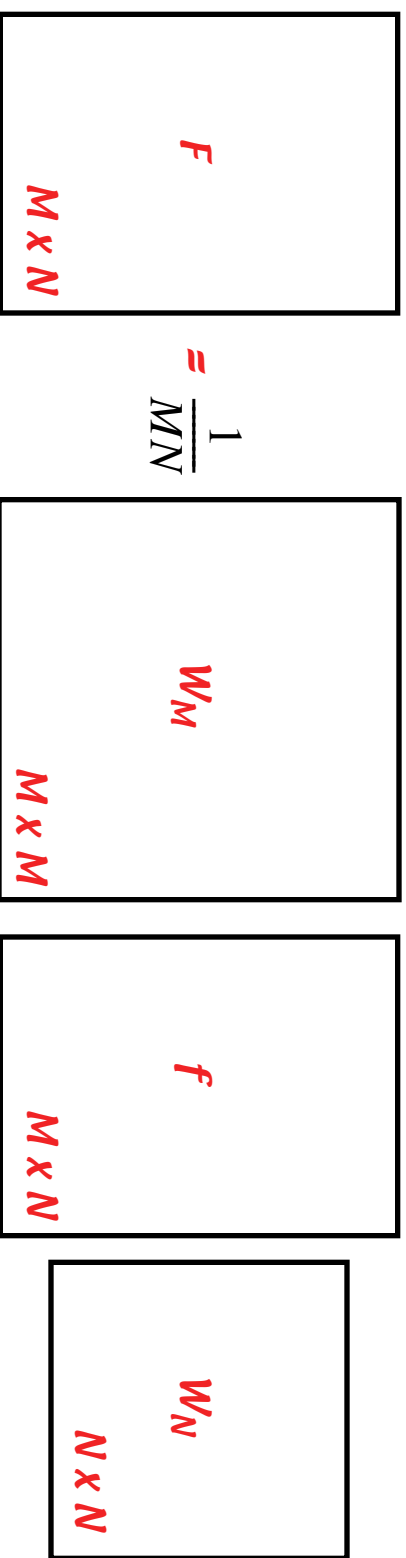
$$W_N^* W_N = W_N W_N^* = N I_N \text{ (N x N identity matrix)}$$

**then,**

$$\begin{aligned} W_M^* F W_N^* &= \frac{1}{MN} (W_M^* W_M) f (W_N W_N^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{MN} (M I_M) f (N I_N) \\ &= f \end{aligned} \quad , \text{ which is the } \textit{inverse transform}$$

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## Matrix Dimensionality Diagram ( $M > N$ )



$$F = \frac{1}{MN} W_M f W_N$$

- Diagram for inverse transform is similar, except no  $1/MN$  factor
- Note, this representation is possible because the 2-D DFT kernel is **separable**, i.e. 
$$e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{mk}{M} + \frac{nl}{N}\right)} = e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{mk}{M}\right)} e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{nl}{N}\right)}$$



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## CALCULATING THE 2-D DFT

$$F = \frac{1}{MN} W_M f W_N$$

- **Step 1**

write image as  $f = [f_1 | f_2 | \dots | f_N]$  where  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_N$  are the **image columns** of length  $M$

then,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{1}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{M} W_M f_1 \mid \frac{1}{M} W_M f_2 \mid \dots \mid \frac{1}{M} W_M f_N \right] W_N \\ &= \frac{1}{N} [F_1 | F_2 | \dots | F_N] W_N \end{aligned}$$

where **each column is a 1-D DFT of length  $M$  of the image columns**

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- **Step 2**

form matrix transpose  $F^t = \frac{1}{N} W_N^t$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^t & \dots & F_N^t \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ F_1^t & \dots & F_N^t \end{bmatrix}$$

note,  $W$  is symmetric  $W_N^t = W_N$

- **Step 3**

*partition image matrix by columns*

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^t & \dots & F_N^t \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ F_1^t & \dots & F_N^t \end{bmatrix} = [g_1 | g_2 | \dots | g_M], \text{ where each column is an array of length } N$$

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$$\text{then } F^t = \left[ \frac{1}{N} W_N g_1 \mid \frac{1}{N} W_N g_2 \mid \dots \mid \frac{1}{N} W_N g_N \right]$$

where **each column is a 1-D DFT of length N**

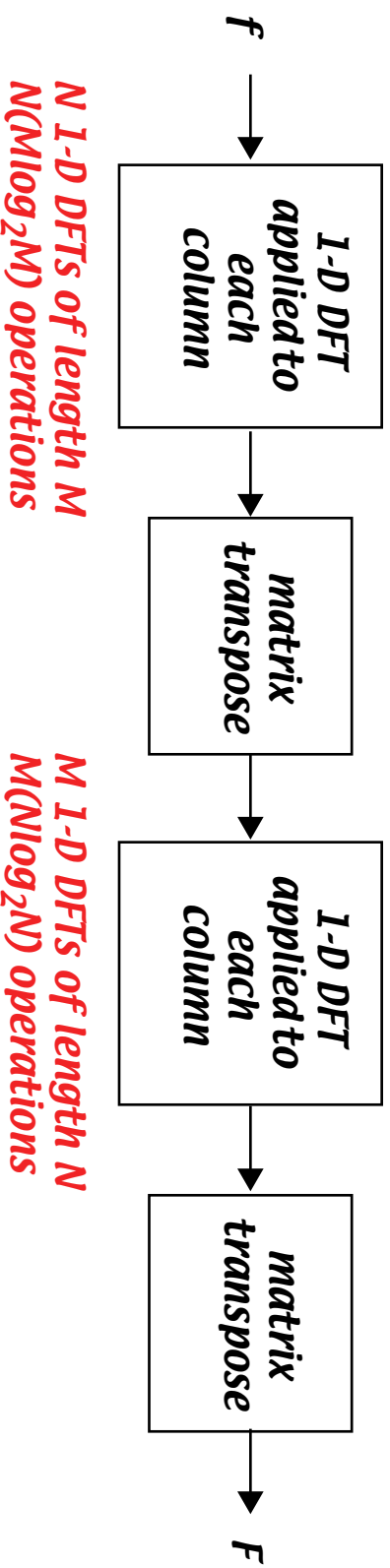
$$\text{therefore } F^t = [G_1 \mid G_2 \mid \dots \mid G_M]$$

- **Step 4**

transpose  $F^t$  to get  $F$

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## Calculating the 2-D DFT - Summary



- $N(M \log_2 M) + M(N \log_2 N) = MN \log_2(MN)$  total operations

assumes 1-D FFT is used and  $M, N$  are powers of 2

- Compares to  $M^2 N^2$  total operations for “brute force” 2-D DFT