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Example.



Larger examples in computer chips, with up to  $5\,10^8$  electronic components (2011: Intel's dual-core i5).

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We collect the voltages in a vector  $\mathbf{V}$ , and the currents in a vector  $\mathbf{i}$ , with vector indices corresponding to the index of the vertices and edges, respectively. **Definition.** A directed graph is a collection of vertices  $(v_i)$  (points) and edges  $(e_j)$  (lines) with a direction.

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The Voltages  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}(t)$  and the currents  $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i}(t)$  change in time (are time dependent). The laws of electricity describe how they are related.



The size of the incidence matrix is  $k \times n$ , where k is the number of vertices and n the number of edges, that is, of electronic components. k = 4 and n = 6 in the present example.  $n \approx 5 \, 10^8$  in Intels dual-core i5.

# Kirchhoff's laws

Gi = 0 expresses Kirchhoff's law of currents stating that the inflow of the currents at a vertex equals the outflow at that vertex.



$$\mathbf{Gi} = \begin{bmatrix} i_1 - i_6 \\ -i_1 + i_2 + i_3 + i_4 \\ -i_2 - i_3 - i_4 + i_5 \\ -i_5 + i_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Kirchhoff's law of voltages** is automatically fulfilled. This law states that in any closed loop (sub-circuit) the sum of the voltage differences is 0.



 $(V_1 - V_2) + (V_2 - V_3) + (V_3 - V_4) + (V_4 - V_1) = 0,$  $(V_2 - V_3) + (V_3 - V_2) = 0, \ldots$ 





Note. **G** is not of full rank: rank( $\mathbf{G}$ ) = k - 1. This follows from the fact that  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$ : The value of  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}$  does not change by adding the same constant to all  $V_i$ .



According to **Ohm's law**, we have, for instance,  $V_1 - V_2 = R_1 i_1$ .

We will give the value of the electronic component at edge  $e_j$  (with current  $i_j$ ) the same index as the edge:  $R_1$  is the resistance of the resistor in edge  $e_1$ ,  $R_5$  is the resistance of the resistor in edge  $e_5$ ,  $C_3$  is the capacitance of the capacitor at edge  $e_3$ , etc..



$$V_{1} - V_{2} = R_{1} i_{1},$$

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Here  $R_6$  is the internal resistance of the input device.



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$$\mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}' = \begin{bmatrix} V_1' - V_2' \\ V_2' - V_3' \\ V_2' - V_3' \\ V_2' - V_3' \\ V_3' - V_4' \\ V_4' - V_1' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \, i_1' \\ L_2 \, i_2'' \\ \frac{1}{C_3} \, i_3 \\ R_4 \, i_4' \\ R_5 \, i_5' \\ R_6 \, i_6' \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ V_{\mathrm{in}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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or, with  $\mathbf{J} \equiv \mathbf{i}'$ , we can turn the second order differential equation into two coupled first order differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{G}\,\mathbf{i}' = \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G}^{\top}\,\mathbf{V}' - \mathbf{R}\,\mathbf{i}' - \mathbf{L}\,\mathbf{J}' = \widetilde{\mathbf{C}}\,\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{e}\,u \\ \mathbf{i}' = \mathbf{J} \end{cases}$$

Combine these three relations into one first order diff.eq.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}} & -\mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \widetilde{\mathbf{C}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} u$$

Here, a **0** in the block matrices represent a matrix of zeros of matching size, a **0** in the block vector is a vector of appropriate size, **I** is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

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We incorporate this scaling into the model by replacing the  $k \times k$  left upper block of **0** in the matrix at the left by **E**, a  $k \times k$  matrix of zeros except at the diagonal position  $(\ell, \ell)$  where **E** has entry 1. This means that we fix  $V_{\ell}$  to 0. Note that this does not affect the values of the  $i_j$ : because, since **G** does not have full rank, the other rows (other than the  $\ell$ th) determine the values of the  $i_j$ . The currents and the voltages in the electronic network satisfy the relation

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As an alternative, this scaling can be incorporated by reducing the matrix **G** to a  $(k - 1) \times n$  matrix by deleting the  $\ell$ th rows of **G**. Deleting the  $\ell$ th column of  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}}$  means elimination of  $V_{\ell}$  (of which the value is 0). As before, eliminating, the  $\ell$ th row of **G** does not affect the values of the vector **i**. The currents and the voltages in the electronic network satisfy the relation  $\mathbf{Bx}' = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{bu}, \quad \text{where}$  $\mathbf{B} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}} & -\mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{A} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \widetilde{\mathbf{C}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{x} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{b} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$ 

**B** and **A** are square matrices of dimension k + 2n, **b** is a (k + 2n)-vector, **x** is a (k + 2n)-vector valued function of t, u is a scalar-valued function of t. The currents and the voltages in the electronic network satisfy the relation  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}\,u, \quad \text{where}$  $\mathbf{B} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}} & -\mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{A} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \widetilde{\mathbf{C}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{x} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{b} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$ 

# The output

We are interested in the voltage difference at two vertices. We can express this as an inner product  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x}$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  and some (k+2n)-vector  $\mathbf{c}$ . The currents and the voltages in the electronic network satisfy the relation  $\mathbf{Bx'} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}u$ , where

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With  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \equiv (0, 1, -1, 0, \mathbf{0}^{\mathsf{T}}, \mathbf{0}^{\mathsf{T}})^{\mathsf{T}}$  we have that

$$\mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} = V_2 - V_3$$

Here **0** is the *n*-vector of zeros.

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k + 2n is the **number of states** or **order** of the system,  $t \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{x}(t)$  is the **state** of the system,

- **b** is the **input** or **control** vector, **c** is the **output** vector,  $t \rightsquigarrow u(t)$  is the **control function**,
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Suppose the control function  $u(t) = e^{2\pi i\omega t}$  is an harmonic oscillation. We try to find a state function **x** of the form

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 \, e^{2\pi i \omega t}$$

for some k + 2n vector  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . Substitution leads to

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}_0(2\pi i\omega)(e^{2\pi i\omega t}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0(e^{2\pi i\omega t}) + \mathbf{b}(e^{2\pi i\omega t}).$$
  
Hence,  
$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (\mathbf{A} - 2\pi i\omega \mathbf{B})^{-1}\mathbf{b} \qquad \text{and}$$
$$y(t) = H(\omega)e^{2\pi i\omega t}, \quad \text{with} \quad H(\omega) \equiv \mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{A} - 2\pi i\omega \mathbf{B})^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

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If  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $u(t) = \int \hat{u}(\omega) e^{2\pi i \omega t} dt$  and  $y(t) = \int H(\omega) \, \hat{u}(\omega) e^{2\pi i \omega t} d\omega$ 

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*H* is the **response** or **transfer** function. It describes the response of the system to an harmonic oscillation (at the input). The amplitude (at the output) of such an oscillation with frequency  $\omega$  is amplified with  $|H(\omega)|$  and the **phase is shifted** by  $\phi(\omega)$  with  $\phi(\omega) \in [0, 2\pi)$  such that

$$H(\omega) = |H(\omega)| e^{i\phi(\omega)}.$$

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The transfer function reveals how the system works as a **filter**: some frequencies are damped, others are amplified.

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If all input is real, (all entries of **A**, **B**, **b** and **c** are real), then *H* is even:  $\overline{H(\omega)} = H(-\omega)$ .

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The Bode plot shows what frequencies (in the input) are 'amplified', and what frequencies are damped.

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The curve in the complex plain described by  $\omega \rightsquigarrow H(\omega)$  also gives useful information. Note that a point on this curve does not reveal the corresponding value of  $\omega$ : it relates  $|H(\omega)|$  to  $\phi(\omega)$ .

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 $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue** with **eigenvector v**.

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Suppose that at time  $t_0$  the solution **x** is perturbed by  $\varepsilon$ **v**, i.e.,  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{B}\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{b} u(t), \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{x} \text{ for } t < t_0, \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}(t_0) + \varepsilon \mathbf{v}. \end{cases}$$

Then, the error  $\mathbf{e} \equiv \widetilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}$  satisfies

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{e}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e}$$
 and  $\mathbf{e}(t_0) = \varepsilon \mathbf{v}$ 

Hence,  $\mathbf{e}(t) = \varepsilon e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v}$  for  $t \ge t_0$ .

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The system is **stable** if all eigenvalues of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  are in  $\mathbb{C}^- \equiv \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Re}(\lambda) < 0\}$ , the left half of the complex plane.

Then, all singularities of  $\lambda \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{c}^{\top} (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{b}$  are in  $\mathbb{C}^{-}$ .

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Here we used that fact that our system is linear and we assumed that H is bounded, or, equivalently, the pair  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ does not have an eigenvalue on the imaginary axis.

# The transfer function

The transfer function of the dynamical system

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#### **Properties.**

- k + 2n is huge
- A and B are sparse (only a few non-zeros in all rows).
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- The differences in the coefficients  $R_i$ ,  $C_i$  and  $L_i$  can be many order of magnitudes.

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**Computational challenges** •  $N \equiv k + 2n$  is huge ( $\approx 10^9$ ).

- $H(\omega)$  has to be computed for a large range of  $\omega$ .
- The transfer function has to be computed for several (related) matrices (**A**, **B**) (in the design stage).

• Practical systems contain not only **passive** elements, like resistors, capacitors, and inductors, but also many **active** components (doides), which turn the problem into a nonlinear one.

• Practical system do not have only one Single Input vector and a Single Output vector (SISO system), but they have multiple inputs and multiple outputs (MIMO): **b** is  $N \times \ell$ , **c** is  $N \times \ell'$ .

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Dynamical systems show up in many other applications. For instance,

- the stability of buildings (in response to an earthquake),
- aeroplanes and bridges (to eddies in the flow of the air),
- electrical power networks,
- music instruments,
- tidal waves in bays,
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# Diffraction, the stage



# Diffraction, the actors

Light is a composition of electromagnetic waves.

An electromagnetic wave is combination of oscillating electric and magnetic fields in perpendicular orientation to each other moving through space. The direction of the oscillations is perpendicular to the wave's direction of travel.

We assume a light source at location  $-\infty$  on the *z*-axis emitting a mono-chromatic light, i.e.,

the electric field E at z = 0 (the location of a screen S) has the same magnitude and a contant phase at all points of the transparant part (slit) of S.

E is a plane wave for z < 0.

The electric field E is a **plane wave** if it is of the form

$$\vec{E}_0 \exp(2\pi i [(\vec{k}, \vec{x}) - \omega t]),$$

where, with  $\vec{k} \equiv (k_1, k_2, k_3)$  and  $\vec{x} \equiv (x, y, z)$ ,

$$(\vec{k},\vec{x}) \equiv k_1 x + k_2 y + k_3 z.$$

 $E_0 \equiv \|\vec{E}_0\|_2$  is the **amplitude**.

The wave travels in the direction of the wave vector  $\vec{k}$ .  $k \equiv \|\vec{k}\|_2$ , or actually  $2\pi k$ , is the wave number,  $\lambda \equiv 1/k$  is the wavelength,

with c the speed of light,  $\omega = \frac{c}{\lambda}$  is the **frequency**. The vector  $\vec{E}_0$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{k} = (k_1, k_2, k_3)$ : electromagnetic waves travel **transverse**, in contrast to, for instance, sound waves. They are **longitudinal**:  $\vec{E}_0$  is a multiple of  $\vec{k}$ .

Here, we restrict ourselves to the (x, z) plane (we omit y), and we assume that the wave travels along the z-axis, i.e.,  $\vec{k} = (0, k_3)$ . We write k instead of  $k_3$  and we write  $E_0$ instead of  $\vec{E}_0$ , thus omitting the direction of  $E_0$ .

# Diffraction, the director

**Huygens' principle.** Every point on a wavefront which comes from asource can itself be regarded as a (secondary) source.

**Frauenhofer diffraction.** The diffraction obstruction (screen S with slit) is at many wavelength distance from the point at which the wave is measured (the "projection screen" X)

# Diffraction, the stage



The field E at time t and location (x, z) is given by

$$E = E_0 \exp(2\pi i (kz - \omega t))$$
 if  $z \le 0$ .

According to Huygens' principle, the field at P = (X, Z)induced from a strip of width dx at (x, 0) will be

$$\Gamma A(x) E_0 e^{2\pi i k s} \, \mathrm{d}x,$$

where s is the distance from (x, 0) to P,  $\Gamma$  is some proportionality factor that depends on the wavelength and Z, and A(x) is the aperture function, which describes the transparent and opaque parts of the screen S.

#### **Examples.**

A is the top-hat function with width a in case of one slit. If two slits: A is the sum of two shifted top-hat functions.

Huygens' principle is applicable if both X and the width a of the aperture are small relative to Z and that is what we will assume here.

$$r \equiv distance((0,0), P),$$
  
 $\theta \equiv \angle (line[(0,0), P], z\text{-axis.}$   
Then  $P \equiv (X, Z) = (r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta)$  and  $s = r - x \sin(\theta).$   
Note  $\sin \theta \approx X/Z$ . Hence,  $|x| \ll r \Rightarrow$  field at  $P$  equals

$$\Gamma E_0 e^{2\pi i kr} \int A(x) e^{-2\pi i kx \sin(\theta)} dx = \Gamma E_0 e^{2\pi i kr} \widehat{A}(k \sin(\theta)) :$$

the reduction of the 'strength' of the original field is  $\sim \hat{A}$ . The *intensity* I(P) of the diffracted waves at P is the square of the absolute value:

$$I(P) = I_0 (\widehat{A}(k \sin(\theta))^2), \text{ where } I_0 \equiv |\Gamma E_0|^2.$$

The intensity of the wave is what we measure/observe: the absolute value of the Fourier transform can be measured. There is no information on the phase. This fact is known as the missing phase problem in crystallography.

#### Example.

In case of a single slit, A is the top-hat function  $\Pi_{a/2}$  and

$$I(P) = I_0 a^2 \operatorname{sinc}^2(a \, \omega), \quad \text{where} \quad \omega \equiv \frac{\sin \theta}{\lambda}.$$

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X-rays are transmitted from a straight line (the red beam in the picture) through an object, a slab of material (the yellow and black figure). The material partly 'absorbs' the x-rays. The intensity of the x-rays is measured at the detector (the green line parallel to the red line).

The detector is constructed to measure the intensity of those beams that pass straight through the object (scattered beams will not be detected).

The absorption depends on the kind of material and on the thickness of the slab of material.

If a x-ray with initial intensity  $I_0$  travels through d cm of homogeneous material with absorption coefficient  $\kappa$ , then the measured intensity I equals

$$I = I_0 e^{-\kappa d}.$$

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At the detector at the end of this line the intensity is

$$I = I_0 \exp\left(-\int f(x(\eta), y(\eta)) \,\mathrm{d}\eta\right).$$

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We therefore, can measure

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 $p_{\phi}$  "is" the **projection** f onto the  $\xi$ -coordinate.

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We measure the intensity for all values of  $\xi$  in an interval (corresponding with the surface of the detector).  $\eta$  ranges between transmission device and detector. For mathematical simplicity, we assume that both  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  (as well as x and y) range between  $-\infty$  and  $+\infty$  (or, equivalently, if f is defined on a bounded domain, then we assume f to be extended to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the value 0.

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Rotating the scanner, i.e., measuring  $p_{\phi}$  for a range of  $\phi$  (taking pictures from a number of directions), gives more information.

Note that  $p_{\phi}(\xi) = p_{\pi+\phi}(-\xi)$ .

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With  $p(\xi,\phi)\equiv p_{\phi}(\xi)$ ,

the map  $f \rightsquigarrow p$  is the **Radon transformation** of f, the graph of p as a 2-d picture is **the sinogram** of f.

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#### **Practical observations.**

• In practice, the x-rays are directed in a series of thin parallel beams homogeneously distributed:  $\xi$  is discretised.

• A 3-dimensional image can be obtained by piling the the 2-dimensional images of slices.

### **Back projection**

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The transformation

$$\widetilde{f}(r\cos(\theta), r\sin(\theta)) \equiv \int_0^{\pi} p_{\phi}(r\cos(\theta - \phi)) \,\mathrm{d}\phi$$

can be viewed as the **back-projection** (**BP**) of  $p_{\phi}$ .

**Observation.** The **BP** gives a blurred reconstruction of f.
To obtain a sharp reconstruction, we use Fourier transforms.

$$\widehat{f}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \iint f(x, y) e^{-2\pi i (x\omega_1 + y\omega_2)} dx dy.$$

Rotate the coordinates in both (x, y)-plane as well as in  $(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ -plane:

$$\begin{cases} x = \xi c_{\phi} - \eta s_{\phi}, & y = \xi s_{\phi} + \eta c_{\phi} \\ \omega_1 = \rho_1 c_{\phi} - \rho_2 s_{\phi}, & \omega_2 = \rho_1 s_{\phi} + \rho_2 c_{\phi}. \end{cases}$$

Then

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=  $\iint f(\xi c_{\phi} - \eta s_{\phi}, \xi s_{\phi} + \eta c_{\phi}) e^{-2\pi i (\xi \rho_1 + \eta \rho_2)} d\eta d\xi.$ 

In particular, if  $\rho_2 = 0$  and putting  $\rho \equiv \rho_1$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}(\rho c_{\phi}, \rho s_{\phi}) &= \iint f(\xi c_{\phi} - \eta s_{\phi}, \xi s_{\phi} + \eta c_{\phi}) e^{-2\pi i \xi \rho} \, \mathrm{d}\eta \, \mathrm{d}\xi \\ &= \iint \left( \iint f(\xi c_{\phi} - \eta s_{\phi}, \xi s_{\phi} + \eta c_{\phi}) \, \mathrm{d}\eta \right) \, e^{-2\pi i \xi \rho} \, \mathrm{d}\xi \\ &= \iint p_{\phi}(\xi) \, e^{-2\pi i \xi \rho} \, \mathrm{d}\xi = \widehat{p}_{\phi}(\rho). \end{aligned}$$

**Note.** The point  $(\rho c_{\phi}, \rho s_{\phi})$  represents an arbitrary point in  $(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ -plane in **polar coordinates**.

In particular,  $\hat{f}$  is known in all frequencies and the Fourier back transform yields f.

In practice, we have to deal with discretised versions. Unfortunately, homogeneous discretization in polar coordinates does not match well homogeneous discretization of Cartesian coordinates (see picture next transparency).



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into polar coordinates:

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Then

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Recall that the **BP** without filtering (i.e., **BP** of  $p_{\phi}$ , rather than of  $\tilde{p}_{\phi}$ ) leads to a blurred version of f. This can be viewed as an over estimation of low frequency components. The filtering by  $|\rho|$  seems to correct this.

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On the next picture, we see,

for f = 1 on the unit disk and 0 elswhere,

- $p_{\phi}$  (denoted by f, the solid graph) and
- $\tilde{p}_{\phi}$  (denoted by ft, the dotted graph)



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**Noise.** The formulae indicate that  $\hat{p}_{\phi}(\rho)$  decays 'rapidly' for  $|\rho| \rightarrow \infty$ . On average, noise is equally large in all frequency components. Therefore, the filter  $|\rho|$  amplifies (high frequent) noise. In practice, a version of  $|\rho|$  that levels off for larger values of  $|\rho|$  is used.

**Examples.** For some  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $\min(|\rho|, \kappa)$ ,  $\kappa \arctan(|\rho|/\kappa)$ , etc..

#### **Pixels**

If f is discretised, as a step function, then

$$f = \sum_{i,j} f_{i,j} \chi_{i,j}$$

where  $f_{i,j}$  is the average value of f on the (i,j)th pixel. The (i,j)th pixel  $S_{ij}$  is the square

$$S_{ij} \equiv [x_i - \frac{1}{2}h, x_i + \frac{1}{2}h] \times [y_j - \frac{1}{2}h, y_j + \frac{1}{2}h]$$

with  $x_i = ih$ ,  $y_j = jh$   $(i, j \in \mathbb{Z})$  and h the size of the pixels.  $\chi_{ij}$  takes the value 1 at  $S_{ij}$  and the value 0 elsewhere.

Since all operations are linear, it suffices to study the results of the Radon transformation on  $\chi_{0,0}$  and the filtered back-projection.





#### **CT** and Fourier transforms

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#### Summary.

The statement in the theorem involves

- 1) a 1-dimensional Fourier transform (FT) (to make  $\hat{p}_{\phi}$ ),
- 2) a filter operation in frequency space,
- 3) a 1-d inverse FT and
- 4) BP.

The proof exploits 2-d FT, switching between

- Cartesian coordinates,
- rotated Cartesian coordinates, and
- polar coordinates.

## **Practical issues**

Computation requires discretization (the scanners emits the x-rays in a series of thin parallel beams, each beam of distance  $\Delta \xi$  to the next beam, that is,  $\xi$  is discretised).

The discretization leads to artifacts, as the Gibb's phenomenon (wiggles).

The discretization of  $\phi$  has to be related to the discretization of  $\xi$ : a small  $\Delta \phi$  (as compared to  $\Delta \xi$ ) may be a waist of scanning time, a large  $\Delta \phi$  may introduce additional non-negligible errors.

