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Image Sharpening Using High-pass Filters

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➤ Introduction

- We showed in the previous lecture that an image can be **smoothed** by **attenuating** the **high-frequency** components of its Fourier transform.
- Because edges and other abrupt changes in intensities are associated with high-frequency components, image **sharpening** can be achieved in the frequency domain by **highpass** filtering, which attenuates **low-frequencies** components without disturbing high-frequencies in the Fourier transform.

➤ Ideal, Gaussian, and Butterworth Highpass Filters from Lowpass Filters

- subtracting a **lowpass** filter transfer function from **1** yields the corresponding highpass filter transfer function in the frequency domain

$$H_{HP}(u, v) = 1 - H_{LP}(u, v)$$

- An ideal highpass filter (IHPF) transfer function is given by

$$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } D(u, v) \leq D_0 \\ 1, & \text{if } D(u, v) > D_0 \end{cases}$$

➤ Ideal, Gaussian, and Butterworth Highpass Filters from Lowpass Filters

➤ Top row:

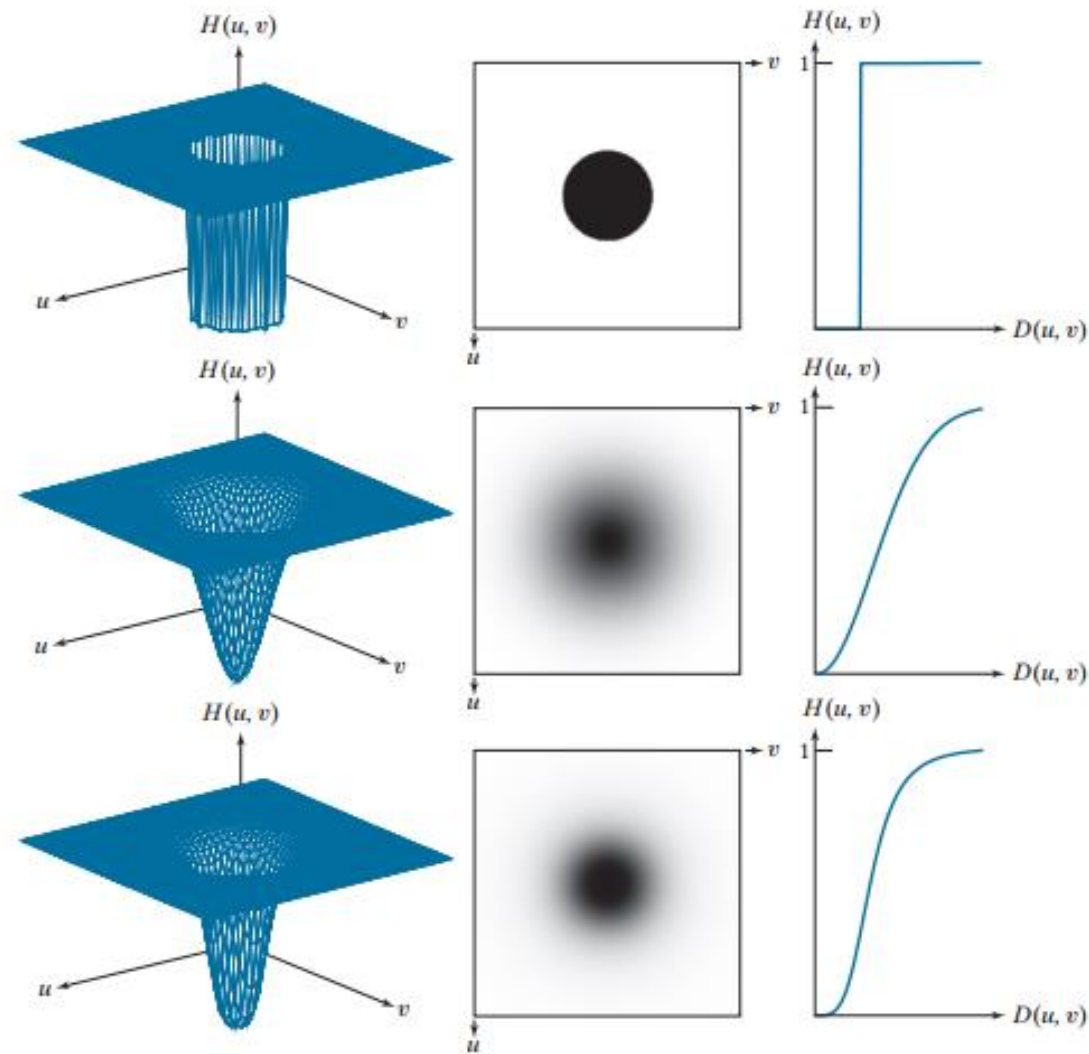


Perspective plot, image, and radial cross section of an **IHPF** transfer function.

➤ Middle and bottom rows:

The same sequence for **GHPF** and **BHPF** transfer functions.

(The thin image borders were added for clarity. They are not part of the data.)



➤ Ideal, Gaussian, and Butterworth Highpass Filters from Lowpass Filters

- the transfer function of a Gaussian highpass filter (GHPF) transfer function is given by

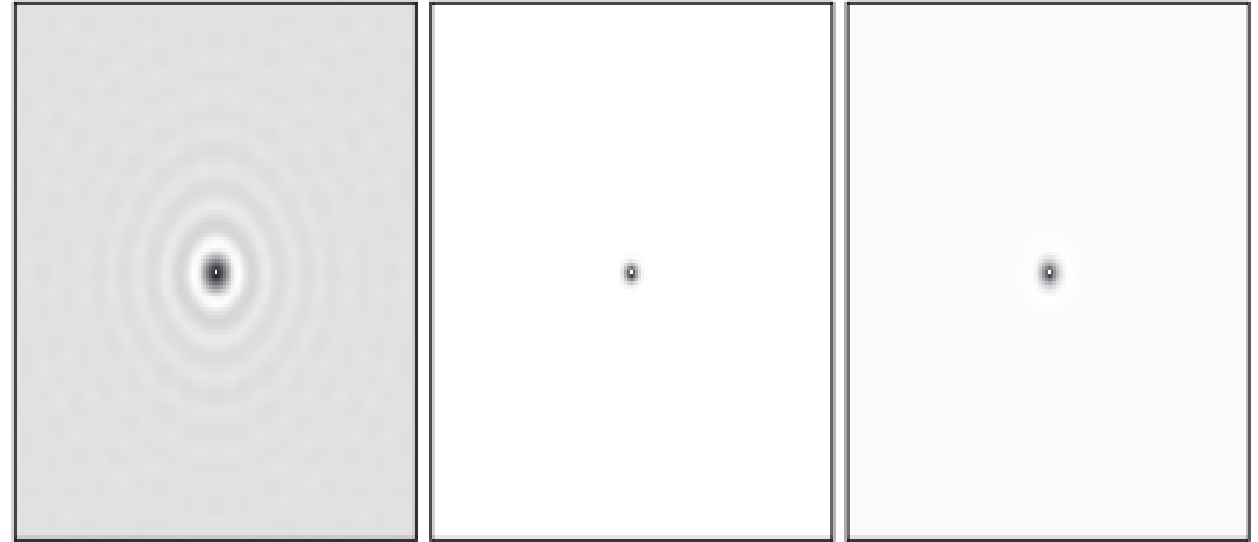
$$H_{(u,v)} = 1 - e^{-D^2(u,v)/2D_0^2}$$

- the transfer function of a Butterworth highpass filter (BHPF) is

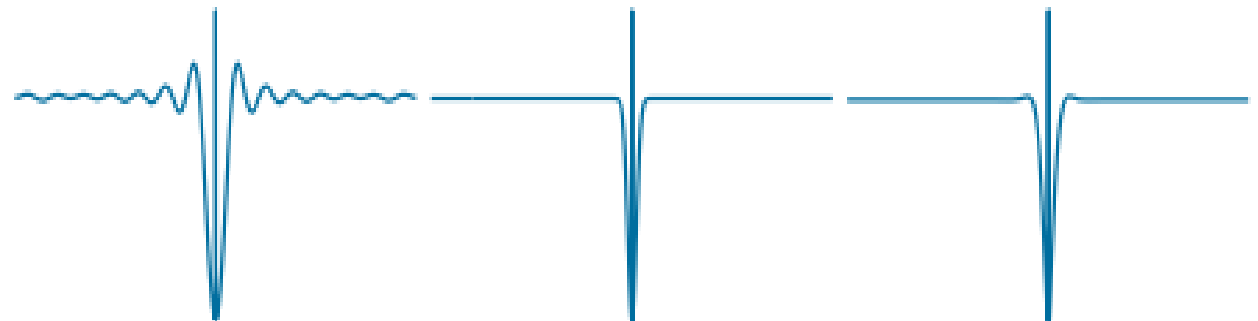
$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{D_0}{D(u,v)}\right]^{2n}}$$

➤ Ideal, Gaussian, and Butterworth Highpass Filters from Lowpass Filters

- (a)–(c): **Ideal**, **Gaussian**, and **Butterworth** highpass spatial kernels obtained from IHPF, GHPF, and BHPF frequency-domain transfer functions. (The thin image borders are not part of the data.)



- (d)–(f): Horizontal intensity profiles through the centers of the kernels.



a	b	c
d	e	f

➤ Ideal, Gaussian, and Butterworth Highpass Filters from Lowpass Filters

- Highpass filter transfer functions. D_0 is the cutoff frequency and n is the order of the Butterworth transfer function

Ideal	Gaussian	Butterworth
$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } D(u,v) \leq D_0 \\ 1 & \text{if } D(u,v) > D_0 \end{cases}$	$H(u,v) = 1 - e^{-D^2(u,v)/2D_0^2}$	$H(u,v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D_0/D(u,v)]^{2n}}$

Thank
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