

ADVANCED MEDICAL IMAGING EXAMINATION ANSWERS

1. Give the functional form and sketch both the real and imaginary components of the Fourier transformation (with respect to x) of the following functions. Identify the spatial frequencies, wave-numbers, and features in the spectra.

k_0 is a constant real number

a. $\cos(k_0 x) + i \sin(k_0 x)$ (5 points)

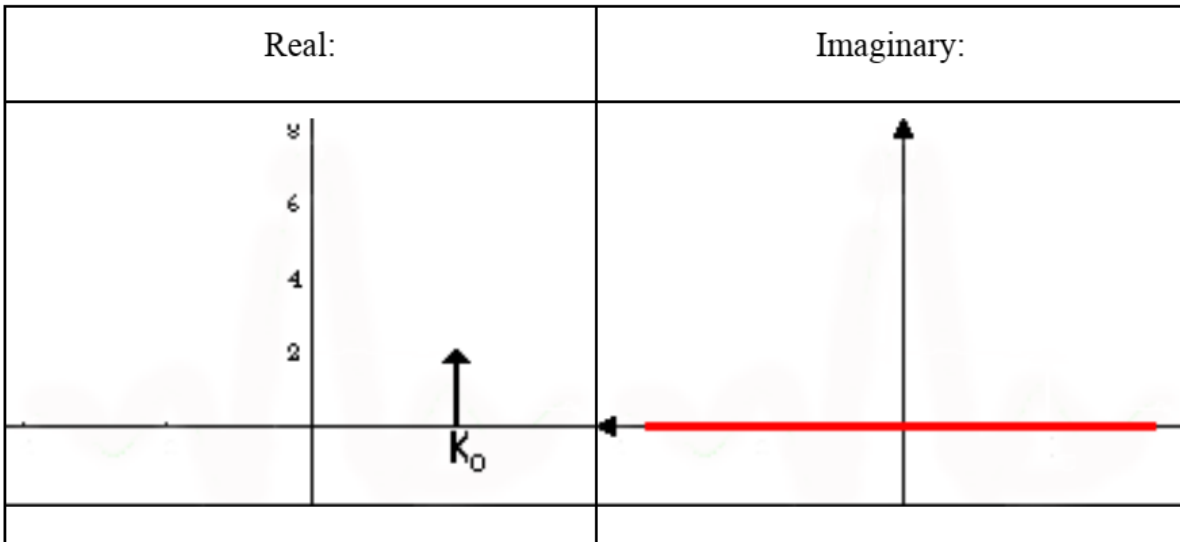
Functional Form:

$$F\{\cos(k_0 x)\} = \pi[\delta(k - k_0) + \delta(k + k_0)]$$

$$F\{\sin(k_0 x)\} = i\pi[\delta(k + k_0) - \delta(k - k_0)]$$

$$F\{\cos(k_0 x) + i \sin(k_0 x)\} = 2\pi\delta(k - k_0)$$

Sketches:



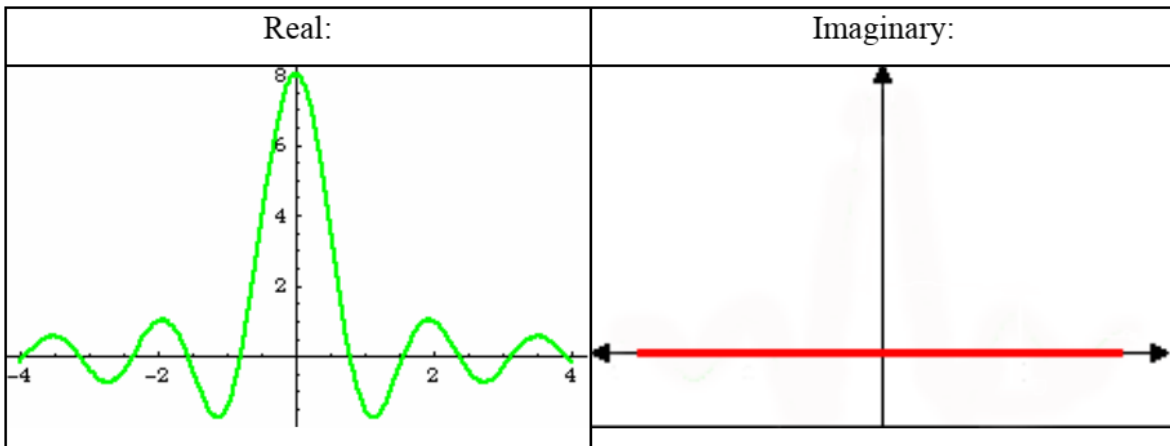
b. $TopHat\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$ (5 Points)

Functional Form:

$$F\{TopHat(x)\} = 2 \text{sinc}(k)$$

$$\therefore F\left\{TopHat\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)\right\} = 8 \text{sinc}(4k)$$

Sketches:



c. $\sin(8k_0x)\cos(k_0x)$ (5 points)

Functional Form:

$$F\{\cos(k_0x)\} = \pi[\delta(k - k_0) + \delta(k + k_0)]$$

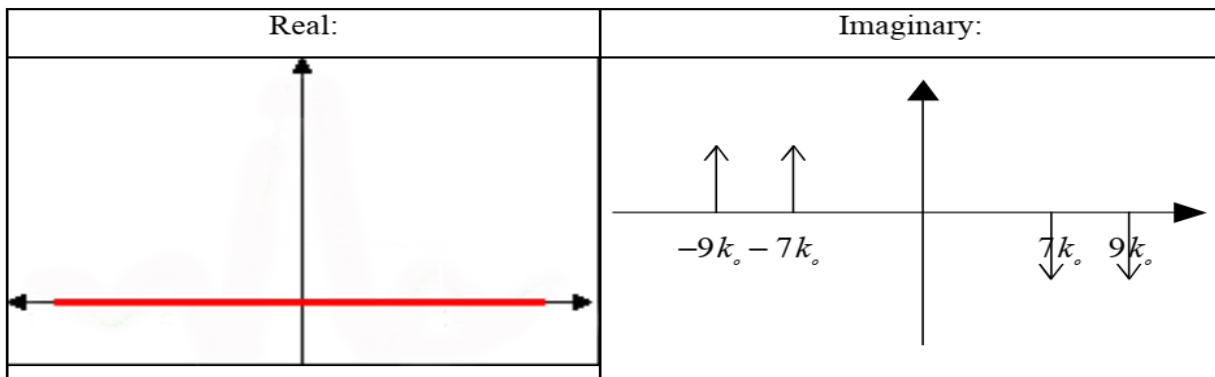
$$F\{\sin(8k_0x)\} = i\pi[\delta(k + 8k_0) - \delta(k - 8k_0)]$$

$$F\{\sin(8k_0x)\cos(k_0x)\}$$

$$= i\pi^2 [[\delta(k + 8k_0) - \delta(k - 8k_0)] \otimes [\delta(k - k_0) + \delta(k + k_0)]]$$

$$= i\pi^2 [\delta(k + 9k_0) + \delta(k + 7k_0) - \delta(k - 9k_0) - \delta(k - 7k_0)]$$

Sketches:



d. $\sum_{n=-2}^2 \delta(x-n) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-n) \bullet \text{TopHat}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ (5 Points)

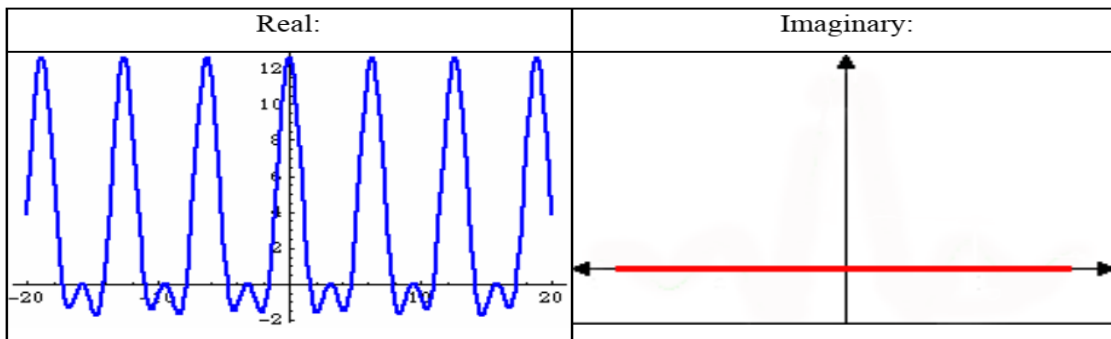
Functional Form:

$$F\left\{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-n)\right\} = \pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-n)$$

$$F\left\{\text{TopHat}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\} = 4 \text{sinc}(2k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F\left\{\sum_{n=-2}^2 \delta(x-n)\right\} &= \pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-n) \otimes 4 \text{sinc}(2k) \\ &= 4\pi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}(2k-n) \end{aligned}$$

Skteches:



e. $\text{TopHat}(x-4)$ (5 Points)

Functional Form:

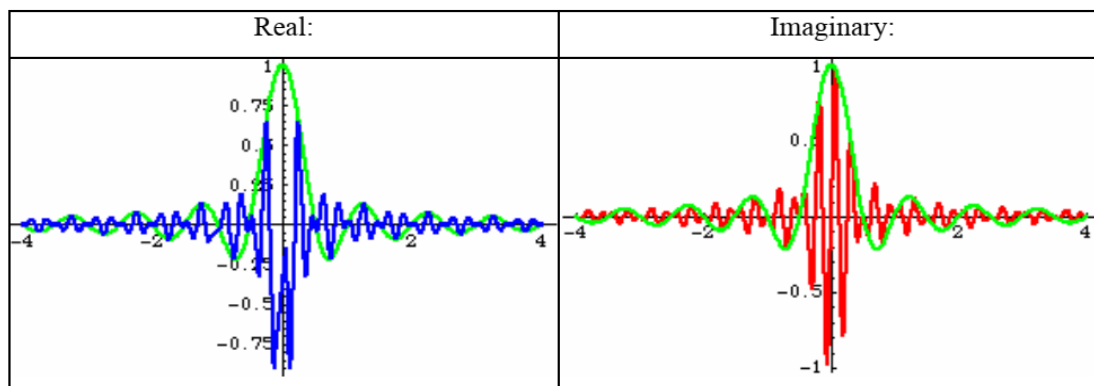
$$F\{\text{TopHat}(x)\} = 2 \text{sinc}(k)$$

$$F\{g(x-a)\} = e^{ika} G(k)$$

$$F\{\text{TopHat}(x-4)\} = 2 e^{ik4} \text{sinc}(k)$$

period
 is $\pi/2$

Skteches:



2. Show that the $k=0$ point of $F(k)$ is equal to the area $f(x)$, where $f(x) \Leftrightarrow F(k)$.
(10 points)

$$F\{f(x)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$F\{f(x)\}|_{k=0} = F(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx|_{k=0}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \text{area of } f(x)$$

3. Show that the $k_x = 0$ point of $F(k_x, k_y)$ is equal to the projection of $f(x, y)$ onto the y -axis where $f(x, y) \Leftrightarrow F(k_x, k_y)$. (5 points)

$$F\{f(x, y)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{-ik_x x} e^{-ik_y y} dx dy$$

$$F\{f(x, y)\}|_{k_x=0} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{-ik_x x} e^{-ik_y y} dx dy|_{k_x=0}$$

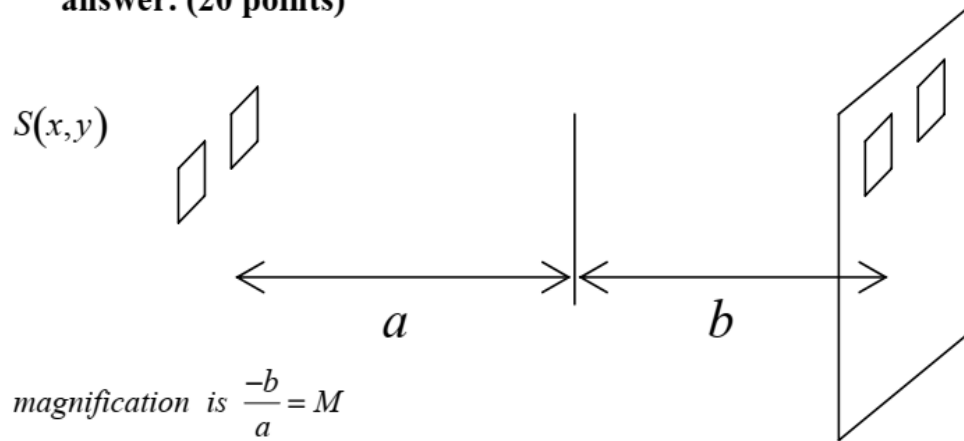
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-ik_y y} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx}_{P(y) = \text{projection of } f(x, y) \text{ onto the } y\text{-axis}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(y) e^{-ik_y y} dy$$

$$= F\{P(y)\}$$

4. A simple way of characterizing the spatial distribution of a radiation source is to image it with a pin-hole imager.

- a. Draw the experimental geometry, and explain why this is a useful experiment. What is the form of the image, $I(x, y)$ in terms of the source distribution, $S(x, y)$ assuming a perfect pin-hole camera? Place the a distance, a from the source and the screen (detectors) and a

distance, b from the pin-hole. Include the magnification in your answer. (20 points)



$$\text{Image}(x,y) = \frac{1}{M^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S\left(\frac{x'}{M}, \frac{y'}{M}\right) \text{IRF}(x,y|x',y') dx' dy'$$

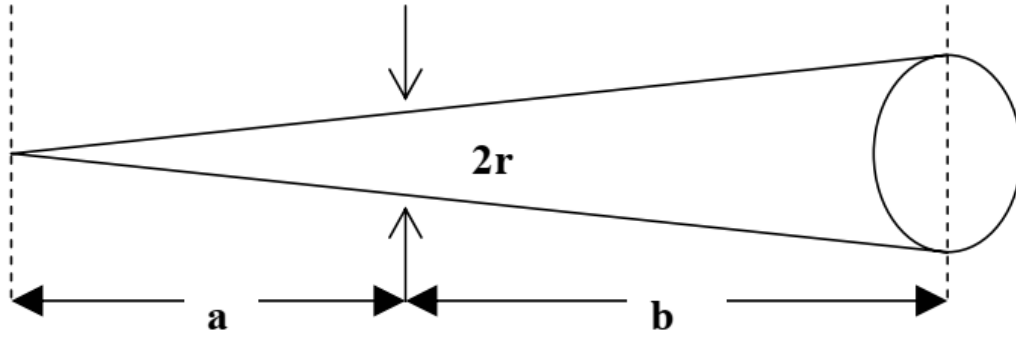
with a perfect pinhole, then

$$\text{IRF}(x,y|x',y') = \delta(x - x_o)\delta(y - y_o)$$

$$\text{and Image}(x,y) = \frac{S\left(\frac{x}{M}, \frac{y}{M}\right)}{M^2}$$

So, in this ideal case, a pinhole camera provides a magnified image of the source function.

- b. Assume the pin-hole is of a finite size (radius = r), and therefore a true representation of the source is not observed. In linear imaging terms, explicitly describe the detected signal, $I(x,y)$ in both the source distribution and the pin-hole size. (10 points)**

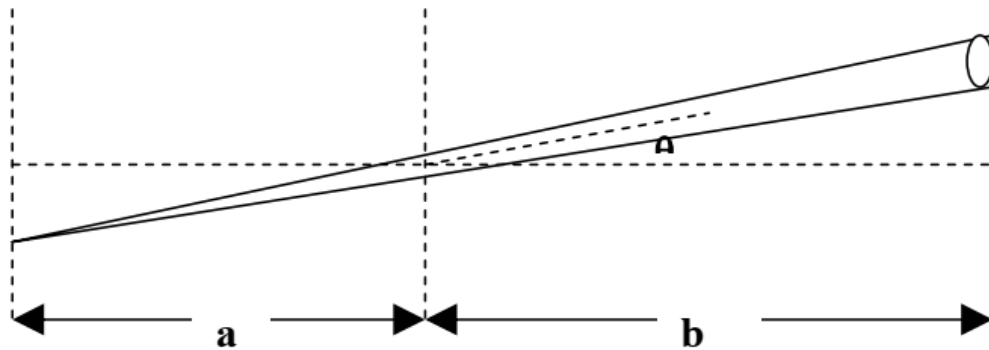


A point gets mapped to a circle of radius $\left(\frac{a+b}{a}\right)r$.

$$\therefore I(x,y) = S(x,y) \otimes \text{Circ}\left(\frac{xa}{(a+b)r}, \frac{ya}{(a+b)r}\right)$$

$$\text{where } \text{Circ}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1, & x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- c. **There is an oblique effect if the source extends far from the central line through the pin-hole. Without calculating the geometry of this effect, describe how it arises. (10 points)**



The solid angle is proportional to $\cos^2(\theta)$. The angle between rays and detector is proportional to $\cos(\theta)$. The effective spot size of the hole is proportional to $\cos(\theta)$. Therefore, I is proportional to $\cos^4(\theta)$.

5. The Nyquist condition states that to correctly measure a frequency the signal must be sampled at least twice a period.

a. Let f be the Nyquist frequency, show that the signals,

$\cos[2\pi(f + \Delta f)t]$ and $\cos[2\pi(f - \Delta f)t]$, lead to the exact same data points when sampled at times $t(n) = n/2f$.

$$\begin{aligned} \{P_+\} &= \cos\left[2\pi(f + \Delta f)\frac{n}{(2f)}\right], \quad n = 0 \rightarrow N \\ &= \cos\left[\pi n + n\pi\frac{\Delta f}{f}\right] = \cos(\pi n)\cos\left(n\pi\frac{\Delta f}{8}\right) - \sin(\pi n)\sin\left(n\pi\frac{\Delta f}{8}\right) \\ \{P_-\} &= \cos\left[2\pi(f - \Delta f)\frac{n}{(2f)}\right], \quad n = 0 \rightarrow N \\ &= \cos\left[\pi n - n\pi\frac{\Delta f}{f}\right] = \cos(\pi n)\cos\left(n\pi\frac{\Delta f}{8}\right) + \sin(\pi n)\sin\left(n\pi\frac{\Delta f}{8}\right) \end{aligned}$$

b. Explain aliasing in terms of the above result. (10 points)

From the above, we see that if the sampled frequency is less than f it is correctly measured, otherwise if it is aliased, it appears as $f - \Delta f$.