

Lecture 4: Frequency

Today

- Reminder: PS1 due Weds.
- Section this week: pyramids and Fourier transform
- Suggested reading:
 - Szeliski 3.4
 - Torralba, Freeman, Isola manuscript chapter

Thinking in frequency

The visual world contains:



Repetitive structures



...that repeat quickly



...or slowly

1D Fourier Transform

The 1D Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) transforms an N-dimensional signal $f[n]$ into $F[u]$ as:

The diagram shows the 1D DFT formula
$$F[u] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f[n] \exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$
 with three arrows pointing to its components:

- An arrow points to $F[u]$ with the label "Fourier coefficient for **frequency** u ".
- An arrow points to $f[n]$ with the label "1D image".
- An arrow points to the exponential term with the label "A complex exponential".

Recall that:

$$\exp(i\omega x) = \cos(\omega x) + i \sin(\omega x)$$

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Fourier coefficient
for **frequency** u

1D image

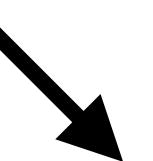
$$F[u] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f[n] \left[\cos\left(-2\pi \frac{un}{N}\right) + i \sin\left(-2\pi \frac{un}{N}\right) \right]$$

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Change of basis

Image in new basis



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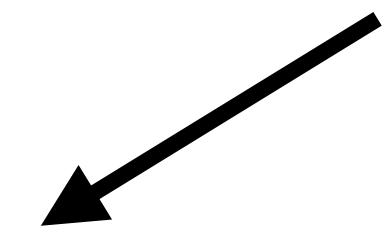
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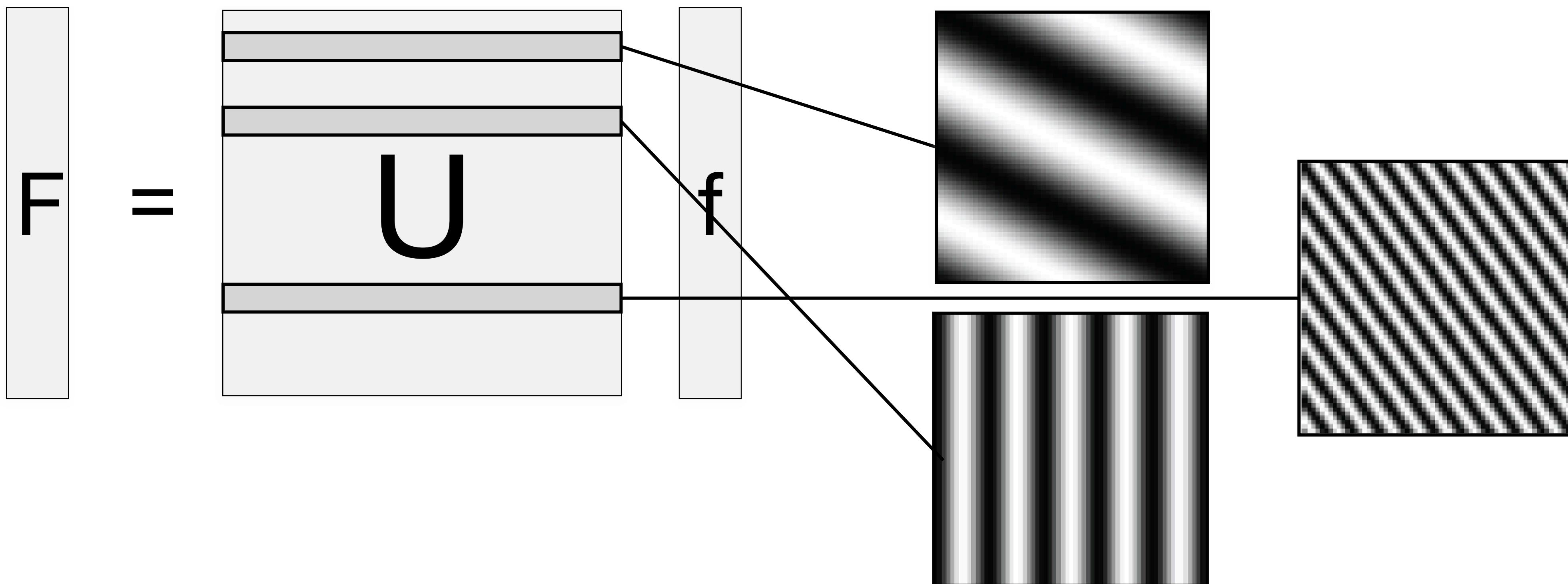


Image as vector



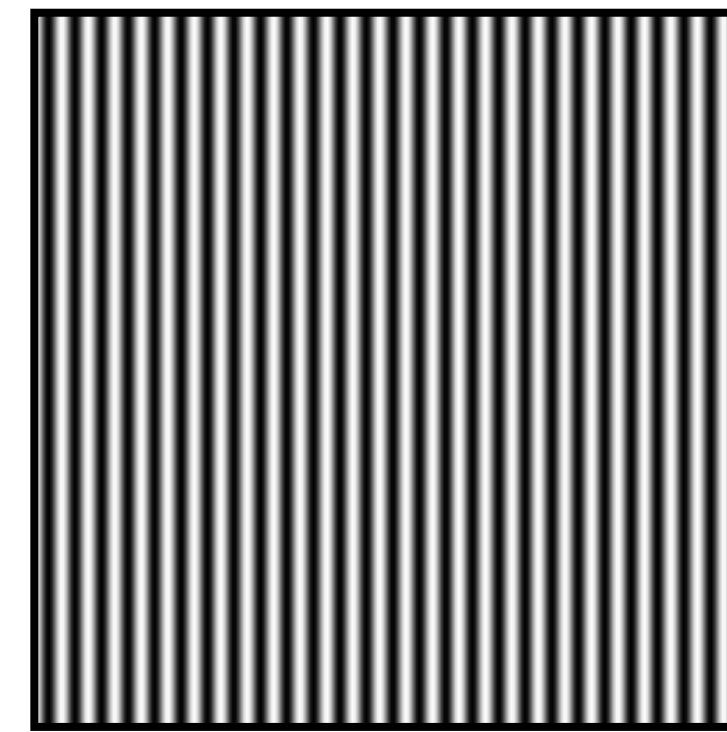
Frequency basis

We're using a basis of sinusoids with different frequencies.

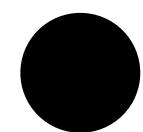


Frequency basis

$$F_i =$$



Dot product



$$F = U f$$

1D Fourier Transform

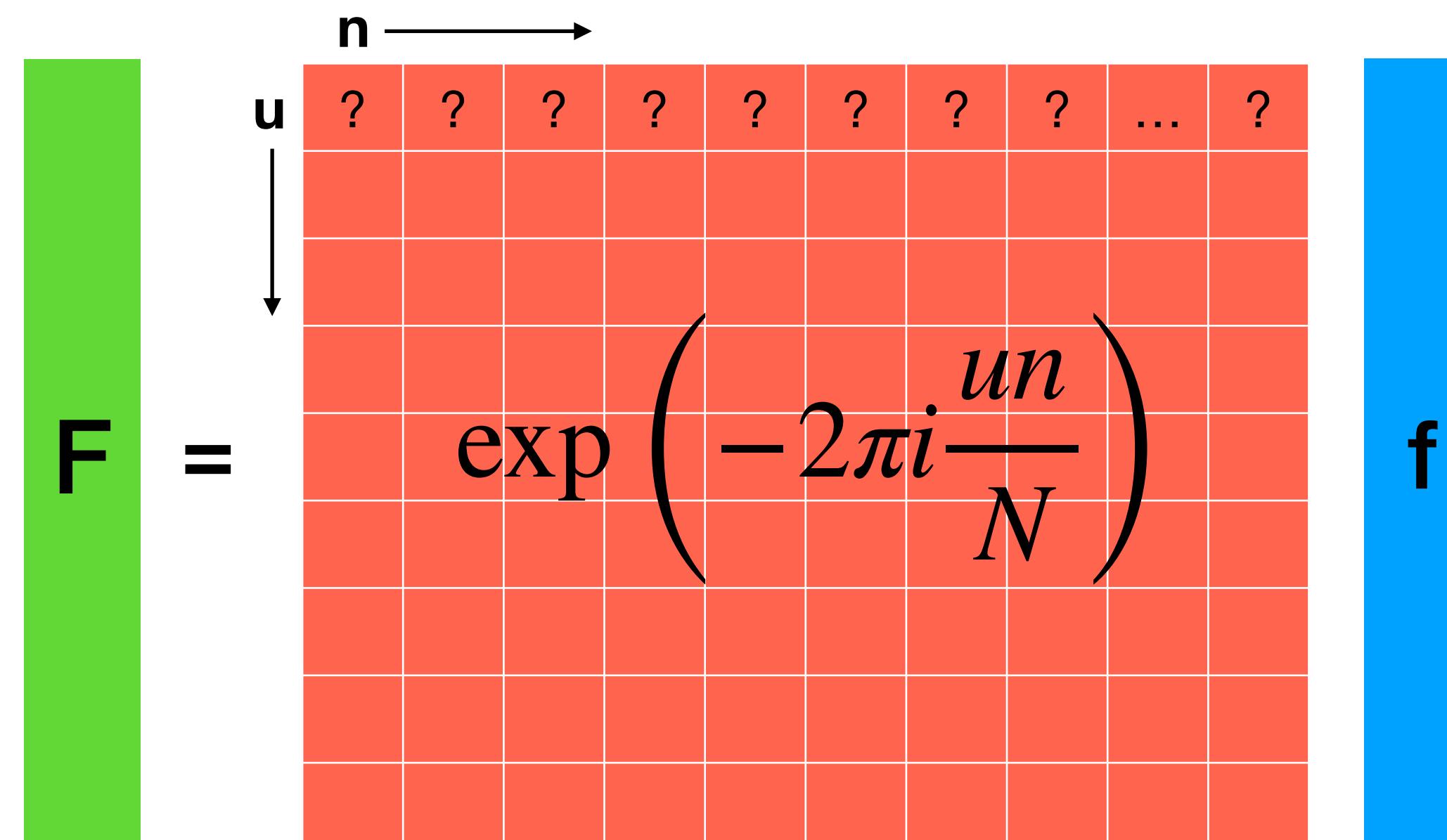
Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) transforms a signal $f[n]$ into $F[u]$ as:

$$F[u] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f[n] \exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) is a linear operator. In matrix form:

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{matrix} \text{u} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{n} \longrightarrow \\ \exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right) \end{matrix}$$

$\mathbf{U}_F : N \times N \text{ matrix}$



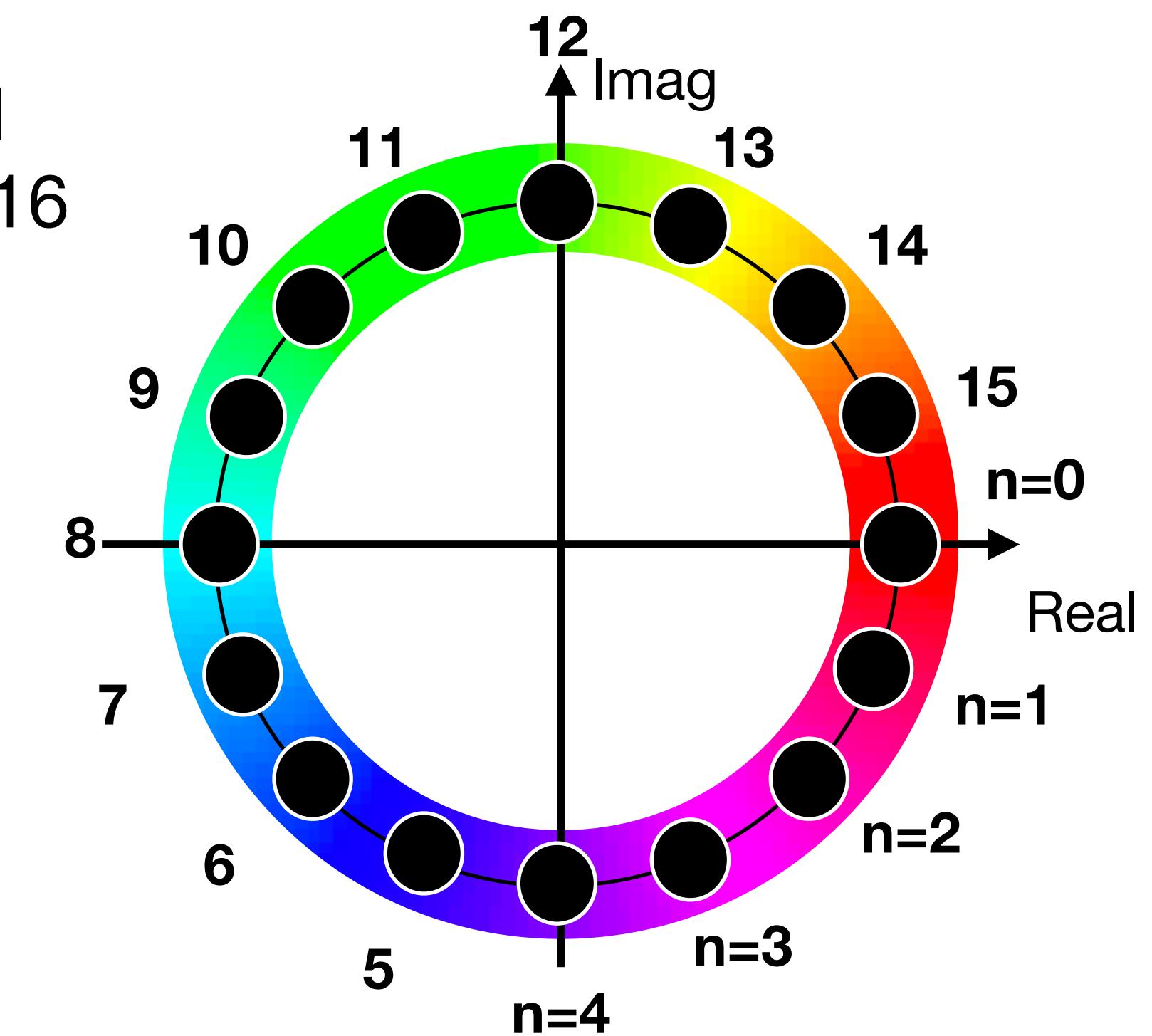
Visualizing the Fourier transform

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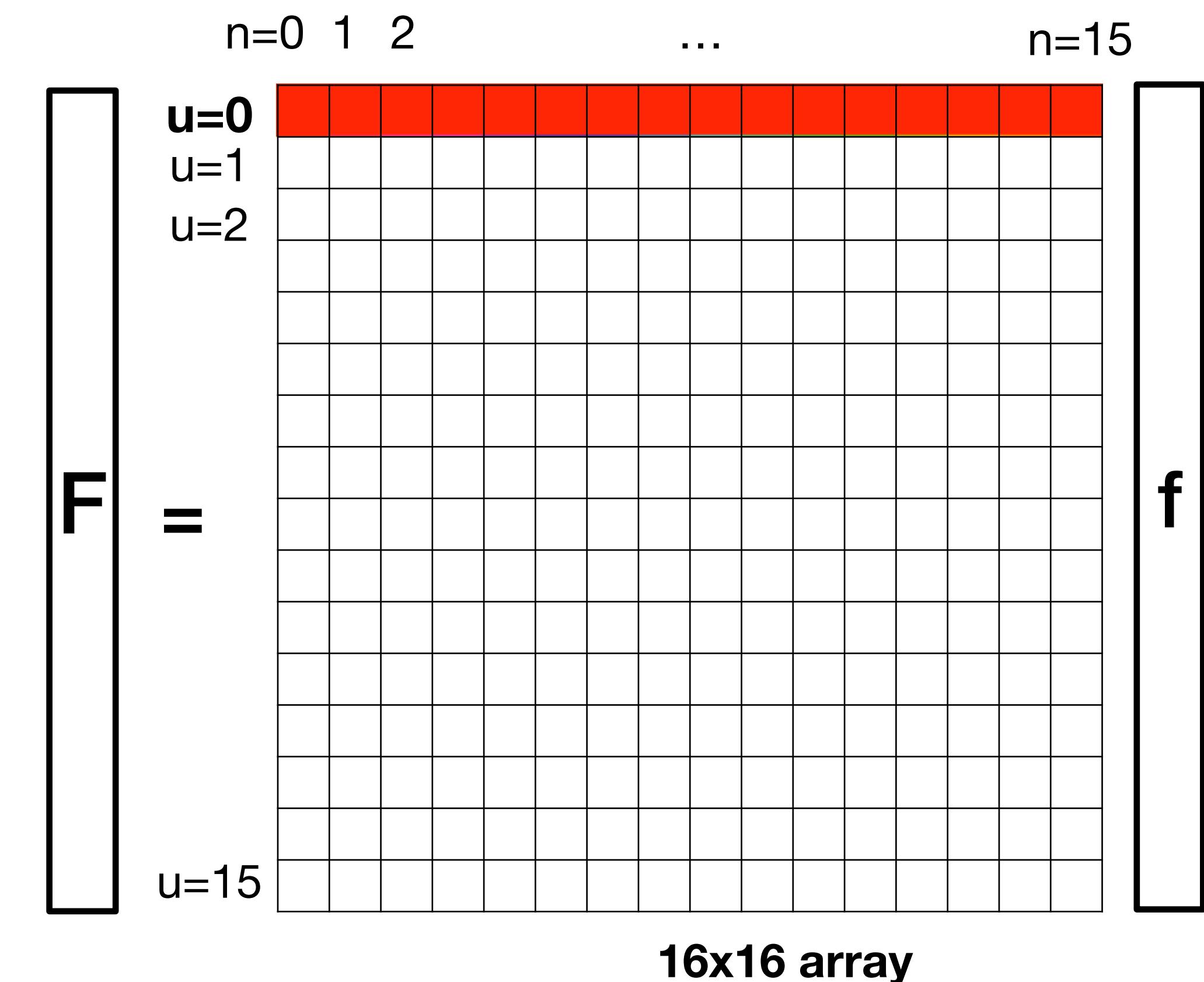
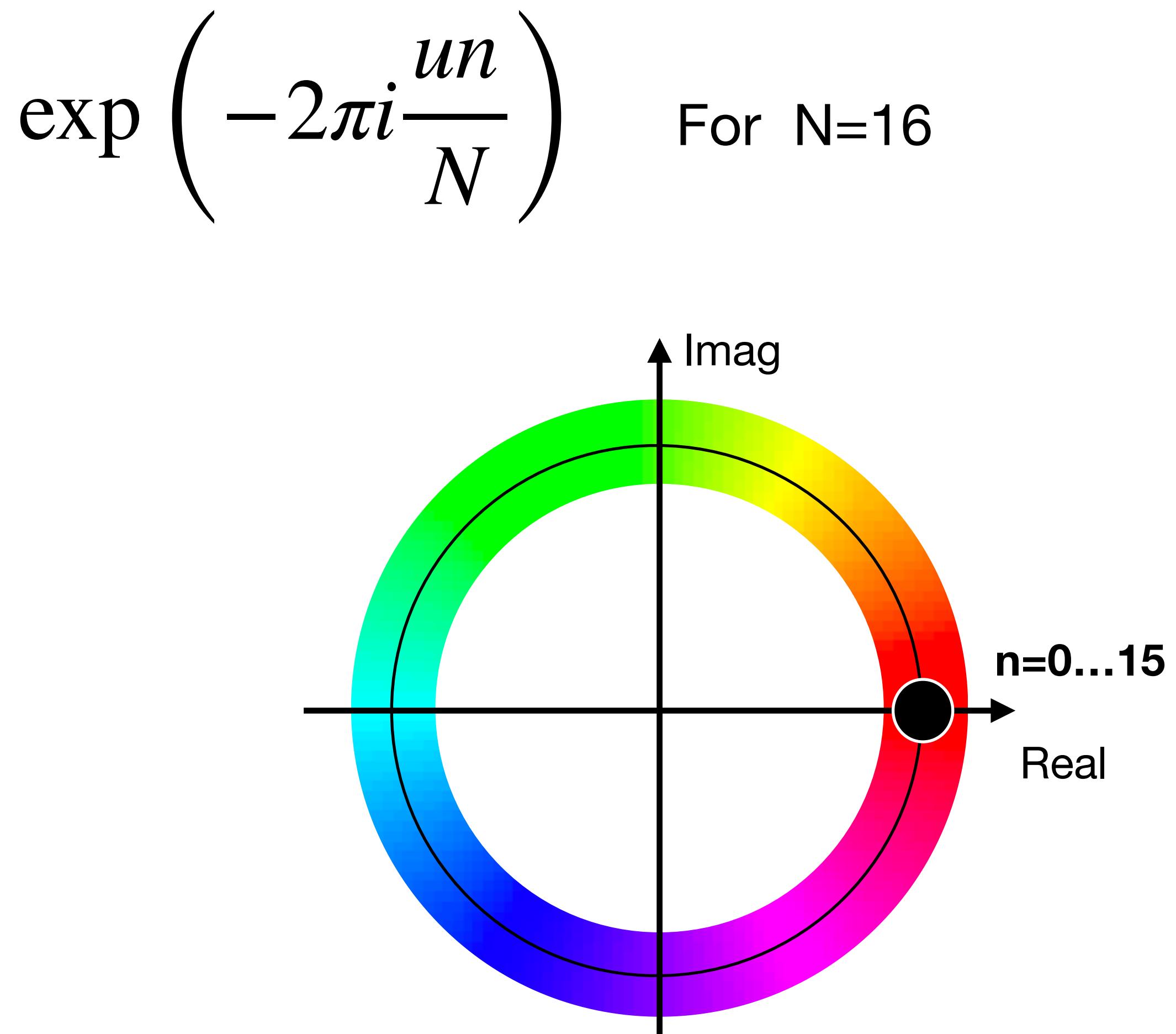
\updownarrow

$$\cos\left(2\pi \frac{un}{N}\right) - i \sin\left(2\pi \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

For:
 $u=1$
 $N=16$



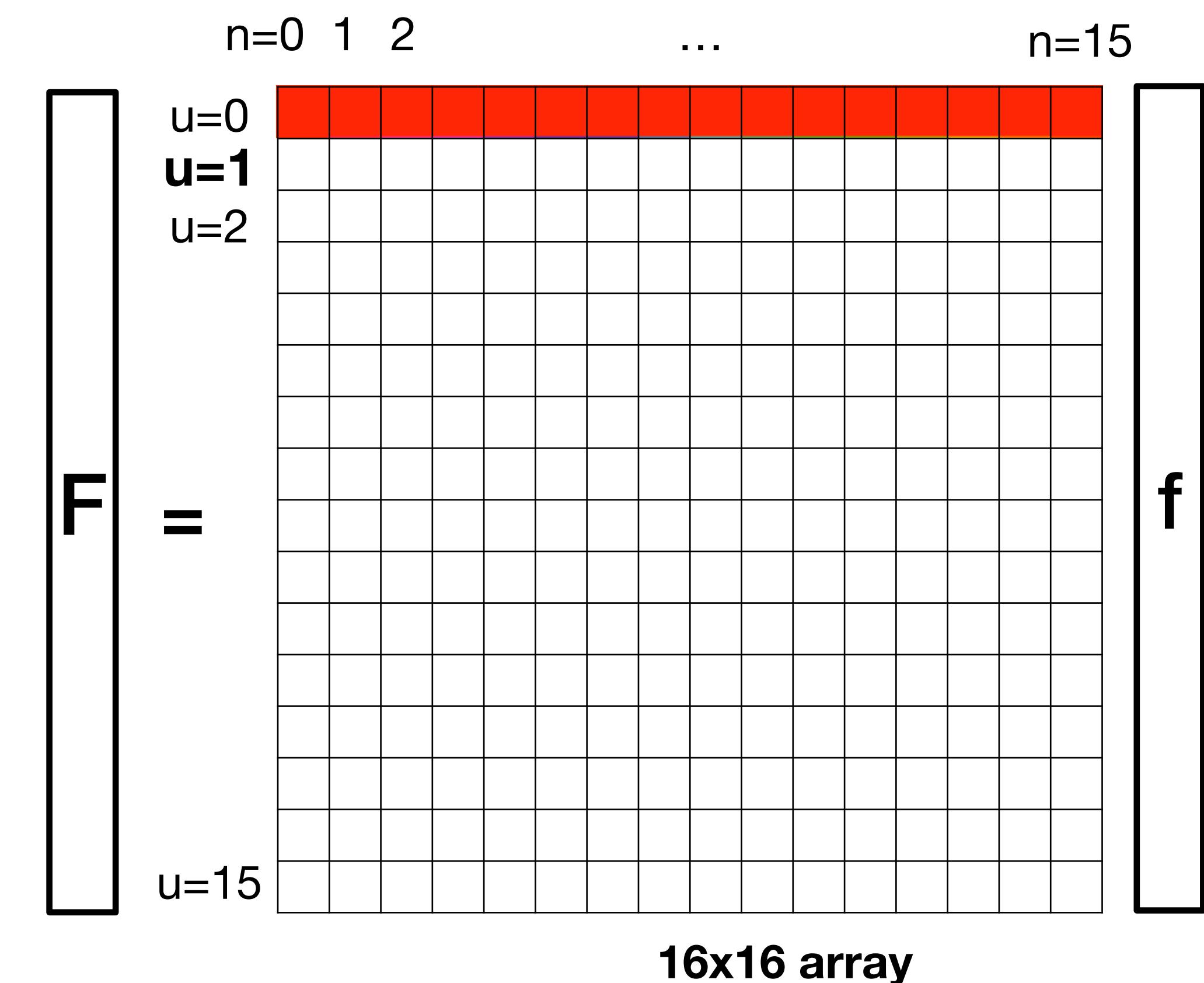
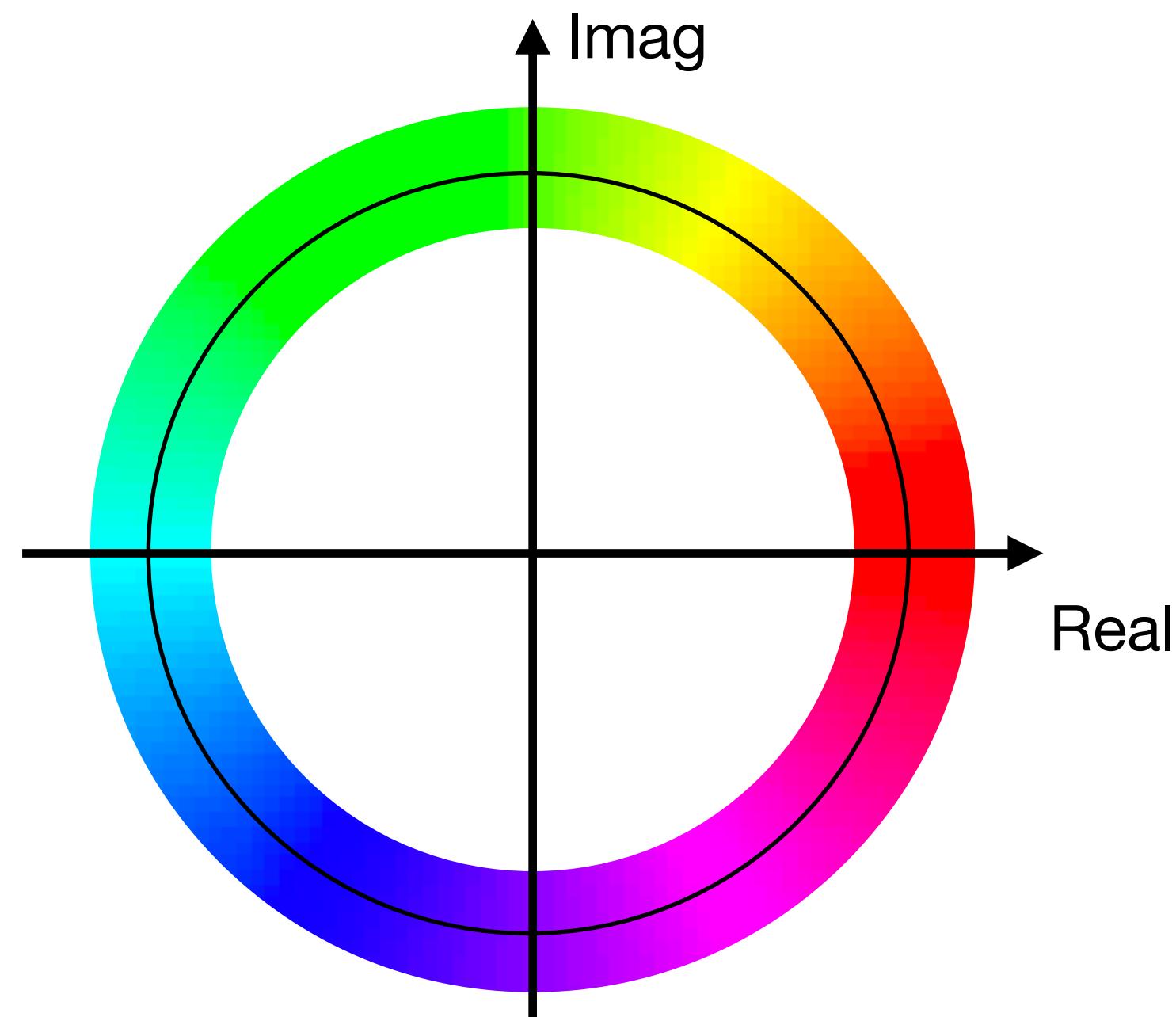
Visualizing the transform coefficients



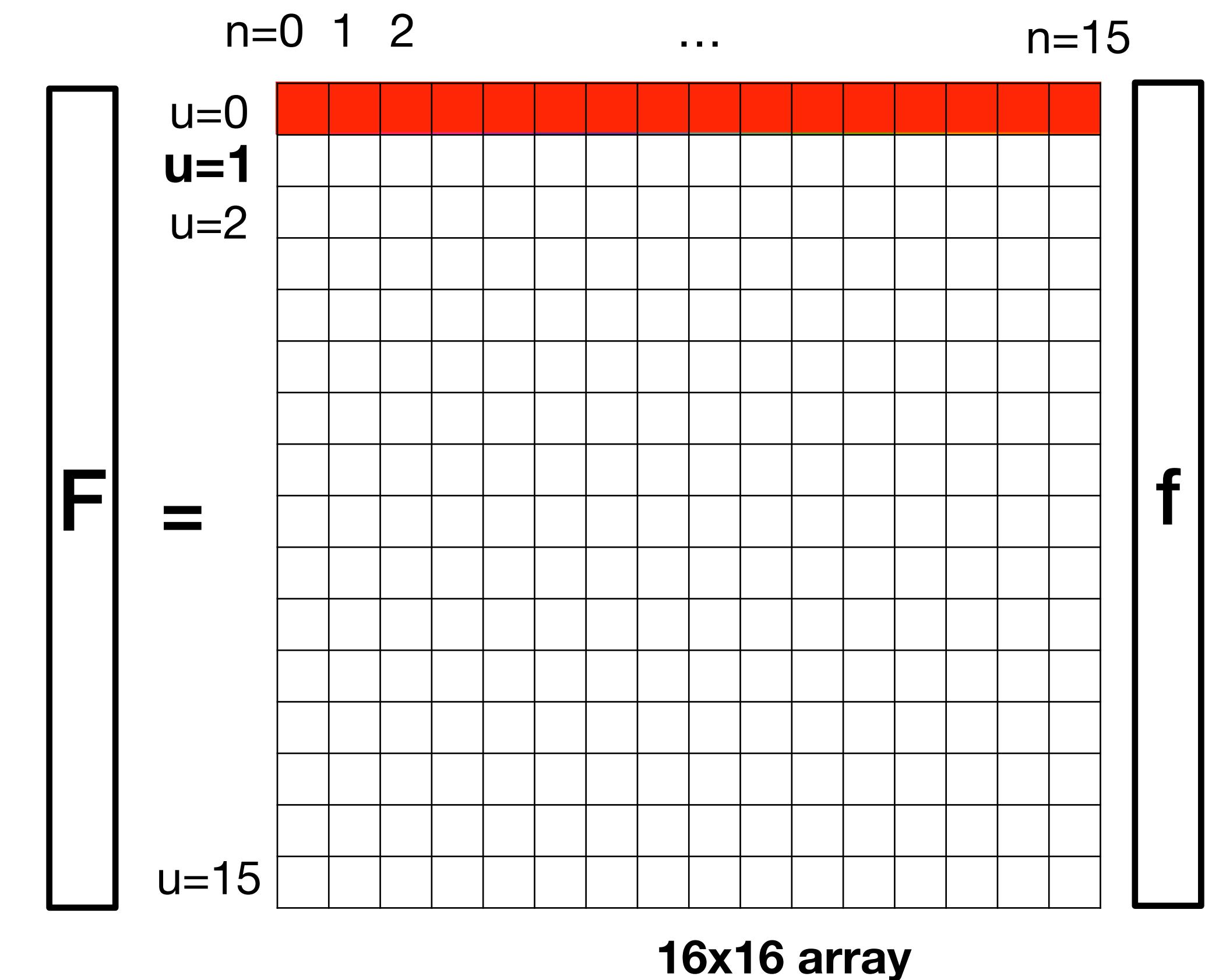
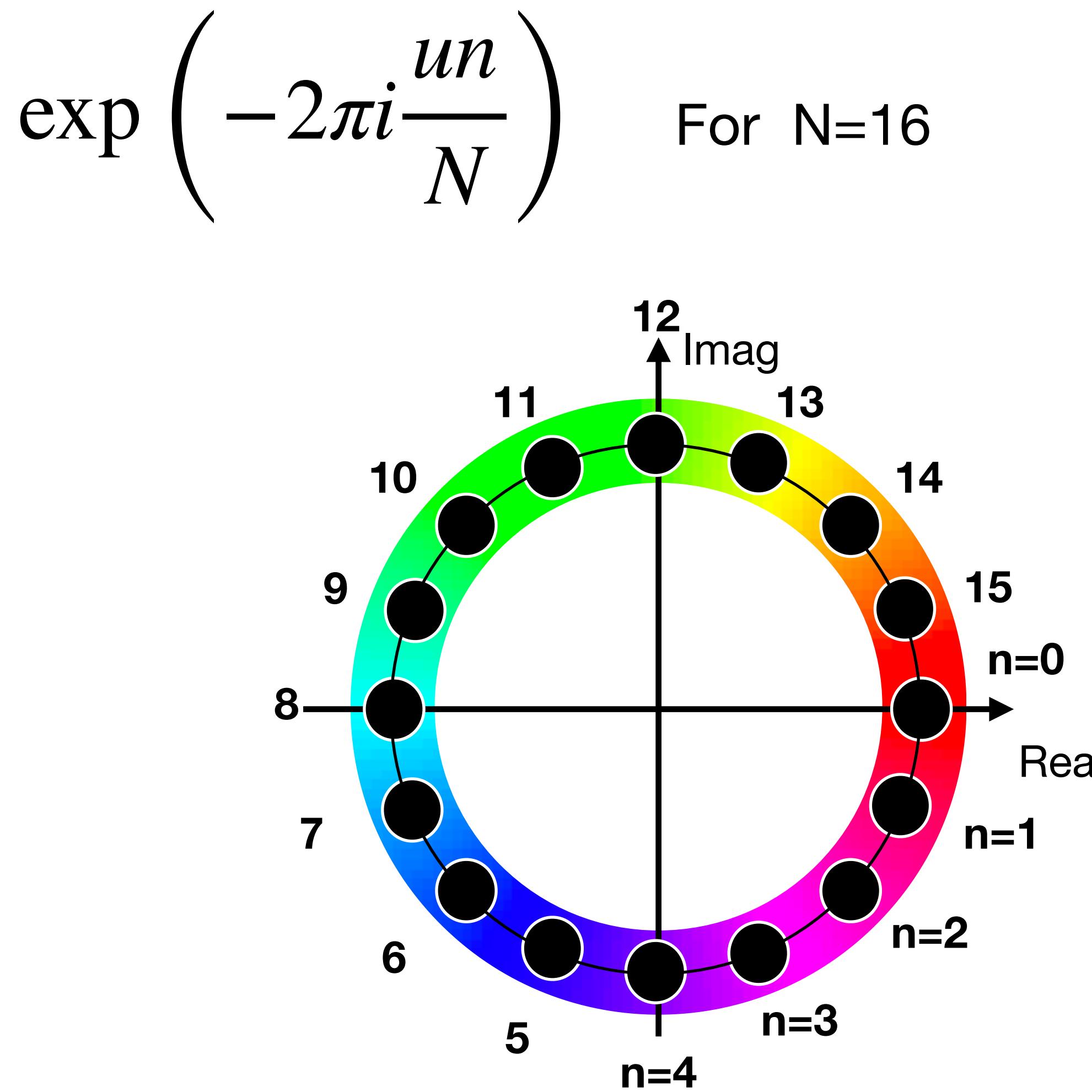
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$$\exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

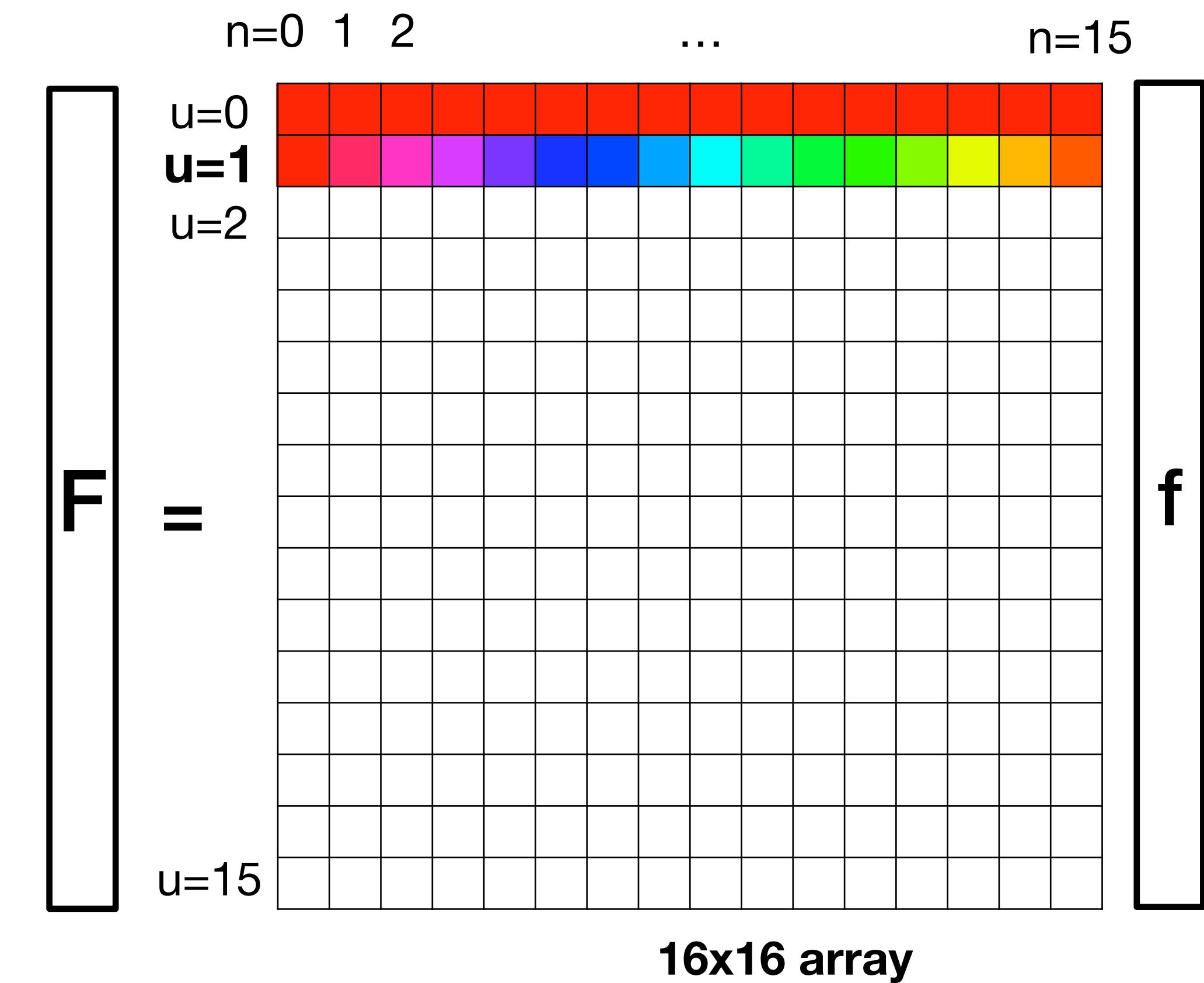
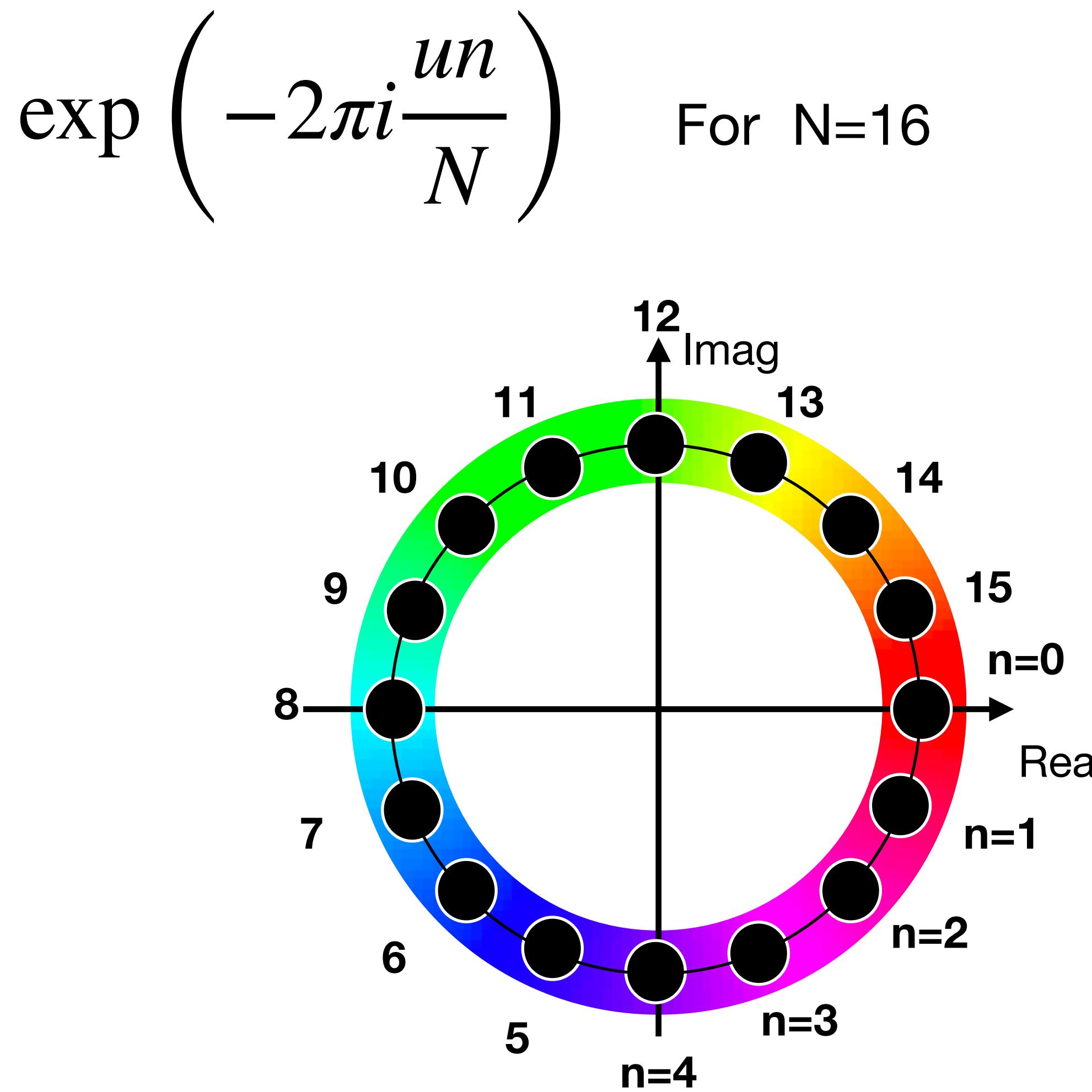
For N=16



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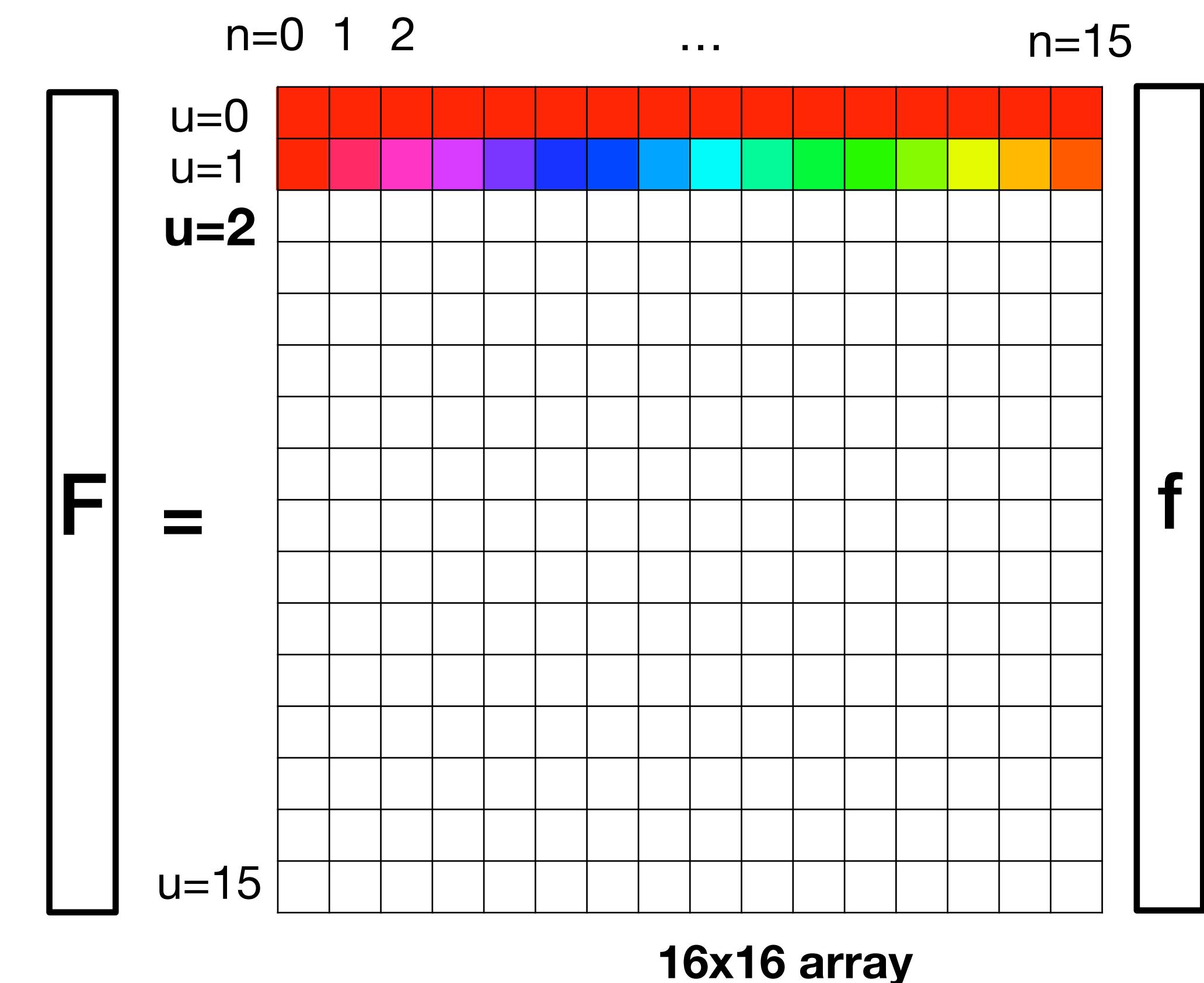
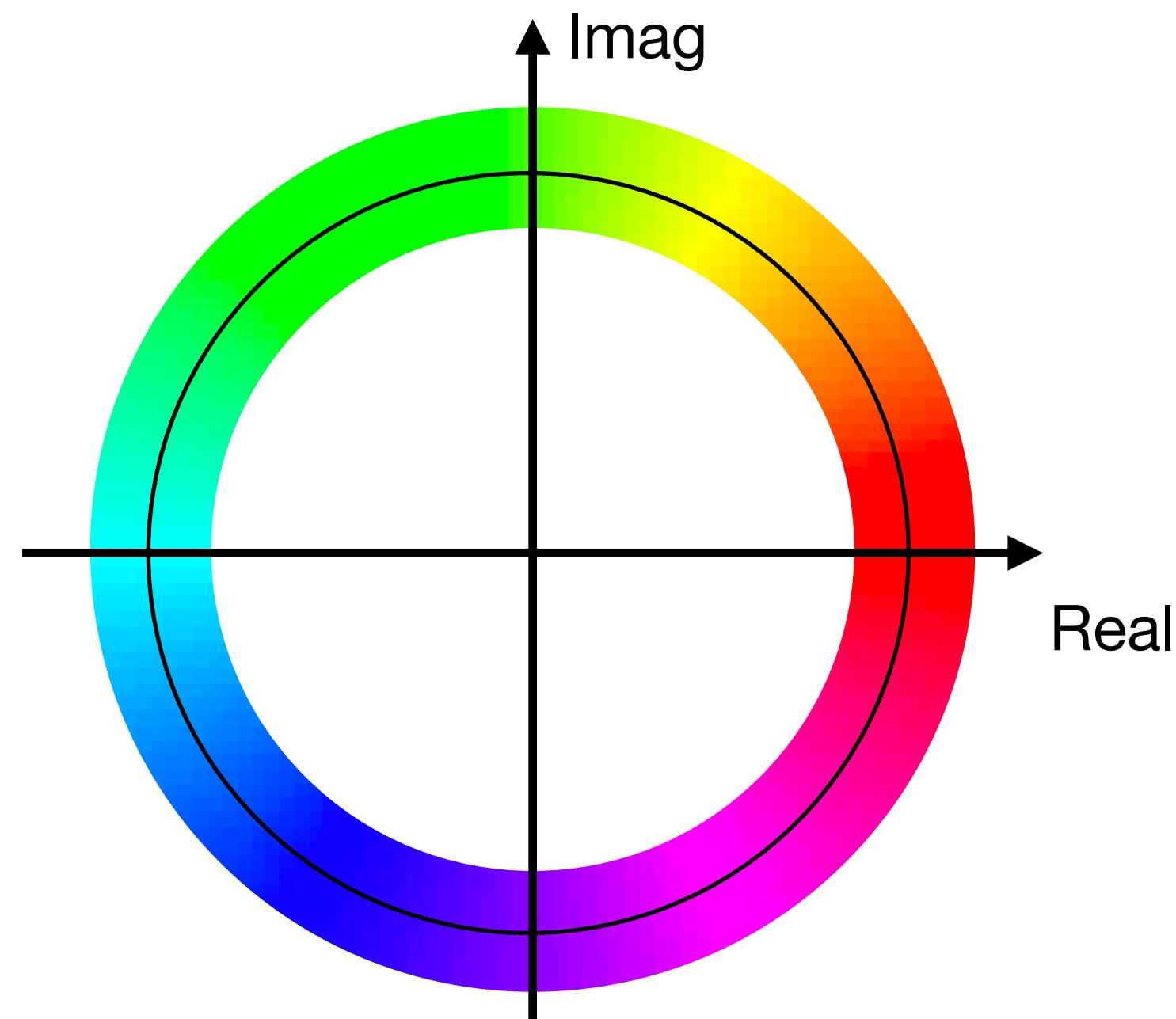
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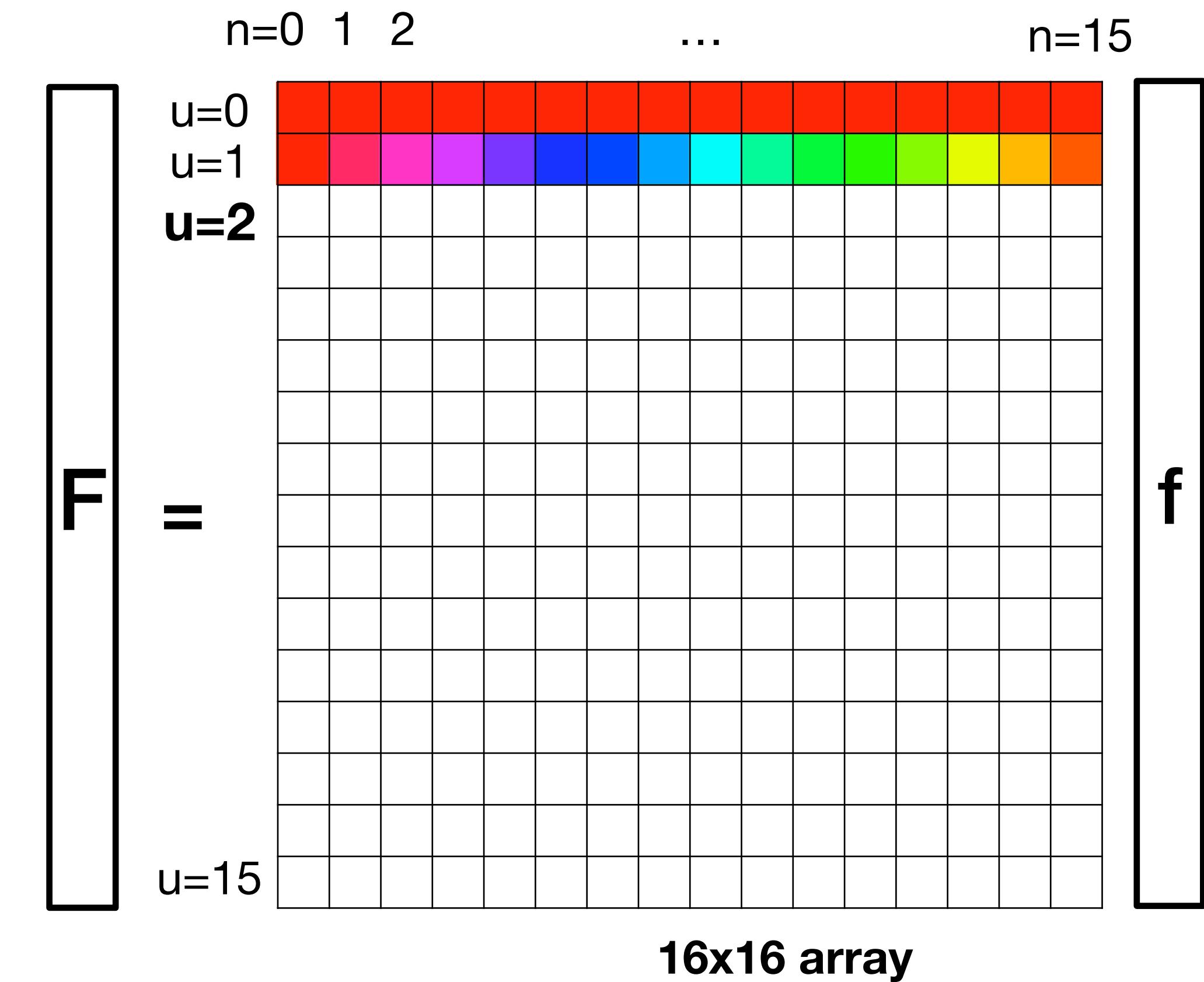
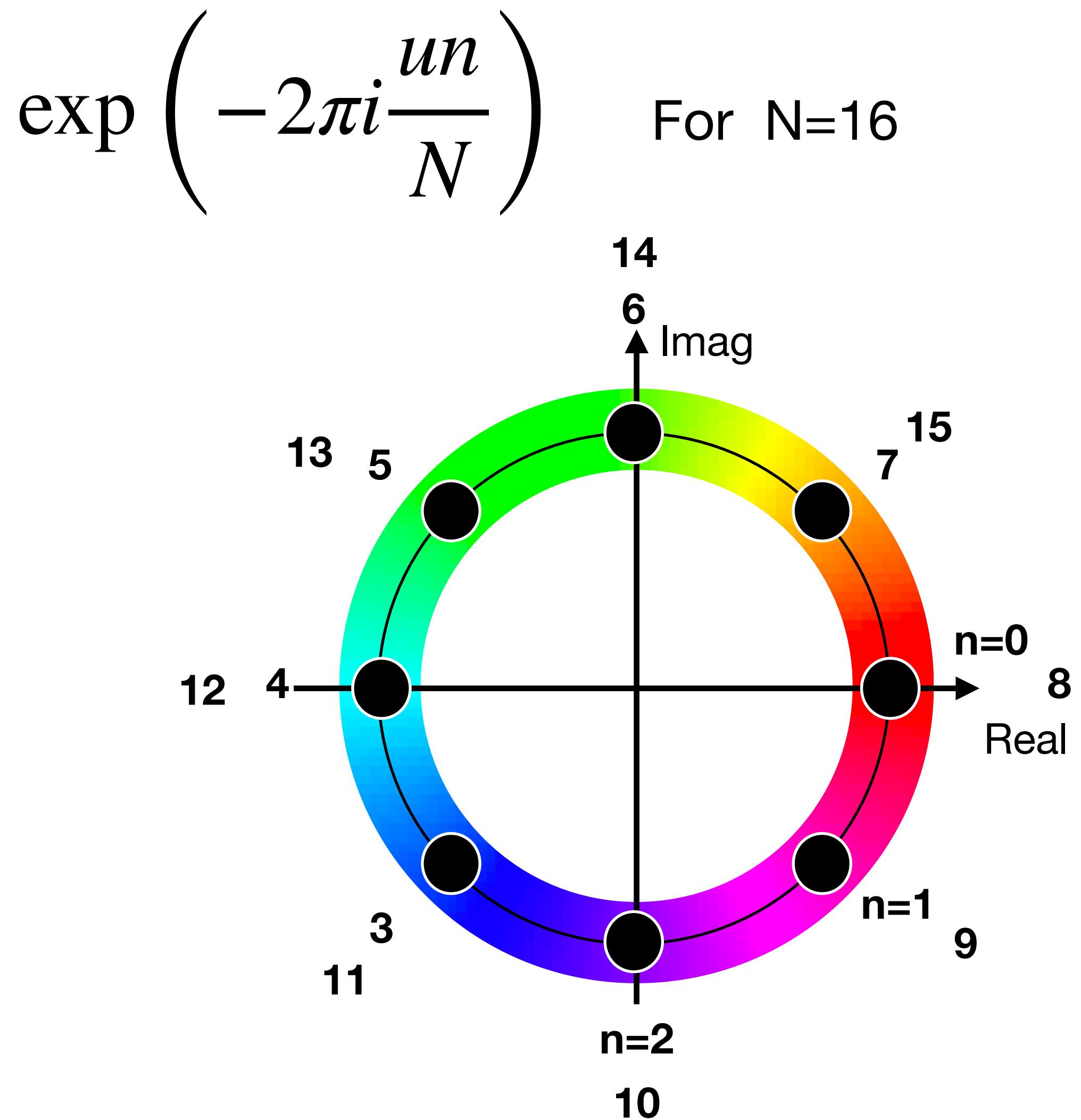
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$$\exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

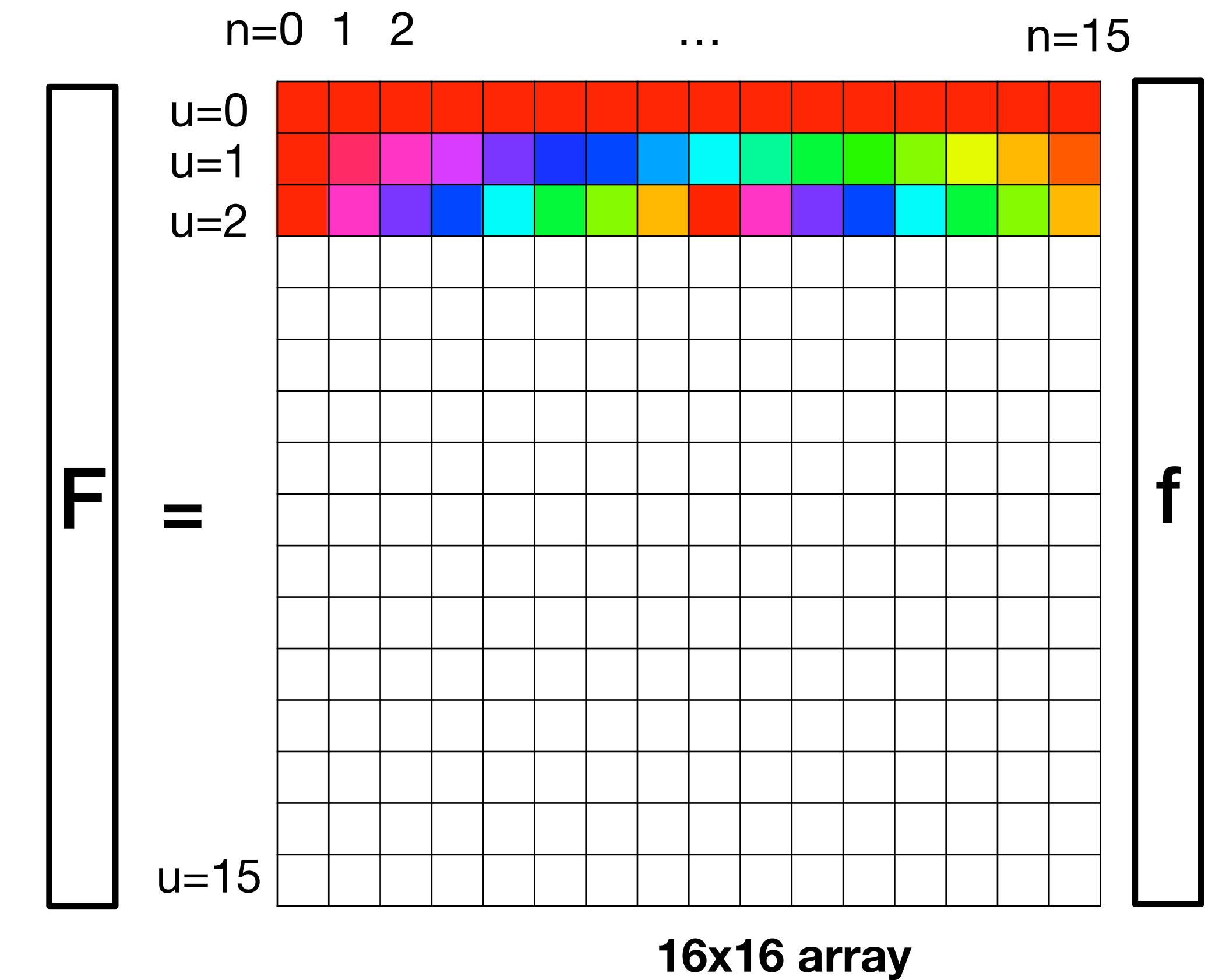
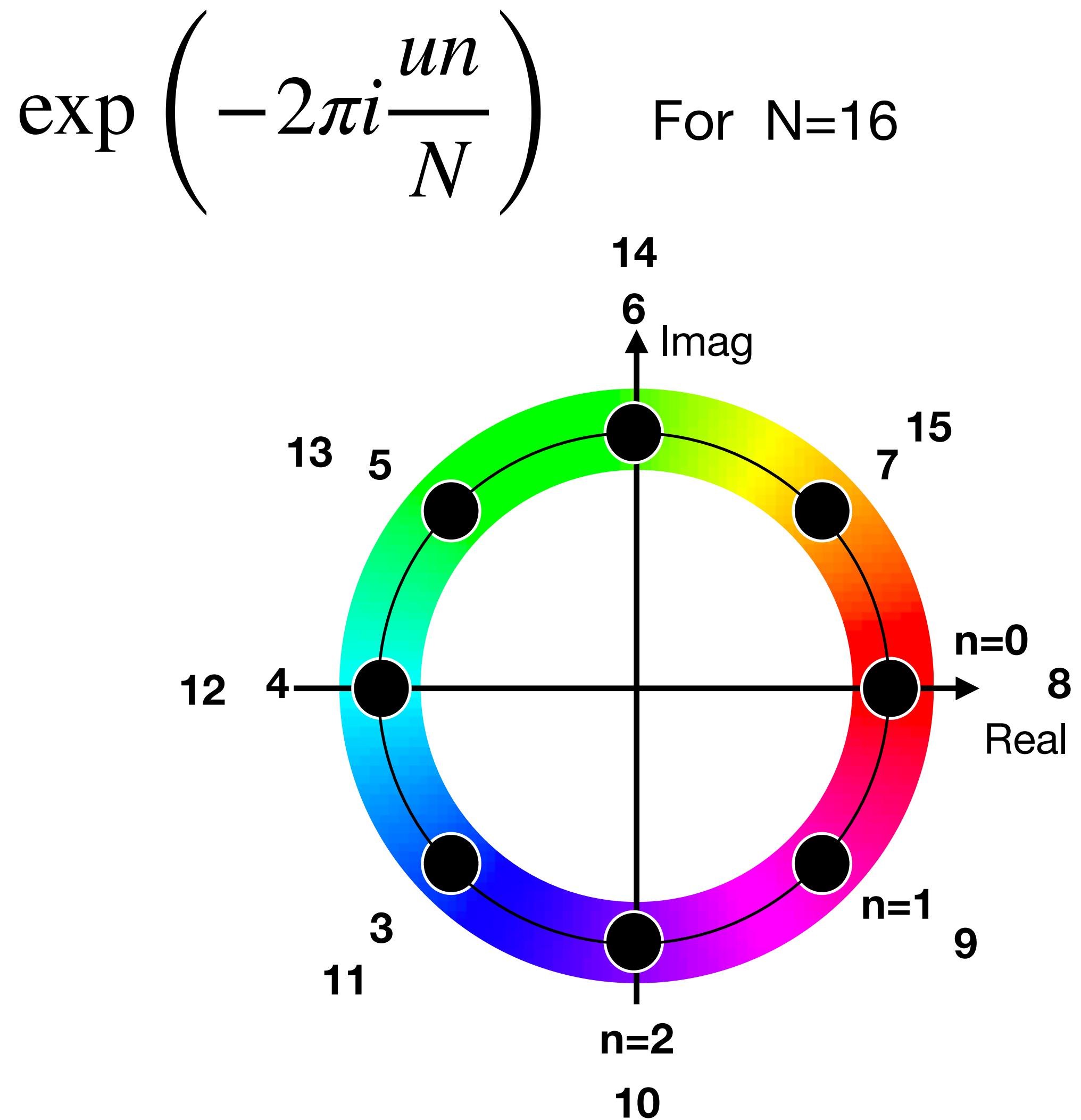
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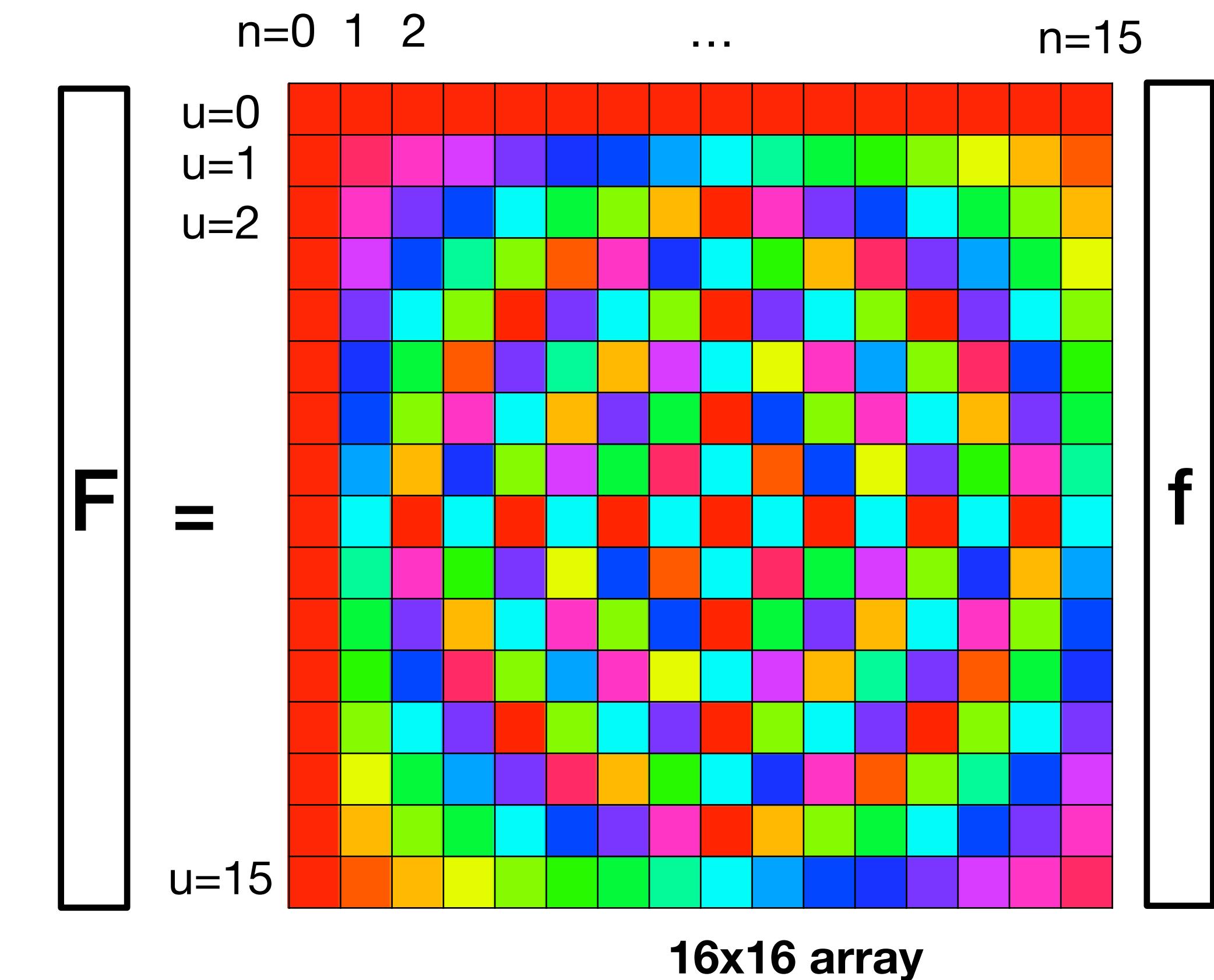
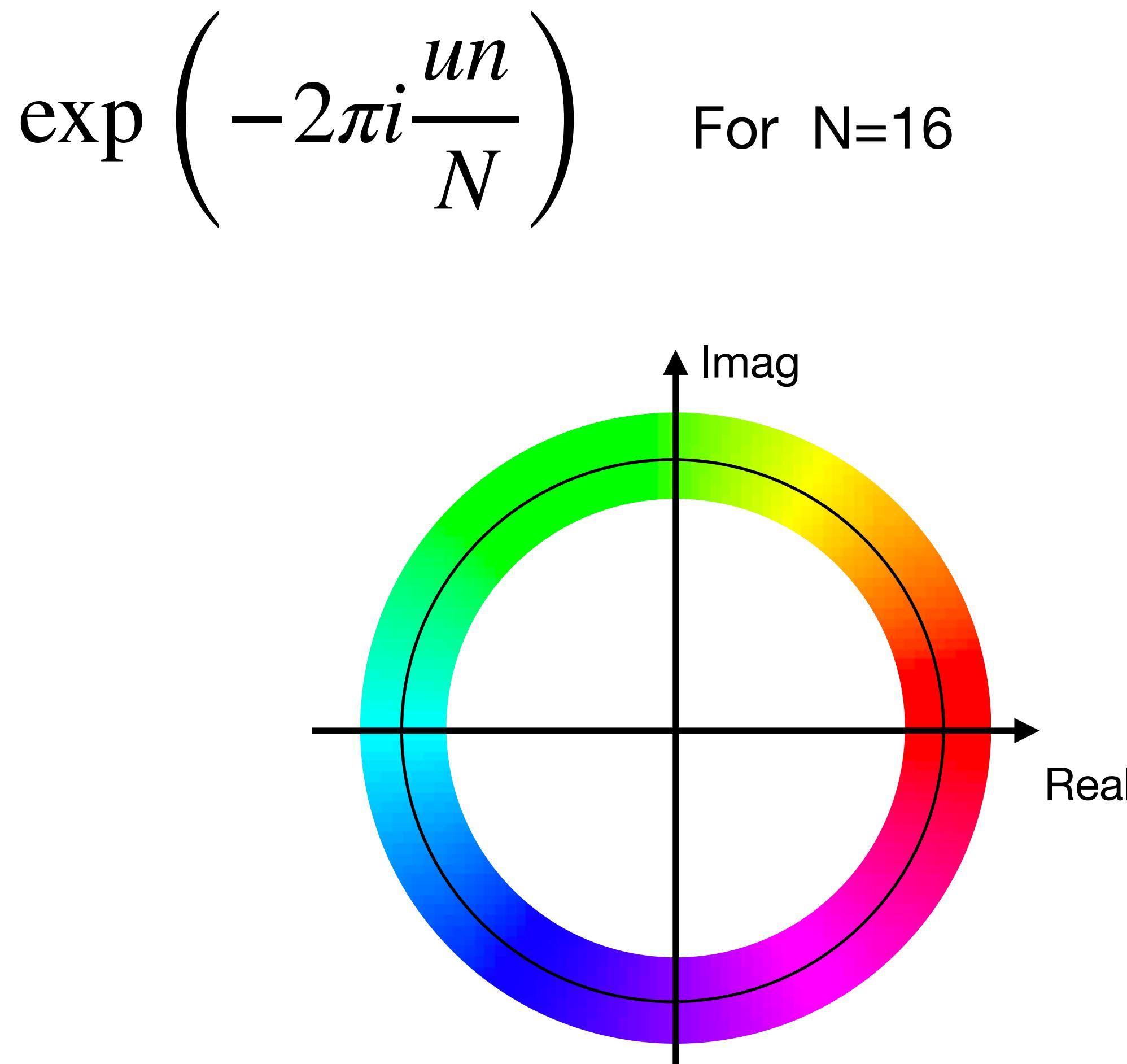
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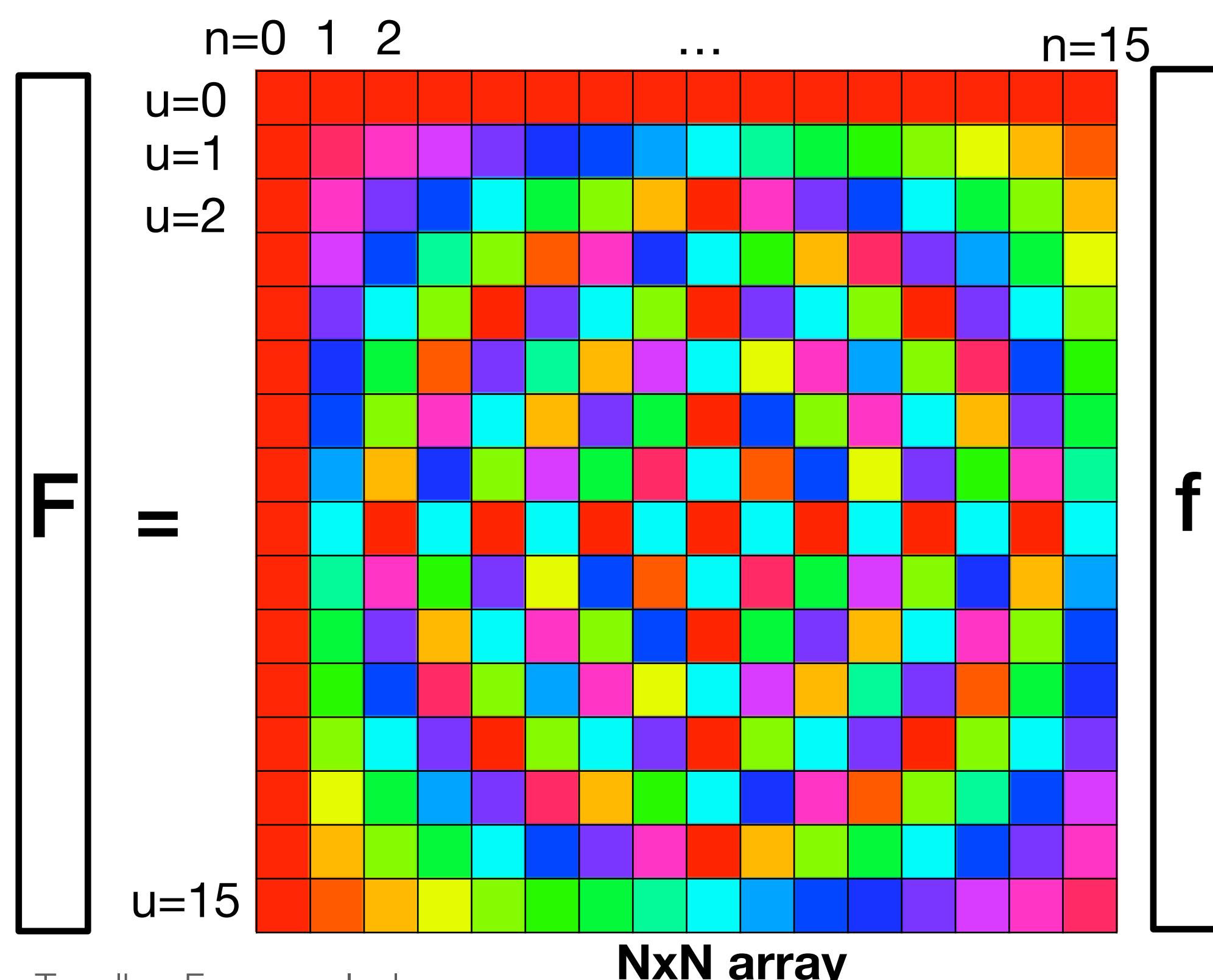
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The inverse of the Discrete Fourier transform

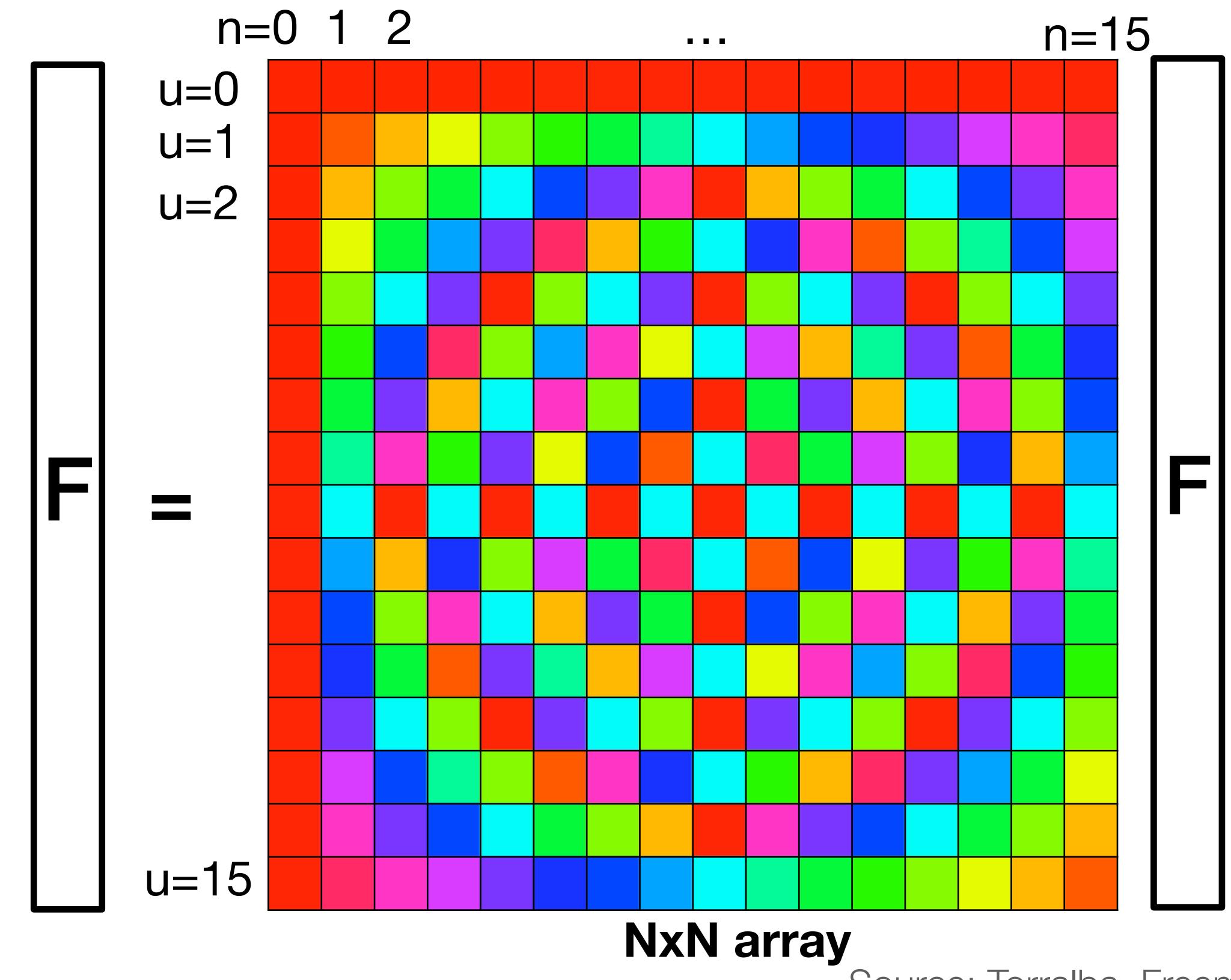
Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT):

$$F[u] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f[n] \exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

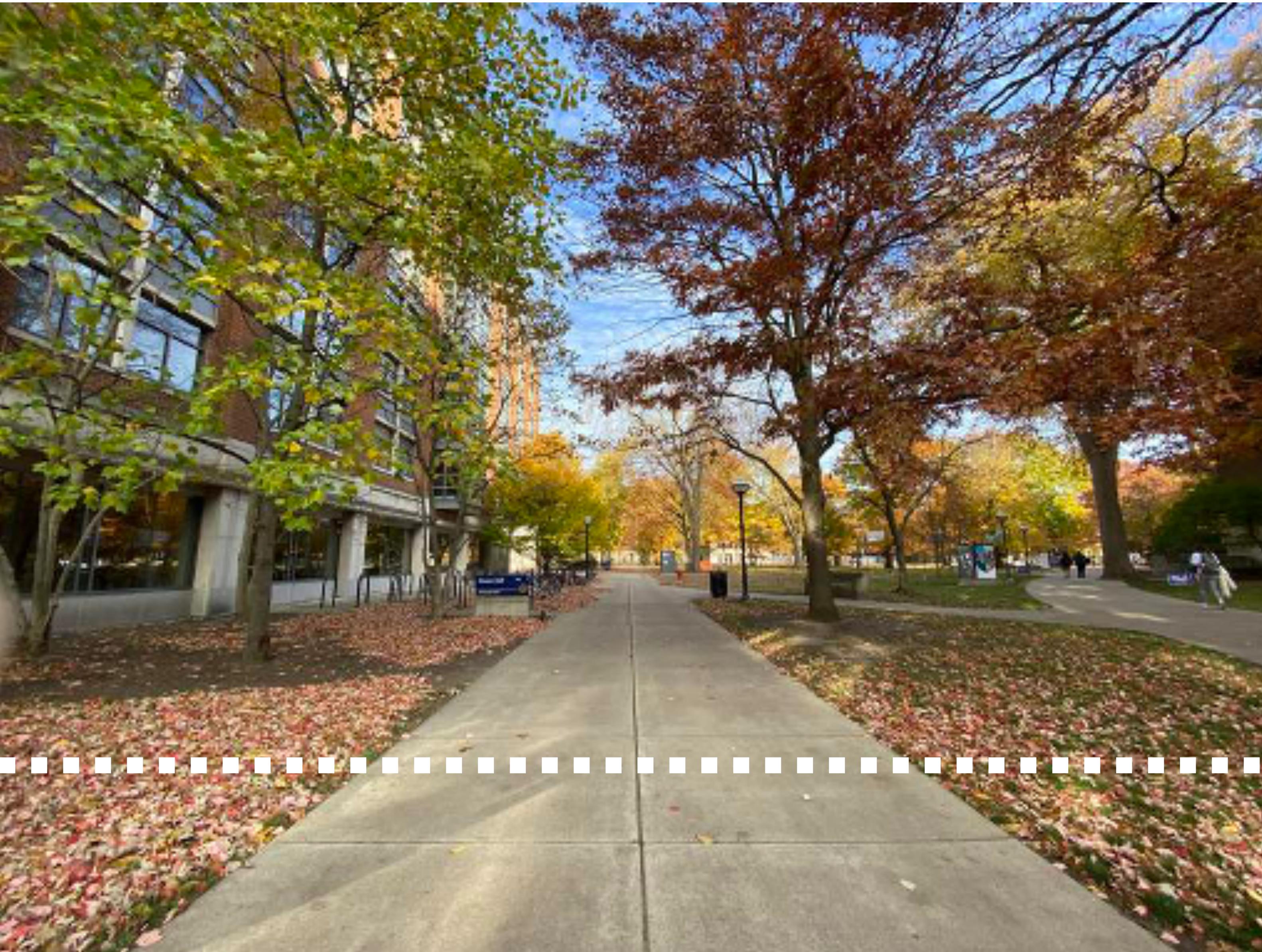


Its inverse:

$$f[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} F[u] \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

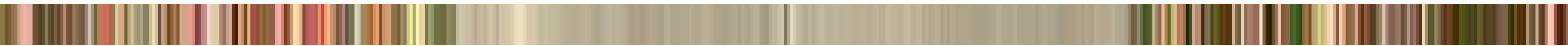


The 1D Fourier transform and images





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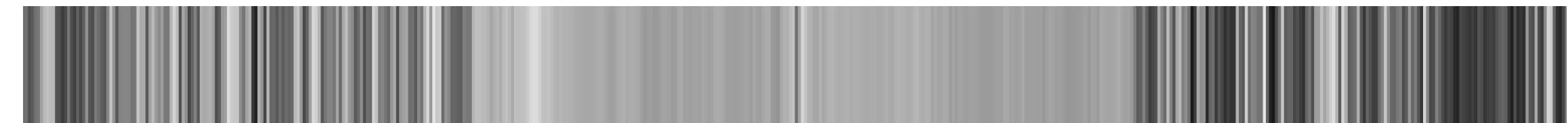
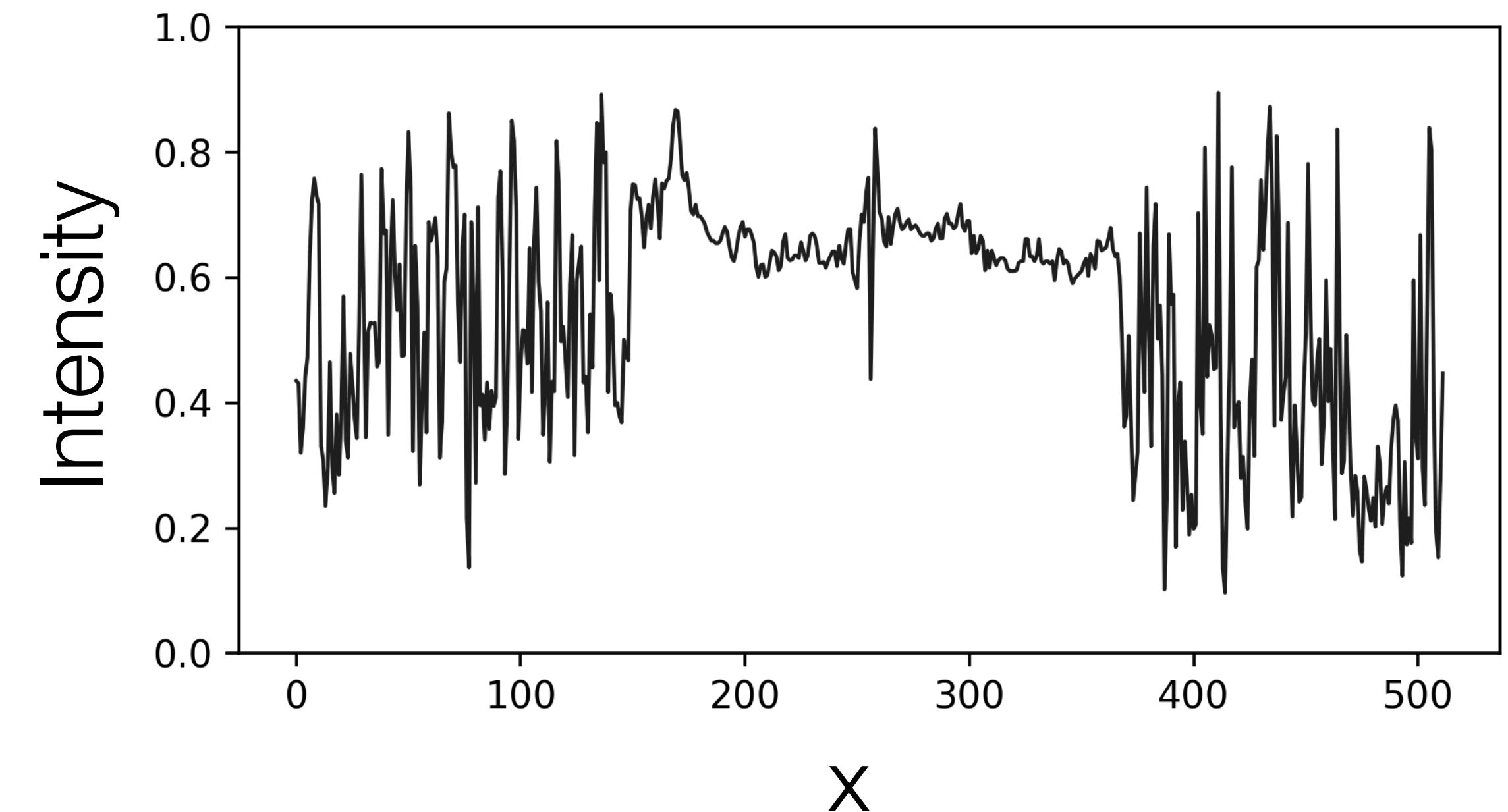
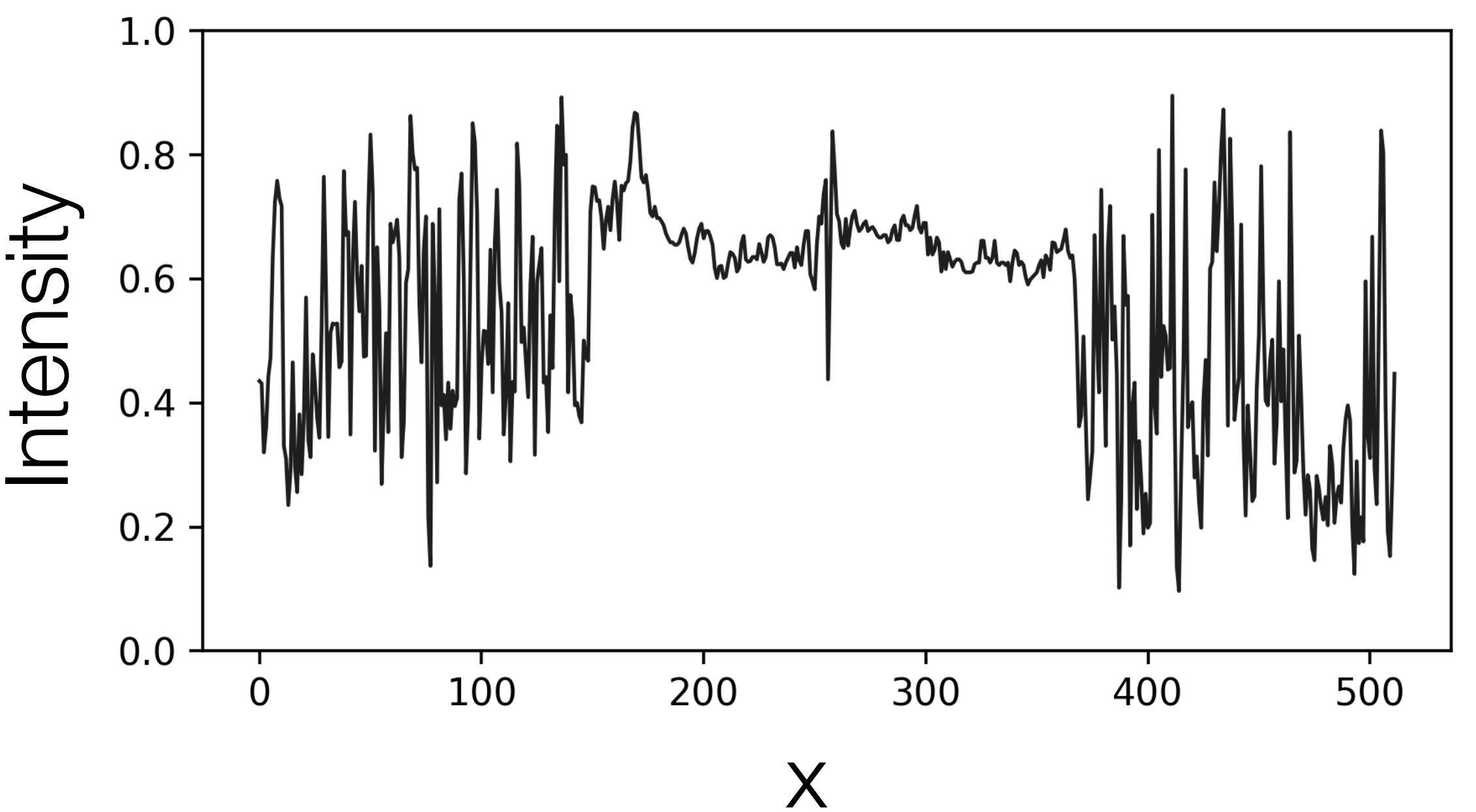


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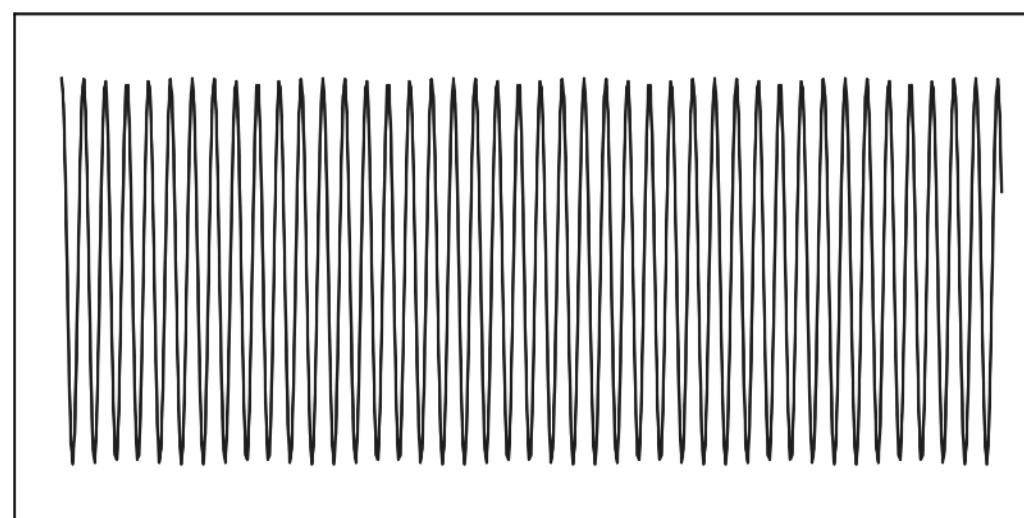
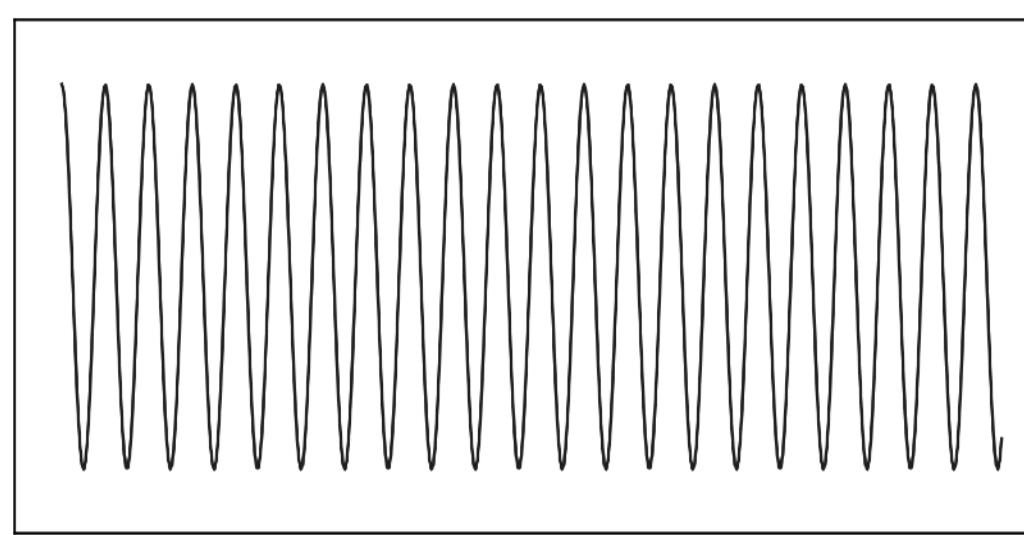
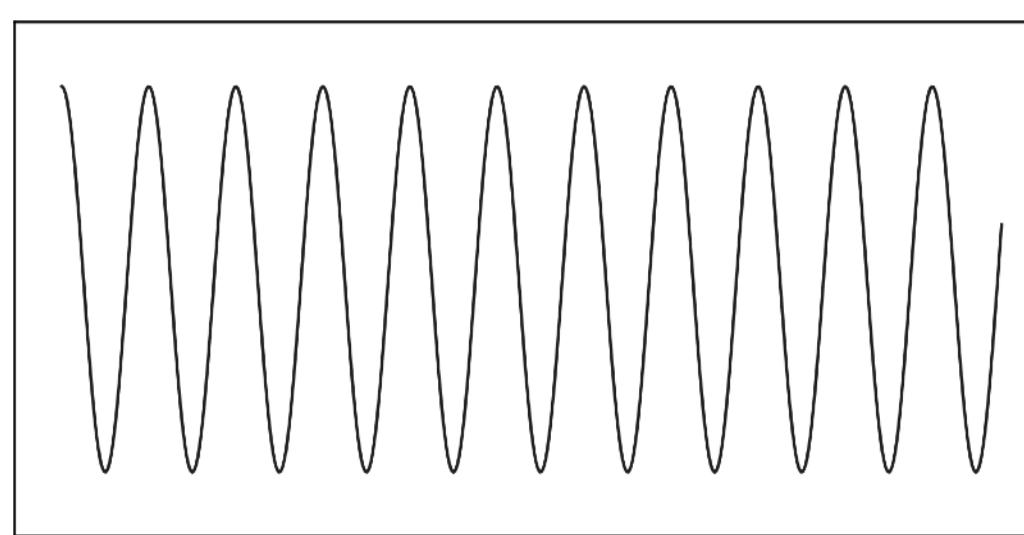


Represent this function in a Fourier basis.

The 1D Fourier transform and images



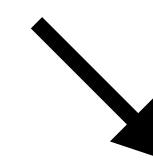
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$$+ F_4 \times$$



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The 1D Fourier transform and images

Fourier coefficients

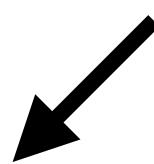


$$\mathbf{F}$$

=

$$\mathbf{U}_F$$

Row of image as vector



$$\mathbf{f}$$

The 1D Fourier transform and images

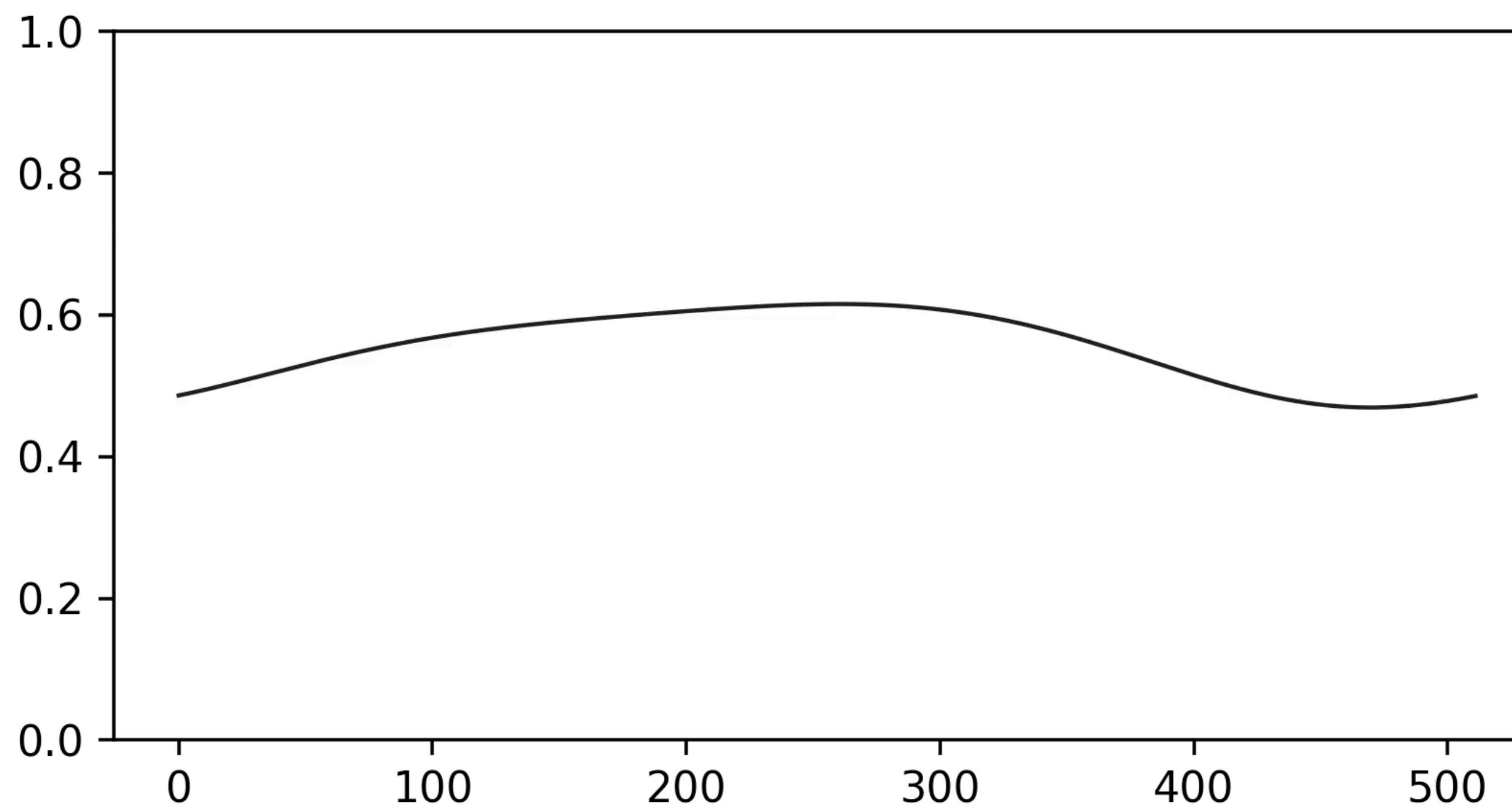
Reconstruction

$$\tilde{f} = U_F^{-1} F$$

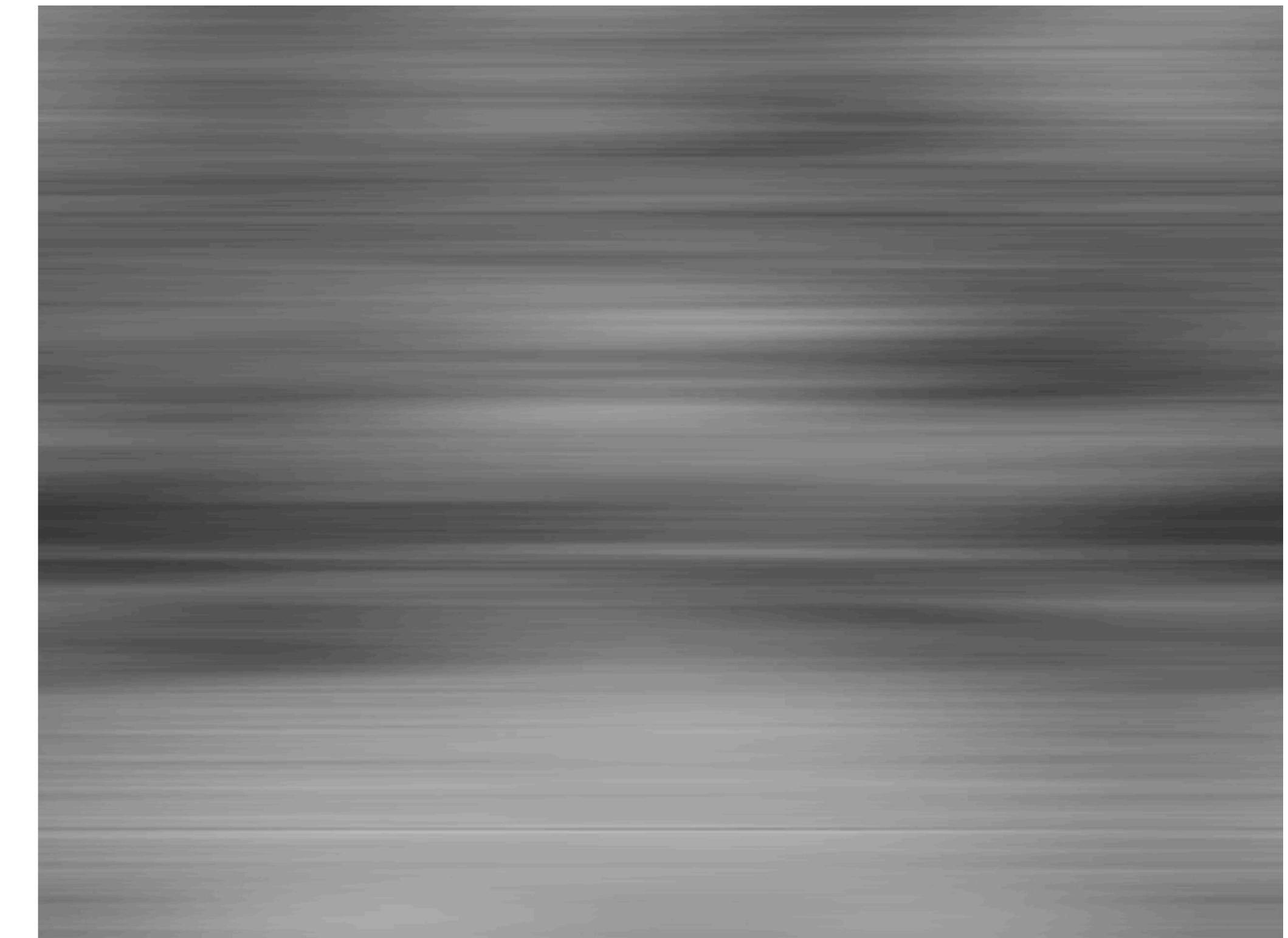
Fourier coefficients

Zero out high
frequencies

Reconstructing the image



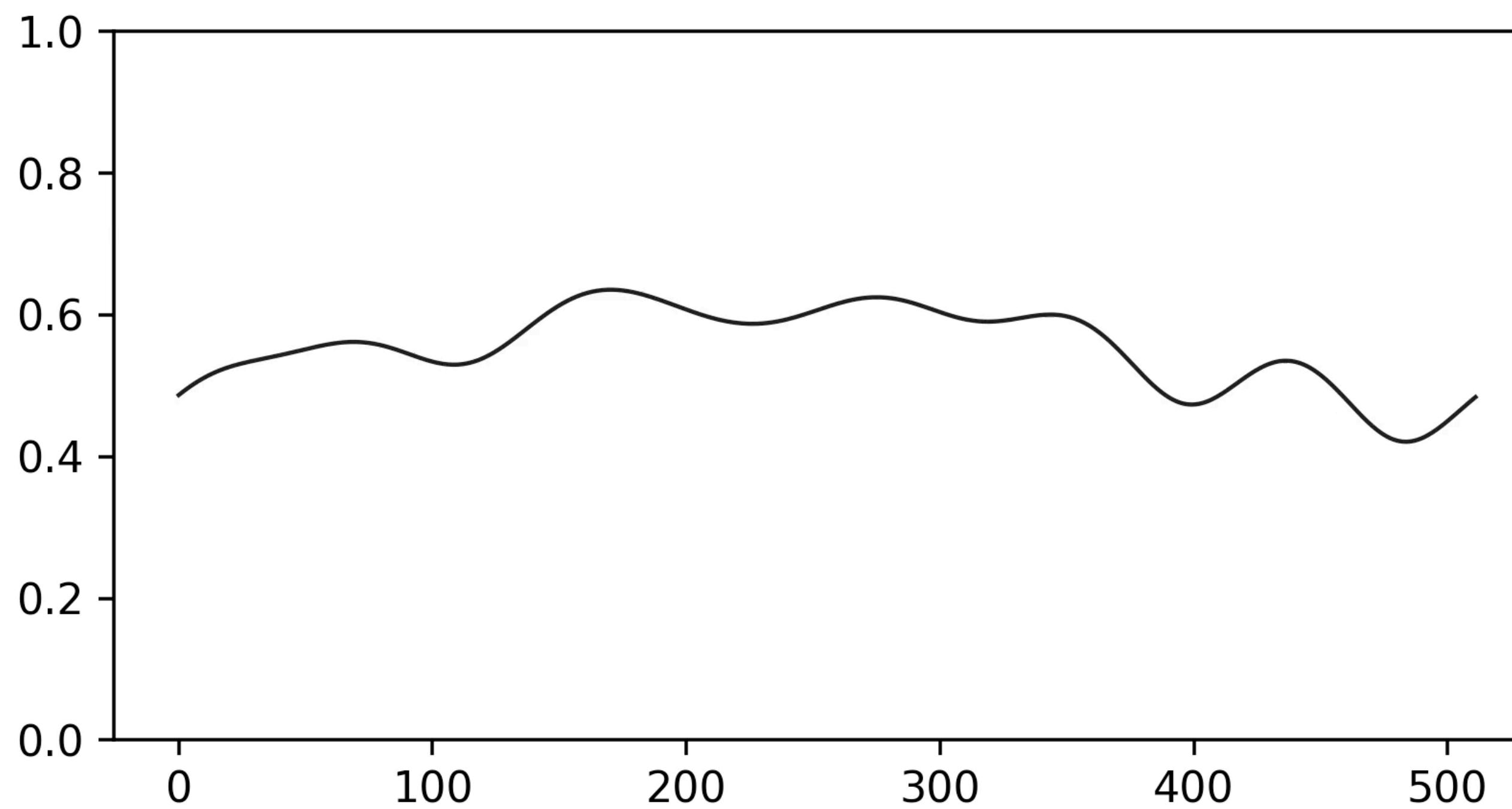
Reconstruction of one row



Reconstructed image

With coefficients from only the 3 lowest frequencies

Reconstructing the image



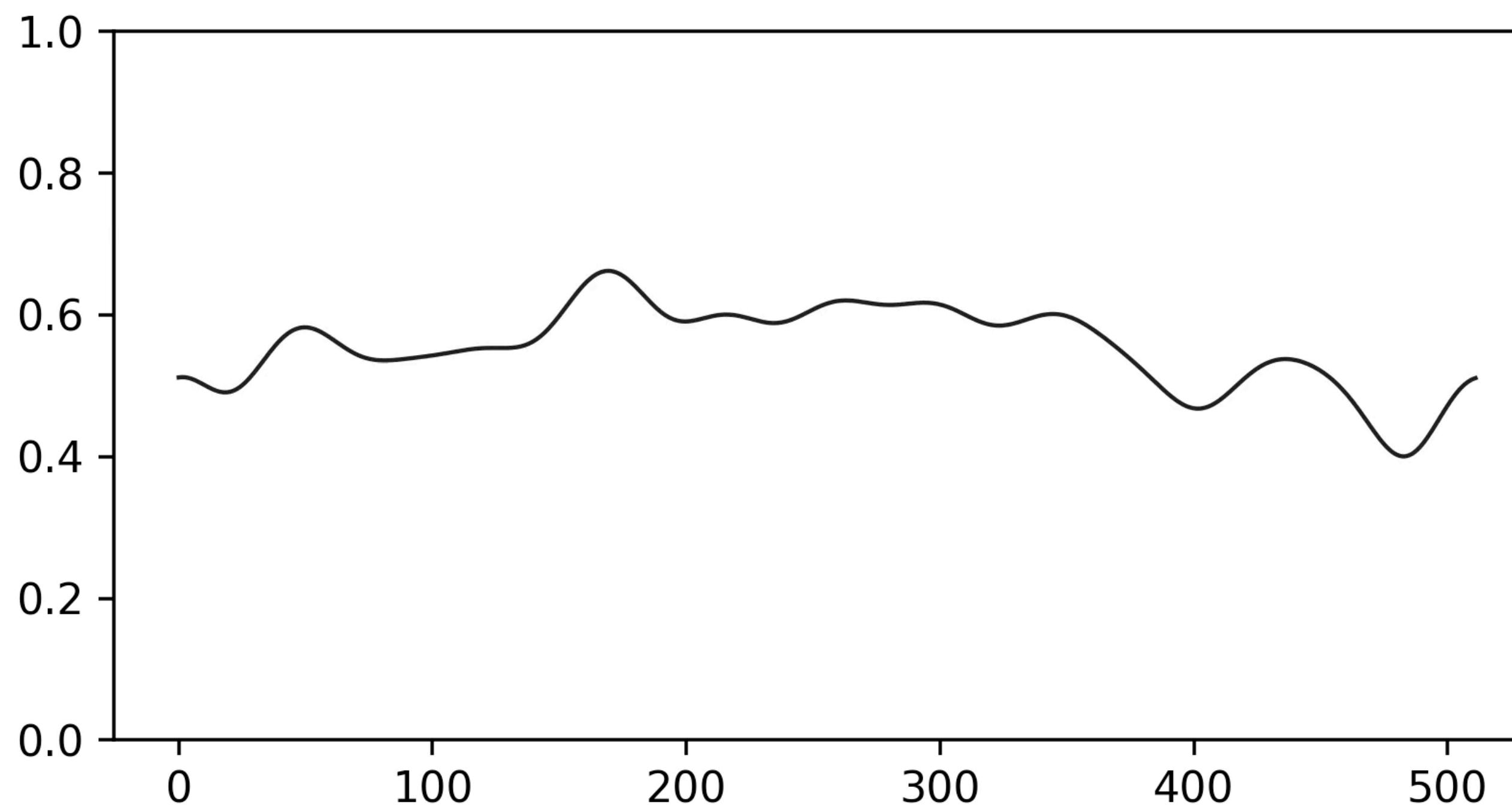
Reconstruction of one row



Reconstructed image

With coefficients from only the 8 lowest frequencies

Reconstructing the image



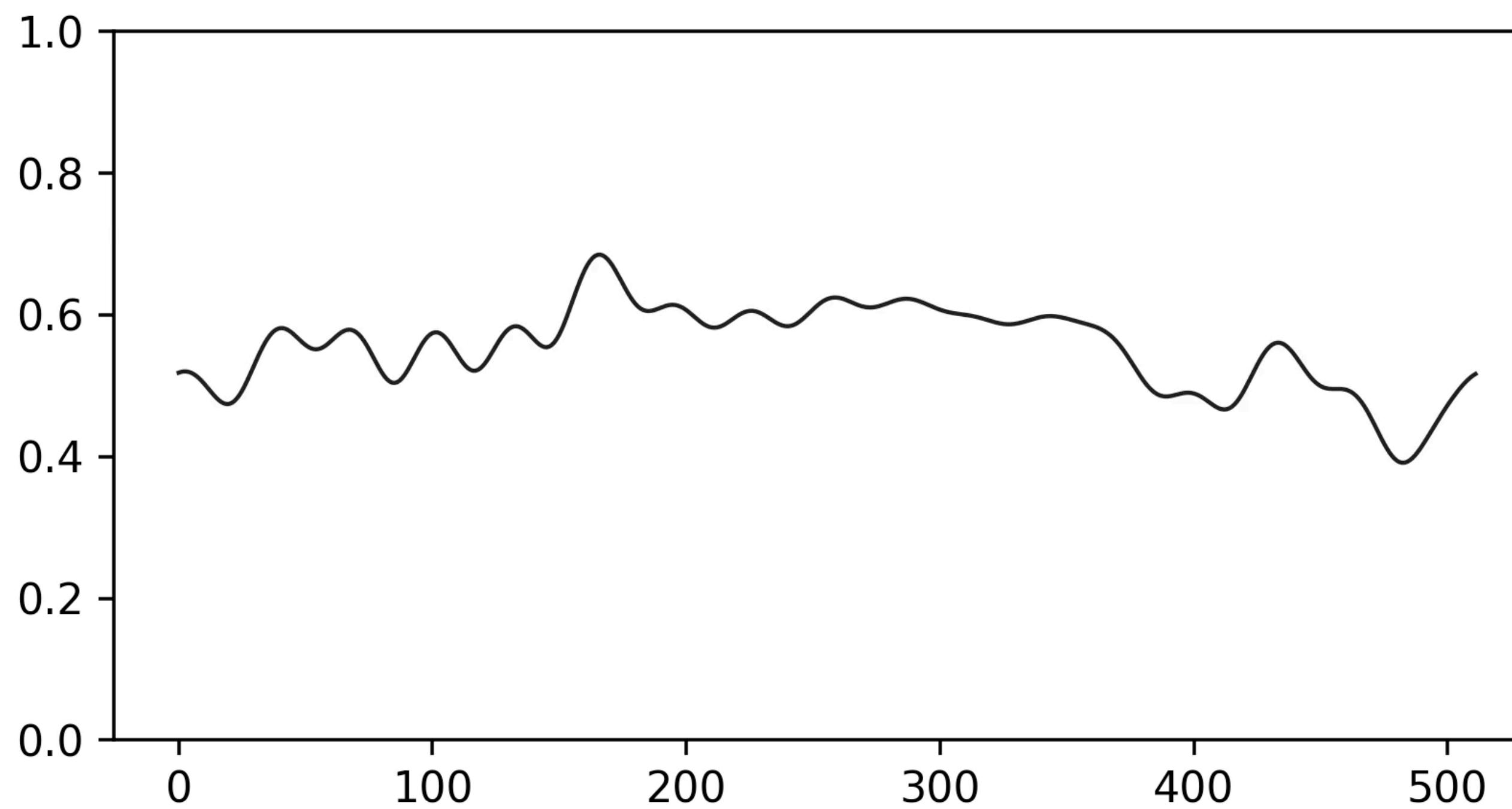
Reconstruction of one row



Reconstructed image

With coefficients from only the 13 lowest frequencies

Reconstructing the image



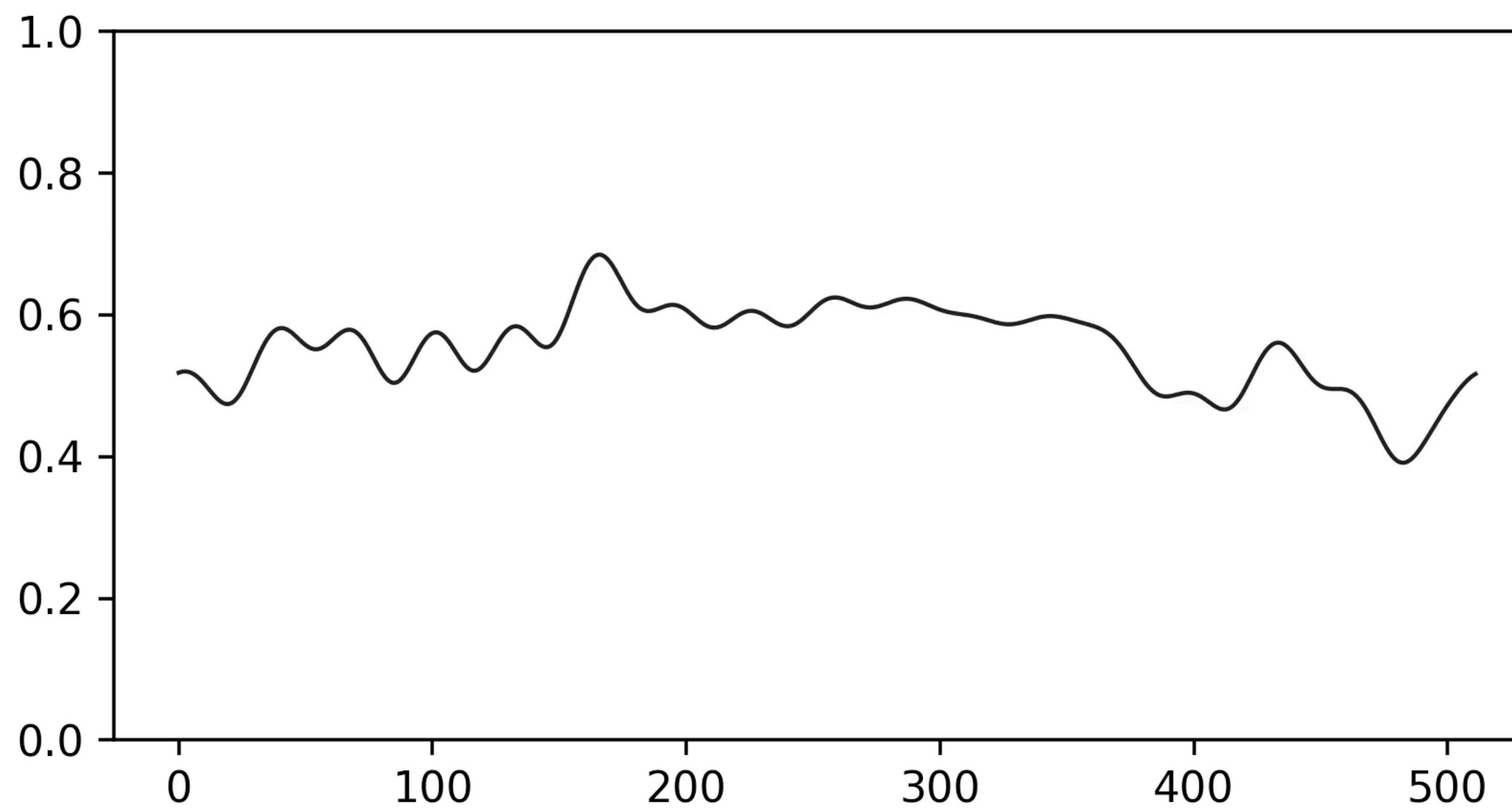
Reconstruction of one row



Reconstructed image

With coefficients from only the 18 lowest frequencies

Reconstructing the image



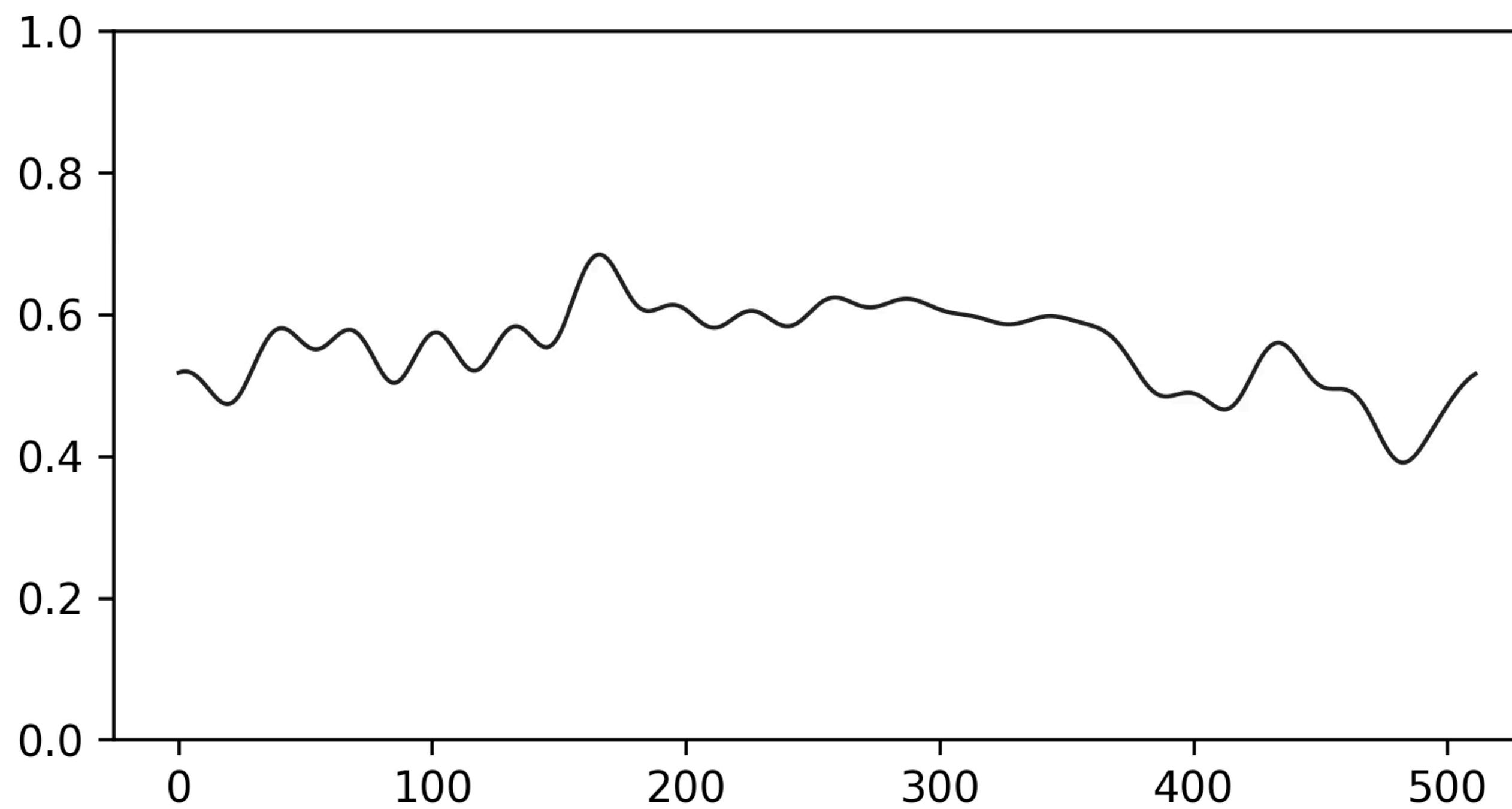
Reconstruction of one row



Reconstructed image

With coefficients from only the 23 lowest frequencies

Reconstructing the image



Reconstruction of one row



Reconstructed image

With more frequencies...

2D Discrete Fourier Transform

1D Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) transforms a signal $f[n]$ into $F[u]$ as:

$$F[u] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f[n] \exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{un}{N}\right)$$

2D Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) transforms an image $f[n,m]$ into $F[u,v]$ as:

$$F[u, v] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} f[n, m] \exp\left(-2\pi i \left(\frac{un}{N} + \frac{vm}{M}\right)\right)$$

Visualizing the image Fourier transform

$$F[u, v] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} f[n, m] \exp \left(-2\pi i \left(\frac{un}{N} + \frac{vm}{M} \right) \right)$$

The values of $F [u,v]$ are complex numbers.

Using the real and imaginary components:

$$F[u, v] = a + bi$$

Decompose into polar coordinates:

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Magnitude $|F[u, v]|$

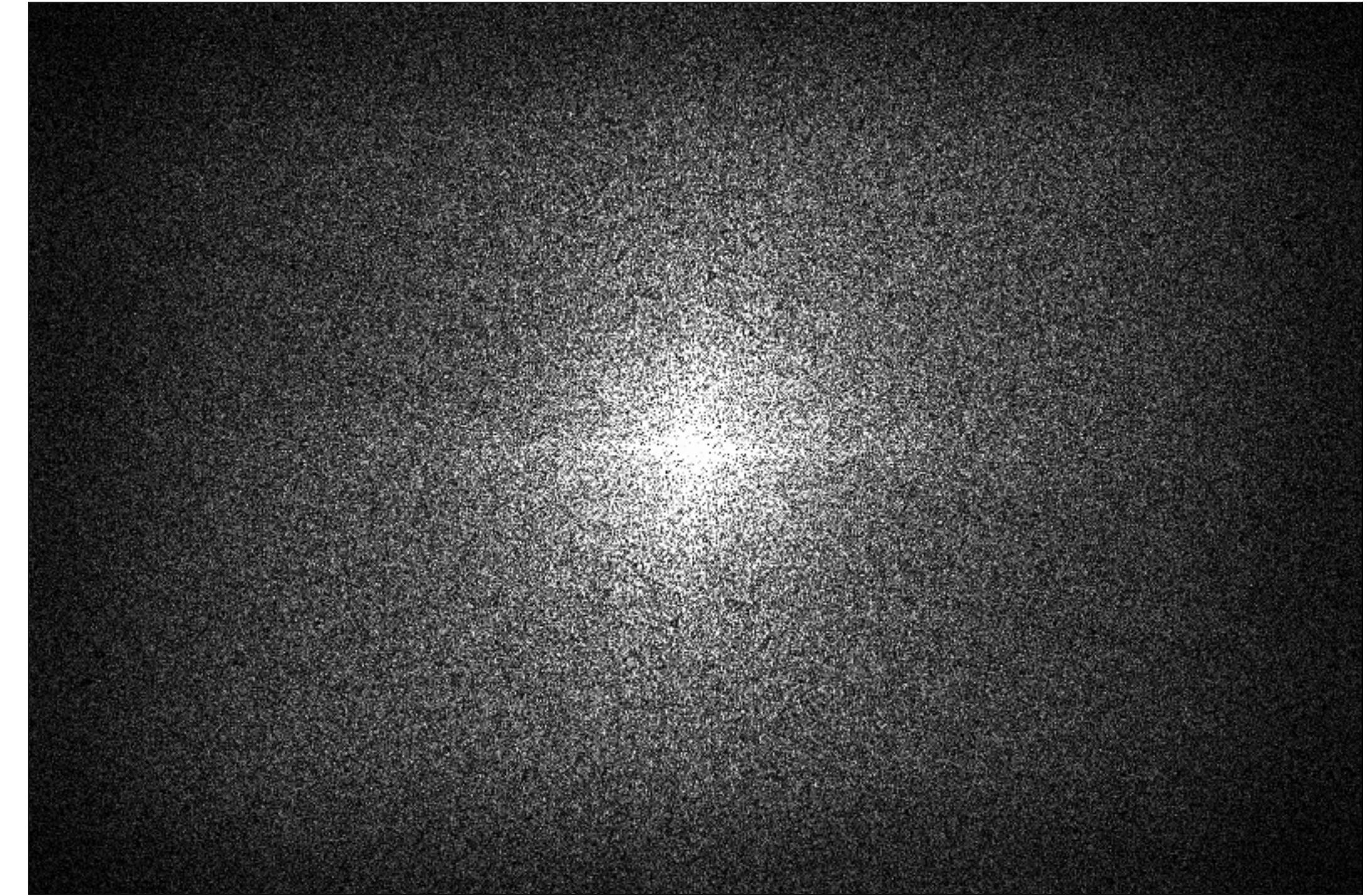
$$\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

Phase

2D Fourier transform example



Image

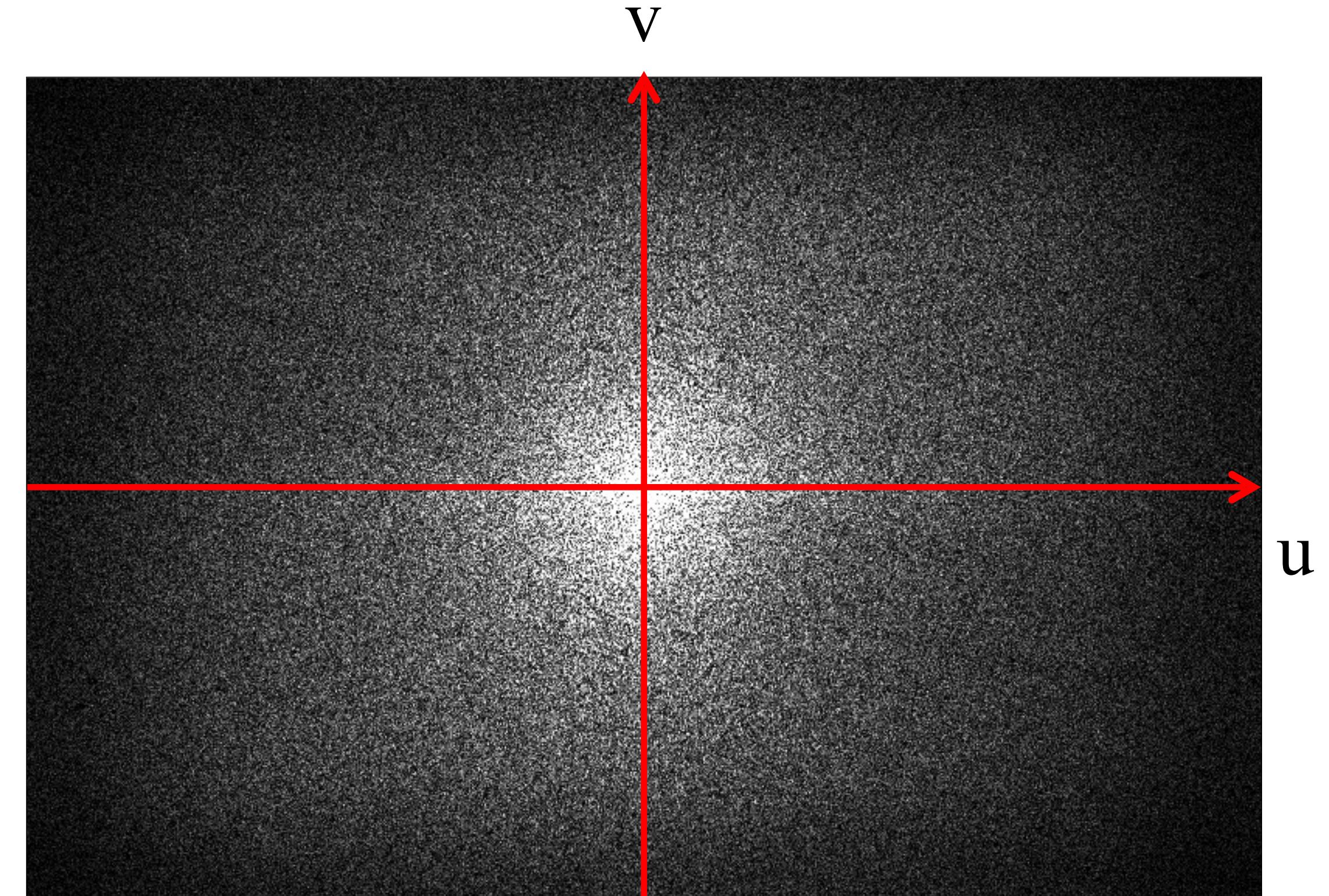


DFT: $F[u, v]$

2D Fourier transform example



Image



DFT: $|F[u,v]|$

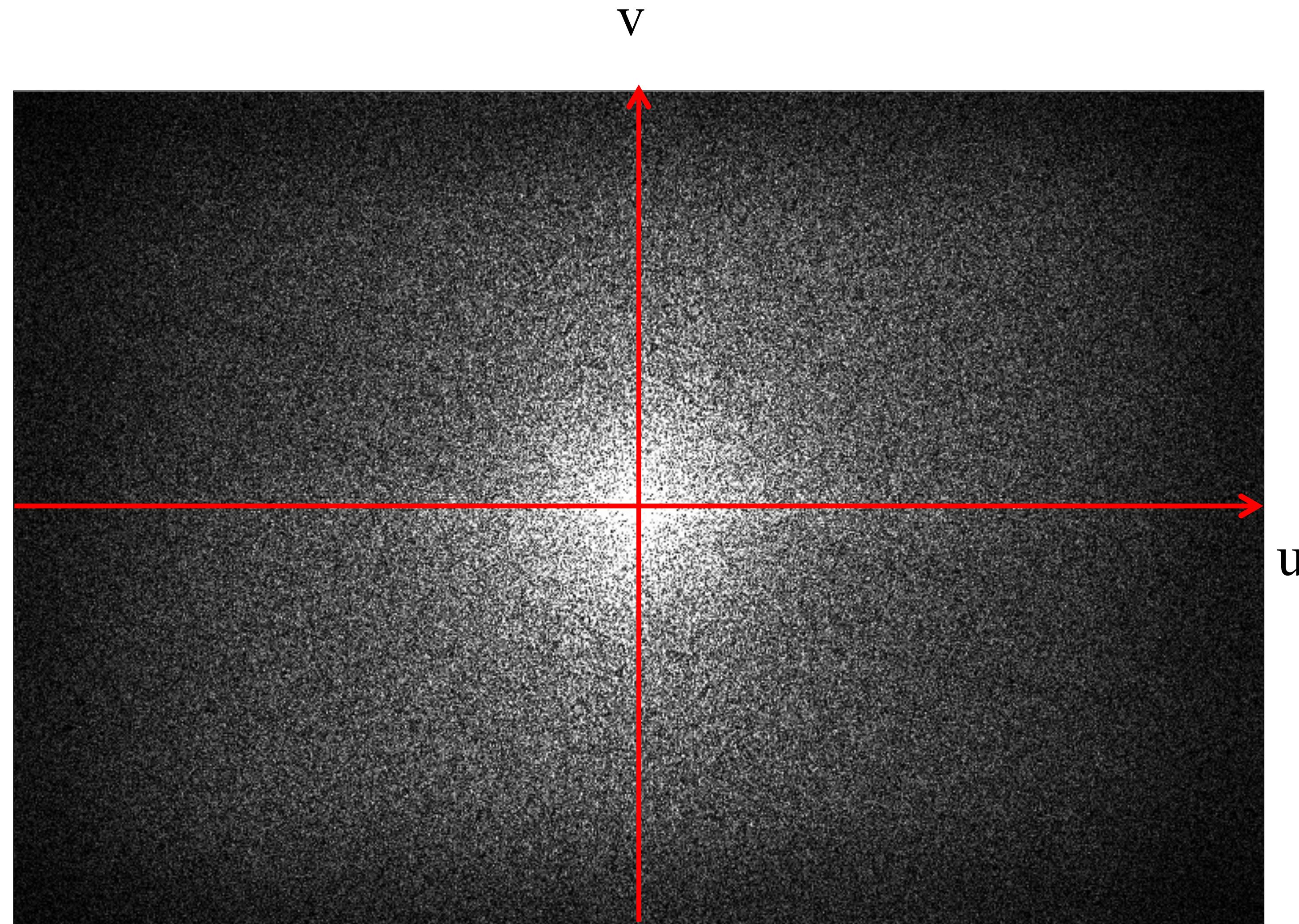
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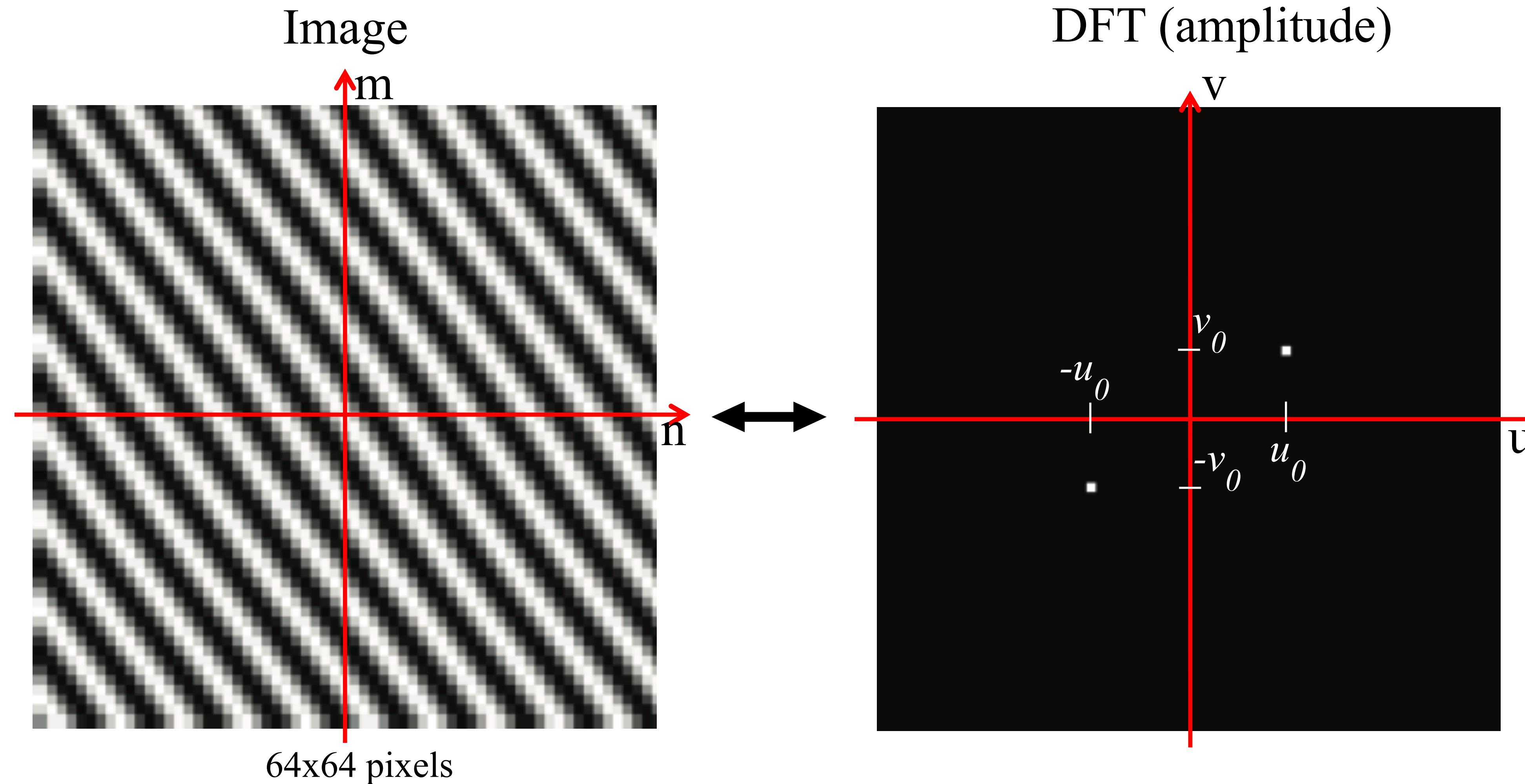
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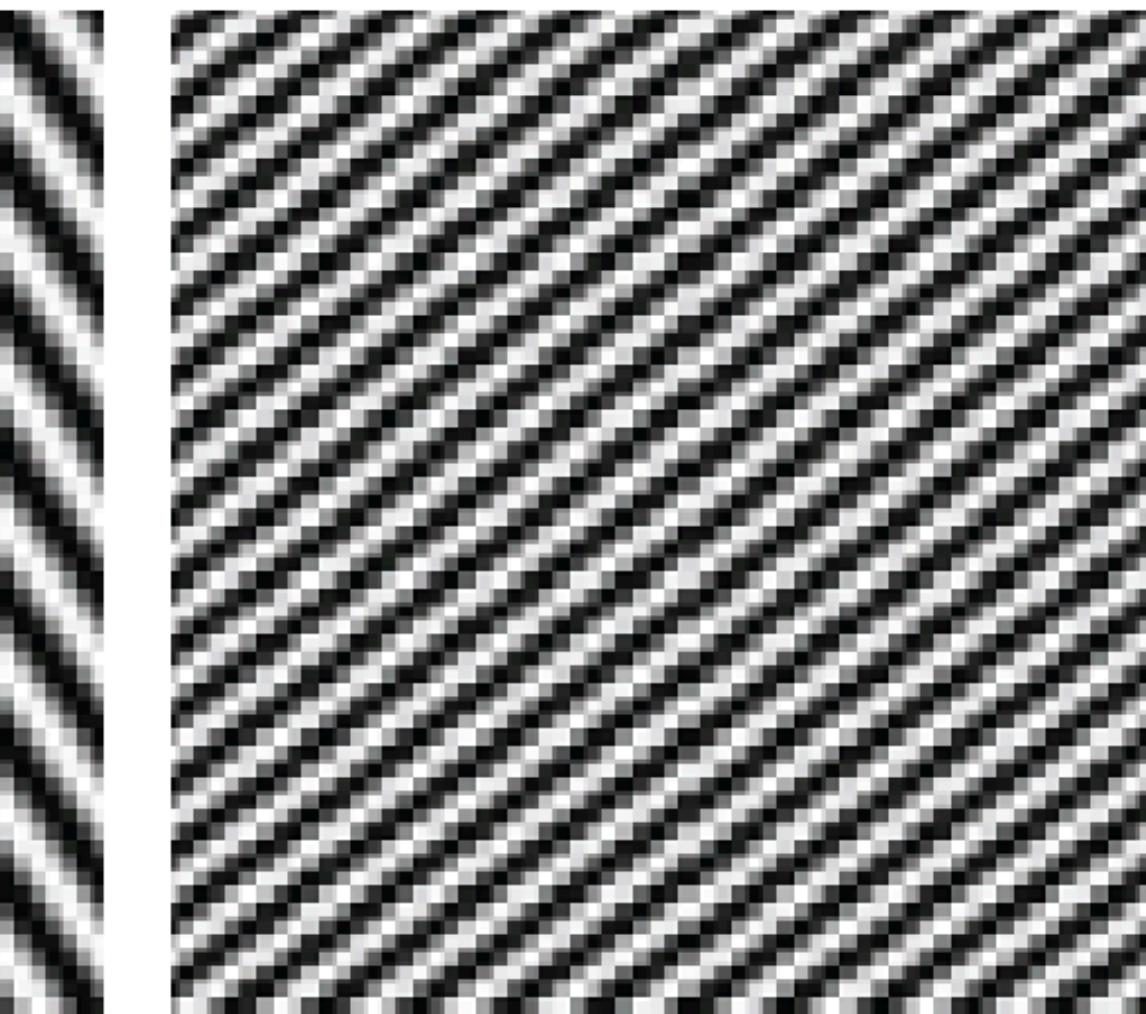
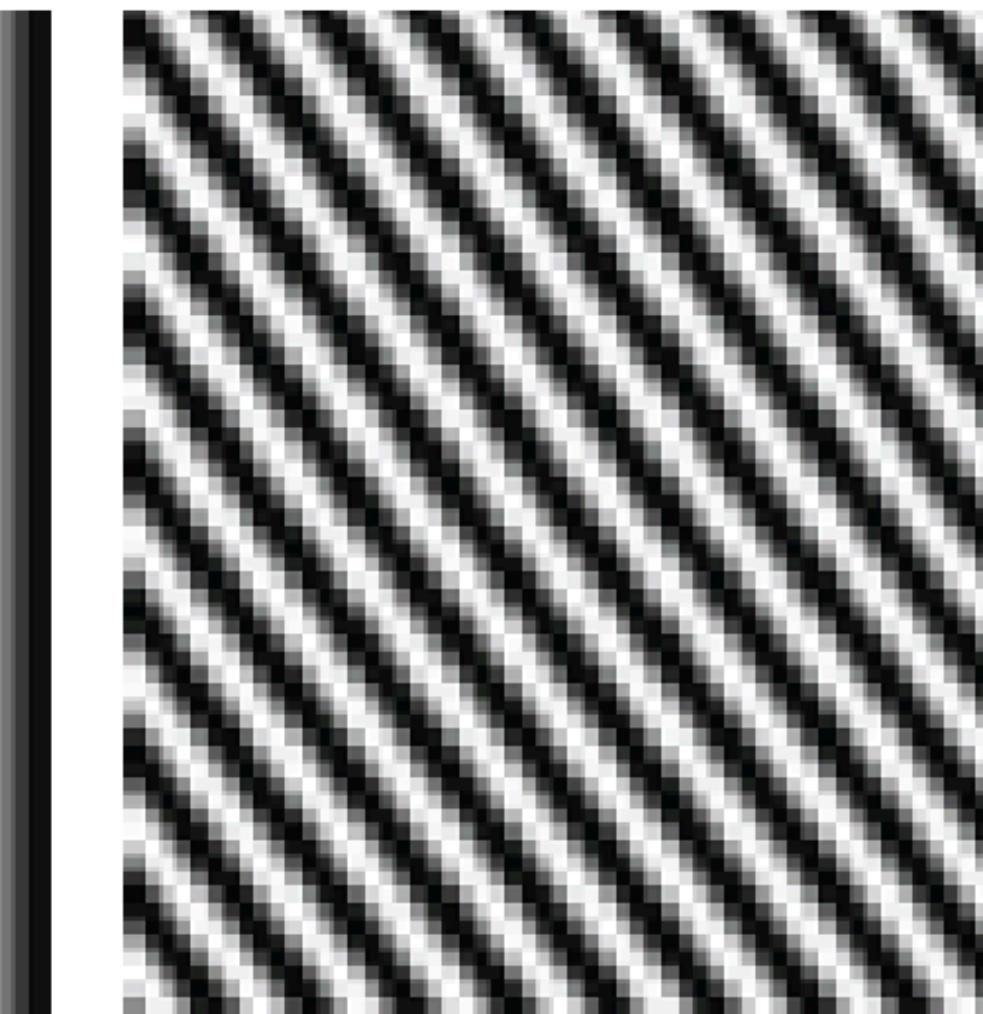
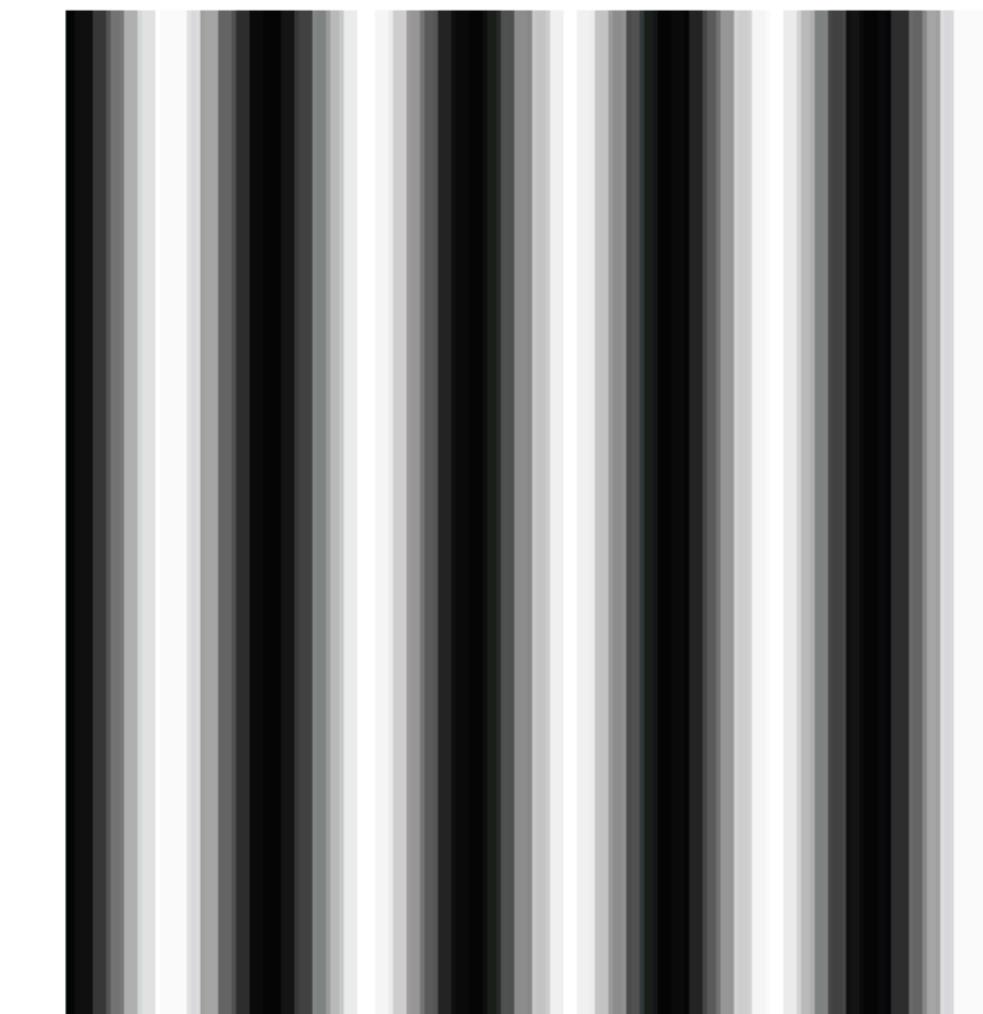
DFT: $|F[u, v]|$

Simple Fourier transforms

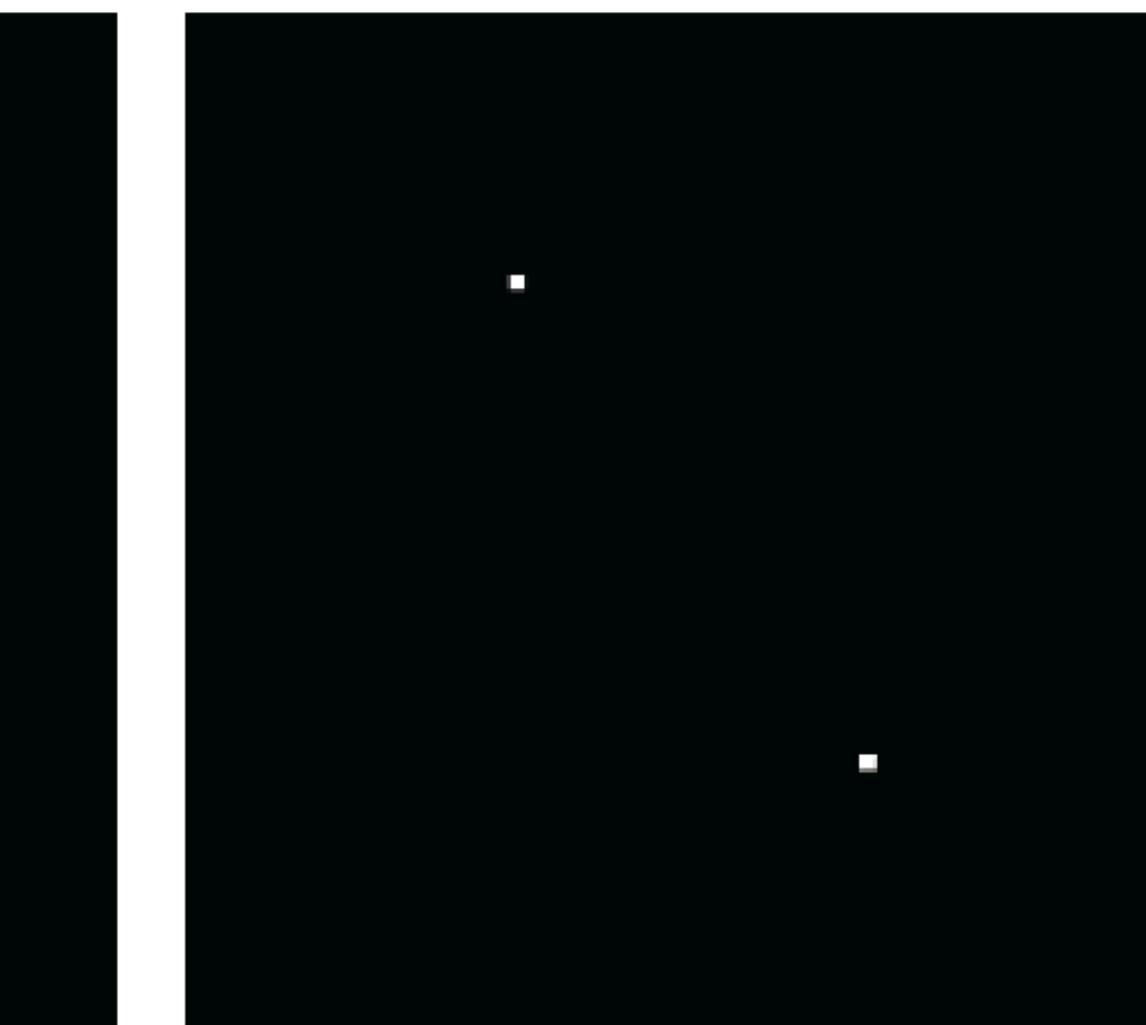
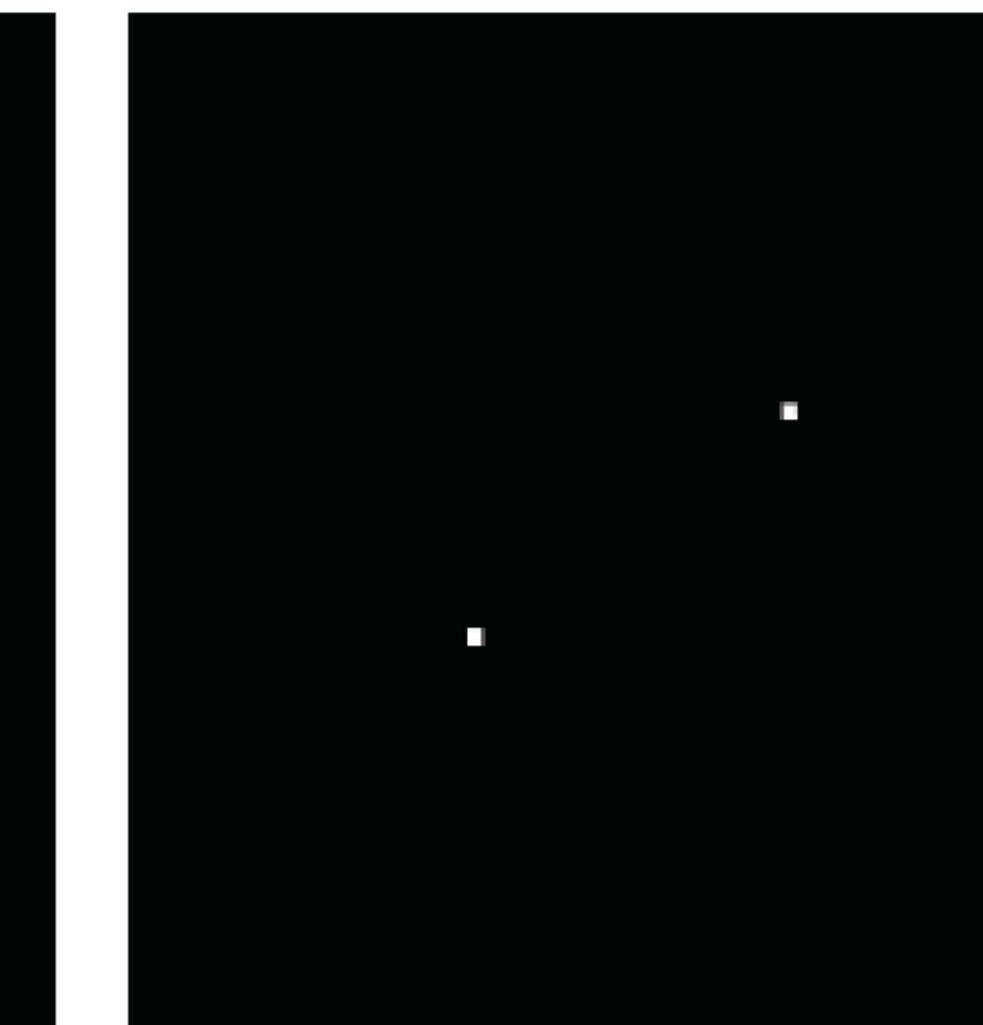
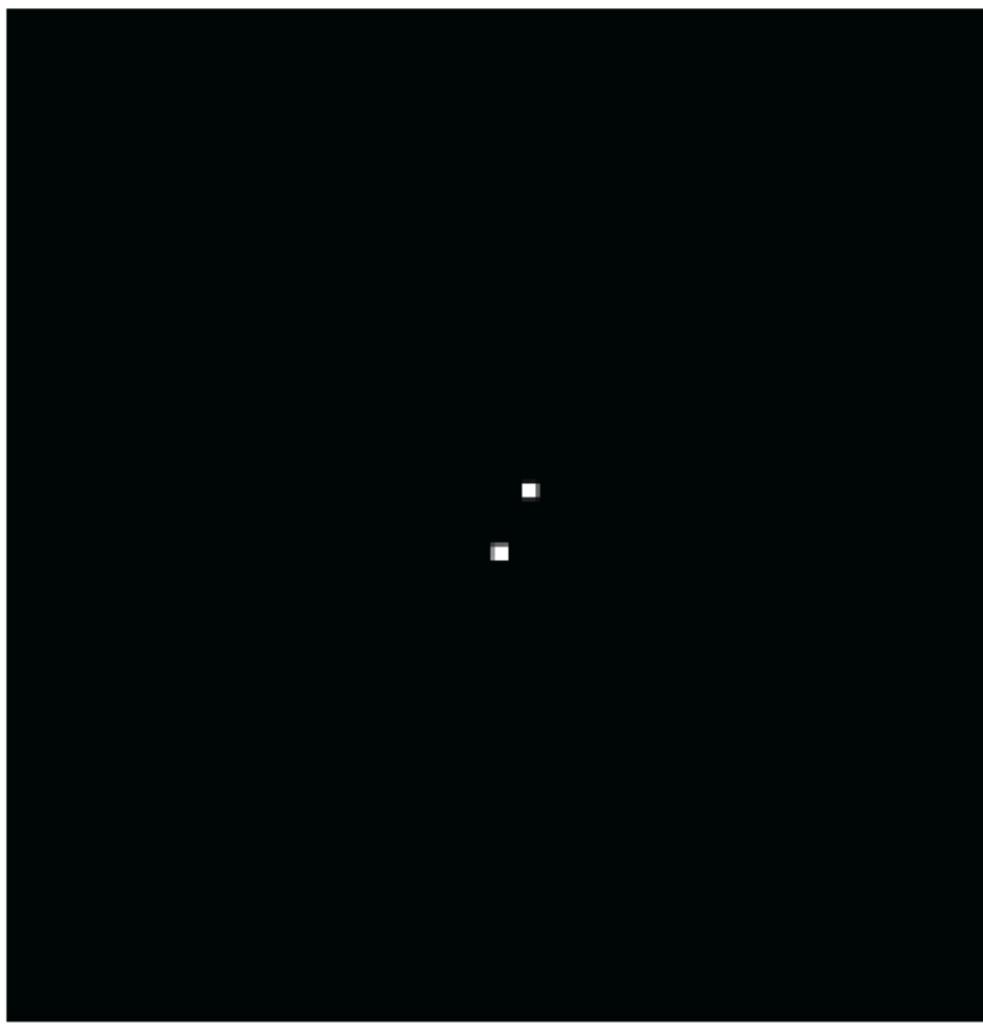


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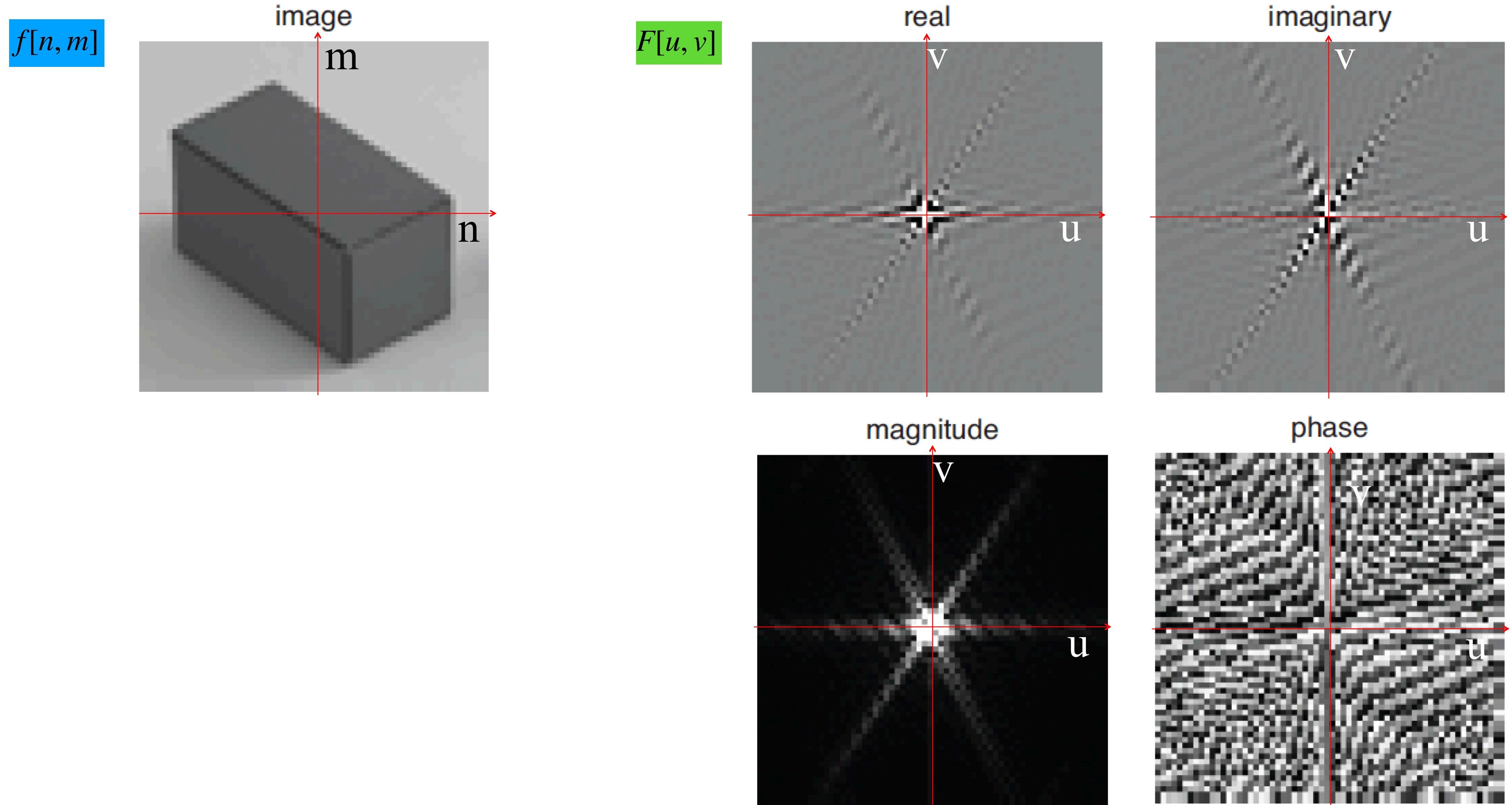
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DFT Amplitude

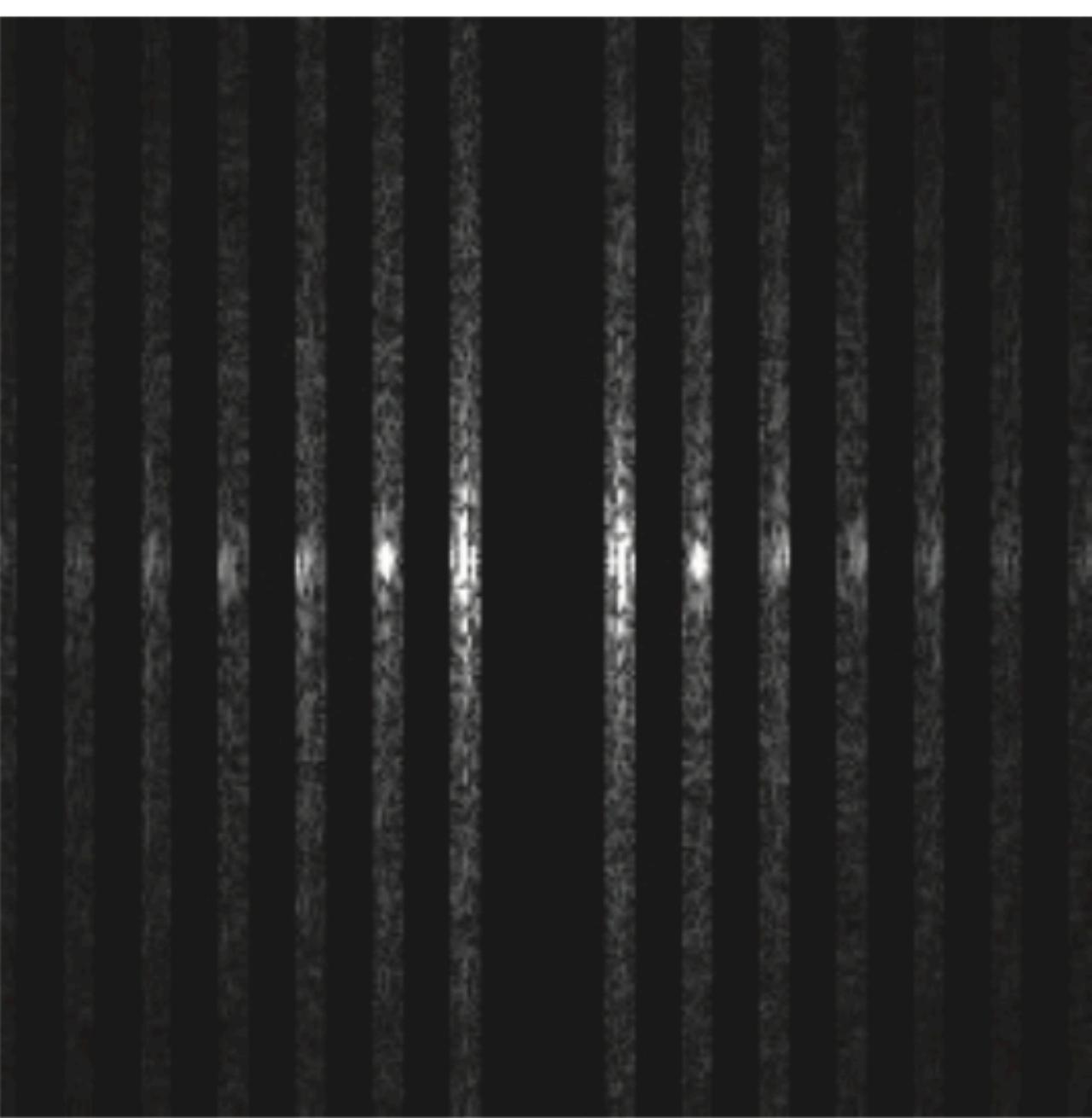
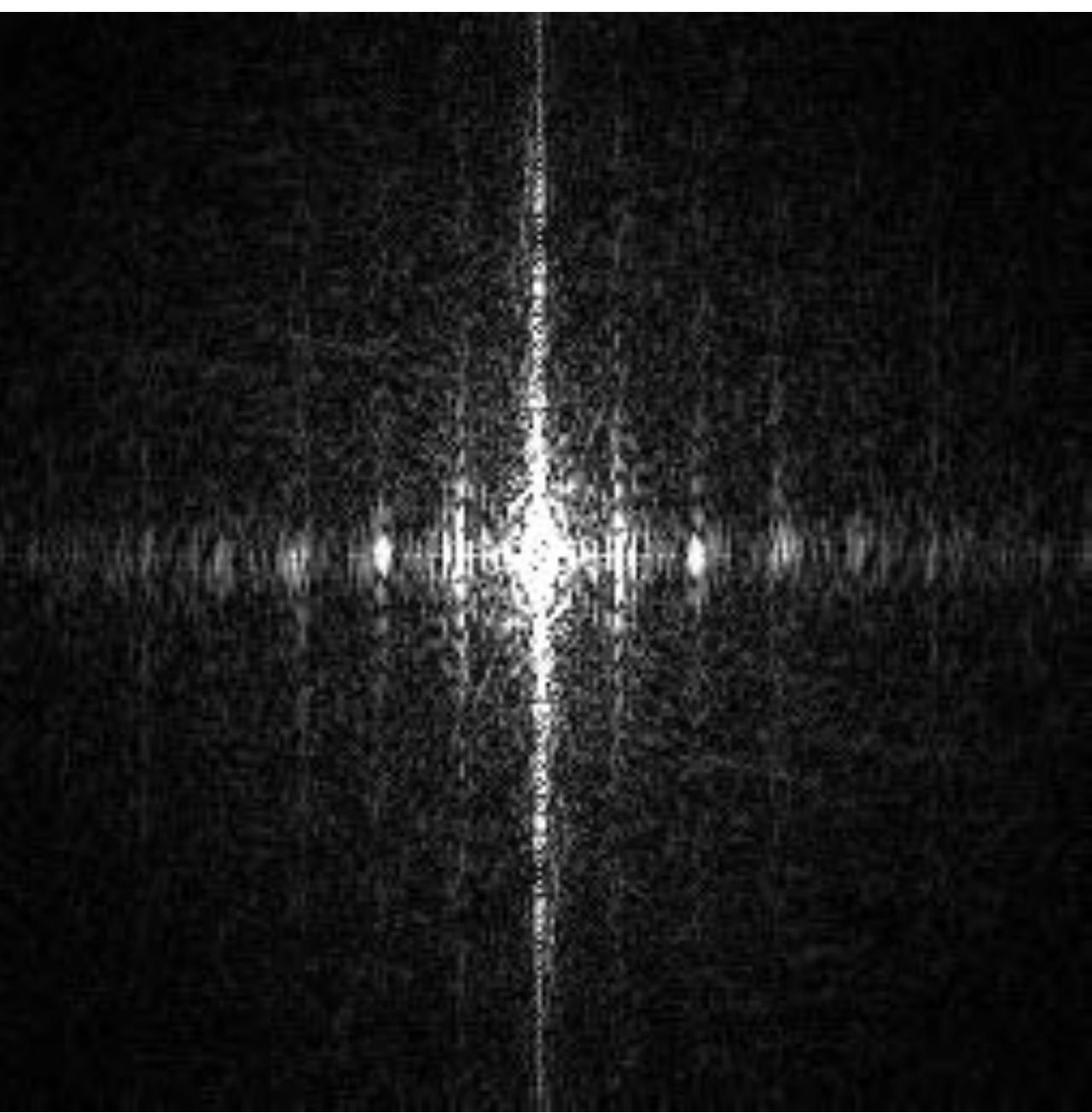


Visualizing the image Fourier transform

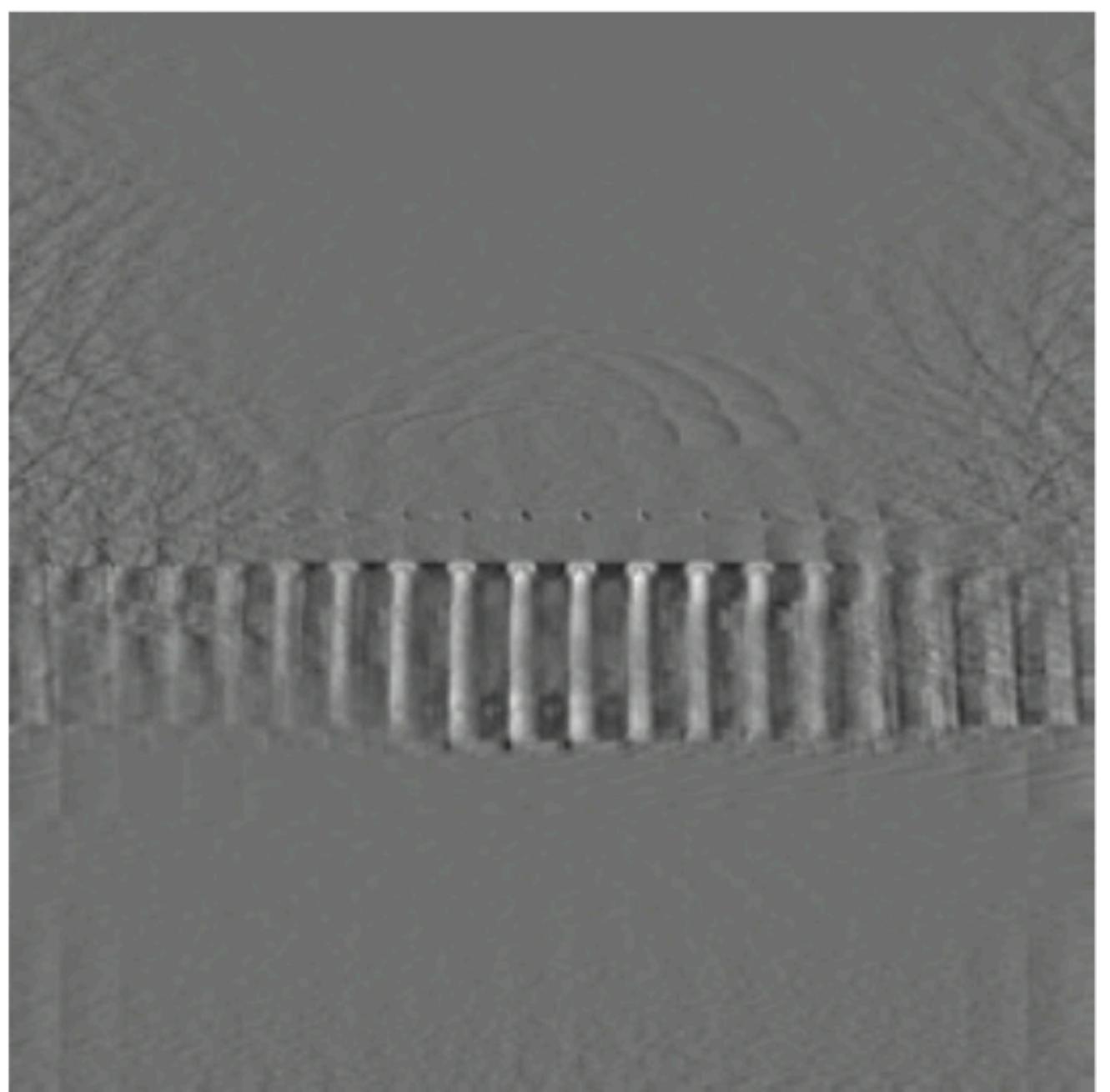




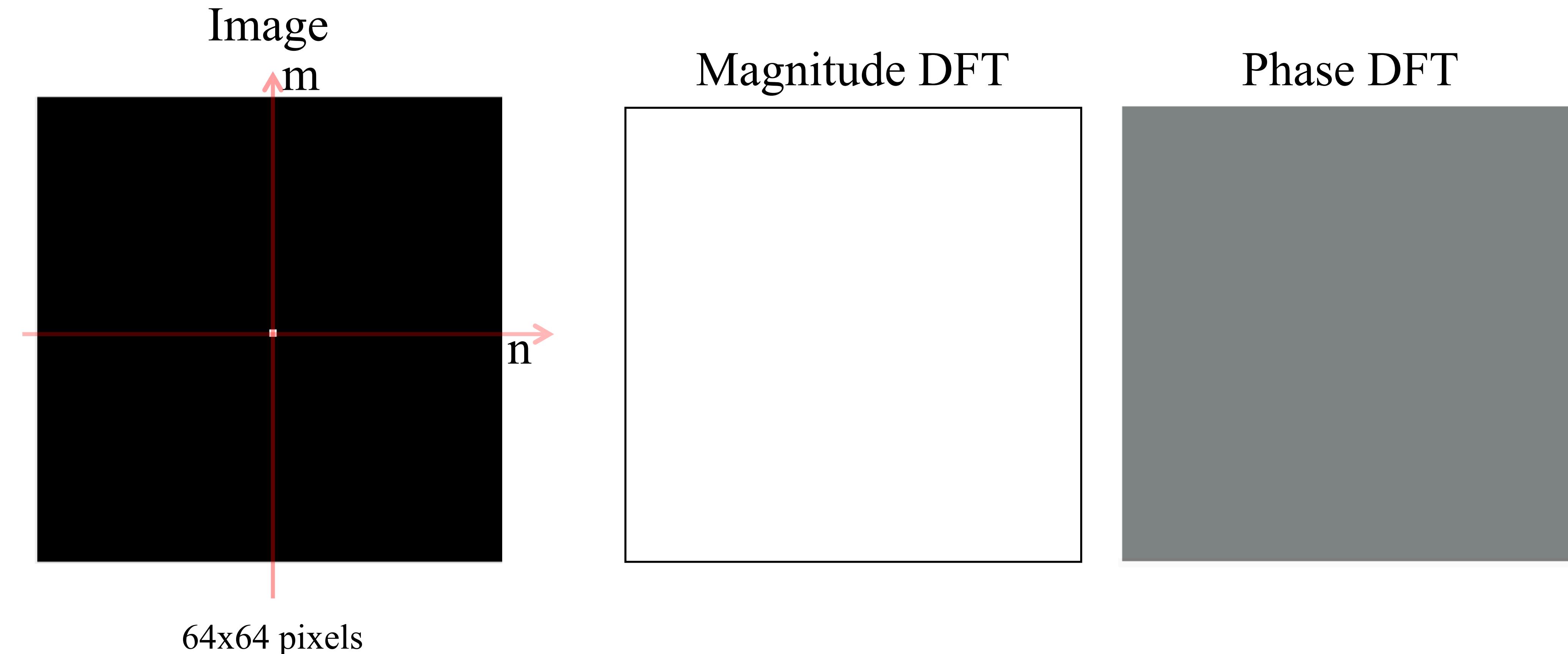
DFT
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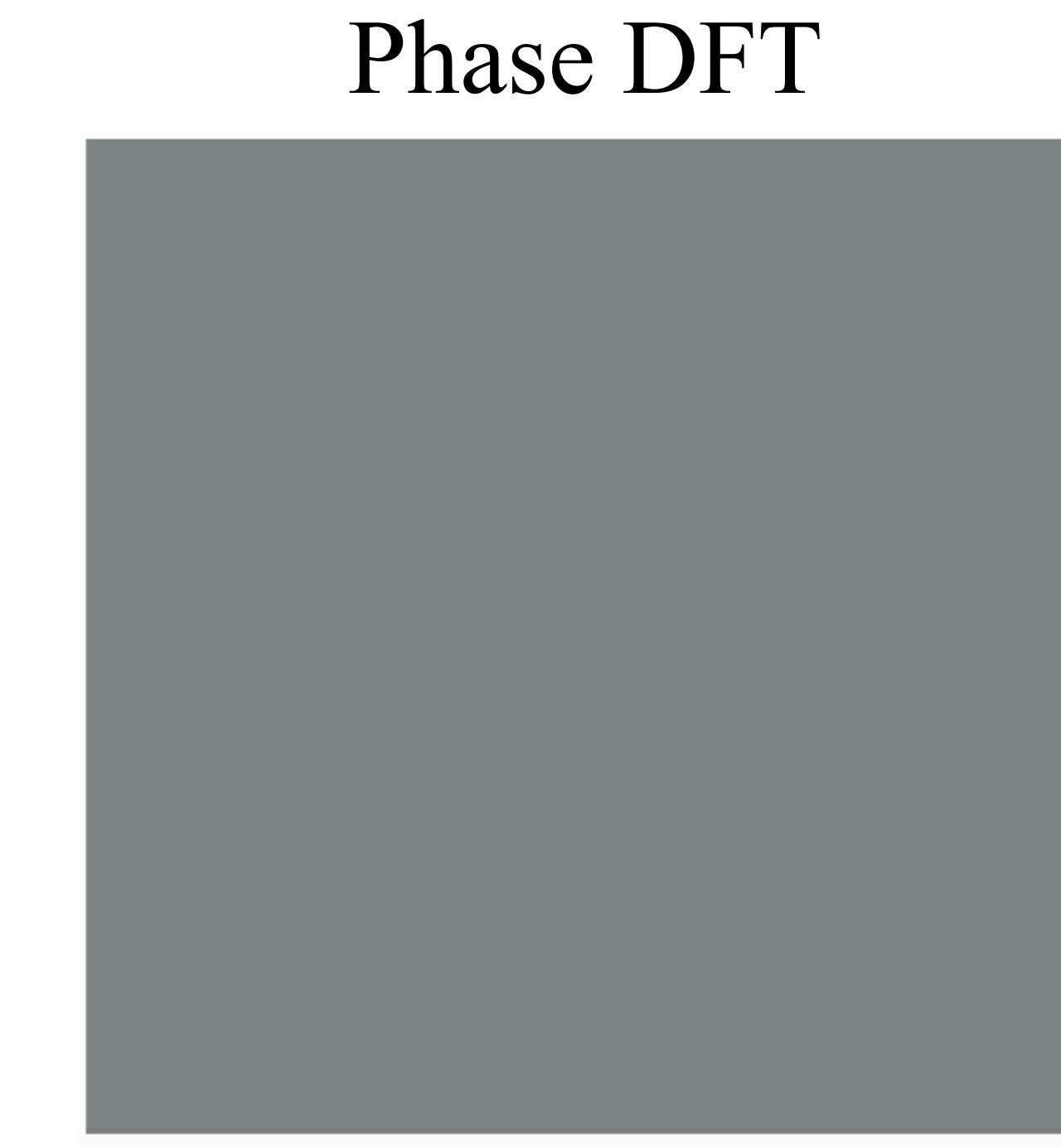
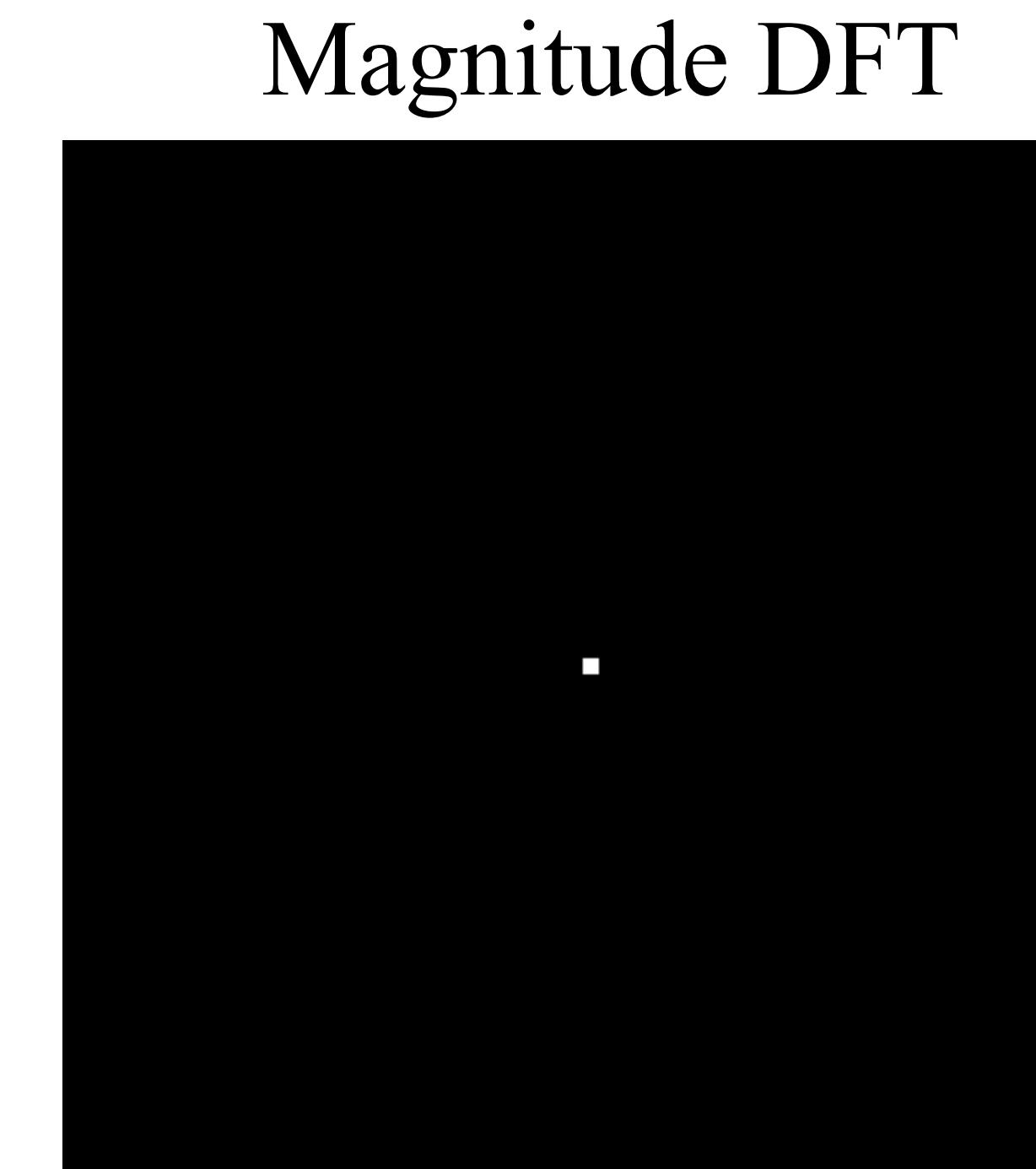
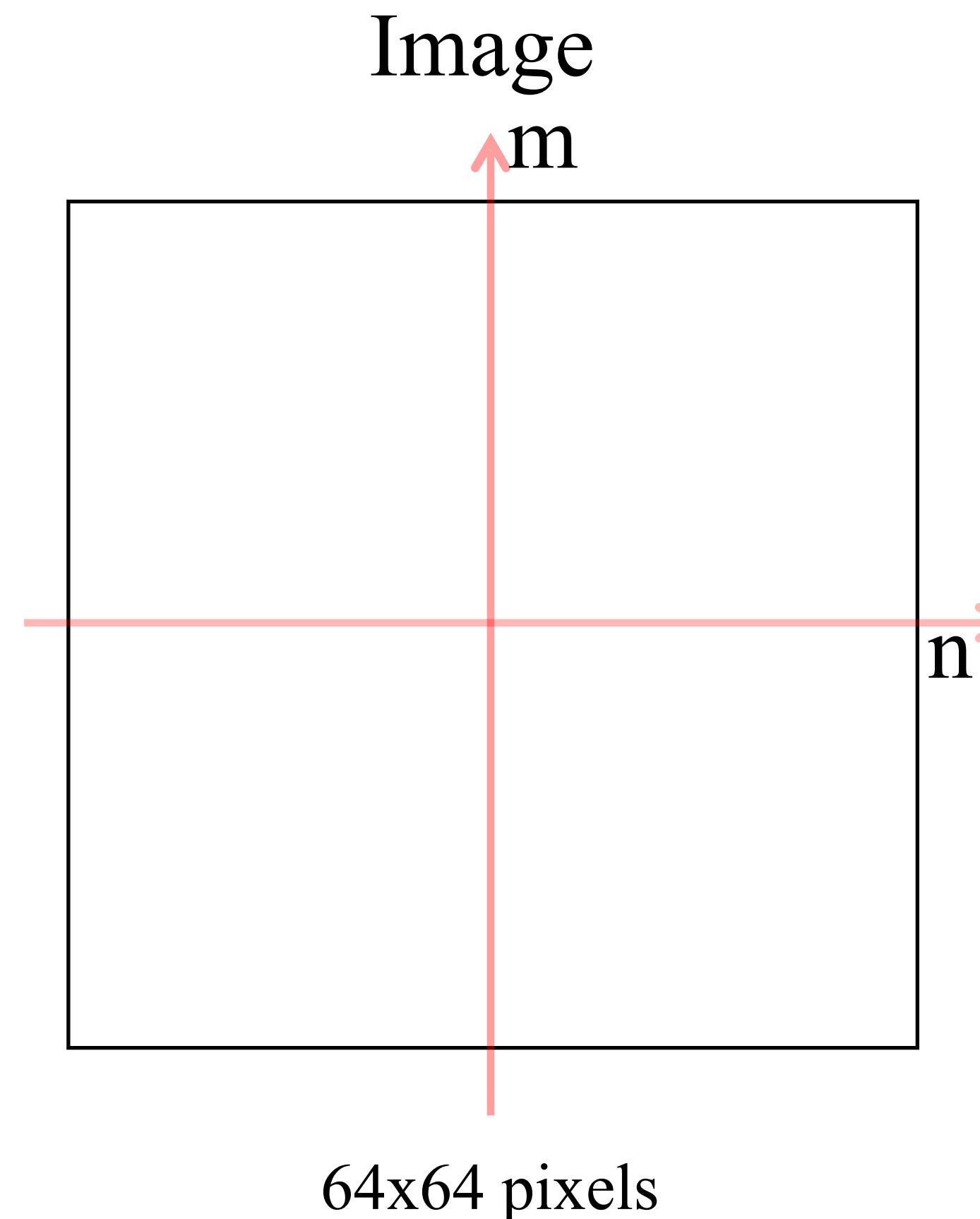
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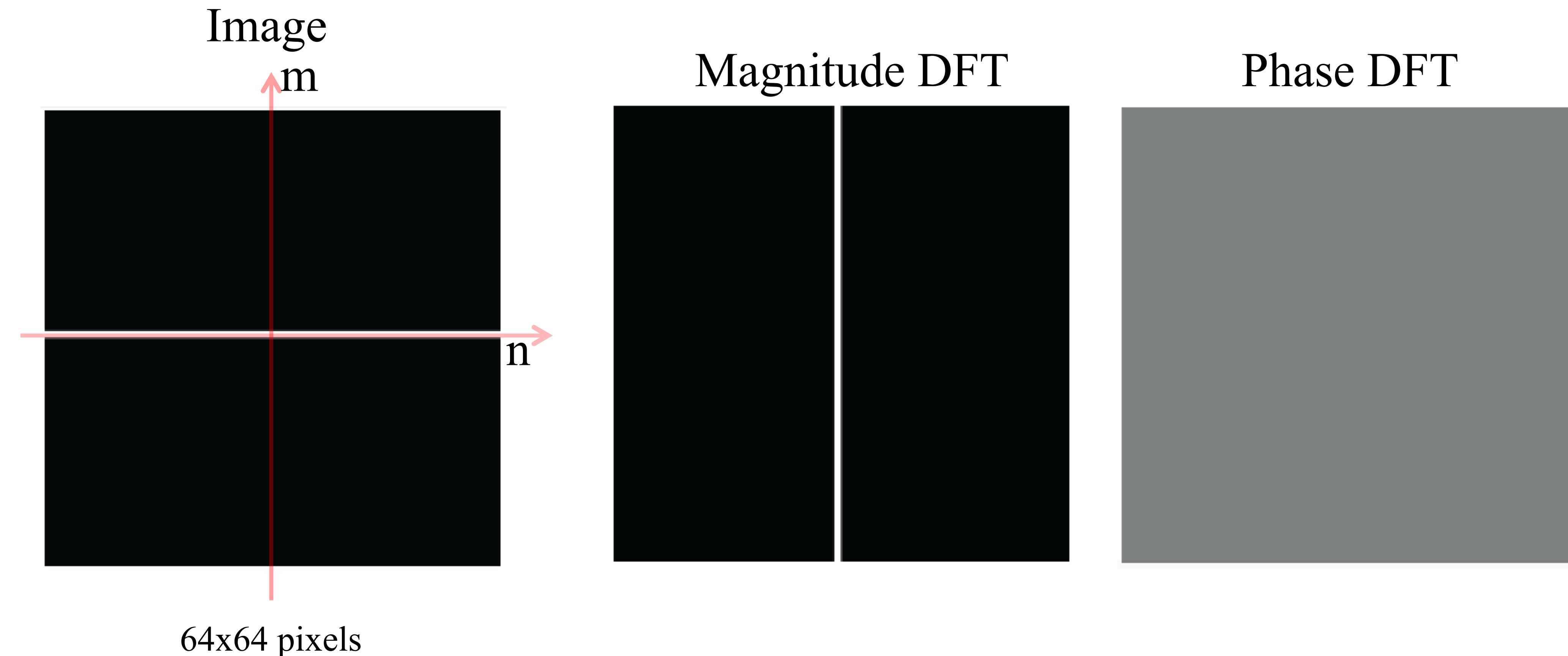
Some important Fourier transforms



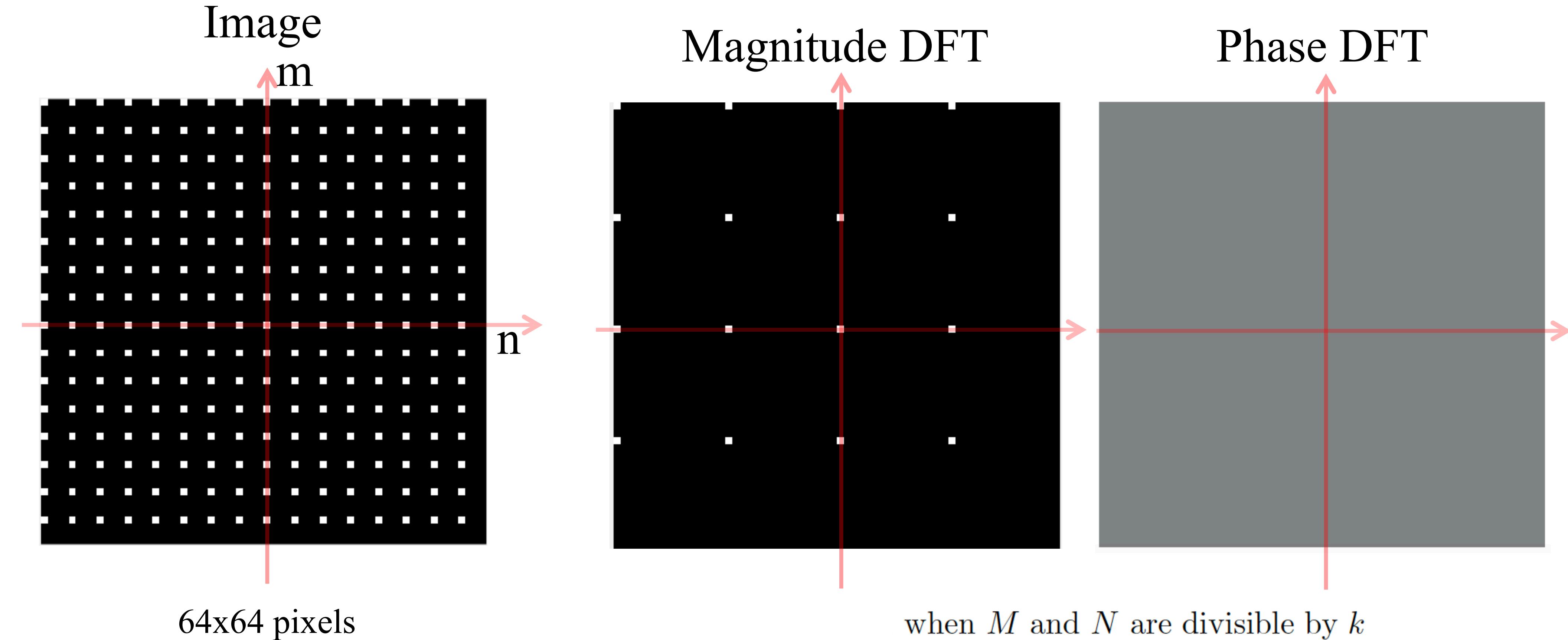
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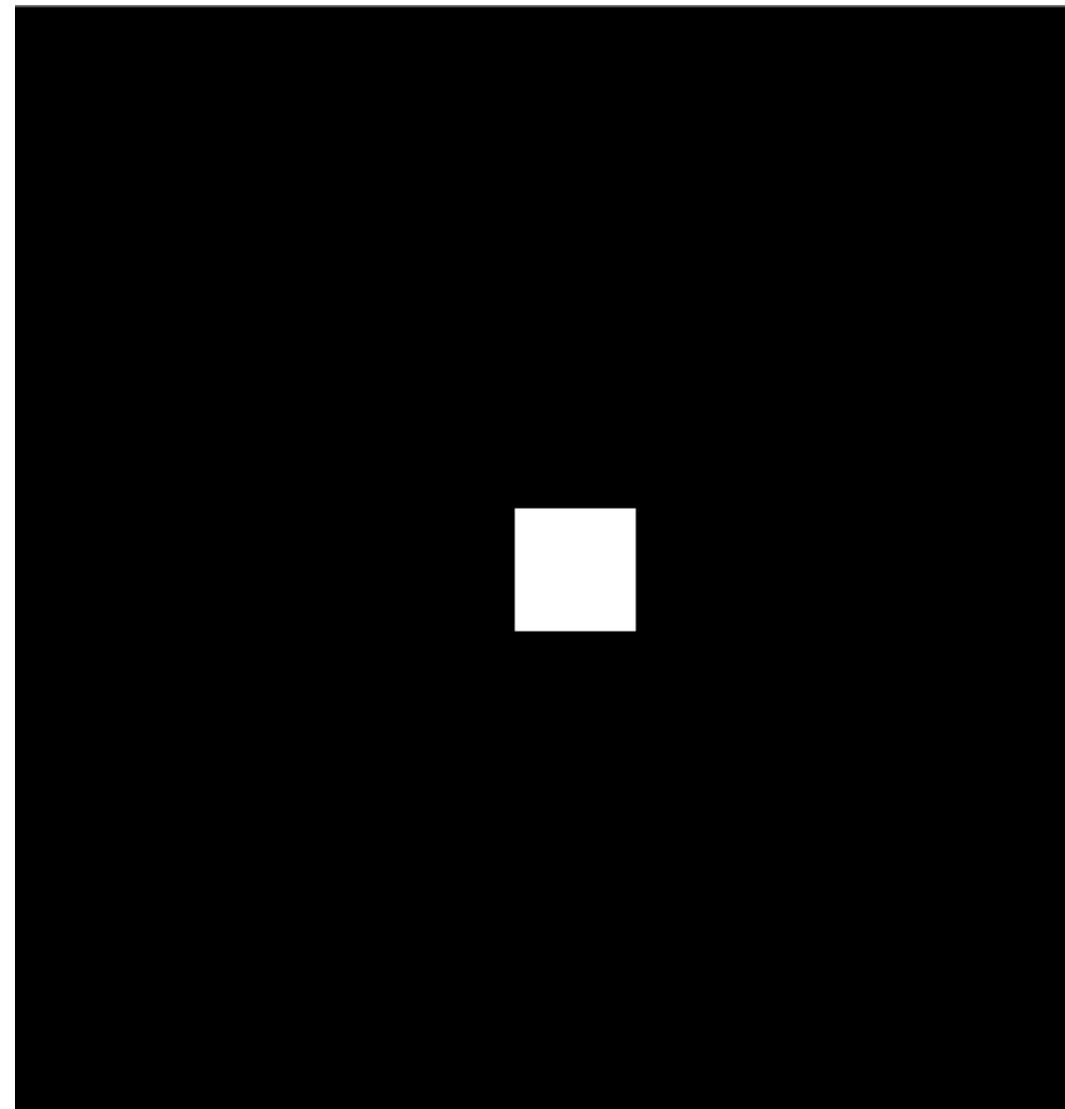


$$\delta_k [n, m] = \sum_{s=0}^{N/k-1} \sum_{r=0}^{M/k-1} \delta [n - sk, m - rk] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \Delta_k [u, v] = \frac{NM}{k^2} \sum_{s=0}^{k-1} \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \delta \left[u - s \frac{N}{k}, v - r \frac{M}{k} \right]$$

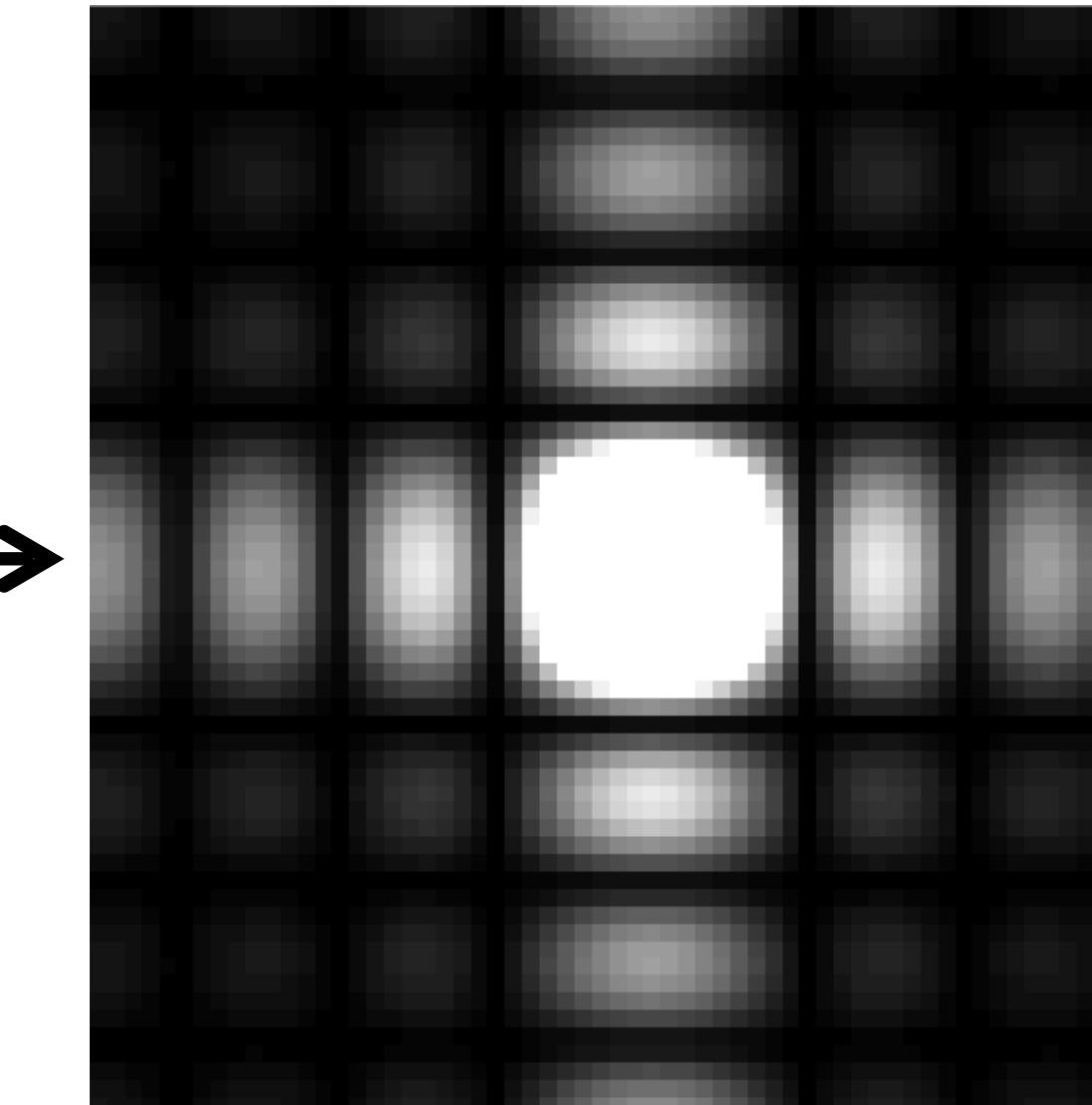
delta train, delta comb, impulse train

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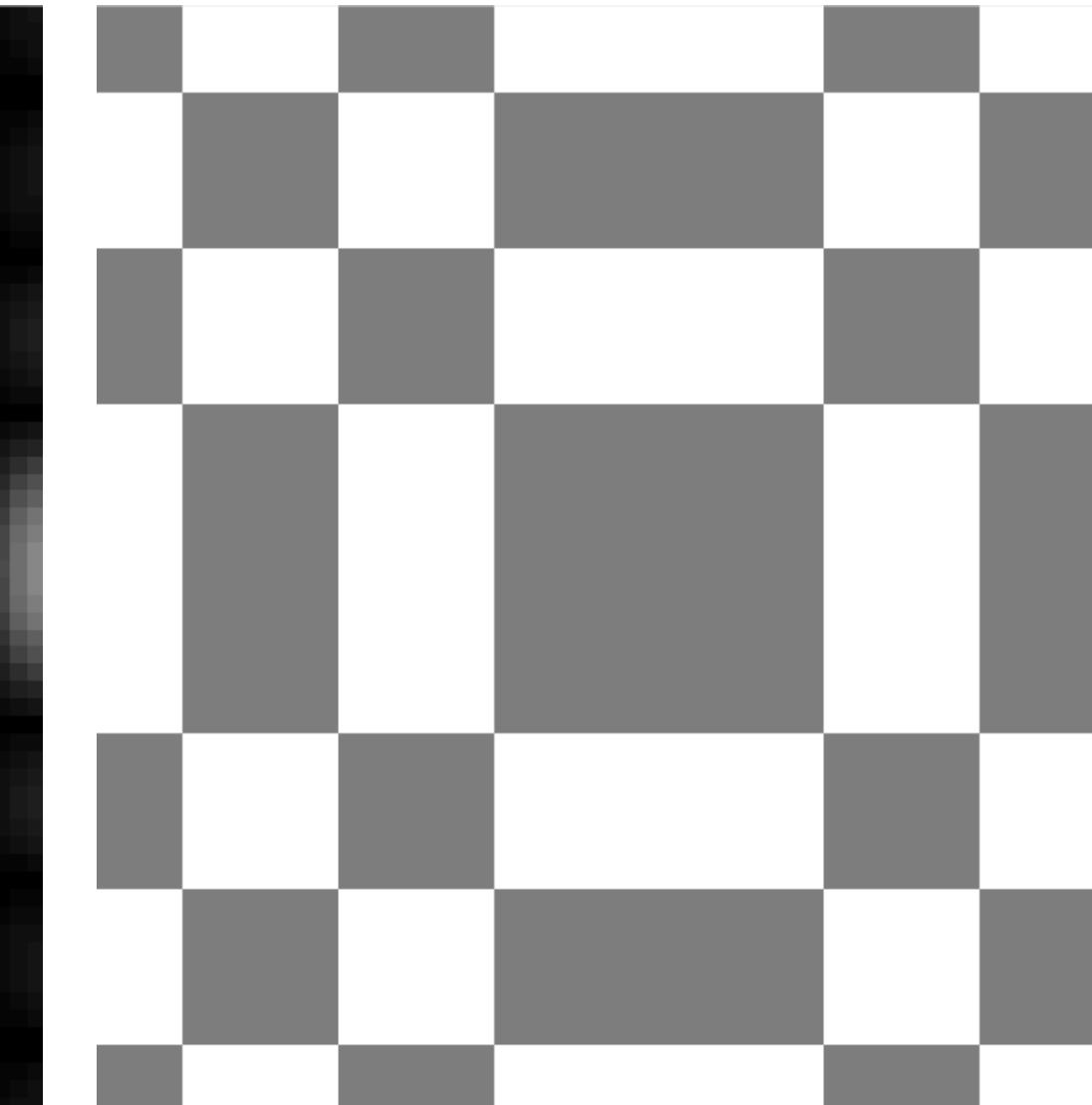
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Magnitude DFT

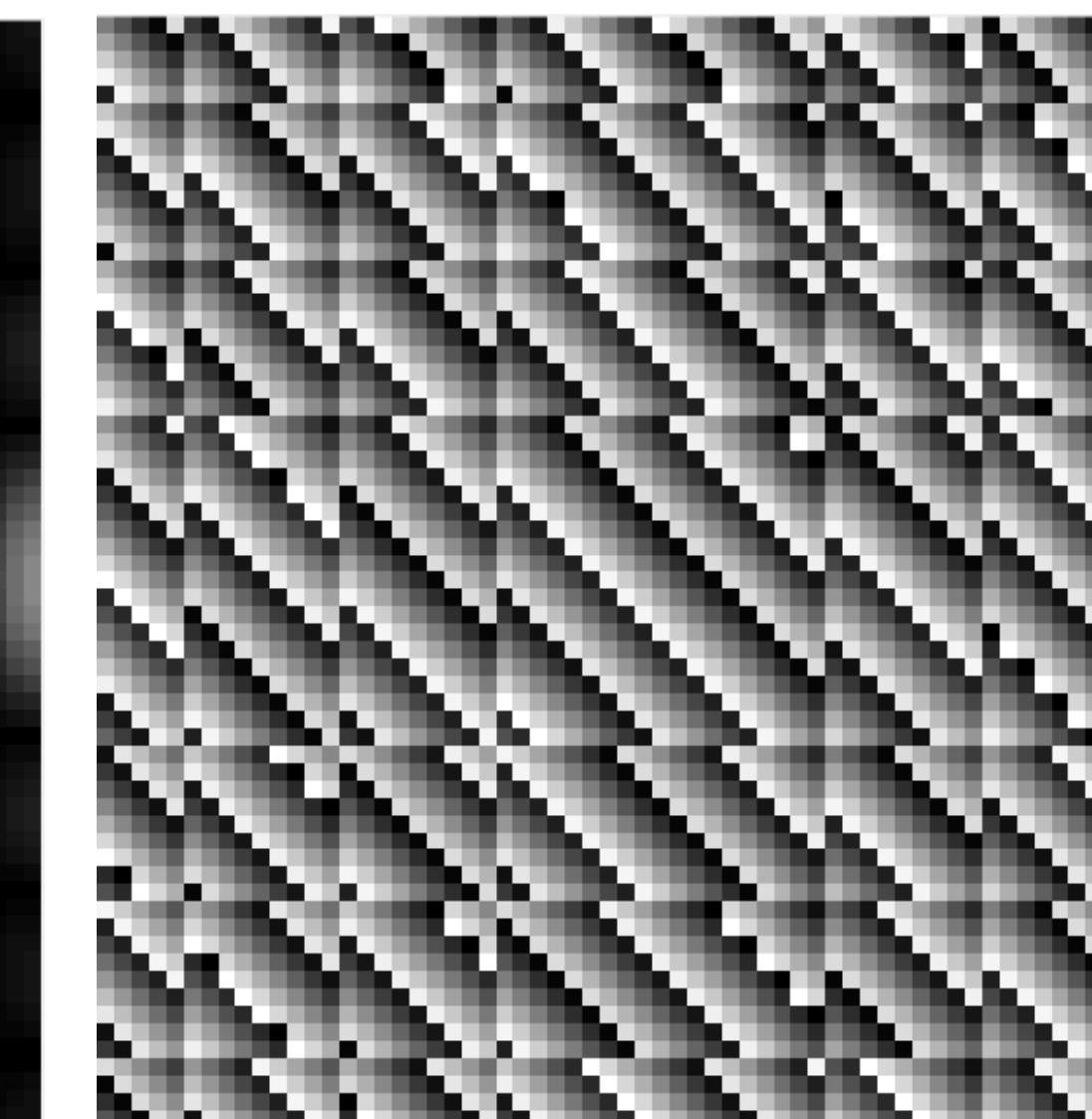
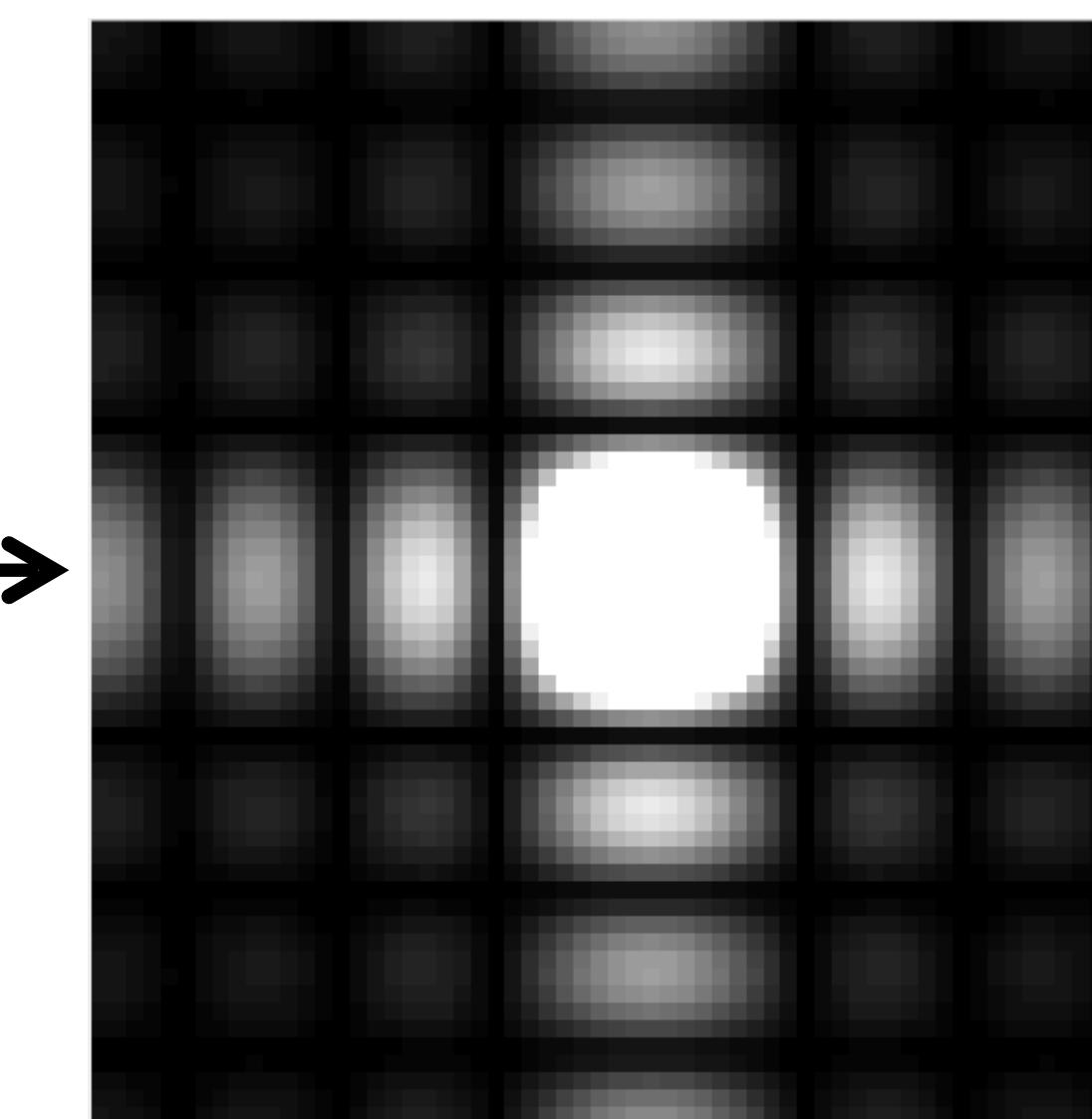
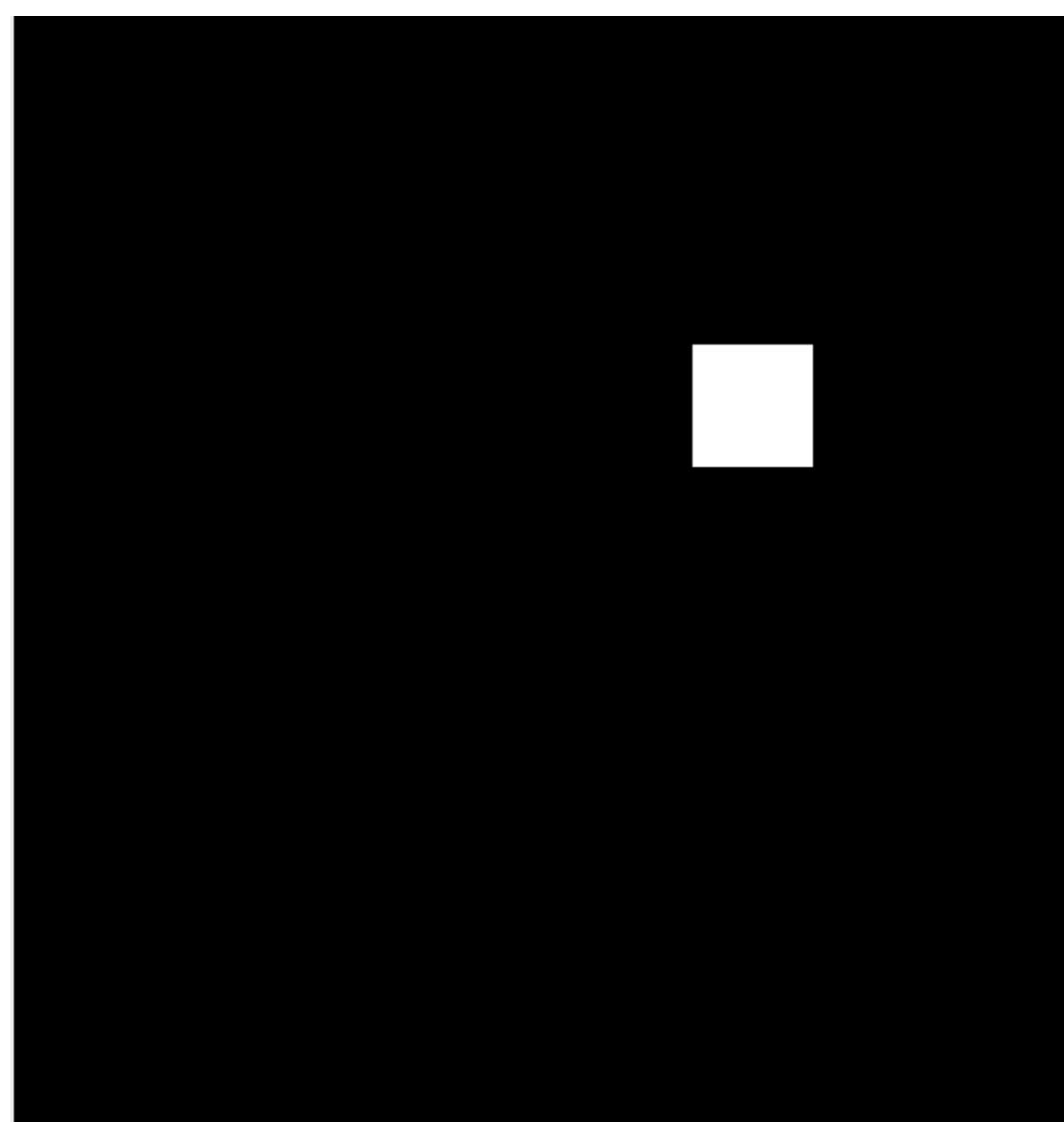


Phase DFT



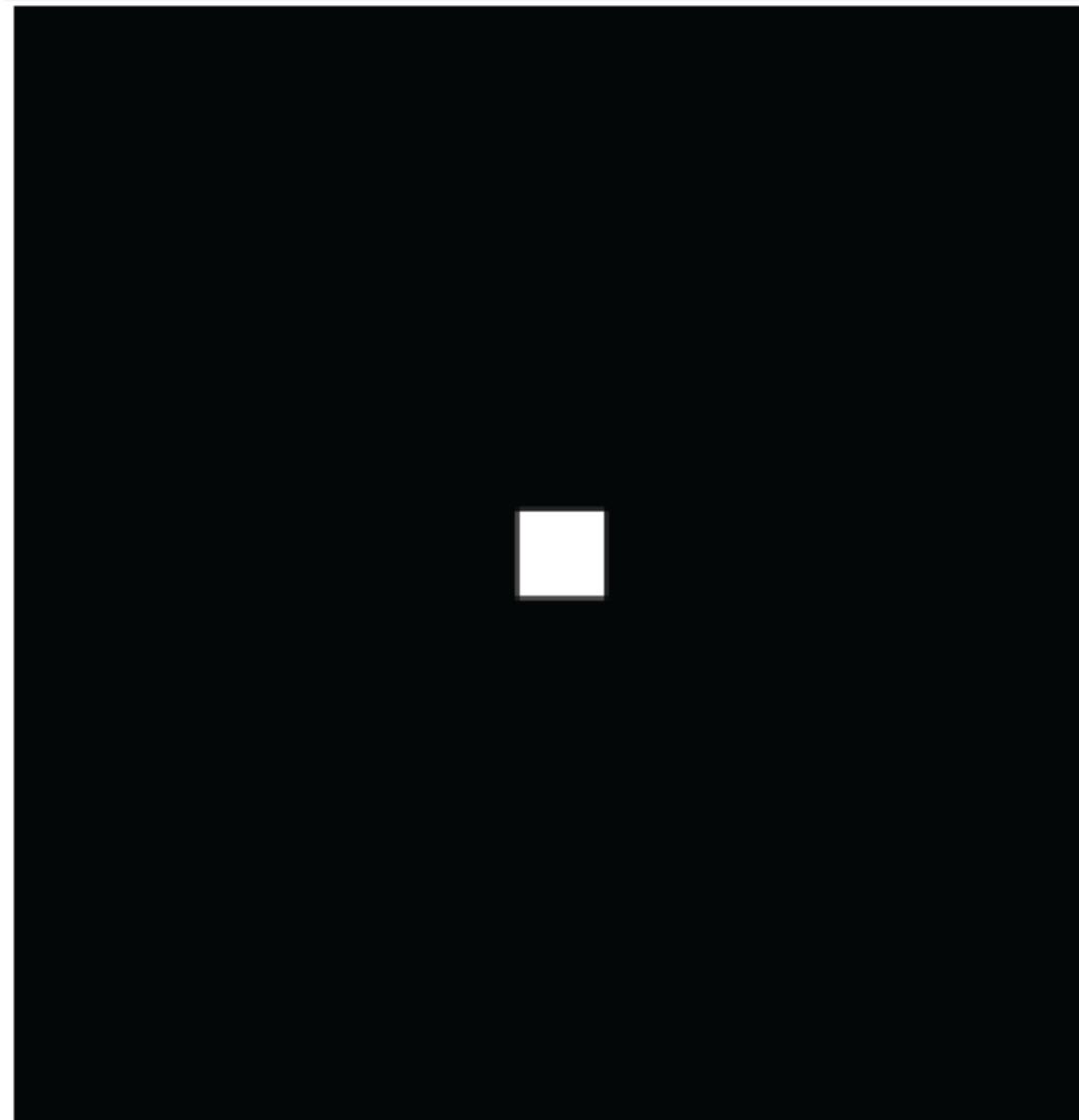
Translation

Shifts of an image only produce changes on the phase of the DFT.

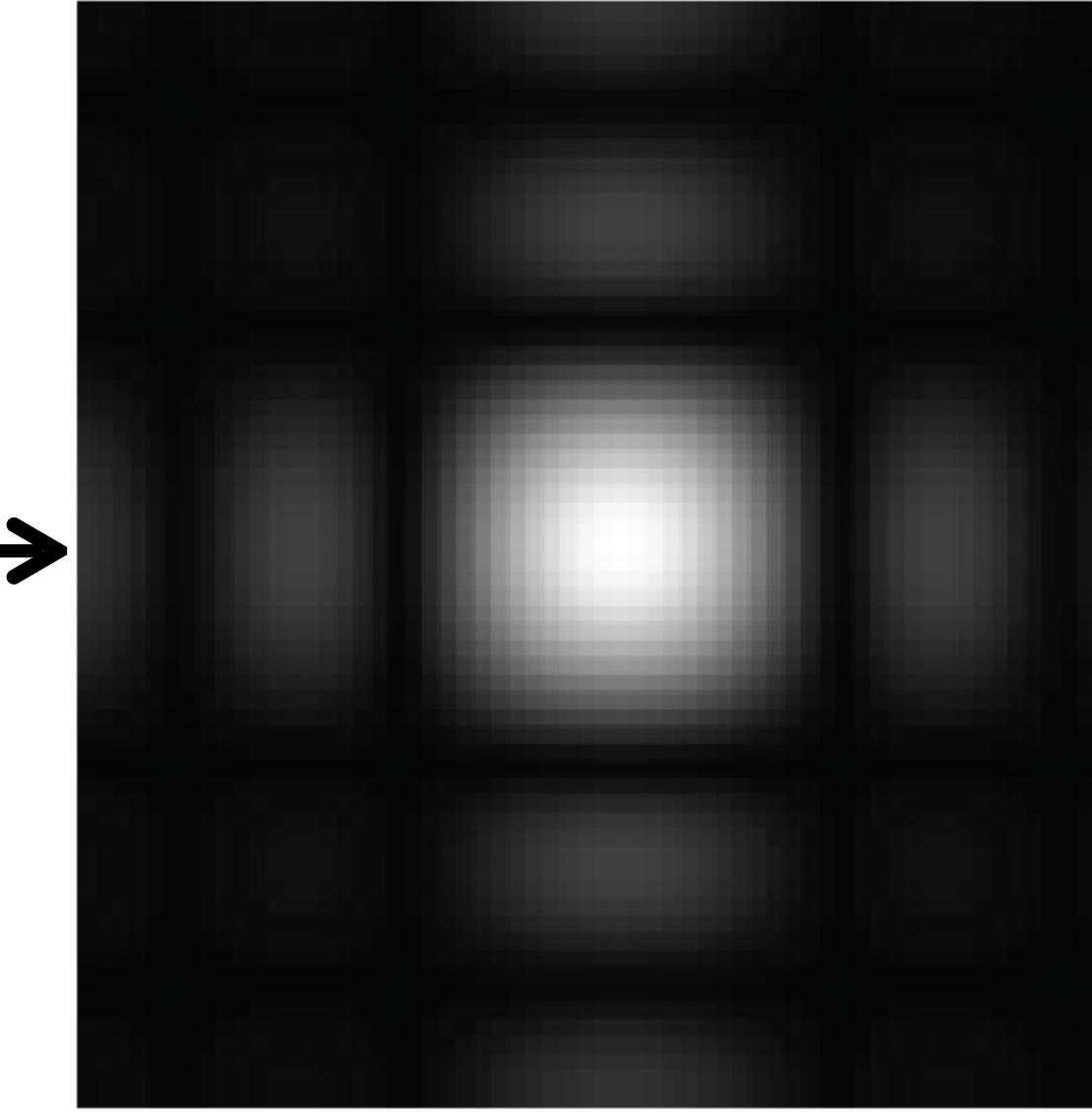


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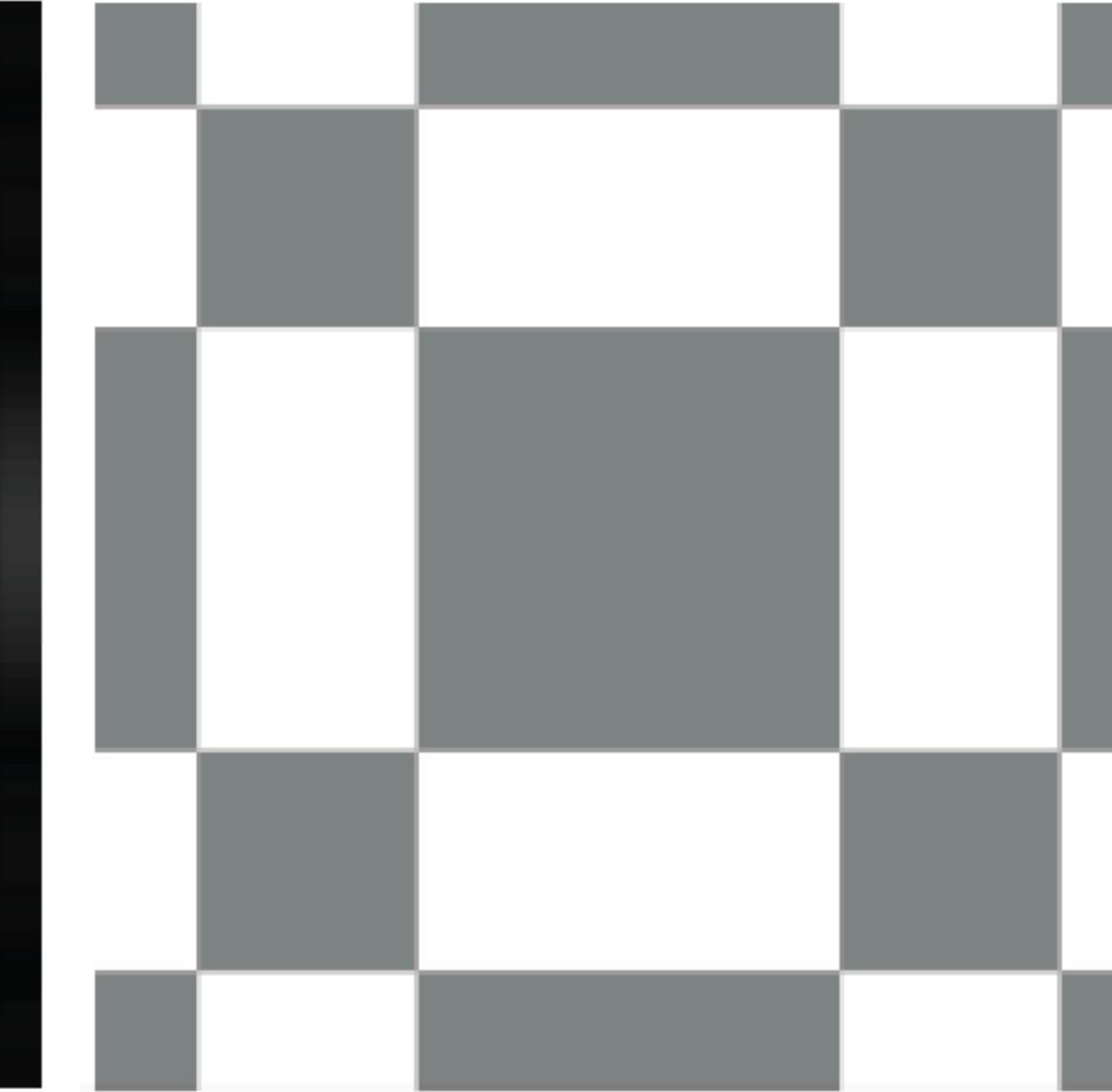
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Magnitude DFT

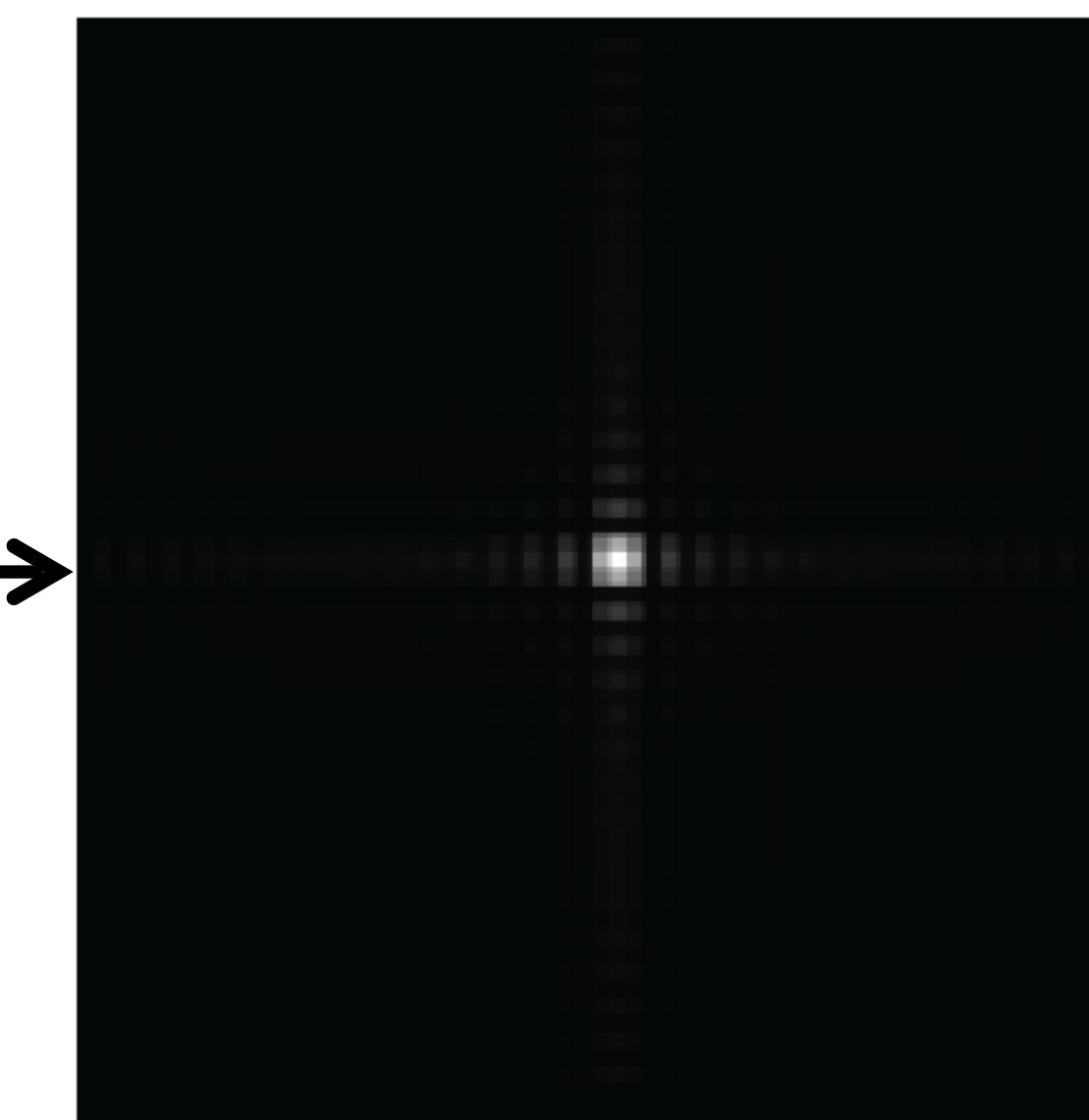
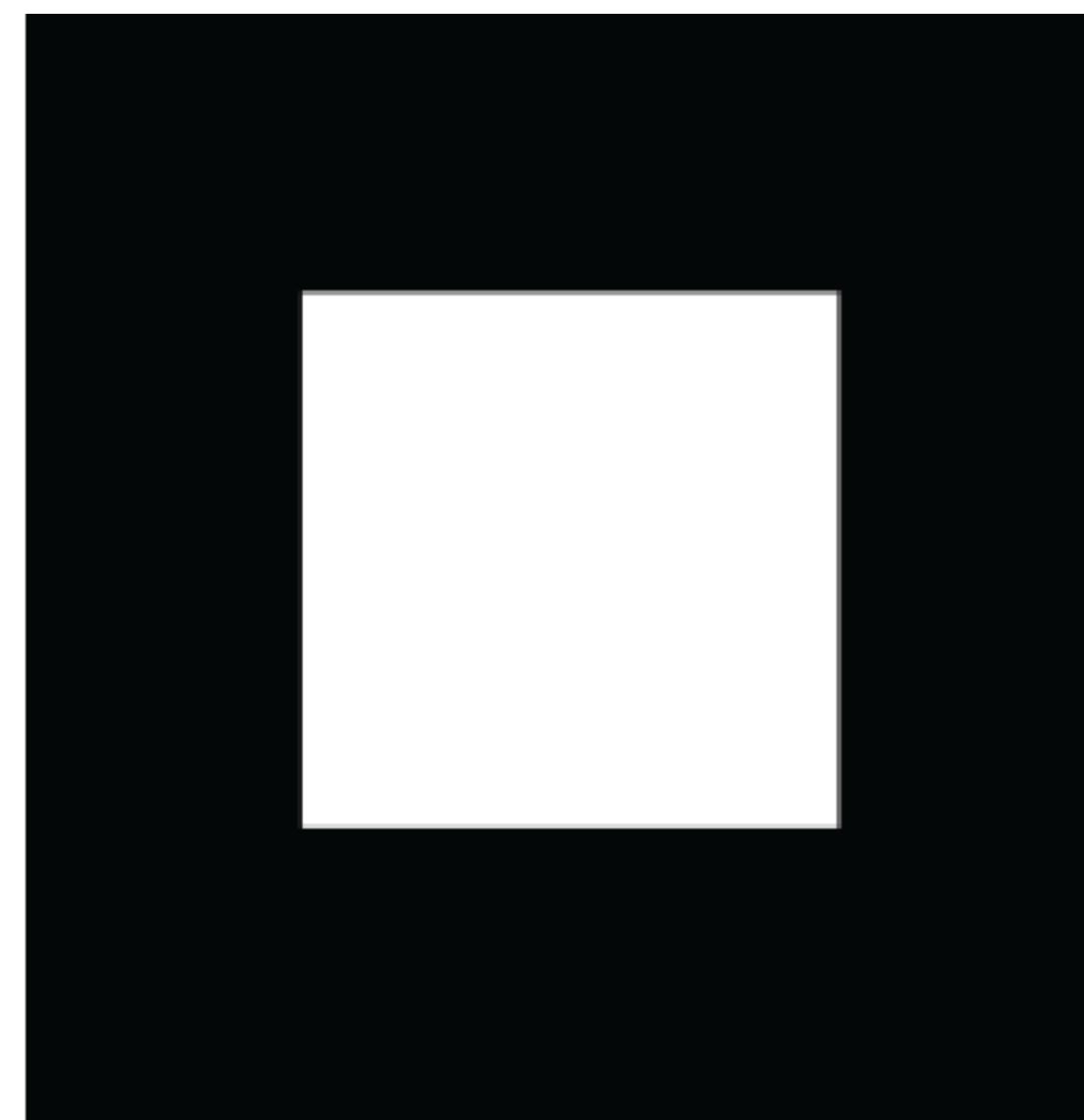


Phase DFT



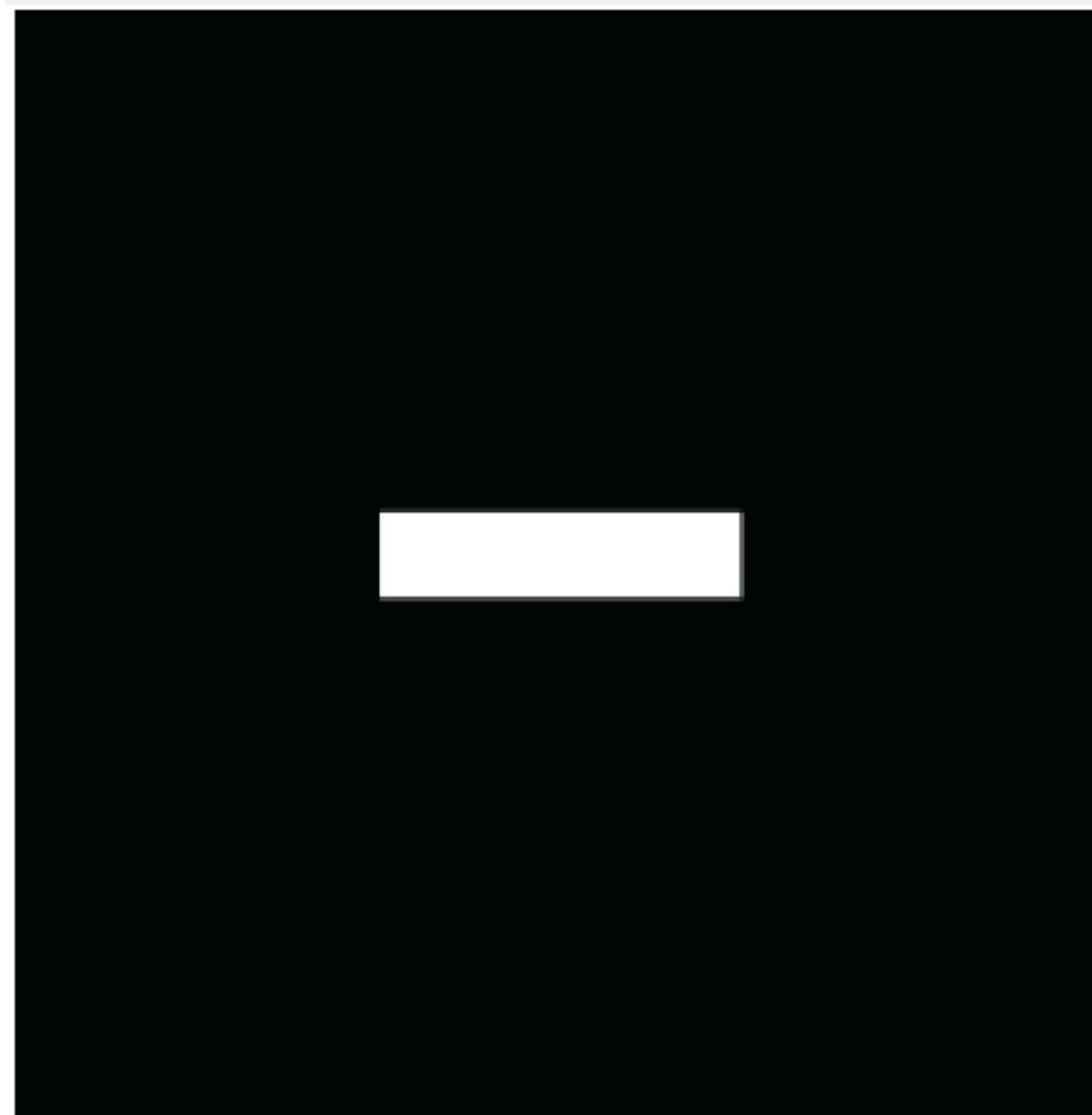
Scale

Small image details
produce content in high
spatial frequencies

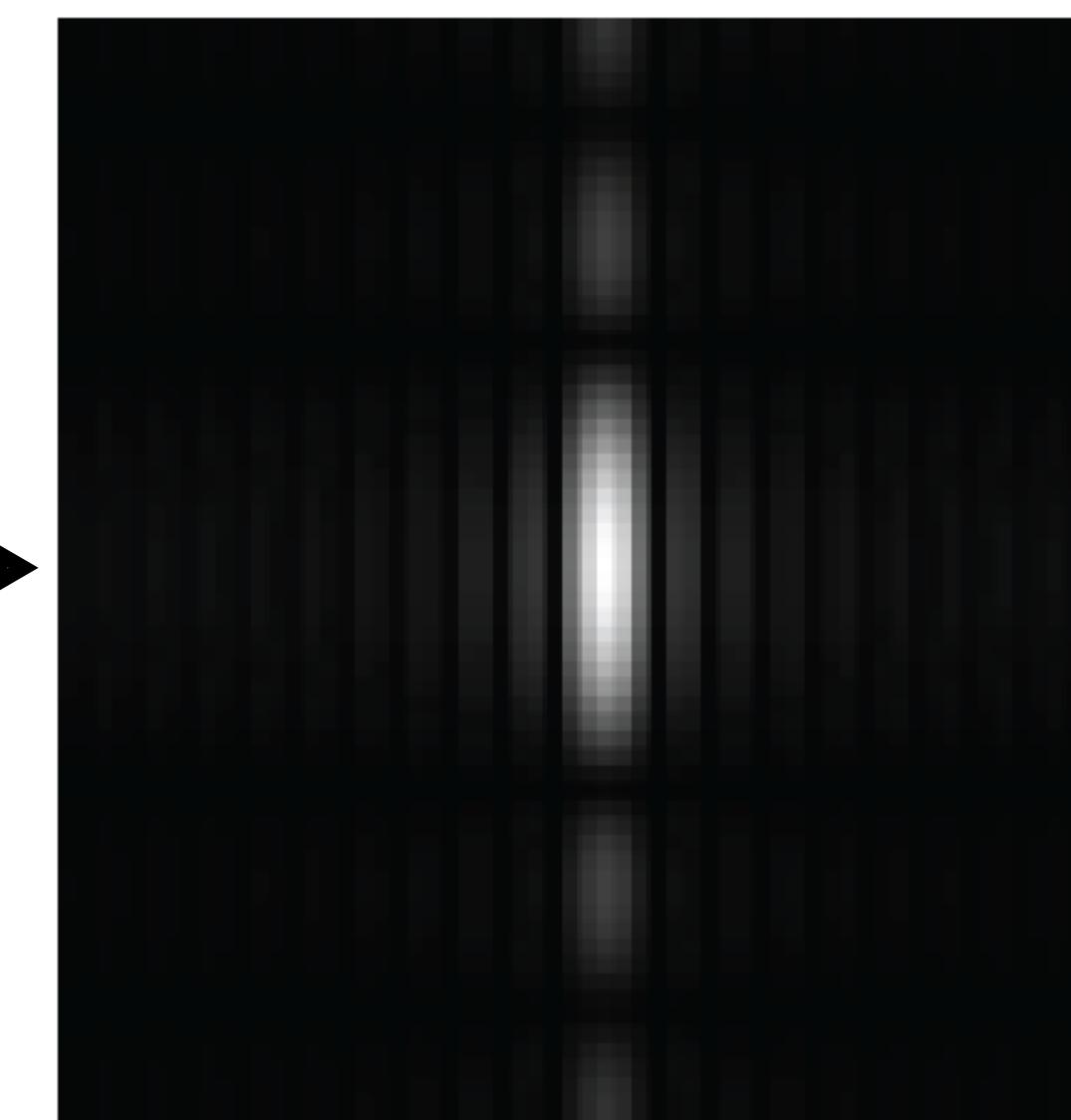


Some important Fourier transforms

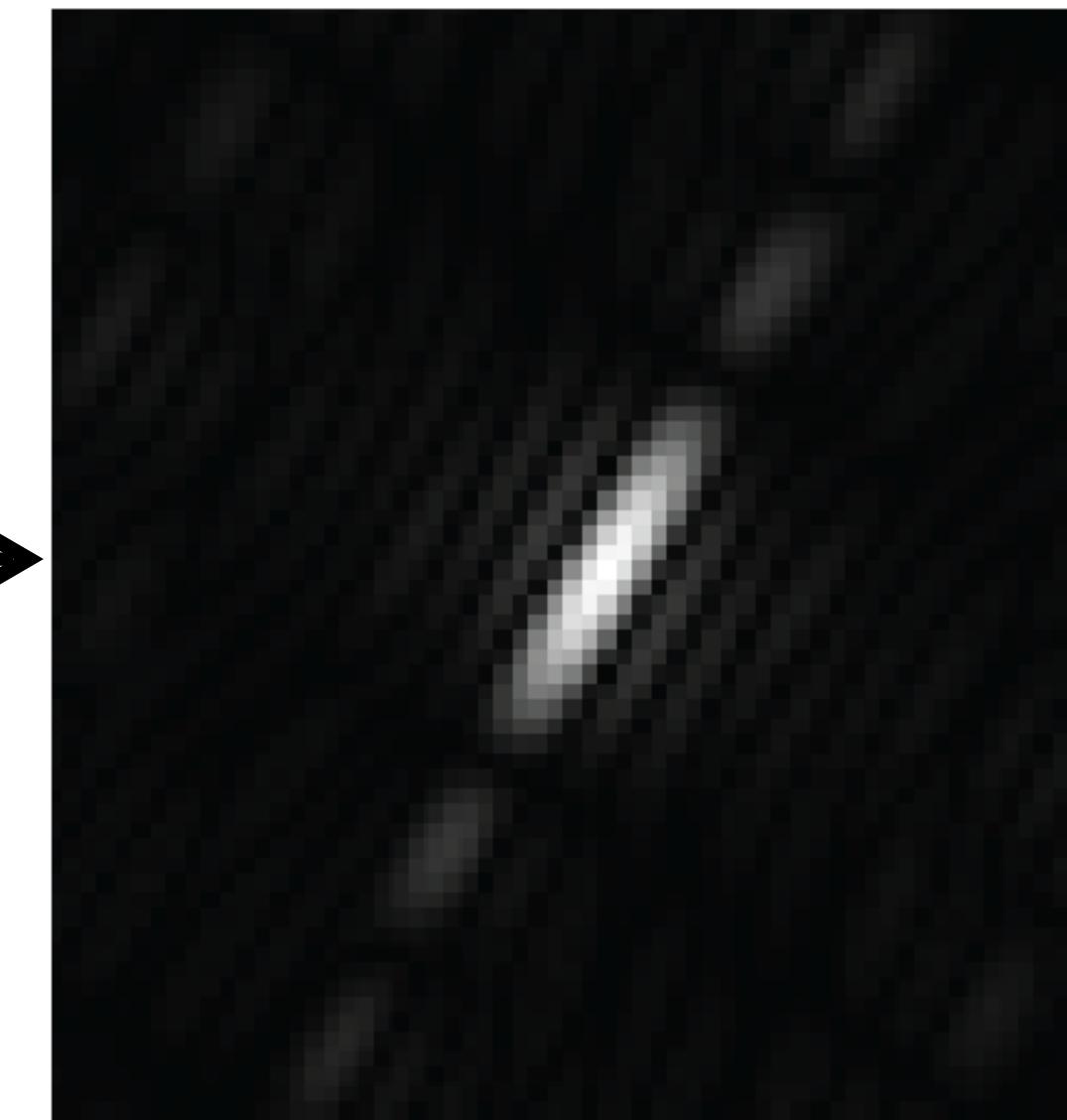
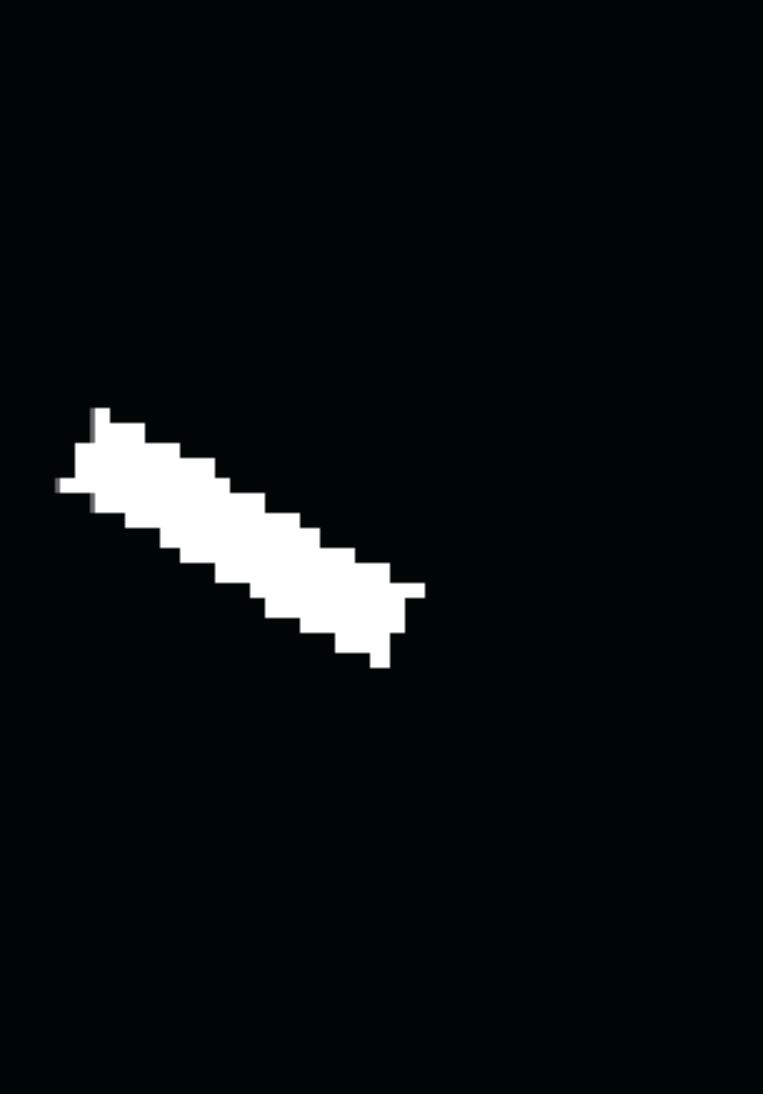
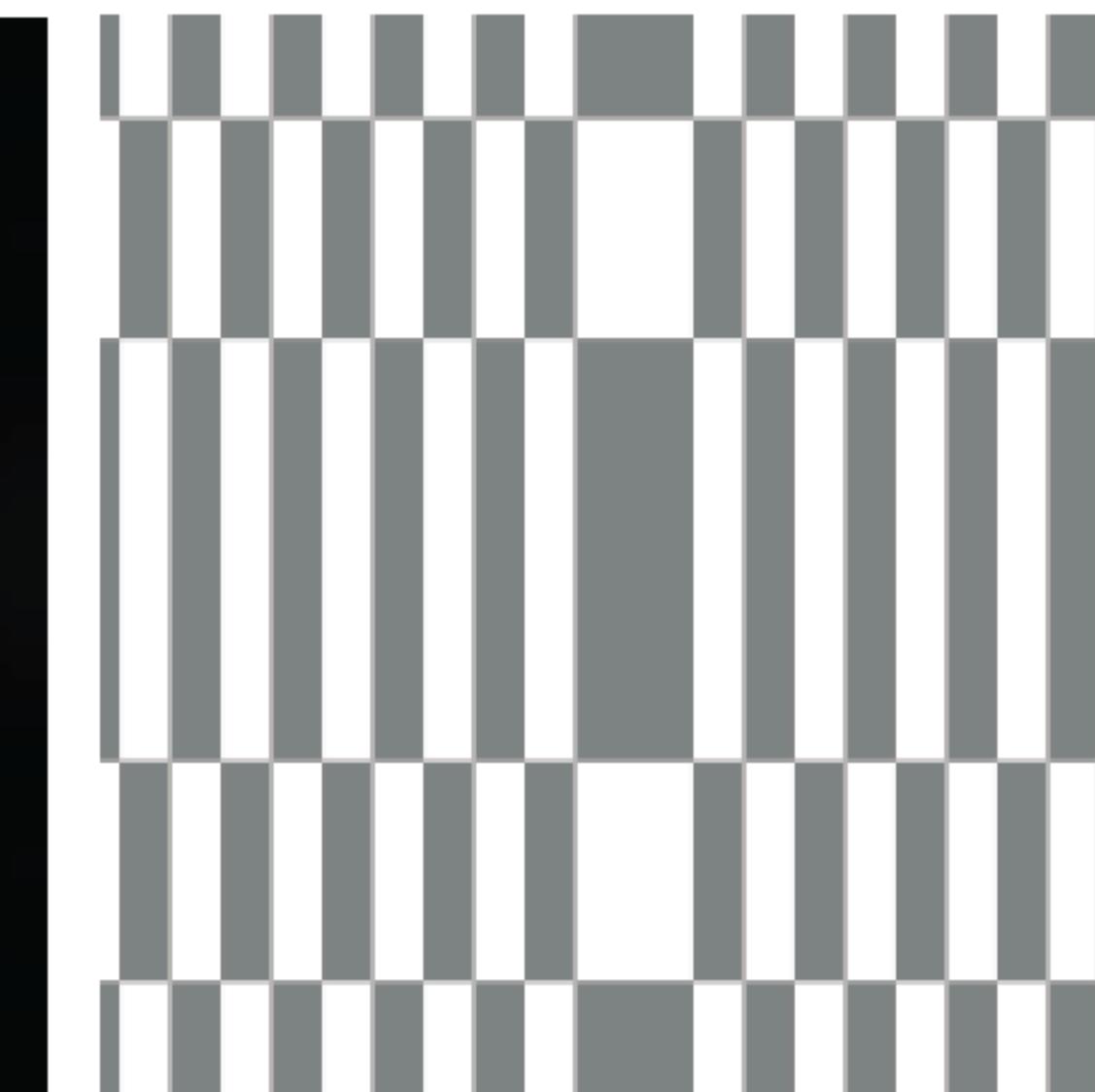
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Magnitude DFT



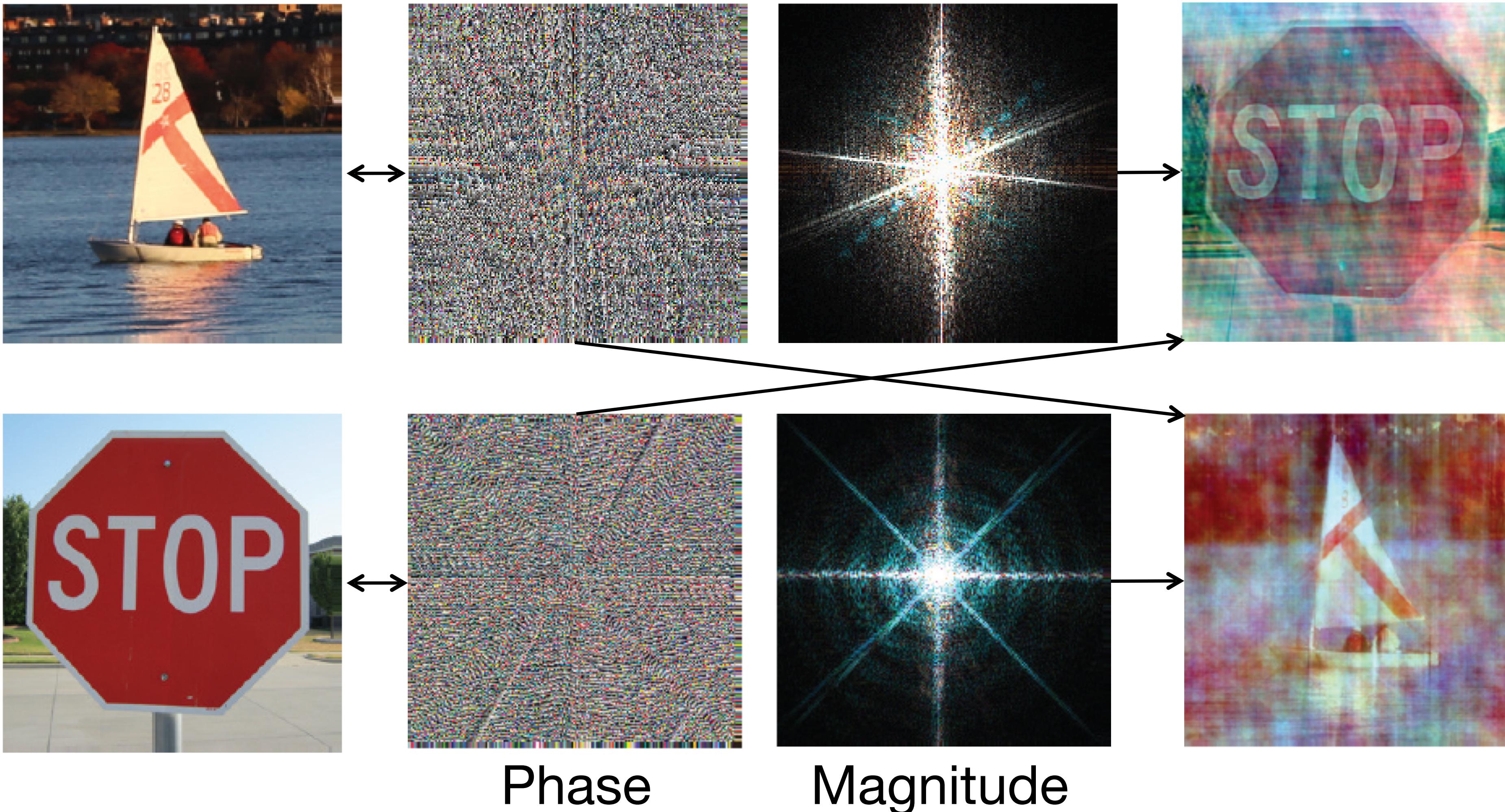
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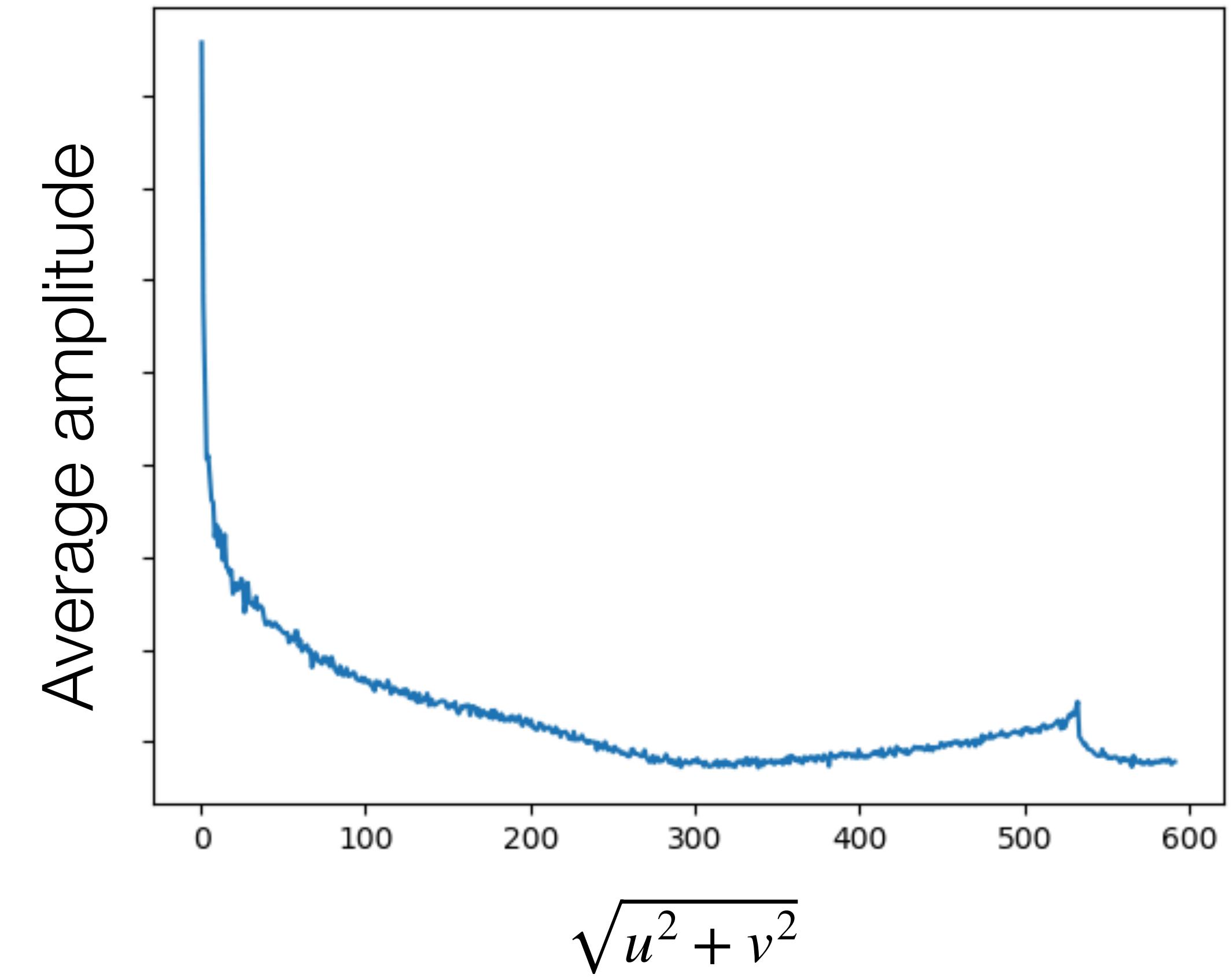
Orientation

A line transforms to a line oriented perpendicularly to the first.

Swapping phase and magnitude



Natural image statistics

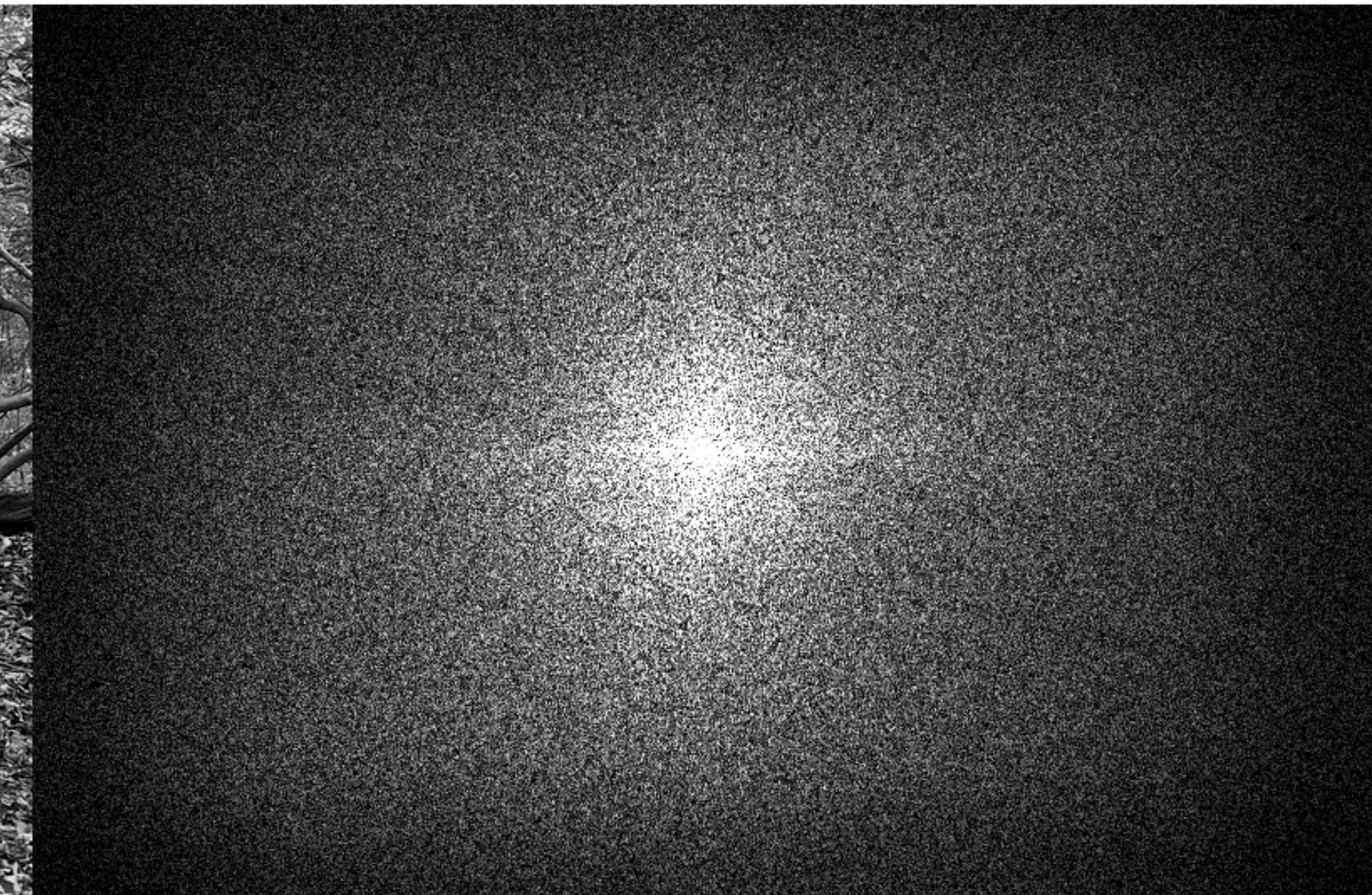


Most of the energy is in the low frequencies

Reconstruct an image, low frequency to high



Image



DFT

Reconstruct an image, low frequency to high

0.0%

Image

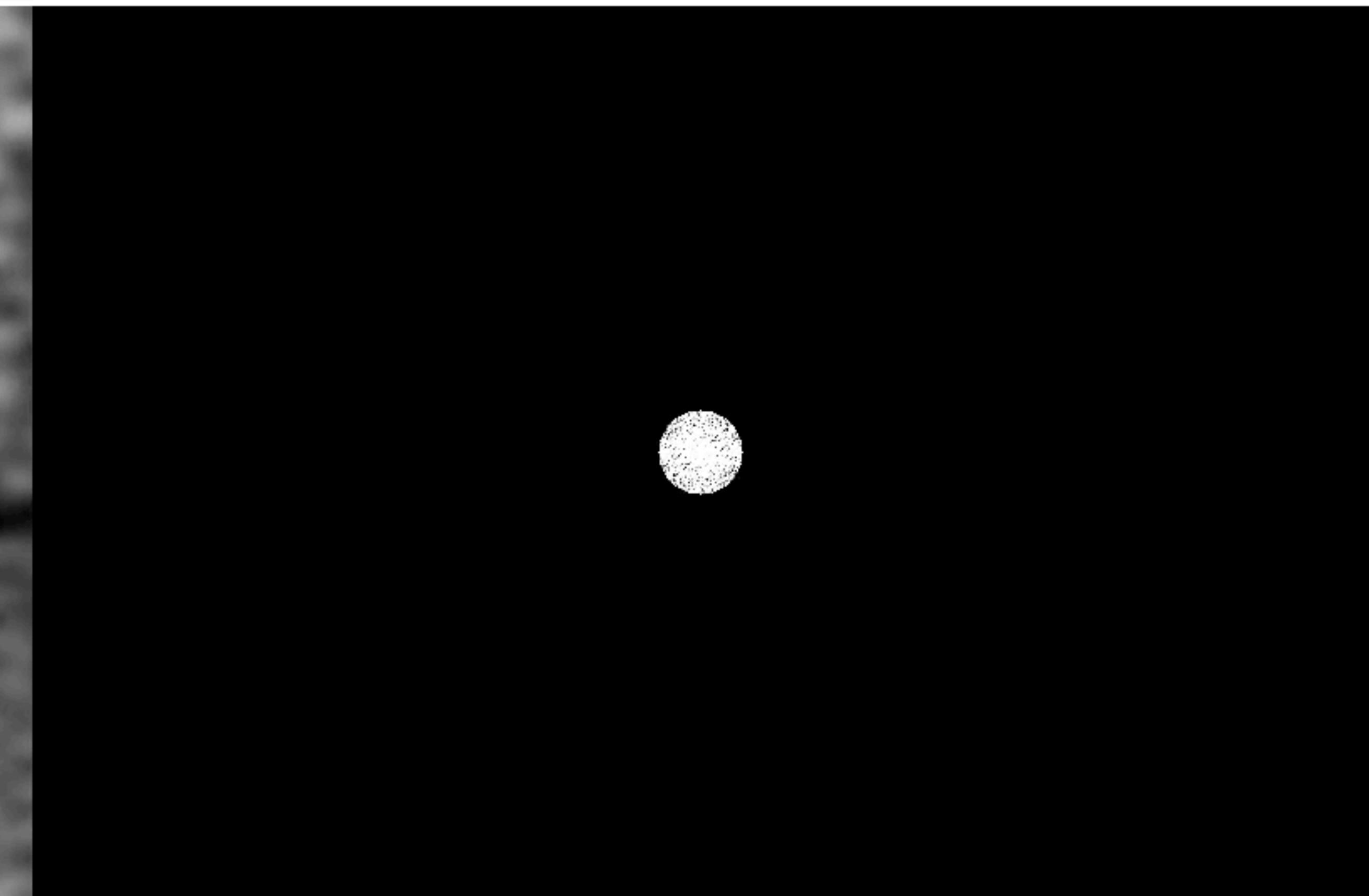
DFT

Reconstruct an image, low frequency to high

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Image



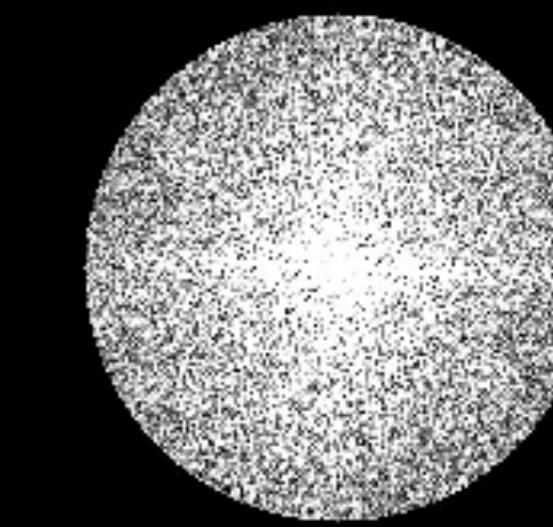
DFT

Reconstruct an image, low frequency to high

4.6%



Image



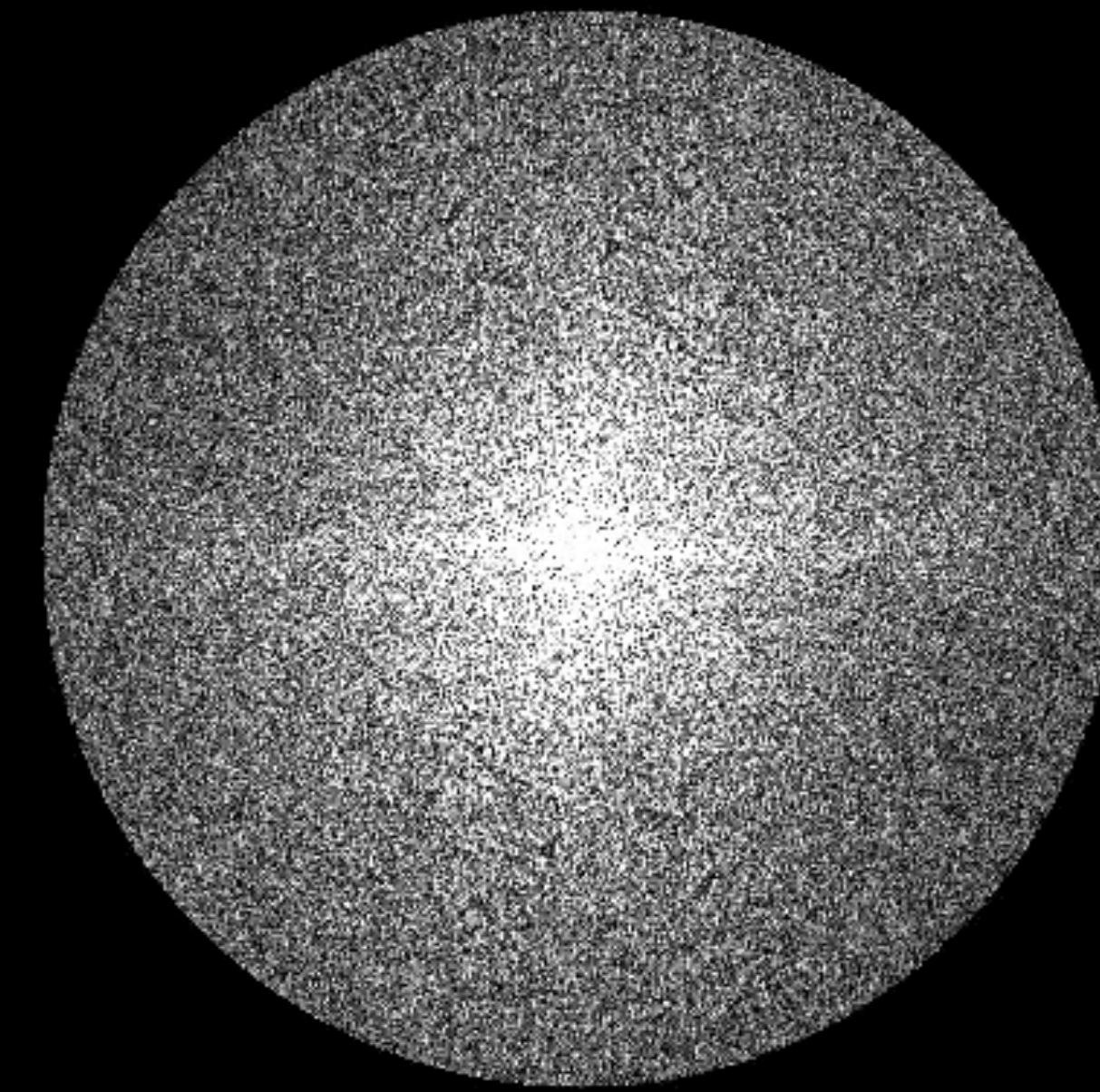
DFT

Reconstruct an image, low frequency to high

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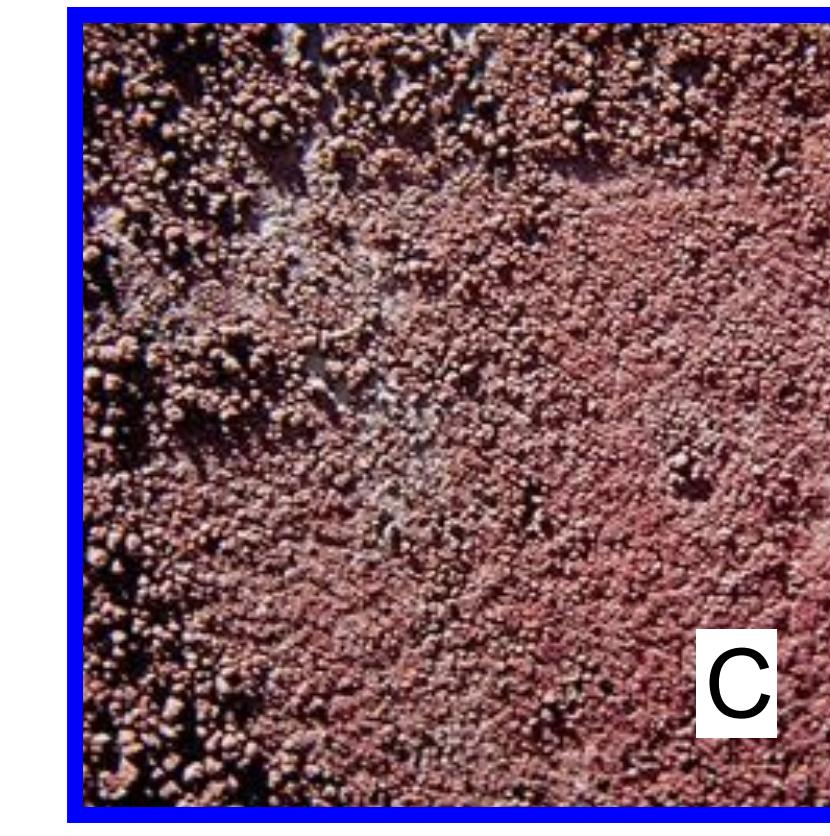
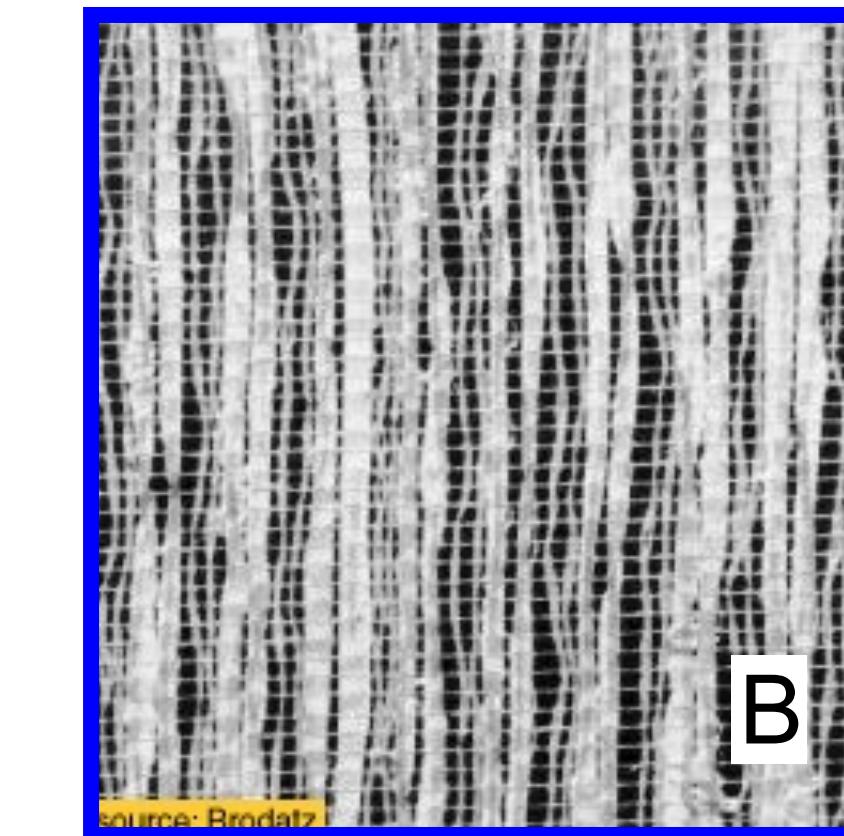
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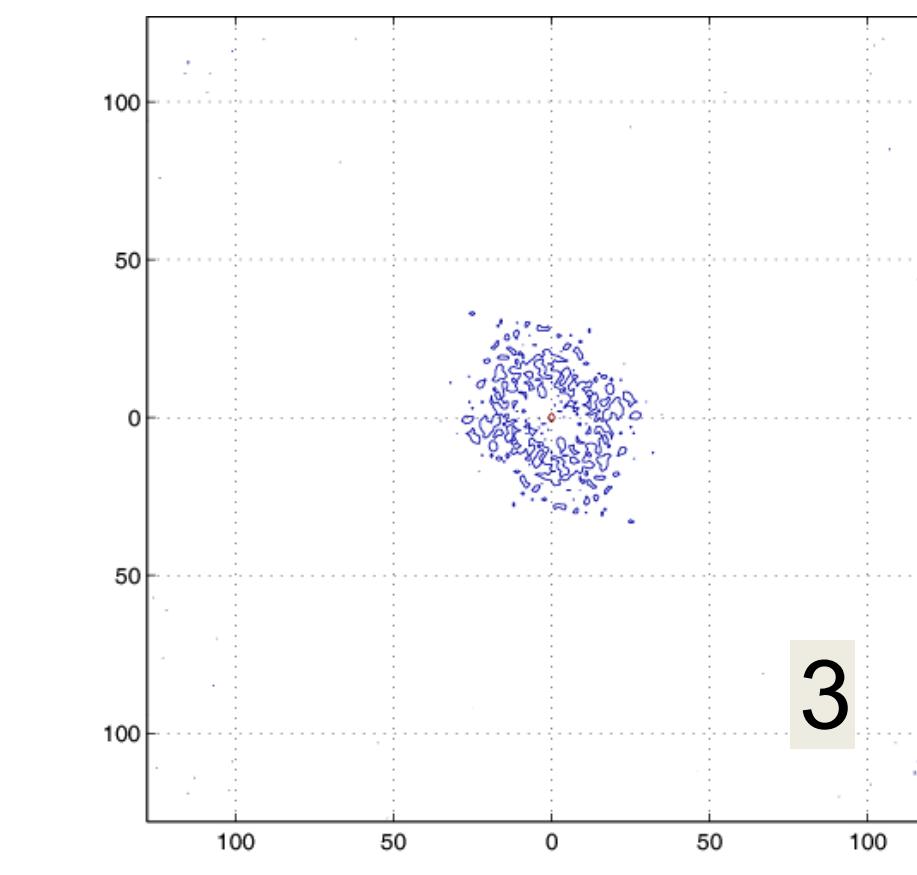
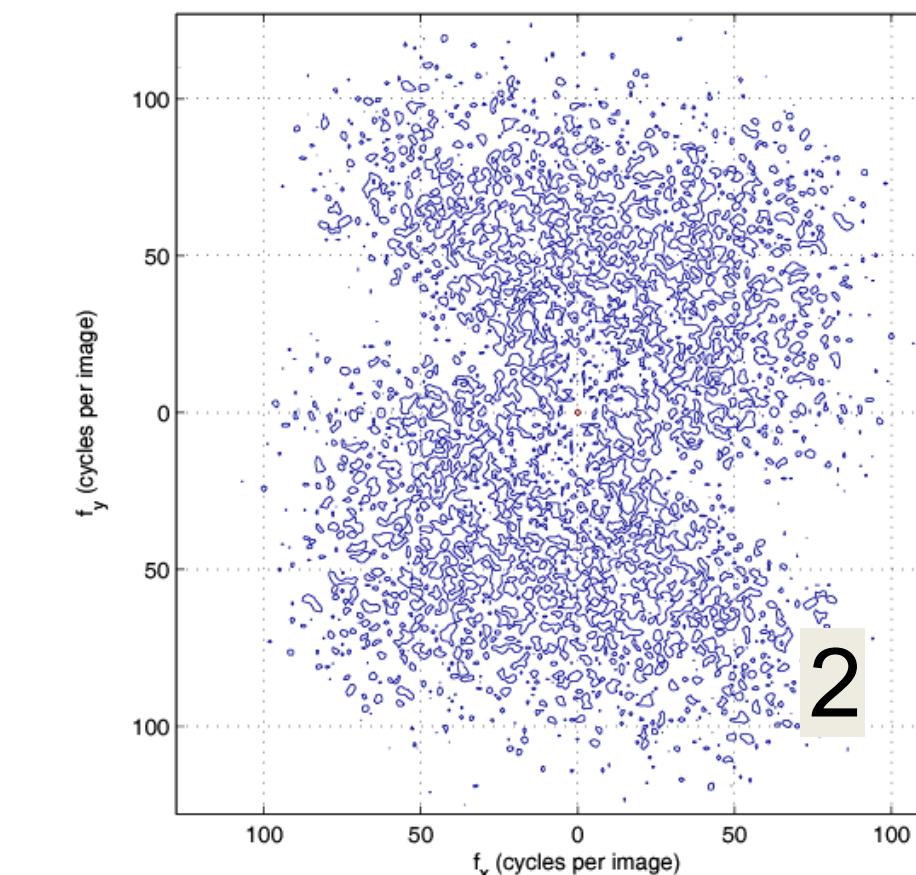
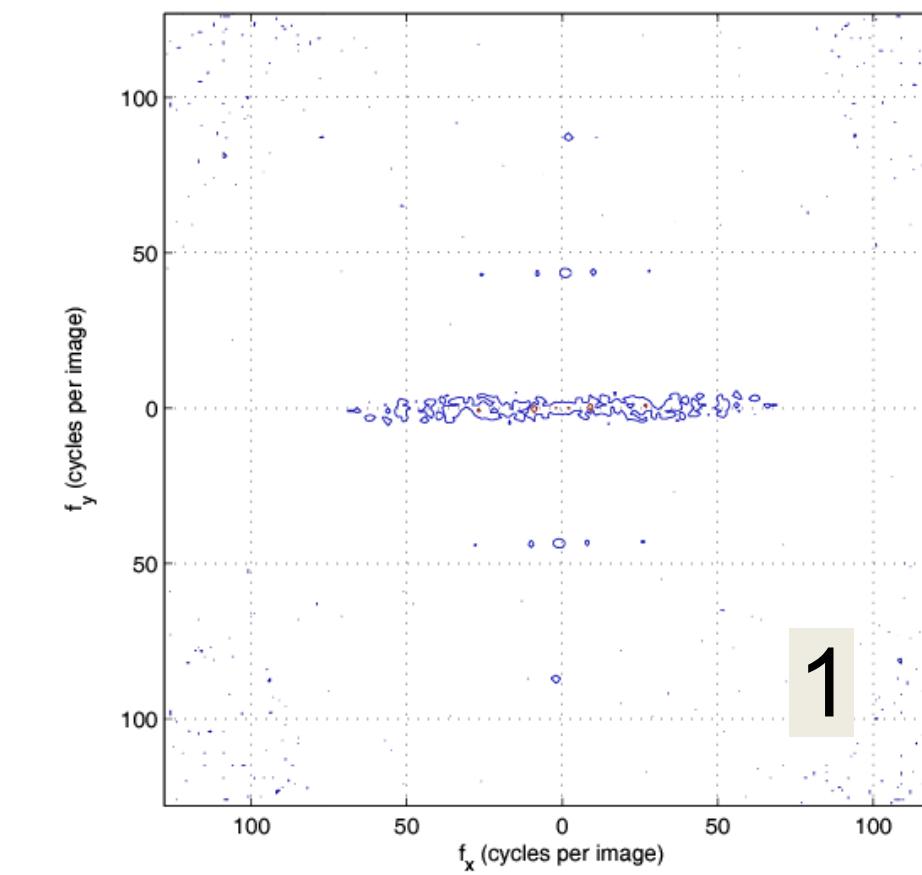
DFT

Fourier Transform Game: find the right pairs

Images



Fourier
magnitude

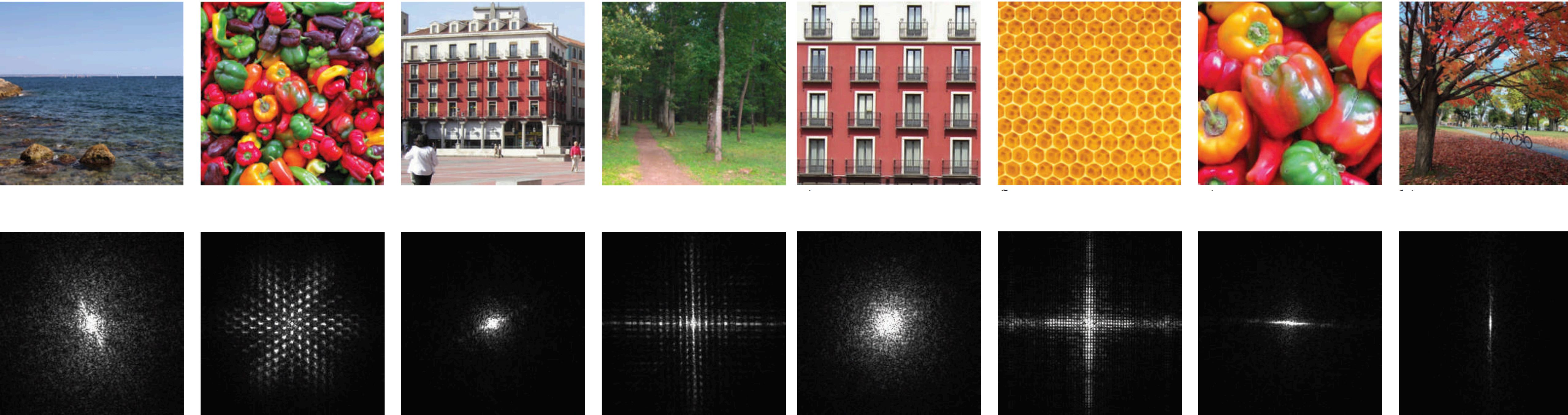


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Fourier Transform Game: find the right pairs



We'll cover this in section this week.

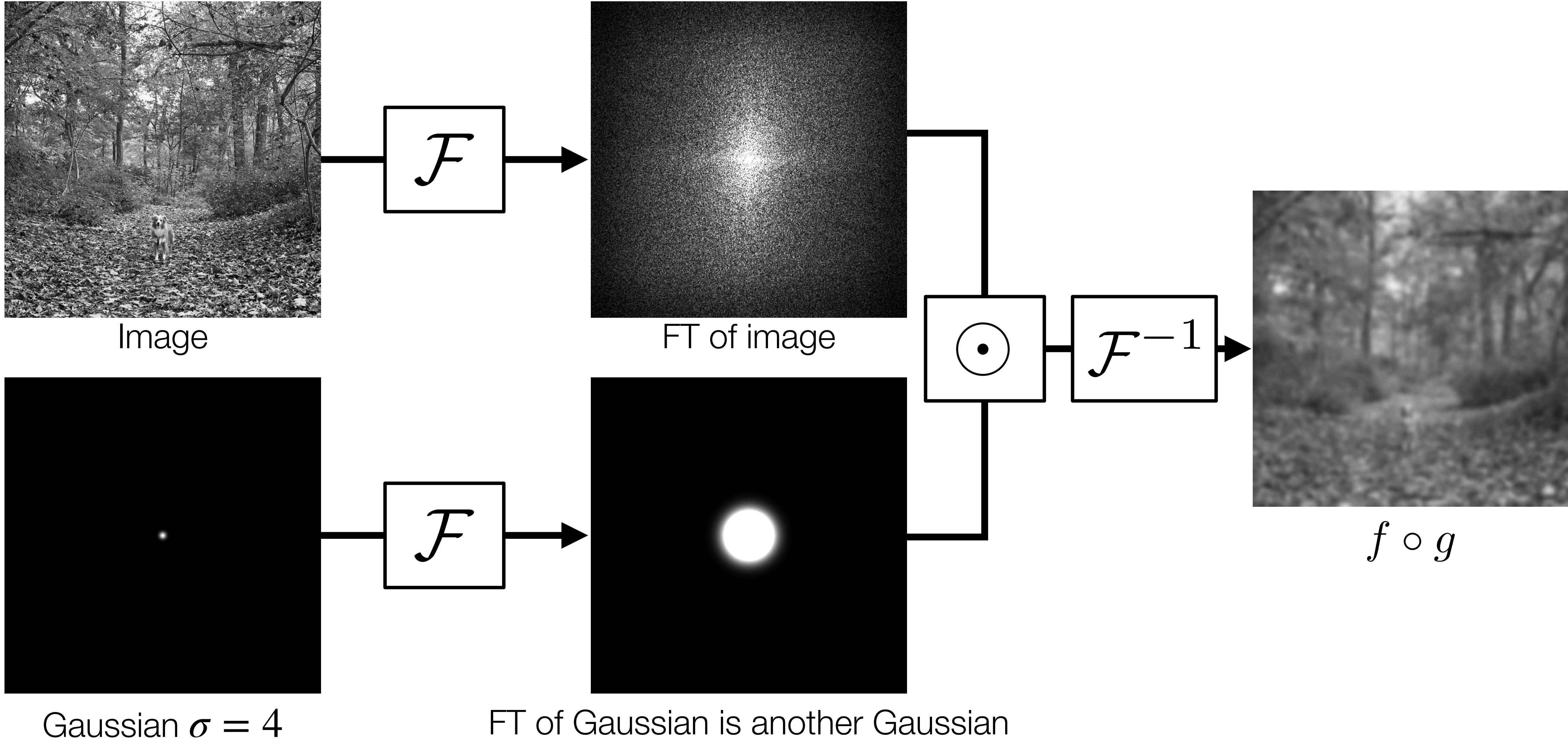
Useful properties of the Fourier transform

- 2D Fourier transform is separable (just like Gaussian)
- Computable in $O(n \log(n))$.
- **Convolution theorem:** convolution is pointwise multiplication in the Fourier domain!

$$\mathcal{F}\{f \circ g\} = \mathcal{F}\{f\} \odot \mathcal{F}\{g\}$$

- Useful trick for fast convolutions, especially for large filters. Sometimes used in convolutional neural networks

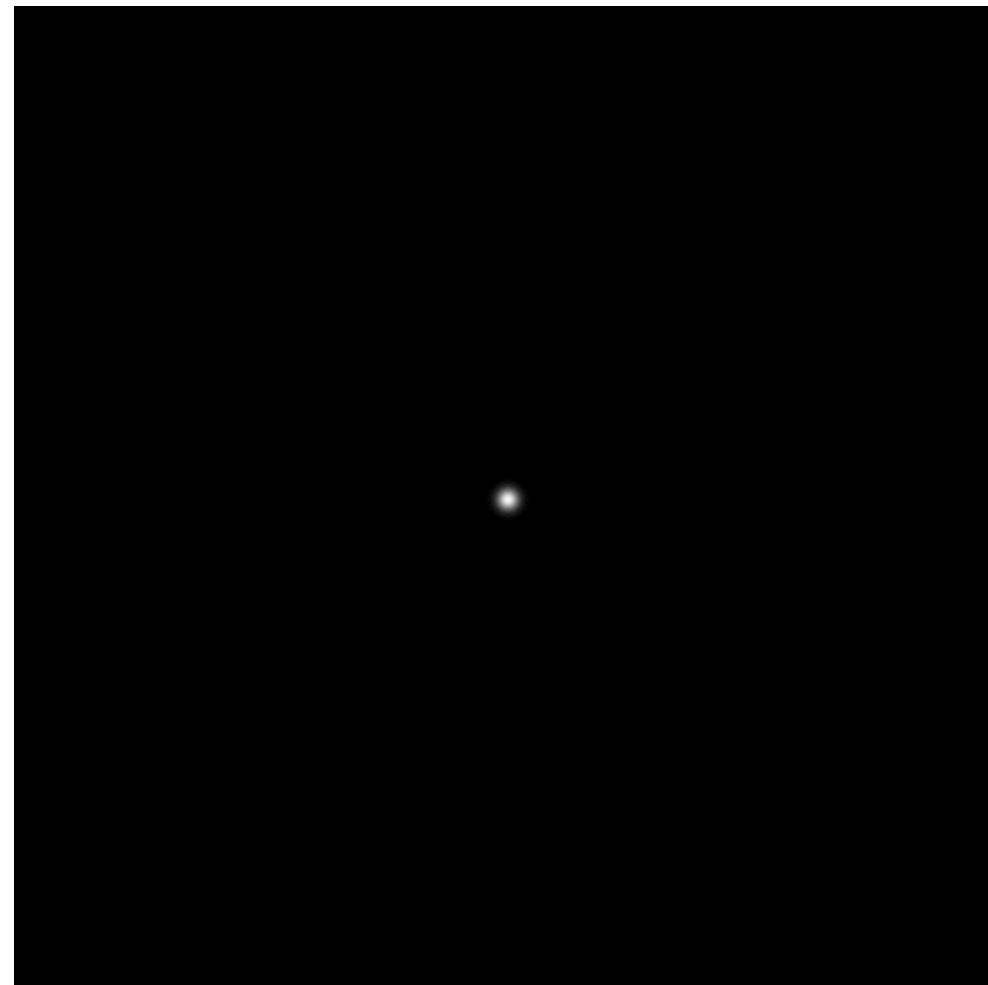
Convolution theorem example



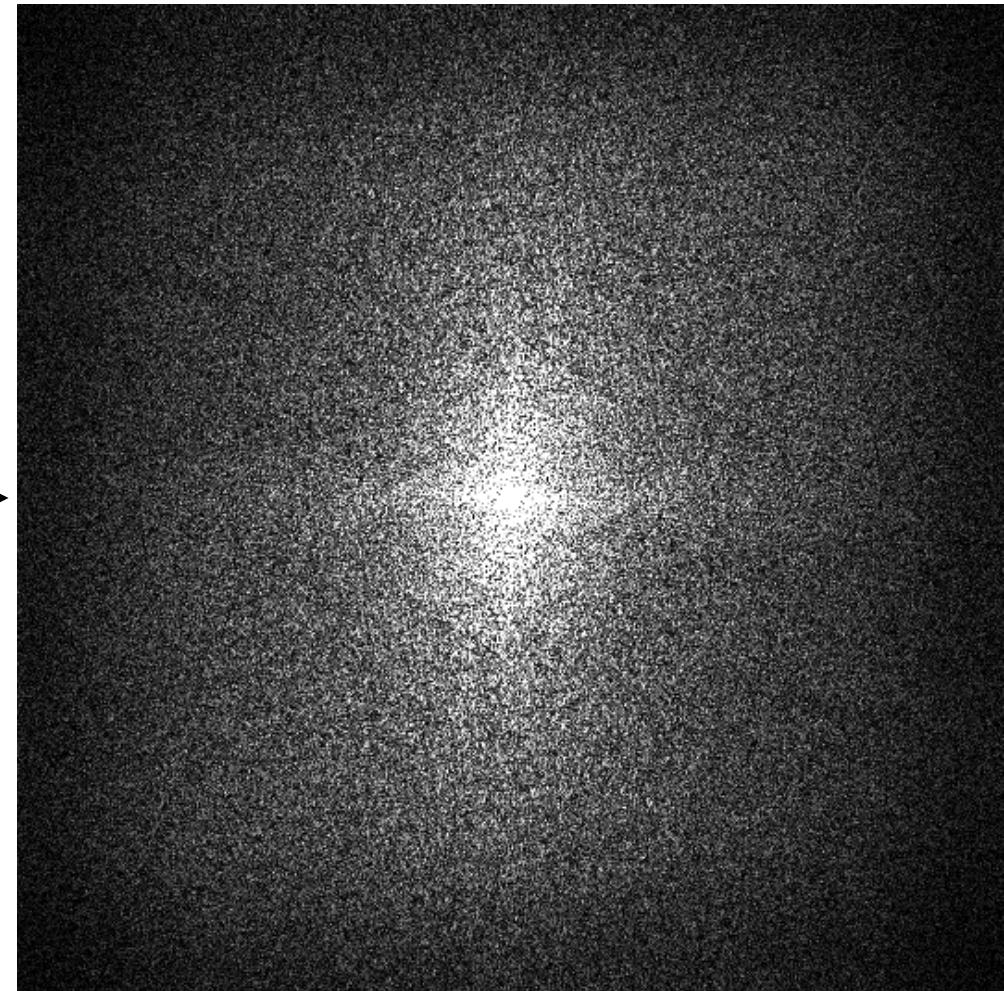
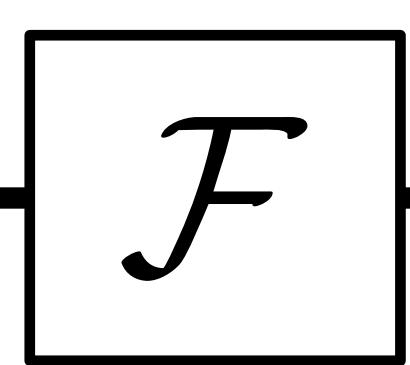
What does Gaussian blur do in the frequency domain?



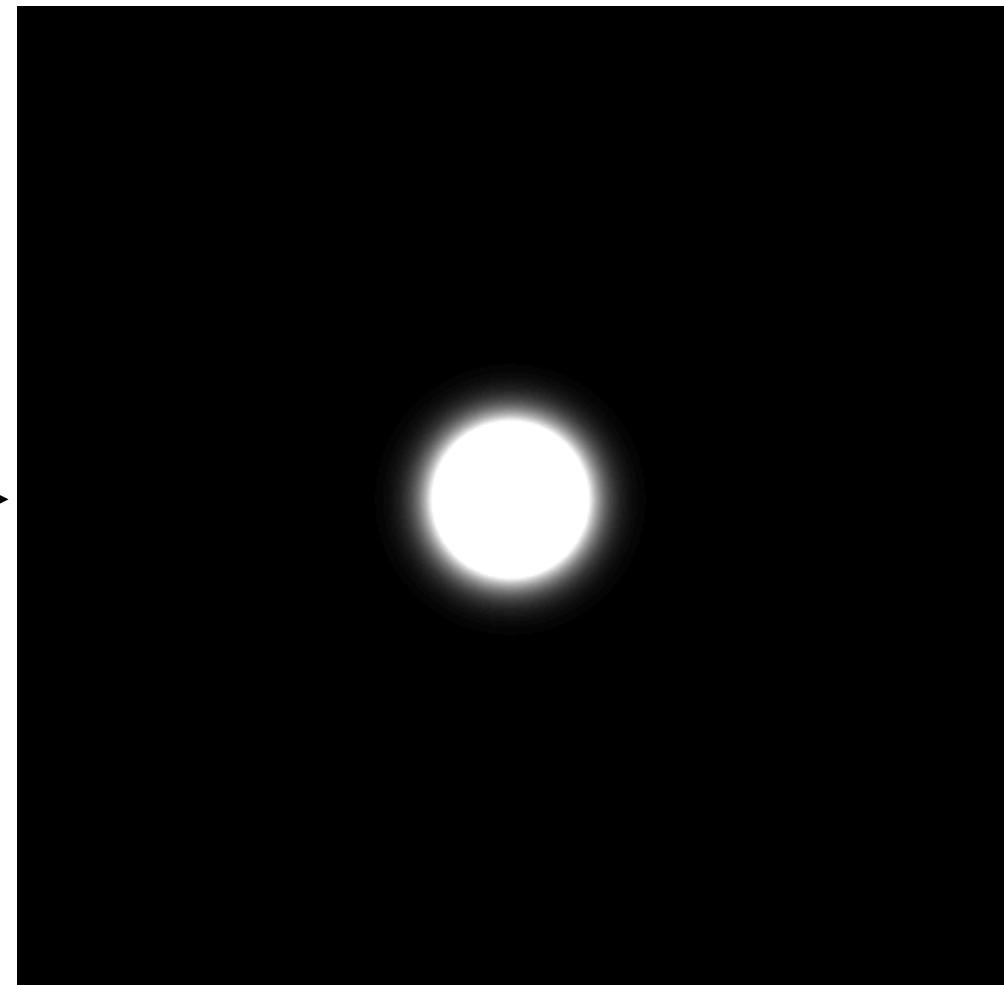
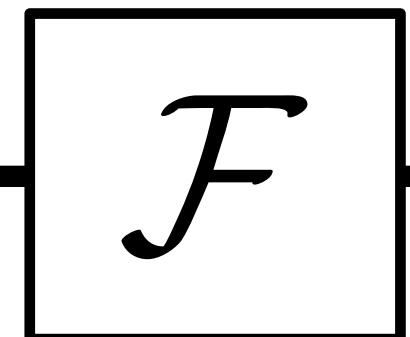
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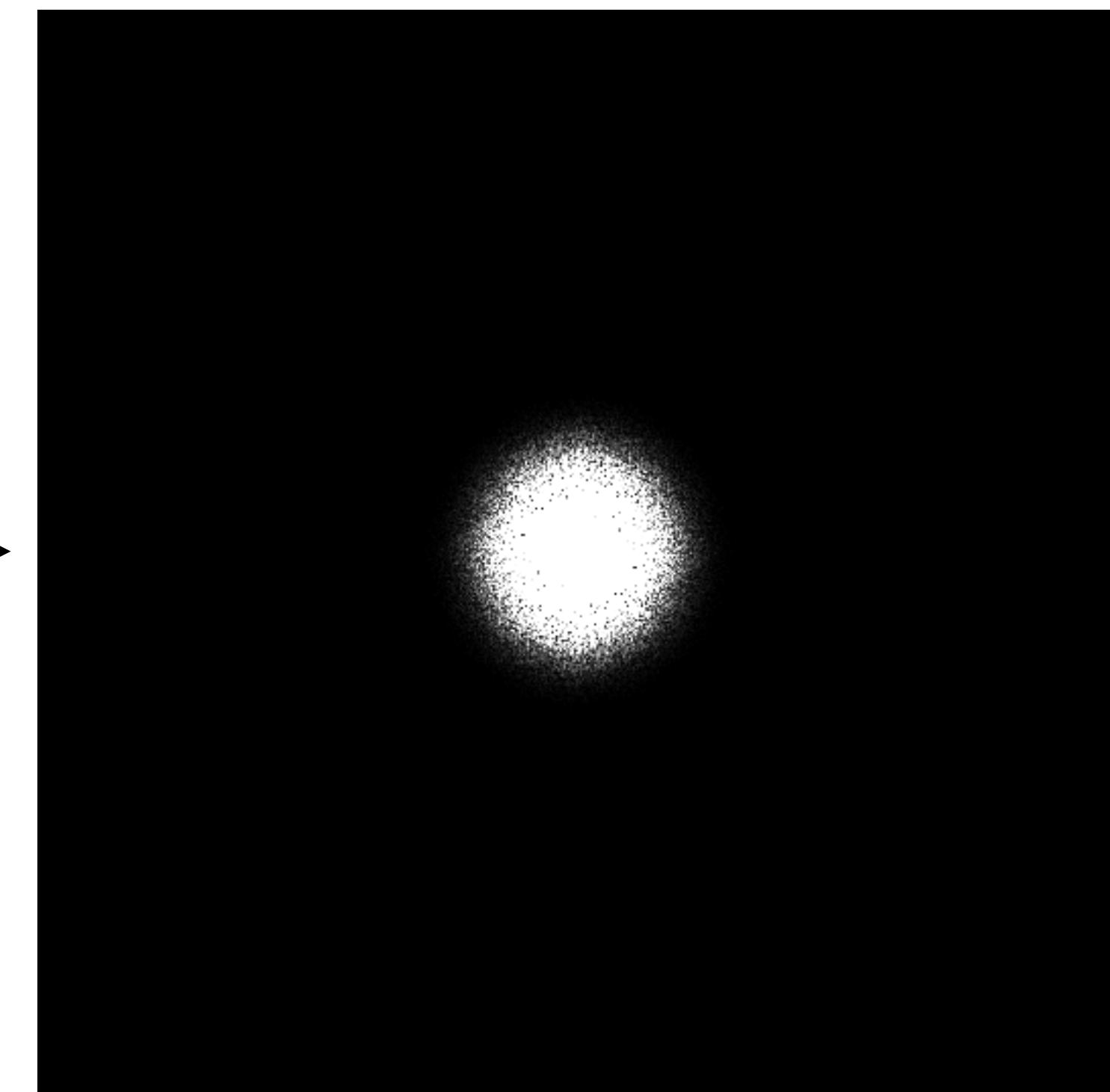
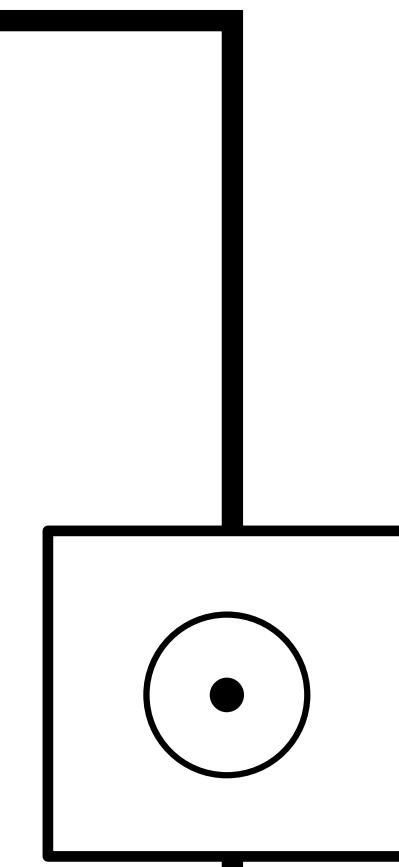
Gaussian $\sigma = 4$



FT of image



FT of Gaussian is another Gaussian

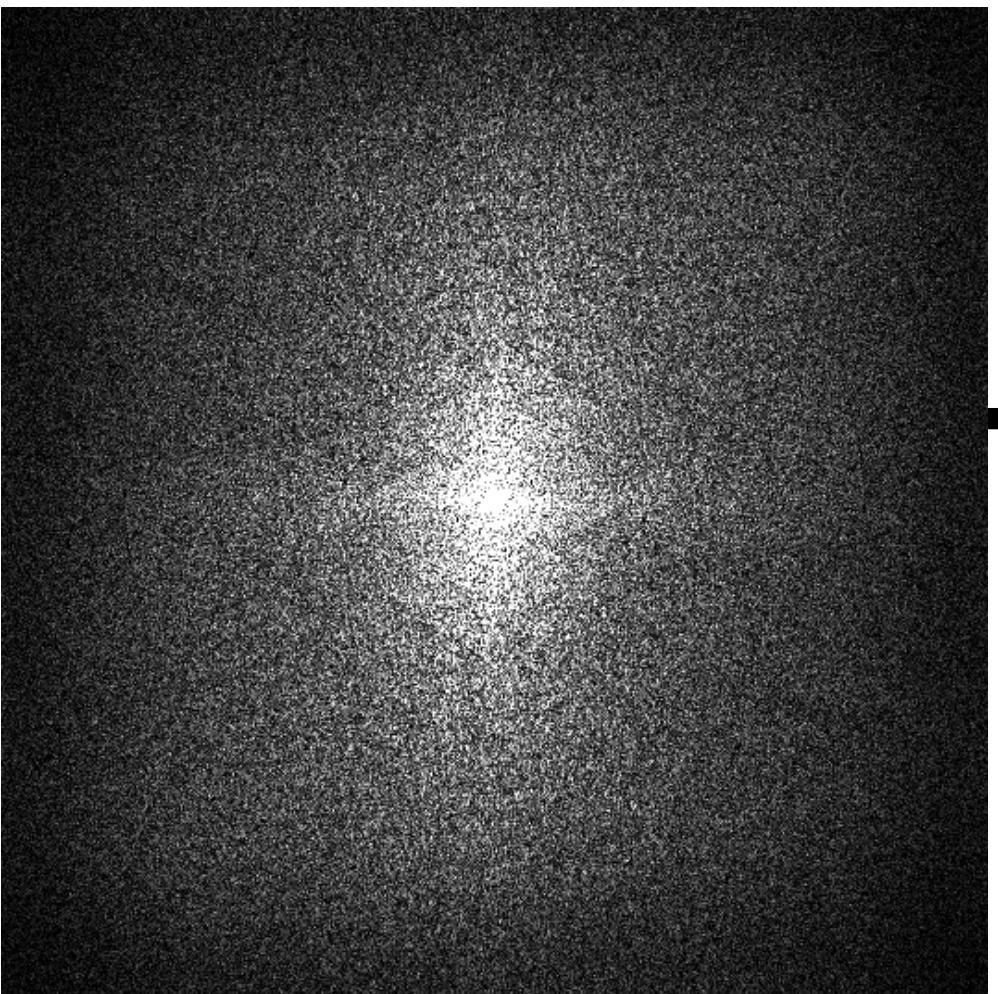
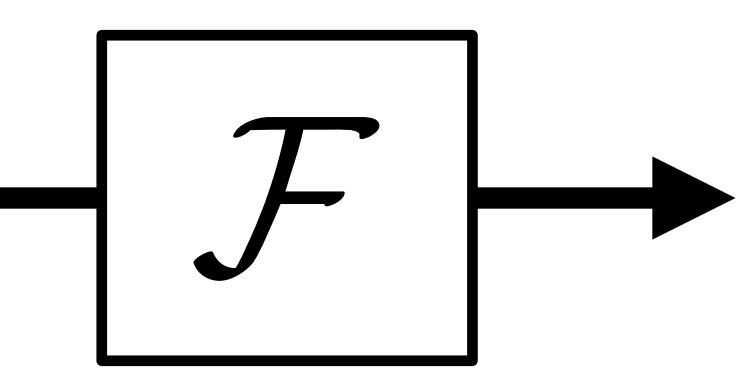


High frequencies are gone!
Gaussian is a “low pass” filter.

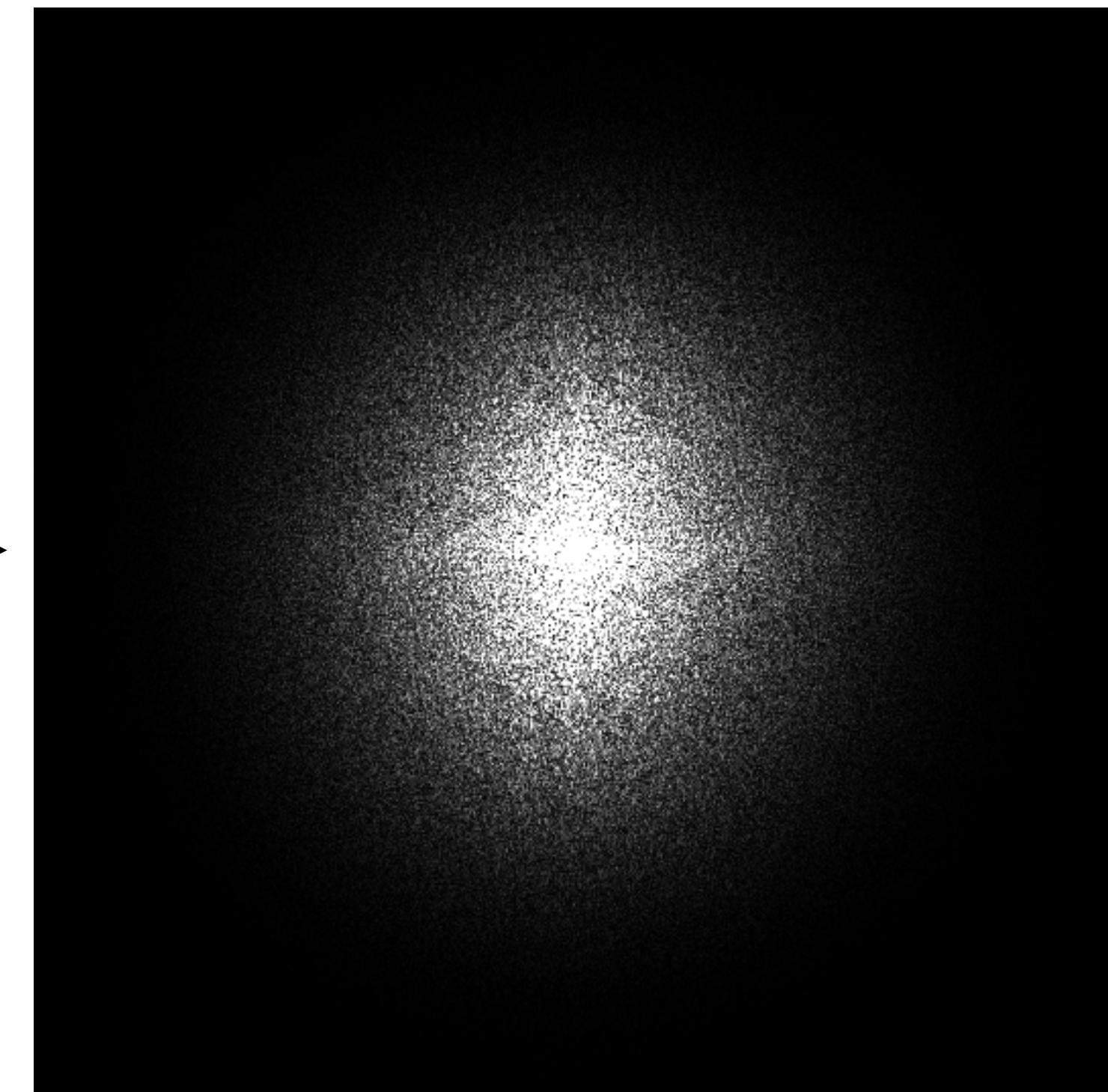
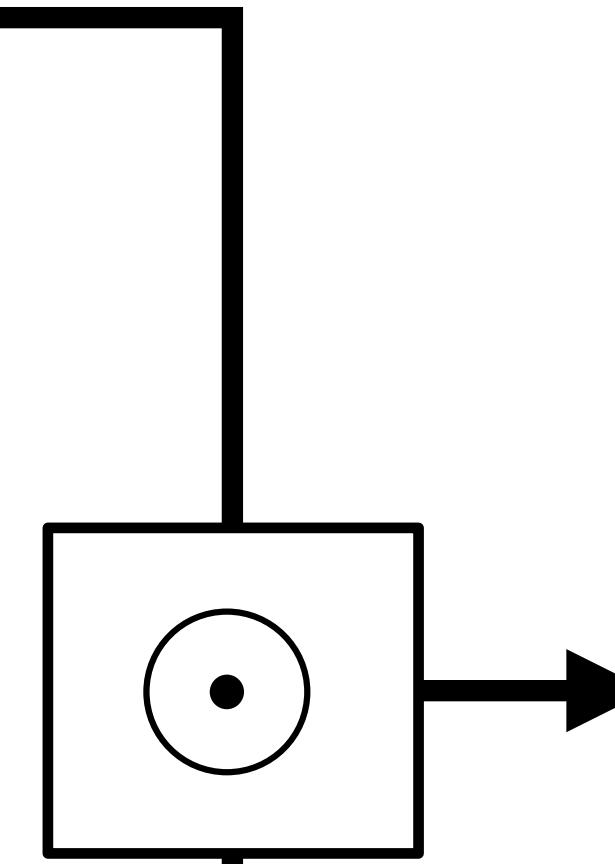
What happens when we decrease the blur?



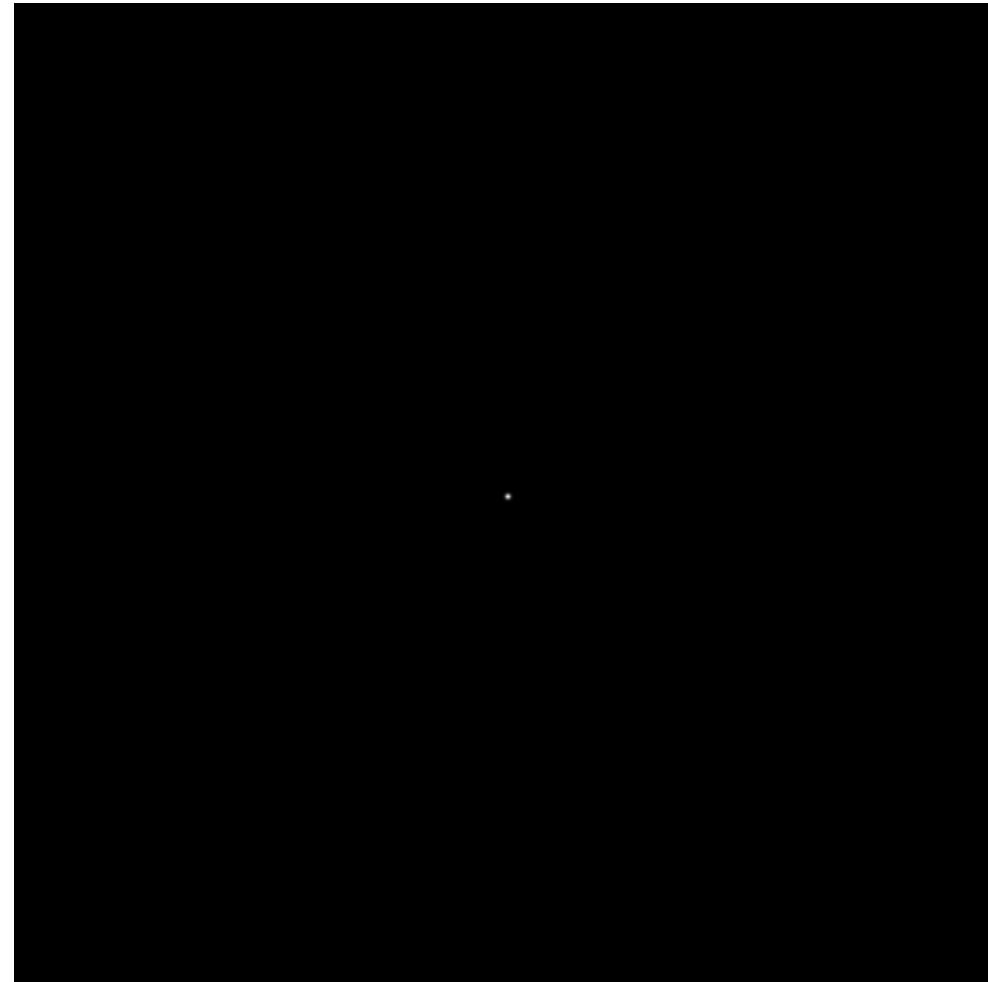
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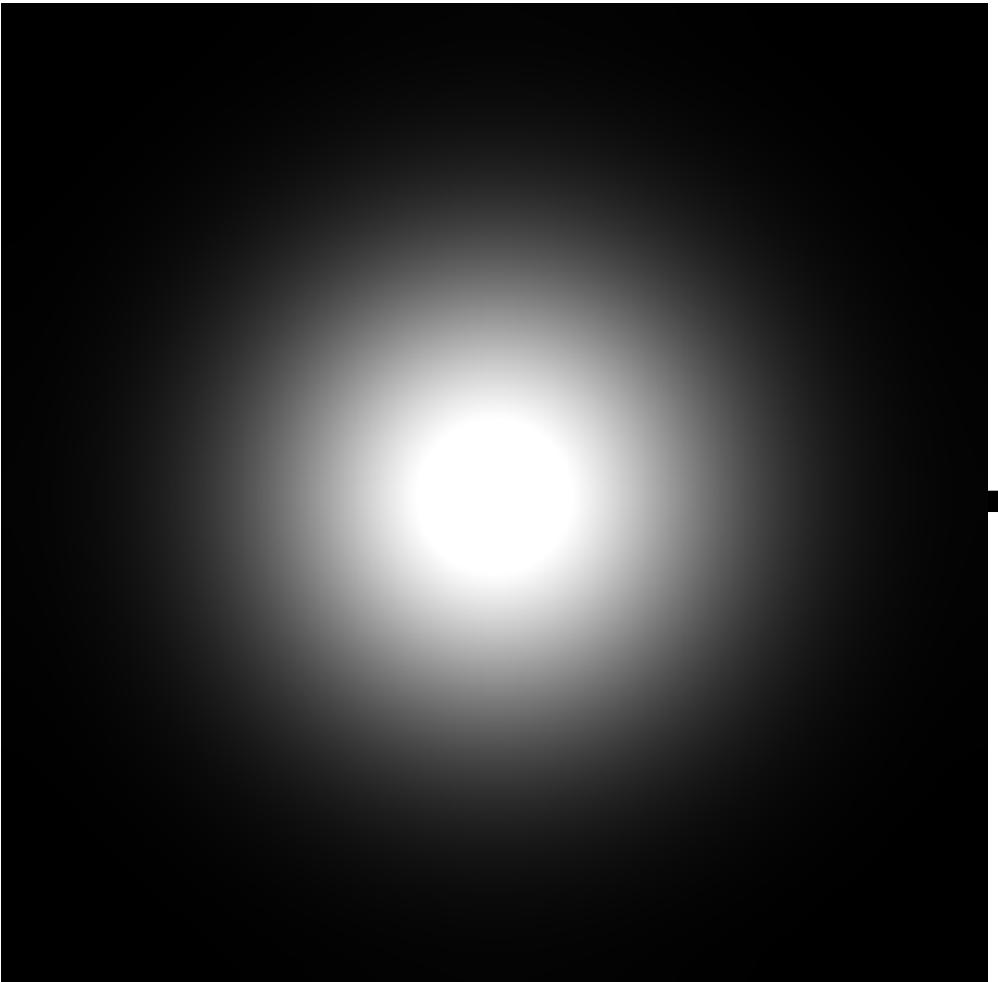
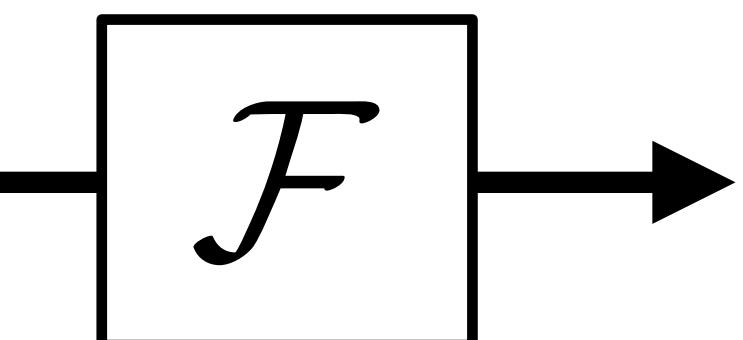
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More frequencies survive.



Gaussian $\sigma = 1$

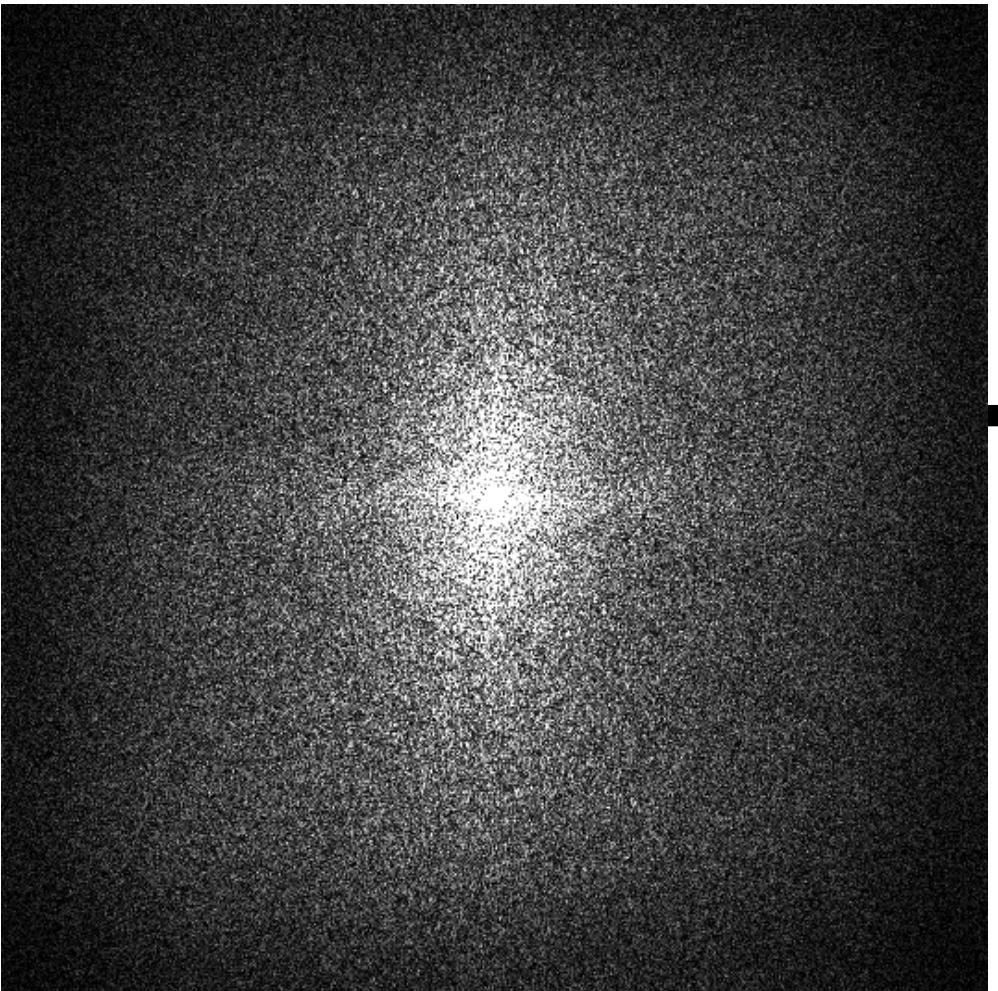
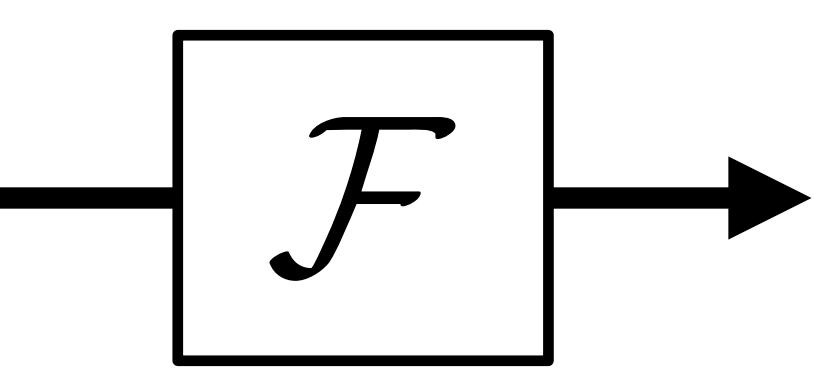


Larger Gaussian in Fourier domain!

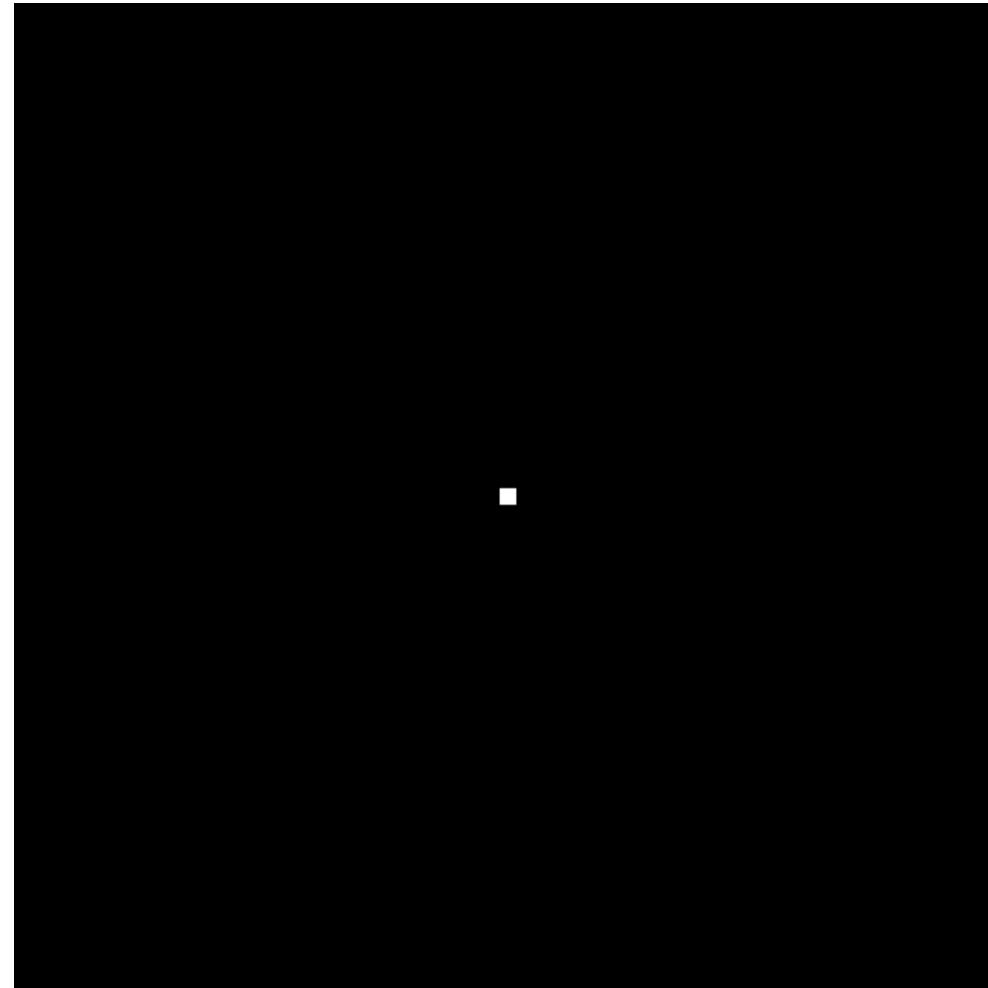
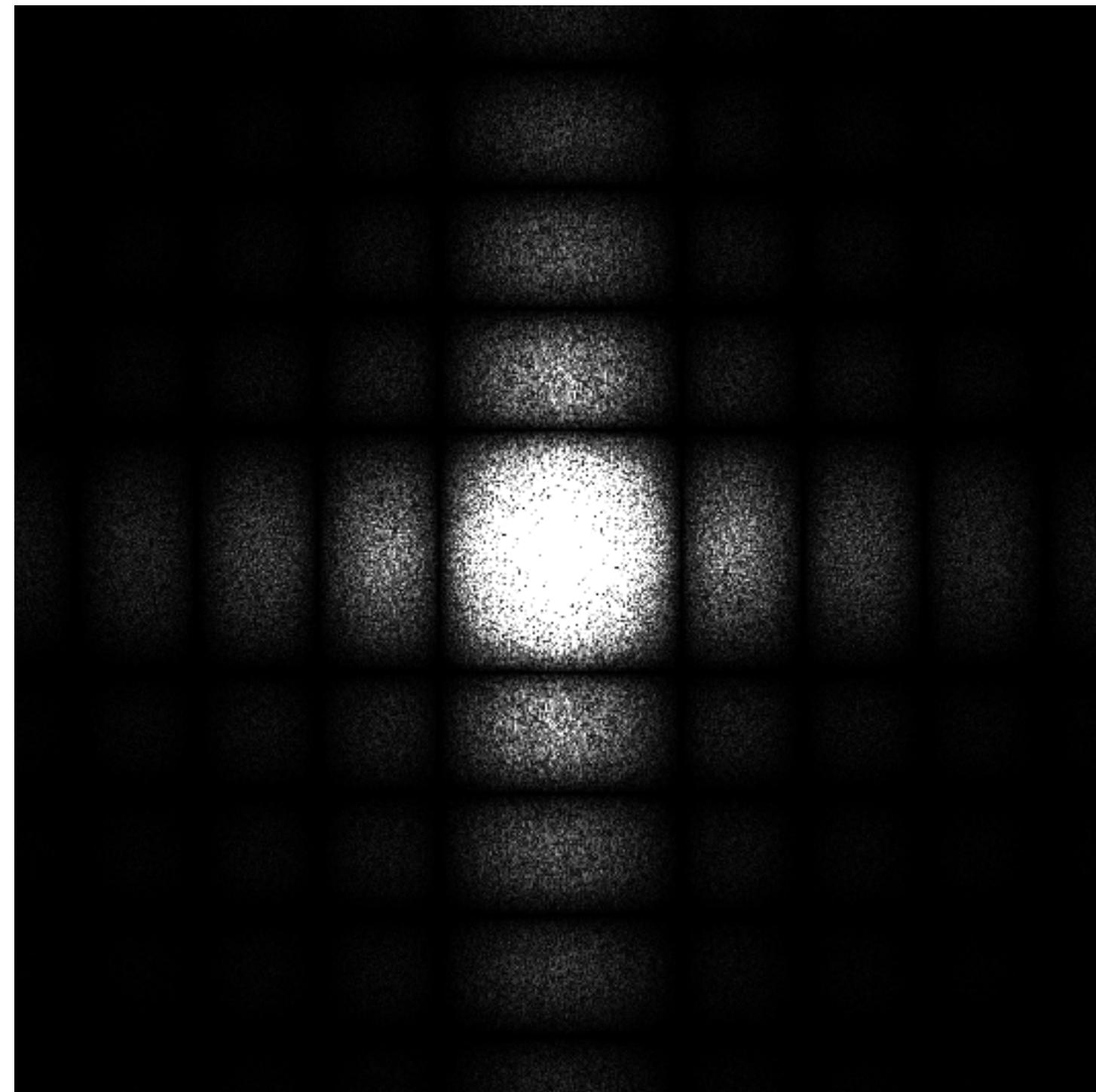
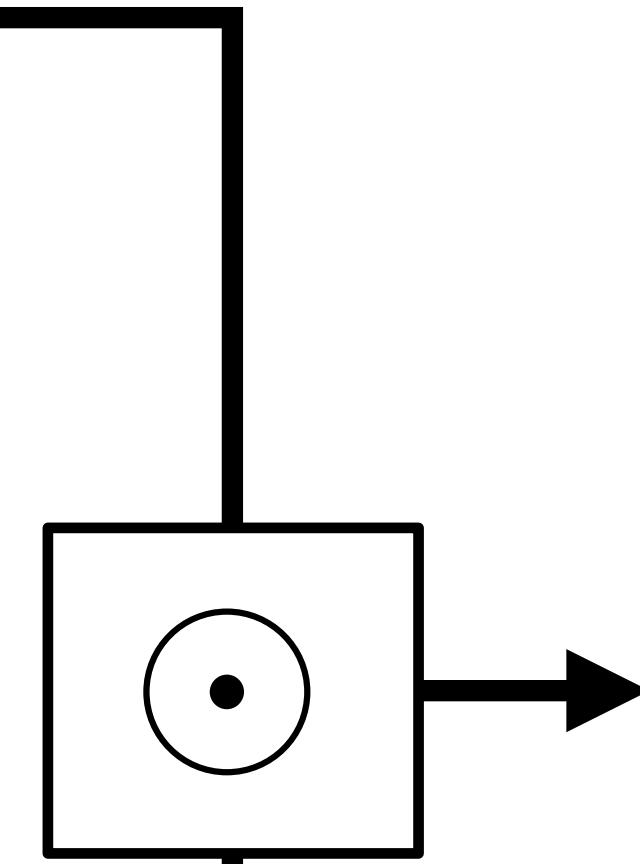
Other kernels in frequency domain



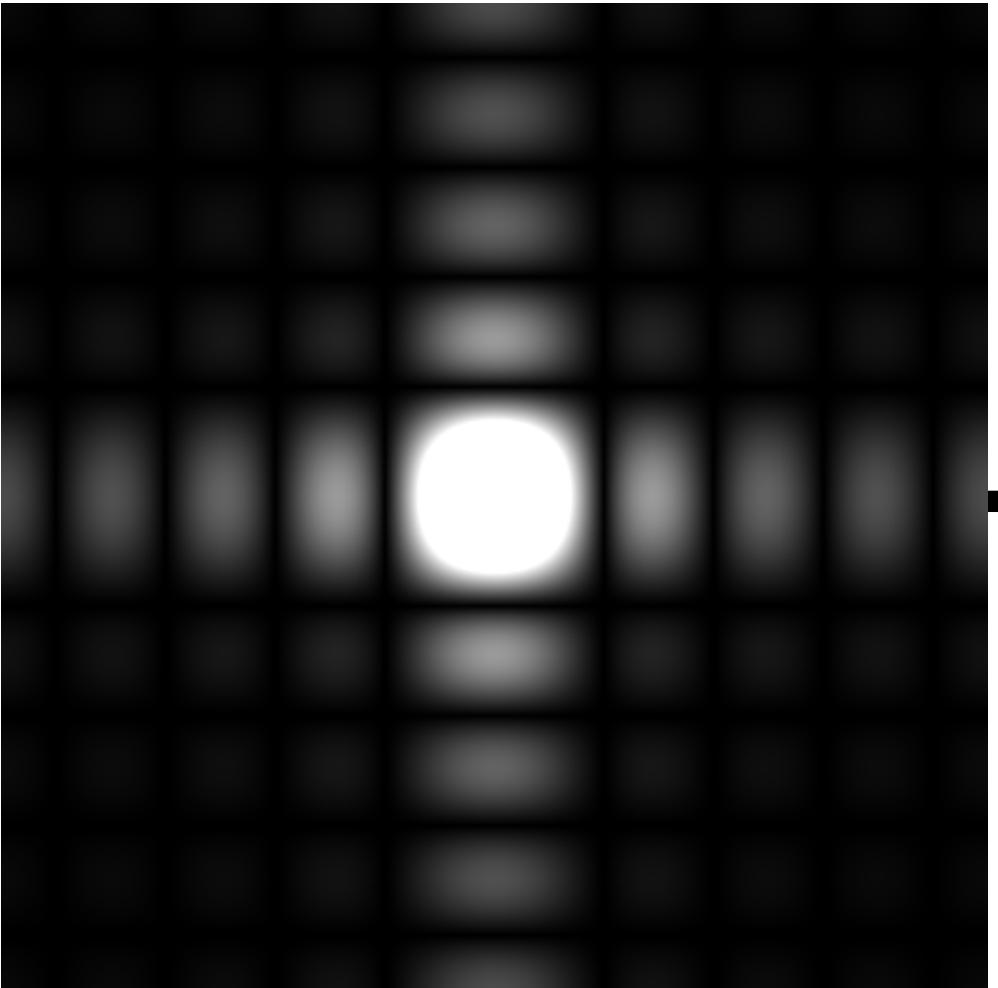
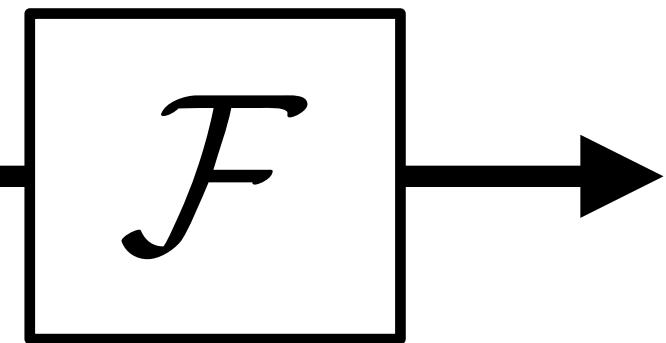
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9x9 box filter



FT of box filter

Next: machine learning