

Ex. 13.5

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Show that the second moment of the filter function is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r^2 G(r) dr = - \left(\frac{d^2 G(\kappa)}{d\kappa^2} \right)_{\kappa=0} \quad (1)$$

Hence verify that the second moments of the box and Gaussian filters are $\Delta^2/12$. Comment on the implications for the sharp spectral and Cauchy filters.

Solution

The Fourier transform of G is

$$F\{G(r)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} G(r) e^{-ikr} dr = \frac{1}{2\pi} G(\kappa) \quad (2)$$

The inverse Fourier transform has the following property

$$\begin{aligned} F^{-1} \left\{ \frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} G(\kappa) \right) \right\} &= F^{-1} \left\{ \frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} G(r) e^{-ikr} dr \right) \right\} \\ &= (-ir)^2 G(r) \\ &= -r^2 G(r) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Take the Fourier transform on both sides of Eq. (3) we have

$$F \left\{ F^{-1} \left\{ \frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} G(\kappa) \right) \right\} \right\} = F \{-r^2 G(r)\} \quad (4)$$

this means

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} G(\kappa) \right) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} -r^2 G(r) e^{-i\kappa r} dr \\
&\Rightarrow \\
-\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} (G(\kappa)) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r^2 G(r) e^{-i\kappa r} dr \\
&\Rightarrow \\
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r^2 G(r) e^{-i\kappa r} dr &= -\frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} (G(\kappa))
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Let κ be 0 then we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r^2 G(r) dr = - \left[\frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} (G(\kappa)) \right]_{\kappa=0} \tag{6}$$

Based on Table 13.2, the second moment of the box filter is

$$- \left[\frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} \left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\kappa\right)}{\frac{\Delta}{2}\kappa} \right) \right]_{\kappa=0} = \left[\frac{\Delta^2}{12} \cos\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\kappa\right) \right]_{\kappa=0} = \frac{\Delta^2}{12} \tag{7}$$

And the second moment of the Gaussian filter is

$$- \left[\frac{d^2}{d\kappa^2} \left(e^{-\frac{\Delta^2 \kappa^2}{24}} \right) \right]_{\kappa=0} = \left[-e^{-\frac{\Delta^2 \kappa^2}{24}} \left(-\frac{\Delta^2 \kappa}{12} \right)^2 + e^{-\frac{\Delta^2 \kappa^2}{24}} \frac{\Delta^2}{12} \right]_{\kappa=0} = \frac{\Delta^2}{12} \tag{8}$$

The second moment of Cauchy filter may be negative value and the second moment of sharp spectral filter may be zero.