

# Grids

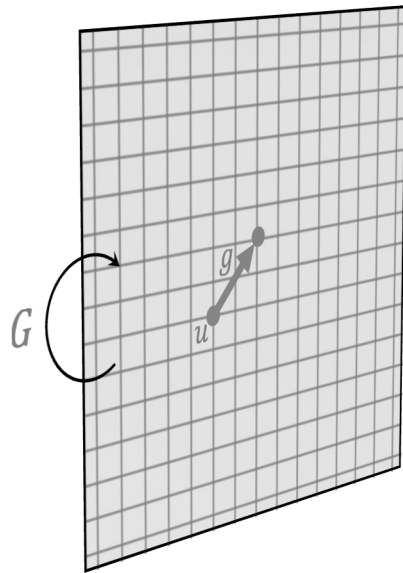
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# Outline

- *Grids* as special case of graphs, providing more structure
- *Translation symmetry*
- *Convolutions* are linear translation-equivariants
- *Fourier transform* diagonalises convolution operators and offers a spectral view dual to the spatial one
- *Geometric stability* and the need for multiscale representation (*wavelets*)
- *Wavelet Scattering* as a simple instance of the Geometric Deep Learning blueprint
- *Convolutional Neural Networks*

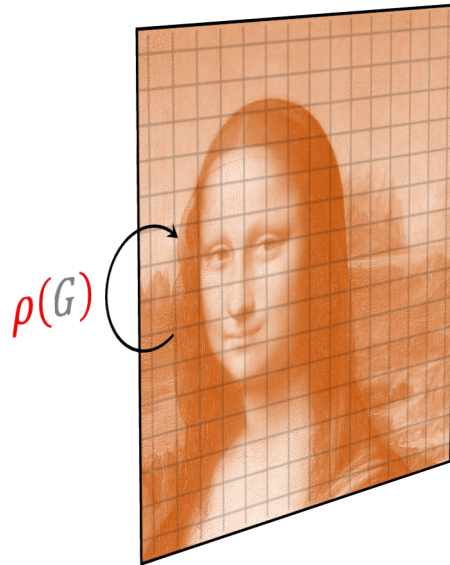
# Geometric Deep Learning Blueprint

domain  $\Omega$



domain symmetry  
group  $G$

signals  $\mathcal{X}(\Omega)$



group representation  
 $\rho(G)$

functions  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{X}(\Omega))$



$G$ -invariance /  
 $G$ -equivariance

## *Popular architectures as instances of the Blueprint*

<b>Architecture</b>	<b>Domain <math>\Omega</math></b>	<b>Symmetry Group <math>G</math></b>
<i>CNN</i>	Grid	Translation
<i>Spherical CNN</i>	Sphere / $SO(3)$	Rotation $SO(3)$
<i>Intrinsic / Mesh CNN</i>	Manifold / Mesh	Isometry $Iso(\Omega)$ / Gauge Symmetry $SO(2)$
<i>GNN</i>	Graph	Permutation $S_n$
<i>Deep Sets</i>	Set	Permutation $S_n$
<i>Transformer</i>	Complete Graph	Permutation $S_n$
<i>LSTM</i>	1D Grid	Time warping

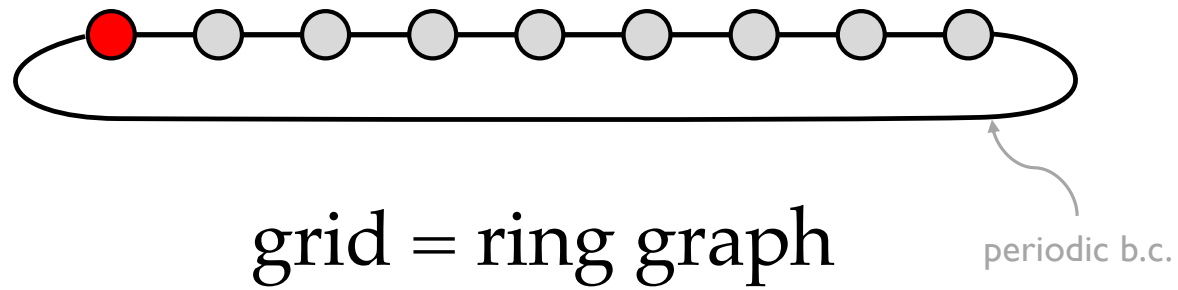
## *Geometric Deep Learning Building Blocks*

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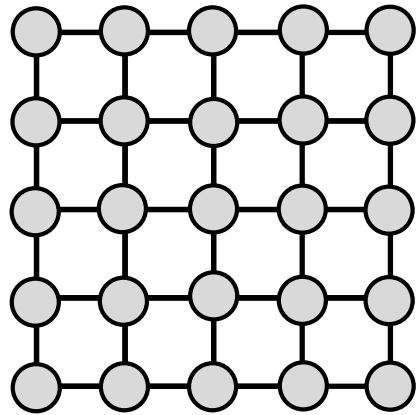
*Grid = Graph*



## *Translation on Grid with periodic b.c. = Cyclic group*

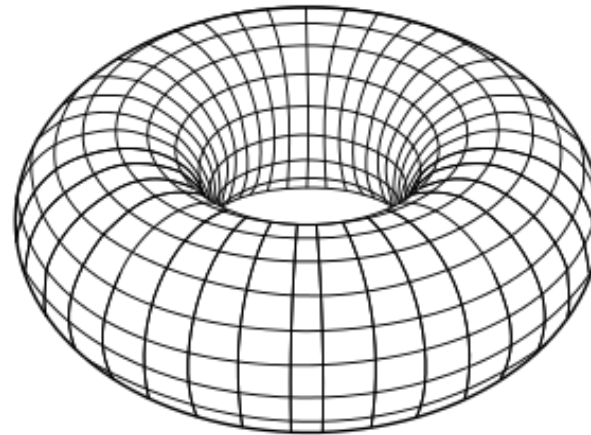
- $\Omega = \{0, \dots, n - 1\} = \mathbb{Z}_n$
- 1D translations with periodic boundary conditions for the *cyclic group*  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$
- Modulo  $n$  arithmetics:
  - $g: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega: \quad u \mapsto (u + 1) \bmod n$
  - $g^{-1}: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega: \quad u \mapsto (u - 1) \bmod n$
  - $g^k: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega: \quad u \mapsto (u + k) \bmod n$
- Note that  $\Omega \cong G$  (i.e., every translation group element can be identified with a point on the domain). This is *exception* rather than rule!

# Multidimensional Grids

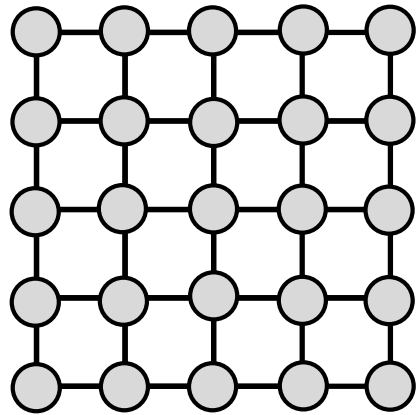


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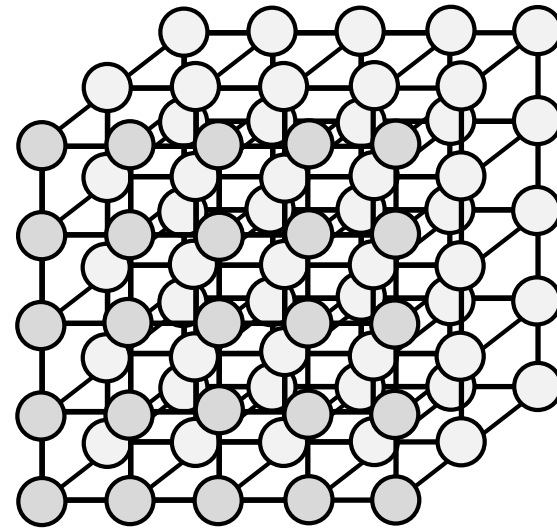


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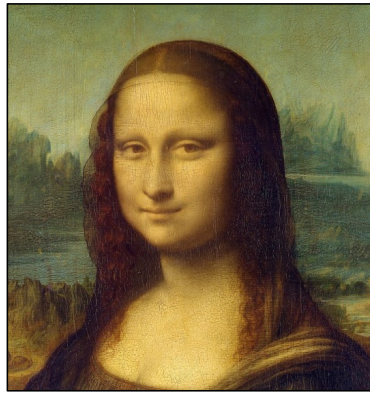
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## *Signals on Grids*

- Space of signals on 1D grid:  $\mathcal{X}(\Omega) = \{x: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \cong \mathbb{R}^n$
- Represented as  $n$ -dimensional vectors  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})$

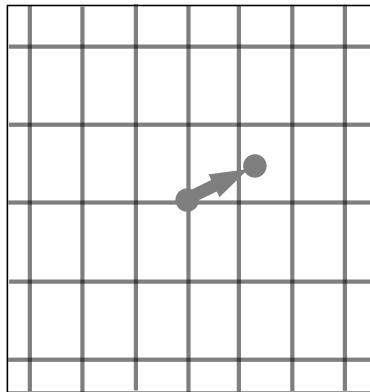
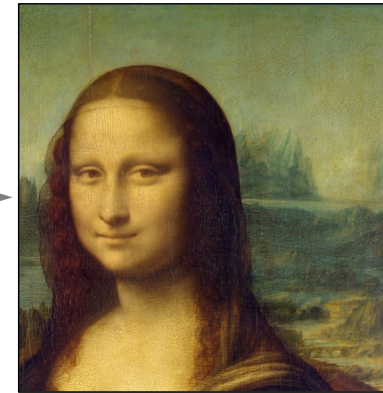
**Note:** in this lecture, for convenience we will be using indices  $0, \dots, n - 1$

*“Lifting”*



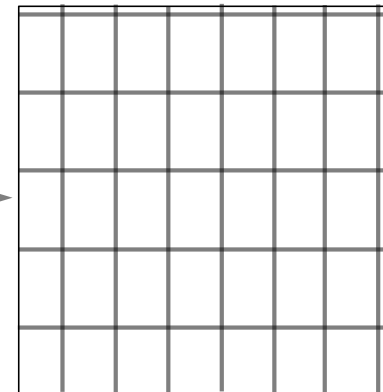
**Group representation**

$$\rho(g): \mathcal{X}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\Omega)$$

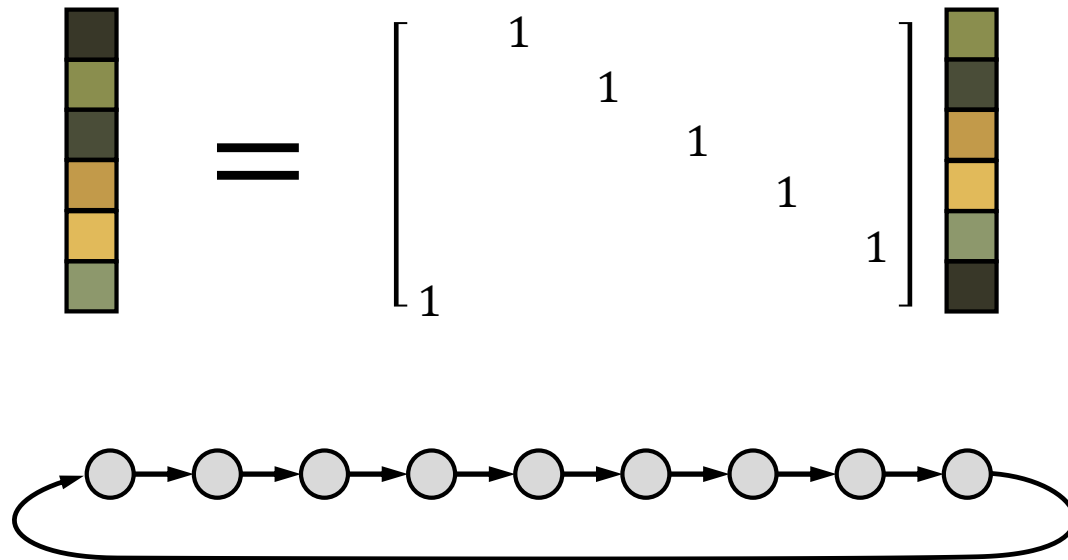


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## Shift operator



**Note:** Observe that the adjacency matrix of the directed ring graph is exactly the shift operator. We will use it when defining graph convolutions.

*Shift operator*

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \\ 1 & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

## *Shift operator*

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ 1 & & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{"Left shift"}$$





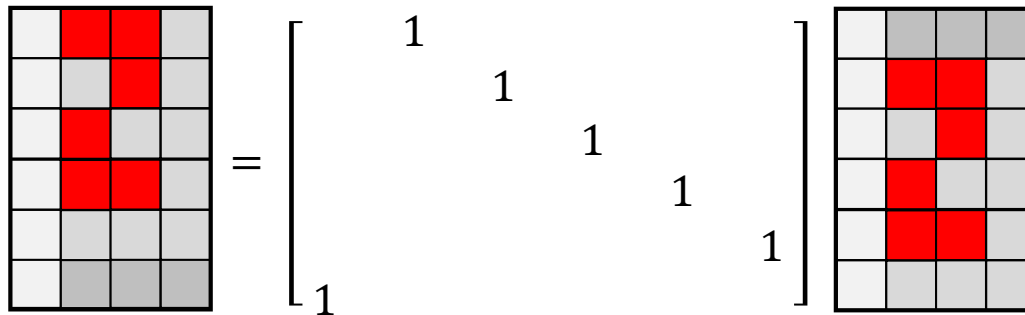
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- For every  $g \in Z_n$  its representation is given by  $\rho(g) = \mathbf{S}^k$  for some  $k$
- Inverse element:  $\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}^T$
- $\mathbf{S}$  is an *orthogonal matrix* satisfying  $\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^T = \mathbf{I}$  (and consequently, as we will see, has orthogonal eigenvectors)

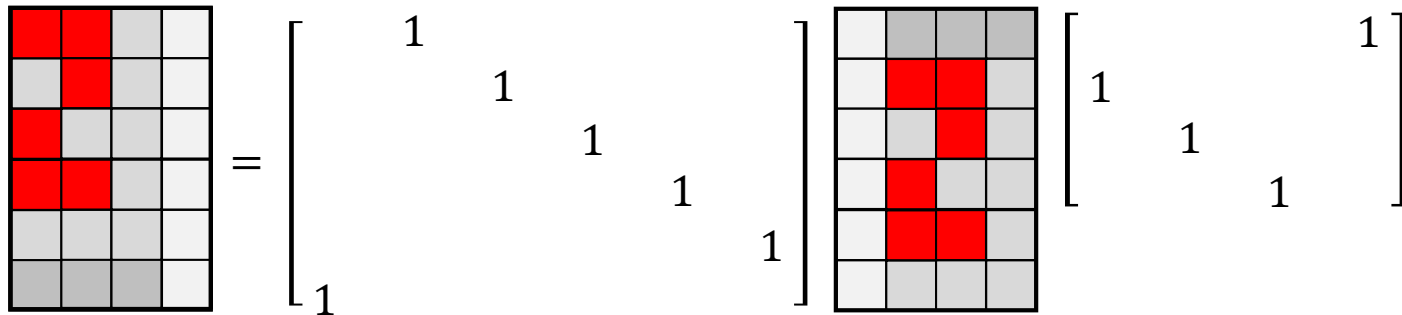
**Exercise:** prove that  $G$  is commutative, i.e.,  $gh = hg$ .

## 2D Shift operator

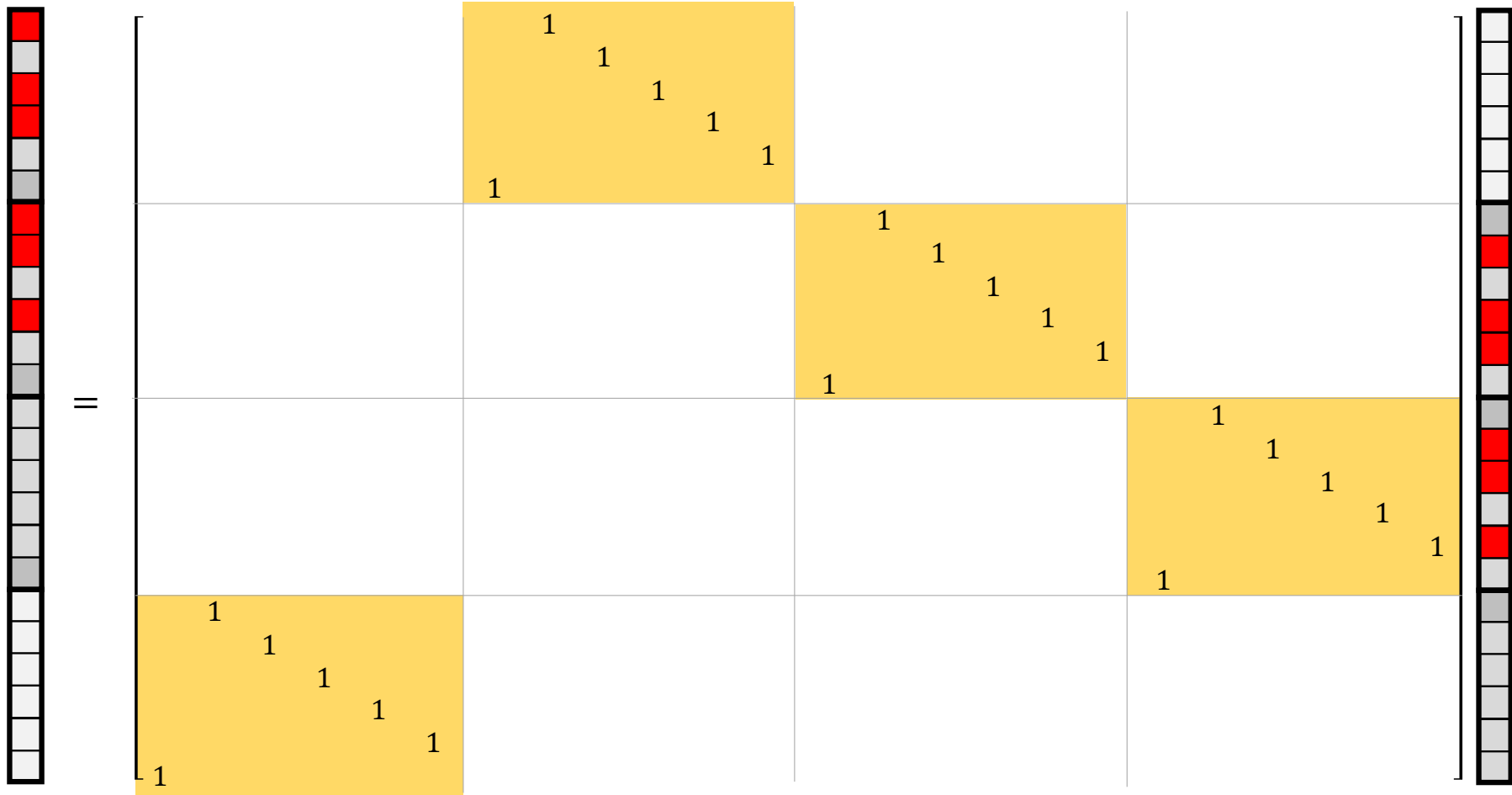


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- Alternatively, stacking the image column-wise  $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$  and using the *Kronecker product*:  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{X} \mathbf{S}^{-l}) = (\mathbf{S}^l \otimes \mathbf{S}^k) \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$



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- Space of **functions on grid signals**  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{X}(\Omega)) = \{f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}\}$
- From the Geometric Deep Learning Blueprint, we know that it is sufficient to consider *local linear invariants* and *equivariants* (that can be then combined with element-wise nonlinearities and pooling)
  - *Linear invariants*:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
  - *Linear equivariants*:  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

## *Linear Invariants*

- **Linear translation invariant** is a function of the form  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$  for some  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , satisfying

$$\langle \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } k = 0, \dots, n - 1$$

$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$  is translation invariant iff  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{1}$ .

**Exercise:** prove that  $\mathbf{v}$  must satisfy  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ .

## *Linear Equivariants*

- **Linear translation equivariant** is a function of the form  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$  for some matrix  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , satisfying

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } k = 0, \dots, n - 1$$

$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$  is translation-equivariant iff  $\mathbf{C}$  commutes with the shift operator,  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}$ .

**How do such matrices  $\mathbf{C}$  look like?**

CONVOLUTION

# Linear Equivariants

$$(\mathbf{SC})_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s_{i,k} c_{k,j}$$

	$i-1, i-1$	$i-1, i$	
		$i, i$	$i, i+1$
			$i+1, i+1$

$$s_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & k = i + 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

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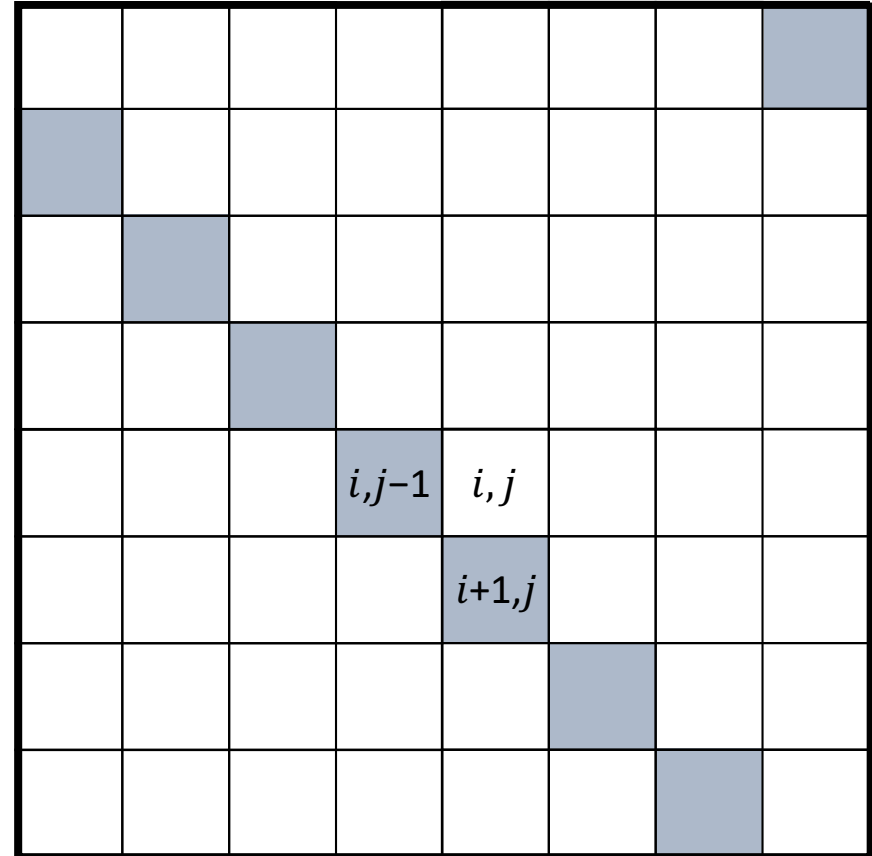
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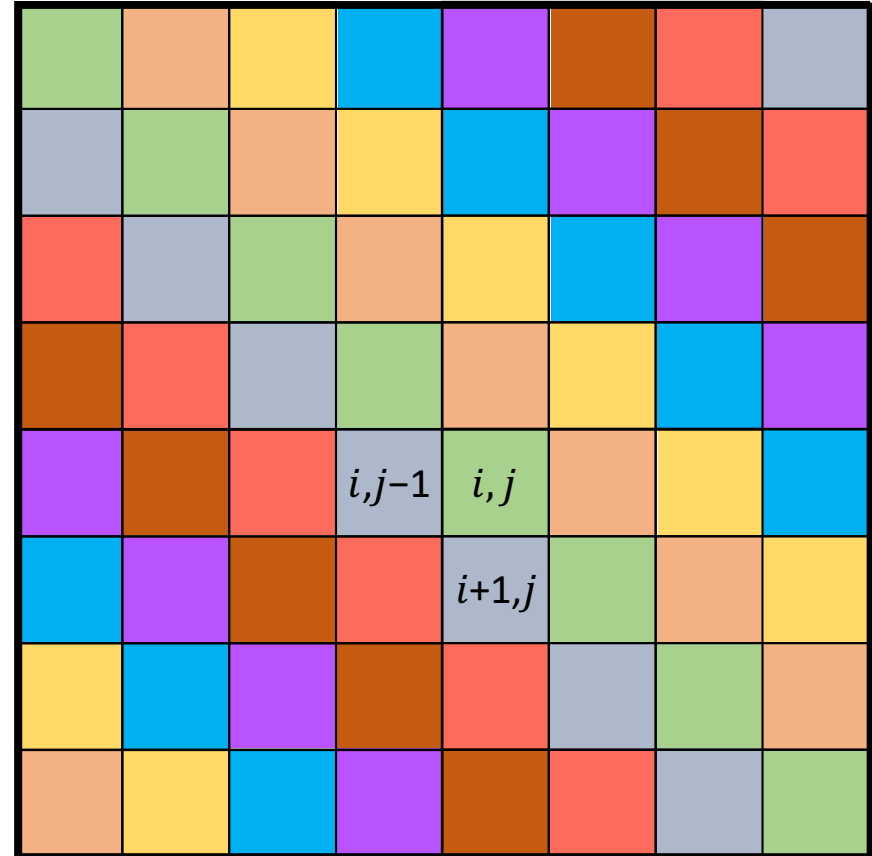
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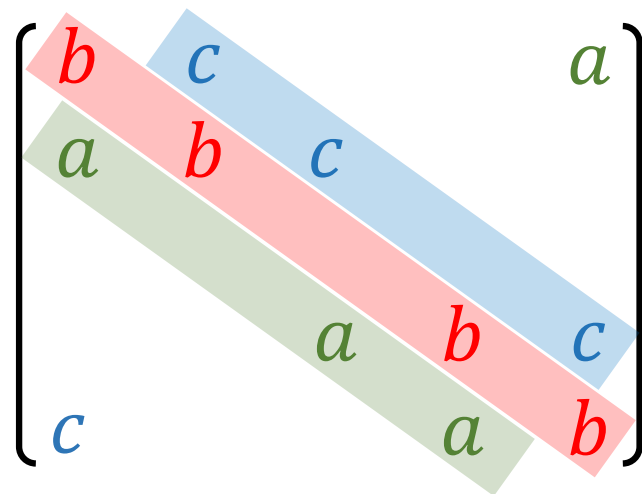
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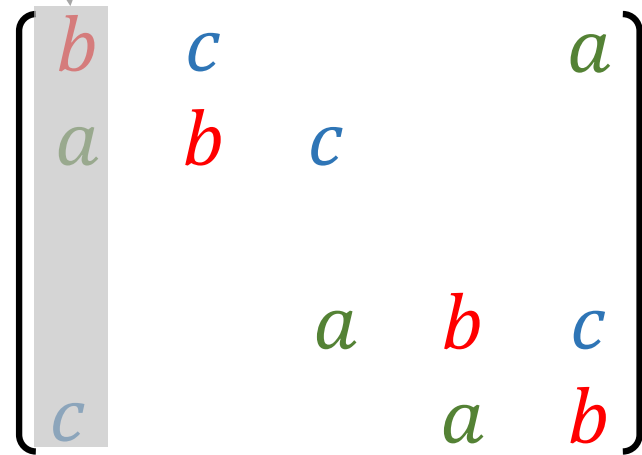
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vector of parameters  $\theta$


$$\begin{bmatrix} b & c & a & c \\ a & b & a & a \\ c & c & b & a \\ c & a & c & b \end{bmatrix}$$

circulant matrix  $\mathbf{C}(\theta)$

$$\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 & \theta_{n-1} \\ \theta_1 & \theta_0 \\ & \\ & \\ \theta_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_0 \\ \theta_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

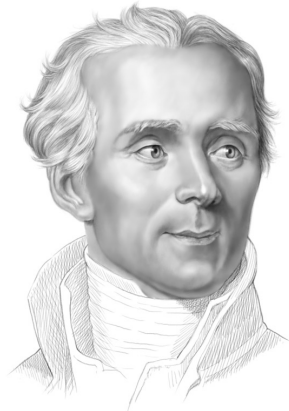
$$(\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x})_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \theta_{i-j \bmod n} x_j$$

## *Convolution*

$$(\mathbf{x} \star \boldsymbol{\theta})_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \theta_{i-j \bmod n} x_j$$

**Linear translation equivariants are convolutions**

*Who invented convolution?*



**P.-S. De Laplace**



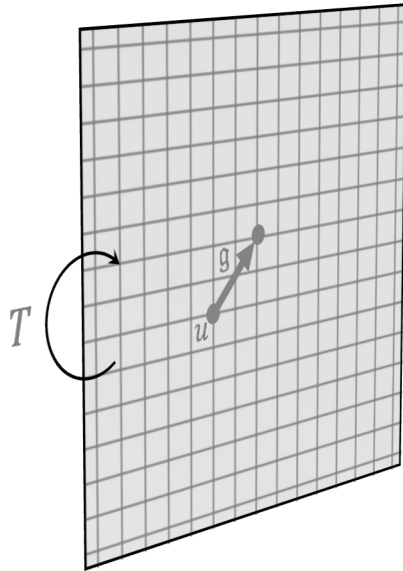
**J. B. D'Alembert**

*résultante*<sup>1</sup>    *composizione*<sup>2</sup>    *Faltung*<sup>3</sup>    *convolution*<sup>4</sup>  
*свёртка*

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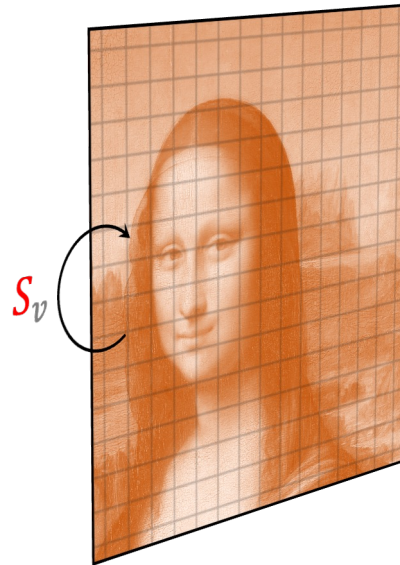
# Geometric Deep Learning Blueprint

2D grid  $\Omega$



Translation (cyclic)  
group

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Shift operator  $S$

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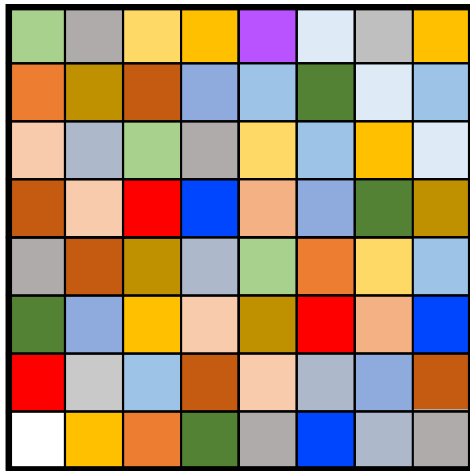


Convolutions

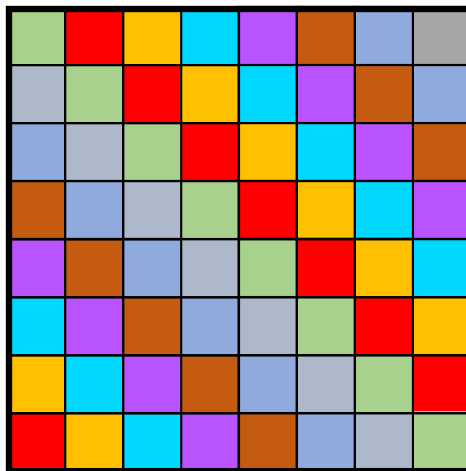
$$(Sx \star y) = S(x \star y)$$

## *The story so far*

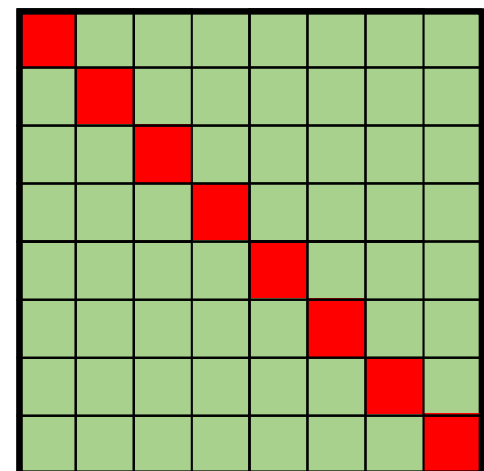
- Linear translation equivariants are *convolutions* (=circulant matrices)
- Convolution *emerges* from translational symmetry
- Grids are special cases of graphs, but with more structure
- We will now study the properties of convolutions and whether linear invariants are sufficient on their own for doing ML on grids (Answer: **no!**)



**Trivial  $G = \{e\}$**   
 $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  DOF

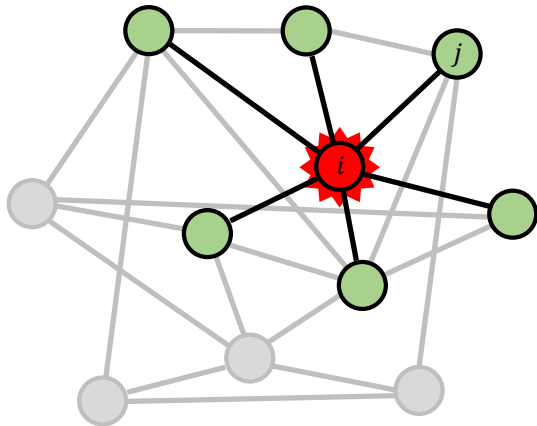


**Translation**  
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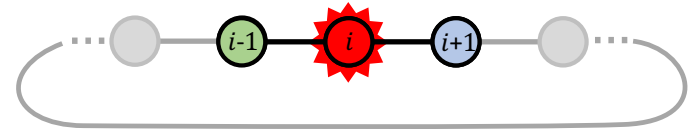
**Permutation**  
 $\mathcal{O}(1)$  DOF

# *Equivariants on Grids vs Graphs*



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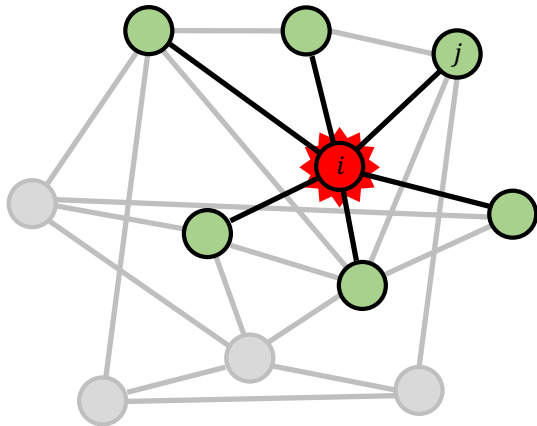
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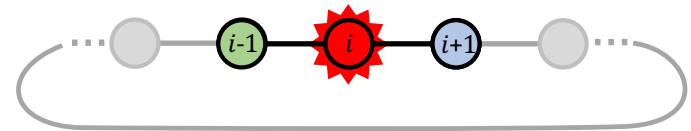
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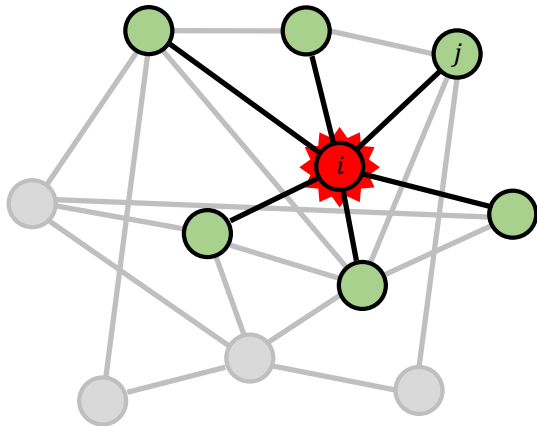
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**Grid**  
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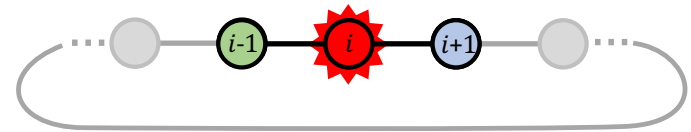
# Linear Equivariants on Grids vs Graphs



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*permutation*

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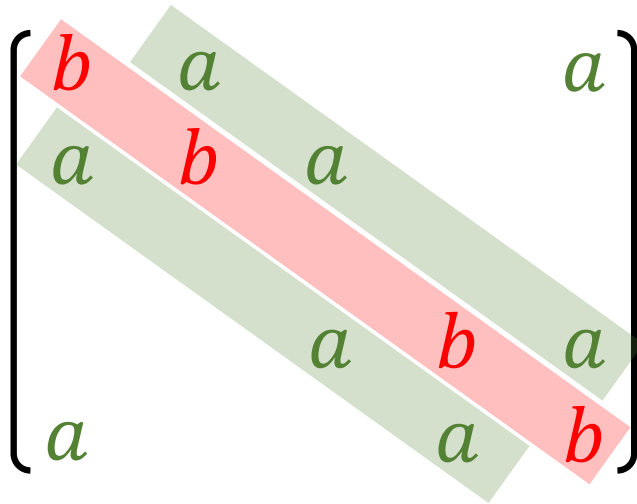


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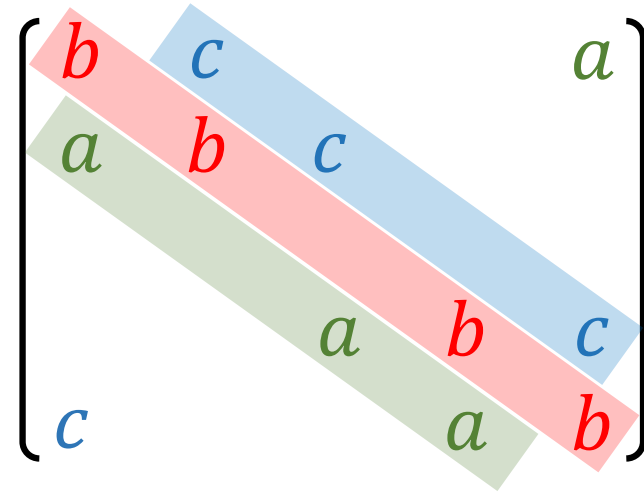
*translation*

$$a\mathbf{x}_{i-1} + b\mathbf{x}_i + c\mathbf{x}_{i+1}$$

# Linear Equivariants on Grids vs Graphs



**"Graph convolution"**



**Convolution**

# FOURIER TRANSFORM

## *Commutativity & Joint Diagonalisation*

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**Since our linear translation equivariants  $\mathbf{C}$  commute with shift  $\mathbf{S}$ , we can look at the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the shift matrix  $\mathbf{S}$**

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$$\mathbf{S} = \Phi\Lambda\Phi^*, \text{ where}$$

- $\Phi = (\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{n-1})$  is the matrix of *orthogonal eigenvectors* ( $\Phi^*\Phi = \mathbf{I}$ )
- $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1})$  is the diagonal matrix of the corresponding eigenvalues
- Since  $\mathbf{S}$  is not symmetric ( $\mathbf{S} \neq \mathbf{S}^T$ ), we expect complex eigenvalues / eigenvectors
- Commuting matrices have same eigenvectors but different eigenvalues

## *Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors of the Shift matrix*

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- We can now use  $x_{i+j} = \lambda^j x_i$  to express the entries of the  $k$ th **eigenvector** of  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_k)_{j+0} = \lambda_k^j (\boldsymbol{\Phi}_k)_0$$

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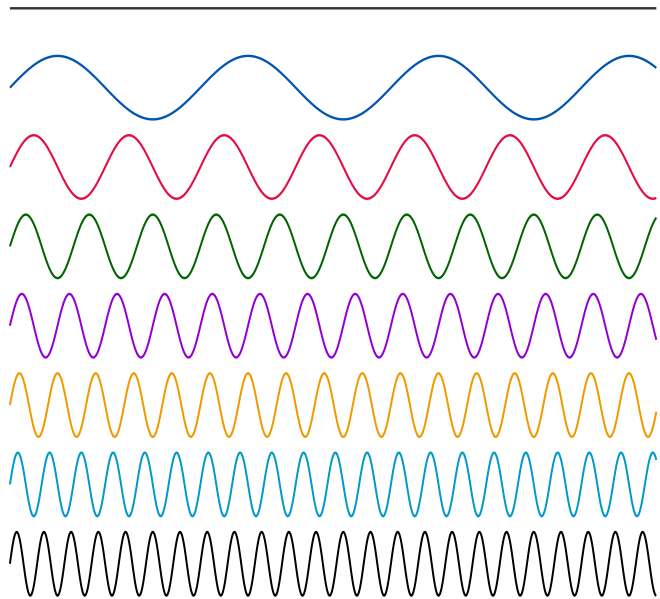
- We can now use  $x_{i+j} = \lambda^j x_i$  to express the entries of the  $k$ th **eigenvector** of  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}_k = c(1, e^{2\pi i k/n}, e^{2\pi i 2k/n}, \dots, e^{2\pi i (n-1)k/n})$$

where  $c = 1/\sqrt{n}$  such that  $\|\boldsymbol{\phi}_k\| = 1$ .

**Note:** all indices are mod  $n$ .

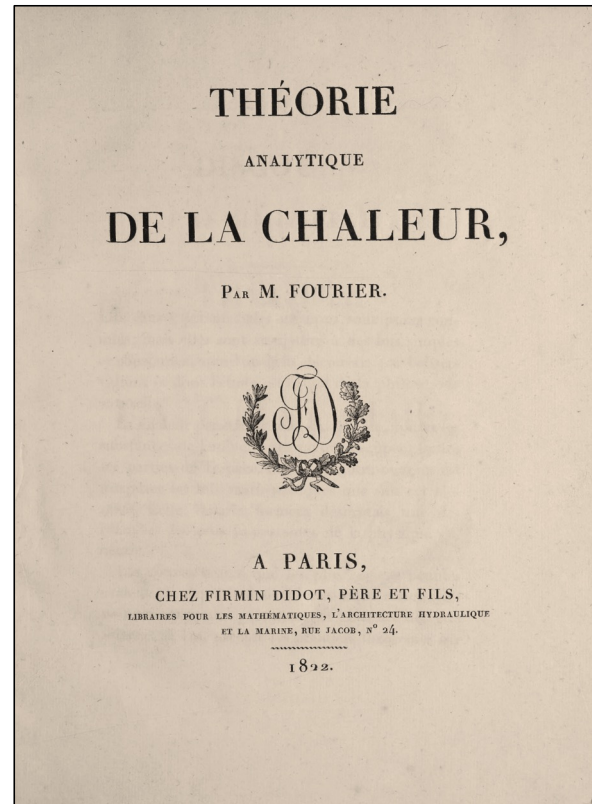
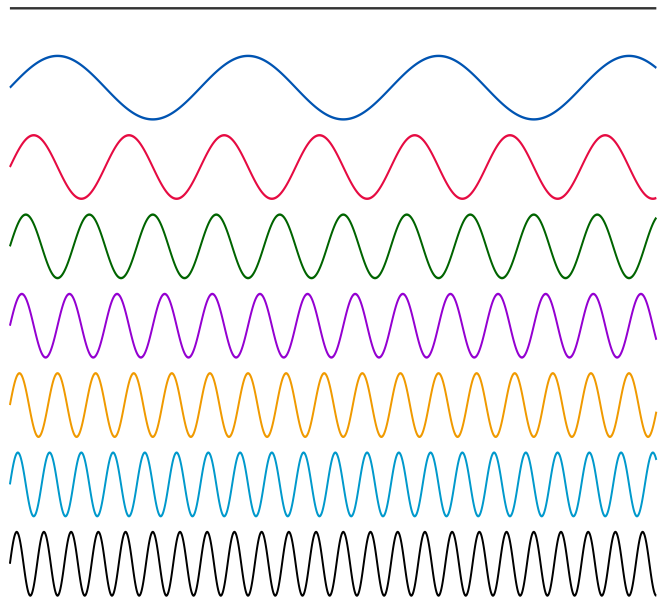
# Discrete Fourier Transform



$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}} & \dots & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}(n-1)} & \dots & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}(n-1)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Columns of  $\Phi$  form an *orthogonal basis*, referred to as the **Fourier basis**
- Multiplication of a vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \Phi^* \mathbf{x}$  is called the **Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)** of  $\mathbf{x}$

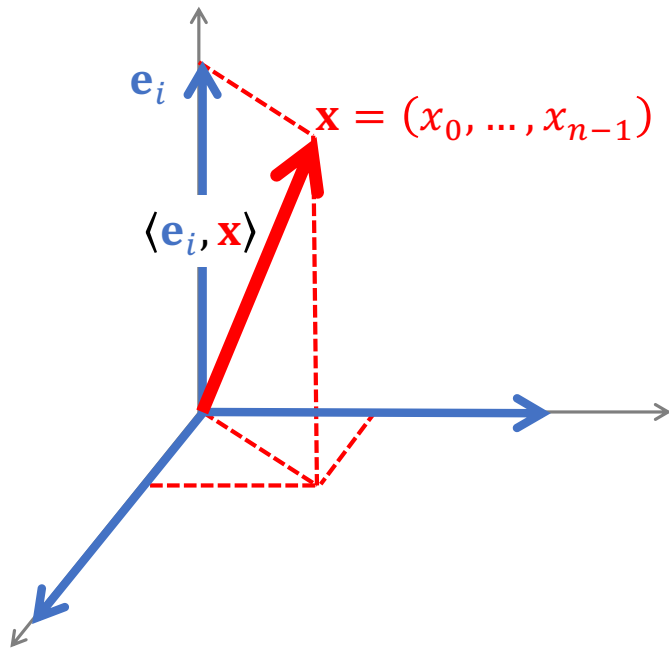
# Fourier Transform



**J. Fourier**

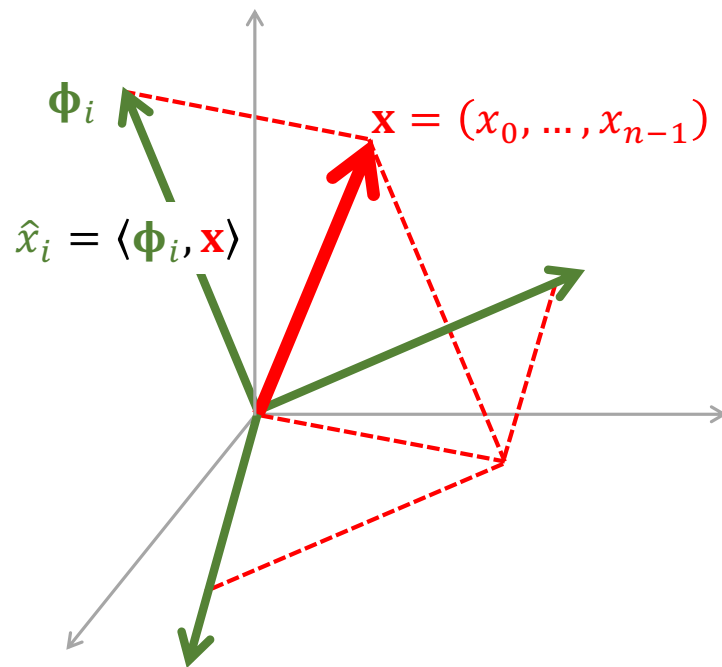
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## *Geometric intuition*



$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mathbf{e}_i \quad (nD \text{ Pythagoras})$$

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$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \phi_i = \Phi \Phi^* \mathbf{x}$$

- Parseval theorem:  
 $\langle \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \rangle = (\Phi^* \mathbf{x})^* \Phi^* \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^* \Phi \Phi^* \mathbf{y} = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$
- Plancherel theorem (special case):  
 $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$   
i.e., Fourier transform is an *isometry*

## *Convolution in the Fourier domain*

- DFT diagonalises the shift operator  $\mathbf{S}$  and all matrices commuting with it (linear translation-equivariants we called *circulant matrices* or *convolutions*)

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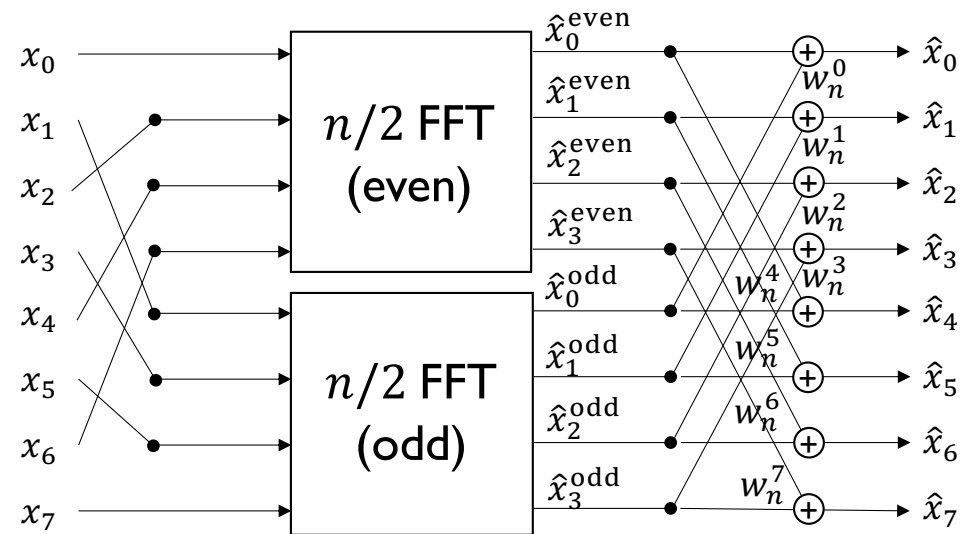
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- Convolution becomes *element-wise product* in Fourier basis! (“DFT diagonalises convolution”)
- The Fourier basis matrices  $\mathbf{\Phi}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Phi}^*$  have a highly-redundant structure, allowing to compute  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{\Phi}^*\mathbf{x}$  (forward DFT) and  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{\Phi}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  (inverse DFT) in **complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$**  rather than  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ .
- Such methods are known as Fast Fourier Transforms (FFT) and have been the bread-and-butter of digital signal processing since the late 1960s

# Fast Fourier Transform



$$w_n^k = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}k}$$

(Gauss 1805); Cooley, Tukey 1965

## DFT of Convolution

- Last remaining bit: how do the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{\Phi}^*$  look like?
- Recall that  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  constructed from circularly-shifted column vectors  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Let us express  $\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\phi}_k = \lambda_k \boldsymbol{\phi}_k$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 & \theta_{n-1} & \cdots & \theta_1 \\ \theta_1 & \theta_0 & & \theta_2 \\ & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \theta_{n-1} & \theta_{n-2} & \cdots & \theta_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}k} \\ \vdots \\ e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}k(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}k} \\ \vdots \\ e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}k(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_k = \theta_0 + \theta_{n-1}e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}k} + \cdots + \theta_1e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}k(n-1)}$$

$$= \theta_0 + \theta_1e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}k} + \cdots + \theta_{n-1}e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}k(n-1)} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \theta_l e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}kl} = \hat{\theta}_k$$

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A circulant matrix can be expressed in the Fourier domain as  $\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{\Phi} \text{diag}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \mathbf{\Phi}^*$ .

*spatial domain*

Circulant matrix

$\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

$\mathbf{x}$

→

$\boldsymbol{\theta} \star \mathbf{x}$

$\Phi$

↑

$\Phi^*$  DFT

↓

IDFT

$\Phi$

↑

$\Phi^*$

$\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

→

$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \hat{\theta}_n \end{bmatrix}$

Element-wise product

*frequency domain*

CONTINUOUS CASE

# Continuous Fourier Transform

- Let  $x, y \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$

- Continuous **convolution**

$$(x \star y)(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(v)y(u - v)dv$$

- Continuous **Fourier Transform**

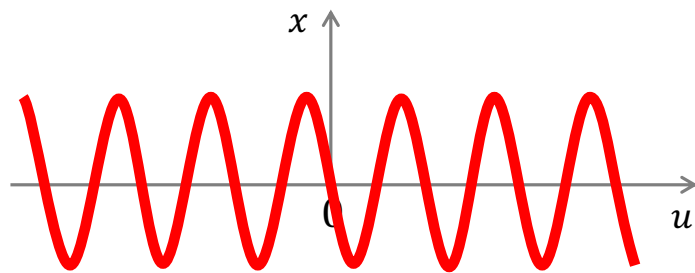
$$\hat{x}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(u)e^{-2\pi i \xi u} du \quad x(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{x}(\xi)e^{+2\pi i \xi u} d\omega$$

- $\omega = 2\pi\xi$  is often referred to as **frequency**
- Continuous Fourier basis: orthogonal functions  $\phi_\xi(u) = e^{+2\pi i \xi u}$  s.t.  $\langle \phi_\xi, \phi_\zeta \rangle = \delta(\xi - \zeta)$
- Fourier transform: orthogonal projection on the basis  $\hat{x}(\xi) = \langle x, \phi_\xi \rangle$

## Continuous Fourier Transform: Properties

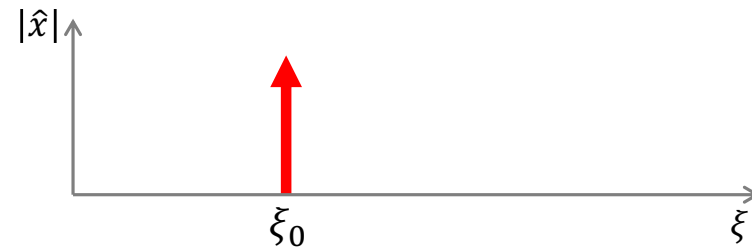
- Shift  $x(u - v)$  Phase  $e^{-2\pi i \xi v} \hat{x}(\xi)$
- Derivative  $\frac{d}{du} x(u)$  Moment  $i\omega \hat{x}(\xi)$
- Convolution  $(x \star y)(u)$  Product  $\hat{x}(\xi) \cdot \hat{y}(\xi)$
- Product  $(x \cdot y)(u)$  Convolution  $\hat{x}(\xi) \star \hat{y}(\xi)$
- Scaling  $x(\alpha u), \alpha > 0$  Inv. Scaling  $\frac{1}{\alpha} \hat{x}\left(\frac{\xi}{\alpha}\right)$
- Parseval theorem:  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \hat{x}, \hat{y} \rangle$
- Plancherel theorem:  $\|x\| = \|\hat{x}\|$  (isometry)

## Harmonics and Deltas



Space

$$x(u) = e^{2\pi i \xi_0 u}$$

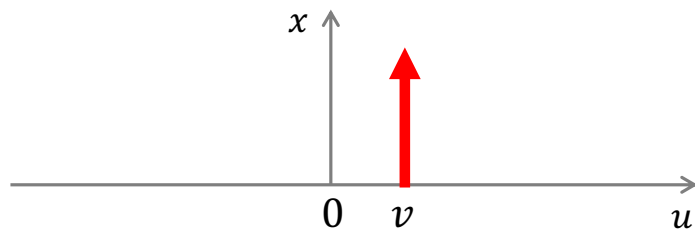


Frequency

$$\hat{x}(\xi) = \delta(\xi - \xi_0)$$

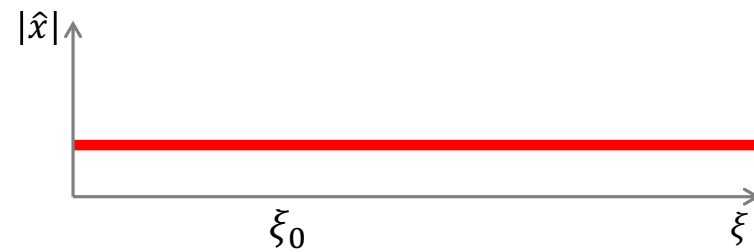
**Note:** Dirac delta is a “generalised function.” It can be regarded as a linear functional on Hilbert space.

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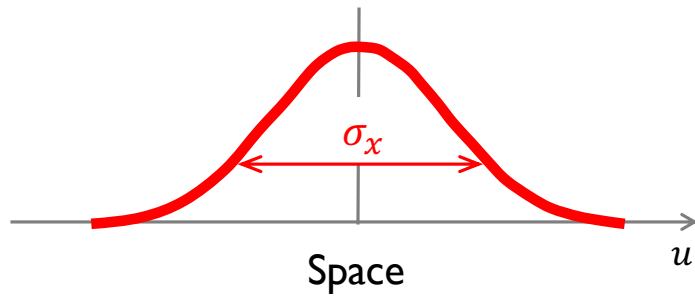
$$x(u) = \delta(u - v)$$



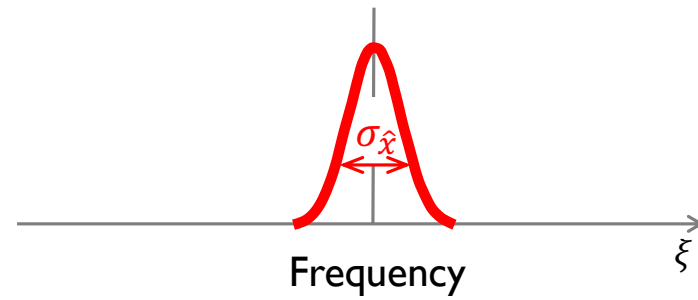
Frequency

$$\hat{x}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(u - v) e^{-2\pi i \xi u} du = e^{-2\pi i \xi v}$$

# Localisation in Space and Frequency

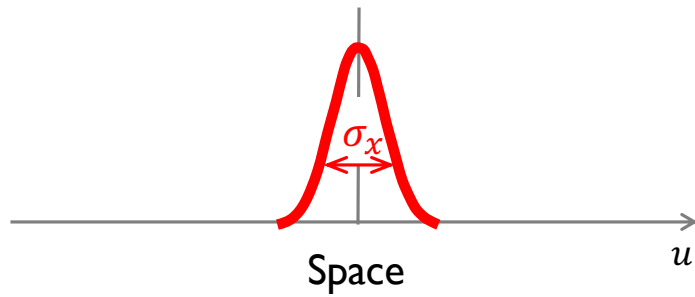


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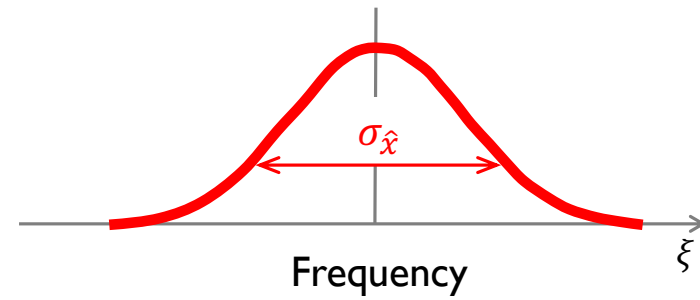


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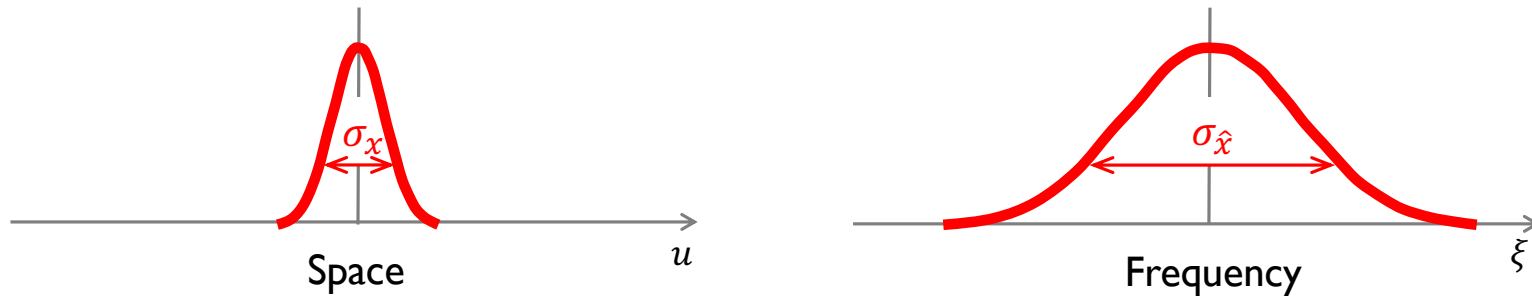


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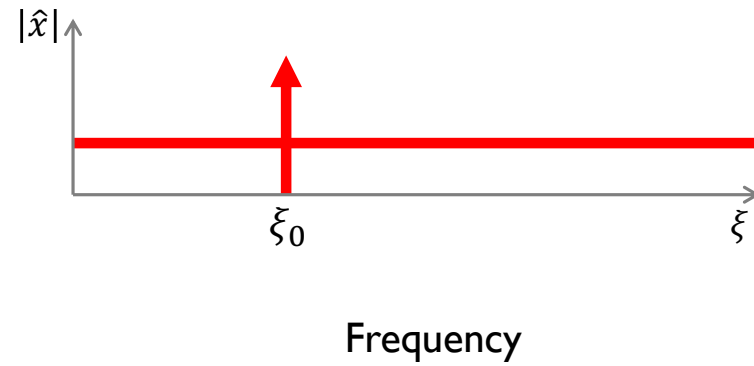
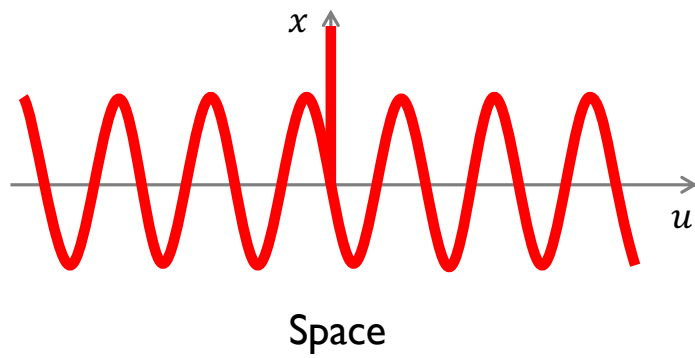
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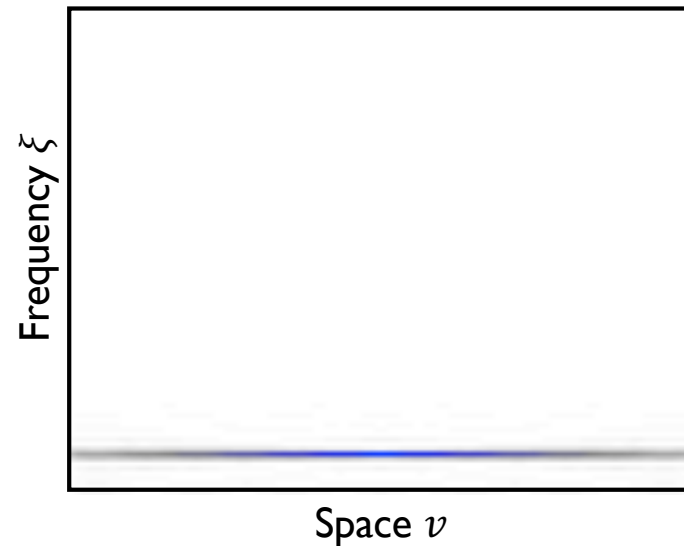
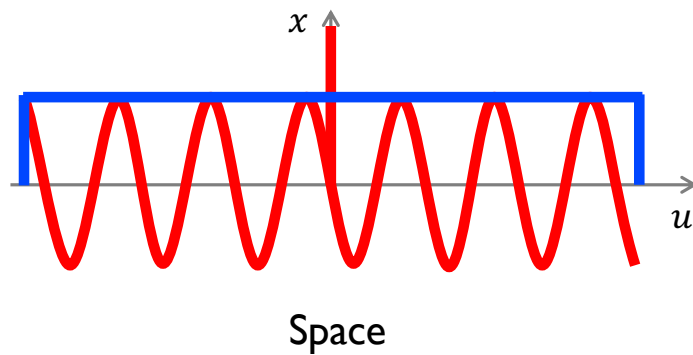
$$\sigma_x^2 \sigma_{\hat{x}}^2 \geq \frac{1}{16\pi^2}$$

**Exercise:** prove.

# *Spectrogram, or Windowed Fourier Transform*



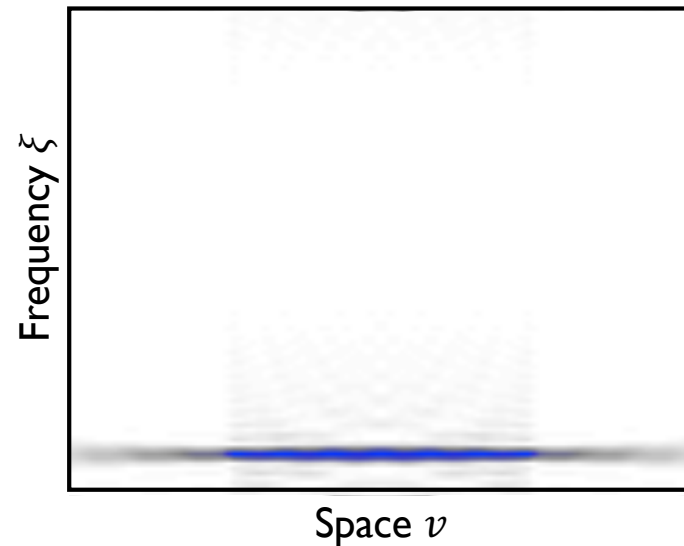
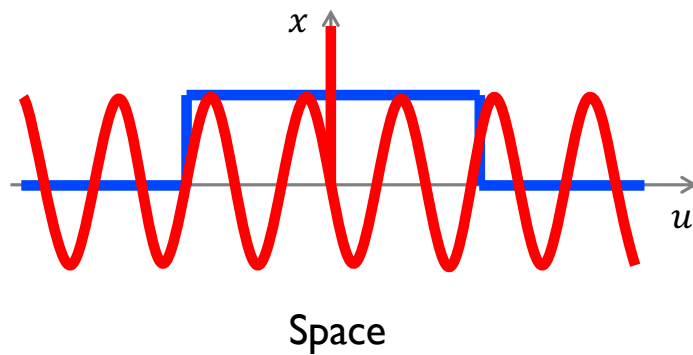
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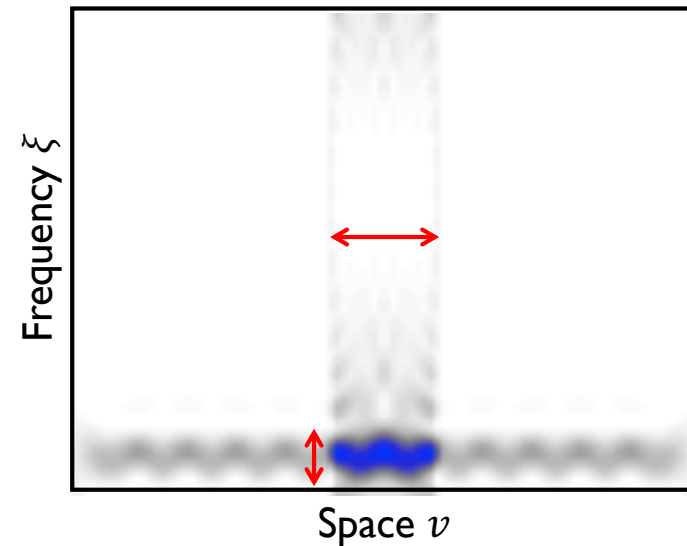
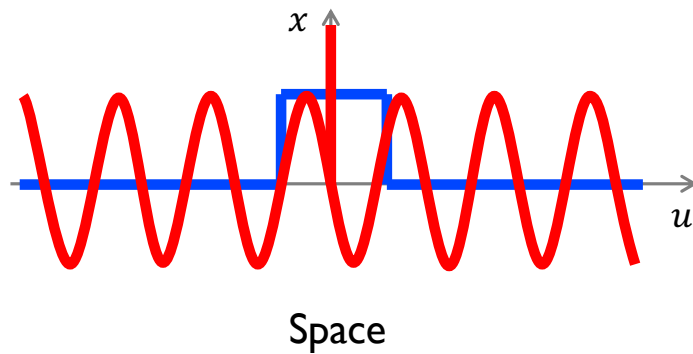
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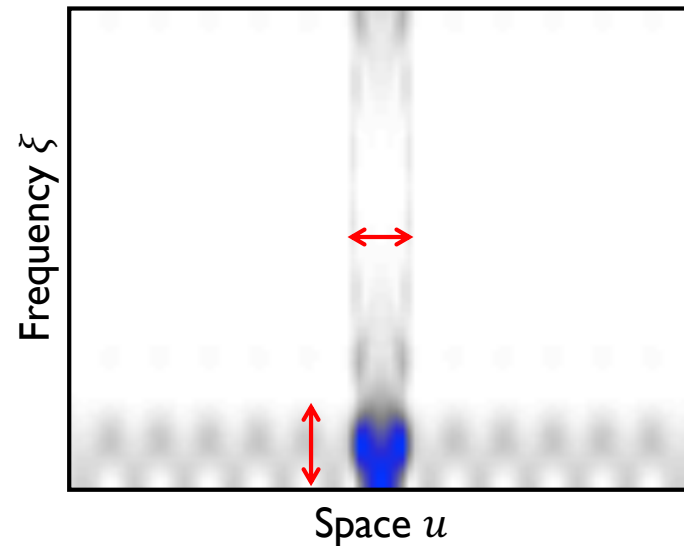
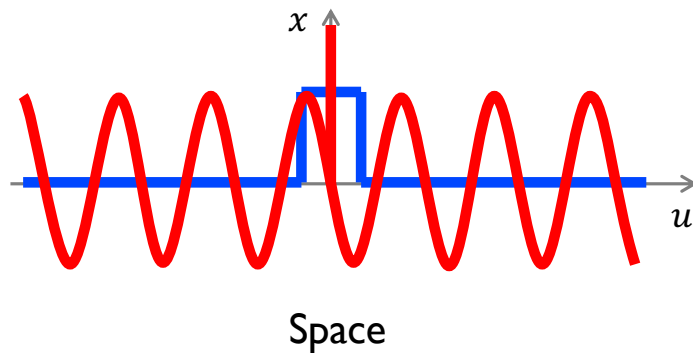
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# GEOMETRIC STABILITY

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- Fourier Transform modulus:

$$f(x) = |\hat{x}|$$

is a *non-linear translation invariant*

**Proof:** Use the property of the FT transforming shift  $x(u - v)$  into complex phase  $e^{-2\pi i \xi v} \hat{x}(\xi)$ . Taking the absolute value then removes the complex phase.

## *Fourier invariants*

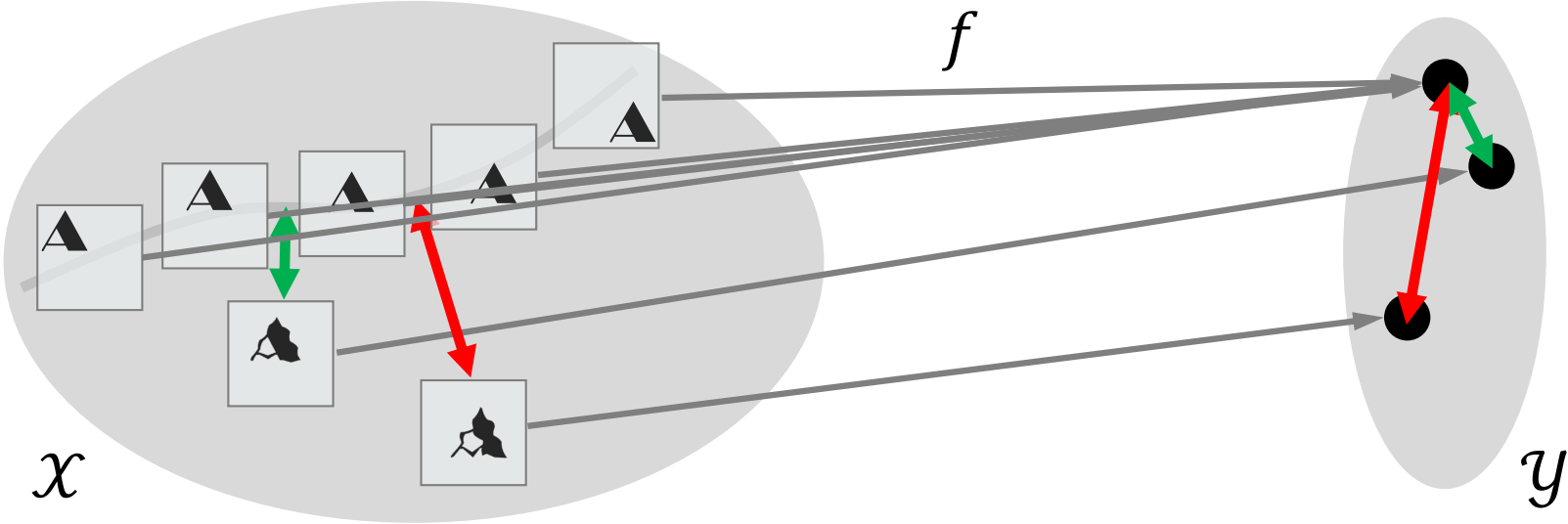
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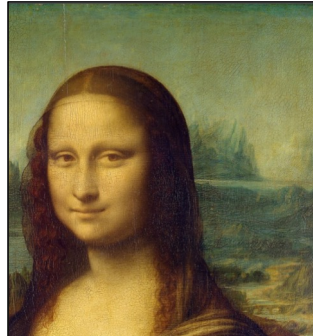
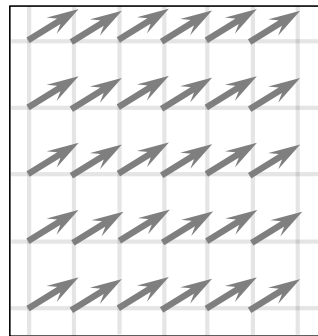
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**Is this invariant stable?**

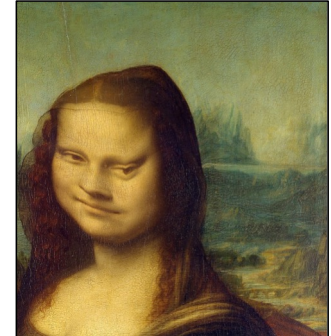
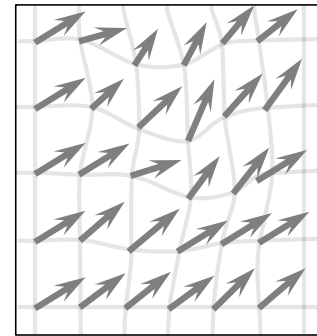
*Reminder: Approximate Group Invariance*



## Reminder: Approximate Group Invariance



**Translation**

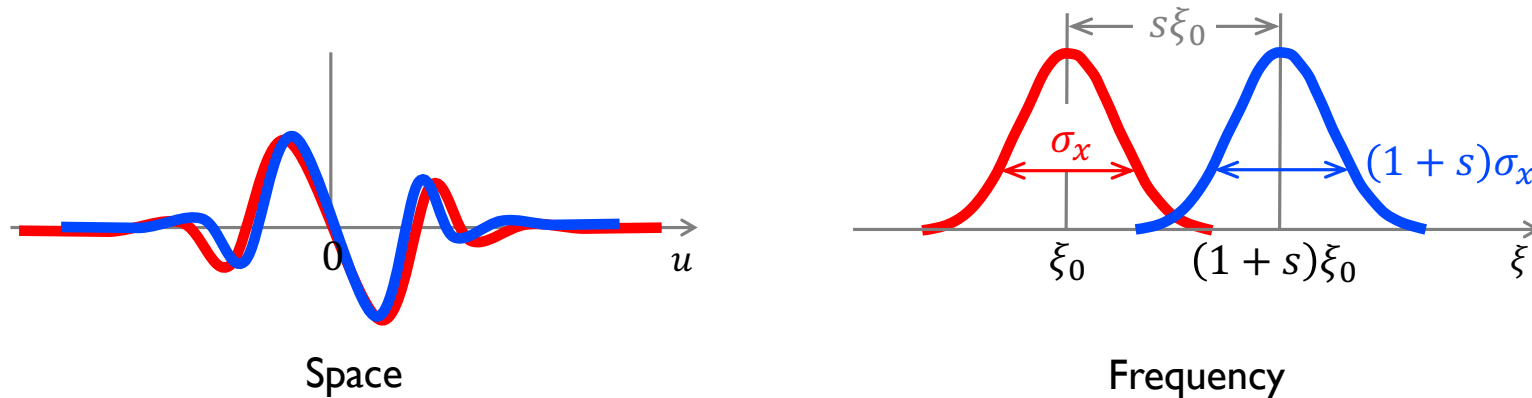


**Warping**

- The translation group is a *subgroup* of a much bigger group of *diffeomorphisms* (“warpings”)  $\tau: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  acting in the plane
- The smoothness of  $\tau$  (**Dirichlet energy**) measures how “far” it is from translation

$$\|\nabla\tau\|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \|\nabla\tau(u)\|^2 du = 0$$

## Stability of Fourier modulus: 1D example

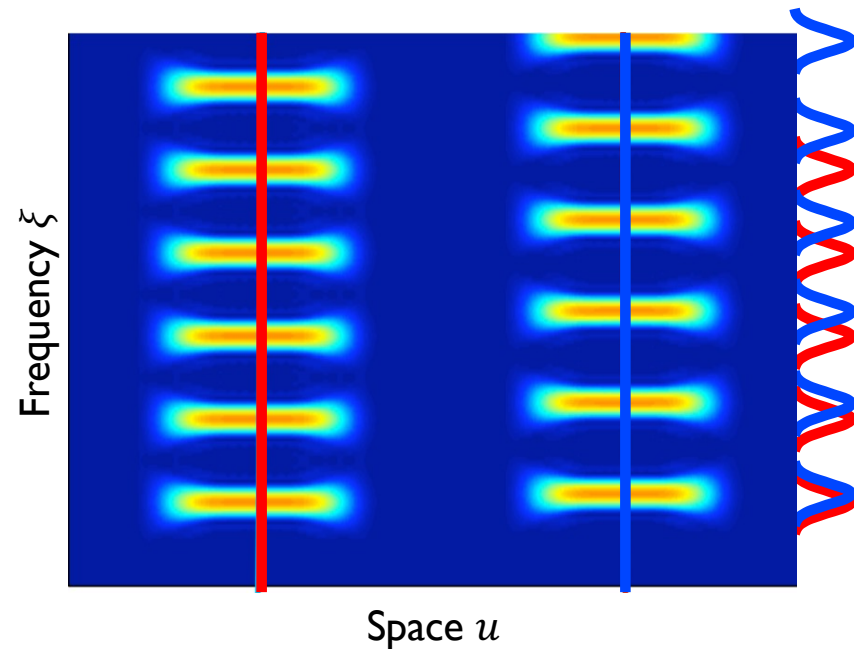


- Let  $x(u) = h(u)e^{2\pi i\xi_0 u}$  be a signal concentrated around frequency  $\xi_0$  with bandwidth  $\sigma_x$
- Warping  $(\tau x)(u) = x((1+s)u)$ , with  $s \ll 1$
- If  $(1+s)\xi_0 - \xi_0 = s\xi_0 \gg (2+s)\sigma_x$ , then  $\| |\hat{x}| - |\widehat{\tau x}| \| = \mathcal{O}(\|x\|)$   
i.e.,  $\| |\hat{x}| - |\widehat{\tau x}| \| / \|x\| = \mathcal{O}(1)$  rather than  $\mathcal{O}(s)$ , indicating that this **invariant is unstable!**

**Exercise:** prove.

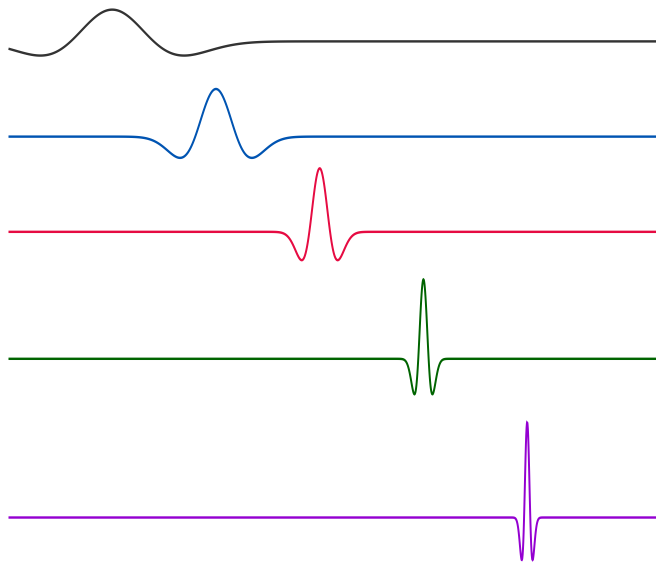
## What do we learn from this example?

- *Low frequencies* are stable
- *High frequencies* are unstable (dilation affects them more)
- Removing high frequencies loses information
- Key challenge: how to “stabilise” high frequencies without losing information?



# WAVELETS & MULTISCALE ANALYSIS

# Wavelets



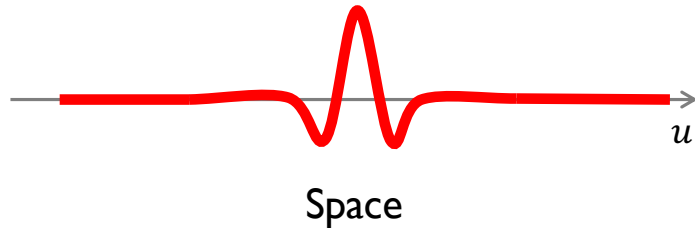
**I. Daubechies**



**S. Mallat**

Haar 1909; Gabor 1946; Grossman, Morlet 1984 (invented the term), Meyer 1990 (2017 Abel prize for wavelets); Daubechies 1988; Mallat 1989; Coifman 1991

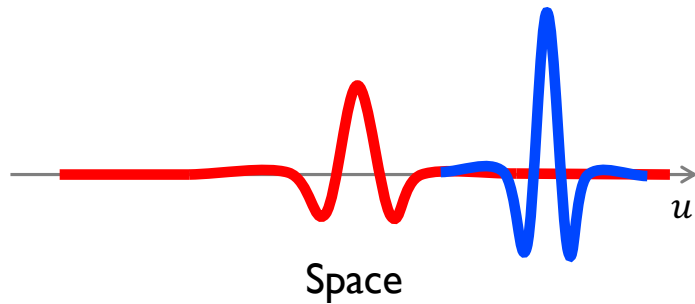
# *Wavelet Transform*



**Mother wavelet**

$$\psi(u)$$

# Wavelet Transform

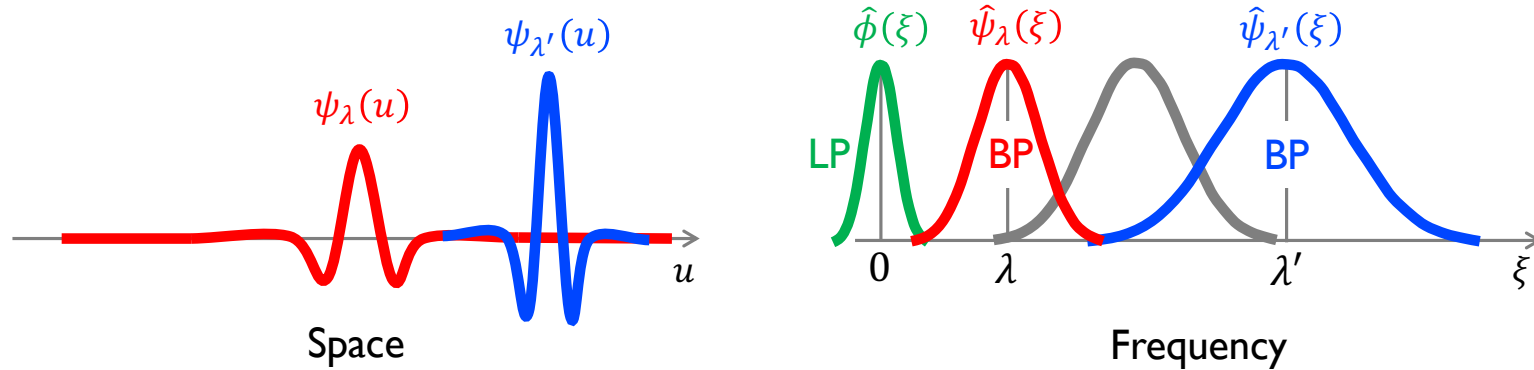


**Dilated and translated wavelet**

$$\psi_{\lambda}(u) = \lambda^{-1/2} \psi\left(\frac{u-a}{\lambda}\right)$$

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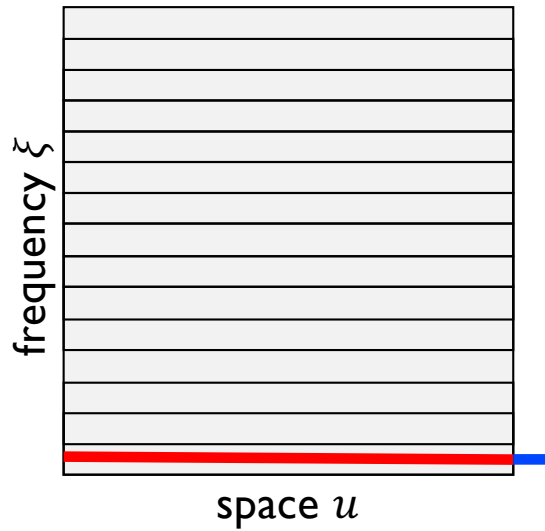


Dyadically **dilated** and **translated** wavelet

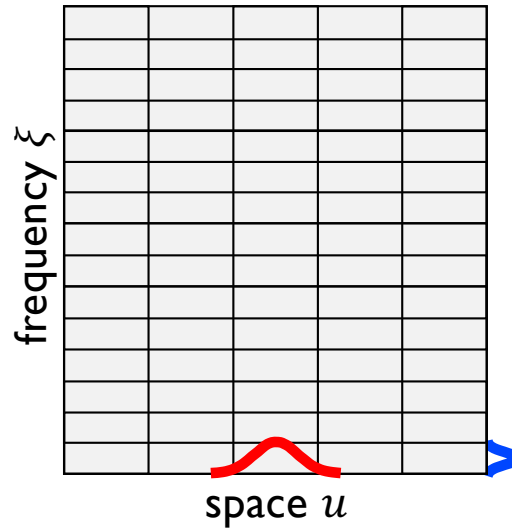
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**Discrete Wavelet Transform:**  $c_{jk} = (Wx)(2^{-j}k, 2^{-j}k)$

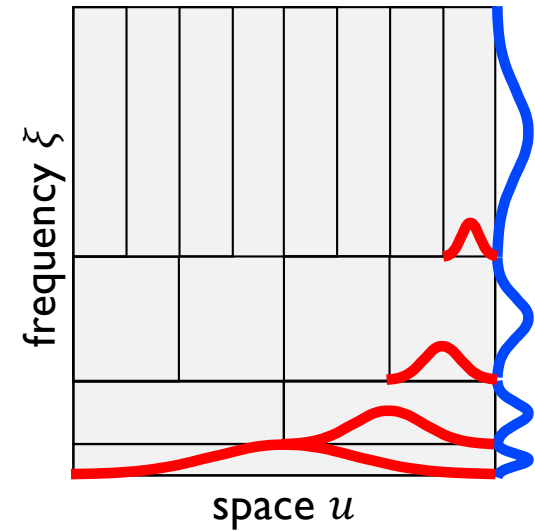
# Wavelets vs Fourier vs Windowed Fourier



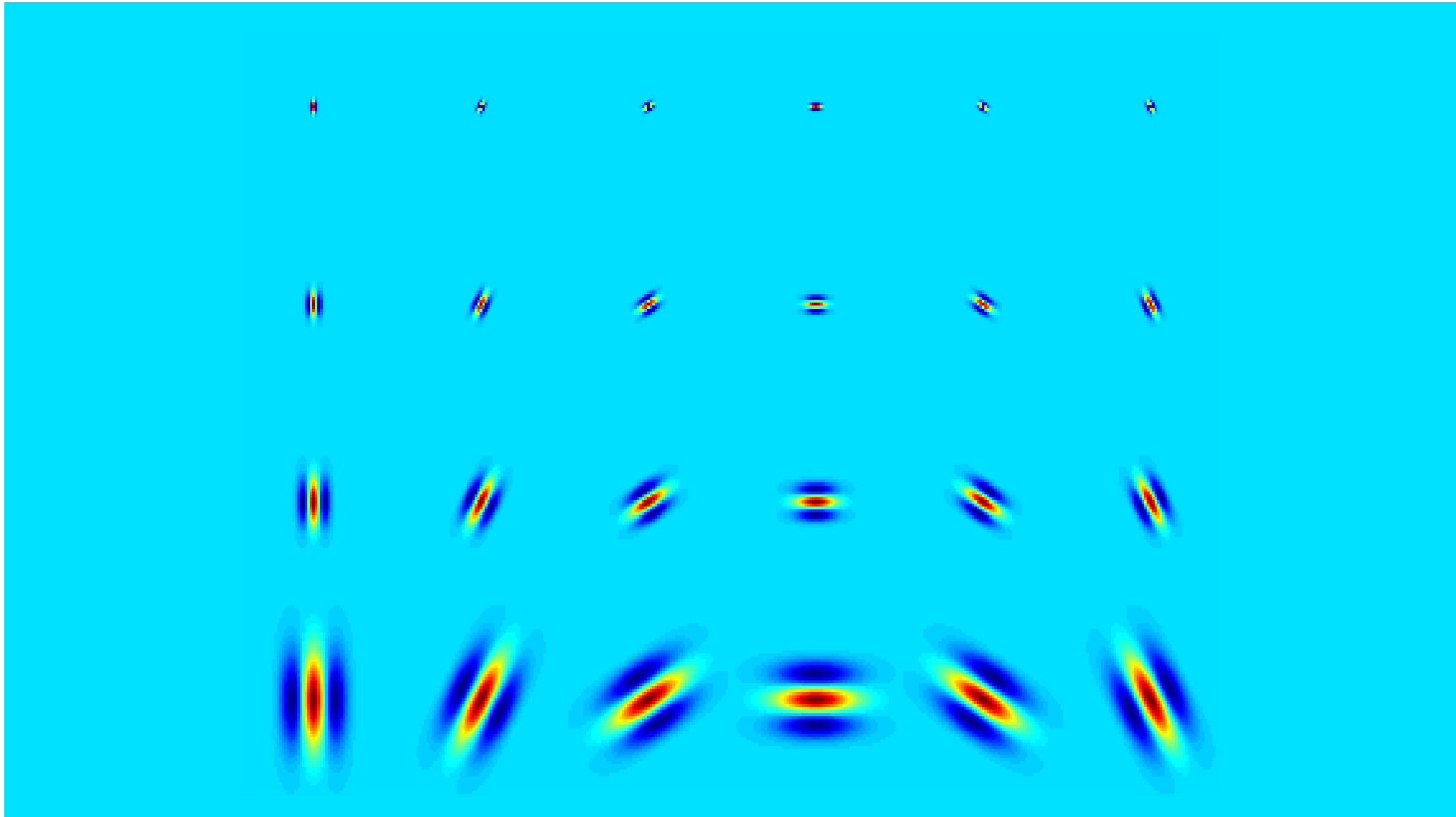
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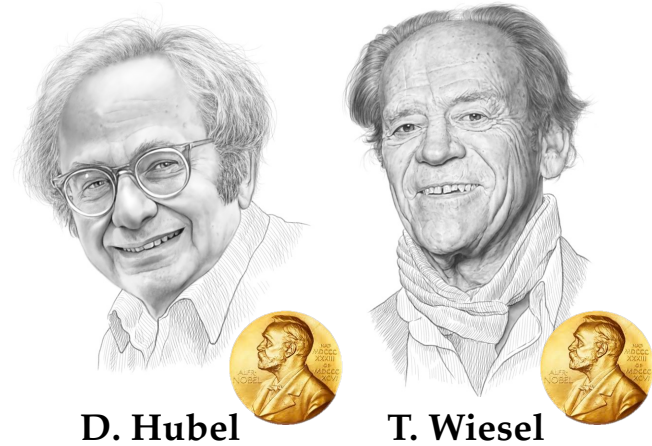
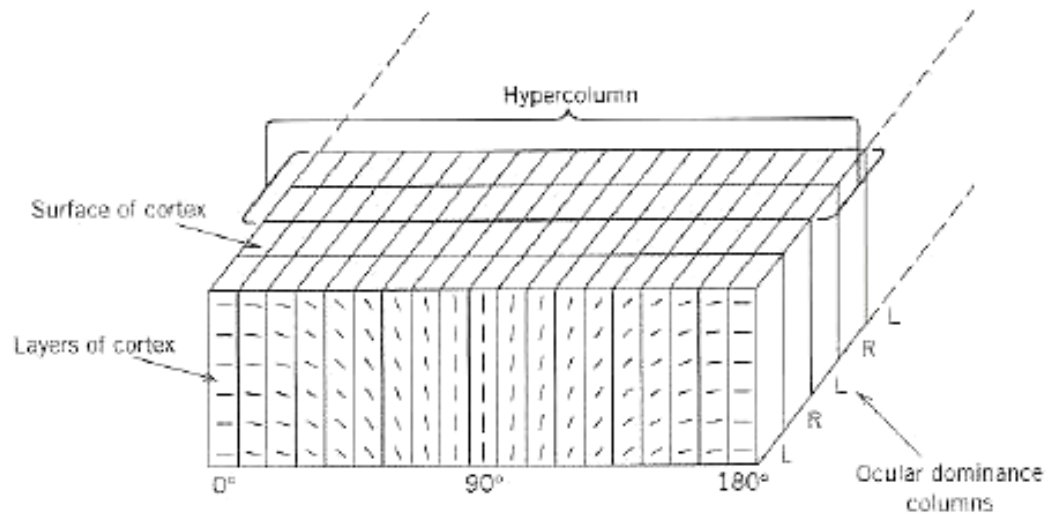
**Windowed Fourier**



**Wavelet**



# Organisation of the brain



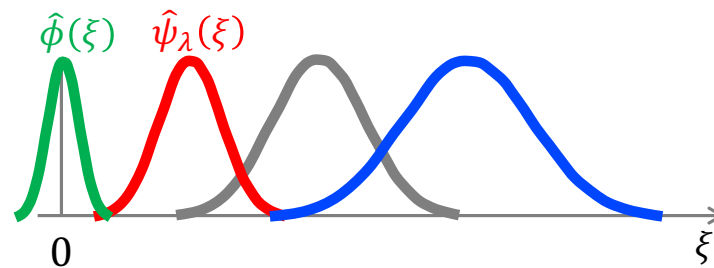
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- Appropriate design choice  $|\hat{\phi}(\xi)|^2 + \sum_\lambda |\hat{\psi}_\lambda(\xi)|^2 = 1$  guarantees **unitarity**

$$\|Wx\| = \|x\|.$$



**Question** why do we care about unitarity (energy preservation)?

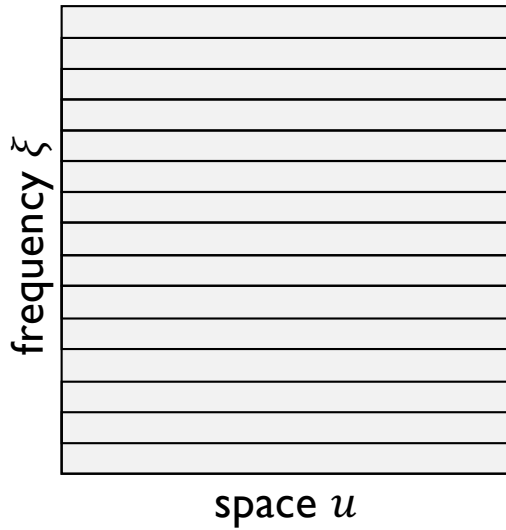
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- Appropriate design choice guarantees **unitarity**  $\|Wx\| = \|x\|$ .
- $x \star \psi_\lambda$  is **translation-equivariant**
- $\|x \star \psi_\lambda\|_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |(x \star \psi_\lambda)(u)| du$  is a **stable and translation-invariant**... however, it loses a lot of information!

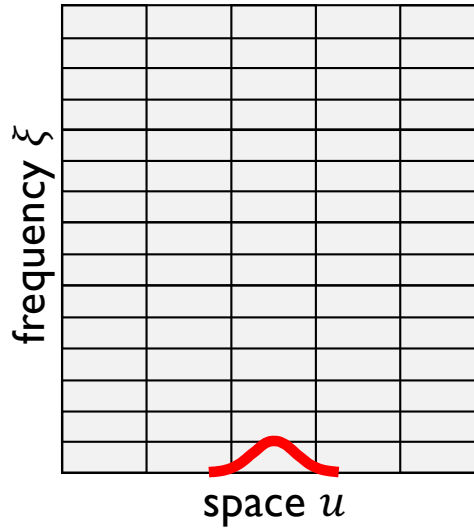
**Note:** Absolute value is special, and can be derived from deformation stability + unitarity (see Mallat’s lecture)

# Properties of Wavelets

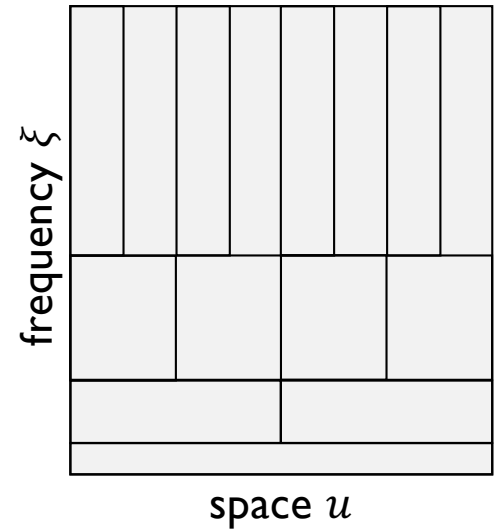


**Fourier**

$|\hat{\phi}(\xi)|$   
translation invariant



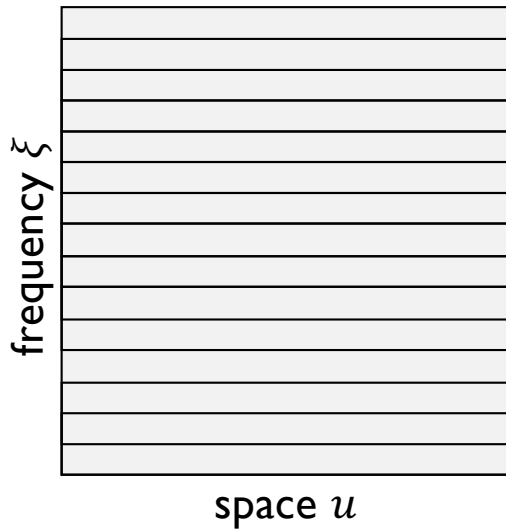
**Windowed Fourier**



**Wavelet**

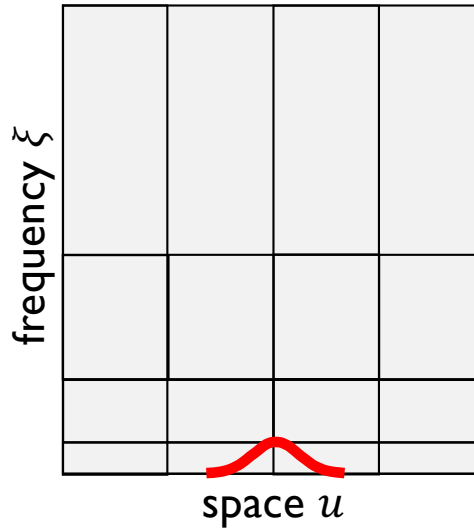
$\{ |x \star \psi_\lambda| \}_\lambda$   
translation equivariant

# Properties of Wavelets



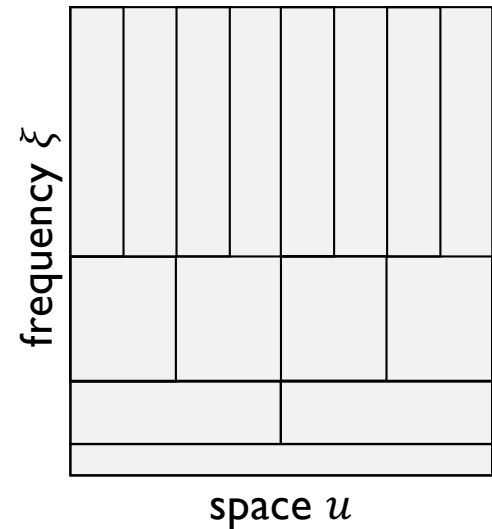
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**Wavelet+averaging**

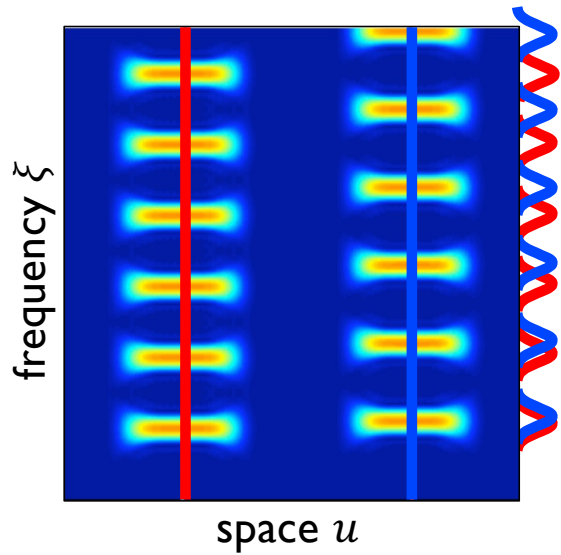
$\{|x \star \psi_\lambda| \star \phi\}_\lambda$   
locally translation-invariant  
deformation stable



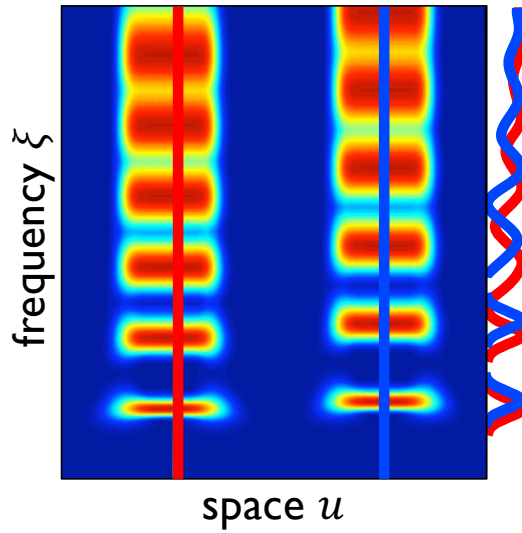
**Wavelet**

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translation equivariant

# Effect of Averaging

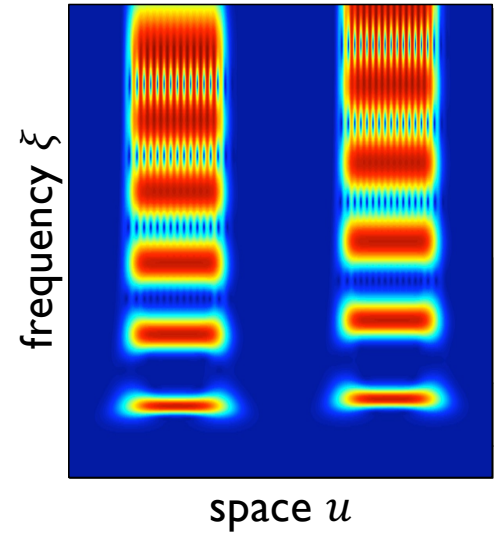


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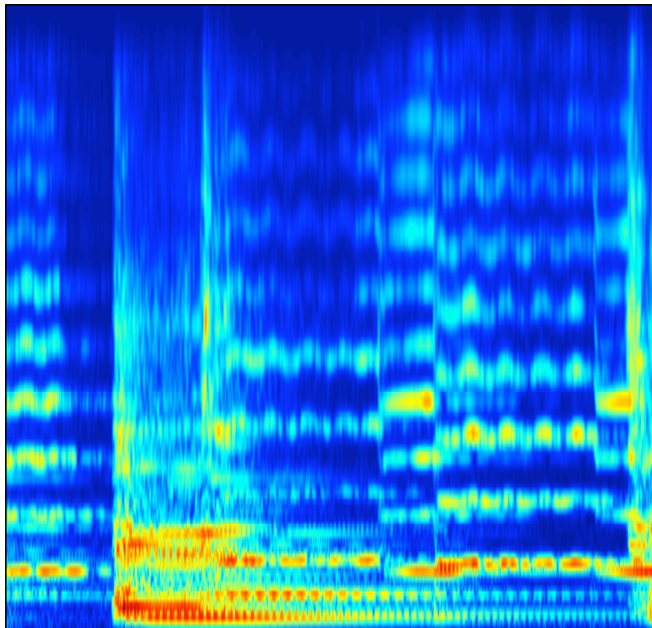
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**Wavelet**

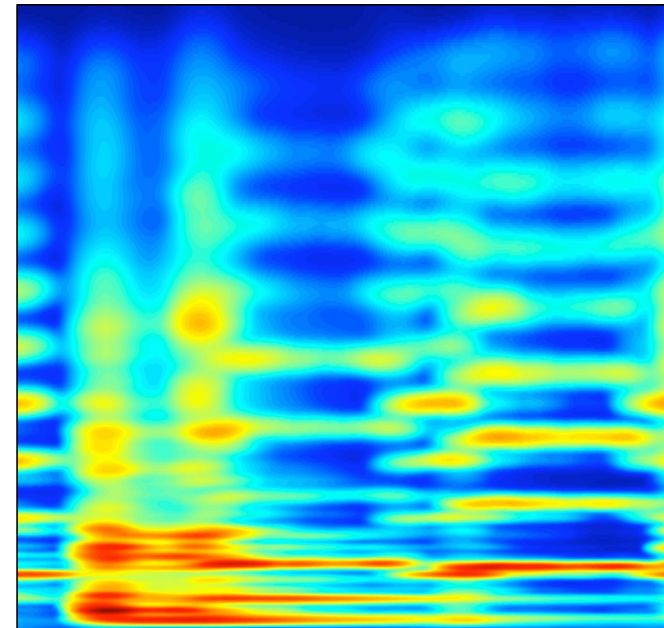
$$\{|x \star \psi_\lambda|\}_\lambda$$

# *Effect of Averaging*



**Wavelet**

$$\{|x \star \psi_\lambda|\}_\lambda$$

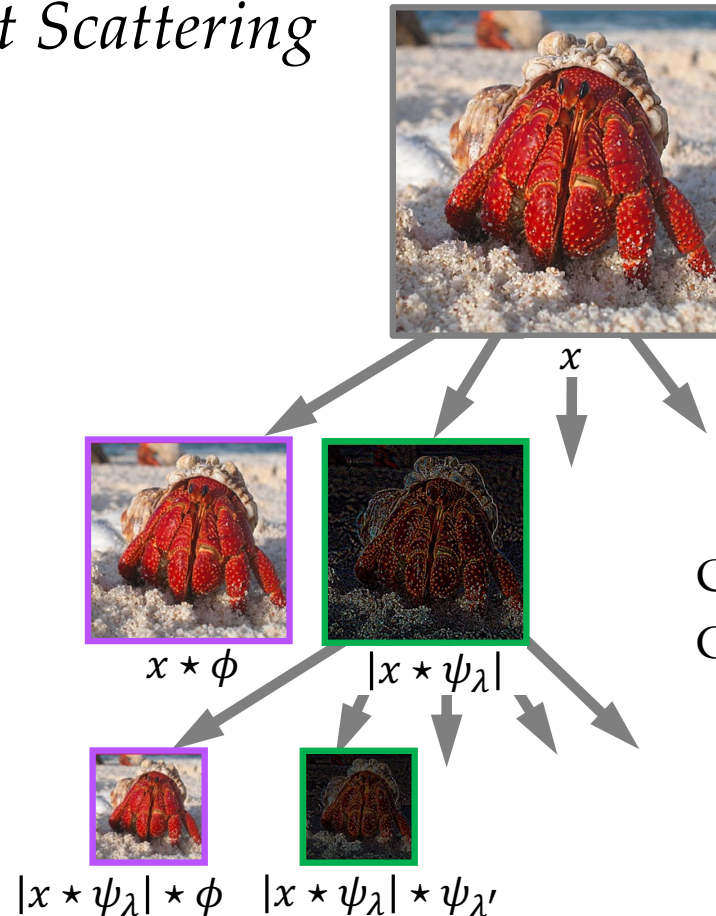


**Wavelet+averaging**

$$\{|x \star \psi_\lambda \star \phi\}_\lambda$$

Image: Mallat (IPAM lectures)

# Wavelet Scattering



**Scattering transform:** iteration of

$$Ux = \{x * \phi, |x * \psi_\lambda|\}_\lambda$$

Combine the three main building blocks of Geometric Deep Learning Blueprint:

- Linear invariant: lowpass filter  $x * \phi$
- Linear equivariant: wavelet filter bank  $\{x * \psi_\lambda\}_\lambda$
- Element-wise nonlinearity:  $\rho = |\cdot|$

## Wavelet Scattering Transform

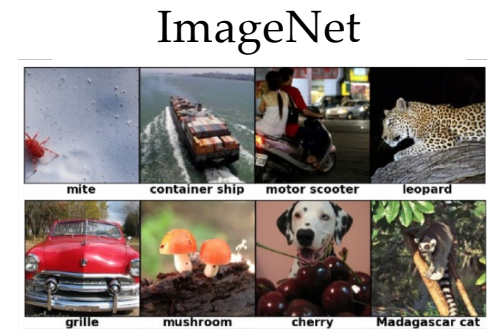
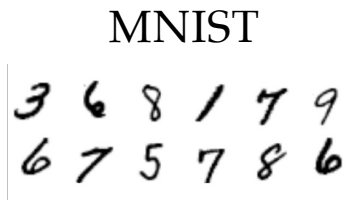
$$Ux = \left| \left| \dots \left| |x \star \psi_{\lambda_1}| \star \psi_{\lambda_2} \right| \dots \right| \star \psi_{\lambda_2} \right| \star \phi$$

- “Geometric deep learning without learning”
- Progressively pushes high-frequency information to low-frequency

**Theorem:** With appropriate selection of wavelets, the Scattering Transform  $U$  is:

- Contracting  $\|Ux - Uy\| \leq \|x - y\|$
- Energy-preserving  $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$
- Stable to deformations  $\|Ux - U(\tau x)\| \leq c \|\nabla \tau\| \|x\|$

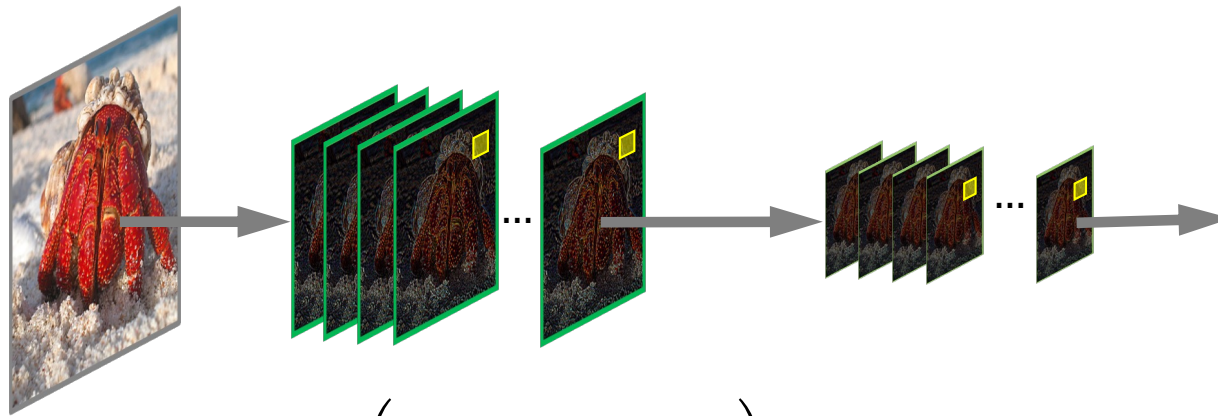
# Wavelet Scattering Transform



Deep net	0.5%	8%	11%
Scattering	0.5%	23%	52%

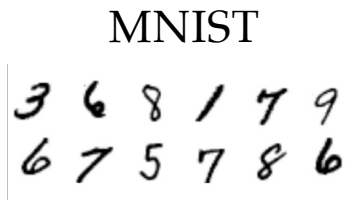
**What is missing?**

# Hybrid Scattering & Convolutional Neural Networks

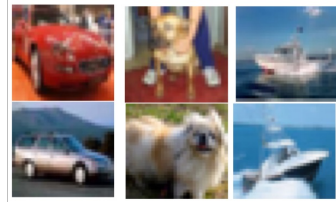


$$x^{(k+1)} = \rho \left( \sum_{\lambda} \theta_{\lambda} (x^{(k)} \star \psi_{\lambda}) \right), \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{C_m \times C_{m+1}}$$

# Hybrid Scattering



CIFAR-10



ImageNet



Deep net	0.5%	8%	11%
Scattering	0.5%	23%	52%
Hybrid scattering	0.5%	8%	11%

## *Takeaways*

- Linear translation-equivariants are *convolutions*
- Convolutions are diagonalised in the *Fourier basis* (=eigenvectors of the shift)
- Fourier invariants are *unstable*
- *Wavelet scattering* is a simple instance of Geometric Deep Learning without training, highlighting the importance of the Scale Separation prior
- Convolutional Neural Networks: culmination of many years of fine-tuning, strikes the right balance between geometric priors and expressive power
- Next lectures: extensions of convolutions & related concepts to other objects (homogeneous space, manifolds, meshes, and graphs)

## *Key Concepts*

- Convolution
- Fourier transform
- Uncertainty principles
- Wavelets & Wavelet scattering
- Convolutional Neural Networks

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