

Empirical Wavelet Transform

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Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD): Principle

Goal: decompose a signal $f(t)$ into a finite sum of Intrinsic Mode Functions (IMF) $f_k(t)$:

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^N f_k(t)$$

where an IMF is an AM-FM signal:

$$f_k(t) = F_k(t) \cos(\varphi_k(t)) \quad \text{where } F_k(t), \varphi'_k(t) > 0 \quad \forall t.$$

Main assumption: F_k and φ'_k vary much slower than φ_k .

Huang et al.¹ propose a pure algorithmic method to extract the different IMF.

¹The empirical mode decomposition and the Hilbert spectrum for nonlinear and non-stationary time series

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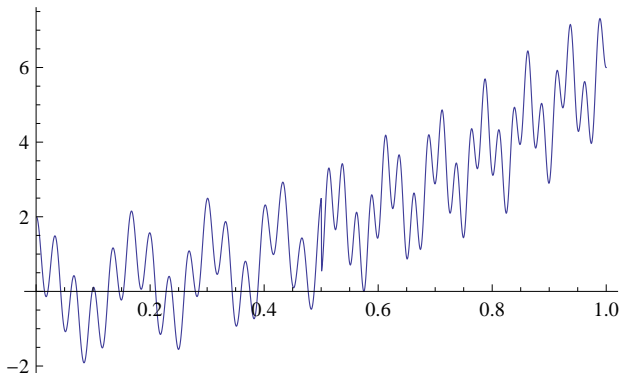
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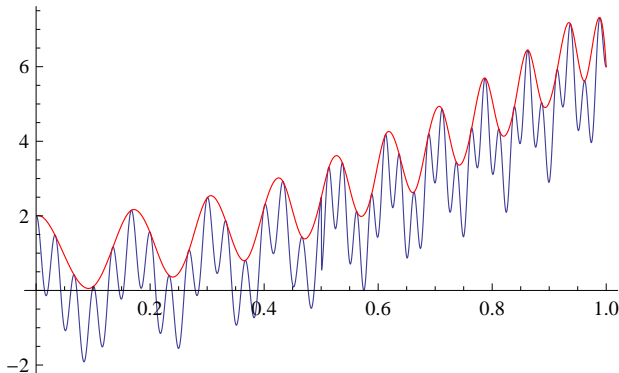
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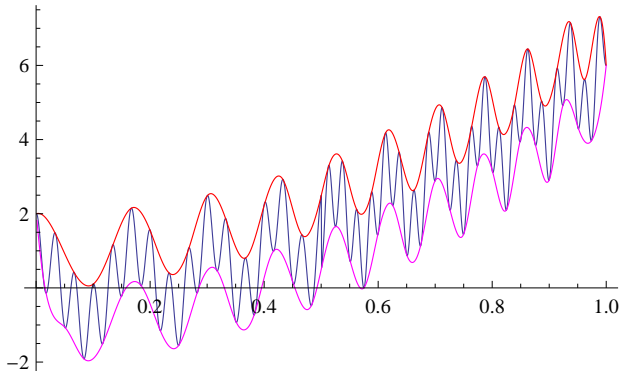
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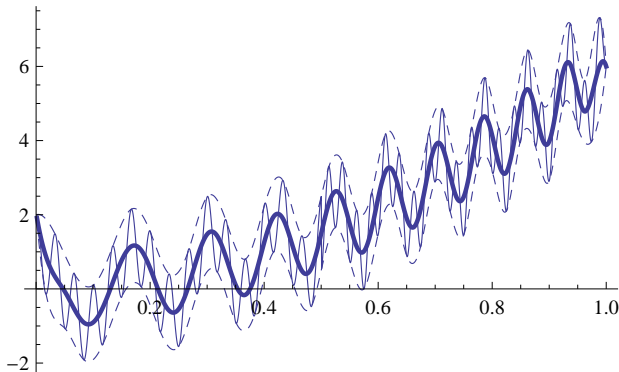
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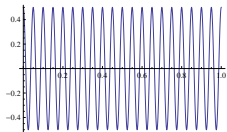
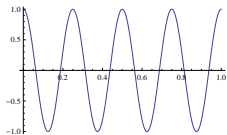
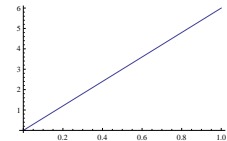
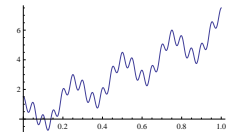
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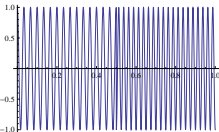
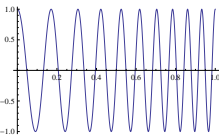
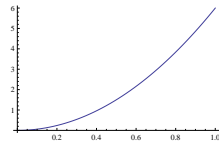
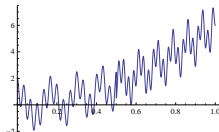


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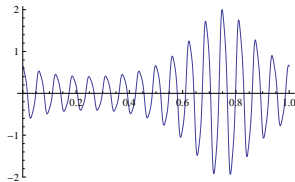
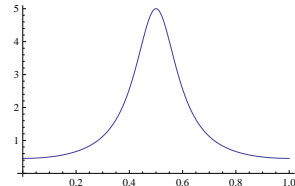
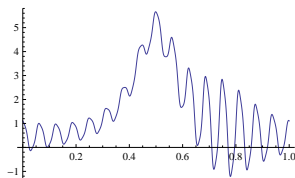
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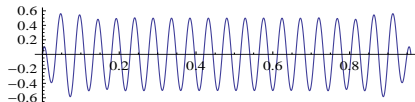
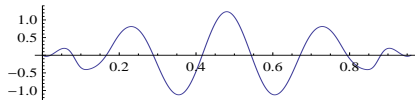
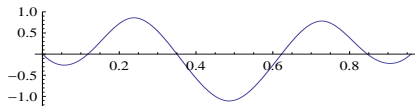
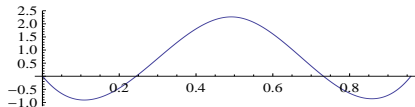
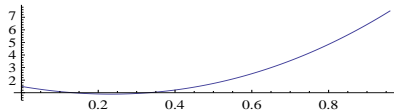
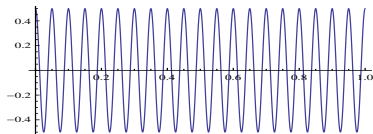
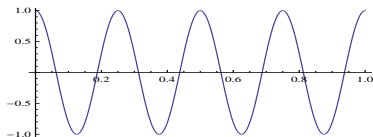
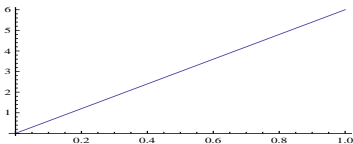
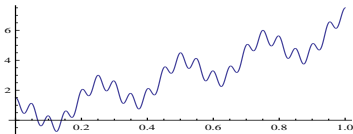
$$f_{Sig2}(t) = 6t^2 + \cos(10\pi t) + 10\pi t^2 + \chi(t > 0.5) \cos(80\pi t - 15\pi) + \chi(t \leq 0.5) \cos(60\pi t)$$



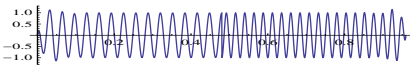
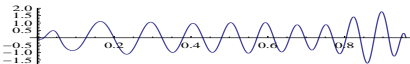
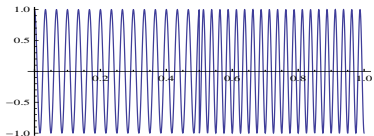
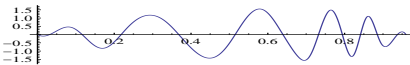
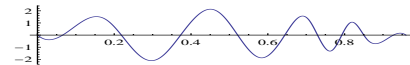
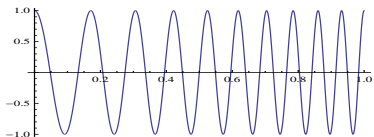
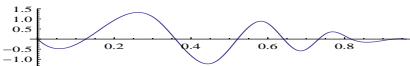
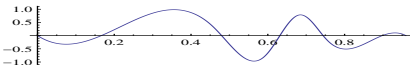
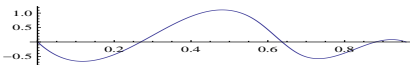
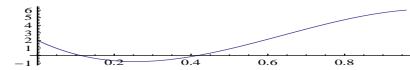
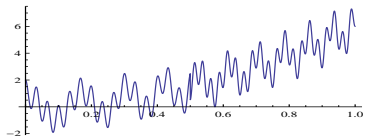
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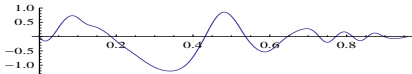
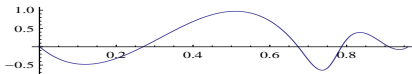
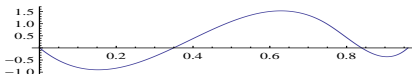
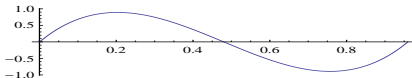
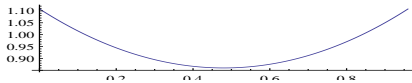
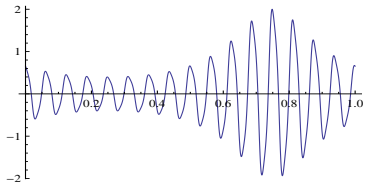
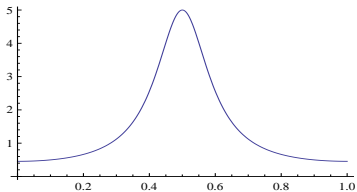
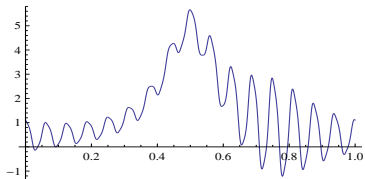
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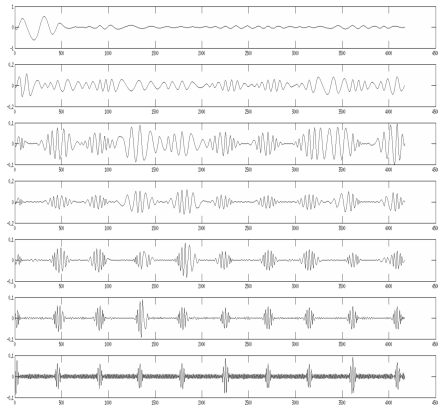
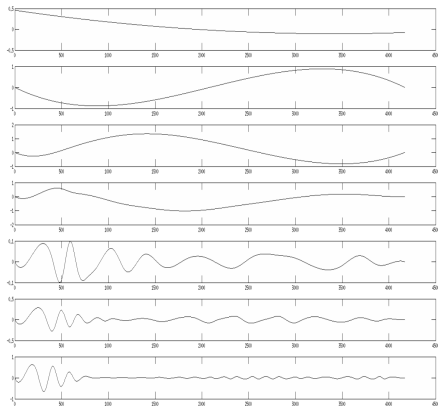
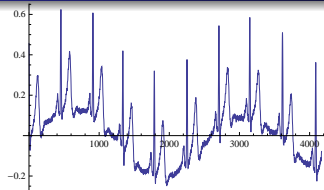
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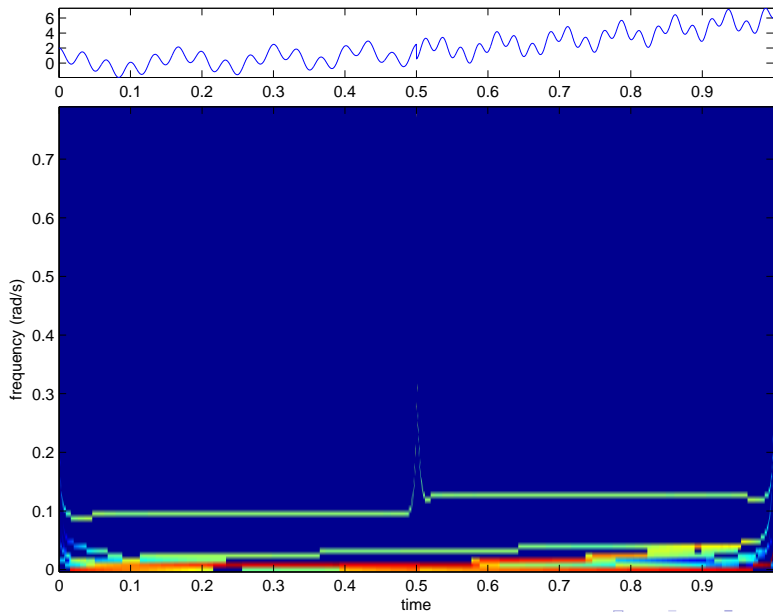
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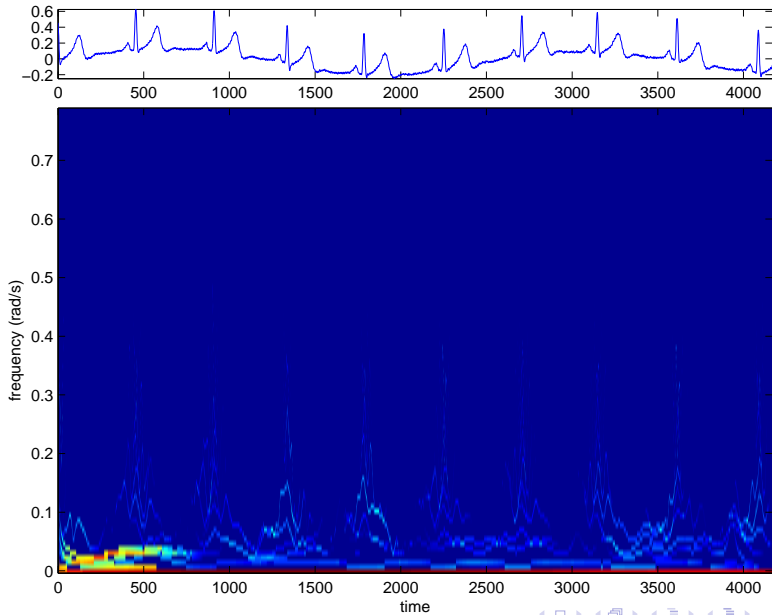
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For each IMF k , we extract F_k and $\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt}(t)$ and accumulate the information in the time-frequency plane.

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EMD: Issues and Properties

- Useful to analyze real signals.
- Implementation dependent.
- Problem: it's a nonlinear algorithm which has no mathematical theory \Rightarrow difficult to predict and understand its output and behavior in the general case.
- Experimental property: seems to behave as an adaptive filter bank (Flandrin et al.²)

²Empirical mode decomposition as a filter bank, IEEE Signal Processing Letters, vol.11, No.2, pp.112–114,

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\Rightarrow Wavelets can be built both in the temporal or Fourier domains.

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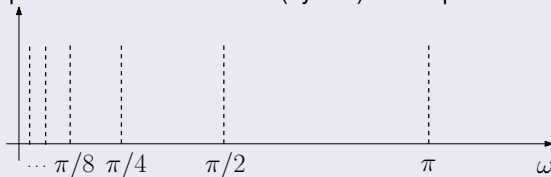
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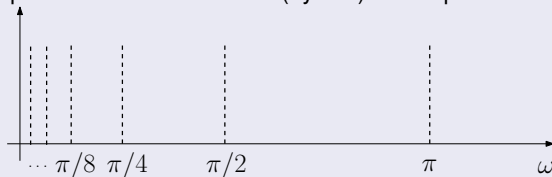


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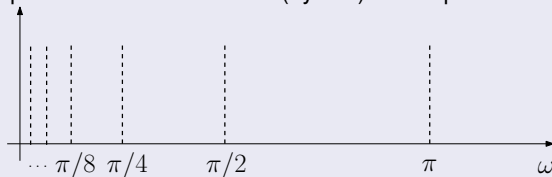
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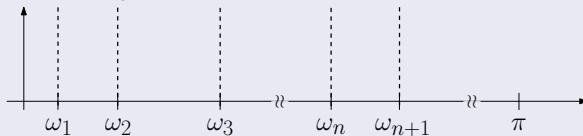
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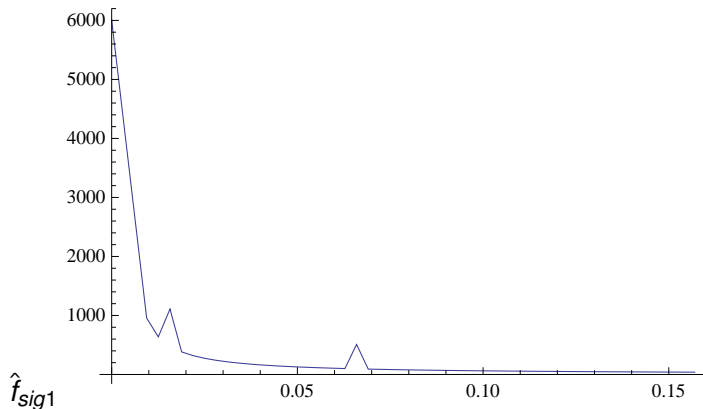
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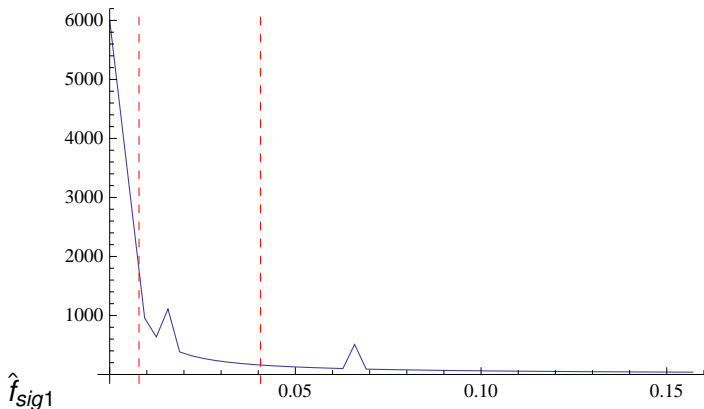
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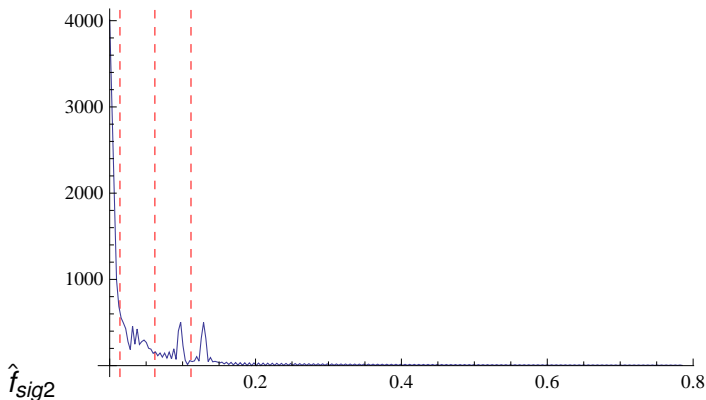
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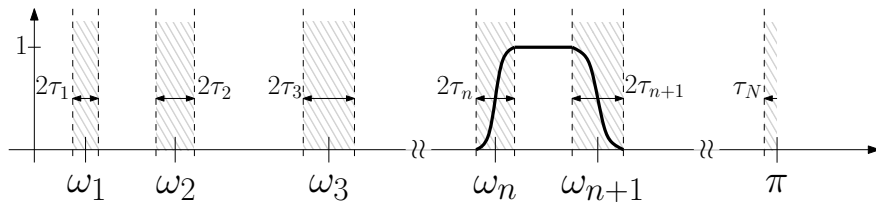
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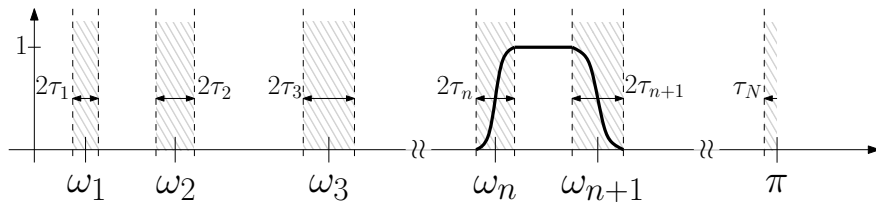
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In practice we choose $\tau_n = \gamma \omega_n$

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Scaling function spectrum

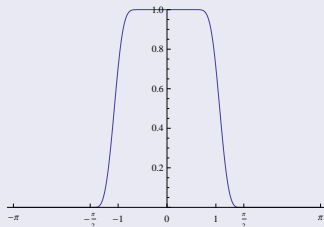
$$\hat{\phi}_n(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |\omega| \leq (1 - \gamma)\omega_n \\ \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{2} \beta \left(\frac{1}{2\gamma\omega_n} (|\omega| - (1 - \gamma)\omega_n) \right) \right] & \text{if } (1 - \gamma)\omega_n \leq |\omega| \leq (1 + \gamma)\omega_n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Wavelet spectrum

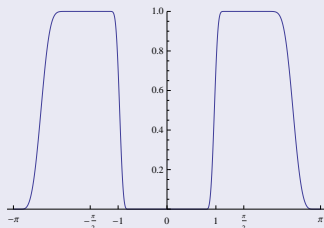
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EWT: filter bank construction (3/3)

Scaling function spectrum for $\omega_n = 1$ and $\gamma = 0.5$



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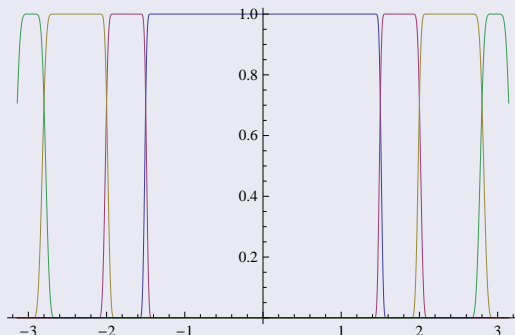
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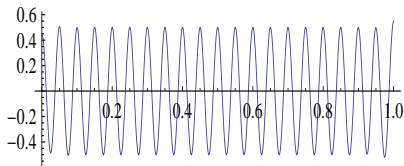
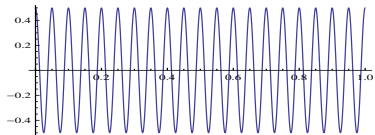
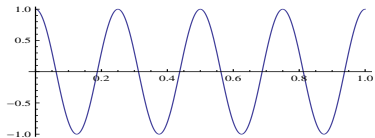
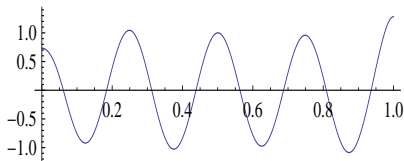
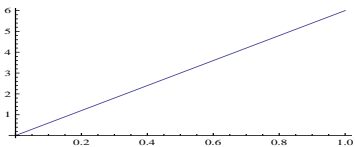
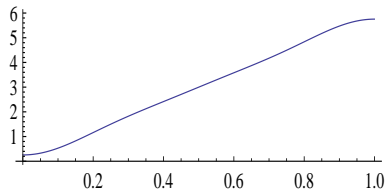
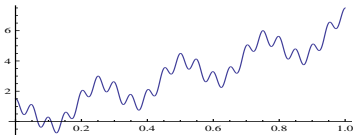
The reconstruction:

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) &= \mathcal{W}_f^{\mathcal{E}}(0, t) \star \phi_1(t) + \sum_{n=1}^N \mathcal{W}_f^{\mathcal{E}}(n, t) \star \psi_n(t) \\ &= \left(\widehat{\mathcal{W}_f^{\mathcal{E}}}(0, \omega) \hat{\phi}_1(\omega) + \sum_{n=1}^N \widehat{\mathcal{W}_f^{\mathcal{E}}}(n, \omega) \hat{\psi}_n(\omega) \right)^{\vee}.\end{aligned}$$

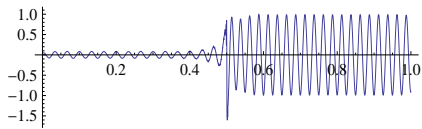
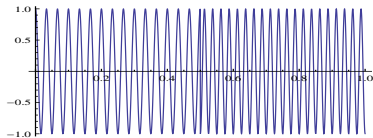
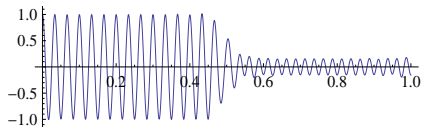
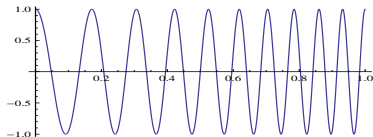
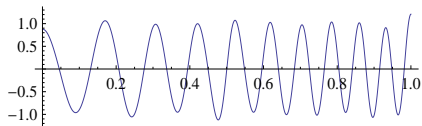
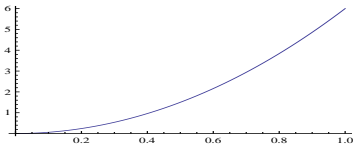
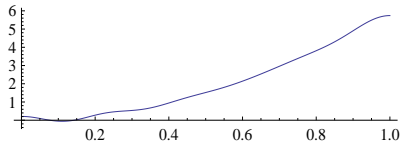
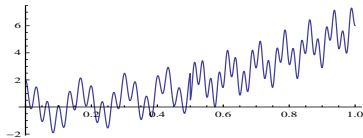
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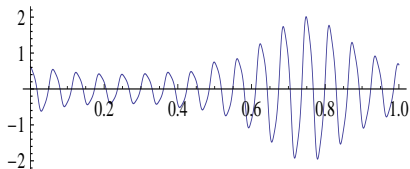
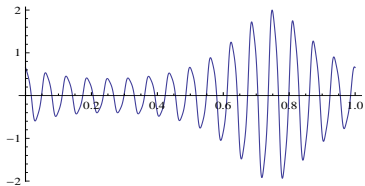
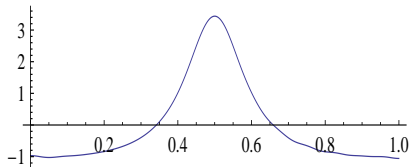
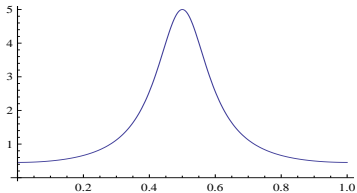
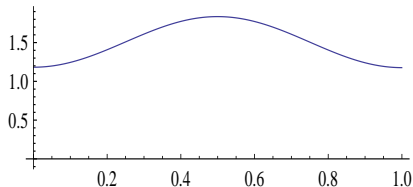
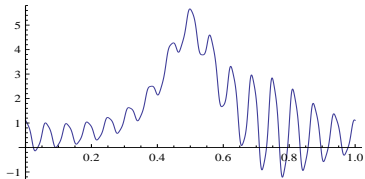
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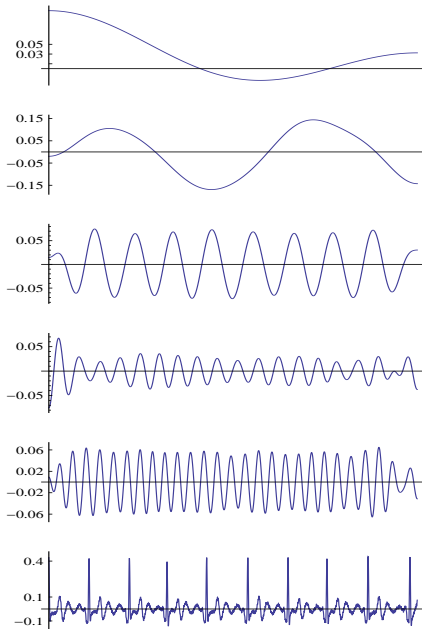
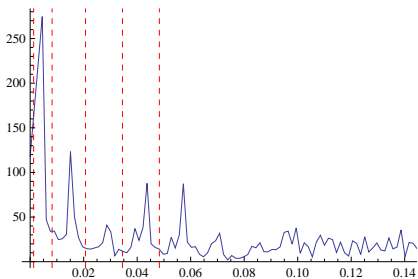
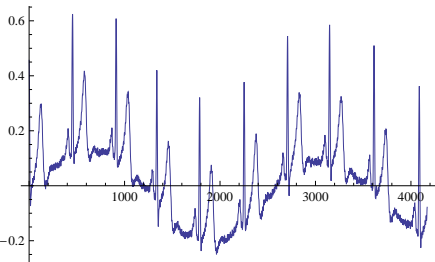
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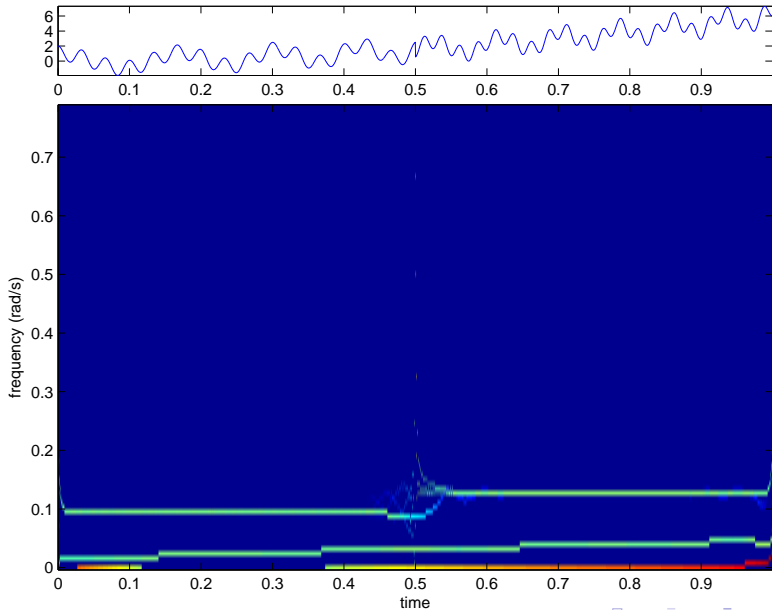
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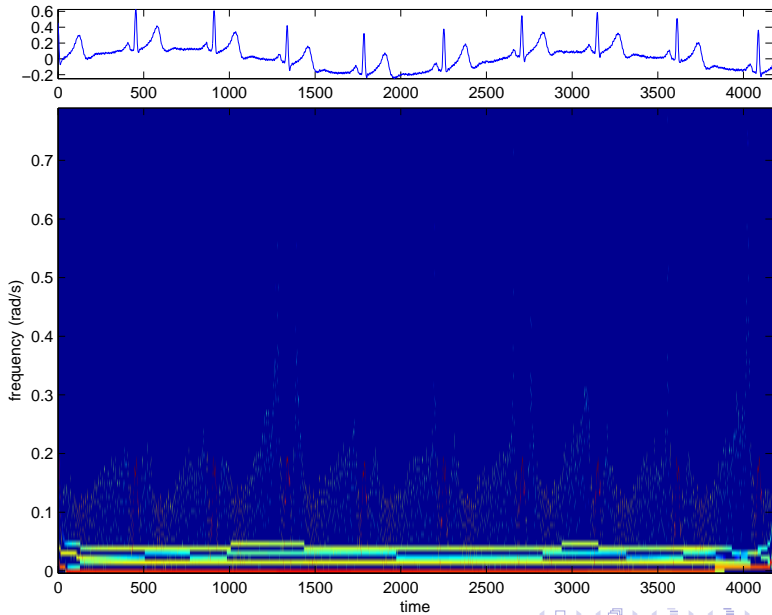
Experiment of EMD: ECG



Time-Frequency representation of f_{sig2}



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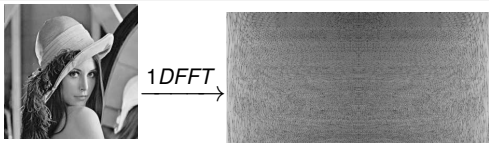
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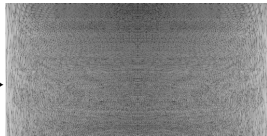
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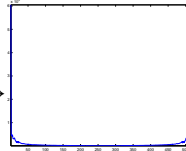
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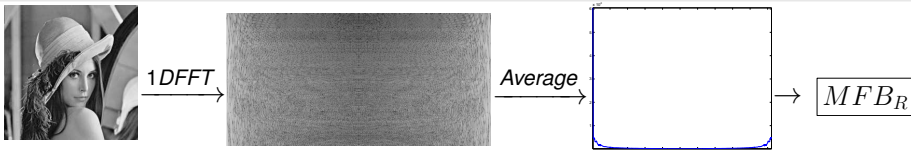
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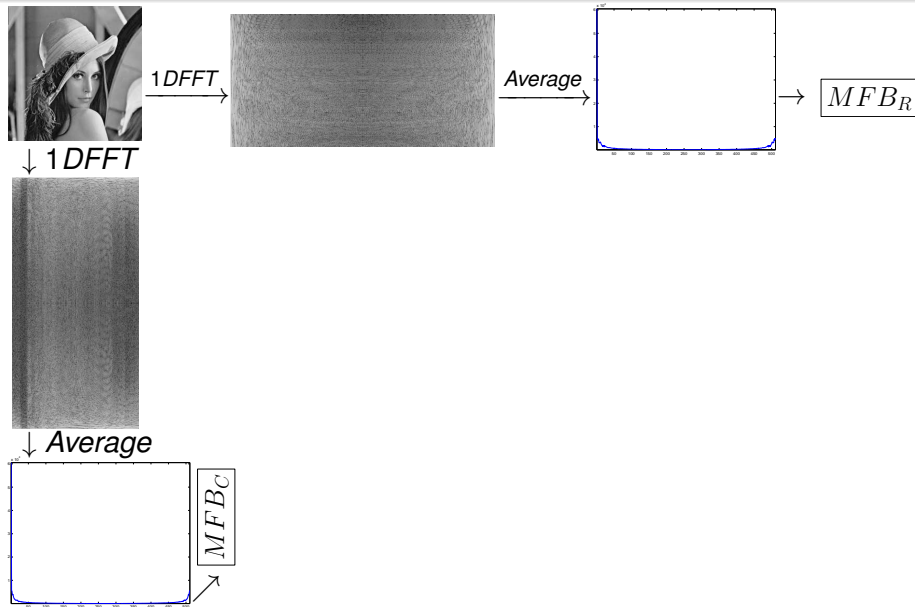
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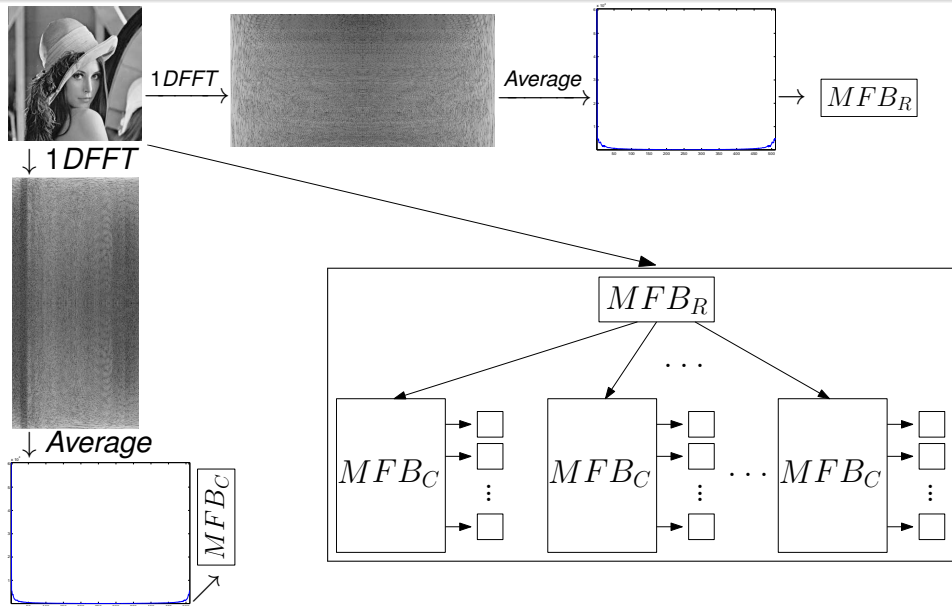
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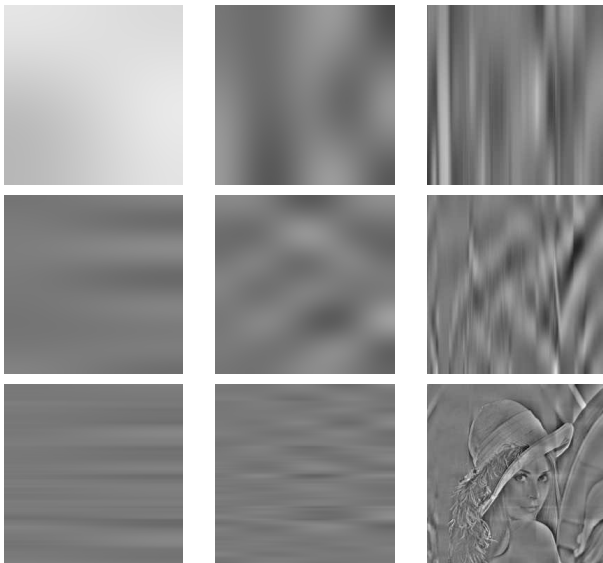
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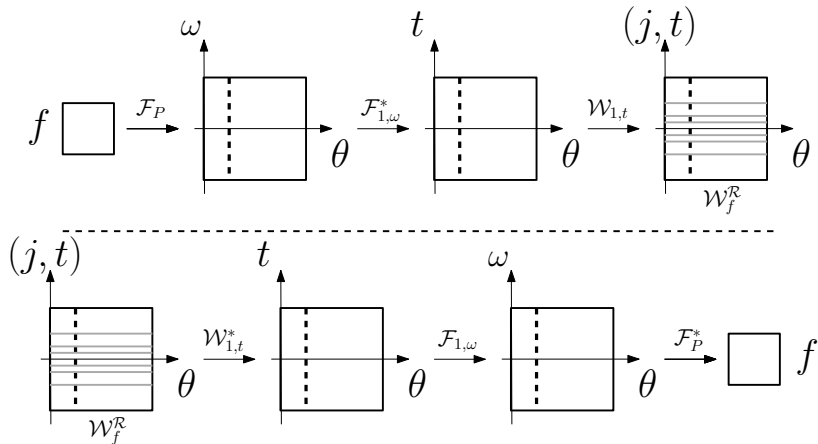


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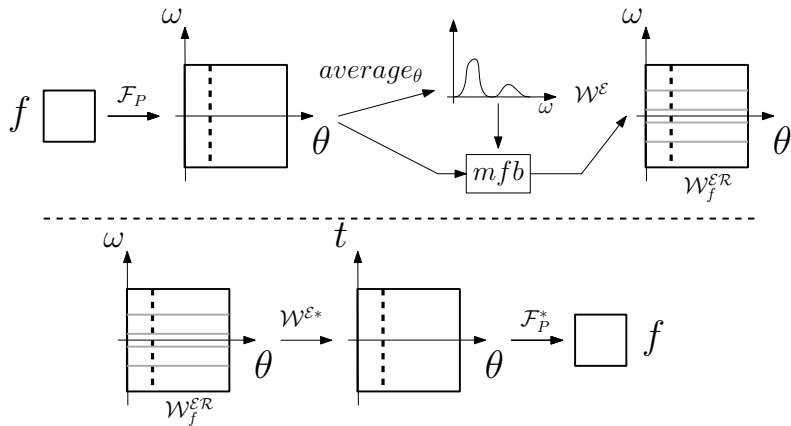
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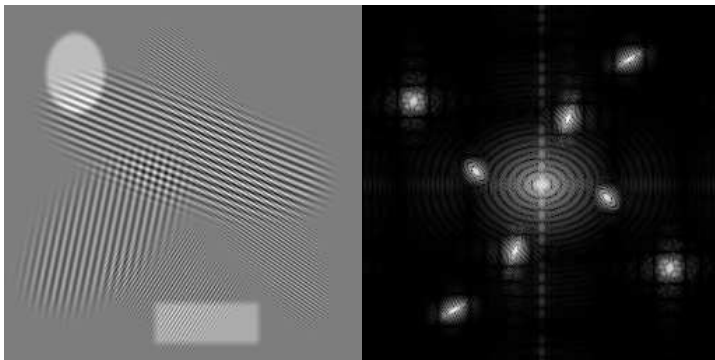


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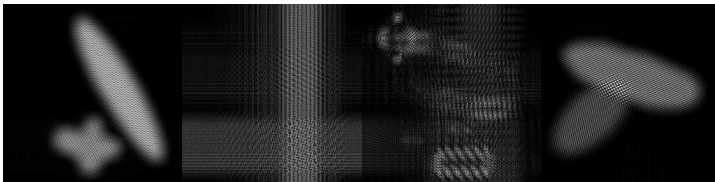
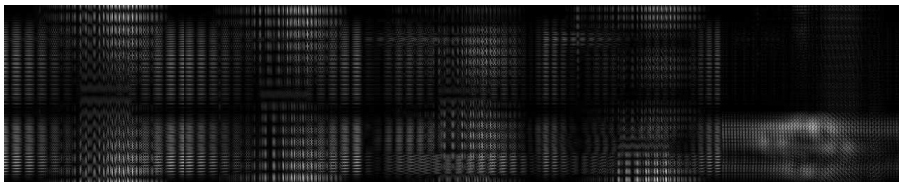
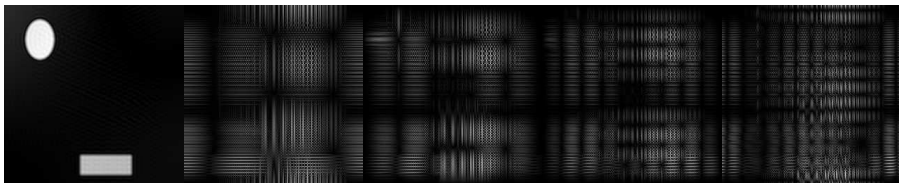
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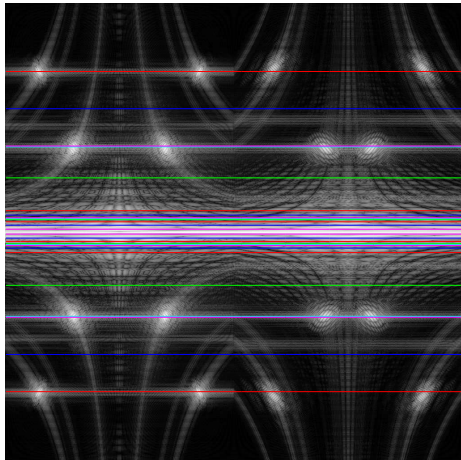


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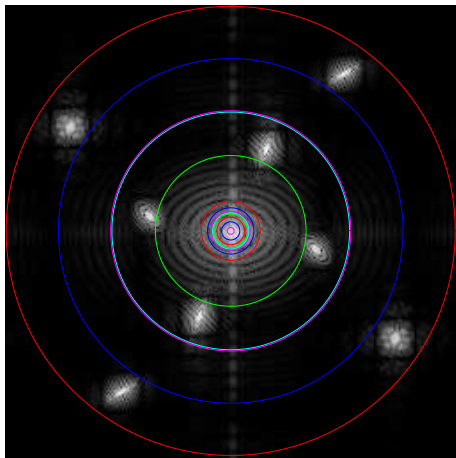
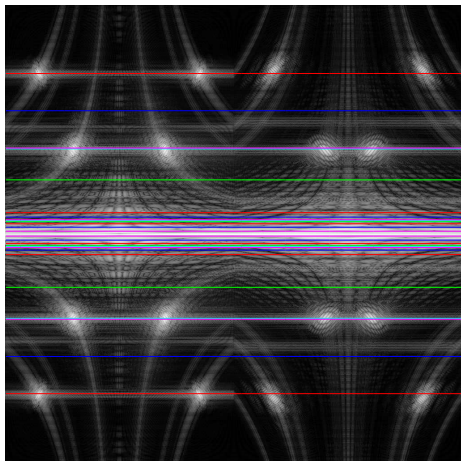


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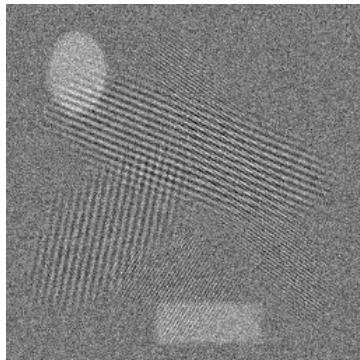
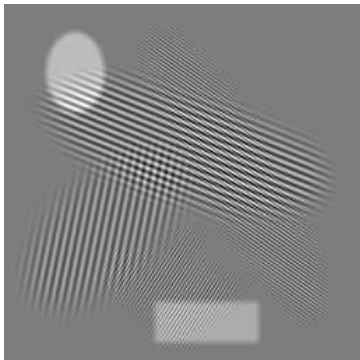
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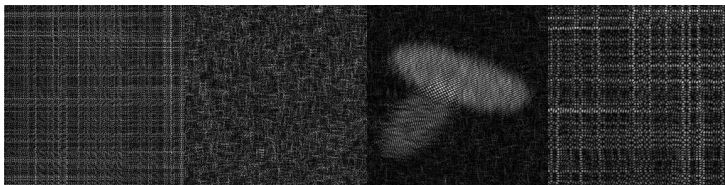
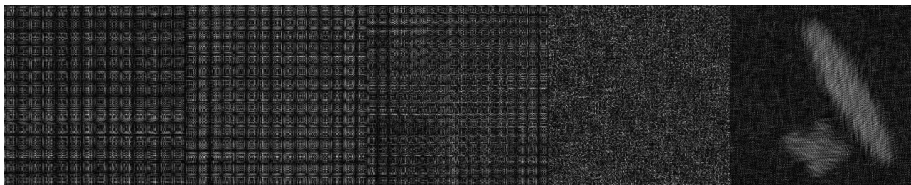
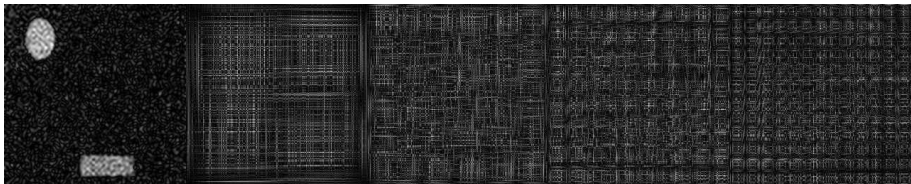
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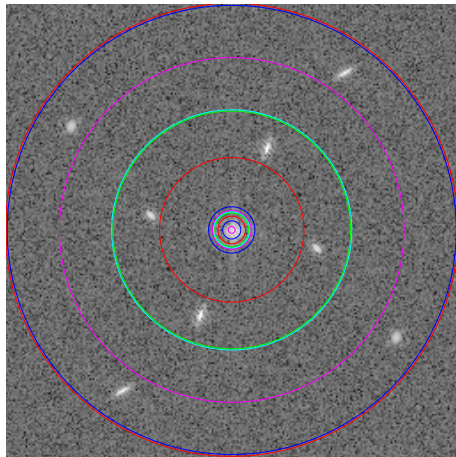
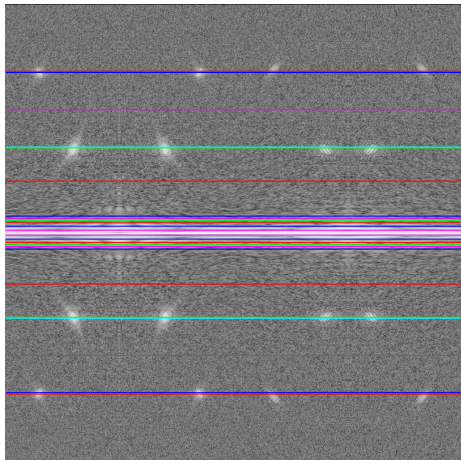


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