## Filtering

## Separating what you want from what you have




A HEPA air filter can reduce the


## Signals are all around us

- Image, video, audio, radio, medical and musical signals...
- These signals contain a lot of information


## We can also filter signals


signal (we want) $+$
noise (we don't)
signal (we want)

## Digital Filters

When an image is being processed by a computer/iPhone...
100101000101001010101010000100101
000101001010101010000100101000101
001010101001010101000011111000011
011110000101011110000111010100101
010101010010011001110001111010100
...we can filter it using computation
(also known as digital signal processing or DSP)

## What can filtering achieve?



Noise-cancelling headphones reduce unwanted ambient sounds (noise) by generating an antinoise sound wave to cancel the noise, letting just the music be heard


## What can filtering achieve?


noisy image

de-noised image

## The concept of frequency

- Describes how quickly a signal moves

- Plays an important role in many types of filters


## Frequency in music




middle C<br>261.626 Hz

middle A 440 Hz

## Spectrum



## Spectrum of a "real-world" signal



Real-world signals can be thought of as combinations of different frequency components



## Many filters act by

## keeping some frequencies (the ones we want)

## and throwing away others (the ones we don't)

## Low-pass filter



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## High-pass filter



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## Notch filter



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