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Posted by [legall\\_alice](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2008 16:23:38 GMT

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Thank you a lot in advance for your help,

Alice Le Gall

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Subject: Re: FFT OF A NON RECTANGULAR IMAGE

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2008 18:12:08 GMT

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In article

<4a2c3474-def0-48fc-8611-05635d75f05d@v39g2000pro.googlegroups.com>, legall\_alice@yahoo.fr wrote:

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By their nature, Fourier transforms are global.

Can you map the ellipse to a rectangle? ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conformal\\_map](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conformal_map))

Ken Bowman

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Subject: Re: FFT OF A NON RECTANGULAR IMAGE

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2008 01:35:11 GMT

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Cheers,  
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PS try it out, you can write a DFT in about 3 lines.

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Posted by [legall\\_alice](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2008 03:56:08 GMT  
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Many thanks for your answers.

The ellipse was just an example. I was thinking of doing FFT on areas defines by polygons and that can contains holes (shapefiles created with ArcGis).

For the ellipse,you are right, I mapped it to a rectangle and the resulting FFT is fine.

Thanks again,

Alice

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Subject: Re: FFT OF A NON RECTANGULAR IMAGE  
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2008 15:10:22 GMT  
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You mean, by setting the value of the function outside the support [i.e. ellipse or whatever] to 0? Yes, I can see that in this case the Fourier integral will be the same as if it were evaluated only on the support (because integrating 0 over any area will always give 0). So yes, I agree with you, let's disregard my previous post.

Paolo

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