SHEARS & SHAPELETS

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SHAPELETS

- · Orthogonal basis functions in 2D
 - Gaussian x gauss-hermite polynomial
 - Nice transformation properties (little mixing) under
 - Translation
 - Rotation
 - Shear
 - Magnification
 - ...
 - Reasonable approximations to PSF & galaxies (?)
- Will use cartesian shapelets equivalent to polar shapelets provided keep terms to homogeneous order (x^ay^b where a+b<=N)

SHAPELETS SHEAR PIPELINE

- Automatic from FITS image \Rightarrow individual shear estimators
- Fortran 77 code (sorry!)
- 4x4k image on 1.8Ghz w/s: 2min (order 8); 12 min (order 12)
 - # operations ~ N_{order}^4 (N² x N² matrices)























Open issues/choices

- Which order to expand to?
 - Too low: bias shape
 - Too high: noise dominates / degenerate shapelet fits
- Which β to use for intrinsic (pre-PSF) image?
- Where does the limit of the source model (constant ellipticity with radius) kick in?
 - Use ensemble population to simulate and quantify effect
- Different basis functions (sech(r) × polynomials?)
- How to best estimate the centroid?

Other Applications of Shapelets

- PSF homogenization
 - Remove non-round component of PSF ("CLEAN")
 - Match PSFs for multi-colour or multi-epoch photometry
- · Strengths:
 - Encode all useful info of sources in a linear way
 - Nice way to make a PSF map
 - Error propagation is straightforward



Oort Workshop 2006, in Leiden

- July 31-Aug 4
- Lorentz Center
- Topic: lensing/cosmology
- STEP session?