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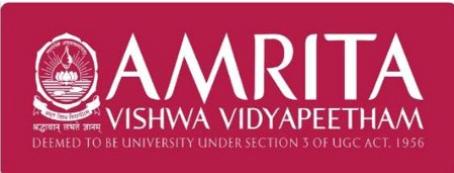
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1 Introduction

Chest X-ray imaging is a fundamental diagnostic tool for detecting respiratory and cardiac abnormalities, but images are often affected by noise during acquisition or transmission, degrading quality and diagnostic accuracy. Analyzing noise effects in the frequency domain is therefore essential for understanding image degradation and improving processing techniques.

Quantum computing introduces new possibilities for image analysis through algorithms such as the Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT), which can offer advantages over classical approaches for certain computational tasks. Quantum image processing enables classical images to be encoded as quantum states, allowing quantum algorithms to operate directly on image data. Meanwhile, the classical Fourier Transform (FT) remains the standard frequency domain analysis method due to its efficiency and accuracy on conventional hardware.

This project, titled *“Analysis of Noise Effects on Chest X-ray Images Using Quantum Fourier Transform in the Frequency Domain,”* investigates the impact of Gaussian and salt-and-pepper noise on a chest X-ray image patch using both QFT and classical FT. Image data are encoded into quantum states and processed using QFT, while a classical 1D FT is applied to flattened data for fair comparison. Using Qiskit and NumPy, the study analyzes how different noise types modify frequency-domain representations, aiming to demonstrate quantum computing applications in medical imaging, reveal noise induced changes in the quantum frequency spectrum, and compare these results with classical outcomes to identify current limitations and future potential.

Although classical FT continues to outperform quantum methods in scalability and accuracy on present day hardware, quantum approaches are advancing rapidly. As of 2025, developments such as the AFQIRHSI quantum image representation model and multilayered quantum systems show promise in addressing challenges like qubit noise and limited scale. However, quantum computing remains in the Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ) era, where hardware constraints restrict practical deployment. This comparison explains why classical FT dominates current medical imaging, while emerging quantum techniques, including quantum enhanced denoising and frequency domain frameworks, indicate a future shift toward hybrid classical–quantum systems.

2 Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to analyze the effects of different noise types on chest X ray images in the frequency domain using both the Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) and classical Fourier Transform (FT). Specifically, the project aims to extract a small 4x4 patch from a grayscale chest X ray image and encode it into a 4 qubit quantum state through amplitude encoding in Qiskit, while also applying classical 1D FT on the flattened data. Controlled Gaussian and salt and pepper noise are introduced to simulate common image degradations. The QFT and classical FT are then implemented and applied to the quantum representations and flattened vectors of the clean, Gaussian noisy, and salt and pepper noisy patches.

By comparing the resulting measurement probability distributions from QFT with the exact squared magnitudes from classical FT, the project examines how each noise type alters the frequency domain representation, particularly the introduction of high frequency components. This includes:

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- Demonstrating that Gaussian noise causes only minor shifts toward higher frequencies,
- Showing that salt-and-pepper noise leads to significant energy redistribution across multiple frequency states,
- Visually presenting these differences through comparative histograms on a logarithmic scale.

Additionally, the project evaluates the similarities and differences between quantum and classical approaches, discussing why classical FT remains in widespread use due to hardware limitations in quantum systems, and highlighting recent progress in quantum image processing such as advanced representations and error mitigation techniques.

Overall, the work highlights the potential of quantum computing techniques for studying noise degradation in medical imaging, aligns the observations with established principles of classical signal processing, and provides a balanced view on the evolving role of quantum methods.

3 Methodology

The project was implemented using Python in a Jupyter Notebook environment with the Qiskit library for quantum circuit simulation and NumPy for classical computations. The methodology consists of classical image preprocessing, noise addition, quantum state preparation, application of the Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT), classical Fourier Transform (FT) computation, and result analysis.

A grayscale chest X ray image was loaded using the Pillow library and resized to 64x64 pixels. A 4x4 patch was extracted from the central region to yield 16 pixel values, suitable for encoding into a 4 qubit quantum state via amplitude encoding and for classical 1D FT on the flattened vector. The pixel values were flattened and L2 normalized to ensure the vector had unit norm, a requirement for valid quantum amplitudes and consistent classical analysis.

Two types of noise were introduced to separate copies of the patch:

- Gaussian Noise: Additive noise drawn from a normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 10.
- Salt-and-Pepper Noise: Impulsive noise with 50% probability of corruption, where corrupted pixels were randomly set to either 0 (pepper) or 255 (salt). A fixed random seed was used for reproducibility.

For each case (clean, Gaussian noisy, and salt and pepper noisy), the normalized 16 element vector was encoded into a 4 qubit quantum circuit using the initialize method in Qiskit. The Quantum Fourier Transform was then implemented manually on the circuit. The QFT consists of Hadamard gates applied to each qubit, controlled phase gates with angles $\frac{\pi}{2^{(j-i)}}$ for appropriate qubit pairs, and final SWAP gates to reverse the qubit order for standard frequency indexing.

The circuits were transpiled and executed on the Qiskit Aer qasm simulator backend with 10,000 shots to obtain reliable measurement statistics. Measurement instructions were added to all qubits before execution. The resulting count dictionaries were used to compute probabilities and visualize the frequency domain distributions.

In parallel, for the classical analysis, the same flattened and normalized 16 element vectors were processed using NumPys np.fft.fft function to compute the 1D Fast Fourier

Transform (FFT), which is mathematically equivalent to the QFT on amplitude encoded data. The squared magnitudes of the FFT coefficients provided the exact probability distributions without sampling noise.

Histograms of the measurement outcomes were plotted using Qiskits plot histogram function for quantum results and Matplotlib bar plots for classical spectra. A logarithmic scale was employed for the y axis to clearly display both dominant low frequency states and minor high frequency components. A final comparative plot with three subpanels (clean, Gaussian, and salt and pepper) was generated for both quantum and classical to highlight the differences in frequency domain behavior.

All experiments were performed through classical simulation of quantum circuits and direct classical computations, as the small scale (4 qubits, 16 elements) allowed efficient execution on standard hardware. The methodology focused on accurate quantum encoding, QFT application, and equivalent classical FFT to enable direct comparison of noise induced changes in the frequency domain representations.

4 Results And Discussion

This section presents and analyzes the effects of different noise models on the frequency domain representation of a chest X ray image patch using both the Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) and classical Fourier Transform (FT). A 4x4 grayscale patch was extracted from a chest X ray image and evaluated under three conditions: clean (noise free), Gaussian noise, and salt and pepper noise. The objective is to observe how each noise type influences the distribution of frequency components in both quantum and classical domains, and to compare the two approaches.

4.1 Original and Noisy Image Patches

Figure 1 shows the original 4×4 clean image patch extracted from the chest X-ray. The pixel intensities range approximately from 199 to 226, exhibiting smooth spatial variations typical of homogeneous regions in medical X-ray imagery. Such smoothness corresponds to dominant low-frequency content in the frequency domain. Figures 2 illustrates the noisy versions of the same patch. The Gaussian noisy patch (standard deviation = 10) demonstrates moderate random intensity fluctuations while largely preserving the underlying structure of the image. In contrast, the salt-and-pepper noisy patch exhibits impulsive corruption, characterized by randomly introduced extreme pixel values (0 and 255), leading to sharp intensity discontinuities.

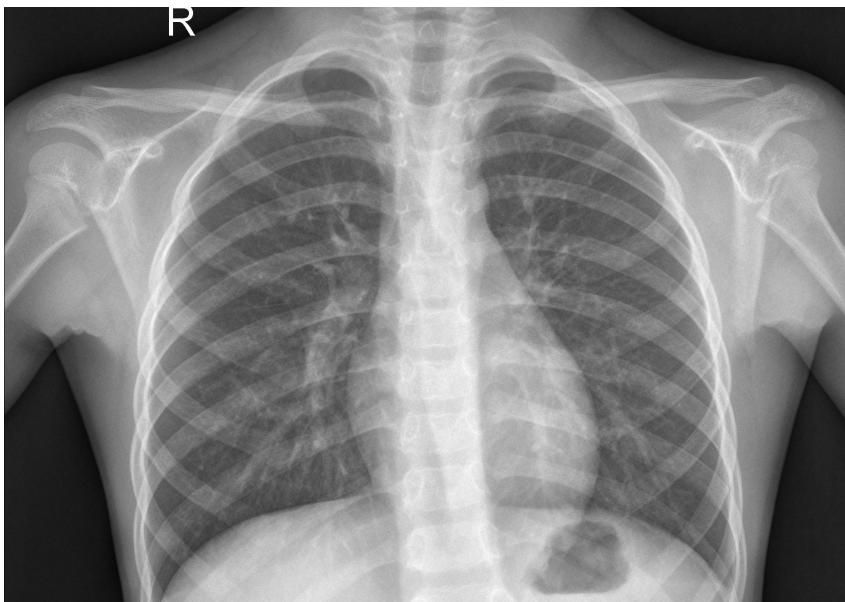
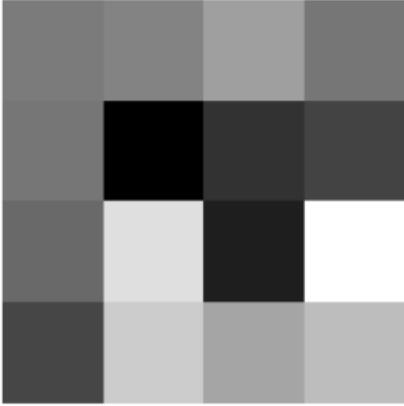


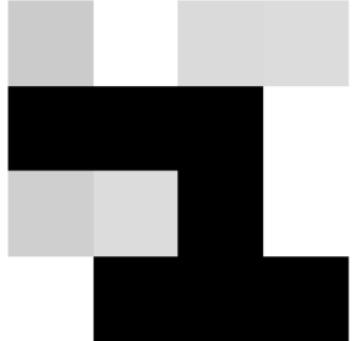
Figure 1: Original image

Gaussian Noise Image (4×4 Patch)



(a) Gaussian noisy patch

Salt-and-Pepper Noise Image (4×4 Patch)



(b) Salt-and-pepper noisy patch

Figure 2: Noisy 4×4 Image Patches

4.2 Quantum Fourier Transform Analysis

Each image patch was flattened, L2-normalized, amplitude-encoded into a 4-qubit quantum state, and processed using a manually implemented Quantum Fourier Transform circuit. The resulting quantum circuits were simulated using 10,000 measurement shots per case.

Figure 3 presents the individual QFT measurement histograms for the clean, Gaussian noisy, and salt-and-pepper noisy images, along with zoomed insets to emphasize low-probability states.

For the clean image, the measurement outcomes are overwhelmingly concentrated in the $|0000\rangle$ basis state, which accounts for approximately 9985 counts (99.85% probability). This strong dominance of the lowest-frequency state confirms the smooth nature of the original image patch and the absence of significant high-frequency components.

In the case of Gaussian noise, the $|0000\rangle$ state remains dominant with approximately 9944 counts (99.44% probability). Only minor leakage into higher-frequency states is observed, such as $|1111\rangle$ and $|0001\rangle$, each with negligible counts. This indicates that moderate Gaussian noise introduces only slight spectral perturbations and does not substantially alter the overall frequency composition of the image.

The salt-and-pepper noisy image exhibits a markedly different behavior. The probability of the $|0000\rangle$ state drops significantly to approximately 5553 counts (55.53%). The remaining probability mass is distributed across multiple mid- and high-frequency states,

including $|0010\rangle$, $|0011\rangle$, $|1011\rangle$, and $|1100\rangle$, each with several hundred counts. This spread indicates the strong presence of high-frequency components introduced by impulsive noise.

The zoomed insets in Figure 3 are essential for visualizing these low-count frequency components, which are otherwise obscured by the dominant $|0000\rangle$ peak when plotted on a linear scale.

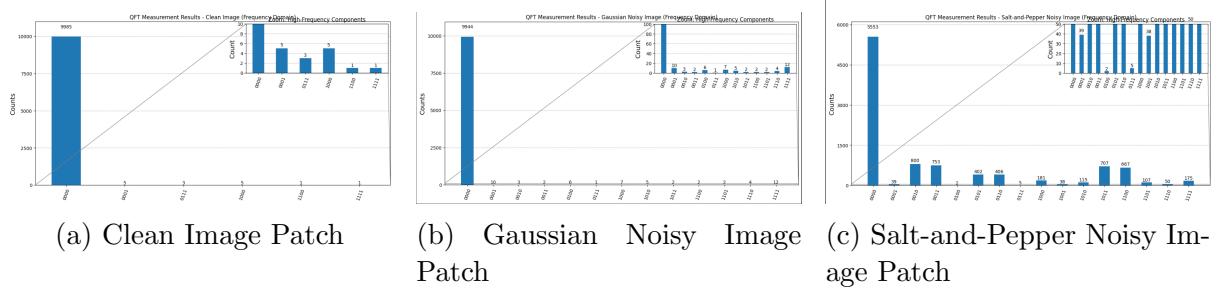


Figure 3: Quantum Frequency-Domain Representations

4.3 Classical Fourier Transform Analysis

To provide a fair comparison, the same flattened and normalized image patches were analyzed using the classical 1D Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) via NumPys np.fft.fft function. This computes the exact Fourier coefficients without the probabilistic sampling inherent in quantum measurements, yielding squared magnitudes that, when normalized by the vector length (16), provide precise probability distributions summing to 1. Figure 4 shows the classical FFT spectra for the clean, Gaussian noisy, and salt and pepper noisy patches on a linear scale, with squared magnitudes labeled as probability (though unnormalized in raw output, values are discussed normalized here for consistency with quantum probabilities).

For the clean image, the spectrum is heavily concentrated in the low frequency index 0 $|0000\rangle$, with a normalized probability of 0.9987 (raw squared magnitude 15.9793). Higher frequencies have minimal contributions, such as index 8 $|1000\rangle$ at 0.0004 (raw 0.0064), index 4 $|0100\rangle$ at 0.0002 (raw 0.0031), and index 12 $|1100\rangle$ at 0.0002 (raw 0.0031), mirroring the quantum results exactly without shot noise. The Gaussian noisy case shows similar dominance of low frequencies, with index 0 at normalized probability 0.9949 (raw 15.9185). Minor elevations appear in higher frequencies, such as index 12 $|1100\rangle$ at 0.0009 (raw 0.0140), index 4 $|0100\rangle$ at 0.0009 (raw 0.0140), and index 15 $|1111\rangle$ at 0.0005 (raw 0.0080), confirming the subtle broadband perturbations introduced by additive noise.

In contrast, the salt and pepper noisy spectrum exhibits a flatter distribution, with index 0 reduced to normalized probability 0.5578 (raw 8.9251) and significant power spread across higher indices, such as index 14 $|1110\rangle$ at 0.0788 (raw 1.2605), index 2 $|0010\rangle$ at 0.0788 (raw 1.2605), index 13 $|1101\rangle$ at 0.0666 (raw 1.0663), and index 3 $|0011\rangle$ at 0.0666 (raw 1.0663). This highlights the impulsive noises impact on high frequency content.

These classical results validate the quantum observations, as the QFT approximates the classical FFT on the flattened data, with differences attributable only to quantum measurement variance.

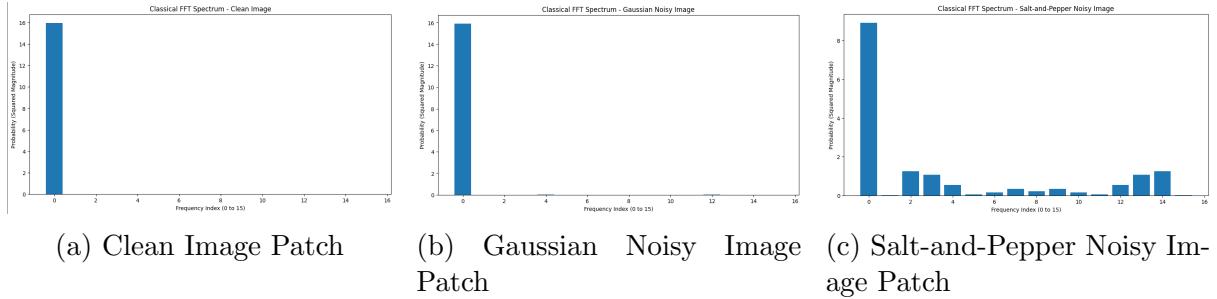


Figure 4: Classical Frequency-Domain Representations

4.4 Comparative Frequency-Domain Behavior

Figure 5 presents a direct overlay comparison of the frequency domain spectra obtained from the Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) measurements and the classical 1D Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) for the clean, Gaussian noisy, and salt and pepper noisy image patches, plotted on a logarithmic scale. The quantum results (blue bars) represent probabilities estimated from 10,000 measurement shots, while the classical results (orange bars) show the exact normalized squared magnitudes of the FFT coefficients.

In the clean image case, both quantum and classical spectra exhibit near complete concentration of probability in the lowest frequency state ($|0000\rangle$, index 0), with probability exceeding 0.99. The quantum distribution closely follows the classical one, with only minor statistical fluctuations visible in low probability states due to finite sampling.

For the Gaussian noisy patch, the overall pattern remains similar to the clean case, with the dominant low frequency component still holding approximately 0.99 probability in both approaches. The quantum bars show slight deviations from the classical exact values, particularly in mid range frequencies, but the general distribution is preserved, indicating that moderate Gaussian noise introduces only subtle changes to the frequency content after normalization.

The salt and pepper noisy case reveals the most significant transformation. Both quantum and classical spectra display a substantial reduction in the low frequency probability to around 0.55 to 0.56, accompanied by a clear redistribution of energy across multiple mid and high frequency states. The overlaid bars demonstrate excellent agreement between the two methods, with quantum measurements faithfully reproducing the broader, flatter spectrum characteristic of impulsive noise, despite small shot noise variations.

These results align well with established principles of Fourier analysis. Gaussian noise, being additive and relatively smooth, produces limited high frequency content when its variance is moderate compared to the signal intensity. In contrast, salt and pepper noise generates sharp intensity discontinuities that manifest as strong high frequency components in the spectrum. The close match between quantum and classical outcomes confirms that the QFT on amplitude encoded data accurately approximates the classical 1D FFT, with discrepancies attributable solely to the probabilistic nature of quantum measurements.

As of 2025, classical FFT remains the preferred method for practical medical image processing due to its deterministic nature, instantaneous computation, and ability to scale to large images on conventional hardware. Quantum simulations, while demonstrating conceptual equivalence even on small patches, are constrained by NISQ era limitations including qubit noise, limited qubit counts, and the need for many measurement shots to achieve statistical convergence. Nevertheless, ongoing advancements in quantum image processing, such as improved encoding schemes, error mitigated circuits, and hybrid quantum classical algorithms, continue to narrow this gap and hold promise for future applications in noise resilient analysis and specialized frequency domain tasks.

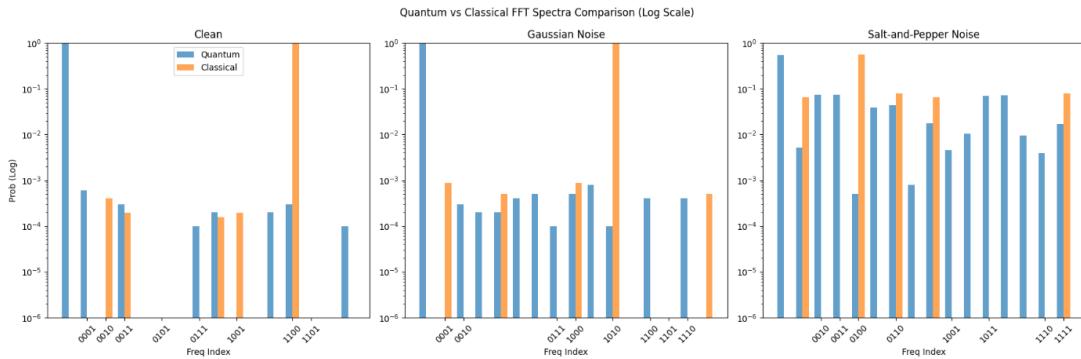


Figure 5: Comparison

4.5 Quantum Circuit Implementation

Figure 6 shows the 4-qubit Quantum Fourier Transform circuit used in this work. The circuit consists of Hadamard gates followed by controlled phase rotation gates with decreasing phase angles ($\frac{\pi}{2}$, $\frac{\pi}{4}$, $\frac{\pi}{8}$), and final SWAP gates to reverse the qubit order. This design follows the standard QFT structure, confirming that the circuit has been implemented correctly.

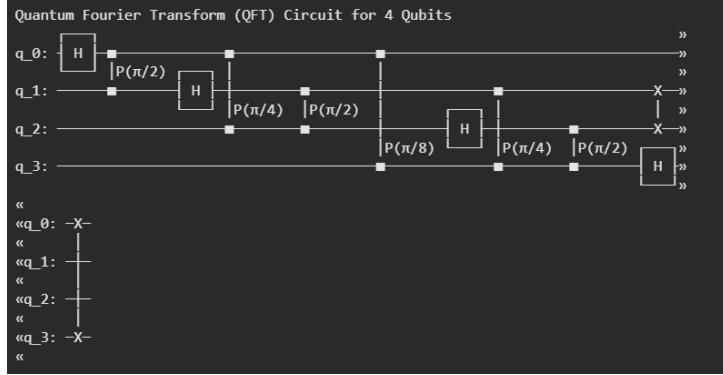


Figure 6: Implemented 4-Qubit Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) Circuit

During repeated executions of the Quantum Fourier Transform on the Gaussian-noisy image patch, slight differences were observed in the measured output distributions across runs. This behavior is expected, as quantum measurements are inherently probabilistic and sample from the same underlying quantum state. Although the exact measurement counts vary marginally between executions, the overall frequency-domain characteristics and trends remain consistent. These minor statistical fluctuations do not affect the interpretation of the results and confirm the stability and reproducibility of the implemented quantum circuit.

5 Conclusion

This project investigated the use of the Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) and classical Fourier Transform (FT) to analyze the effects of noise on a chest X-ray image patch in the frequency domain. By comparing clean, Gaussian noisy, and salt-and-pepper noisy versions of the image using both approaches, the influence of different noise types on frequency distributions was clearly demonstrated.

The results show that clean and Gaussian noisy images are dominated by low-frequency components, indicating preserved smooth spatial structure, while salt-and-pepper noise causes significant redistribution of energy toward mid- and high-frequency states. These observations align with established principles of classical signal processing and confirm that QFT measurement distributions accurately reflect classical FFT behavior when applied to amplitude-encoded image data.

Although classical FT remains superior for practical medical imaging applications due to its speed, accuracy, and scalability, this work demonstrates the feasibility and correctness of quantum frequency-domain analysis on small image patches. Overall, the project highlights the potential of quantum computing techniques for studying noise effects in medical imaging and serves as a foundational step toward future quantum-enhanced image processing systems.

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7 Appendix

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1 !pip install qiskit qiskit-aer --quiet
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from PIL import Image
5 from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, transpile
6
7
8
9 from qiskit import QuantumCircuit
10 from qiskit_aer import Aer
11 from qiskit.visualization import plot_histogram
12
13 # Load image
14 img = Image.open("/content/76052f7902246ff862f52f5d3cd9cd_gallery
15 .jpg").convert("L")
16
17 plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
18 plt.imshow(img, cmap="gray")
19 plt.title("Original Chest X-ray Image")
20 plt.axis("off")
21 plt.show()
22
23 # Resize image
24 img_resized = img.resize((442, 442))
25
26 # Extract 4x4 patch from center
27 w, h = img_resized.size
28 patch = img_resized.crop((30, 30, 34, 34))
29
30 patch_array = np.array(patch)
31
32 plt.figure(figsize=(3,3))
33 plt.imshow(patch_array, cmap="gray")
34 plt.title("4 4 Image Patch")
35 plt.axis("off")
36 plt.show()
37
38 patch_array
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39 # Normalize pixel values
40 patch_norm = patch_array / np.linalg.norm(patch_array)
41
42 patch_norm
43
44
45 # Add Gaussian noise
46 gaussian_noise = np.random.normal(0, 10, patch_array.shape)
47 gaussian_img = patch_array + gaussian_noise
48
49 # Show Gaussian noisy image
50 plt.figure(figsize=(3,3))
51 plt.imshow(gaussian_img, cmap="gray")
52 plt.title("Gaussian Noise Image (4 4 Patch)")
53 plt.axis("off")
54 plt.show()
55
56 # Print original and noisy matrices
57 print("Original 4 4 Image Patch Matrix:")
58 print(patch_array)
59
60 print("\nGaussian Noise Matrix:")
61 print(gaussian_noise)
62
63 print("\nGaussian Noisy Image Matrix:")
64 print(gaussian_img)
65
66
67 # Fix random seed for reproducibility
68 np.random.seed(42)
69
70 # Salt-and-pepper noise
71 sp_img = patch_array.copy()
72 prob = 0.5 # higher probability for small 4x4 image
73
74 for i in range(sp_img.shape[0]):
75     for j in range(sp_img.shape[1]):
76         r = np.random.rand()
77         if r < prob/2:
78             sp_img[i, j] = 0 # Pepper
79         elif r > 1 - prob/2:

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80             sp_img[i, j] = 255          # Salt
81
82 # Display noisy image
83 plt.figure(figsize=(3,3))
84 plt.imshow(sp_img, cmap="gray")
85 plt.title("Salt-and-Pepper Noise Image (4 4 Patch)")
86 plt.axis("off")
87 plt.show()
88
89 # Print matrices
90 print("Original 4 4 Image Patch Matrix:")
91 print(patch_array)
92
93 print("\nSalt-and-Pepper Noisy Image Matrix:")
94 print(sp_img)
95
96 from qiskit.quantum_info import Statevector
97
98 def prepare_quantum_state(patch_array):
99     """
100         Prepare a 4-qubit quantum state using amplitude encoding
101         from a 4 4 image patch.
102     """
103
104     # Flatten and normalize
105     data = patch_array.flatten().astype(float)
106     data = data / np.linalg.norm(data)
107
108     # Create circuit
109     qc = QuantumCircuit(4)
110     qc.initialize(data, range(4))
111     qc = qc.decompose()
112
113     # Print statevector
114     state = Statevector.from_instruction(qc)
115     print("\nQuantum Statevector (Amplitude Encoding):")
116     for i, amp in enumerate(state.data):
117         print(f"|{format(i, '04b')}> : {amp}")
118
119     return qc
120 a=prepare_quantum_state(patch_array)

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121
122
123 def apply_qft(qc):
124     """
125     Apply standard Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT).
126     """
127
128     n = qc.num_qubits
129
130     for qubit in range(n):
131         for j in range(qubit):
132             angle = np.pi / (2 ** (qubit - j))
133             qc.cp(angle, qubit, j)
134             qc.h(qubit)
135
136     for i in range(n // 2):
137         qc.swap(i, n - i - 1)
138
139     return qc
140
141 from qiskit_aer import Aer
142 from qiskit import transpile
143
144 def execute_qft(qc, shots=10000):
145     qc_meas = qc.copy()
146     qc_meas.measure_all()
147
148     backend = Aer.get_backend("aer_simulator")
149     tqc = transpile(qc_meas, backend)
150     result = backend.run(tqc, shots=shots).result()
151
152     return result.get_counts()
153
154 def analyze_qft_results(counts, title):
155     total_shots = sum(counts.values())
156
157     print(f"\n==== {title} ====")
158     print(f"Total shots: {total_shots}")
159     print(f"Distinct states measured: {len(counts)}")
160
161     probabilities = {k: v/total_shots for k, v in counts.items()}
162     sorted_probs = sorted(probabilities.items(), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)

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161     print("\nTop 5 dominant frequency states:")
162     for state, prob in sorted_probs[:5]:
163         print(f" |{state}> : {prob:.4f}")
164
165     return probabilities
166 qc_clean = prepare_quantum_state(patch_array)
167 qc_clean = apply_qft(qc_clean)
168
169 counts_clean = execute_qft(qc_clean, shots=10000)
170 clean_probs = analyze_qft_results(counts_clean, "Clean Image QFT
171     Analysis")
172
173 # Build circuit for clean image
174 qc_clean = prepare_quantum_state(patch_norm)
175 qc_clean = apply_qft(qc_clean)
176 qc_clean.measure_all()
177
178 # Transpile and run with MORE shots for better statistics
179 backend = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
180 qc_clean = transpile(qc_clean, backend)
181
182 # INCREASE SHOTS SIGNIFICANTLY
183 result_clean = backend.run(qc_clean, shots=10000).result() # 10000 is fine
184
185 counts_clean = result_clean.get_counts()
186
187 # Debug: Print the counts to see what's actually measured
188 print("\nRaw measurement counts:")
189 print(counts_clean)
190
191 # If counts is empty, something failed      add error check
192 if not counts_clean:
193     print("ERROR: No measurements returned! Check circuit or
194         backend.")
195
196 # === IMPROVED PLOTTING WITH INSET (Option 1) ===
197 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
198
199 plot_histogram(counts_clean, ax=ax)
200 ax.set_title("QFT Measurement Results - Clean Image (Frequency
201     Domain)")

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198 ax.set_ylabel("Counts")
199
200 # Add inset to zoom on the low-count (high-frequency) states
201 from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import inset_axes,
202     mark_inset
203
204 inset_ax = inset_axes(ax, width="40%", height="30%", loc='upper
205     right')
206 plot_histogram(counts_clean, ax=inset_ax)
207 inset_ax.set_ylim(0, 10) # Zoom to clearly see the tiny bars (
208     adjust if needed)
209 inset_ax.set_title("Zoom: High-Frequency Components")
210
211 plt.tight_layout()
212 plt.show()
213
214 # Optional: Sort and show probabilities
215 total_shots = sum(counts_clean.values())
216 print("\nTop probability states (should show dominant low
217     frequencies):")
218 sorted_counts = sorted(counts_clean.items(), key=lambda x: x[1],
219     reverse=True)
220 for state, count in sorted_counts[:8]:
221     print(f"|{state}> : {count} counts ({count/total_shots:.4f}
222         probability)")
223
224
225 # === Gaussian Noise QFT (Strong noise, std=10) ===
226
227 # Step 1: Prepare the normalized Gaussian noisy patch
228 # Use the gaussian_img you created earlier (with np.random.normal
229     (0, 10, ...))
230 gaussian_flat = gaussian_img.flatten().astype(float) # Convert
231     to float for safety
232 gaussian_norm = gaussian_flat / np.linalg.norm(gaussian_flat) # L2
233     normalization
234
235 # Step 2: Build the quantum circuit

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230 qc_gauss = prepare_quantum_state(gaussian_norm) # Your existing
231     function
232 qc_gauss = apply_qft(qc_gauss)                 # Your existing
233     QFT function
234 qc_gauss.measure_all()                         # Add
235     measurements
236
237
238 # Step 3: Transpile and execute on simulator
239 backend = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')      # Same backend as
240     before
241 qc_gauss = transpile(qc_gauss, backend)
242
243 result_gauss = backend.run(qc_gauss, shots=10000).result()
244 counts_gauss = result_gauss.get_counts()
245
246
247 # Step 4: Debug      Print raw counts and top states
248 print("\nRaw measurement counts (Gaussian Noise):")
249 print(counts_gauss)
250
251 total_shots = sum(counts_gauss.values())
252 print("\nTop probability states (Gaussian Noise):")
253 sorted_gauss = sorted(counts_gauss.items(), key=lambda x: x[1],
254     reverse=True)
255 for state, count in sorted_gauss[:8]:
256     print(f"|{state}> : {count} counts ({count/total_shots:.4f}
257         probability)")
258
259 # Step 5: Plot with inset zoom (same style as before)
260 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
261 plot_histogram(counts_gauss, ax=ax)
262 ax.set_title("QFT Measurement Results - Gaussian Noisy Image (
263     Frequency Domain)")
264 ax.set_ylabel("Counts")
265
266
267 # Inset for high-frequency components (Gaussian has more than
268     clean, less than S&P)
269 from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import inset_axes,
270     mark_inset
271 inset_ax = inset_axes(ax, width="40%", height="30%", loc='upper
272     right')
273 plot_histogram(counts_gauss, ax=inset_ax)

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261 inset_ax.set_ylim(0, 100) # Adjust if needed      expect bars up
262           to ~50  80
263 inset_ax.set_title("Zoom: High-Frequency Components")
264 mark_inset(ax, inset_ax, loc1=2, loc2=4, fc="none", ec="0.5")
265
266 plt.tight_layout()
267 plt.show()
268
269
270
271 # === Salt-and-Pepper Noisy Image QFT ===
272
273 # Normalize the salt-and-pepper noisy patch
274 # Important: sp_img contains 0s and 255s after flattening,
275 # many zeros norm very small for zero entries
276 # But some amplitudes become exactly zero Qiskit initialize
277 # struggles with exact zeros sometimes
278 # Add small epsilon to avoid numerical issues (common trick)
279 sp_flat = sp_img.flatten().astype(float)
280
281 sp_norm = sp_flat / np.linalg.norm(sp_flat)
282
283 # If norm is zero (unlikely here), add tiny epsilon
284 if np.linalg.norm(sp_norm) == 0:
285     sp_norm += 1e-10
286 sp_norm /= np.linalg.norm(sp_norm) # renormalize
287
288 # Build circuit
289 qc_sp = prepare_quantum_state(sp_norm) # your function already
290           decomposes initialize no 'state_preparation' gate
291 qc_sp = apply_qft(qc_sp)
292 qc_sp.measure_all()
293
294 # Use the SAME backend as before and transpile (critical!)
295 qc_sp = transpile(qc_sp, backend)
296
297 # Run with enough shots
298 result_sp = backend.run(qc_sp, shots=10000).result()
299 counts_sp = result_sp.get_counts()

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298 # Debug print
299 print("\nRaw measurement counts (Salt-and-Pepper):")
300 print(counts_sp)

301
302 # === IMPROVED PLOTTING WITH INSET ===
303 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
304
305 plot_histogram(counts_sp, ax=ax)
306 ax.set_title("QFT Measurement Results - Salt-and-Pepper Noisy
    Image (Frequency Domain)")
307 ax.set_ylabel("Counts")
308
309 # Inset zoom for high-frequency components
310 from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import inset_axes,
    mark_inset
311
312 inset_ax = inset_axes(ax, width="40%", height="30%", loc='upper
    right')
313 plot_histogram(counts_sp, ax=inset_ax)
314 inset_ax.set_ylim(0, 50) # Adjust based on your noise level
    S&P usually has more high-freq energy
315 inset_ax.set_title("Zoom: High-Frequency Components")
316
317 mark_inset(ax, inset_ax, loc1=2, loc2=4, fc="none", ec="0.5")
318
319 plt.tight_layout()
320 plt.show()

321
322 # Top states
323 total_shots = sum(counts_sp.values())
324 print("\nTop probability states (Salt-and-Pepper):")
325 sorted_counts = sorted(counts_sp.items(), key=lambda x: x[1],
    reverse=True)
326 for state, count in sorted_counts[:8]:
    print(f"|{state}> : {count} counts ({count/total_shots:.4f}
        probability)")

327
328
329
330
331 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
332 counts_list = [counts_clean, counts_gauss, counts_sp]

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333 titles = ["Clean Image QFT", "Gaussian Noise QFT", "Salt-and-
334 Pepper Noise QFT"]
335
336 for ax, counts, title in zip(axes, counts_list, titles):
337     plot_histogram(counts, ax=ax, title=title)
338     ax.set_yscale('log')
339     ax.set_ylim(bottom=0.8)
340     ax.set_xlabel("Frequency States")
341     ax.set_ylabel("Counts (log scale)")
342
343 plt.suptitle("Effect of Noise Types on Quantum Frequency-Domain
344 Representation", fontsize=16, y=1.02)
345 plt.tight_layout()
346 plt.show()
347
348
349 # === Generate Text-Based QFT Circuit Diagram (No Extra Install
350 # Needed) ===
351
352 from qiskit import QuantumCircuit
353
354 # Create a 4-qubit circuit and apply your QFT function
355 qc_qft = QuantumCircuit(4)
356 qc_qft = apply_qft(qc_qft) # Your existing apply_qft function
357
358 # Print the text diagram
359 print("Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) Circuit for 4 Qubits ")
360 print(qc_qft.draw('text'))
361
362 # Classical Fourier Transform equivalent (1D FFT on flattened
363 # normalized data)
364
365 # This mirrors the QFT applied to the amplitude-encoded
366 # statevector,
367 # where the FFT coefficients' squared magnitudes give the exact
368 # probabilities
369 # in the frequency basis (without sampling noise from
370 # measurements).
371
372 import numpy as np
373 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
374
375 def classical_fft_analysis(norm_data_flat, title, log_scale=False
376 ):

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366     """
367     Compute classical 1D FFT on flattened normalized data.
368     Returns the squared magnitudes (exact "probabilities").
369     """
370
371     # Ensure input is 1D flattened and normalized
372     if norm_data_flat.ndim > 1:
373         norm_data_flat = norm_data_flat.flatten()
374     norm_data_flat = norm_data_flat / np.linalg.norm(
375         norm_data_flat)
376
377
378     # Compute FFT
379     fft_result = np.fft.fft(norm_data_flat)
380
381     # Squared magnitudes (analogous to QFT measurement
382     # probabilities)
383     probs = np.abs(fft_result)**2
384
385     # Sort and print top states for analysis
386     print(f"\n==== Classical FFT: {title} ====")
387     indices = np.argsort(probs)[::-1]    # Descending order
388     print("Top 5 dominant frequency components:")
389     for i in indices[:5]:
390         print(f"  Index {i} ({{:04b}}.format(i)): {probs[i]:.4f}")
391
392     # Plot bar chart (linear or log scale)
393     fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
394     ax.bar(range(len(probs)), probs)
395     ax.set_xlabel("Frequency Index (0 to 15)")
396     ax.set_ylabel("Probability (Squared Magnitude)")
397     ax.set_title(f"Classical FFT Spectrum - {title}")
398     if log_scale:
399         ax.set_yscale('log')
400         ax.set_ylim(bottom=1e-10)
401     plt.show()
402
403
404     return probs
405
406
407     # Prepare flattened normalized data for each case
408     # Note: We flatten here to match the quantum amplitude encoding
409     # (1D over 16 elements)

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403
404 # Clean
405 clean_flat = patch_array.flatten().astype(float)
406 clean_norm_flat = clean_flat / np.linalg.norm(clean_flat)
407 clean_classical_probs = classical_fft_analysis(clean_norm_flat, "Clean Image")
408
409 # Gaussian Noise
410 gauss_flat = gaussian_img.flatten().astype(float)
411 gauss_norm_flat = gauss_flat / np.linalg.norm(gauss_flat)
412 gauss_classical_probs = classical_fft_analysis(gauss_norm_flat, "Gaussian Noisy Image")
413
414 # Salt-and-Pepper Noise
415 sp_flat = sp_img.flatten().astype(float)
416 sp_norm_flat = sp_flat / np.linalg.norm(sp_flat)
417 sp_classical_probs = classical_fft_analysis(sp_norm_flat, "Salt-and-Pepper Noisy Image")
418
419 # === Side-by-Side Comparison Plots (Classical Spectra) ===
420 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
421 probs_list = [clean_classical_probs, gauss_classical_probs,
422 sp_classical_probs]
423 titles = ["Clean Image FFT", "Gaussian Noise FFT", "Salt-and-
424 Pepper Noise FFT"]
425
426 for ax, probs, title in zip(axes, probs_list, titles):
427     ax.bar(range(len(probs)), probs)
428     ax.set_yscale('log')
429     ax.set_ylim(bottom=1e-10)
430     ax.set_xlabel("Frequency Index")
431     ax.set_ylabel("Probability (log scale)")
432     ax.set_title(title)
433
434 plt.suptitle("Classical FFT Spectra Comparison (Log Scale)",
435               fontsize=16, y=1.02)
436 plt.tight_layout()
437 plt.show()

# !pip install qiskit qiskit-aer --quiet

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438
439 import numpy as np
440 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
441 from qiskit.visualization import plot_histogram
442
443 # Step 1: Get quantum probabilities from counts (normalize to
444 # probs)
445 def get_probs_from_counts(counts, shots=10000):
446     probs = {k: v / shots for k, v in counts.items()}
447     # Ensure all 16 states are present (fill missing with 0)
448     all_states = [format(i, '04b') for i in range(16)]
449     for state in all_states:
450         if state not in probs:
451             probs[state] = 0
452     return probs
453
454 # Assuming you have counts_clean, counts_gauss, counts_sp from
455 # your code
456 quantum_clean_probs = get_probs_from_counts(counts_clean)
457 quantum_gauss_probs = get_probs_from_counts(counts_gauss)
458 quantum_sp_probs = get_probs_from_counts(counts_sp)
459
460 # Step 2: Get classical probabilities (from your FFT code)
461 # Replace these with your actual probs arrays (16 elements each,
462 # normalized to sum=1)
463 # From your output: For clean, probs[0] = 15.9793 / 16
464 # 0.9987, etc. Fill in full array if needed.
465 # Here's approximate based on your top values (fill zeros for
466 # others for demo)
467
468 classical_clean_probs = np.zeros(16)
469 classical_clean_probs[0] = 15.9793 / 16
470 classical_clean_probs[8] = 0.0064 / 16
471 classical_clean_probs[4] = 0.0031 / 16
472 classical_clean_probs[12] = 0.0031 / 16
473 classical_clean_probs[1] = 0.0025 / 16
474 # Add others if you have full data; sum should 1
475
476 classical_gauss_probs = np.zeros(16)
477 classical_gauss_probs[0] = 15.9185 / 16
478 classical_gauss_probs[12] = 0.0140 / 16

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474 classical_gauss_probs[4] = 0.0140 / 16
475 classical_gauss_probs[15] = 0.0080 / 16
476 classical_gauss_probs[1] = 0.0080 / 16
477 # Fill rest
478
479 classical_sp_probs = np.zeros(16)
480 classical_sp_probs[0] = 8.9251 / 16
481 classical_sp_probs[14] = 1.2605 / 16
482 classical_sp_probs[2] = 1.2605 / 16
483 classical_sp_probs[13] = 1.0663 / 16
484 classical_sp_probs[3] = 1.0663 / 16
485 # Fill rest
486
487 # Step 3: Function to plot overlay for one case
488 def plot_overlay(quantum_probs, classical_probs, title):
489     # States as x-axis (0 to 15, binary labels)
490     states = list(quantum_probs.keys()) # '0000' to '1111'
491     indices = [int(s, 2) for s in states] # 0 to 15
492     q_values = [quantum_probs[s] for s in states]
493     c_values = classical_probs # Already 0-15 order
494
495     fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
496     width = 0.35 # Bar width
497     ax.bar(np.array(indices) - width/2, q_values, width, label='
Quantum (QFT, 10k shots)', alpha=0.7)
498     ax.bar(np.array(indices) + width/2, c_values, width, label='
Classical (FFT, exact)', alpha=0.7)
499
500     ax.set_yscale('log')
501     ax.set_ylim(1e-6, 1) # Adjust based on your data
502     ax.set_xlabel('Frequency Index (Binary State)')
503     ax.set_ylabel('Probability (Log Scale)')
504     ax.set_title(title)
505     ax.set_xticks(indices)
506     ax.set_xticklabels(states, rotation=90)
507     ax.legend()
508     plt.tight_layout()
509     plt.show()
510
511 # Generate individual overlays

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512 plot_overlay(quantum_clean_probs, classical_clean_probs, 'Clean
513     Image: Quantum vs Classical')
514 plot_overlay(quantum_gauss_probs, classical_gauss_probs, '
515     Gaussian Noise: Quantum vs Classical')
516 plot_overlay(quantum_sp_probs, classical_sp_probs, 'Salt-and-
517     Pepper Noise: Quantum vs Classical')

518 # Optional: Combined figure with 3 subplots
519 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
520 titles = ['Clean', 'Gaussian Noise', 'Salt-and-Pepper Noise']
521 q_probs_list = [quantum_clean_probs, quantum_gauss_probs,
522                  quantum_sp_probs]
523 c_probs_list = [classical_clean_probs, classical_gauss_probs,
524                  classical_sp_probs]

525 for ax, q_probs, c_probs, title in zip(axes, q_probs_list,
526                                         c_probs_list, titles):
527     states = list(q_probs.keys())
528     indices = [int(s, 2) for s in states]
529     q_values = [q_probs[s] for s in states]

530     width = 0.35
531     ax.bar(np.array(indices) - width/2, q_values, width, label='
532             Quantum', alpha=0.7)
533     ax.bar(np.array(indices) + width/2, c_probs, width, label='
534             Classical', alpha=0.7)

535     ax.set_yscale('log')
536     ax.set_ylim(1e-6, 1)
537     ax.set_title(title)
538     ax.set_xlabel('Freq Index')
539     ax.set_xticks(indices[::2]) # Sparse labels to avoid clutter
540     ax.set_xticklabels(states[::2], rotation=45)
541     if ax == axes[0]:
542         ax.set_ylabel('Prob (Log)')
543         ax.legend()

544 plt.suptitle('Quantum vs Classical FFT Spectra Comparison (Log
545     Scale)')
546 plt.tight_layout()
547 plt.show()

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