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# **Classification of Biological Organisms from Images Using Advanced Mathematical Techniques**

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## **Abstract**

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# 1 Introduction

## 2 The Elliptic Fourier Transform

The Fourier transform is a way of finding constituent frequencies within a function on the real domain. The Fourier transform extends the concept of the Fourier series (which operates on a bounded interval) to the real domain.

### 2.1 The Fourier Series

The Fourier series is defined using the equations described below. It takes in a single repeating unit of a periodic function and allows us to generate an infinite sum which converges to the same function. This is useful because the resultant sum ends up depending on trigonometric functions.

Firstly we have a set of numbers,  $A_0$ ,  $A_n$  and  $B_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \frac{1}{P} \int_{-\frac{P}{2}}^{\frac{P}{2}} s(x) dx \\ A_n &= \frac{1}{P} \int_{-\frac{P}{2}}^{\frac{P}{2}} s(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{P}\right) dx \\ A_b &= \frac{1}{P} \int_{-\frac{P}{2}}^{\frac{P}{2}} s(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{P}\right) dx \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Here  $A_0$  is a constant, and  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  are functions of  $n$ . In fact, since both the denominator of the fraction and the range of the integral for  $A_0$  are the same,  $P$ ,  $A_0$  is simply the average around which the function oscillates.

These coefficients allow us to define the Fourier series:

$$s(x) \sim A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( A_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{P}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{P}\right) \right) \tag{2}$$

Here we use a  $\sim$  because this series doesn't always converge to the desired function, although in most cases it does.

### 2.2 The Fourier Transform

The transform function ( $S(t)$ ) for frequency  $f$  is given by (3).

$$S(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t) \cdot e^{-i2\pi ft} dt \tag{3}$$

## 2.3 Fourier Analysis

## 2.4 Elliptical Fourier Analysis

# 3 Processing the Images

In order to find shapes in our images for the purposes of analysis, we will need to detect edges. For this we will use the Canny Edge detection method, developed by John F. Canny.

## 3.1 Convolution Kernels

The most basic aspect of edge detection is the convolution kernel. This is an  $M \times M : \{M = 2n + 1, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  matrix (an odd sided square matrix). Odd side lengths allow the kernel to be centered at each pixel.

If we let the function  $f(x, y)$  represent the original image,  $g(x, y)$  represent the convolved image and  $\omega$  represent the kernel, then:

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{i=-n}^n \sum_{j=-n}^n \omega(i, j) f(x - i, y - j) \quad (4)$$

Notice that the coordinates of the kernel are not 1 to  $M$  as with a traditional matrix, but rather  $-n$  to  $n$ .

The effect of this on an image will be to make each pixel of a convolved image a function of the surrounding pixels. The simplest convolution matrix is the identity convolution matrix, (5).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

More examples include edge detection kernels like (6) and (7).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6) \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

## 3.2 Canny Edge Detection

# 4 Conclusion

Note: these are just example citations. [1, p. 150] [2] [3] [4] [5] .

## 5 Acknowledgements

## 6 Appendix

Note: These are unlikely to be in the final report, they are simply there as an example appendix for now.

### main.cpp

```
// Credit:
// https://gnome.pages.gitlab.gnome.org/gtkmm-documentation/sec-helloworld.html
#include "elliptic_fourier.h"
#include <gtkmm/application.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    auto app = Gtk::Application::create("Test Application");

    return app->make_window_and_run<EllipticFourier>(argc, argv);
}
```

### elliptic\_fourier.h

```
#ifndef ELLIPTIC_FOURIER_H
#define ELLIPTIC_FOURIER_H

#include <gtkmm/window.h>
#include "drawing_area.h"

class EllipticFourier: public Gtk::Window
{
public:
    EllipticFourier();
    ~EllipticFourier() override;
protected:
    GraphArea ga;
};

#endif
```

## elliptic\_fourier.cpp

```
// Credit:
// https://
// gnome.pages.gitlab.gnome.org/gtkmm-documentation/chapter-drawingarea.html
#include "elliptic_fourier.h"
#include <iostream>

EllipticFourier::EllipticFourier()
{
    set_child(ga);
}

EllipticFourier::~~EllipticFourier()
{
}
```

## drawing\_area.h

```
#ifndef DRAWING_AREA_H
#define DRAWING_AREA_H

#include <gtkmm/drawingarea.h>

class GraphArea: public Gtk::DrawingArea
{
public:
    GraphArea();
    virtual ~GraphArea();

protected:
    void draw(
        const Cairo::RefPtr<Cairo::Context>& cr,
        const int width,
        const int height
    );
    double waveform(double x);
};
```

```
#endif
```

## **drawing\_area.cpp**

```
#include <cairomm/context.h>
```

```
#include <cmath>
```

```
#include "drawing_area.h"
```

```
using std::sin;
```

```
GraphArea::GraphArea()
```

```
{
```

```
    set_draw_func(sigc::mem_fun(*this, &GraphArea::draw));
```

```
}
```

```
GraphArea::~~GraphArea()
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
void GraphArea::draw(
```

```
    const Cairo::RefPtr<Cairo::Context>& cr,
```

```
    const int width,
```

```
    const int height
```

```
) {
```

```
    cr->set_source_rgb(0, 0, 0.5); // blue
```

```
    int i = 0;
```

```
    cr->move_to(i, height/2 + waveform(i/20.0) * height/4);
```

```
    for(i = 1; i <= width; i++)
```

```
    {
```

```
        cr->line_to(i, height/2 + waveform(i/20.0) * height/4);
```

```
    }
```

```
    cr->stroke();
```

```
}
```

```
double GraphArea::waveform(double x)
```

```
{
```

```
    double y = 0;
```

```
    double freqs[] = {1, 1.1, 0.8};
```



```

double mags[] = {1, 1.1, 0.8};

for(int i = 0; i < sizeof(freqs)/sizeof(freqs[0]); i++)
{
    y += sin(x * freqs[i]) * mags[i];
}

return y;
}

```

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