Project 1: Research Report on the Application of Fourier Transforms in the Past 3 Years

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Abstract

This report offers a comprehensive overview of the Fourier transform and its diverse applications, with a focus on recent research developments. The Fourier transform, a mathematical operation introduced by Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier in 1807, decomposes functions into constituent frequencies, making it a pivotal tool for signal analysis and processing. The report explores five key papers over the past few years, each highlighting innovative applications and insights. Paper 1 introduces Sparse Fast Fourier Transform (sFFT) as a groundbreaking solution for image processing, addressing computational complexity and enhancing accuracy. Paper 2 employs Fourier analysis to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating the method's capacity to detect cycles and spectral patterns related to disease dynamics. In Paper 3, action recognition utilizes multiple Fourier transforms, combining shape descriptors and spectral analysis to classify human actions effectively. Paper 4 presents an inventive approach, optimizing Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) image compression using the Intelligent Water Drop (IWD) algorithm, promising higher compression and reduced data loss. Finally, Paper 5 employs Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) to develop a computational intelligence model for urban carbon emissions and economic growth, facilitating a balanced approach to urban development. These papers collectively emphasize the potential and versatility of the Fourier transform in addressing complex computational challenges across various disciplines, promising innovation and future applications.

Keywords: Fourier Transform; Frequency Domain; Signal processing; Image processing.

1. Introduction:

The Fourier transform is a mathematical operation that decomposes a function into its constituent frequencies [1]. It is named after its inventor, Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier (Fig. (1)), who first introduced it in 1807, while studying the propagation of heat [2].

Fig. (1). Jean-Baptiste Fourier [3].

He showed that any heat distribution could be represented as a sum of sine waves of different frequencies. One way to understand the Fourier transform is to think of it as a way to convert a signal from the time domain to the frequency domain Fig. (2).

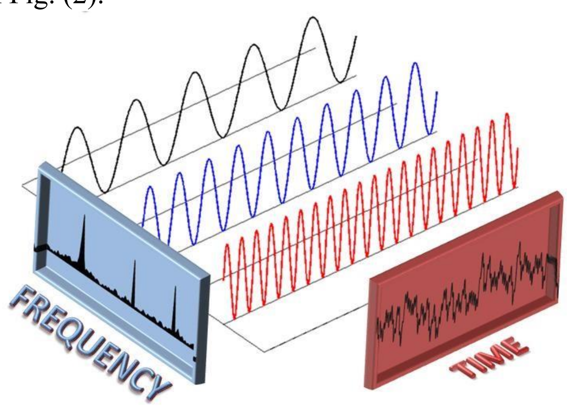

Fig. (2). An audio signal consisting of three different signals with individual frequencies [4].

The time domain is the domain in which we typically represent signals, such as audio signals or images [5]. The frequency domain is a domain in which we represent signals as a sum of sine waves of different frequencies [1, 2, 5]. For example, if we want to attain a square wave like Fig. (3), we need to combine several sine waves as shown in Fig. (4).

$$\text{A square wave} = \sin(x) + \sin(3x)/3 + \sin(5x)/5 + \dots \text{ (infinitely)} \tag{1}$$

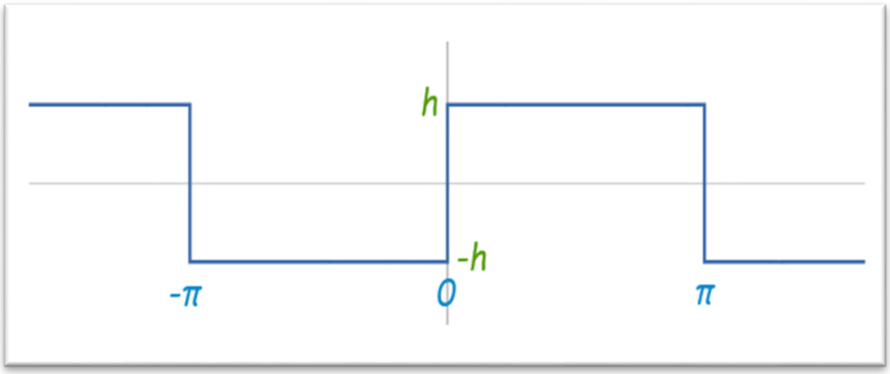

Fig. (3). A square wave [6].

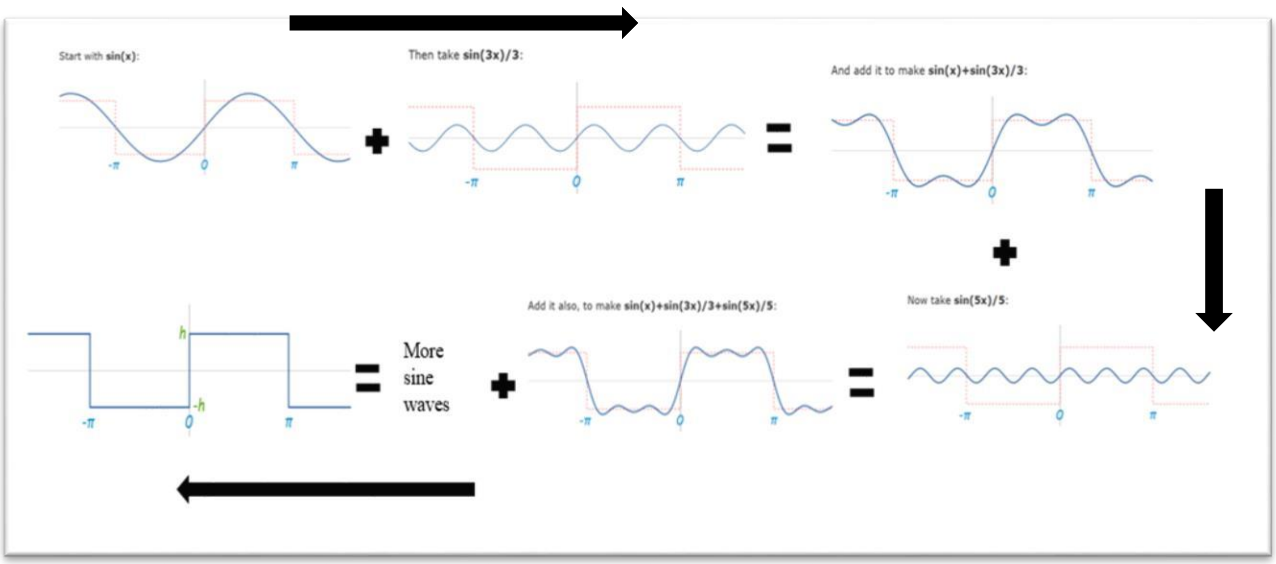

Fig. (4). Components sine waves of a square wave [6].

The Fourier transform was later used by other mathematicians and scientists to solve a wide range of problems in physics and engineering.

The Fourier transform of a $f(t)$ signal is defined as:

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \tag{2}$$

Where ω is the angular frequency.

The inverse Fourier transform of a signal $F(\omega)$ is defined as:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega \tag{3}$$

In the 20th century, the Fourier transform became increasingly important in signal processing [7]. The development of fast Fourier transform (FFT) algorithms made it possible to compute the Fourier transform of large signals efficiently. This led to the widespread use of the Fourier transform in a variety of applications, such as:

- **Image processing:** The Fourier transform can be used to filter, compress, and denoise images. It can also be used to identify features in images, such as edges and corners (Fig. (5)) [8].

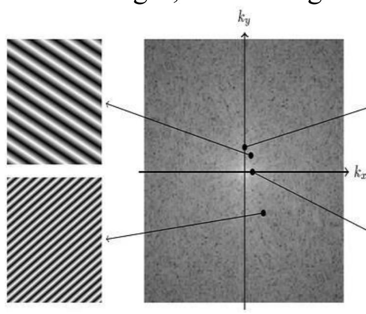

Fig. (5). Figure of an Image being processed [9].

- **Audio processing:** The Fourier transform can be used to filter, compress, and denoise audio signals. It can also be used to identify features in audio signals, such as pitch and timbre (Fig. (6)) [10].

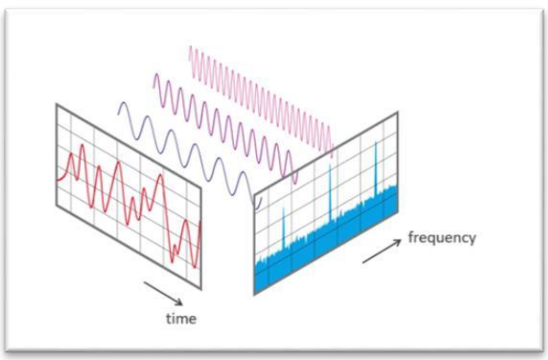

Fig. (6). Figure of an Audio wave being split into its component waves [11].

- **Spectroscopy:** The Fourier transform can be used to analyze the frequency spectrum of light or other electromagnetic radiation. This can be used to identify the chemical composition of a material or to study the physical properties of a material (Fig. (7)) [12].

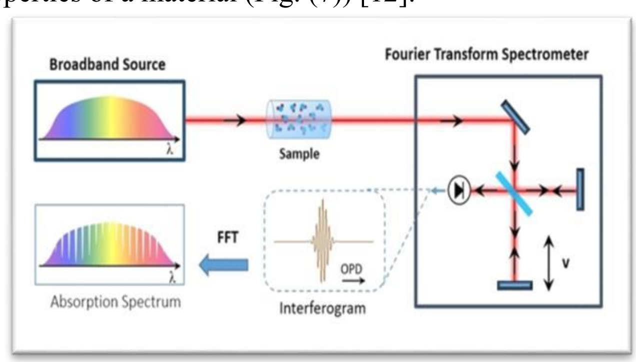

Fig. (7). Figure analyzing the frequency spectrum of light [13].

In this paper, I discuss the application of the Fourier transform in different areas by reviewing papers from the past three years to highlight the latest advances in Fourier transform applications, methods, and the advantages and disadvantages used in said papers. This paper has been crafted in the hope that it will give readers a deeper appreciation for the Fourier transform and its wide range of applications.

2. Applications of Fourier transform:

As stated previously, this paper aims to showcase the Fourier transform and its application in a few research works and to also shed light on the advantages and disadvantages of the methods used in the aforementioned papers.

a) Paper 1 (A review on sparse Fast Fourier Transform applications in image processing) [14]:

This paper was written by Hadhrami Ab. Ghani, Mohamad Razwan Abdul Malek, Muhammad Fadzli Kamarul Azmi, Muhammad Jefri Muril, and Azizul Azizan in the year 2020. The paper explores the application of Sparse Fast Fourier Transform (sFFT) as a poIrful solution to computational challenges in multi-dimensional signal processing, with a specific focus on image processing. It examines sFFT in various domains, including lithography optimization, cancer detection, evolutionary arts, and wastewater treatment. Traditionally, the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) has been pivotal in signal processing, transforming signals from the time domain to the frequency domain for diverse applications. HoIver, when dealing with high-dimensional signals like images, the computational complexity of FFT becomes a significant concern. sFFT is introduced as an innovative solution that significantly reduces this complexity by selectively considering a subset of coefficients. This solution, sFFT, finds practical application in image processing, yielding benefits such as improved accuracy and reduced computational demands in areas such as lithography optimization, cancer detection, evolutionary arts, and wastewater treatment.

Methods:

In this paper, Hadhrami et al. introduce the concept of Multi-Dimensional Sparse Fast Fourier Transform (sFFT) to mitigate computational complexity in signal processing. They emphasized the importance of reducing the computational load in higher-dimensional signals, as the standard Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) becomes impractical. The sFFT method focuses on identifying non-zero coefficients in sparse signals, significantly reducing complexity and processing time.

The paper further posits that this approach (sFFT) has been applied to various fields, including but not limited to:

- **Optimization of Lithography Source Illumination:** In lithography, critical for integrated circuits, sparse FFT optimizes source illumination, improving image quality and reducing computational complexity.
- **Image Evolution and Perceived Characteristics Measurement:** In procedural image generation, sFFT helps measure perceived features for better image improvements, utilizing spatial frequencies.
- **Radar Signal Processing:** Radar systems use sFFT to reduce computational complexity in realtime position calculation, particularly in short-range ubiquitous radar.
- **Fast Nonlinear Compressive Sensing Lithographic Source:** sFFT assists in chip-level source and mask optimization, reducing computational load through compressive sensing.

- **Identification of Microplastics in Wastewater Treatment:** sFFT helps measure microplastic pollution intensity using focal plane array FT, enhancing accuracy and speed in wastewater treatment.
- **Cancer Detection:** Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy is employed for early cancer detection, distinguishing betIen healthy and malignant tissues based on molecular-level vibrational analysis.

Advantages:
As can be seen from the methods section above, all the areas where sFFT has been applied can be considered as its advantages, because the application of the Fourier transform to areas of Optimization of Lithography Source Illumination, Image Evolution and Perceived Characteristics Measurement, Radar Signal Processing, Fast Nonlinear Compressive Sensing Lithographic Source, Identification of Microplastics in Wastewater Treatment, and Cancer Detection is advantageous in these mentioned areas.

Disadvantages:
While sFFT (a variant of the Fourier transform) offers significant advantages, there are also potential challenges and limitations:

- **Bandwidth Demands:** As the demand for higher-dimensional signals, particularly in multimedia applications, increases, sFFT may face challenges in managing larger bandwidth and computational complexity.
- **Complexity with Higher Dimensions**: Higher-dimensional signals, such as images, are increasingly prevalent and may require further advancements to optimize sFFT for efficient processing.

b) Paper 2 (Fourier analysis using the number of COVID-19 daily deaths in the US) [15]:

In the year 2021, Yoshiyasu Takefuji's paper on the Fourier analysis using the number of COVID-19 daily deaths in the US presents a Fourier analysis approach for examining the cycle length and the power spectrum of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States by converting the number of daily deaths into the frequency domain (Fig. (8)). By doing so, policymakers will be able to utilize the observed cycle length to make informed decisions regarding policy adjustments. The study made use of the number of daily deaths as a more reliable metric compared to the number of infected individuals, as it is less affected by false negatives and latent infections. The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) technology was employed to analyze the data. The analysis revealed that shorter cycle lengths correspond to pandemic resurgence, while longer cycles indicate a decline. This method offers policymakers a simple way to assess pandemic behavior and make data-driven policy decisions.

Methods:
This paper employs Fourier analysis to investigate and understand patterns in the COVID-19 pandemic. To conduct this analysis, daily data on the number of COVID-19 deaths in the United States, recorded from March 1, 2020, to October 24, 2020, Ire used. This data offered a clear representation of the pandemic's impact, with the number of deaths being a reliable indicator of the virus's consequences. The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) technology was utilized to convert this time-series data into the frequency domain. The FFT was performed on the dataset, which consists of 238 days of recorded deaths. By analyzing the power spectrum derived from this transformation, the researchers could identify recurring cycles within the

pandemic. The number of days chosen for FFT analysis can influence the granularity of these cycles and subsequently guide policymakers' decisions.

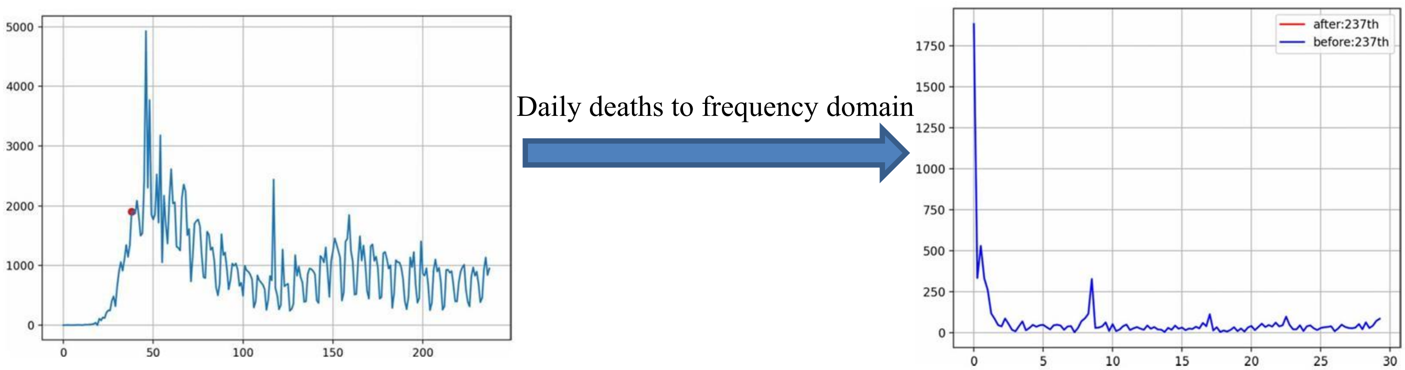

Fig. (8). Number of daily deaths in the US from 1 March 2019 to 24 October 2020. X-axis: days, Y-axis: the number of daily deaths, red point indicating 8 April (left graph). Fig. (10). Result of spectrum analysis using FFT. X-axis: the cycle of days, Y-axis: the power spectrum (right graph) [15].

Advantages:

The application of Fourier analysis to the study of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States offers several distinct advantages. First and foremost, this method provides an alternative perspective on pandemic behavior by focusing on the cycle length of the power spectrum. This unique approach allows for a deeper understanding of the pandemic's dynamics and can help in identifying patterns that might not be evident when solely considering daily death counts. Additionally, one significant advantage of this methodology is that it enables policymakers to make informed decisions regarding public health policies. By analyzing the FFT results, policymakers can gain insights into whether pandemic waves are strengthening or waning. This information can guide the adjustment of policies, whether to intensify interventions during resurgence or relax restrictions during lulls. Moreover, the Fourier analysis approach is versatile and can be applied to various medical contexts. It offers a straightforward means of understanding wave behaviors and is not limited to COVID-19, making it a valuable tool for broader epidemiological studies.

Disadvantages:

While Fourier analysis presents several advantages, it is not without its limitations. One major disadvantage is that this approach requires accurate and comprehensive data on daily deaths attributed to COVID-19. Inaccuracies in reporting or underreporting of deaths can lead to distorted results. Additionally, the reliability of the data may vary from one region to another, potentially affecting the overall analysis. Another limitation is that the approach heavily relies on FFT technology. While FFT is a poIrful tool, it may be challenging for individuals without a strong background in signal processing or mathematics to perform the analysis correctly. Therefore, there might be a learning curve for those who wish to apply this method in other contexts. Lastly, this approach primarily focuses on understanding the cycle length of pandemic waves. It did not provide a detailed examination of other critical aspects, such as the factors driving these cycles, the effectiveness of specific policies, or the identification of new variants of the virus. These factors would require complementary analyses and data sources to provide a more comprehensive view of the pandemic.

c) Paper 3 (Recognizing human actions with multiple Fourier transforms) [16]:

This paper by Katarzyna Gościewska, Dariusz Frejlichowski, published in 2020, presents an approach for action recognition utilizing Fourier transforms, particularly the Two-Dimensional Fourier Descriptor (2DFD), the Generic Fourier Descriptor (GFD), and the UNL-Fourier Descriptor (UNL-F). The paper focuses on classifying video sequences based on action representations obtained through shape descriptors.

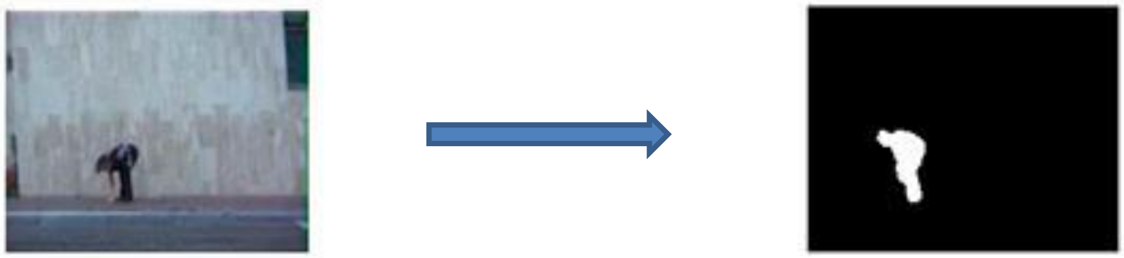

Fig. (9). Binary silhouette shape descriptor vectors are transformed into action representations using the discrete Fourier transform (DFT). (A frame of the bending action (left). Bending foreground masks (Represented by descriptor) (right)) [16].

In the process, each sequence of binary silhouettes is analyzed to derive shape descriptors, which are then matched with the descriptors of the first frame to create vectors of similarities or dissimilarities (Fig. (9)). These vectors are transformed into action representations using discrete Fourier transform, poIr spectral density estimate, or a combination of both. After that, classification is performed through leave-one-out cross-validation, supported by various matching measures. The paper also incorporates a coarse classification step to distinguish between actions performed in place and those with changing silhouettes' locations. The experiments conducted indicate that the best combinations involve 2DFD or GFD for shape representation, DFT for action representation, and correlation measures for matching. In the end, the paper concludes that smaller vectors of DFT coefficients are often sufficient to achieve improved accuracy, making it a practical approach for action recognition based on silhouette sequences (Table. (1)). Some notable findings from this paper include:

- The best combination for the entire database resulted in an accuracy of 71.75% and consisted of 5×5 GFD for shape description, 73 DFT coefficients for action representation, and the C1 correlation for matching.
- For actions with changing location, the highest accuracy was 71.79%, achieved with the same combination but reduced to 55 DFT coefficients.
- For actions performed in place, the highest accuracy reached 82.35% and was obtained using 10×10 GFD matched by C1 correlation, with 49 DFT coefficients for action representation.

Table. (1). Table showing selected results for varying numbers of discrete Fourier transform coefficients in action representation [16].

Shape descriptor	GFD	GFD	2DFD
Descriptor size	10×10	5×5	10×10
Shape matching	C1	CC	CC
Action representation	absFFT	absFFT	absFFT
Sequence matching	CC	CC	CC
Accuracy—entire database	67.72%	71.75%	69.91%
Number of DFT coefficients	128	73	101
Accuracy—actions with changing location	67.67%	71.79%	71.79%
Number of DFT coefficients	93	55	80
Accuracy—actions performed in place	82.35%	79.41%	70.59%
Number of DFT coefficients	49	73	44

After reading this paper, one can conclude that the paper's approach provides a practical and effective method for action recognition using Fourier transforms and shape descriptors with promising experimental results.

Advantages:

The approach presented in this paper offers several advantages for action recognition:

- **Versatility:** The study combines different shape descriptors, Fourier transforms, and matching measures, making it adaptable to various applications of action recognition.
- **Holistic and Local Features:** The approach employs both holistic and local features, making it capable of capturing different aspects of actions, thus enhancing recognition accuracy.
- **Fourier Transform-Based Features:** The use of Fourier transform-based features has been shown to be effective in object recognition and image retrieval. In this study, these features are applied to action recognition, offering a promising approach.
- **Coarse Classification:** The incorporation of a coarse classification step distinguishes betIen actions performed in place and actions with changing locations, allowing for a more refined recognition process.
- **Experimental Investigation:** The study conducts extensive experiments, exploring various combinations of processing steps and methods to identify the best-performing approaches, providing valuable insights for action recognition tasks.

Disadvantages:

While the proposed approach offers promising results for action recognition, there are some potential limitations and disadvantages to consider:

1. **Complexity:** The approach combines various methods and algorithms, which may increase the complexity of the system. This complexity could impact real-time applications or require significant computational resources.
2. **Database Specificity:** The study uses the Weizmann database for experiments. The effectiveness of the approach in other real-world scenarios or with larger and more diverse datasets needs further validation.
3. **Parameter Tuning:** The choice of parameters, such as the number of Fourier coefficients and the size of the descriptors, may impact the results. Fine-tuning these parameters for specific applications could be challenging.
4. **Recognition Limitations:** While the study addresses the recognition of simple and primitive actions, more complex actions or activities involving multiple objects and interactions may require additional techniques or extensions to the approach.

5. **Real-World Application:** The practical implementation and adaptation of this approach to realworld applications, such as surveillance or human-computer interaction, would require additional research and development.

If there is one thing I must take away from the approach presented in this paper is that it offers a versatile and promising method for action recognition, with advantages in combining different techniques. However, it is highly recommended that researchers and practitioners should consider the complexities and potential limitations when this approach is applied to real-world scenarios. More so, further research and experimentation may be necessary to optimize its performance for specific applications.

d) Paper 4 (Optimizing Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) Image Compression using Intelligent Water Drop (IWD) Algorithm) [17]:

This paper, published in the year 2022, presents a new approach to optimize image compression using the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and the Intelligent Water Drop (IWD) algorithm. The authors, Surinder Kaur, Gopal Chaudhary, Javalkar Dinesh Kumar, Manu S. Pillai, Yash Gupta, Manju Khari, Vicente García-Díaz, and Javier Parra Fuente, all aimed to achieve higher compression while maintaining image quality, evaluated using the Structural Similarity Index Measure (SSIM). The paper discusses the growing demand for image applications and highlights the distinction between lossless and lossy compression methods. The proposed approach focuses on individualized threshold values for image compression, using the IWD algorithm, to maximize SSIM. The paper provides insights into the IWD algorithm, FFT, and the SSIM index, which play crucial roles in the proposed image compression methodology. Experimental results showcase the effectiveness of the approach in terms of SSIM scores and data loss percentages for different images (Fig. (10) and Fig. (11)). The authors acknowledge the need to explore more extensive parameter spaces for optimizing threshold values in future implementations to improve the methodology's efficiency.

Fig. (10). (a) Sample image 1. (b) Sample image 2. (c) Sample image 3. (d) Sample image 4 [17].

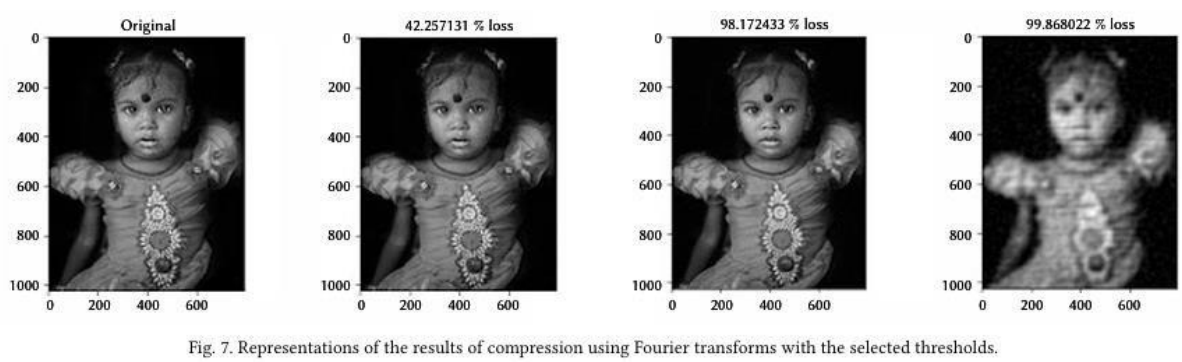

Fig. (11). Representations of the results of compression using Fourier transforms with the selected thresholds [17].

This paper offers concrete results in terms of SSIM scores and data loss percentages, demonstrating the effectiveness of the IWD-based FFT compression method for various sample images. For example, for sample image 1, using predefined threshold values led to a 95% data loss with an SSIM score of 0.72, while IWD-derived thresholds resulted in a 99.8% data loss with an SSIM score of 0.69 (Table. (2)). What's more, this study emphasizes the importance of tailoring compression parameters to image content for optimal results, and it also suggests future work to expand the parameter space for threshold value optimization using the IWD algorithm, enhancing the approach's efficiency and overall performance.

Table. (2). Data Loss and SSIM Score Comparison [17].

Image	Compressed RGB image using threshold obtained using IWD		Compressed RGB image using standard method		Compressed RGB image using swapped values of threshold	
	SSIM Score	Data loss(%)	SSIM Score	Data loss(%)	SSIM Score	Data loss(%)
Sample image 1	0.69	99.8766642304	0.72	95.63583972020	0.60	95.63583972020
Sample image 2	0.73	99.7957887012	0.65	96.66549437568	0.65	95.95311462500
Sample image 3	0.88	99.7381844611	0.78	99.57618713378	0.69	96.58470153808
Sample image 4	0.62	98.9637915129	0.62	98.9637915129	0.65	79.35055350553

Methods:
As far as methods used in this paper go, the authors propose a new technique for optimizing image compression using the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and the Intelligent Water Drop (IWD) algorithm (Fig. (12)). The IWD-based FFT Compression method involves several steps:

1. Start by applying the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) to the image.
2. Truncate the frequency domain output based on calculated thresholds.
3. Apply an inverse FFT (IFFT) to generate the compressed image.

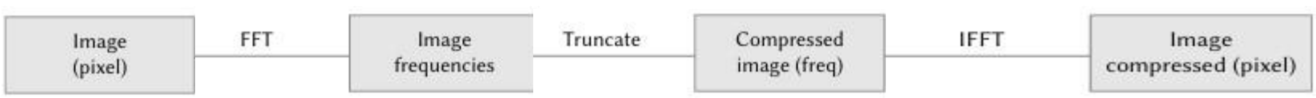

Fig. (12). Block diagram for image compression using Fast Fourier Transform [17]

The above steps aim to produce a compact representation of the image by reducing the amount of data required for storage, transmission, and processing while maintaining the quality of the image. The key innovation is the optimization of the FFT threshold values using the IWD algorithm. The paper focuses on improving the quality of compressed images while achieving higher compression rates. The results are evaluated using the Structural Similarity Index Measure (SSIM) as a measure of image quality.

Advantages:
The advantages of the proposed method in the paper include:

1. **Improved Compression Quality:** By optimizing FFT thresholds using the IWD algorithm, the method aims to maintain a higher level of image quality even after significant compression. This is especially valuable in applications where image quality is crucial.
2. **Adaptability:** The proposed approach can adapt the threshold values for each image, ensuring that the compression is tailored to the specific characteristics of the image. This adaptability leads to more efficient compression and improved image quality.

3. **Efficient Memory Utilization:** The method aims to reduce the memory requirements for image storage, transmission, and processing. This is essential for applications with limited storage or bandwidth.
4. **Versatility:** The IWD algorithm has been applied successfully to various optimization problems. Its use in image compression demonstrates the versatility of this optimization technique.

Disadvantages:

While the proposed method offers several advantages, there are also some potential disadvantages:

1. **Computational Intensity:** Optimizing the threshold values for each image using the IWD algorithm can be computationally intensive, especially when dealing with a large number of images. This may increase the time required for compression.
2. **Complex Parameter Space:** The paper discusses the need to search for optimal parameter values for each image. Managing a parameter space that fits the characteristics of different images can be challenging.
3. **Experimental Complexity:** The proposed method introduces more complexity into the image compression process. Implementing it may require a thorough understanding of the IWD algorithm and its applications.
4. **Need for Further Research:** The paper mentions the possibility of introducing a larger parameter space for threshold values. Further research is needed to explore the effectiveness of this approach.

e) Paper 5 (Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)-Based Computational Intelligence Model for Urban Carbon Emission and Economic Growth) [18]:

In order to present a comprehensive analysis of urban economic growth and carbon emission modeling, that focuses on the data-driven aspects that validate its conclusions, authors Chun Fu, Xiayun Gui, and Farzana Akter, in the year 2022, proposed the use of the Fourier transform as a tool to draw out periodic signals which can then be used to accurately analyze the data on carbon emission presented in this study. It addresses the crucial challenge of balancing economic development and environmental sustainability in urban areas. The study employs a rigorous methodology that integrates economic and energy consumption data, effectively employing the Fourier transform method to extract periodic signals that inform the models. The economic growth model, supported by concrete data, highlights the growing energy consumption and carbon emission concerns, with carbon emissions per unit of GDP rapidly rising, underscoring the environmental-economic contradiction. The city's energy consumption structure, illustrated by data from Nanchang, reveals an excessive reliance on coal, contributing to high carbon emissions, but promisingly shifts towards greener energy sources in recent years. Additionally, the paper constructs an urban carbon emission model, emphasizing the significance of carbon emission efficiency. It categorizes cities based on carbon emission efficiency and dissects factors affecting carbon emissions, unveiling industrial structure, economic scale, science and technology investment, and openness to the outside world as key factors. This study also introduces a coupling and coordination model that measures the interaction between economic growth, carbon emissions, and ecological preservation, providing a clear framework for sustainable urban development.

Through experiments, the paper examines different scenarios for urban development, emphasizing the role of energy consumption in carbon emissions, highlighting the positive correlation between energy consumption and emissions. To summarize, this paper meticulously employs the Fourier transform and a data-driven approach to construct models that elucidate the intricate relationship between urban economic growth and carbon emissions, offering valuable insights for low-carbon development strategies in urban areas.

Methods:

The methods employed in this study are data-centric, offering a robust foundation for analysis. The paper extensively utilizes Fourier transform to extract critical periodic signals from the datasets. Specifically, the economic growth model integrates real-world data on energy consumption and carbon emissions, highlighting the notable increase in total energy utilization over the past decade. Through this method, carbon emissions per unit GDP are quantified, revealing a rapid surge in the environmental-economic contradiction. Furthermore, data from Nanchang demonstrates a substantial dependence on coal for economic development. In addition, it showcases a positive shift towards greener energy sources, with the proportion of raw coal consumption dropping from 79.2% in 2008 to 61.2% in 2019 (Table. (3)). This analysis supports the construction of the urban carbon emission model, illustrating the importance of examining carbon emission efficiency.

Table. (3). Proportion of primary energy consumption in a city [18].

Years	Total energy consumption (tons of standard coal)	Proportion of primary energy consumption (%)		
		The raw coal	Oil	Natural gas
2008	12,454.0	79.2	19.0	1.5
2009	12,883.3	71.3	24.1	1.5
2010	14,228.0	71.4	24.3	1.2
2011	15,757.9	73.2	22.6	1.2
2012	16,925.7	73.1	22.7	1.3
2013	18,172.5	73.0	22.5	1.2
2014	19,856.4	67.9	27.3	1.3
2015	21,492.1	65.3	29.0	2.4
2016	22,313.9	61.3	31.6	3.8
2017	20,499.6	62.5	28.2	5.0
2018	20,585.7	62.1	28.2	5.4
2019	20,522.1	61.2	31.0	3.6

Advantages:

One key advantage of this paper is the extensive use of empirical data. The study is firmly grounded in realworld information, enabling the modeling and analysis of the intricate relationship between urban economic growth and carbon emissions. By employing Fourier transform, it extracts periodic signals from the data, ensuring that the models are evidence-based and reflect the actual conditions on the ground. The categorization of cities based on carbon emission efficiency and the identification of key influencing factors are all supported by concrete data. The data-driven approach enhances the paper's credibility and applicability, offering valuable insights for policymakers and urban planners seeking sustainable development strategies.

Disadvantages:

While this paper presents a robust analysis, it also exhibits some limitations. Firstly, its reliance on historical data may restrict its applicability in forecasting future trends. Economic and environmental conditions are dynamic, and the models may not fully capture emerging factors that could influence carbon emissions and economic growth. Additionally, the paper focuses on a specific region, Nanchang, which may limit the generalizability of its findings to other urban areas with different economic and environmental characteristics. Furthermore, it primarily examines economic growth in terms of GDP, which may not fully represent overall development and environmental sustainability. It would be advantageous to consider a more comprehensive set of indicators in future research to provide a more holistic view of urban development and its impact on the environment.

3. Conclusion:

In this comprehensive review of recent Fourier transform research, I have highlighted the significant findings and trends across various domains. In Paper 1, the Sparse Fast Fourier Transform (sFFT) emerged as a powerful solution in image processing, significantly reducing computational complexity while enhancing accuracy. This promising development underscores the potential of sFFT in addressing the challenges of processing high-dimensional signals, such as images. Paper 2 introduces Fourier analysis as a valuable tool for understanding and monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic, emphasizing the utility of this technique in identifying cycle lengths and power spectra associated with disease resurgence and decline. The data-driven approach presented in Paper 3 showcases the robustness of Fourier transforms in action recognition, providing a foundation for future research into recognizing complex human actions and activities. In Paper 4, the integration of Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) with the Intelligent Water Drop (IWD) algorithm demonstrates improved image compression, with a focus on adaptability and memory efficiency. Finally, Paper 5 offers a significant contribution to urban carbon emissions and economic growth modeling. By employing Fourier transform in data analysis, it highlighted the importance of balancing economic development with environmental sustainability in urban areas. Paper 5 provides insights into energy consumption, carbon emissions, and urban development, underscoring the importance of sustainable urban growth. All in all, the showcased papers collectively underscore the versatility and potential of Fourier transform in addressing complex computational challenges across multiple disciplines.

4. Future Directions:

The papers presented above demonstrate the intriguing opportunities for future research in Fourier transform applications. Building upon the findings in Paper 1, researchers can explore more advanced variations of the Sparse Fast Fourier Transform (sFFT) to further enhance its performance in image processing. Emphasizing the reduction of computational complexity while maintaining high accuracy remains a key challenge to address.

In the context of pandemic analysis, opportunities for future research lie in predictive modeling and realtime decision support systems inspired by the Fourier analysis approach presented in Paper 2. Investigating more advanced techniques and algorithms for identifying pandemic cycle lengths and analyzing power spectra can aid in early detection and effective response to various infectious diseases.

For action recognition, researchers can delve deeper into refining Fourier-based methods, especially focusing on recognizing complex and multi-object interactions. Advancements in this area may have applications in various fields, from surveillance and robotics to entertainment and healthcare.

In the realm of image compression, Paper 4 introduces a novel approach using the Intelligent Water Drop (IWD) algorithm, opening doors to more efficient and accessible compression techniques. Future research can focus on optimizing this approach, making it applicable to a wide range of image compression scenarios.

Paper 5 suggests further explorations in the domain of urban development and environmental sustainability.

Researchers can expand their investigations to encompass more cities and regions, considering a broader set of indicators for a comprehensive assessment of urban growth and its ecological impact. Additionally, the development of advanced data-driven models and decision-support tools for urban planning can be an area of significant future research.
As technology continues to evolve, Fourier transform's role in various fields is likely to expand, making it a critical area for further exploration and innovation. Advancements in Fourier-based methods and applications can contribute to solving increasingly complex computational challenges in diverse domains.

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