A Parallel Application of the Fourier Transformation

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Abstract

A Fourier transform is a mathematical transform decomposing functions based on space and time into functions based on spatial or temporal frequency. The Fourier transform is denoted by adding a circumflex to the symbol of a function:

$$f \to \hat{f}$$

The Fourier transform is defined as:

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi ix\xi} dx \tag{1}$$

Whereas the inverse Fourier transform is denoted as:

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi)e^{2\pi ix\xi}d\xi \tag{2}$$

Introduction

The Fourier Transform is an important mathematical concept. It has applications in digital signal processing, convolution in neural networks, and even image recognition.

Parallelization

There are a few different directions to explore when developing a more parallized implementation of the Fourier Transform.