

A Comprehensive Study Of Sustainable Future Of Fractional Fourier Transform

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Abstract: The Fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) is a relatively new linear transform that is a generalisation of the classical Fourier transform (FT). FRFT can transform a particular signal to a unified time-frequency domain. In this study of sustainable future, we try to present a comprehensive discussion FRFT. Firstly, we provided definition of FRFT. Secondly, we offered a comprehensive theoretical research and technological studies that consisted of hardware implementation and software implementation. Thirdly, we presented a sustainable future on applications of FRFT to following fields: communication, encryption, optimal engineering, radiology, remotesensing, fractional calculus, fractional wavelet transform, pseudo-differential operator, pattern recognition, and image processing. It is hoped that this comprehensive study of sustainable Future will be useful to research scholars/faculties/scientists working on FRFT.

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1. Introduction

The French mathematician Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830) introduced a major mathematical concept in basic sciences, known as the Fourier transform (FT), two hundred fifteen years ago. It was first used by him in a manuscript submitted to the Institute of France in 1807 [1] (J. B.J. Fourier, *Thorie de la propagation de la chaleur dans les solides*, Manuscript submitted to the Institute of France, 21 Dec. 1807). Fourier analysis did not become a standard tool in modern science until 1965, when Cooley and Tukey developed the 'fast Fourier transform' algorithm [2]. Because the traditional Fourier transform (FT) decomposes a time signal or a spatial image into the frequency domain, it is also known as the frequency domain representation of the original.

The idea of the fractional powers of the Fourier operator has been "discovered" several times in the literature. Initially, the idea appeared in the mathematical literature between First world War, 1914 to Second World War, 1945 (e.g., [3, 4]). A large number of publications relating to this idea appeared after Second World War, 1945. The fractional Fourier operator re-gains a momentum in 1980s with publications by Namias (e.g. [5]). Following Namias's contribution, a large number of papers appeared in the mathematical literature during 1990s to 2012s tying the concept of the

fractional Fourier operators to mathematical analysis, Distribution theory, theoretical research and many other fields, Time-frequency

analysis as described in [6].

The fractional Fourier Transform (FRFT) is an elegant generalization of the ordinary Fourier transform [3–5, 7]. The fractional Fourier transform with a parameter α , has many applications in several areas including Communications, Optics, Quantum Physics and Signal processing. For more details of the fractional Fourier transform, see [8, 9]. The α -th order fractional Fourier transform represents the α -th power of the Fourier transform, when $\alpha = 90^\circ$, we obtain the Fourier transform, while $\alpha = 0^\circ$ for The fractional Fourier Transform (FRFT) is an elegant generalization of the ordinary Fourier transform [3–5, 7]. The fractional Fourier transform with a parameter α , has many applications in several areas including Communications, Optics, Quantum Physics and Signal processing. For more details of the fractional Fourier transform, see [8, 9]. The α -th order fractional Fourier transform represents the α -th power of the Fourier transform, when $\alpha = 90^\circ$, we obtain the Fourier transform, while for $\alpha = 0^\circ$, we obtain the signal itself. Any intermediate value of α ($0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$) produces a signal representation that can be considered as a rotated timefrequency representation of the signal

[6]. The fractional Fourier transform with a parameter α , $\varphi(x) \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ is defined as [8–12] $\alpha = 0^0$, we obtain the signal itself. Any intermediate value of α ($0^0 < \alpha < 90^0$) produces a signal representation that can be considered as a rotated time frequency representation of the signal [6].

The Fourier Transform of a complex-valued (Lebesgue) integrable function $\varphi(t) \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ on the real line is the complex valued function $\widehat{\varphi}(\zeta)$ is defined by the integral as follows,

$$\widehat{\varphi}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\zeta t} \varphi(t) dt$$

so that its inverse is given by

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\zeta t} \widehat{\varphi}(\zeta) d\zeta < \infty$$

The fractional Fourier transform with a parameter α , $\varphi(x) \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ is defined as [8–12]

$$(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha \varphi)(\zeta) = \widehat{\varphi}_\alpha(\zeta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_\alpha(\eta, \zeta) \varphi(\eta) d\eta$$

where the kernel $K_\alpha(\eta, \zeta)$ is given by

$$K_\alpha = \begin{cases} C_\alpha e^{\frac{i(\eta^2 + \zeta^2) \cot \alpha}{2} - i\eta\zeta \csc \alpha}, & \alpha \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-i\eta\zeta}, & \alpha = \frac{1}{2\pi}, \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } C_\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1 - i \cot \alpha}{2\alpha}}.$$

The inverse of $(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha \varphi)(\zeta)$ is given by

$$\varphi(\eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{K_\alpha(\eta, \zeta)} (\mathfrak{F}_\alpha \varphi)(\zeta) d\zeta$$

$$\text{and } \overline{K_\alpha(\eta, \zeta)} = K_{-\alpha}(\eta, \zeta).$$

The inverse of a FRFT with the parameter α is the FRFT with the parameter $-\alpha$.

2 Future Scope in Technological Fields

Research scholars, Scientists, Faculties will solve numerous issues by implementing the FRFT. To

apply FRFT in hardware and software conditions, and To select the optimal order (OO) of FRFT. To answer these questions, we will give the recent/future advances for them.

2.1 Implementation of FRFT in Hardware

Hardware such as optical devices, digital signal processors (DSPs), field-programmable gate arrays (FP-GAs), and quantum gates will be used to implement FRFT. Tajahuerce (2000) [13] used a single imaging element (a blazed diffractive lens) to create an optical implementation of the FRFT with broadband illumination. Cai (2002) [14] proposed a simple two ordinary lens system to realise the FRFT of continuously variable order while keeping the scaling factors of both the input and output functions constant independent of the system's geometric parameters and FRFT orders. It could eliminate the need for and

inconvenience of using input masks of different scales or any other special devices, making it useful to those who wanted to observe the FRFT but lacked the necessary equipment. By using a realistic implementation of the DFRFT on a digital signal processor, Narayanan (2003) [15] demonstrated FRFT applications. Cai (2006) [16] proposed a lensless optical system for realising the coincidence FRFT effect. The lensless optical system conditions for implementing the coincidence FRFT with incoherent light and entangled photon pairs were discussed. The findings provided a novel scheme for FRFTs and thus suggested potential applications. Hahn (2006) [17] demonstrated and proposed an optical implementation of the iterative fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) algorithm. Sinha (2007) [18] presented a new configurable architecture for fast computation of the Centered Discrete Fractional Fourier Transform. Tao (2010) [19] presented an efficient implementation based on field-programmable gate array for performing fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) operations.

2.2 Implementation of FRFT in Software

Research scholars, Scientists, Faculties, Researchers are/will particularly interested in the numerical calculation of FRFT. Deng (1997) [20] proposed a fast implementation method for calculating fractional Fourier transforms based on the Chirp-Z transform. Ran (2000) [21] thought the classical discrete Fourier transform operator corresponded to a 4×4 cyclic matrix group, and the discrete fractional Fourier transform operator corresponded to a 4×4 generalized permutation

matrix. Huang (2000) [22] provided a unified approach to improve the computation of the discrete fractional Fourier transform. They developed a general structure based on multi-rate filter to improve computation. Vundela (2013) [23] implemented the equivalent filter bank structures for the computation of the FRFT, in order to reduce the computation time. First two methods to compute the FRFT of any function was derived. Then the computation method was implemented using the filter bank approach.

3 Application

So far, FRFT has been used in a wide range of academic and industrial applications. Using the “Web of Science Core Collection” analytical tool, the following application categories are identified as the most popular: image processing, radiology, communication, encryption, optimal engineering, remote sensing, fractional calculus, fractional wavelet transform, pseudo-differential operator and pattern recognition.

3.1 Image Processing

Finally, FRFT will demonstrate successful image processing applications. Sun (2016) [24] used fractional Fourier entropy (FRFE) and multilayer perceptron to detect pathological brains. Sharma (2013) [25] proposed the use of DFRFT to replace conventional DFT in the Wiener and geometric mean filters. Sang (2013) [26] proposed a new FRFT-based image fusion method. All the source images were decomposed

by FRFT, and then the fractional orders were selected adaptively. It has well solved the poor adaptability of previous image fusion methods. Soni (2013) [26] illustrated the advantage of DFRFT as compared to other transforms for steganography in image processing. The simulation result showed same PSNR in both domain (time and frequency) but DFRFT gave an advantage of additional stego key i.e. order parameter of this transform. Liu (2013) [27] introduced FRFT to the three-dimensional model retrieval. Further, they proposed a three-dimensional model descriptor based on three dimensional FRFT. Guo (2011) [28] proposed a watermarking algorithm for optical images by the combination of random phase encoding and FRFT. Pan (2009) [29] developed a

new accurate and adaptable scheme for calculating the polar FFT and the log-polar FFT, namely, Multilayer FRFT.

3.2 Radiology

FRFT has found several applications in radiology, which is a common medical specialty that generates images, On the basis of which physicians make diagnoses. Common imaging techniques include X-ray, computed tomography, ultrasound, positive emission tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Li (2016) [30] used FRFT to detect left-sided and right-sided hearing loss. Liu (2016) [31] used FRFT to make diagnosis for abnormal breasts. Ji (2015) [32] used FRFT and nonparallel SVM for classifying magnetic resonance brain images. Kumari (2013) [33] encrypted the DICOM images using a chained Hadamard transforms and number theoretic transforms. A secure fast 2D-DFRFT and a SPIHT

Algorithm with Huffman Encoder was utilized to compress the DICOM images. Zhang (2013) [34] focused on the medical image registration in the domain of FRFT. The Powell algorithm was implemented to optimize the parameters by evaluating the minimum MSE between the magnitudes of images. Two kinds of FRFT were used to construct the algorithms. Mustafi (2013) [35] proposed a new approach for medical image denoising. The proposed algorithm utilized the technique of both blind source separation and the FRFT. In the presence of quadratic field inhomogeneity, Irarrazaval (2011) [36] showed how fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) was used to reconstruct magnetic resonance (MR) images. Harput (2011) [37] proposed an ultrasound contact imaging method, with the aim of measuring the enamel thickness of the tooth. It was the first time that FRFT was employed in dental imaging.

3.3 Communication

FRFT will be applied by researchers/scientists to solve the problems in communication field. Lin (2011)[38] proposed a receiving system for impulse radio ultra-wideband communications. They divided received signals into the data and reference pulses using the energy concentration property of Chirp pulses in FRFD. White (2012) [39]

presented analysis of detectors of LFM signals based on the FRFT. This allowed one to conduct a fair comparison of the performance of these methods with those based on the FT.

It was shown that the FRFT methods achieved superior performance if the sweep rate was sufficiently fast or the data length was sufficiently large. Wang (2013) [40] proposed a novel group FRFT based multiuser(MU) SISO Biorthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing system, in which multiple independent data streams from co-channel mobile stations (MSs) can be transmitted in the same frequency and time slot. System simulations showed the essential advantages over conventional MU schemes.

3.4 Encryption

Some applications of FRFT will related to encryption in future. Zhou (2011) [41][136] proposed a novel image encryption (IE) algorithm method for chromatic images based on chaos and fractional Fourier transform (FRFT). Liu (2012) [42] offered an IE approach based on FRFT. They converted the data at local regions of complex function by FRFT. Bhatnagar (2014) [43] proposed a novel biometric inspired multimedia encryption technique. They proposed dual parameter FRFT (DP-FRFT) and used it in multimedia encryption.

3.5 Optical Engineering

FRFT will be introduced in the optical engineering. Gao (2010) [44] investigated the FRFT of the flattopped multi-Gaussian beam (FMGB) investigated for 3 types of fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) optical systems (OSs): Lohmann I and II, and quadratic graded-index systems. Tang (2012) [45] studied the propagation properties of confluent hypergeometric (HyG) beams propagating through FRFT OSs, based on FRFT in the cylindrical coordinate system.

3.6 Remote Sensing

An interesting application area of FRFT is remote sensing. Elgamel (2011) [46] presented a new signal processing algorithm, by an optimal fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) filtering. Wang (2012) [47] applied DFTFT so as to present a vibration estimation approach for synthetic aperture radar (SAR). Clemente (2012) [48] used

FRFT to address a time variant problem for SAR processing.

3.7 Fractional Calculus

The idea of fractional can be generalized to other mathematical fields, such as fractional calculus, fractional partial differential equation (PDE), fractional variational iteration (FVI), fractional derivative operator (FDP), etc. Yang (2013) [49] investigated the transport equations in fractal porous media by using the fractional complex transform method. The local fractional linear and nonlinear transport equations with local fractional time and space fractional derivatives were obtained. The proposed models adequately described the fractal transport processes. Ray (2015) [50] considered the analytical solutions of fractional

PDEs with Riesz space fractional derivatives on a finite domain.

3.8 Fractional Wavelet Transform

Fractional wavelet transform (FRWT) was proposed to amend the limitations of fractional Fourier transform (FRFT) and wavelet transform (WT). Dinc (2010) [51] developed a new approach based on the combined use of the FRWT and the continuous wavelet transform (CWT) in order to quantify atorvastatin (ATO) and amlodipine (AML) in their mixtures without requiring a chemical pretreatment.

3.9 Pseudo-differential operator

Pseudo-differential operator is an extension of the differential operator. They are widely applied extensively in the theory of quantum field theory and PDEs. FRFT can be used to analyze the pseudo-differential operators. An integral representation of pseudo-differential operator and boundedness of the composition of operators and were obtained. An integral operator was defined and its boundedness property was studied.

3.10 Detection, Recognition, and Classification

FRFT was used by researchers to solve problems encountered in the disciplines of detection, recognition and classification. To simultaneously detect both the magnitude and direction of translation and tilt, Bhaduri (2010) [52] proposed a digital speckle photographic system, which

implemented 2 simultaneous optical extended FRFTs.

4 Role of Fractional Fourier Transform in the Basic Sciences in Future Directions

Several topics are already very hot to use FRFT, such as SAR, encryption, etc. Nevertheless, several other research topics are not fully explored and have the potential to become hot in the future, since there are either few or increasing publications in those topics, which include but not limited to:

(i) Magnetic resonance imaging : Conventionally, the patient image is reconstructed by the DFT of scanned k-space [53–56]. Using FRFT may increase the reconstruction quality.

(ii) Fractional wavelet transform:- Wavelet transform achieves great success in various fields. FRWT was proposed by combining FRFT and WT. It had shown great success in early publications [51,57]. However, its potential is not recognized fully.

(iii) Fruit Classification:- The fruit images are obtained in complicated conditions [58]: the positions and poses of cameras are different, the illumination conditions vary. Tuning the parameters of FRFT until the extracted time-frequency features are optimal for classification.

(iv) Image Processing :- There are a mass of papers discussing applications of traditional FT method to process images, and replacing FT by FRFT may increase the performance. Additional to it, the image denoising, image segmentation, image enhancement, and image reconstruction. All required more and

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- more accurate signal processing that FRFT can provide. Cell image processing [59] is also a novel research method.
- (v) Hybridization :- FRFT may be combined with automata, choice function [60], artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques, with the aim of developing a more efficient system.
- (vi) Pathological brain detection: - The most important step is to extract efficient features from the brain images for detection [61]. The asymmetric structure of the brain can be extracted efficiently by FRFT.
- (vii) Disease detection: - FRFT may help detect early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease (AD) [62], multiple sclerosis (MS), hearing loss, abnormal breast, based on the unified-frequency domain.
- (viii) Cloud Security: - FRFT may be used in cloud computer security [63] and information security. It can also help to protect the user's privacy.

5 Conclusions

The FRFT method is a generalization of the classical FT method. It is a novel idea in time-frequency representation theory. This paper attempts to provide a thorough review of theoretical and technological points. FRFT applications in various fields are presented. We conclude that FRFT research is currently flourishing, and we anticipate. More results will be available in the coming years. Sustainable Future of Fractional Fourier Transform will essentially contribute to solve some challenges (Disease detection, Image Processing, Pathological brain detection etc.) of the people living on the earth.

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