A Review on Image Watermarking Using the Differences Between Two Wavelet Filters

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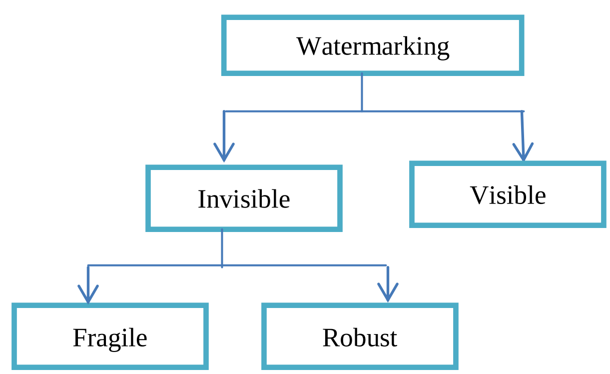
Abstract: *Digital watermarking has been considered a solution for copyright protection applications. Our research on audio watermarking has led to the development of a novel technique that uses two wavelet filters and our technique has been shown to successfully satisfy the Information Hiding and its Criteria for evaluation (IHC) criteria. This paper describes our study that extended our audio watermarking technique and applied it to images. We conducted an experiment that used our technique to process image data at the IHC website and analyzed. In this paper Discrete Wavelet Transform based watermarking scheme is used image watermarking and is simulated using MATLAB software. The proposed method provides performance metrics MSE and PSNR values better than the existing methods.*

Keywords: *Image watermarking, Discrete Wavelet Transform, DWT, MSE.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Digital image watermarking is a method of embedding the data into the cover image or host image. The data which is to be embedded is called watermark. Watermark is the secret message that is embedded into host image, to keep the copyright information inside the host image and prevent it from any unauthorized modifications. There are two types of watermarking namely visible watermarking and invisible watermarking. Visible watermarking as the name suggests, the secondary data is translucent when it is embedded into the primary image or host image. The watermark data is visible to viewer either in casual vision or careful look over. Invisible watermarking is that the data or information is embedded into host image and it is not visible to the viewer, since the alterations are made to pixel values. The watermarked image resembles the original image and the watermark data can be extracted with proper decoding. Watermarking can also be divided into four categories according to the type of data to be embedded as watermark content in the host image. They are namely Text watermarking, Image watermarking, Audio watermarking and Video watermarking. The embedding method can be spatial domain based or transform domain based. In spatial domain based watermarking method, the watermark content is embedded directly into the pixels gray values of the cover image. In the transform domain based or frequency domain based watermarking method the watermark content is embedded into coefficients of image transform. The image transform can be either of Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT), Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) or Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT). With the different resolution levels, DWT can provide both space and frequency localization and so DWT is more effective when compared to other transform domain watermarking. But transform domain watermarking provides more invisibility than spatial domain watermarking.



2. PROPOSED WATERMARKING METHOD:

The proposed watermarking is based on Integer DCT technique . The integer DCT technique has reduced computational complexity compare to conventional floating point methods. The paper covers an efficient hardware design of 2D integer DCT that helps in real time watermark embedding process. The inverse Integer DCT algorithm is also designed for retrieval process of the watermark.

1) The fingerprint is binary image which is considered as a biometric watermark and it has been enhanced using Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) filter, segmentation and inebriation.
2) The host image is color image and each RGB components of host image is divided into 8x8 blocks.
3) Calculate Integer DCT Transform of each 8x8 block.
4) Embed 16 binary bits of biometric bit-stream into each 8x8 block as per following rule shown in eq. (I). If binary bit = I, then I'(u, v) J a* Fo (1(: v») lIeu, v) else f '(u,v) = !a* � e(:V») feu, v) ifu,v = 0 ifu,v;< 0 ifu,v = 0 ifu,v;<O (I) Where, Fo(x) indicates converting the value of x to most approximate odd number and FI(x) indicates converting the value of x to most approximate even number. et is the parameter of quantization. The value of et is selected in the range IS < et < 35. In this case, et = 24 which provides invisible and robust watermarking with ease of implementation.
5) Perform integer IDCT to have a watermarked image.

B. Watermark Extraction Algorithm Step l: The watermarked image is converted into 8 x 8 blocks.

1) Again, Integer DCT is performed in each block. Step 3: The watermark bit sequence for fingerprint is retrieved as following eq. (2). if F{11(:V)}== 1 => data(m)= 1 else data(m)=O (2)
2) Then, binary data bits are used to construct the original watermark of fingerprint.

3. HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED WATERMARKING METHOD

The hardware implementation consists of three main modules as follows.

A. Watermark Generation This unit mainly deals with generation of binary watermark from fingerprint image. The image is processed through various steps as filtering, normalization. The binary output values are generated corresponding to ridges and valleys. These binary values are considered as the watermark during the embedding process.

B. Watermark Embedding Module The embedding module consists of three block. First block computes Integer 2D-DCT transform of 8x8 blocks. Integer DCT is used to calculate transformation in terms of 8 x 8 non overlapping blocks. Integer DCT is multiplier less transform and implemented using Shift and Add Unit (SAU), A indicates the addition process and « indicates shifting left. In second block, these transformed values are scaled to the nearest even or odd integers (after quantization). In last block, the inverse transform is computed to give watermarked image.

C. Watermark Extraction Module In this block, the watermarked image is again divided into 8x8 block, which are fed to 2D-DCT transform block. Even Odd checker is used to check the quantized data and generates corresponding binary bit. These bits may be stored in RAM and then subsequently are converted into fingerprint image. The overall watermark embedding process watermark generation and watermark embedding is defined with all the necessary blocks. Our technique, a novel approach to watermarking, presupposes that watermarking is performed by adding reconstruction filters. However, few studies have utilized the relationship between the filters during the embedding process. Our technique uses a high and a low pass filter and we found that DWT coefficients appear just the value one at specific place when the reconstruction filter was processed by DWT. That is, the high DWT coefficient at the position. A appears the value one conducted by DWT. By doing the addition to a signal, high DWT coefficient increase the value one at specific position.

4. CONCLUSION

The paper is based on different wavelet watermarking system for image authentication application. The proposed algorithm has an integer 2D DCT architecture which is multiplier less and has efficient hardware performance. The embedding process is used to embed the watermark in each bits of every RGB components of color image. Thus payload of the algorithm is higher than any existing watermarking methods. . The proposed method is examined by the performance metrics MSE and DWT. When we use higher level DWT methods for watermarking it is expected to give the result with lesser execution time when compared to this method. We will examine different filters, vary the length of the segment, including various manipulations, such as cropping, rotation, and scaling. Thus payload of the algorithm is higher than any existing watermarking methods.

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