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Pixel Value Ordering with Prediction Error Expansion Based High Fidelity **Reversible Data Hiding Scheme**

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Abstract

Abstract This paper introduced a reversible data hiding method based on pixel value ordering with the prediction-error expansion technique and the average value of end pixels'. A host image is first segmented into non-overlapping sub-blocks of three pixels and ordered them as ascending order. For each sub-block maximum pixel value and the minimum pixel value is predicted by the middle pixel value and also the middle pixel value is predicted by the average of the maximum and minimum pixel values. Then by using prediction-error expansions, we can embed secret bits into maximum pixel and minimum pixel and also by using the average value of these expansions, we can embed secret bits into maximum pixel and minimum pixel and also by using the average value of these two pixels we can embed secret bit into the middle pixel of every sub-block. All secret bits can be recovered and restored the cover image completely from watermarked image. Experimental result of this scheme demonstrates that the embedding capacity and average PSNR value is larger than another pixel value ordering and prediction error expansion based approach for relatively smooth images. Also, the visual quality of the obtained marked image is better than other Pixel Value Ordering and Prediction Error Expansion based method.

Keywords: Pixel-value ordering, Reversible data hiding, Prediction-error expansion, Average pixel value

INTRODUCTION Nowadays, data hiding has been found in different application such as authentication, ownership protection, and secret communication. The reversible data hiding(RDH) scheme is proposed to recover the original content from the marked one without any distortion. Here, reversible data hiding methods are the primary technique of lossless compression [1-6], difference expansion (DE) [7-10], histogram shifting (HS) [11-17], prediction- error expansion (PEE) [18-33], etc. Among them, an interesting research part is to achieve high-level image fidelity my modification of each pixel by at most 1. Recently, Li et al.[31] proposed a novel RDH based on pixel-value-ordering (PVO). For this method, the pixels in a block are sorted in ascending order to get (p...,p.). Then, the block are sorted in ascending order to get $(p_1...p_n)$. Then, the maximum p_n is predicted by p_{n-1} . Finally, the pixel with

prediction-error of p_a - $p_{n,i}$ =1 is embedded with one data bit. Besides in [31], by also considering the minimum p1, i.e. predict p1 using p2, two-bit can be embedded into a block at the same time. The experimental results reported in [31] show the same time. The experimental results reported in [31] show that the prediction using sorted pixel values is more accurate than the previous methods. The marked image fidelity can be significantly improved by [31]. Huang et al. applied the utilization rate and histogram shift to a high bit-depth of volume structure on medical images [12]. Ni et al. proposed a new lossless data hiding based on a histogram modification, where the zero or minimum points of the image histogram are utilized [17]. Thodi and Rodriguez proposed a reversible data hiding method using medicifion-error expansion. Hu, et al. utilized [17]. I non and Rodriguez proposed a reversible data hiding method using prediction-error expansion. Hu et al. proposed an improved reversible data hiding by reducing the overflow location map. Li et al. Proposed an improvement by using adaptive embedding and pixel selection. Lee et al. proposed a reversible data hiding scheme that is free of location map and a corresponding predictive value is derived from the supreme of its adiaexeru pixels to method with hit from the average of its adjacency pixels to make little bit Li et al. proposed a reversible data hiding scheme [1] using

pixel-value-ordering and prediction-error expansion. After sorting in ascending order of every non-overlapped sub-block of equal sizes, the second maximum or minimum pixel value was used to predict the maximum pixel or minimum pixel value respectively. Then by applying prediction-error expansion technique secret data was embedded. Best result was achieved in this technique by using 2x2 sub-blocks i.e. 4 pixels' sub-block. But for this method, maximum pixels are not used to improve the embedding capacity as well as the image quality for every sub-block and this improvement is done by Jung's method.

Jung's proposed a reversible data hiding scheme [2] using pixel-value-ordering and prediction-error expansion. To improve Li et al's scheme Jung's divide the cover image into three pixels non-overlapped sub-blocks. For each sub-block, sorted the pixels in ascending order and then the second largest pixel value was used to predict the maximum pixel value. Then to embed secret data prediction error expansion was applied into it. As a result, high embedding capacity and

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Abstract

This paper presents a better reversible data hiding method depending on pixel value ordering and prediction-error expansion technique. A host image is first segmented into non-overlapping sub-blocks of adjacent three pixels and ordered them as ascending order. For each sub-block, the maximum pixel value is predicted by the second maximum pixel value. Then the second maximum pixel value is predicted by the second maximum pixel value. Then the second maximum pixel value is predicted by the second maximum pixel value. Then by using prediction-error expansions, we can insert one or two secret bits into every sub-block pixels and also we can recover the hidden secret bits and restore the cover image fully from watermarked image. Experimental results of this method demonstrate that the embedding capacity and PSNR value is larger than another pixel value ordering and prediction error expansion based approach. Also, the visual quality of the obtained marked image is better than other PVO and PEE based method.

Keywords: Pixel-value ordering, Reversible data hiding, Prediction-error expansion, Adjacent pixel grouping.

INTRODUCTION

In the spatial domain different reversible data hiding methods have been divided as lossless compression [3-4], difference expansion (DE) [5-8], histogram shifting (HS) [11-12], prediction- error expansion (PEE) [15], etc. in the spatial domain. DE technique and LSB embedding scheme are used to get a minimum image distortion with high embedding capacity. In adjacent pixels blocks, Alattar applied difference expansion technique to embedded secret bits [7]. To increase the embedding capacity, Al-Qershi et al. used a twodimensional difference expansion technique (2D-DE) with a threshold value depending on the image behavior [8]. The multilevel histogram technique is used by Zhao et al. to embed more secret bits [11]. In his method to enhance embedding capacity secret bits are modulated by using more peak points. Luo et al. generate a strong connection among different pixel blocks to produce a difference histogram and multi-level histogram shifting to embed the secret data [10]. A lossless data hiding method based on a histogram modification is proposed by Ni et al., where the zero or minimum points of the image histogram are utilized [17].

A reversible data hiding method with prediction-error expansion is introduced by Thodi and Rodriguez.

Hu et al. introduced a modify reversible data hiding scheme by reducing the overflow location map. Li et al. Proposed an improvement by using adaptive embedding and pixel selection. Lee et al. proposed a reversible data hiding scheme that is free of location map and a corresponding predictive value is derived from the average of its adjacency pixels to make little bit predictive errors.

Li et al. proposed a reversible data hiding scheme [1] using pixel-value-ordering and prediction-error expansion. After sorting in ascending order of every non-overlapped sub-block of equal sizes, the second maximum or minimum pixel value was used to predict the maximum pixel or minimum pixel value respectively. Then by applying prediction-error expansion technique secret data was embedded. Best result was achieved in this technique by using 2x2 sub-blocks i.e. 4 pixels' sub-block. But for this method, maximum pixels are not used to improve the embedding capacity as well as the image quality for every sub-block and this improvement is done by Jung's method.

Jung's proposed a reversible data hiding scheme [2] using pixel-value-ordering and prediction-error expansion. To improve Li et al's scheme Jung's divide the cover image into three pixels non-overlapped sub-blocks. For each sub-block, sorted the pixels in ascending order and then the second largest pixel value was used to predict the maximum pixel value. Then to embed secret data prediction error expansion was applied into it. As a result, high embedding capacity and good image quality occurs than Li et al's method. But still there is a space available to improve the embedding capacity as well as the image quality for every sub-block and this improvement is done by the proposed method.

In this paper to improve Jung's method a new reversible data hiding scheme is proposed for three pixels' sub-blocks based on pixel value ordering with prediction error expansion. Three pixels of each sub-blocks are ordered in ascending order and



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Abstract

This paper presents a novel reversible data hiding method based on pixel value blocking and prediction-error expansion. A cover image is divided into non-overlapping sub-blocks of two pixels. Watermark bits are embedded in two phases. In Phase-I, for each sub-block, second pixel value is predicted by the first pixel value and depending on prediction-error within a threshold limit secret bit is embedded into second pixel. Also secret bit is embedded into first pixel just by adjusting the location map without effecting into the pixel value. Then another compressed location map value is used to indicate overflow/underflow or the sub-block, first pixel value is predicted by the second pixel value and by depending on prediction-error within a threshold limit secret bit is embedded into first pixel. Also secret bit is embedded into the pixel value and another compressed location map without effecting into the pixel value and another compressed location map value is used to indicate overflow/underflow or the sub-blocks of outer threshold limit. All secret bits can be recovered and restored the cover image completely from watermarked image. Experimental result of comparison of this scheme with recent existing scheme using different standard images shows that the embedding capacity with visual quality and PSNR values

Keywords: Reversible data hiding, Prediction-error expansion, Threshold limit, Compressed location map, Peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR).

INTRODUCTION

Today large amount of digital data like text, images, audios and videos are transmitted using internet with the growth of information and communication technology [1,2]. Unauthorized users or attackers can easily alter, copy, delete or tamper these information during the transmission. Such problems can have recovered by using Watermark or Digital signature. Digital watermarking is a method of embedding secret data (or watermark data) into the digital multimedia content in such a way that the marked signal is perceptually indistinguishable from original cover image [3].

Reversible data hiding is a process of "lossless data hiding". It is a special type of fragile digital data hiding scheme that can extract all hided secret bits from watermarked media and can recover the watermarked media in its original form without loss of any information. In the spatial domain categorically RDH can be divided as DE (difference expansion), lossless compression, HS (histogram shifting) [4] and also PEE (prediction error expansion) [5].

Many reversible data hiding scheme with lossless data compressions method are proposed by Fridrich et al. [6] and Celik et al. [7] and others. In this scheme compressed watermark bits are stored by replacing some pixels of a cover image. To decrease the visual distortion compressed watermark bits are stored by replacing LSB of cover images [7].

To get a minimum image distortion with high embedding capacity DE techniques are used. Varieties difference expansion reversible data hiding schemes are proposed in [8,9,10,11]. The concept of difference expansion is first introduced by Tian [8]. Alattar [9] applied DE technique to embedded secret bits in adjacent pixel blocks. To increase the embedding capacity, Al-Qershi et al. [11] used two-dimensional difference expansion technique (2D-DE) with a threshold value depending on the image behaviour.

A lossless reversible data hiding method based on histogram modification is first proposed by Ni et al. [12]. In this method of histogram bin shifting peak point and zero point of the histogram of the image are used. The multilevel histogram technique is used by Zhao et al. to embed more secret bits [13]. In his method to enhance embedding capacity secret bits are modulated by using more peak points. Huang et al. proposed another reversible watermarking scheme whith histogram bin shifting technique [14]. Lou et al. generate a strong connection among different pixel blocks to produce a difference histogram and multi-level histogram shifting to embed the secret data [15].

Thodi and Rodriguez [16] proposed a reversible data hiding method with prediction-error expansion. Hu et al. [17] introduced a modify reversible data hiding scheme by reducing the overflow location map. Li et al. proposed an improvement by using adaptive embedding and pixel selection [18]. Lee et al. proposed a reversible data hiding scheme that is free of location map and a corresponding predictive value is derived from the average of its adjacency pixels to make little bit predictive errors [19].

To get low distortion and high embedding capacity, Jaiswal et al. [20] proposed an additive prediction error based reversible data hiding technique. It is an interpolation based method that predicts pixels using varieties structured predictors in different order. Kumar et al's represent [21] a reversible data hiding

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A generalized line segmentation method for multi-script handwritten text documents

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Keywords: Unconstrained handwriting Light projection Start point detection Boundary tracking Text line segmentation Filling and smoothing	Handwritten document image segmentation into text-lines is a crucial stage towards unconstrained handwritten document recognition. In the context of Indian subcontinent various scripts are used for communication where a system for multi-script handwritten text line segmentation is very much essential. This paper presents a multi- script text line segmentation algorithm based on newly developed light projection, start point detection, and boundary tracking methods. The proposed approach is capable of overcoming most of the hindrance faced by state-of-the-art methods. The experiment is performed on our proposed Bangla handwritten document image dataset WBSUBND text and also on a variety of well-known public handwritten datasets namely: CMATERdb, PhDIndic, 11, KHATT, HIT-MW, ISI Bengali Writer Identification/Verification dataset, ICDAR 2013 segmentation contest dataset, ICDAR 2013 writer identification contest benchmark dataset, and obtained promisine results.

1. Introduction

Text Line Segmentation is not only one of the most crucial preprocessing steps of OCR but also essential for tasks like the alignment of text/image, extraction of specific fields, word spotting (Jamuna & Haribabu, 2015), handwriting analysis (Halder et al., 2018; Mukherjee et al., 2019; Vidushi & Agarwal, 2021), etc. Some of the systems follow analytic approach where the unit of recognition is character and for such systems line segmentation is an immensely important stage that needs to be followed. 'Line' is a basic entity of text document image and segmentation of line is readed as one of the most significant tasks of handwritten OCR. Thus, it is very clear that line segmentation is an unavoidable step for document image processing. Text line seg-mentation of machine printed documents is quite a solved problem but the same task is still challenging for handwritten documents. The wide variations of handwritten text make the segmentation task more while variations of handwritten text make the segmentation task more challenging. The major difficulties include high variation in writing styles, irregular line gap, skew angle between text lines, variable char-acter size, and overlapping or touching lines. In different languages (e.g. Arabic, Greek, French, Bangla, Urdu, etc.), plethora of accents make their presence frequently, this intern incorporates more hurdles for line segmentation. To top it all, the irregular and diverse nature of

handwritten documents are dependent on writers which increases the level of difficulty to a great extent. Many researchers have put their contribution to solve this problem of text line segmentation in freestyle environment (Likforman-Sulem & Faure, 1994; Rakshit et al., 2018). There are already some conventional approaches like projection profile (Babczyński & Ptak, 2020), Hough transform (Louloudis et al., 2009; Pu & Shi, 1999); Smearing and grouping of components etc. (Gatos et al., 2007; Shi & Govindaraju, 2004); but these methods become inadequate to handle all types of documents when they are applied individually. Sometimes the combination of some conventional methods show more effectiveness than an individual one which is quite evident in the literature (Rakshit et al., 2018; Sanasam et al., 2020; Sarkar et al., 2009; Stamatopoulos et al., 2013). In this work, an attempt has been made towards an efficient yet less complex line segmentation system capable of handling diverse handwritten documents. Distinguishing of foreground and background pixel or text and non text area is a very common step towards text line segmentation to make the task easier. In the proposed system, isolating the text and non-text regions of a document is done using a novel light projection method. It uses the properties of light where text components are considered as objects. Following the same properties, whenever light gets a text pixel as an obstacle in its path,

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Abstract

In the realm of Optical Character Recognition, handwritten character recognition in Bangla is still an unresolved challenge. There have been many breakthroughs in object recognition technology; however, the present approaches may not necessarily give good results for such problems. In this paper, a set of recently developed popular Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) is discussed with their application on Bangla handwritten character recognition for the standard dataset 'Ekush' and the performance of each of the CNN networks is systematically evaluated. It is obvious that the CNN approaches are more effective than traditional approaches because of their ability to generate discriminative features from raw data. The current study shows the superior performance of CNN models with their recognition rate; which in turn implies that CNN networks are practically suitable to build an automatic Bangla handwritten character recognition system.

Keywords Deep learning \cdot Bangla handwriting recognition \cdot CNN \cdot Ekush dataset

1 Introduction

Handwritten character recognition is not only considered to be one of the most appealing and challenging research domains in the field of pattern recognition but also continuously expanding the area of computer vision. It has become an important and broadly used technology as it provides more ease of use to computer users. Some popular realworld applications of the character recognition system include document classification [14], question-answering [76], information extraction [21] etc. Character recognition is the process where detection and recognition of the characters are performed by a machine and the processed data is converted into a code that is understandable by the machine. The task of recognition becomes difficult and time-consuming because of writing variations of individual characters, cursive text, and the similarities in distinct character shapes. But

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