



FREQUENCY DOMAIN BASED ROBUST DIGITAL WATERMARKING TECHNIQUE FOR VIDEOS

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Abstract- Watermarking is considered as the most promising and emerging technique for the protection of information. Several schemes have been developed and proposed in frequency domain to achieve robustness, imperceptibility, fidelity, etc. Frequency domain has been used as it provides better robustness than other transform methods. So, in this paper, a watermarking scheme for video is proposed using DWT -SVD and by embedding the watermark in areas where scene changes take place through the use of RGB space along with some logic. Experimental results proved that the proposed scheme is simple but robust against most of the attacks.

Keywords – Watermarking, Frequency Domain-Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT), Singular Value Decomposition (SVD), Scene Change, RGB color space Internet of Things (IoT), Response System, Sensors, Road Accidents

I. INTRODUCTION

The development of different type of digital watermarking schemes is mostly due to the advancement in technologies and increase in usage of the internet. Importance are given mostly on achieving the robustness and fidelity of information being transmitted is all due to increase in number of uploads and downloads taking place every day. Some may manipulate the information for their own benefits. Watermarking is a technique that hides an important data within any medium, it may be an image, video or audio. The main goal is to embed the data in such a way it is cannot be easily detected and manipulated by others. It is very similar to techniques of steganography to hide information during different logic. But the differences is that steganography hides information which are similar to the host data whereas watermarking does not require it. Some of the basic information about the steganography is taken from the work of Singh et al.[12]. Some attacks that are considered to check the robustness are rotation, scaling, translation, cropping, image processing attacks, frame dropping, frame swapping, frame averaging, etc.

II. RELATED WORK

We have adopted the approach used in the work done by Singh et al. [16] for selecting the most relevant paper for related work. Details mentioned in steganography based papers are also taken into account [17-18]. Several works have been done in this domain but some of the works that are relevant with the proposed scheme are by J.P.Pandey et al. [1] which uses DWT-SVD as well as RGB-YUV techniques for their watermarking scheme. They have also use a formulae based on 2D systolic arrays for matrix multiplication. Results show that the scheme is effective to robustness and imperceptible. Another work that was referred is based on watermarking in scene based which was introduced by Leelavathy et al. [2]. DMWT (Discrete Multiwavelet Transform) was used along with Quantization index to embed a watermark in uncompressed part of the video. Also, they have used scrambled watermarks along with secret key during the embedding step. Results proved that it is robust against frame swapping, frame averaging and statistical analysis attacks.

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E.Ganic et al. [3] have also proposed a scheme using DWT-SVD and by allowing modifications in all frequencies. The scheme is robust to almost all kinds of attacks. Another method of using this methods in different way was introduced by Q. Li et al. [4], in this proposed work they have used Human visual model along with the frequency domain technique to increase imperceptibility and robustness in all frequencies and bigger capacity data. Other way to use this technique is by embedding encrypted watermark of singular values into sub-bands of DWT. This method was proposed by M.Zhang et al. [5] and is found to be robust to geometrical attacks. A. Hu et al. [6] also proposed the use of blind watermarking by employing DFT along with DWT in order increase performance in properties like invisibility and robustness. Also, some other watermarking methods were developed to be resistant against degradation attacks [7]. SN. Mali et al. [8] have proposed an algorithm based on scene change by selecting frames for embedding process. It shows good results but shows certain weakness in areas related to motionless. So, S.A.K. Mostafa et al. [9] approach a technique using principal component analysis (PCA) and DWT .It shows robustness and imperceptibility to attacks like histogram equalization, encoding process, etc. Another scheme was proposed in [10] that uses a combination of DCT, DWT and SVD. It employs middle and high frequency bands of DWT and DCT to embed watermark using SVD. Peak signal to noise ratio and mean square error were used to measure the performance. Results proved that the scheme is imperceptible and can maintain the quality of the video. The proposed system is important for the society as it will help in saving the lives of people who die in road accidents just because of the medical help reaching late. The proposed scheme will reduce the number of casualties by providing a system immediate alerts on the smartphone as well as on the cloud when accident happens.

III. TECHNIQUES

1. **RGB Color Spaces:** RGB color space are used by most of the researchers for embedding the watermark [11]. The RGB color space contains three primary colors Red, Green Blue and secondary colors like Cyan, Magenta and Yellow.
2. **Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT):** It is the most widely and simplest method in frequency domain which are robust to any attacks [15]. It can decomposed a signal into four components like lower resolution (LL), horizontal (HL), vertical (LH) and diagonal (HH).
3. **Singular Value Decomposition (SVD):** It is a tool used for converting a set of correlated variables into a set of uncorrelated ones [13]. It is also used for reducing a two dimensional matrix as most of the images are represented in a two dimensional matrix. It is mostly used in image processing because of its properties like transpose and stability etc.

IV. EXPERIMENT & RESULT

A. *PROPOSED ALGORITHM*

- Embedding process
 - i. Convert the video to frames.
 - ii. Take R, G, B mean of each frames and analyze the values.
 - iii. For any drastic change in value, embed a watermark. Embed another watermark for frames which have little changes in their values. Embed another watermark for frames whose values remain the same.
 - iv. The embedding process uses DWT which divides the plane into four sub-bands.
 - v. After using DWT, apply SVD over it.
 - vi. The whole frames are packed into an '.avi' file which results in a watermarked video.
- Watermark Extraction Steps
 - i. Convert the watermarked video again into frames.
 - ii. Apply DWT.
 - iii. Apply SVD.
 - iv. Extract watermark from each frame and analyze it.
 - v. The result is the production of 3 different watermarks from each of the frames.

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The Setup method does the following:

- Determines the speed at which the code is supposed to run
- Initializes the accelerometer
- starts the wire port (connected to accelerometer)

B. SIMULATIONS

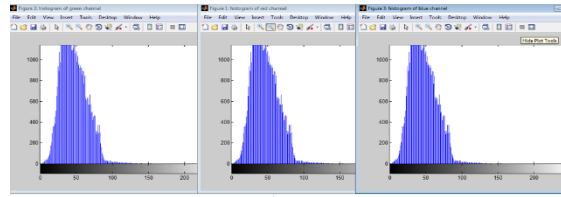


Figure 1.

Histogram of some frames



Figure 2.

Different watermarks used

Table 1: Mean of some frames

Frame name	R	G	B	$R+G+B/3$
Image 1	47.05	47.05	47.05	47.05
Image 3	46.67	46.67	46.67	46.67
Image 5	46.35	46.35	46.35	46.35
Image 7	45.97	45.97	45.97	45.97
Image 9	45.71	45.71	45.71	45.71
Image 11	45.49	45.49	45.49	45.49
Image 13	45.47	45.47	45.47	45.47
Image 15	45.49	45.49	45.49	45.49
Image 17	45.46	45.46	45.46	45.46
Image 19	45.49	45.49	45.49	45.49



Extracted Watermarks

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C. RESULTS

To evaluate the proposed work on basis like robustness and fidelity, some methods were employed which have been discussed below:

- i. Fidelity is checked through the use of PSNR.
- ii. Robustness is measured by coefficient correlation when the frames undergo attacks like frame averaging, frames tampering, geometric attacks, image processing attacks.
- To check the robustness, the watermarked frames are allowed to undergo some of the attacks like rotation attack, cropping, Gaussian filtering, and frame averaging.

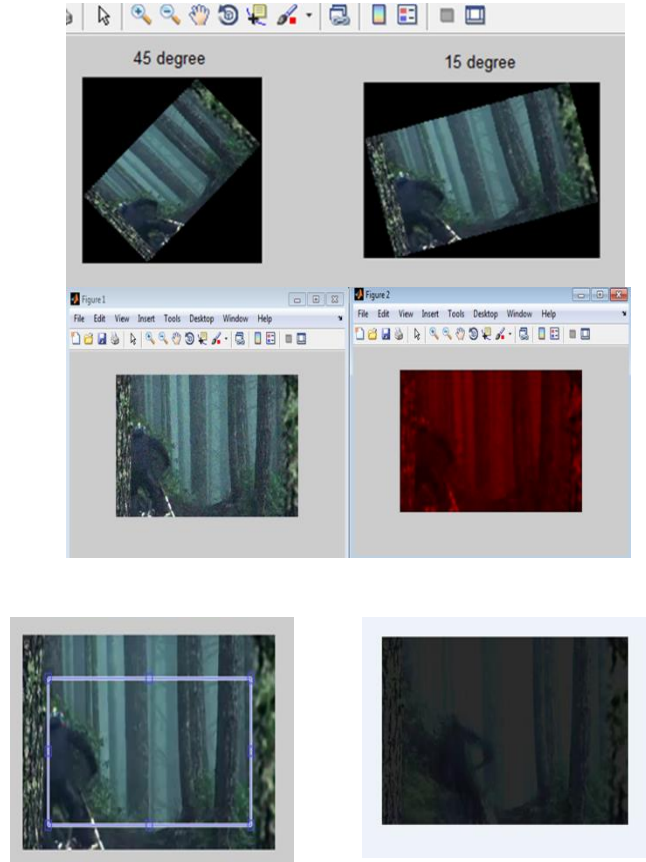


Figure 3. From top to bottom: 45 Averaging.

and 15 degree rotation, Gaussian filtering, cropping, frame

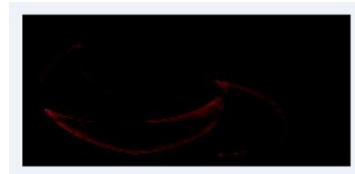


Figure 4. Frame averaging; 7th frame replaced by the average of 7th, 9th and 11th frames

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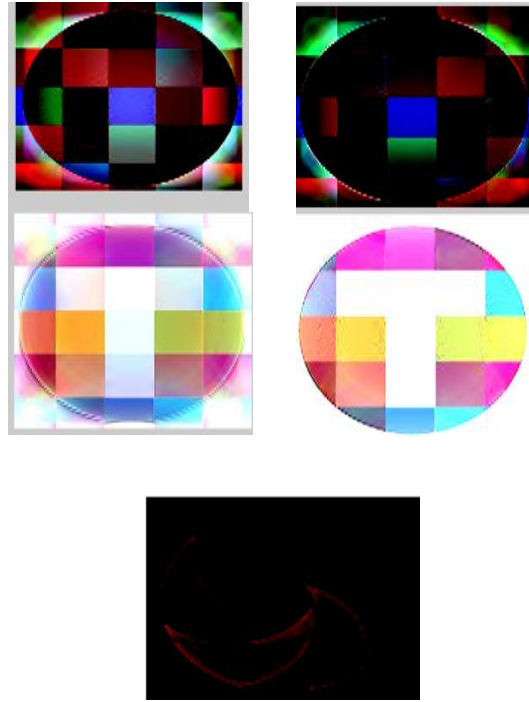


Figure 5. Extracted watermarks from attacked frames.

The Coefficient Correlation (CC) is used to check the robustness. It should lie between -1 to +1 value to prove robustness [14]. The result has been listed below:

Table 2. Values of CC

Attacks	Coefficient Correlation
45 degree	0.4
15 degree	0.5909
Gaussian filtering	0.932
cropping	0.873
Frame averaging	-0.24

Since most of the values lies within the require range, it can be proved that the scheme shows robustness to certain attacks.

- No changes in video could be seen after a frame has been dropped.
- And to check robustness against frame swapping, the 17th and 18th frame have been interchanged. No changes were seen.
- Evaluation of PSNR: The fidelity or quality performance of the reconstructed image is usually measured through the use of MSE (Mean Squared error) and PSNR (Peak Signal Noise Ratio). A good quality image should lie in the range of 25 to 50 dB. The results of some frames are shown below:

Table 3. MSE of some frames

Frame number	R	G	B	Average
1	4.05	6.4	4.10	4.85
2	67.3	78.3	104.65	83.4
3	59.6	73.3	102.4	78.4
4	5.2	7.8	8.1	7.03
5	56.6	69.0	98.8	74.8
6	55.8	68.7	98.2	74.2

Table 4. PSNR of some frames

Frame number	R	G	B	Average
1	42.08	40.08	42.03	41.40
2	29.88	29.22	27.96	29.02
3	30.40	29.50	28.50	29.46
4	40.9	39.2	39.05	39.71
5	30.67	29.79	28.24	29.56
6	30.67	29.79	28.24	29.56
7	30.80	29.86	28.27	29.64
8	30.80	29.86	28.27	29.64
9	30.86	29.80	28.23	29.63
10	30.91	29.77	28.18	29.62

From the average it can be concluded that **lower MSE->higher PSNR** value and most of the reconstructed image lies within the acceptable range. Thus, most the reconstructed image maintains the quality of the original image.

V. CONCLUSIONS

A successful digital watermarking scheme in videos is achieved when it can satisfy all the requirements like robustness, fidelity, imperceptibility, payload etc. For this to achieve, several methods have been experimented on various techniques available based on frequency domain. The proposed scheme is simple, easy and yet fulfill all the qualities of a digital watermarking. It shows robustness and fidelity to almost all the attacks since the results proved that the coefficient correlation and MSE-PSNR lies within the required range. For future prospects, different approaches could be employed to increase the robustness and fidelity in some other attacks including frame averaging.

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