

Image Compression Radiography using HAAR Wavelet Transform

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ABSTRACT

With significant increase in desire of multimedia machinery, the complication of strained bandwidth of a network and cache capacity arises. In fields such as Telemedicine, compact storage and adequate transmission of medical images is of bloom importance. Thus, a medical image abide to be compressed fore transmission .These have actuate the need for Image Compression. Image compression has become a necessity to ensure their storage and transfer in the network, while maintaining minimal time cost. In this paper we present a study and analysis of an image compression approach occupying on the principle of compression by Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT). Haar wavelet transform based compression is one of the process that can be applied for compressing images. The method uses different specifications such as peak signal to noise ratio, mean squared error, & signal to noise ratio to measure the performance and for comparing the results. This paper shows the objectives and methodology used for compressing different medical images and experimental results are presented and compared.

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Image compression, Wavelet, Haar, Radiographs, Retained Energy.

1. INTRODUCTION

With the flourishing augmentation of technology and the entrance into the digital age, an ample expanse of image data must be handled to be saved in a proper way using efficient methods usually acquire in compressing images, while retaining high image quality and minimal reduction in image size [1]. The images play very considerable aspect in today's world. The image compression is used to save the storage space and network bandwidth which is the demand of today's environment. The uncompressed images crave the more storage space and bandwidth which slow down the activity of processor. The compressed image used lesser capacity of hard disk and easy to carry over internet without influencing the speed [2]. Compression is used because it helps to lessen the consumption of expensive resources such as hard disk space or transmission bandwidth. The basic goal of image data compression is to drain the bit rate for transmission and storage while either maintaining the original quality or providing an acceptable allegiance [3]. Compression methods are being rapidly developed to compress large data files such as images, where data compression in multimedia applications has lately become more vital[4].

1.1 Benefits of Compression

- It provides a promising cost savings conjoining with sending less data over switched telephone network where cost of call is really usually based upon its continuation.
- It not only reduces vault requirements but also overall execution time.

- It also provides a level of shield against illicit monitoring [5].

1.2 Classification of Compression

There are two ways of classification of compression techniques- Lossless vs. Lossy compression:

In lossless compression schemes, the reconstructed image, posterior compression, is equivalent to the original image. In lossy schemes, the reconstructed image, later compression is not equivalent as the original image. It provide higher compression ratio [6].

1.3 Image Compression Techniques

A digital image, or "bitmap", abide of a grid of dots, or "pixels", with each pixel defined by a numeric value. Now, an appropriate piece of information may contain some portion which is not important and can be comfortably removed. All such data is referred as Redundant Data. Image compression aims at reducing the number of bits needed to represent an image by removing the spatial and spectral redundancies as much as possible. In general, three types of redundancy can be identified:

A. Coding Redundancy: If the gray levels of an image are coded in a way that uses enhanced code symbols than absolutely necessary to represent each gray level, the resulting image is said to contain coding redundancy.

B. Inter Pixel Redundancy: The Information of any given pixel can be reasonably anticipated from the value of its neighboring pixel. In order to reduce the inter pixel redundancies in an image, the 2-D pixel array normally used for viewing and apprehension must be transformed into a more adequate but usually 'non visual' format.

C. Psycho visual Redundancy: Certain information simply has less approximate importance than other information in general visual processing. This information is said to be Psychovisually redundant, it can be discarded without notably impairing the quality of image perception [7].

1.4 Radiographs

Radiographs are images conceived on a radiosensitive surface, such as photographic film, by radiation other than visible light, especially by x-rays passed through an object [8]. Recently, tele radiology, which is one of the most used clinical aspects of telemedicine, attempts to deportation of medical images of various modalities, like computerized tomography (CT) scans, magnetic imaging (MRI),ultrasonography (US), and x-rays from one location to another such as in hospitals, imaging centers or a physician's desk. The radiological images are needed to be compressed afore transmission to a distant location or due to the bandwidth or storage restrictions [9].

2. WAVELETS

A wave is a fluctuating function of time or space and is periodic. In contrast, wavelets are localized waves [10]. Wavelet means a “small waves”. The smallness implies to a window function of finite length. Wavelets are mathematical tools for stratified decomposing functions. Wavelet Transform has been proved to be a very propitious tool for image processing in modernistic years to get the compressed images at higher compression ratios with higher PSNR values. It is a prominent transform used for some of the image compression standards in lossy compression methods. Unlike the discrete cosine transform, the wavelet transform is not Fourier-based and therefore wavelets do a better job of handling discontinuities in data. Wavelets are mathematical functions which help in representing the original image into an image in frequency domain, which can also be divided into sub band images of different frequency components [11].

Wavelet transform sections the data of an image into approximation (low frequencies) and detail (high frequencies) sub-signals. The approximation (LL) sub-signal shows the general trend of pixel values and other three detail sub-signals show the vertical (LH), horizontal (HL) and diagonal (HH) details or changes in the images. Splitting of signal into two parts shown in Figure 1. A simple example of level 3 decomposing is shown in Figure 2[12].

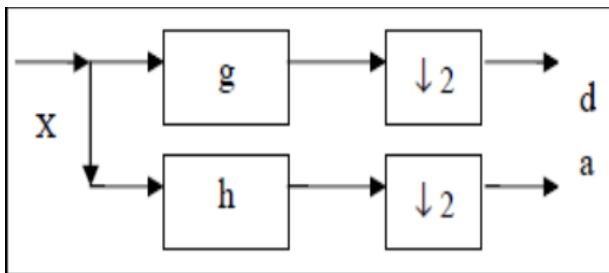


Figure 1:- Splitting of signals into two parts

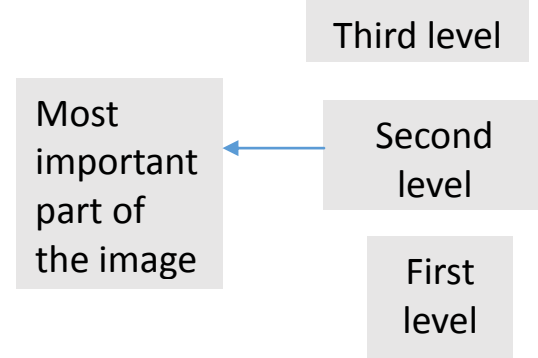
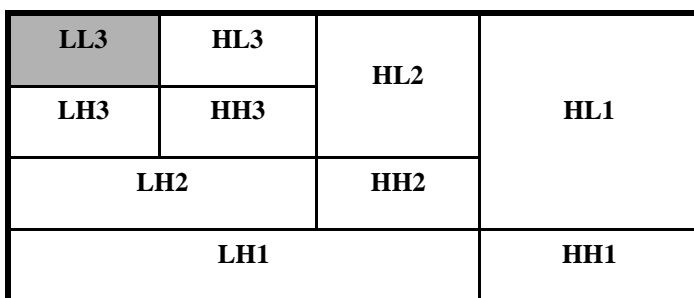
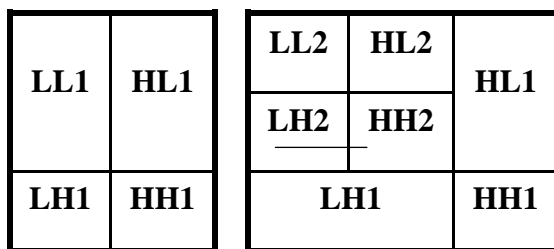


Figure 2:- Levels of DWT Decomposition

2.1 Picture Quality Measures of Image Compression

Normally the peculiarity of an image compression scheme can be deliberated in premise of Distortion measurement criterions [13].

Distortion measurement: At present, the utmost extensively used objective distortion measures are the MSE and the related PSNR.

The MSE is defined by:-

MEAN SQUARE ERROR (MSE) =

$$1/N \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^N (x_{j,k} - x'_{j,k})^2 \quad \text{for } j=1 \text{ and } k=1$$

Where M denotes number of columns and N number of rows $x_{j,k} - x'_{j,k}$ denotes pixel values of original image before compression and degraded image after compression.

The smaller value of MSE, the better compressed image represents the original image. Mathematically the PSNR is given in decibels as:

PEAK SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (PSNR) =

$$10 \log \frac{(2^{n-1})^2}{\text{MSE}} = 10 \log \frac{255^2}{\text{MSE}}$$

2.2 Haar Wavelet Transform

Analyses of wavelets begins with HAAR wavelet, the pioneer and elementary. Haar wavelet enumerate a wavelet transform to represent image. It is the basic transformation from space to a local frequency domain. A HT disintegrate each signal into two components, one is called average (approximation) or trend and the other is known as difference (detail) or fluctuation. This process is repeated repeatedly [14].

The Properties of the Haar Transform are described as follows:

i) Haar Transform is real and orthogonal.

$$Hr = Hr^* (1)$$

$$Hr = Hr (2)$$

ii) The basis vectors of the Haar matrix are consecutively organized.

iii) Haar Transform has poor energy compaction for images.

iv) Orthogonally: The original signal is split into a low semifinal matrix (T) whose rows and columns have a high frequency part and filters enabling the diverging without replicating information are said to orthogonal.

v) Linear Phase: To obtain linear phase, symmetric filters would have to be used.

vi) Compact support: The magnitude response of the filter should be exactly zero outside the frequency range covered by the transform. If this property is satisfied, the transform is energy invariant.

vii) Perfect reconstruction: If the input signal is transformed and inversely modified using a set of weighted basis functions and the reproduced sample values are equivalent to those of the input signal, the transform is said to have the perfect reconstruction property. If, in addition no information redundancy is present in the sampled signal, the wavelet transform is, as declared above, an orthogonal normal [15]

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The announce algorithm is particularized as follows:

1. Input medical image (e.g.: CT SCAN, MRI, USG and XRAY) of size of 256x256x8 at gray scale (X).

Table illustrating the results of image compression using haar for MRI CERVICAL SPINE is shown in table 1. The wavelet based image compression for level (N) = 1 and threshold value = 5 is shown in figure 4.2. Enter decomposition level (N) that gives the wavelet decomposition of the matrix input image at level N.

3. Enter Haar wavelet family (W).

4. Find the DWT coefficients (approximation and detail) of original image. Approximate details are same as original image details. Horizontal details construct only horizontal information (edges). Vertical details construct only vertical information (edges). Diagonal details construct very few

information of input image. So approximation image is applied into next Level for deformation.

5. Enter the local threshold value (T).

6. Decompose the approximate coefficient to N level by W.

7. Reconstruct the matrix X based on the multi-level wavelet decomposition structure.

8. Find the Retained Energy (PERF2) in the compressed image.

9. Compute Mean Square Error (MSE).

10. Compute Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR). [16]

4. SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In order to assess the performance of the advised admittance of image compression using Haar wavelet transform technique three standard medical images are being considered. The work is implemented using MATLAB. The evaluation of the proposed approach in image compression was performed and the following results are inferred:-

The database of the medical images that are acknowledged for compression has been shown in Figure 3[17].

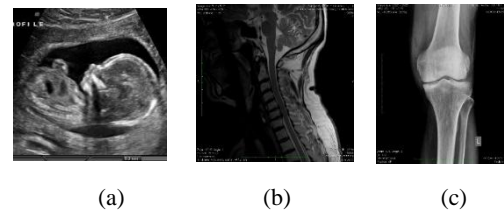


Figure 3:- Database of medical radiographs

- (a) USG OVARY
(b) MRI CERVICAL SPINE
(c) XRAY KNEE

Table 1:- Showing results of image compression for MRI CERVICAL SPINE

LEVEL OF DECOMPOSITION (N)	GLOBAL POSITIVE THRESHOLD	PERCENTAGE OF WAVELET COEFFICIENTS SET TO ZERO:PERFO	PERCENTAGE OF IMAGE ENERGY PRESERVED:PERF L2	PSNR VALUE FOR DECOMPRESSION IMAGE USING WAVELET COMPRESSION	THE NEED TO EXECUTE THIS ONLY	TIME TO WBC	ORIGINAL IMAGE SIZE	COMPRESSED IMAGE SIZE	MSE_WO	SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (SNR)
1	5	71.1559	99.9635	49.7152	26.4844		986102	60484	0.6943	28.4173
	8	72.9856	99.9357	49.0679	27.0625		986102	58752	0.8059	27.7700
	10	73.5438	99.9188	48.9160	27.9688		986102	58174	0.8346	27.6182
	15	74.2692	99.8783	48.6999	29.4375		986102	57456	0.8772	27.4021
2	5	85.5172	99.9461	47.7356	28.5469		986102	58434	1.0953	26.4378
	8	88.5623	99.8995	46.6749	27.3750		986102	55330	1.3983	25.3770
	10	89.5963	99.8681	46.2921	27.7344		986102	54750	1.5271	24.9942
	15	91.0342	99.7865	45.9550	27.7844		986102	54030	1.6504	24.6571
3	5	88.0576	99.9415	47.1575	28.0469		986102	57410	1.2512	25.8596

	8	91.5082	99.8886	45.7486	24.6406	986102	54462	1.7307	24.4507
	10	92.7225	99.8518	45.1331	27.8125	986102	53722	1.9942	23.8353
	15	94.4830	99.7516	44.2996	28.8125	986102	52836	2.4161	23.0018
4	5	88.4700	99.9406	47.0592	28.8438	986102	57898	1.2799	25.7613
	8	92.0037	99.8865	45.5931	29.1719	986102	55078	1.7938	24.2953
	10	93.2584	99.8484	44.9079	24.3281	986102	54096	2.1003	23.6101
	15	95.0988	99.7435	43.8523	23.7813	986102	53812	2.6782	22.5545
5	5	88.5421	99.9412	47.0479	29.6406	986102	61204	1.2832	25.7501
	8	92.0884	99.8875	45.5546	27.7031	986102	55016	1.8097	24.2568
	10	93.3479	99.8497	44.8615	26.5313	986102	55756	2.1229	23.5637
	15	95.1991	99.7454	43.6829	35.2031	986102	53930	2.7848	22.3850

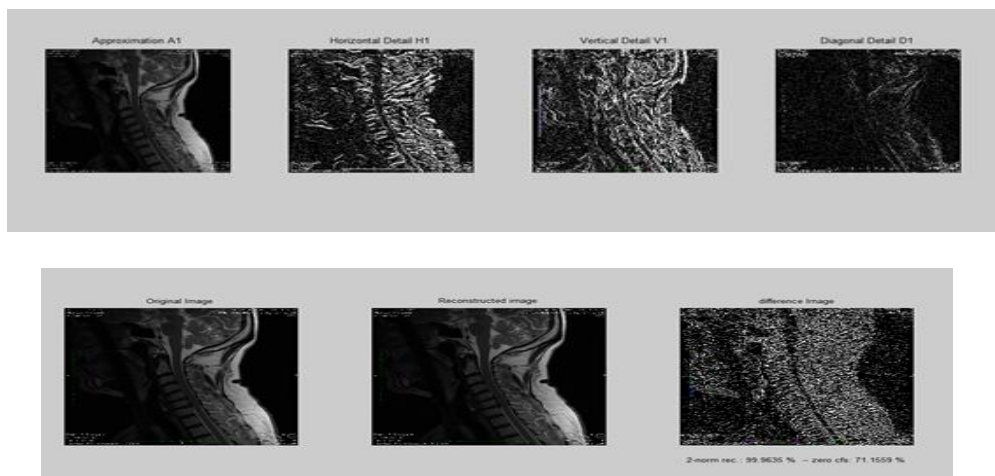


Figure 4:- Wavelet based image compression for MRI CERVICAL SPINE

Table 2:- showing results of image compression for USG OVARY.

LEVEL OF DECOMPOSITION (N)	GLOBAL POSITIVE THRESHOLD	PERCENTAGE OF WAVELET COEFFICIENTS SET TO ZERO:PERF0	PERCENTAGE OF IMAGE ENERGY PRESERVED:PERFL2	PSNR VALUE FOR DECOMPRESSION IMAGE USING WAVELET COMPRESSION	THE TIME TO EXECUTE THIS ONLY	ORIGINAL IMAGE SIZE	COMPRESSED IMAGE SIZE	MSE_WO	SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (SNR)
1	5	42.9889	99.9731	44.2864	5.4219	88562	4838	2.4235	19.4827
	8	52.9740	99.9232	39.7662	3.9063	88562	4486	6.8662	14.9625
	10	57.3929	99.8807	37.8391	3.9531	88562	4306	10.6948	13.0354
	15	64.8700	99.7454	34.5457	3.5938	88562	4064	22.8302	9.7420
2	5	47.4904	99.9697	43.7255	3.5938	88562	4646	2.7576	18.9218
	8	59.2733	99.9112	39.1227	3.5000	88562	4236	7.9582	14.3190
	10	64.7058	99.8592	37.1095	3.5156	88562	4038	12.6511	12.3058
	15	74.1984	99.6873	33.6601	3.6406	88562	3774	27.9946	8.8564
3	5	48.1427	99.9700	43.6759	3.5156	88562	4602	2.7893	18.8722
	8	60.1385	99.9115	39.0469	3.5000	88562	4174	8.0983	14.2432
	10	65.7105	99.8592	37.0153	3.6875	88562	3964	12.9285	12.2116
	15	75.5397	99.6842	33.5324	3.6094	88562	3716	28.8297	8.7287
4	5	48.2138	99.9711	43.6704	4.1719	88562	4622	2.7928	18.8667

	8	60.2308	99.9148	39.0423	5.5313	88562	4182	8.1068	14.2386
	10	65.8236	99.8643	37.0102	4.5781	88562	3982	12.9439	12.2065
	15	75.6746	99.6955	33.5196	4.3438	88562	3756	28.9151	8.7159
5	5	48.2352	99.9732	43.6701	4.6719	88562	4622	2.7930	18.8664
	8	60.2470	99.9211	39.0421	3.7969	88562	4182	8.1072	14.2384
	10	65.8364	99.8743	37.0100	4.4688	88562	3982	12.9443	12.2063
	15	75.6834	99.7181	33.5196	4.7344	88562	3756	28.9151	8.7159

Table illustrating the results of image compression using haar for USG OVARY is shown in table 2. The wavelet based image compression for level (N) =1 and threshold value =5 is shown in figure 5.

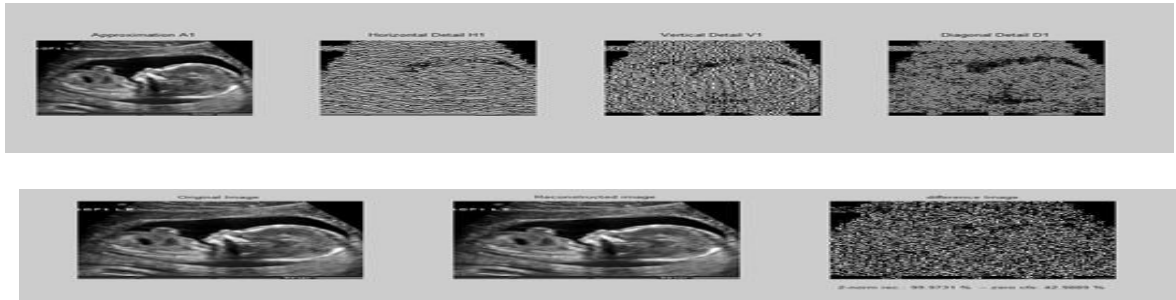


Figure 5:- Wavelet based image compression for USG OVARY.

Table 3:- showing results of image compression for XRAY KNEE.

LEVEL OF DECOMPOSITION (N)	GLOBAL POSITIVE THRESHOLD	PERCENTAGE OF WAVELET COEFFICIENTS SET TO ZERO:PERFO	PERCENTAGE OF IMAGE ENERGY PRESERVED:PERFL 2	PSNR VALUE FOR DECOMPRESSION IMAGE USING WAVELET COMPRESSION	THE NEED TO EXECUTE THIS WBC ONLY	ORIGINAL IMAGE SIZE	COMPRESSED IMAGE SIZE	MSE_WO	SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (SNR)
1	5	76.7242	99.9742	53.7294	27.6719	634540	73024	0.2755	40.1489
	8	81.9113	99.9377	53.5335	20.7656	634540	72930	0.2282	39.9531
	10	83.7094	99.9130	53.4666	22.6719	634540	72908	0.2927	39.8861
	15	85.5165	99.8678	53.4666	20.0625	634540	74230	0.2927	39.8861
2	5	81.8728	99.9687	52.6503	22.7656	634540	74690	0.3532	39.0699
	8	88.4592	99.9223	52.3154	19.6563	634540	74136	0.3815	38.7349
	10	90.8758	99.8890	52.2198	23.5000	634540	74030	0.3900	38.6393
	15	93.5678	99.8210	52.2198	17.8125	634540	76838	0.3900	38.6393
3	5	82.6879	99.9679	52.3282	23.4219	634540	79764	0.3804	38.7477
	8	89.5654	99.9194	51.5655	22.8438	634540	79250	0.4535	37.9850
	10	92.1436	99.8840	51.3024	21.7500	634540	78680	0.4818	37.7219
	15	95.1086	99.8091	51.0661	23.6250	634540	83330	0.5087	37.4856
4	5	82.7592	99.9677	52.2792	27.5938	634540	89642	0.3847	38.6987
	8	89.6838	99.9190	51.4279	26.9844	634540	89456	0.4680	37.8475
	10	92.2883	99.8832	51.1734	23.4063	634540	89026	0.4963	37.5929
	15	95.3076	99.8068	50.7982	21.9063	634540	100338	0.5411	37.2177
5	5	82.7611	99.9681	52.2799	26.3750	634540	103010	0.3847	38.6995
	8	89.6893	99.9200	51.3769	24.8750	634540	104358	0.4736	37.7965
	10	92.2964	99.8847	51.1156	26.1094	634540	105418	0.5029	37.5351
	15	95.3255	99.8090	50.6644	22.4063	634540	130830	0.5580	37.0840

Table showing the illustrating of image compression using haar for XRAY KNEE is shown in table 3. The wavelet based image compression for level (N) =1 and threshold value =5 is shown in figure 6.



Figure 6:- Wavelet based image compression for XRAY KNEE.

5. CONCLUSION

A peculiar approach to medical radiograph Compression employing a haar wavelet is schemed in this paper. In this work we adduce the Comparative study of wavelet based compression quite successfully using different images. XRAY KNEE has maximum Peak Signal To Noise Ratio (PSNR) as compared to other Medical Images and USG OVARY image has been compressed to a larger extent i.e. high compression ratio (CR%) and has maximum Mean Square Error as compared to other Medical Images. In future this can be extended by considering other discrete wavelet transforms such as Biorthogonal and symlets wavelet and analyzing which results in better compression ratio and high PSNR.

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