JPEG Image Compression using DCT and DHT and Comparison of Both Techniques based on Mean Square Error and Peak Signal to Noise Ratio

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ABSTRACT

DCT based JPEG compression is a widely used standard for lossy image compression. DCT concentrates energy into lower order coefficients. It removes redundancy between neighbouring pixels which leads to uncorrelated transform coefficients which can be encoded independently. There is high computational complexity in DCT. DHT is a real valued transform whose forward and inverse transforms are same except for a an inclusion of a scale factor in the inverse transform. DHT reduces the computational complexity of JPEG compared to DCT. DHT doesn't require a dequantizer at the decoder, since a new quantization technique known as energy quantization is used. It speeds up the encoding procedure, reduces hardware as well as makes the implementation simpler. The quality of the reconstructed image is very good which is verified using MATLAB i.e. the PSNR is improved and the MSE is reduced.

Keywords

Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT), Discrete Hartley Transform (DHT), Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG), Quantization, Encoding, Peak Signal to Noise Ratio(PSNR), Mean Square Error(MSE)

1. INTRODUCTION

Image compression is useful both for transmission and storage of information [3]. Image contains a high degree of redundancy which makes it possible for compression of an image. They are as follows: (1) redundancy due to correlation between neighbouring pixels, (2) redundancy due to properties of HVS (human visual system). Image compression system consists of transformer, quantizer and encoder. The transformer transforms the raw image data from one domain to another domain. The quantizer standardizes these transformed coefficients [2]. The encoder provides a code word to each symbol of fixed length or variable length. DHT follows the same approach of the JPEG compression and reconstruction but employs a different transform. We have compared the performance of both DCT and DHT based JPEG compression through MATLAB. The comparison has been made in terms of Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) and MSE of the compressed and reconstructed image.

2. TECHNIQUES OF IMAGE COMPRESSION

2.1 JPEG Compression Using DCT

The image is first partitioned into different blocks. Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) is applied to each of the blocks to convert from spatial domain to frequency domain. [1] The transform coefficients using the DHT of a block of pixels x(m, n) may be obtained as

$$D(i, j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} C(i)C(j) \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} p(x, y) \cos \frac{(2x+1)i\prod}{2N} \cos \frac{(2y+1)j\prod}{2N}$$

Where p(x,y) is the x,yth element of the image represented by the matrix p. N is the size of the matrix on which the DCT is applied.

Hence small set of coefficients are obtained. The DCT coefficients are quantized using a quantization matrix provided by JPEG standard. The JPEG quantizer consists of 64 uniform quantizers.

The i'th quantizer is calculated as

Yi=Round (Xi/Qi)

where Qi is the i'th quantization step size, Xi is the input and Yi is the quantized version of Xi. After quantization the quantized coefficients are arranged in a zigzag order that is arranged in lowest to highest spatial frequency. Then a lossless coding technique that is, Run-length coding is applied to further compress the data. The decoding is just the inverse of encoding process. [1]

2.2 JPEG Compression Using DHT

The forward and inverse transforms are same in DHT along with an inclusion of a scale factor in its inverse transform. Besides, the DHT can compute both convolution and the DFT efficiently. The memory requirement to compute both the forward and inverse DHT is about half as those of the DCT [10]. The transform coefficients using the DHT of a block of pixels x(m, n) may be obtained as

$$X(k,l) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} x(m,n) \left[\cos\left(2\prod\left(\frac{km}{M} + \frac{\ln}{N}\right)\right) + \sin\left(2\prod\left(\frac{km}{M} + \frac{\ln}{N}\right)\right) \right]$$

Where k=0,1,...,M-1 and l=0,1,...,N-1, x(m,n) represents the block of pixels on which the DHT is calculated. The Inverse Discrete Hartley Transform may be obtained as

$$X(k,l) = (1/MN) \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} x(m,n) \left[\cos\left(2 \prod \left(\frac{km}{M} + \frac{\ln}{N}\right)\right) + \sin\left(2 \prod \left(\frac{km}{M} + \frac{\ln}{N}\right)\right) \right]$$

Where *k*=0,1,....*M*-1 and *l*=0,1,...*N*-1.[7]

DHT coefficients do not follow zigzag scanning; they follow a special scanning. So the designing of the Quantization matrix is quite difficult in DHT. To eliminate these difficulties, energy quantization is used.

3. ENERGY QUANTIZATION

A signal is a function of amplitude versus time. On squaring the signal amplitudes gives rise to the energy contribution. The energy of the transformed coefficients of the image block can be obtained by adding all the signals

If the energy of the transformed coefficient is less than the threshold value then make it zero, otherwise keep the coefficient as it is. The threshold value is decided according to the user requirement, i.e. how much energy of the image user wants to save. For higher compression and low quality, maximum amount of the energy has to be discarded [8].

First the normalized energy of the transformed coefficients is calculated using

$$En = (1/MN) \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(m,n) \wedge 2$$

where M and N are the width and length of the sample block and x(m,n) is the transformed samples. Then energy of the transformed coefficient wrt. threshold value is considered. The DHT coefficient can be saved as it is, but the transformed coefficients have been normalized to decrease the amplitudes. At the decoder the compressed data is dequantized and passed through the IDHT operation to reconstruct the image[8].



Figure 01: Block diagram of a JPEG Encoder

Table 1: Scanning order of DHT coefficient

1	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
3	16	17	19	21	23	25	27
5	18	29	30	32	34	36	38
7	20	31	40	41	43	45	47
9	22	33	42	49	50	52	54
11	24	35	44	51	56	57	59
13	26	37	46	53	58	61	62
15	28	39	48	55	60	63	64

4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) is calculated using

$$PSNR = 20\log_{10}(Max/\sqrt{MSE})$$

Where, Max =255,

$$MSE = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{y=1}^{M} \sum_{x=1}^{N} \left[I(x, y) - I'(x, y) \right]^{2}$$

Where l(x,y) and l'(x,y) are the original and compressed pixel values respectively, and $(M \times N)$ is the image size[8].

The DCT and DHT programs are implemented using Matlab. The performance of DCT and DHT on lossy JPEG compression is compared. The PSNR and MSE values are calculated for different images as shown below.



Figure 02: Original image



Figure 03: Compressed image using DCT



Figure 04: Reconstructed image using DCT



Figure 05: Compressed image using DHT

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Figure 06: Reconstructed image using DHT



Figure 07: Comparison of MSE of Compressed Image w.r,t DCT and DHT (for cameraman.jpg)



Figure 08: Comparison of MSE of Reconstructed Image with DCT and DHT (for cameraman.jpg)



Figure 09: Comparison of PSNR of Compressed Image with DCT and DHT (for cameraman.jpg)



Figure 10: Comparison of PSNR of Reconstructed Image with DCT and DHT (for cameraman.jpg)



Figure 11: Comparison of MSE of Compressed Image with DCT and DHT (for lena.jpg)



Figure 12: Comparison of MSE of Reconstructed Image with DCT and DHT (for lena,jpg)



Figure 13: Comparison of PSNR of Compessed Image with DCT and DHT (for lena.jpg)



Figure 14: Comparison of PSNR of Reconstructed Image with DCT and DHT (for lena.jpg)



Figure 15: Comparison of MSE of Compressed Image with DCT and DHT (for usair.jpg)



Figure 16: Comparison of MSE of Reconstructed Image with DCT and DHT (for usair.jpg)



Figure 17: Comparison of PSNR of Compressed Image with DCT and DHT (for usair.jpg)



Figure 18: Comparison of PSNR of Reconstructed Image with DCT and DHT (for usair.jpg)

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, compression of image is carried out using DCT and DHT. Using MATLAB, the PSNR and MSE of compressed and reconstructed image is found out. While comparing the results on compressed and reconstructed images using DCT and DHT, it can be found that the PSNR is improved using the DHT technique and the mean square error is reduced using DHT technique. Also, the concept of energy quantization used in DHT technique is explained which comes into picture in the DHT scanning.

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