

Hybrid Image Compression by of Wavelet decomposition, Bit Plane Slicing and Interpolation Techniques

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposed a hybrid image compression techniques of wavelet transform and bit plane slicing along with utilizing the interpolation scheme of residual base. The results showed the efficiency in compression ratio with high quality.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Image compression is one of the promising technology in the Image Processing field, it became highly demanded with the fast revolution in computer's applications and communication technologies. People are communicate almost all the day time and utilizing digital images to as pass the information through, these images need to be in small data size to help avoid issues regarding to limited memory size and communication band width consuming, so image compression successfully helped reducing the data required to increase the efficiency of using the phones/computers in the communication [1].

Generally speaking, image compression utilizing redundancy that can be grouped into two types, psycho-visual & statistical redundancy. Image compression techniques can fall in one of two types based on the way of exploiting the redundancy, they are lossy or lossless, and each one has its own characteristics and limitations [2]. More details for lossless and lossy techniques can be found in [3-8].

Today, various hybrid compression systems currently in use such as JPEG and JPEG2000, where the former exploited the discrete cosine transform (DCT) while the latter discrete wavelet transforms (DWT) respectively. Details of standard image structures can be found in [9-12].

Researchers attempts to constructs universal hybrid accepted compression systems, including [13] that proposed by Loay and Bushra in 2011, that utilized the wavelet transform and the linear polynomial model along with the quadtree based to compress the residual efficiently using shift encoding techniques, the result show the highly suggested system performance in terms of compression and quality. Also [14] suggested by Ghadah and Haider in 2013, a simple hybrid techniques with the incorporation of multiresolution coding with the linear polynomial techniques, where the integrity of both techniques leads to high efficiency performance. Ghadah [15] in 2013, suggested a hybrid efficient image compression techniques based on exploits the spatial domain effectively of the linear polynomial coding along with the block truncation coding to compress the residual using two level quantizer representation, the results showed the higher performance. Multiwavelet hybrid coding techniques of various block nature, adopted by Ghadah [16] in 2014. Much of the hybrid image compression systems that have been improved until today, can be found in [2, 17-20]

In this paper, a hybrid image compression technique is introduced to compress image loosely, by incorporated the multiresolution scheme of wavelet decomposition along with the interpolation base, also bit plane slicing and polynomial coding techniques. The proposed compression system discussed in section 2 and the results are given in section 3.

2. The Proposed Hybrid Compression System

The idea beyond constructs hybrid compression techniques is to increase the efficiency performance of compression ratio with preserving image quality, based on combination between spatial coding and transform coding techniques [21]. This section demonstrates the proposed system in details including Fig. 1 and the following steps:

Step 1: Load the uncompressed image I of size $N \times N$ of 256 colors, 8 bits per pixel (i.e., grayscale image) to the system

Step 2: Apply one layered Haar wavelet transform that simply decompose image I into approximation and detail sub bands (LL , LH , HL and HH) each of size $(N/2 \times N/2)$.

Step 3: Converts the details sub bands (LH , HL and HH) images into its layers by utilizing bit-plane slicing (BPS) technique, in other words, slice each sub band image into the eight binary images or into eight bit plane images (layers).

In general the intensity value of each pixel can be represented by an 8-bit binary vector ($b_7, b_6, b_5, b_4, b_3, b_2, b_1, b_0$), it ranges from bit level 0 ($layer_0$) to bit level 7 ($layer_7$) [22].

The lower order bits (lowest four layers) of small image contribution effects removed (i.e., least significant bits (LSB) from $layer_0$ to $layer_3$), without visual degradation of image appearance, and only the significant layers of highly effect used (i.e., most significant bits (MSB) from $layer_4$ to $layer_7$) then coded using the simple popular run length coding techniques.

Step 4: Apply the polynomial coding of linear base along with the interpolation technique to efficiently compress the approximation sub band (LL) image, using the following sub steps:

1- Partition the approximation sub-band (LL) image into no overlapping blocks of fixed size $n \times n$, and computes the approximated linear polynomial coefficients according equations (1-4) [13].

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{n \times n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} LL(i, j) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$a_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} LL(i, j) \times (j - x_c)}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (j - x_c)^2} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} LL(i, j) \times (i - y_c)}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (i - y_c)^2} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$x_c = y_c = \frac{n-1}{2} \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Where $LL(i, j)$ is the approximation sub-band of original image of size $(N/2 \times N/2)$ and block of size $(n \times n)$

2- Use the uniform scalar quantization base technique to quantize/dequantize the computed polynomial approximation coefficients, where each coefficient is quantized using different quantization step.

$$a_0Q = \text{round}\left(\frac{a_0}{QS_{a0}}\right) \rightarrow a_0D = a_0Q \times QS_{a0} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$a_1Q = \text{round}\left(\frac{a_1}{QS_{a1}}\right) \rightarrow a_1D = a_1Q \times QS_{a1} \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

$$a_2Q = \text{round}\left(\frac{a_2}{QS_{a2}}\right) \rightarrow a_2D = a_2Q \times QS_{a2} \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

Where a_0Q, a_1Q, a_2Q are the polynomial quantized values, $QS_{a0}, QS_{a1}, QS_{a2}$ are the quantization steps of the polynomial coefficients, and a_0D, a_1D, a_2D are polynomial dequantized values.

3- The predicted image \tilde{LL} is an approximation of the original LL , created by using the dequantized polynomial coefficients for each encoded block representation.

$$\tilde{LL} = a_0D + a_1D(j - x_c) + a_2D(i - y_c) \dots \dots (8)$$

4- Calculate the residual error as difference between the original approximation sub-band (LL) and the predicted one \tilde{LL} .

$$R(i, j) = LL(i, j) - \tilde{LL}(i, j) \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

Where R corresponds to high resolution residual image of size $(N/2 \times N/2)$ (i.e., 128×128).

5- Shrinking the residual image by applying the interpolation layered technique of nearest neighbour base, namely the resultant residual image interpolated to create the first shrunked residual image R_1 , then this shrunked image also interpolated again to create the second shrunked residual image R_2 corresponding to medium and lower layers respectively (i.e., R_1 of size 64×64 and R_2 of size 32×32).

6- Quantized/dequantized the second shrunked residual image of lower resolution image R_2 using the scalar uniform base.

$$R_2Q = \text{round}\left(\frac{R_2}{QS_{R_2}}\right) \rightarrow R_2D = R_2Q \times QS_{R_2} \dots\dots\dots (10)$$

Where R_2Q is the lower shrunked residual image of size 32×32 , QS_{R_2} the quantization step and R_2D the dequantized values

7- Create the enlarged interpolated image of medium size (64×64) using the dequantized second residual image $InMed[\tilde{R}_2]$

8- Find the first difference image between the shrunked image of medium resolution R_1 and the interpolated one from the step above.

$$d_1 = R_1 - InMed[\tilde{R}_2] \dots\dots\dots (11)$$

9- Quantize/dequantized the first difference image using the simple scalar uniform base, such as:

$$d_1Q = \text{round}\left(\frac{d_1}{QS_{d_1}}\right) \rightarrow d_1D = d_1Q \times QS_{d_1} \dots\dots\dots (12)$$

10- Construct the approximated medium resolution image \tilde{Y}_1 as a sum of interpolated one $InMed[\tilde{R}_2]$ along with the first dequantized difference image.

$$\tilde{Y}_1 = InMed[\tilde{R}_2] + d_1D \dots\dots\dots (13)$$

11- Create the enlarged interpolated image of high resolution image (128×128) using the approximated medium resolution image $InHgt[\tilde{R}_1]$

12- Find the second difference image between the original image LL and the interpolated one from the step above.

$$d_2 = LL - InHgt[\tilde{R}_1] \dots\dots\dots (14)$$

13- Quantize/dequantized the second difference image using the simple scalar uniform base, such as:

$$d_2Q = \text{round}\left(\frac{d_2}{QS_{d_2}}\right) \rightarrow d_2D = d_2Q \times QS_{d_2} \dots\dots\dots (15)$$

14- Construct the approximated high resolution image LL_R as a sum of interpolated one $InHgt[\tilde{R}_1]$ along with the second dequantized difference image.

$$LL_R = InHgt[\tilde{R}_1] + d_2D \dots\dots\dots (16)$$

15-Apply Huffman coding techniques encode the quantized polynomial coefficients, dequantized difference images.

16- Build the compressed image by adding the predicted image \tilde{LL} to the interpolated residual image LL_R

$$\hat{LL}(i, j) = \tilde{LL}(i, j) + LL_R(i, j) \dots\dots\dots (17)$$

Step 5: Apply the inverse wavelet transform to construct the approximated compressed image \hat{I} of combination base of bit-plane slicing and polynomial coding

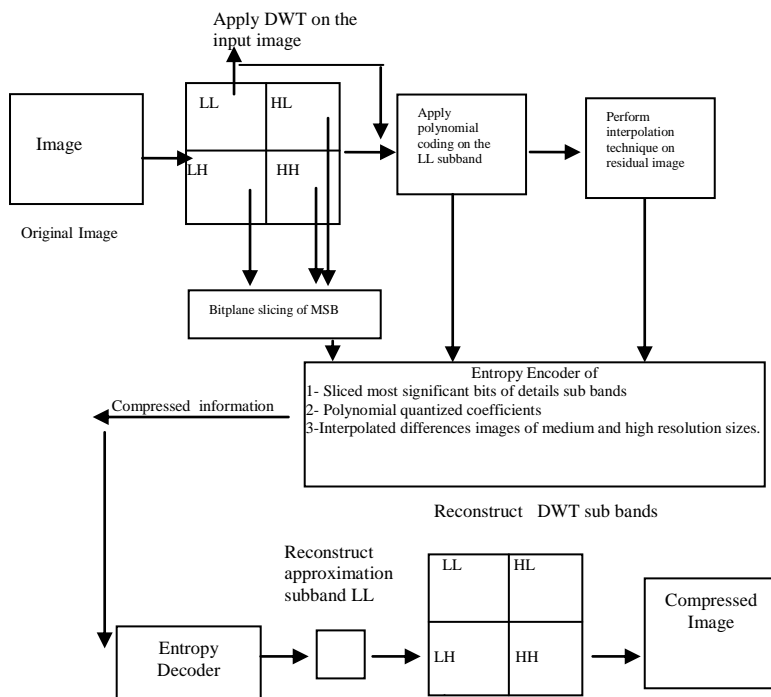


Fig. 1: Compression system structure of encoder/decoder.

3. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Experiments were done to evaluate the proposed compression techniques performance in terms of compression ratio (CR) and the objective fidelity criteria of peak-signal-to- noise ratio (PSNR). They were tested on a number of well-known standard images, as shown in Fig. 2, where all the images of 256 gray levels (8bits/pixel) of size 256×256, using block sizes of 4×4 of approximation subband polynomial coding techniques along with nearest neighbour interpolation of two layer scheme, and various numbers quantization steps values.



Fig. 2: Tested images (a) Lena, (b) Rose and (c) Pepper, all images of size 256×256, gray scale images.

Table.1: performance of the proposed techniques

Tested images	Block Size of 4x4 with quantization coefficients of 1,2,2 respectively			CR	PSNR
	Quantization step of lower level	Quantization step of medium level	Quantization step of higher level		
Lena	5	10	5	8.9622	44.9431
	5	10	10	10.2753	38.8775
	5	10	15	11.3738	35.3635
	5	10	20	12.3281	32.8887
	10	10	10	10.7719	38.8654
	10	15	10	11.0928	38.8620
	10	15	20	13.4405	32.9363
	20	10	5	9.4514	43.0013
Rose	20	10	20	13.2396	32.8846
	5	10	5	10.6910	45.2748
	5	10	10	12.3746	39.2513
	5	10	15	13.7450	35.6624
	5	10	20	15.0312	33.0469
	10	10	10	12.9262	39.3160
	10	15	10	13.3475	39.2896
	10	15	20	16.4084	33.0534
Pepper	20	10	5	11.3267	45.0248
	20	10	20	16.2459	33.0467
	5	10	5	10.4657	45.2537
	5	10	10	11.9635	39.1780
	5	10	15	13.3041	35.5113
	5	10	20	14.2656	32.8254
	10	10	10	12.5260	39.4217
	10	15	10	12.8452	39.2833
	10	15	20	15.5078	32.7957
	20	10	5	11.9404	44.8298
	20	10	20	15.3336	32.7332

The results shown in table (1) illustrate performance of the proposed techniques, where the relationship between the compression ratio, quality and quantization steps. It is obvious the trade-off or inverse relation between the compression ratio and the desired. Since the details sub bands values are very small, therefore the utilizing of bit plane slicing (BPS) improve the compression ratio (CR), due to removing the least significant bits (LSB) and preserving only the most significant bits (MSB).

The results also showed that the effect of the equalization steps of different layers residual images, where the lower level affecting the results, since the error propagate towards the up layers.

Lastly, the integration between the polynomial coding and the interpolation base to compress the approximation subband, overcome the residual size problem, by shrinked the residual bottom layers, then hierarchal constructs the up layers with less bytes consumptions.

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