

## WATERMARKING ON ENCRYPTED IMAGES WITH 3 LEVEL DWT

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### Abstract

The extension & exploration of the Internet has intermittently increased. Due to this, the availability and accessibility of digital data such as audio, images & videos have incremental growth. Digital watermarking is a technology being developed to assure & facilitate data authentication, copyright protection & security of digital media. This paper incorporates the detailed study of watermarking- definition, concept & the main contributions in this field such as categories of watermarking process, classification, framework, features, techniques, challenges, applications, limitations & performance metric. This paper provides an insight to the basic life span of watermarking process and also discusses embedding and extraction in the 3 Level DWT.

**Keywords:** Watermarking; Authentication; Watermarking techniques; Digital media.

### 1. Introduction

The advanced expansion & accomplishment of the web, together with the accessibility of similarly cheap computerized recording & capacity gadgets has made a situation in which it is anything but difficult to get, reproduce & spread the substance to the general population with no misfortune in picture quality. This has turned into a splendid worry to the sight & sound substance (music, video, & picture) distributing businesses, since methods or advances that could be utilized to ensure & secure licensed innovation rights for computerized media, & forestall unapproved replicating did not exist & made different issues. In this way the insurance & authorization of protected innovation rights for computerized media has turned into a problematic issue. Digital watermarking is the technology that provides & ensures security, data authentication & copyright protection to digital media[2]-[17]. Digital watermarking is the implanting of signal, secret information (i.e. Watermark) into the digital media such as image, video or audio. later the implanted information is detected & extracted out to reveal the real owner or identity of the digital media. Watermarking is used for following reasons, Proof of Ownership (copyrights & IP protection), Copying Prevention, Authentication, Broadcast Monitoring & Data Hiding. Watermarking consists of two modules- first one is the watermark embedding module & the second is the watermark detection & extraction module[18]. Digital watermarking technology has many applications in protection, certification, & distribution of the digital media & label of the user information. It has become a very vital study area in

information hiding. This paper analyzes & explores the key technologies of digital watermarking. Generally, a secret image is made on some basic ideas or using some identification marks. A specific pattern can be imposed on the design strategy of those images so that it can be of great use in case of digital watermarking. It is worth noting how the same color image watermarking algorithm gives different ranges of PSNR values for the two different classes of secret images. This paper analyzes the different or distinct value of image quality & different parameters & predicts the favorable & desired results. A watermarking framework is fundamentally isolated into three particular advances, installing, assault, & recognition[20]. In inserting, a calculation acknowledges the host & the information to be implanted, & produces a watermarked flag. At that point the watermarked computerized flag is put away or transmitted, typically transmitted to someone else. On the off chance that this individual makes a change, this is called an attack. While the alteration may not be vindictive, the term assault or attack emerges from copyright assurance application, where outsiders may endeavor to expel the computerized watermark through adjustment. It shows various possible alteration, for example, lossy compression of the data (in which resolution is decreased), shearing the document & it's content either intentional addition of noise. The fig.[1] shows the life span of Watermarking.

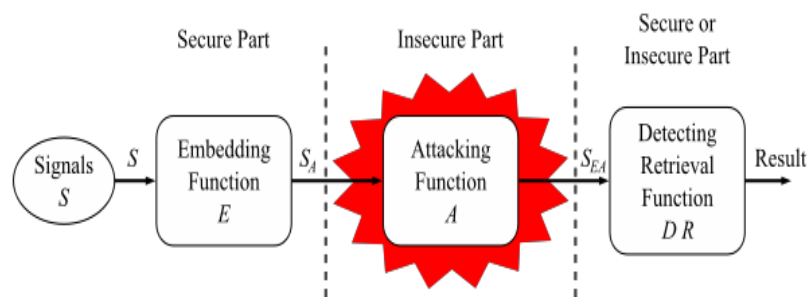


Fig 1:- Watermarking life cycle

*Detection* (often called extraction) is an algorithm which is applied to assailed signal to try to extract the watermark from it. If the signal was unmodified during transmission, then the watermark is still there & can be extracted. In robust digital watermarking applications, the extraction algorithm should be able to generate the watermark correctly, even if the modifications were strong. In fragile digital watermarking, the extraction algorithm should be failed if any change is done to the signal.

**2. Literature Survey**

*General Model of Digital Watermarking*

Digital watermarking is explained as the procedure of embedding a specific intelligence(technically known as watermark) into multimedia content including text documents, images, video & audio streams, such that the watermark can be detected & extracted later to create an assertion about the data. A reasonable watermark demonstrate comprises of watermark encoding & recognition forms as appeared in Fig.2 & Fig.3. The contributions to the inserting procedure are the watermark, the cover question & a mystery key. The key is utilized for security & to ensure the specific watermark. The yield of the plan is the watermarked information. The yield of the watermark recuperation process is the recouped watermark [3]. Watermarking consists of two different processes which are as follows [11].

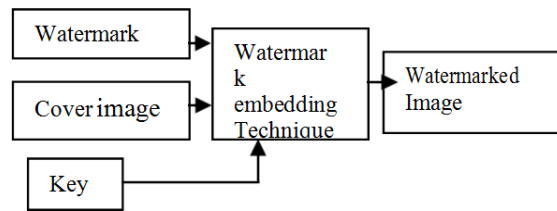


Fig 2:- Watermark Embedding

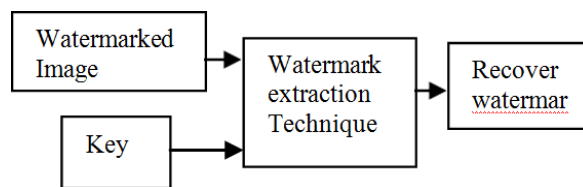


Fig 3:- Watermark Detection

*Related Work*

Digital Watermarking can be categorized into different classes [4]. These two different domains show the different nature which are as follows: 1) Spatial Domain Watermarking & 2) Frequency Domain Watermarking. Spatial domain Watermarking uses the algorithm LSB & transform domain Watermarking consist of DCT, DWT methods. Spatial domain techniques which embed the data by directly modifying the pixel values of the original image Ex.- least Significant bit (LSB) method . The Transform Domain provides more efficient quality pictures with better quality. Nilanj&ey et al. [7] proposed a DWT based steganographic technique. In this work, cover image is disintegrated into four sub b&s using DWT algorithm. Encoded Secret image using spiral scanning is hidden by alpha blending technique in HH sub b&s by alpha blending Technique. In this access the generated steno image is imperceptible & security is tremendous. Gunjal et al. [4] put forward a digital Image Watermarking with DWT-DCT combined away(approach) which can significantly improve PSNR with compared to only DCT based watermarking methods. DWT-DCT based Image watermarking improves PSNR compared to only DCT based watermarking. AkhilPratap et al. [8] proposed a way which puts a watermark by using one-level DWT.Alpha Blending is used for embedding the watermark to the original image.Alpha is the only factor on which the embedding & the extraction of the watermark depends. Barni et al. [9], according to the characteristics of human visual system (HVS) , a newer way has been put forward to camouflage the watermark. In contrast to conventional methods performing in the wavelet domain, masking is accomplished pixel by pixel by taking into account the texture & the luminance content of all the image sub b&s. Largest detail b&s have been adaptively added, to the watermark consisting of a pseudor&om sequence. Nikita jain et al. [10]

, a three-level DWT watermarking technique based robust image has been put forward by her. By use of alpha bending technique, original image can be embedded with invisible watermarking. The value of alpha & picture quality is maintained by extraction & embedding of watermark, as shown by experiments.

*Application of Digital Watermarking*

This section listed the application of watermarking which are described as below.

- 1) **Owner identification:** - Watermarking by a well defined algorithm helps an individual to establish ownership to the content which can be any format or in the form of text, audio, video etc.
- 2) **Duplicity protection:** - Embedding a signature, text, image to a desired document can prevent people from making illegal copies of Copyrighted content,
- 3) **Content verification:** - To identify adjustments of the substance, as an indication of invalid validation.
- 4) **Fingerprinting:-** to trace back illegal duplication & distribution of the content.
- 5) **Communicate observing:-** particularly for commercials & in media outlets, to examiner content being communicated as contracted & by the approved source..
- 6) **Medicinal applications:-** Watermarking is exceptionally valuable in giving both verification & Confidentiality in a reversible way without influencing the restorative picture in any capacity.

### 3. METHODOLOGY

#### *Discrete Wavelet Transform*

Discrete Wavelet change (DWT) is a numerical device for progressively deteriorates a picture[15]. It increased broad acknowledgment in flag preparing, picture pressure & watermarking. It breakdown a flag into an arrangement of fundamental capacities, called wavelets. Wavelets are made by interpretations & enlargements of a settled capacity called mother wavelet[16]. Both spatial & frequency description of an image is provided by wavelet transform. In transformation process, temporal information is retained by Fourier description. At different resolutions at different frequencies signals are analyzed by multi-resolution analysis (MRA). A secret image can be embedded easily in some cover image, Discrete Wavelet Transformation is very suitable in such areas. Only the corresponding region to that coefficient is modified on masking the effect of human visual system, such that if DWT co-efficient is modified.

The embedding watermark in the lower frequency sub-b&s may degrade the image as generally most of the Image energy is stored in these sub-b&s. However it is more robust [7] . The DWT parts the flag into high & low recurrence parts . The low recurrence part contains coarse data of flag while high recurrence part contains data about the edge segments. [12]. In 2 dimensional applications, DWT is first applied in vertical direction & then followed in horizontal direction.

After the first level of decomposition, there are 4 sub-b&s : 111, 1H1, H11, & HH1. For each successive level of decomposition, the 11 sub b& of the previous level is used as the input . To perform DWT on 2 level we perform DWT on 111 & for 3level decomposition we applied DWT on 112 & finally we get 4 sub b& of 3 level that are 113, 1H3, HH3, H13.

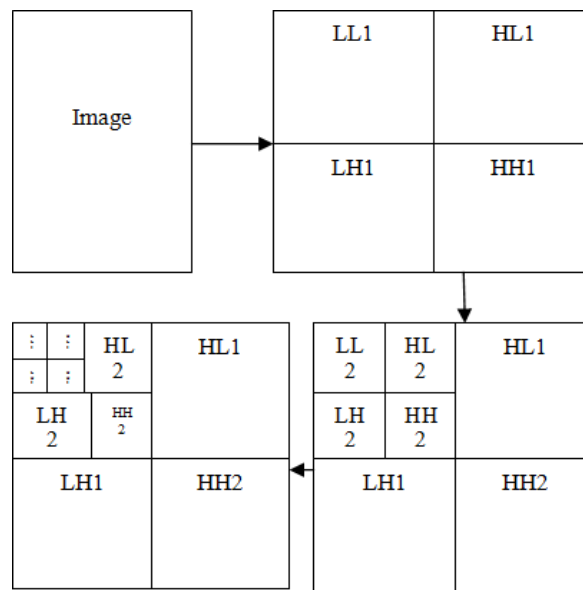


Fig. 4:- DWT Decomposition

*Proposed Discrete Wavelet Transform Based Watermarking Scheme*

*Watermark Embedding:*

For this procedure right off the bat we apply 3 level DWT on have picture breaks down the picture into sub-pictures, 3 points of interest & 1 estimation. The estimation looks simply like the first. A similar way 3 level DWT is likewise connected to the watermark picture. For this Haar wavelet is utilized. At that point system alpha blending [8, 12, 13] is utilized to embed the watermark in the host picture. In this strategy the deteriorated segments of the host picture & the watermark are increased by a scaling factor & are included. Since the watermark inserted in low recurrence guess part of the host picture. So it is distinguishable in nature or noticeable. Alpha blending: formula of the alpha blending the watermarked image is given by

$$WMI = k * (I13) + q * (WM3)$$

WM3 = low frequency estimate of Watermark, I13 = low frequency estimate of the Original image, WMI=Watermarked image, k, q-Scaling factors. Subsequent to installing the watermark Image on cover picture Inverse DWT is applied to the watermarked picture coefficient to create the final secure watermarked image. The following chart indicates 3 level DWT Embedding processes [14].

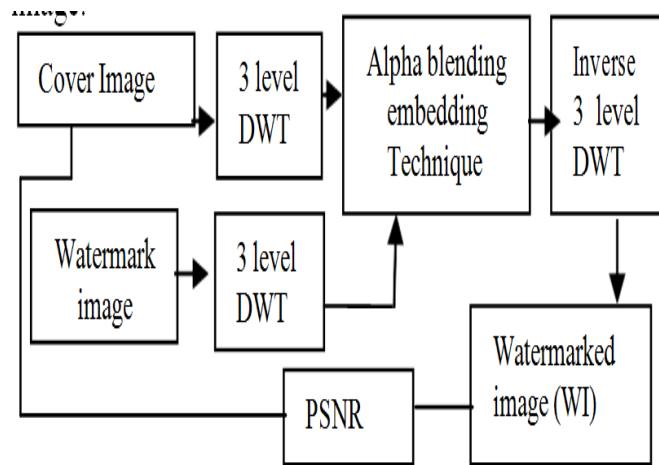


Figure 5:- 3 level DWT Watermark embedding

*Watermark Extraction:*

First, applied 3 level DWT to watermarked picture & cover picture which deteriorated picture in sub-groups. After this, alpha blending is applied on low frequency component. The equation of the alpha blending extraction for Recover watermark is given as.

$$RW = [ (WMI - k * I13) / q ]$$

RW= low frequency estimation of Recovered watermark, I13=low frequency estimation of the original image, & WMI= low frequency estimation of watermarked image. The Fig. 6 shows the watermark extraction process [14].

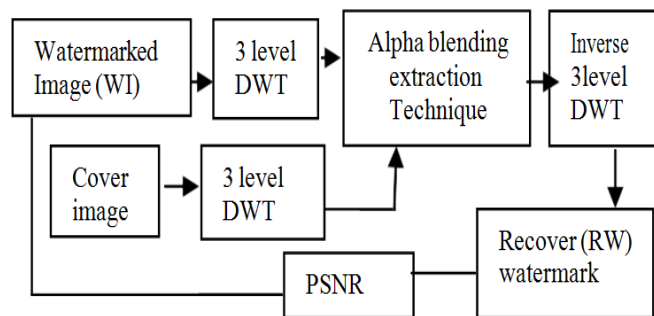


Figure 6:- 3 level DWT Watermark Extraction.

**4. RESULT & DISCUSSION**

*Factors for Measuring Image Quality:*

The mean squared error (MSE) [6]of an estimator (of a strategy for assessing an in secret amount) measures the normal of the squares of the blunders or deviations—that is, the distinction between the estimator & it is evaluated using following equation.

$$MSE = \frac{1}{m n} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [I(i, j) - K(i, j)]^2$$

*PSNR*

Peak signal-to-noise ratio, otherwise called PSNR, is a logical term or documentation utilized for the proportion between the greatest conceivable energy of a flag & the energy of tainting clam or noise that influences the loyalty of its portrayal.

*Results*

To implement the algorithm grayscale images of lena as original image & the Baboon image as watermark is used. Images are of equal size of 256 X 256. Fig. 7(a) & 7(b) represents the original & the watermark images. To implement the DWT Value of scaling factor k is varied from 0.2 to 2 by keeping q constant & best result is achieved at k=0.99 & q=0.009.

*Step 1:-Watermarking Embedding:*

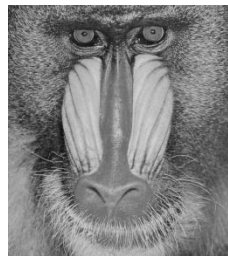


Fig 7 (a): Baboon Image



Fig. 7(b): Lena Image

As k is set to decrement further to 0.2 the watermarked image turn into darker & in the end turn into invisible state & when k is set to increment beyond 2 the value of PSNR are decreased & the value of MSE is increased. Watermarked results are shown in fig 8 (a-e).



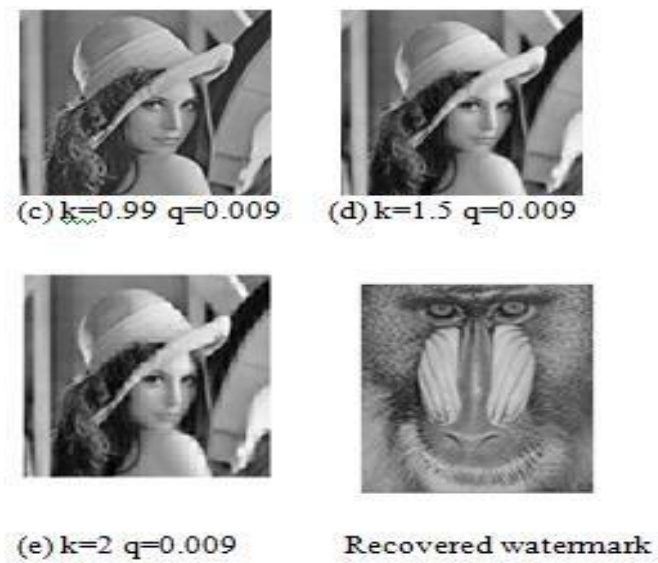


Fig 8(a-e): Shows the watermarked image

To retrieve watermark from the resulted images the value of  $k$  &  $q$  are equivalent to embedding. During this mechanism we assume that the original image & value of  $k$  are known for extraction. Recovered image using 1, 2 & 3 level discrete wavelet transform are independent of scaling factor which are shown in fig 7. The desired results are obtained of two different stages at  $k= 0.99$  &  $q=0.009$  which will be considered as the best result amongst all values in the following table.

Table 1: PSNR & MSE for watermarked image

k	q	PSNR	MSE	PSNR	MSE	PSNR	MSE
0.2	0.009	7.898	10506.29	7.897	10376.483	8.061	10167.720
0.5	0.009	12.039	4032.757	12.23	3982.040	12.21	3900.448
0.75	0.009	18.19	961.776	18.36	949.082	18.54	928.642
0.85	0.009	23.049	324.819	23.079	320.190	23.58	312.653
0.99	0.009	48.49	0.976	48.421	0.93123	48.78	0.860
1.25	0.009	17.298	1157.003	17.565	1144.289	17.62	1123.906
1.5	0.009	11.275	4423.212	11.722	4372.454	11.81	4290.97
2.0	0.009	5.691	17292.82	5.85	17088.907	5.89	16763.99

PSNR & MSE for recovered image is mentioned in Table 2.

	1 level	2 level	3 level
PSNR	68.13 db	74.15 db	86.19
MSE	0.01000	0.00250	0.00016



## 5. CONCLUSION

This paper conferred various facet of the digital watermarking like application, advantages, disadvantages, general models of watermarking which will be favourable to the new researchers. From the above paper we came to understand how a three level Discrete Wavelet Transform is used. We have implemented a 3-DWT image based watermarking technique. This technique encloses the unseen watermarks into the notable features of the image using alpha blending technique. The experimental results prove that the quality of image is only reliant on the value of  $k$  &  $q$ . The Digital Watermarking has been a matter of extensive interest due to their probable use for copyright protection. Further research is required to make it work if the insertion/extraction is to be performed in real time & also to maximize the security.

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