

Novel Frame work for Improving Embedding Capacity of the System using Reversible Data Hiding Technique

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Abstract-Internet communication has become an essential part of infrastructure of today's world. The secret information communicated in various forms. Security of the secret information has been a challenge when the heavy amount of data is exchanged on the internet. A secure data transfer can be achieved by steganography and Cryptography. Steganography is a process of hiding the information into cover media while cryptography is the technique that encodes the message using encryption key. In this paper described the reversible data hiding concept. This maintains the property that recovered the original cover without loss of data while extracting the embedded message.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Data protection is a major issue of concern while exchanging a data in an untrusted network, as internet is not only a single network but also it is worldwide collection of loosely connected network. Intruder can tackle information and make misuse of that or corrupt it or can say that unauthorised user can destroy the information if it is not fully secured. Steganography and Cryptography both plays a vital role in the area of data protection.

Steganography is data security tool which stores the secret information in cover media file in such a way that no one else except the sender of the information and the intended receiver can only suspect the existence of any sort of information. Cryptography is also an information security tool,

which provides encryption techniques to conceal the secret information.

A good data hiding technique shall include the following prerequisites:

- [1] **Imperceptibility:** The difference between the stego medium and the original one must be very slight such that the unauthorized party cannot detect the embedded information.
- [2] **Security:** the unauthorized user cannot extract out the hidden information even if he has detected that there are some information concealed in the stego medium.
- [3] **Capacity:** How much of secret message which can be embedded in the cover medium.?
- [4] **Robustness:** The stego-cover medium shall be able to resist general image processing.
- [5] The Advantages of BPCS-Steganography found by the experiments are as follows.
- [6] The data-hiding capacity of a true color image is around 50% or else more than.

[7] A sharpening operation on the image increases the payload capacity quite a bit.

- 1) Customization of a BPCS- It is most secured technique and provides high protection.
- 2) Randomization of the secret data performed by a compression operation that makes the embedded data more intangible.

A. **Reversible Data hiding:** Reversible data hiding is the process of hiding the information in the cover image and extracted the embedded information exactly without loss of information. RDH method paid attention towards to the researcher because of no-degradation of the information while extracting embedded information. The effective use of reversible data hiding (RDH) with AES and BPCS. RDH method defined by different strategies such as lossless compression, Difference Expansion, Histogram shifting, Integer transform etc. Aim of all scheme to achieve high payload and low degradation when extracts the original cover medium.

Advantages of RDH:

- 1.) To accomplish real –reversibility.
- 2.) Increase the payload capacity.
- 3.) Better protection.
- 4.) Better visual quality of image.

Problem Statement :

The reversible data hiding (RDH) in encrypted images, all previous methods embed data by reversibly vacating the room from the encrypted images, which may be subject to some errors on data extraction and/or image restoration. All drawbacks overcome by the proposed system. The proposed system performed by reserving space for the encrypted data to hide in the cover image after that apply image encryption with the use of AES. The data hiding uses BPCS algorithm. It improves the hiding capacity with low distortion. It is easy

for the data hider to attain real-reversibility for extracting the embed data in the image.

This paper mainly focused on data security when takes place in communication. The following are the primary concern:

- Prevent from hacking.
- Achieve real reversibility.
- To provide the better security.
- Improve data embedding capacity and maintain quality.

II. RELATED WORK

A. **Title:** "Reversible data-Hiding in Encrypted Images by reserving Room before encryption".

Author-: Kede Ma, Wei. Zhang, Xianfeng Zhao.

Summary-

Wei Zhang and Xianfeng Zhao have proposed the system that maintains the reversibility. This paper defines the reversible data hiding in encrypted image by using spare space as reserving room before encryption. Here more attention on RDH technique which maintains the reversibility that means original cover recovered after embedding additional data. It provides the security and confidentiality to user. It is new topic for cloud data management because of privacy-preserving requirements. The Existing System implemented by the use of the concept of RDH in encrypted images by vacant room before encryption, but proposed system was opposite of it in this we use the reserving concept before encryption. The advantages of this proposed system is to maintain the extra space for embedding data in data hider module. This system achieves excellent performance without any loss of data.

B. **Title:** "Reversible data embedding using a difference expansion".

Author: "J. Tian"

Summary-

J. Tian has proposed a system which uses difference expansion method for embedding data in reversible manner for digital images. Reversible data embedding means lossless embedding. Here quality degradation was very low after embedding the data. This paper describes how to measure the performance of the system by using the concept of reversible data embedding. This can be measure through various factors such as the payload capacity limit, visual quality and complexity. This system uses the differences between two neighbouring pixels. The LSB's of the differences are all zero and this embedded to the message. The benefits of the system are no loss of data while performing compression and decompression. This system is useful for audio and video data. The drawbacks of the system are achieving error because of division by 2 and due to bit replacement visual quality degrade.

C. **Title:** "Reversible data hiding".

Author: "Z. Ni, Y. Shi, N. Ansari, and S. Wei".

Summary:

Z. Ni, Y. Shi, N. Ansari, and S. Wei, have proposed a system that perform the Reversible Data hiding by using the histogram shift operation for RDH. In this system used the spare space for embedding the data by shifting the bins of gray scale values. The embedding capacity measured by the use of number of pixels in peak point. This system has some benefits such as it is simple and has constant PSNR ratio, capacity is high and distortion is very low. This system has some disadvantages such as more time consuming while searching the image number of times.

D. **Title:** "Efficient reversible watermarking based error expansion and pixel selection".

Author: "X. L. Li, B. Yang, and T. Y. Zeng"

Summary:

X. L. Li, B. Yang, and T. Y. Zeng have used a hybrid algorithm. It basically uses three algorithms adaptive embedding, Predictive -Error Expansion (PEE) and Pixel selection. Predictive Error expansion is important for embedding the data and used for reversible watermarking. It provides authentication and integrity to the user. It also improves the payload with low distortion. Where distortion free data required we use the concept of watermarking. PEE is an improvement of the Difference Expansion (DE). The proposed system described the threshold value for pixel of image and it divides the image pixels into two parts. Afterward select the pixel on the basis of capacity parameter and threshold. Adaptive embedding and pixel selection performed simultaneously. This system reduces the embedding impact with the use of decreasing the modification and improves the visual quality.

E. **Title:** "Reversible image watermarking using interpolation"

Author: "L. Luo et al.".

Summary:

L. Luo et al. have used an interpolation technique for reversible image watermarking. Reversible image watermarking restores the original image without any distortion after performing the extraction of hidden data. In this system we can embed large amount of covert data for imperceptible modification. Digital watermarking is the form of data hiding that are used to embed the covert information into digital signal. This paper based on adaptive interpolation-error expansion, which provides very low distortion rate and larger capacity. It also improves the image quality.

III. PREVIOUS ARTS

Since losslessly vacating room from the encrypted images is relatively difficult and sometimes inefficient, why still so obsessed to find novel RDH methods working directly for encrypted images? If reverse the order of encryption and vacating room, i.e., reserving room prior to image encryption content owner side, the RDH tasks in encrypted images would be more natural and much easier which leads us to the novel framework, "reserving room before encryption (RRBE)".

Actually, to construct the encrypted image, the first stage can be divided into three steps: image partition, self-reversible embedding followed by image encryption. At the beginning, image partition step divides original image into two parts and ; then, the LSBs of are reversibly embedded into with a standard RDH algorithm so that LSBs of can be used for accommodating messages; at last, encrypt the rearranged image to generate its final version .

marked encrypted image apply the alpha -channel watermarking for integrity verification. The Data extraction and image recovery are identical to that of framework VRAE.

Next elaborate the practical framework which consists of following phases:

A. Generation of Encrypted Data:

Generate encrypted data by using the AES algorithm (128-bits key). The flowchart below explains the encryption and Decryption method of AES algorithm as shown in following figure 2:

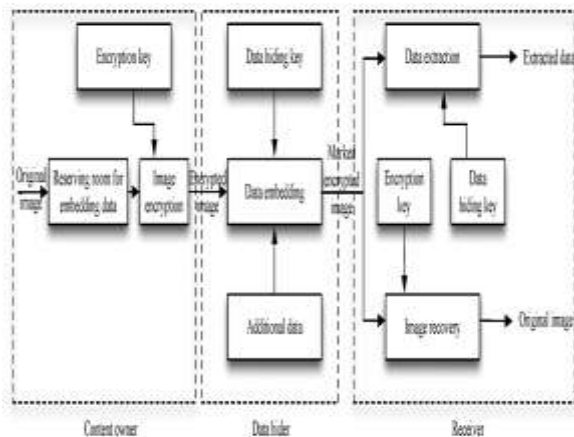


Figure 1 a) Existing system

IV. PROPOSED METHOD

In the proposed system Fig 1(b), the content owner first reserves the enough space on original image into its encrypted version with encrypted key.

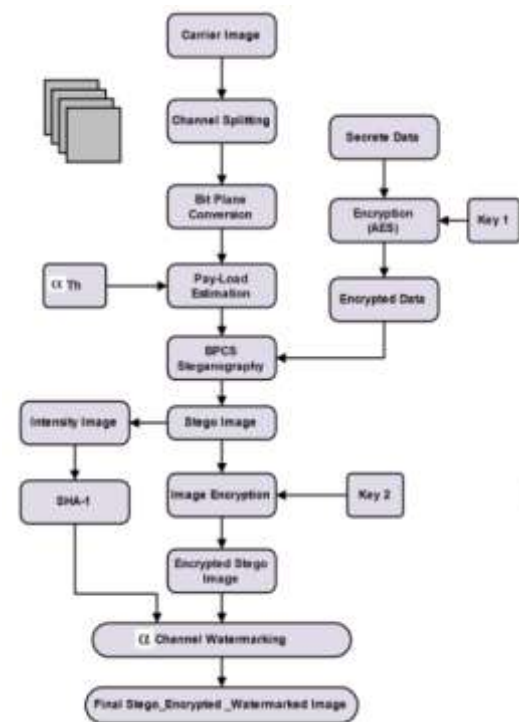


Figure 1 b) Proposed System Flow Diagram

Next the data is encrypted using AES algorithm and embedding process starts. The data embedding process in encrypted images is inherently for the Data hider needs to accommodate into the sparse space previous emptied out. On

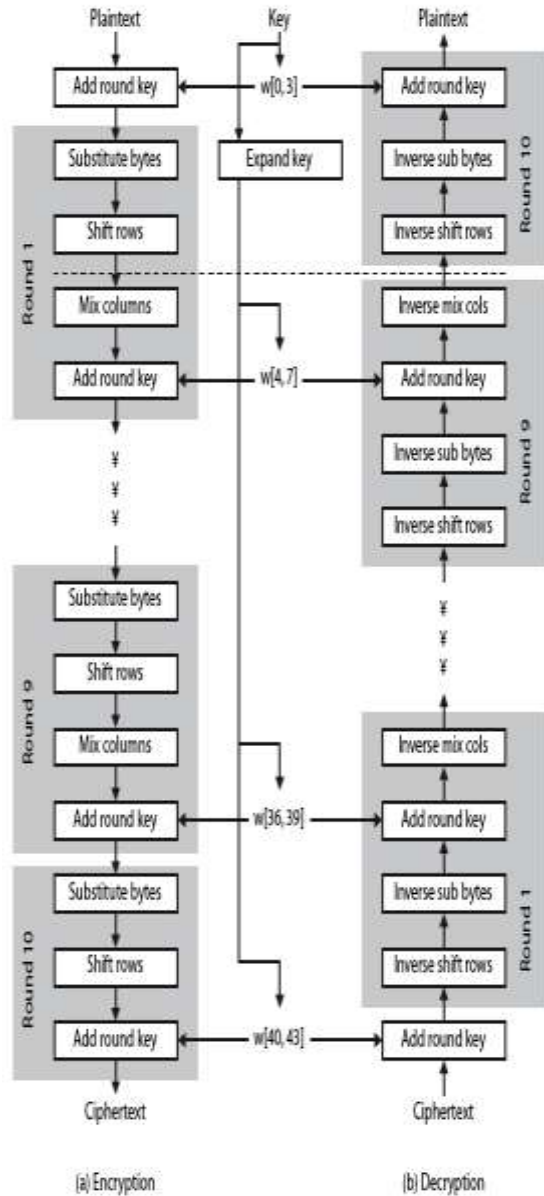


Figure 2: Steps of AES algorithm

B. Data Hiding:

Once the data hider acquires the encrypted Data DE, embed into the cover image I by using the Bit Plan Complexity Segmentation (BPCS) algorithm. BPCS attempts to address the shortcomings of LSB insertion by

searching an image for noise-like regions. These regions are replaced with watermark data, while informative regions are undisturbed. The algorithm works as follows:

- Step1. Convert a $2^m \times 2^m$ N-bit/pixel image from natural binary into N-bit Gray Code.
- Step2. Decompose the N-bit Gray code into N Single-bit planes. Each plane forms abinary image.
- Step3. Divide each bit plane into 8×8 tiles.
- Step4. For each tile, compute the complexity α .
- Step5. If α is above a threshold, replace the tile with watermark data.
- Step6. The bit-planes are recombined to form an N-bit channel in Gray code.
- Step7. The Gray code is converted back to natural binary.

The complexity metric is defined as:
 $\alpha = k / (2 \times 2^m \times (2^m - 1))$
 where a tile has size $2^m \times 2^m$ and k is the sum of xor-ing adjacent bits in a tile, both in the horizontal and vertical direction.
 The valid range for α is $0 < \alpha < 1$.

C. Generation of Encrypted Images:

Image encrypted with the use of AES algorithm. It takes above mention steps for encryption in figure2.

D. Watermarking:

Watermarking checks the integrity of the image. If third party make changes in the original image then it prevent from this kind of modification.

E. Data Extraction /image recovery:

Data Extraction and image recovery perform by the receiver with the decryption algorithm.

V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The proposed system tested on public images as seen figure 3. Consider $512 \times 512 \times 8$ size of Lena, Baboon, Peppers images, while monarch image size is 768×512 . Table1 and figure4 shows the available lossless data embedding capacity (in Bytes (x8 bits)) obtained for various embedding strengths (levels).

TABLE 1: LOSSLESS EMBEDDING CAPACITY (IN BYTES) VS. EMBEDDING LEVELS (L) AND AVERAGE PSNR(DB) AT FULL CAPACITY

Level(Bit Planes)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PSNR(DB)	55.9481	51.2295	45.0794	37.9948	34.1188	30.2271	28.0692	26.7270
Pepper	93732	187302	280503	371459	438350	465298	475354	478355
Lena	96480	180034	275369	361962	418363	445248	454942	438037
Baboon	96764	193524	290292	385225	474882	549954	597932	614340
Monarch	144423	289134	433277	506665	554876	574721	579865	580115

In Figure 4, see that the capacity of the proposed method depends largely on the characteristics of the cover image. Images with large smooth regions, e.g. peppers and Baboon accommodate higher capacities than images with irregular textures.



Figure 3: Test set of public figure images

The capacity of the scheme increases roughly linearly with number of levels (or exponentially with number of bit-planes). This is dueto stronger correlation among more significant levels (bit-planes)of the image. The rate of the increase, however, is not constant either among images or throughout the levels.

Note that the embedding capacities illustrated in Figure4.

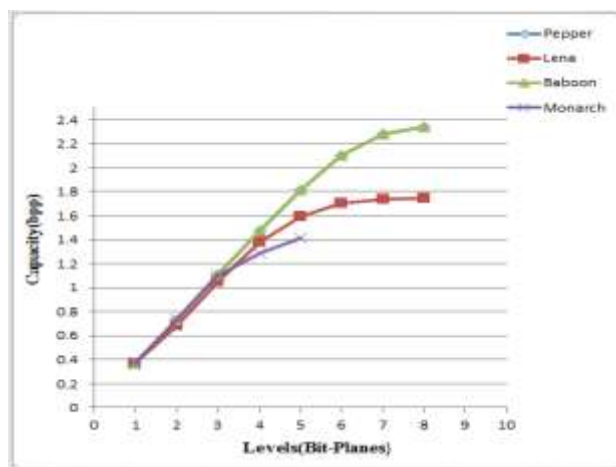


Figure 4: Capacity Vs Levels (Bit-Planes) of all images.

The higher embedding level implies significantly higher distortion in the stegano- image.

VI. CONCLUSION

Reversible Data hiding is new topic for providing privacy to the cloud data management. A novel lossless (reversible) data embedding (hiding) technique is presented. The technique provides high embedding capacities, allows complete recovery of the original host signal, and introduces only a small distortion between the host and image bearing the embedded data. The capacity of the scheme depends on the statistics of the host image.

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