

Multimedia Communications

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Multimedia communications is the field referring to the representation, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information expressed in multiple media, such as text, voice, graphics, images, audio and video.

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With rapid computer technology advance,

- digital image processing gets a high attention:
- Stereoscope for 3-D robot vision
- Image Enhancement
- **Image Restoration**
- Image data compression
- Segmentation
- **Image Description**
- Image Recognition
- Document protection by watermarking

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For example, to make an image lighter or darker, or to increase or decrease contrast.













Medical Image Noise removal





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Cracked Image





Restored Image

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 Image data occupies a huge area of storage or transmission channel when it is used without compression.

Like DCT, discrete wavelet transform mathematically transforms an image into frequency components. The process is performed on the entire image, which differs from the other methods (DCT), that work on smaller pieces of the desired data. The result is a hierarchical representation of an image, where each layer represents a frequency band.



Discrete wavelet transform Common Applications

- Lossy data compression
- De-noising
- Detection



MPEG stands for the <u>Moving Picture</u> <u>Experts Group</u>. There are five MPEG standards being used or in development. Each compression standard was designed with a specific application and bit rate in mind, although MPEG compression scales well with increased bit rates. They include:

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Designed for up to 1.5 Mbit/sec Standard for the compression of moving pictures and audio. This was based on CD-ROM video applications, and is a popular standard for video on the Internet, transmitted as .mpg files. In addition, level 3 of MPEG-1 is the most popular standard for digital compression of audio--known as MP3. MPEG-1 is the standard of compression for VideoCD





 Designed for between 1.5 and 15 Mbit/sec Standard on which Digital Television set top boxes and DVD compression is based. It is based on MPEG-1, but designed for the compression and transmission of digital broadcast television. MPEG-2 scales well to HDTV resolution and bit rates, obviating the need for an MPEG-3.





Standard for multimedia and Web compression. MPEG-4 is based on objectbased compression, similar in nature to the Virtual Reality Modeling Language. Individual objects within a scene are tracked separately and compressed together to create an MPEG4 file. This results in very efficient compression that is very scalable, from low bit rates to very high. It also allows developers to control objects independently in a scene, and therefore introduce interactivity.







This standard, currently under development, is also called the Multimedia Content **Description Interface.** When released, the group hopes the standard will provide a framework for multimedia content that will include information on content manipulation, filtering and personalization, as well as the integrity and security of the content. Contrary to the previous MPEG standards, which described actual content, MPEG-7 will represent information about the content.





work on this standard, also called the Multimedia Framework, has just begun. MPEG-21 will attempt to describe the elements needed to build an infrastructure for the delivery and consumption of multimedia content, and how they will relate to each other.





JPEG stands for Joint Photographic **Experts Group**. It is also an ISO/IEC working group, but works to build standards for continuous tone image coding. JPEG is a lossy compression technique used for full-color or grayscale images, by exploiting the fact that the human eye will not notice small color changes.



 JPEG 2000 is an initiative that will provide an image coding system using compression techniques based on the use of wavelet technology.



Lifting based filtering







Often there are parts of an image that are more important than others. This feature allows users to define certain ROI's in the image to be coded and transmitted with better quality and less distortion than the rest of the image.







(a)

(b)

Reconstruction image "ski" after compression at 0.25 b/p by means of (a) JPEG (b) JPEG 2000.

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> Threshold techniques, which make decisions based on local pixel information, are effective when the intensity levels of the objects fall squarely outside the range of levels in the background. Because spatial information is ignored, blurred region boundaries can create havoc.

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Edge-based methods is based on contour detection: their weakness in connecting together broken contour lines make them, too, prone to failure in the presence of blurring.

Edge-based methods

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(a)Prewitt Operator

-1	0	1
-1	0	1
-1	0	1

-1	-1	-1
0	0	0
1	1	1

(b) Sobel • Operator

-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1

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A region-based method usually proceeds as follows: the image is partitioned into connected regions by grouping neighboring pixels of similar intensity levels. Adjacent regions are then merged under some criterion involving perhaps homogeneity or sharpness of region boundaries.



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The main idea in connectivitypreserving relaxation-based segmentation method, is to start with some initial boundary shape represented in the form of spline curves, and iteratively modify it by applying various shrink/expansion operations according to some energy function.

Document protection by watermarking



 digital watermark : A special message embedded in an image.





Restoration method for deteriorated images by Distortion and Noise

: Research of Image Fusion by using Wavelet Transformation









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Result: 1





Fig1: distorted image

Fig2: Noisy image

Result:2





Fig3: RMS







Data Fusion



- Data fusion deals with the combination of information made available by various knowledge sources such as sensors, in order to provide a better understanding of a given scene.
- Fusion of digital image data becomes a valuable tool in **Remote**

Sensing images.



High Spectral Resolution





High Spatial Resolution



High Spectral & Spatial Resolution







Homomorphic Processing Approach for Image Shadow Identification



Type of Shadows

- Self Sha the mai by light. Cast sha backgro
 - 1- Umbr
 - 2- Penur



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Proposed Approach

In the algorithm proposed in this study homomorphic approach is implemented





Homomorphic System

- $0 \le f(x,y)=i(x,y).r(x,y) < \infty$
- f(x,y): gray-level of image pixel which has two components
- *i(x,y):* illumination component which is non-zero and finite
- r(x,y): reflection component which is between 0(total absorption) and 1(total reflection)



Homomorphic System

In the first process of the Homomorphic system, two components of gray-level will converted to addition by taking logarithm in order to separately filter operation on illumination and reflection in Frequency Domain.





Shadow Identification

- The illumination component of an image generally is characterized by slow spatial variation.
- The reflection component tends to vary abruptly, particularly at the junctions of dissimilar objects.
- These characteristics lead to associate the low frequency components of the Fourier transform of an image with the illumination and the high frequencies with the reflection.



Shadow Identification

 In the second process, by using appropriate LPF we will emphasize on illumination changes which is segmented as shadow area.





Shadow Identification

 In the third process, after background equalization, subtracting two filtered and equalized images in order to identify the shadow area.



System



Experimental test results





RGB color space

Using approach by Blue component

Using approach by Red (Dominant) component



Experimental test results





The result of approach using gray-scale image

Result of processing without using Homomorphic approach



Experimental test results



HSV color space

V Component

Shadow detected



Applications

- Cloud shadow identification and data visibility in cloud shadow covered area in Remote Sensing images.
- Shadow detection using in Mobile Robotic
 Vision to identify the object from its shadow specially in the unknown area (Moon surface).
- Shadow detection in Arts and Painting.
- Shadow detection in moving object to identify the real object in control traffic system and etc.





Image Cleaning by Median Filtering

WOMAN [noise → Salt & Pepper] SNR: 15dB

Noisy Image



Manual Median filter for Noise Canceling





Moving average / Alpha-trimmed mean filter

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Alpha-trimmed mean filter





Midpoint filter / Edge Preserved Smoothing

Midpoint filter



Edge Preserved Smoothing





Image Enhancement Using Wavelet LL Histogram Separation





Original Image & Histogram







Histogram Equalized Image







Mean Value Histogram Separated Equalization







Wavelet LL Histogram Separation








Comparison between LL,HH of Wavelet and Histogram Equalization









(LL)ヒストグラム均一化後 EME=1.8654 の画像











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Image Deblurring





Automatic Facial Skin Detection Based on Gaussian Mixture Model Under Varying Illumination



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Image Enhancement Using Splitting a-Rooting Method in Wavelet Domain



HE

EME=23





Original image EME=16 S α-rooting EME=30

WS αrooting EME=31



Speech Coding



- Speech coding is a technique sometimes referred to as lossy coding.
- The input and output signals are not mathematically equivalent but they are perceptually similar.
- Differences can be heard, but are hopefully not annoying or are acceptable for the application. Traditionally speech coding is used for communication applications using telephony bandwidth speech (200 Hz - 3.5 kHz).
- However, changes in the communication infra-structure have opened the door for new exciting algorithms targeting all types of bandwidths from 3.5 kHz all the way up to CD quality sound.



Speech Coders



Designing speech coders is a balancing game between

- Quality,
- bit rate,
- delay and complexity.

The quality is a function of the bit rate. For telephone quality speech the standard is 8 bits mulaw per sample. Using a 8 kHz sampling rate this results in 64 kb/s.

Speech coding algorithms can maintain this quality at substantially lower rates all the way down to 16 kb/s. At lower rates there will be some loss in quality, but even to rates as low as 1200 bits/s the speech is still quite intelligible

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Speech and audio compression has advanced rapidly in recent years spurred on by cost effective digital technology and diverse commercial application. It is including:

1. Waveform coding

2. Voice coding





Vocal tract and sound source modeling



Acoustic



Acquistics is the science of sound and the study of sound production and propagation.
Electro-acoustics focuses on the transfer of a signal between acoustical and electrical form. It includes microphones and loudspeakers, echo cancellation, acoustic noise control, 3D audio and virtual acoustic audio rendering.



Echo cancellation was invented at Bell Labs in 1965 and research on network and acoustic echo cancellation continues. We have extended our investigations to the multi-channel problem and have successfully demonstrated real-time stereo acoustic echo cancellation in a teleconferencing system.





Basic FIR filter



Model for Acoustic Echo Impulse Response



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	Listening to Effect	of E	cho
	Original Speech Signal		
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•	Echo with 250 msec path		
		Engilsh	Persian



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- Active noise control generates an opposing wave that is equal in amplitude but out of phase with the acoustic noise to be reduced.
- Active noise control makes use of adaptive digital filters in conjunction with reference and error sensing transducers and a secondary source, usually a loudspeaker.

This technology has been used in the control of noise generated in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) ducts, automobile exhaust noise, and aircraft engine and propeller noise, to mention just a few applications.



• Acoustic noise control using the FXLMS algorithm



Acoustic noise control in cars

Smart Acoustic Room (SAR)



Smart Acoustic Room (SAR) is defined the acoustic response between two (or more) points could be controlled smartly. By control, we mean to have a well estimation of the acoustic path between two points and then to make the appropriate signal to cancel an unwanted noise or to emphasis to a desired signal (speech or music).

Application of SAR





When there are the peoples who want to listen to Jazz or Classic in a room, we don't want to use headphone as it totally isolate the person from surrounding.

In a conference room or big hall, we have two kinds of audiences that want to listen to the Japanese or English speech. If we can give two audiences the desire location, just by seating in the right place one can hear to desire language.



Application of SAR

We proposed a new type echo canceling by using the SAR system. The new algorithm uses two speakers and one microphone, by smartly control the acoustic impulse response the speaker signal will be cancelled at the microphone position locally. That is, the microphone cannot receive any echo signal.



Fig.2 Echo canceling by using the SAR system







Fig.6 Experiment environment









Simulation results



• The input signal x(n) is the white noise. Each computer simulation is executed 100 times.

Fig.5 The MSE of the SAR algorithms by using virtual Mic



SAR algorithm by using virtual microphone



• Error Signal:

 $e(n) = x(n) * w_1(n) + x(n) * h(n) * w_2(n)$ (1)

• Virtual error Signal:

 $\widetilde{e}(n) = x(n) * \widetilde{w}_1(n) + x(n) * h(n) * \widetilde{w}_2(n)$ (2)

Fig.4 SAR model by using the virtual microphone



Fig.3 Two-speakers SAR system



Acoustic path

Adaptation for one's location to listen to the desired sound.

Development of Virtual Sound Source System Using Acoustic path













Blind Source Separation (BSS) Study by ICA Based on Information Maximization Method in the CPP & Reflected-Overlapped Images



Assume observation signals obtained by N sensors are linear mixing of N unknown independent *source* signals!




Noise Elimination in general

Speech Processing (Cocktail Party Problem, Noisy environment,...)

Sonar, Radar

Sismic waves

Preprocessing recognition

Image Processing



Figure 1 – A typical optical setup including a semireflector: (a) – object 1, (b) – object 2, (c) – virtual object, (d) – glass, (e) – polarizer, (f) – camera.





The algorithm of simulation

Ryuk Judependent Component Analysis The statistical independence of separated sources can be measured using

the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence between the product of

the joint density and marginal densities:

$$\int P_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{Y}) \log \left(\frac{P_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{Y})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n} P_{Y_i}(Y_i)}\right) d\mathbf{Y}$$

and the independence is achieved if and only if this KL divergence is equal to zero, i.e.

$$P_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{Y}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P_{Y_i}(Y_i)$$

It is equivalent to minimize the mutual information

$$I(\boldsymbol{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} H(Y_i) - H(\boldsymbol{Y})$$

The best proposed learning rule for the above goal is Natural Gradient Learning Algorithm (NGLA). NGLA has an iterative hardware friendly structure.

$$\boldsymbol{W}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{W}_t + \mu [\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{Y})\boldsymbol{Y}^T] \boldsymbol{W}_t$$

q(.) is activation function.

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	$\boldsymbol{W}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{W}_t + \boldsymbol{\mu} [\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{Y}) \boldsymbol{Y}^T] \boldsymbol{W}_t$	
	A brief explanation about the above learning equation:	

g is sigmuid function which transform a signal set with gaussian distribution to signals set of monotonic distribution. In other words: if Y is a a set of signals with gaussian PDF, then g(Y) will be a set of signals with monotonic PDF.







Stone BSS

Stone BSS conjecture indicates that the temporal predictability of any signal mixture is less than (or equal to) that of any of its component source signals. Stone's measure of temporal predictability for a N-sampled signal has been define $\sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_{long}(n) - y(n))^2$

$$F_{classic}(y) = \log \frac{V_i}{U_i} = \log \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_{long}(n) - y(n))^2}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_{short}(n) - y(n))^2}$$

Stone's BSS is transferred to generalized eigenvalue decomposition. It has the complexity order of $O(M_R^3)$

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 $\underset{Mixture}{\overset{O}{\operatorname{Signal}}}$











Simulation result of image





The Original Images



Simulation result of image





The Mixed Images



Simulation result of image





The Separated Images





 Digital communication techniques deal with transporting digital information (e.g quantized or/and compressed speech, audio, image and video) reliably from a source to a destination. University Ryukyus Digital Communications



- Digital audio broadcasting
- Digital cellular communication
- Storage in multilevel memory cells
- Efficient algorithm mapping and implementation

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- Messages or signals can be classified:
- Analog

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- A physical quantity that varies with "time", usually in a smooth or continuous fashion
- <u>Fidelity</u> describes how close is the received signal to the original signal. Fidelity defines acceptability
- Digital
 - An ordered sequence of symbols selected from a finite set of discrete elements
 - When digital signals are sent through a communication system, degree of accuracy within a given time defines the acceptability





Elements of Communication Systems

- Transmitter
 - Modulation
 - Coding
- Channel
 - Attenuation
 - Noise
 - Distortion
 - Interference
- Receiver
 - Detection (Demodulation+Decoding)
 - Filtering (Equalization)



Elements of Communication Systems



- Encoder: Message \rightarrow Message Signal or bits
- Transmitter: Message signal \rightarrow Transmitted signal
- Channel: Introduces noise, distortion, interference
- Receiver: Received Signal \rightarrow Message Signal
- Decoder: Message Signal → Original Message Example: Microphone -----> Speaker





4- Digital Communication

- 1 Orthogonal Frequency Devision Multiplexing (OFDM).
 - Introduction to OFDM Systems
 - Time–Frequency View

- 2 Blind SISO OFDM Channel Estimation Through Pre-Coders and Pre-filters.
- 3 Blind MIMO-OFDM Channel Estimation using Independent Component Analaysis. ≥≥



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OFDM is a special case of FDM. As an analogy, a FDM channel is like water flow out of a faucet, in contrast the OFDM signal is like shower.







Another way to see this intuitively is to use the analogy of making a shipment via truck. Two Options: a big truck or a bounch of smaller one. Both carries the same data. But in the case of an accident, only $\frac{1}{4}$ of data on OFDM trucking will suffer.

FDM trucking company















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Received signal phases are distorted by multi-path fading



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Blind MIMO-OFDM Channel Estimation using ICA

A broadband MIMO-OFDM system model is shown below







In MIMO OFDM system received symbols can be represented as a linear instantaneous mixture of transmitted symbols at each subcarrier m.











Bandwidth comparison of OFDMA and FDMA







I will not say I failed 1000 times, I will say that I discovered 1000 ways that can cause failure. - Thomas Alva Edison

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