

COLOR IMAGE CRYPTOGRAPHY USING HUGE RANDOM PRIVATE KEY

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ABSTRACT

Image cryptography is a very needed process to protect the image from any third party, and to protect the data imbedded in the image. In this paper research we will introduce a method of image encryption decryption based on using a huge private key of random numbers. The

image is to be divided into blocks with defined earlier size, these blocks are to be converted to YIQ to form the YIQ image, then these blocks are to be encrypted using subkeys obtained from the private key. Various experiments will be done to check the efficiency and accuracy of the proposed method.

KEYWORDS: Cryptography, huge random private key, MSE, PSNR, protection, throughput.

INTRODUCTION

Color digital images.^[1,2,3] are one of the most common and used types of digital data at the present time.^[4,5] as this spread is due to several reasons, the most important of which are.^[6,7,8]

- The spread of smart phones, which can be used easily to capture high-resolution images at a very low cost.^[9,10]
- Ease of circulating digital images through various social media platforms.^[11,12]
- The ability to use digital images by a large variety of users.^[13,14]
- The large size of the digital image saves huge amounts of data.^[15,16]
- The use of digital images in many vital and important applications for humans.^[17,18]

Many applications that deal with digital images require the cryptography(encryption-decryption) process for several reasons, the most important of which are:

- The digital image may be confidential so that no unauthorized third party is allowed to view and understand it.^[20]
- The digital image may be personal, which means that it is protected from disingenuous people.^[21]
- The digital image may be carrying important private information.^[41,42] or confidentiality, which requires protection from intruders for fear of being able to retrieve the information embedded in the digital image.^[22,23]

To protect the digital image and the data contained in it, an encryption process.^[24,25] can be used, the encryption process is used to completely destroy the original data so that it becomes incomprehensible or clear to any third party who is not authorized to the image or to the data included in the image.

The encryption and decryption process.^[24,25,26] (see figure 1) is carried out using a private and secret key so that it is difficult to decipher or obtain it, as it is possible here to agree between the sender and the receiver on a secret large-sized and random key that does not need a generating process and is stored with them with the possibility of changing it if the need arises.^[27,28]

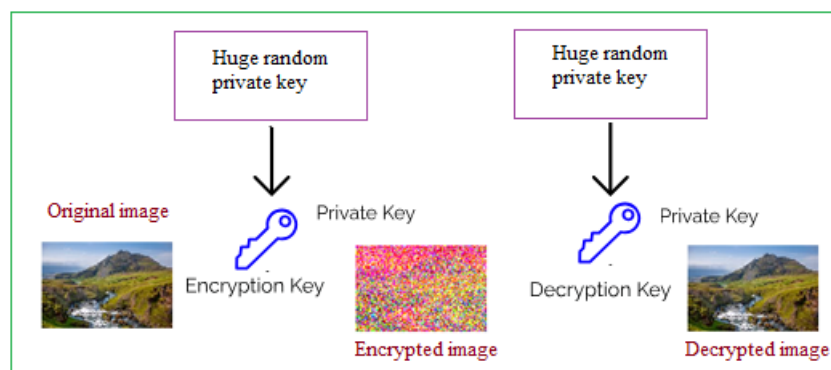


Figure 1: Image encryption-decryption process.

The encryption method is excellent if it fulfills the following characteristics.^[29,30]

1. Ease of implementation and use.^[31]
2. Provide a high degree of protection for the digital image, by using a secret key that is difficult to penetrate or knowing how to use it.

3. Providing a high degree of efficiency by reducing encryption time and increasing throughput by increasing the number of encrypted data per unit time.
4. Total destruction of data and that by maximizing the mean square error (MSE) between the original image and the encrypting one, or minimizing the peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) between the original and the encrypted images.
5. Retrieving an image that is completely identical to the original image upon decryption, so that its MSE between the original image and decrypted one is equal to zero, or PSNR between the original and decrypted images is equal to infinity.^[32-40]

Multiple methods are used for encrypting-decrypting digital images, some of which are based on world famous standards such as DES and AES, these methods are characterized by a moderate degree of protection in addition to their low effectiveness because they need to implement multiple processes to generate the secret key and generate encrypted data.

The proposed method of color image encryption-decryption

The proposed method provides a high level by using a huge random private key, this key can be generated once and saved by both the sender and receiver. The private key size must be so big to suit any image needs encryption-decryption.

The encryption process can as shown in figure 2 can be implemented applying the following steps:

Step1: Private key initialization: here we have to create a huge 3D matrix with random numbers, this key must be saved by the sender and receiver.

Step2: Image blocking, here we have to select the block size by selecting the number of rows and columns, these numbers must be kept also in secret to increase the level of security.

Step3: Changing the obtained block from RGB to YIQ.

Step4: From the private key, get a subkey for each block.

Step5: Add each block to the associated subkey.

Step6: Combine the obtained by addition blocks to form the encrypted YIQ image.

Step7: Convert the encrypted YIQ image to RGB image to get the encrypted image.

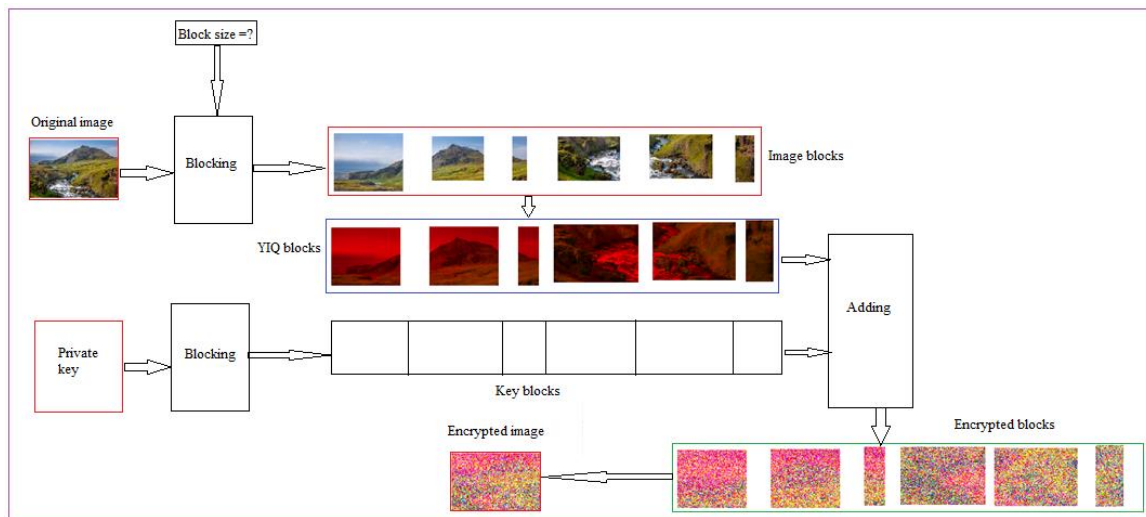


Figure 2: Encryption process.

The decryption process can be implemented applying the following steps:

Step1: Get the private key: here we have to load.

Step2: Image blocking, here we have to get the block size.

Step3: Changing the obtained block from RGB to YIQ.

Step4: From the private key, get a subkey for each block.

Step5: Subtract each subkey from the associated .

Step6: Combine the obtained by subtraction blocks to form the decrypted YIQ image.

Step7: Convert the decrypted YIQ image to RGB image to get the decrypted image.

Implementation and experimental results

For color image encryption/decryption we created a random private key with size 2000x2000x3, this key was used to encrypt/decrypt the images used in our experiments.

Twelve color images with various sizes (small, medium and large) were selected, then the encryption/decryption processes were applied using each of the selected images (block size was taken with the size 100x120x3), figure 3 shows the output obtained after blocking one image, figure 4 shows the resulting blocks after converting to YIQ, figure 5 shows the encrypted YIQ blocks, while figure 6 shows the original, encrypted and decrypted images:

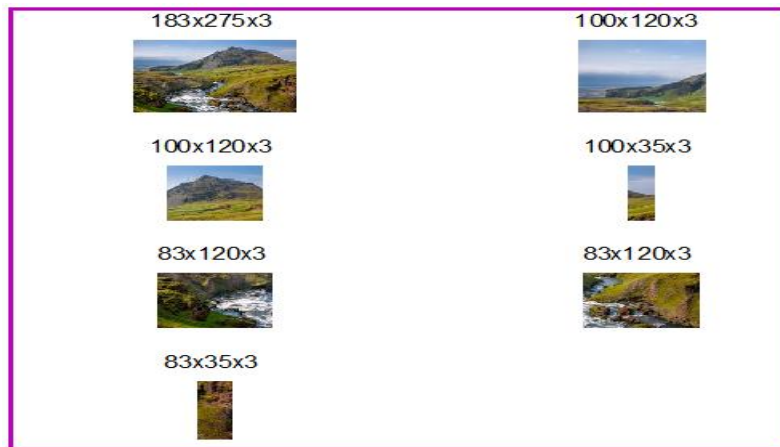


Figure 3: Image blocking (example).



Figure 4: YIQ blocks.



Figure 5: Encrypted YIQ blocks.

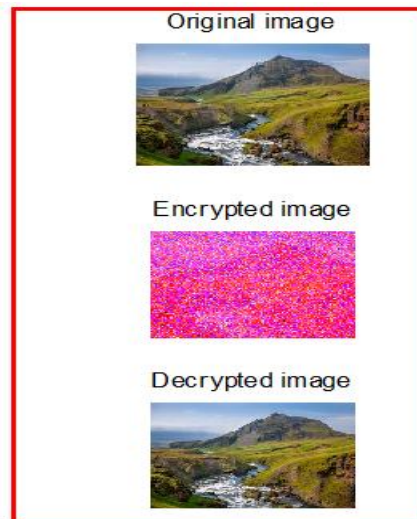


Figure 6: Original, encrypted and decrypted images.

Table 1 shows the obtained experimental results after encrypting each of the selected image:

Table 1: Encryption results.

Image number	Size(byte)	PSNR	MSE	Encryption time(seconds)
1	150975	15.6150	13644	0.0190
2	77976	20.8912	80499	0.0062
3	518400	14.4412	15343	0.0412
4	5140800	18.1608	10577	0.4086
5	4326210	18.3597	10369	0.3439
6	122265	18.1608	12837	0.0097
7	518400	14.3585	15470	0.0412
8	150975	16.1723	12904	0.0120
9	150975	16.7136	12224	0.0120
10	151353	14.6136	15081	0.0123
11	1890000	16.9553	11932	0.1502
12	6119256	20.2384	85929	0.4864
Average	1609800	17.0567	24734	0.1286
Throughput	1609800/0.1286= 12229 Kbytes per second			

Table 2 shows the experimental results after applying decryption process:

Table 2: Decryption results.

Image number	Size(byte)	PSNR	MSE	Encryption time(seconds)
1	150975	Infinit	0	0.0190
2	77976	Infinit	0	0.0062
3	518400	Infinit	0	0.0412
4	5140800	Infinit	0	0.4086
5	4326210	Infinit	0	0.3439
6	122265	Infinit	0	0.0097
7	518400	Infinit	0	0.0412
8	150975	Infinit	0	0.0120

9	150975	Infinif	0	0.0120
10	151353	Infinif	0	0.0123
11	1890000	Infinif	0	0.1502
12	6119256	Infinif	0	0.4864
Average	1609800	Infinif	0	0.1286
Throughput	1609800/0.1286= 12229 Kbytes per second			

From the results shown in tables 1 and 2 we can raise the following facts:

1. The proposed method is very secure, because the used private key is very huge and it can not be guessed by any third party, this key will not be transmitted and it will be kept by the sender and receiver, also the block size is to be kept in secret, this will increase the level of security.
2. The proposed method totally destroyed the original image when encrypting by maximizing MSE and minimizing PSNR.
3. The proposed method totally Recover the original image without losing any information, here the MSE always zero and PSNR always infinit.
4. The proposed method provides a high level of efficiency needing a small time for encryption and decryption processes, here the average throughput will be high and it is better than DES and AES results as shown in table 3:

Table 3: Comparisons with DES and AES methods.

Color image size(KB)	Encryption time(second)		
	DES	AES	Proposed
15	3.8	5.07	0.0012
30	7.5	17.09	0.0025
45	8.5	19.96	0.0037
60	8.8	22.91	0.0049
75	9.33	29.99	0.0061
90	10.7	38.15	0.0074
Average time	8.1050	22.1950	0.0043
Throughput(KB./second)	52.500/8.105= 6.4775	52.5000/22.195= 2.3654	52.5000/0.0043= 12209
Speedup of proposed	8.9210/0.0043= 20747	22.1950/0.0043= 5161.6	1

CONCLUSION

A simple and easy to implement method of color image cryptography was introduced, the method was implemented using various in sizes color images. The obtained experimental results showed that the proposed method provides a high level of security to protect the image by using a huge private key with random numbers. The proposed method provides an efficient way of color image encryption decryption and satisfies the requirement of good method of cryptography.

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