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Lifting based 3D Discrete Wavelet Transform for Image Compression

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Abstract: This paper introduces an effective and straightforward outline, of multilevel three-dimensional discrete wavelet change (3-D DWT) modules for digital image compression.

The proposed modeling depends on lifting scheme methodology, utilizing the distributive arithmetic scheme, the aim of this work to reduce the hardware complexity and increase the processing speed. This scheme comprises of a memory controller, buffer unit, direct memory access to accelerate framework operations, and line and column operator. The design is one of the lifting based complete 3-D DWT architectures without group of pictures restrictions. The new computing technique based on analysis of lifting signal flow graph minimizes the storage requirement. This architecture enjoys reduces memory and low power consumption, low latency, and throughput compared to those of earlier reported works.

Keywords: DWT, PSNR, Lifting scheme, IDWT, image compression

I. INTRODUCTION

To deal with medical image processing, it is a pre-requisite to understand the concepts of basic transformation techniques applied to signal processing and also various compression techniques that are applied to images of different types. With the increasing complexity and performance requirements of real-time embedded systems and the advances in FPGA technology, came the advent of multi-processor architectures and, more recently, of reconfigurable computing.

Reconfigurable computing exploits the reconfiguration capabilities of FPGA devices to reconfigure their resources on the FPGA to modify and adapt the functionality of these resources to a specific application or computation that needs to be performed [1]. More recently, dynamic partial reconfiguration (DPR) of FPGAs provided the possibility to specify and constrain certain partitions on an FPGA such that they can execute different tasks at different points in time without consuming additional.

The 3D Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) is broadly utilized strategy for these therapeutic imaging frameworks in view of efficient reconstruction property.

DWT can break down the signals into diverse sub groups with both time and frequency data and encourage touching base at high compression ratio

II. METHODOLOGY

- 1) *Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT)*; In statistical and functional analysis, a DWT is any Wavelet Transform for which the wavelets are discretely sampled. Its advantage over FT and other WTs is temporal resolution, because it captures both frequency and location information (location in time).
- 2) *D Discrete Wavelet Transform*: The Discrete Wavelets Transform (DWT) [39], transforms a discrete time signal to a discrete wavelet representation. Initially, the wavelet parameters are discretized to reduce the continuous basis set of wavelets to a discrete and orthogonal/ orthonormal set of basis wavelets. The 1D DWT is given as the inner product of the signal $x(t)$ being transformed with each of the discrete basis functions.
- 3) *D Discrete Wavelet Transform*: The 1D DWT can be extended to 2D transform using separable wavelet filters. With separable filters, applying a 1D transform to all the rows of the input, which is then repeating on all of the columns can compute the 2D transform. When one level 2D DWT is applied to an image, four transform coefficient sets are created. As depicted in Fig. 3.5(c), the four sets are LL, HL, LH and HH, where the first letter corresponds to applying



Fig. 3.6: DWT for Lena image (a) Original image (b) Output image after 1D DWT

A. Applied On Column Input (C) Output Image After 1d Dwt Applied On Row Input

The 2D DWT converts images from spatial domain to frequency domain. At each level of the wavelet decomposition, each column of an image is first transformed using a 1D vertical analysis filter bank. The same filter bank is then applied horizontally to each row of the filtered and sub-sampled data. One level of wavelet decomposition produces four filtered and sub sampled images, referred to as sub-bands. The upper and lower areas of Fig(b) represent the low pass and high pass coefficients respectively after applying vertical 1D DWT and sub-sampling to an input image shown in Fig. (a). The result of the horizontal 1D DWT and sub-sampling to form a 2D DWT output image is shown in Fig.(c). Multiple levels of Wavelet Transforms can be used to concentrate data energy in the lowest sampled bands. Specifically, the LL sub-band in Fig.(c) can be transformed again to form LL2, HL2, LH2 and HH2 sub-bands, producing a two level Wavelet Transform. An „R-1“ level wavelet decomposition is associated with „R“ resolution level numbered from „0“ to „R-1“ with „0“ and „R-1“ corresponding to the coarsest and finest resolutions. The straight forward convolution implementation of 1D DWT requires a large amount of memory and large computation complexity.

An alternative implementation of the 1D DWT known as the Lifting scheme provides significant reduction in the memory and the computation complexity. Lifting also allows in-place computation of the wavelet coefficients. Nevertheless, the Lifting approach computes the same coefficients as the direct filter bank convolution. To employ wavelets for image decomposition, it is replaced with the notion of *time*, which has therefore served as free variable with *Spatial position*. In addition, the wavelet framework has to deal with the two dimensional signals. Although, two dimensional wavelets can be constructed, a more popular approach is to transform images using one dimensional separable wavelet.

Using separable wavelets, one can apply the Wavelet Transform first in a direction and then transform the result again in the other direction. In firstly, DWT is applied to x-direction of an image, relocating the scaling coefficients to the left side and the wavelet coefficients to the right side as before. Afterwards, DWT is applied in they-direction on the resulting image for relocating scaling coefficients to the top.

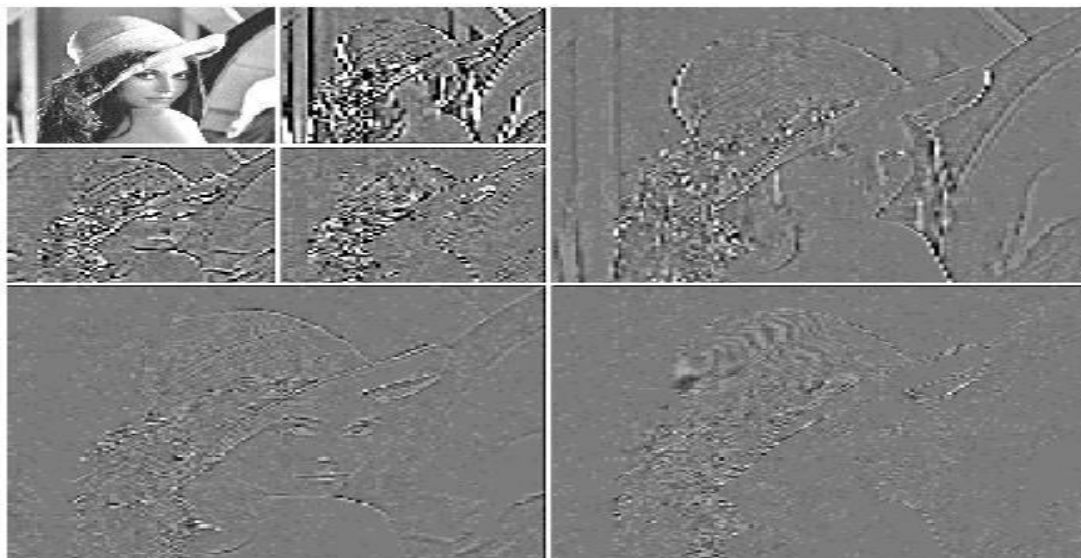


FIG.: 2 LEVEL DECOMPOSITION OF LENA IMAGE

This strategy would also limit the number of different values for coefficients, which in effect could make coding more efficient, since the number of bits required to code the values can be reduced. The process of limiting the set of possible values used is known as *Quantization*. Besides, more advanced approach is to use different values. or „*Q*” for different sub-bands. Since the human visual system is less sensitive to high frequencies it is desirable to use a greater threshold value or a coarser quantization for the fine detail sub-bands.

Conventional 3D-DWT is inefficient since it requires to access all the image frames on the same time axis, and thereby requires significant amount of memory space to perform DWT. The concept of group of frames (GOF) which is similar to the group of pictures in MPEG is introduced to overcome the drawbacks associated with conventional 3D-DWT; unfortunately this approach has its limitations from compression efficiency perspective. This process can continue to the required number of levels. This process is called multi level decomposition. A three level decomposition of the given digital image is as shown. High pass and low pass filters are used to decompose the image first row-wise and then column wise. Similarly, the inverse DWT is applied which is just opposite to the forward DWT to get back the reconstructed image. Any signal is first applied to a pair of low pass and high-pass filters. Then down sampling (i.e., neglecting the alternate coefficients) is applied to these filtered coefficients. The filter pair (h, g) which is used for decomposition is called analysis filter-bank and the filter pair which is used for reconstruction of the signal is called synthesis filter bank.(g⁺, h⁺).The output of the low pass filter after down sampling contains low frequency components of the signal which is approximate part of the original signal and the output of the high pass filter after down sampling contains the high frequency components which are called details (i.e., highly textured parts like edges) of the original signal.



Fig. 3.9: Lena image compressed with Daubechies 4-tap wavelet
(a) Original (b) 80% compressed image (c) 96% compressed image

- 1) *Haar Wavelet Transform*: The first DWT was invented by the Hungarian mathematician Alfred Haar [42] in 1909. For an input represented by a list of $2n$ numbers where „ n ” represents number of bits of a pixel. The Haar Wavelet Transform may be considered to simply pair up input values, storing the difference and passing the sum. This process is repeated recursively, pairing up the sums to provide the next scale, thus finally resulting in $2n-1$ differences and one final sum. Haar used these functions to give an example of a countable orthonormal system for the space of square integrable functions on the real line. The study of wavelets, and even the term *Wavelet* did not come until much later. The Haar Wavelet is also the simplest possible wavelet. The technical disadvantage of the Haar Wavelet is that it is not continuous and therefore not differentiable. This property can however, be an advantage for the analysis of signals with sudden transitions, such as monitoring of tool failure in machines.

III. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this we discuss about the results of the proposed method for medical image compression. This method is applied for medical images for compression of the data and the aim of this method to achieve the better performance results in terms of power, frequency and slices. Here we do image mapping by considering image block by implementing lifting wavelet scheme. The calculation of the DWT is directed in the accompanying way. The first picture information is put away in primary memory (off-chip) and stacked to the line supports line by line through the direct memory access. Row transformed lines are finished and put away set up in the line buffers. The DWT segment works on the column transformed information once a sufficient number of lines are finished (this relies on upon the lengths of the DWT channels). All operations are finished in a pipelined way. Finished DWT information is composed back to the fundamental memory through the direct memory access. Transitional limit states are put away

in limit information supports (on-chip) and got later to increase image information lines and/or limit information from the neighboring stripe and after that went to the DWT row or column kernels. When all the DWT deterioration levels are computed, each DWT preparing unit passes its upper transitional limit information to the following top neighboring unit and gets lower transitional limit information from the following lower unit to begin the union procedure to finish the DWT decay at the stripes limits. At every stage, transitional information (or states) is gone to the proper areas in the DWT portions pipeline, and calculations continue in the same way that was utilized for the introductory DWT calculations until all the DWT levels are finished.

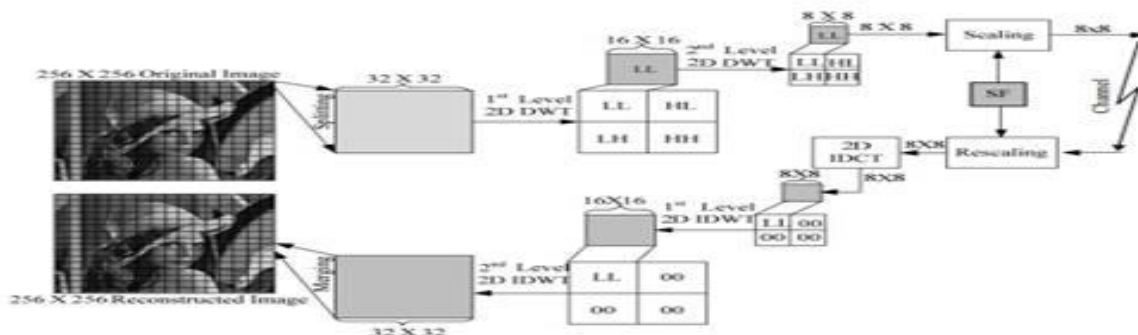


Figure. Image blocks mapping

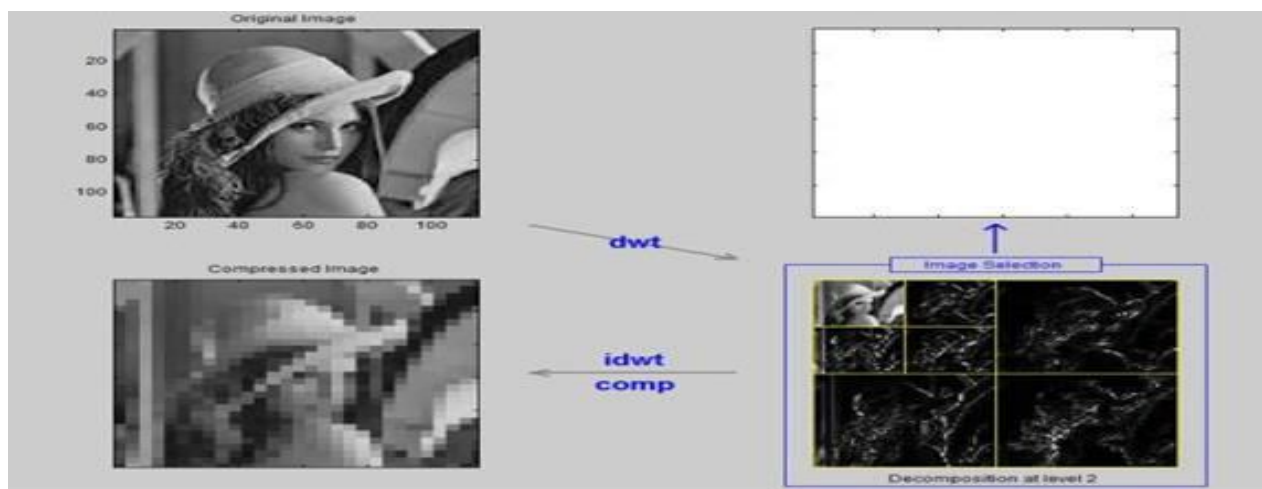
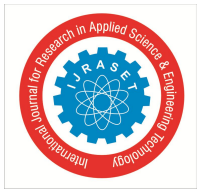


Figure: Image Representation Using Lifting Dwt Scheme

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The applications of 3-D wavelet based coding are opening new vistas in video and other multidimensional signal compression and processing. The prominent needs in these diversified application areas are efficient 3-DDWT engines with good computing power which draws the attention of the dedicated VLSI architectures as the best possible solution. Though the researches of 2-D-DWT architectures are progressing quite fast, fewer approaches are reported in the literatures designing their 3-D counterpart. This paper has presented a lifting based 3-D-DWT architecture with running transform, possibly the first of its kind. The main flavors of the design are minimized storage requirement and memory referencing, low latency and power consumption and increased throughput, which become evident when they are compared with those of existing ones. Having single adder in its critical path, the mapped processor achieves a high speed of 321 MHz, offering large computing potentials which opens up new vista for real-time video processing applications. Compared to the original 3-D-DWT transform, successful application of motion compensations before temporal transform has been reported in the literature.



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