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Review of Undersea Image Enhancement by Wavelet Based Fusion

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Abstract: An underwater image becomes unclear due to many undersea atmosphere effects. The effects are influenced by suspended sediments that lead to light dispersion and absorption while formation of an image. Under water medium is not good to process image data. It leads to reduced color disappear and contrast issues. So, in image based exploration process, it is important to improve image data for future processing. Here, we present a wavelet-based fusion technique for underwater image improvement. Thus, it has been proved that publicly available unclear undersea images are enhanced and analyzed qualitatively using state of art methods.

I. INTRODUCTION

Currently, the automated research operations are done in deep sea. The immersed imaging is a vital aspect of these automated based events. The light is reduced in submerged habitat due to retention effects of water particles and other suspended contaminated particles. When light travels deep inside water extenuation increases. In such submerged environment during image formation process, less radiance extends to lenses from an object in site that changes original colors of an object. Perforation of visible spectrum colors depends on their wavelength and depth of water. Wavelengths that are long are absorbed first while wavelengths that are short stay at longer distance in water. In light transmission within water, photons strike into water molecules and other fragments. The collisions result in direction changes of photons, such kind of arbitrary change in photons direction influences light dispersion phenomenon. In many images, forward dispersion is accountable for contrast issues. Low contrast restricts visibility in underwater habitat and image development activity, these images will be dark. Low contrast issues affect feature extraction process in image processing methods.

Wavelet filterbanks(FBs) have received substantial acceptance in image and signal processing applications, for ex- ample, denoising, compression, pattern recognition, water- marking etc. Filter-banks are categorized as bi-orthogonal or orthogonal. Bi-orthogonal (BO) Filter banks are chosen for image processing applications for linear phase criteria. It is advisable wavelet filters hold characteristics like flatness, regularity, high frequency selectivity etc.

II. STATE OF THE ART

Literature survey is the most important step in any kind of research. Before development starts we need to study previous papers of our domain which we are working and on the basis of study we can predict or generate the drawback and start working with the reference of previous papers.

“In this section, we briefly review the related work and their different techniques. For any image based exploration and inspection activity, it is essential to enhance the imaging data before going for further processing. This paper presents a wavelet-based fusion method to enhance the hazy underwater images by addressing the low contrast and color alteration issues. The publicly available hazy underwater images are enhanced and analyzed qualitatively with some state of the art methods [1]. In this paper, they have introduced an effective technique to enhance the images captured underwater and degraded due to the medium scattering and absorption. The method is a single image approach that does not require specialized hardware or knowledge about the underwater conditions or scene structure. It builds on the blending of two images that are directly derived from a color compensated and white-balanced version of the original degraded image. The two images to fusion, as well as their associated weight maps, are defined to promote the transfer of edges and color contrast to the output image. To avoid that the sharp weight map transitions create artifacts in the low frequency components of the reconstructed image, they also adapted a multiscale fusion strategy. Extensive qualitative and quantitative evaluation reveals that enhanced images and videos are characterized by better exposedness of the dark regions, improved global contrast, and edges sharpness. [2]. In this paper, numbers of simple and inexpensive enhancement techniques are suggested. These techniques attempt to make use of easily computed local context, features to aid in the reassignment of each point's gray level during histogram transformation. [3].

Current de-hazing approaches are often hindered when scenes contain bright objects which can cause veiling light and transmission estimation methods to fail. This paper introduces a single image dehazing approach for underwater images with novel veiling light and transmission estimation steps which deal with issues arising from bright objects. They used features to hierarchically rank regions of an image and to select the most likely veiling light candidate. A region-based approach is used to find optimal transmission values for areas that suffer from oversaturation. They also locate background regions through super pixel segmentation and clustering, and adapt the transmission values in these regions so to avoid artifacts. Study also validates the performance of approach in comparison to the state of the art in underwater de-hazing through subjective evaluation and with commonly used quantitative measures [4].

This paper describes a novel strategy to enhance underwater videos and images. Built on the fusion principles, their strategy derives the inputs and the weight measures only from the degraded version of the image. In order to overcome the limitations of the underwater medium they define two inputs that represent color corrected and contrast enhanced versions of the original underwater image/frame, but also four weight maps that aim to increase the visibility of the distant objects degraded due to the medium scattering and absorption. The strategy is a single image approach that does not require specialized hardware or knowledge about the underwater conditions or scene structure. This fusion framework also supports temporal coherence between adjacent frames by performing an effective edge preserving noise reduction strategy. The enhanced images and videos are characterized by reduced noise level, better exposed-ness of the dark regions, improved global contrast while the finest details and edges are enhanced significantly. In addition, the utility of our enhancing technique is proved for several challenging applications. [5].

Multirate digital filters and filter banks find application in communications, speech processing, image compression, antenna systems, analog voice privacy systems, and in the digital audio industry. During the last several years there has been substantial progress in multirate system research. This includes design of decimation and interpolation filters, analysis/synthesis filter banks (also called quadrature mirror filters, or QMFJ, and the development of new sampling theorems. First, the basic concepts and building blocks in multirate digital signal processing (DSPJ, including the digital polyphase representation, are reviewed. Next, recent progress as reported by several authors in this area is discussed. Several applications are described, including the following: subband coding of waveforms, voice privacy systems, integral and fractional sampling rate conversion (such as in digital audio), digital crossover networks, and multirate coding of narrow-band filter coefficients. The M-band QMF bank is discussed in considerable detail, including an analysis of various errors and imperfections. Recent techniques for perfect signal reconstruction in such systems are reviewed. The connection between QMF banks and other related topics, such as block digital filtering and periodically time-varying systems, based on a pseudo-circulant matrix framework, is covered. Unconventional applications of the polyphase concept are discussed [6].

Wavelet filters with rational coefficients are efficiently implemented by using simple adders and register shifts in digital hardware. In this brief, a new halfband polynomial with rational coefficients (RC-HBP) is proposed to design biorthogonal filterbanks. The Bernoulli polynomial is used to construct RC-HBP. This new class of RC-HBP is used in modified L- step lifting scheme to construct the biorthogonal filters with rational coefficients. The predict and update steps of lifting are designed from RC-HBP. The filters are constructed using three and four lifting steps. The properties of the proposed filters are measured and the result shows that the proposed wavelet filters give better symmetry, regularity and almost unity frame bound ratio, i.e., almost tight as compared to the existing methods. The proposed design method is illustrated with different examples. [7].

This paper introduces a peculiar approach for the design of almost close reconstruction based on discrete wavelet transform using multi wavelet transform (5/3 filter). Most of the time it is necessary to prevent the transmitted real time signal against unauthorized information access. In this paper, the input image is decomposed using 1-D wavelet transform. As a result, they get wavelet decomposition vector C which contains approximation coefficient, detail coefficient and corresponding bookkeeping vector S. The approximation coefficients are readjust by performing transformation to produce encrypted image. The wavelet decomposition vector and bookkeeping vector is key parameter in the encryption and decryption process. The proposed algorithm is designed such that it is difficult to brake and looking at encyption time, computational complexity is simple [8]. This paper presents a technique to design a new class of biorthogonal perfect reconstruction (PR) filterbanks. In this technique, they use Euler Frobenius polynomial (EFP) to design maximally flat Euler Frobenius halfband polynomial (EFHP). This is obtained by imposing vanishing moments (VMs) and PR constraints on EFP. The resulted EFHP is used in three and four step lifting structure to determine analysis low-pass and high-pass filters. The lifting halfband kernels are designed using EFHP. It has been ensured that the proposed filters satisfy the linear phase and PR property. Also, the proposed filters have frame bound ratio very close to unity. Several design examples are presented and the properties of proposed filters are compared with existing filters. It has been ensured that the proposed filters give

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This paper presents an eigen filter-based approach for the design of two-channel linear-phase FIR perfect-reconstruction (PR) filter banks. This approach can be used to design 1-D two-channel filter banks, as well as multidimensional non separable two-channel filter banks. The method consists of first designing the low-pass analysis filter. Given the low-pass analysis filter, the PR conditions can be expressed as a set of linear constraints on the complementary-synthesis low-pass filter. They designed the complementary-synthesis filter by using the eigen filter design method with linear constraints. It shows that, by an appropriate choice of the length of the filters, they can ensure the existence of a solution to the constrained eigen filter design problem for the complementary-synthesis filter. Thus, this approach gives an eigen filter-based method of designing the complementary filter, given a ldquopredesignedrdquo analysis filter, with the filter lengths satisfying certain conditions. They have present several design examples to demonstrate the effectiveness of the method [11]

Many wavelet filters found in the literature have irrational coefficients and thus require infinite precision implementation. One of the most popular filter pairs is the "9/7" biorthogonal pair of Cohen, Daubechies and Feauveau (1992), which is adopted in the FBI finger-print compression standard. We present a technique to rationalize the coefficients of wavelet filters that will preserve biorthogonality and perfect reconstruction. Furthermore, most of the zeros at z=-1 will also be preserved. These zeros are important for achieving regularity. The rationalized coefficients filters have characteristics that are close to the original irrational coefficients filters. Three popular pairs of filters, which include the "9/7" pair, are considered [12]".

III. PROBLEM

In image and signal processing fusion is implemented to resolve various issues. This technique relies on image fusions with discrete wavelet transforms for improvement of undersea figures. In the suggested technique color attenuation and low contrast of unclear images is considered. Therefore, we use CLAHE and histogram stretch methods for color correction and contrast enhancement. The complete process for wavelet based fusion method is exhibited in Fig. 1.

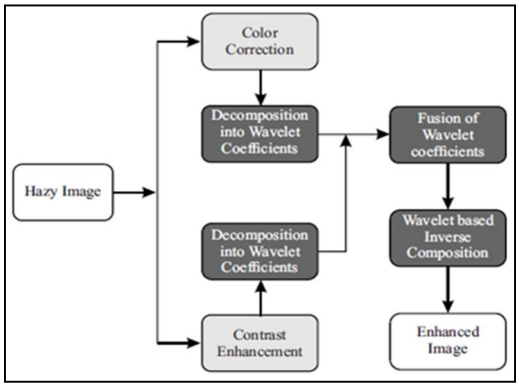

Figure 1 - Wavelet based fusion approach for underwater image enhancement

IV. CONCLUSION

This study represents new techniques to design filterbank using perfect reconstruction. The Euler Frobenius polynomial is implemented by using VM constraints and PR. The suggested EEHP is used in four steps lifting restructure for designing the new class of sharp biorthogonal filters. Proposed technique results into degree of freedom to control frequency response of filter with free variables. The design example shows proposed filters are comparable with existing techniques. Also, these filters result in more regularity, unit frame bound ratio as compare to existing filter banks, better frequency selectivity and less time frequency localization. Thus, the proposed filter obtains perfect reconstruction criterion.

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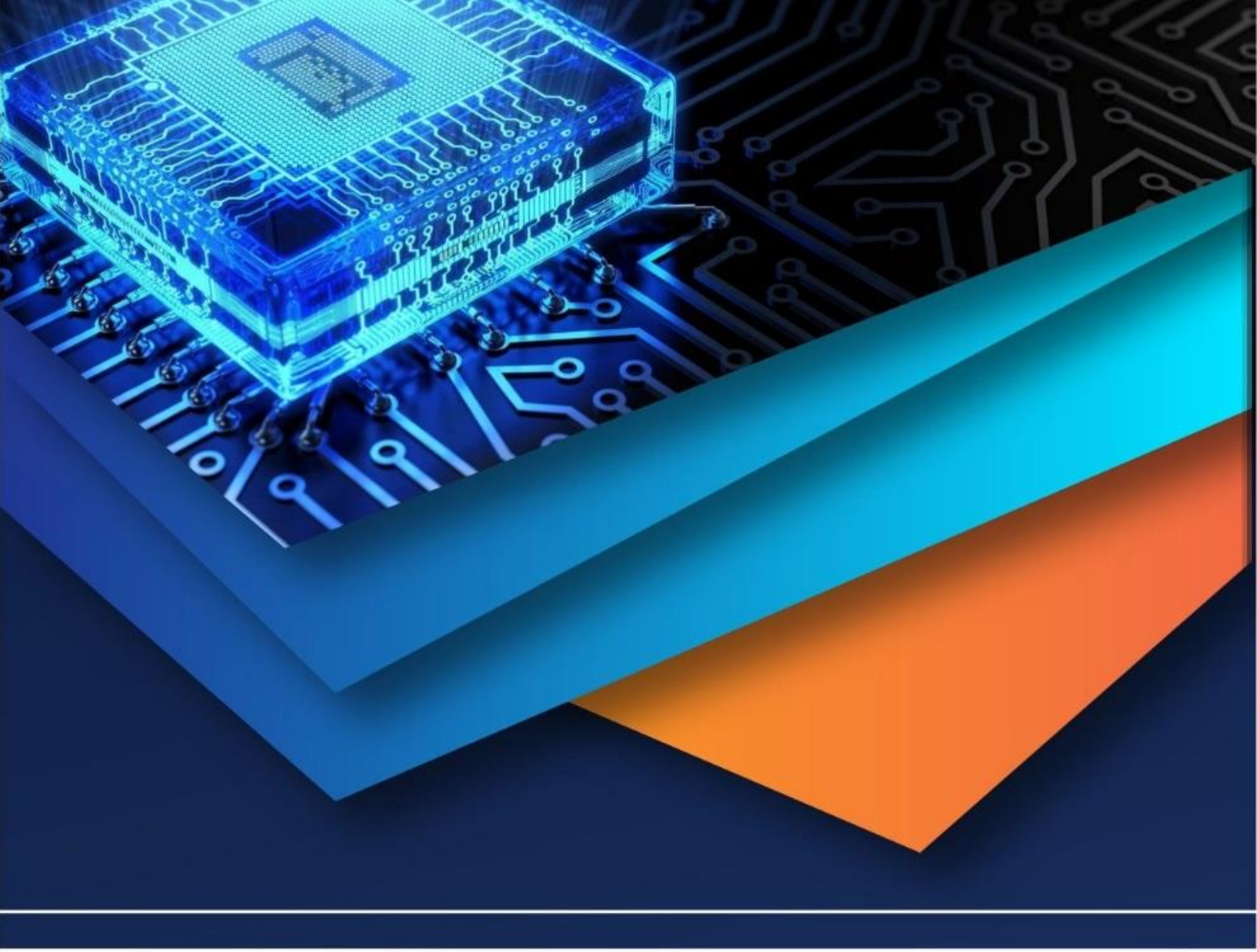

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