Part C Project Notes

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2.1 17/10/18

- Discussed questions I had about Chapter 1 (Steganography) and Chapter 2 (Steganalysis) of the Advanced Security notes and about the 2008 paper
  - *What is downsampling?* Shrinking
  - *When you take a pictures on your phone, what happens?* Captures raw image, immediately compresses it as a JPEG, and discards the raw image
  - *What determines a cover's "source"?* Primarily the camera. The camera's ISO setting, in particular, is very important. The subject of the photos don't make much of a difference.
  - *In JPEG compression, don't you lose some information when dividing the image into 8x8 pixel blocks?* No, the DCT is linear (i.e. 1-to-1 mapping from 8x8 blocks to coefficients)
  - *Is a JPEG decompressed every time you view it on a computer?* Yes
  - *When LSBR is used on RGB images, which bit(s) are changed?* Good question - it depends, but usually the LSBs of all three components (in sync)
- After embedding a payload, the original cover is destroyed. Otherwise, two nearly identical images would be floating around and Alice could easily be outed if someone got their hands on both versions.

2.2 03/10/18

- Discussed software to be used for embedding (J-UNIWARD), feature extraction (JRM), and detection (ensemble of linear classifiers)

  - All the software is here

- Server's IP: 163.1.88.150
- Amounts of payload to embed: $O(1)$, $O(\sqrt{n})$, $O(\sqrt{n}\log n)$, $O(n)$
- $m \sim \frac{\sqrt{DC}}{2} \log \frac{C}{D}$
- TIME EVERYTHING
- I will test new embedding and new detecting methods and I could also try old embedding and new detecting methods
- Total amount of space needed (assuming around 10,000 images are used):
  - Images: $2MB \times 10000 \times 9 \approx 180GB$
  - Costs: $8B \times 5M \times 10000 \approx 400GB$
  - Features: $170KB \times 10000 \times 9 \approx 17GB$