

Making Precision Livestock Farming More Energy Efficient Using Compression Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

Recently, the concept of precision livestock farming (PLF) has emerged, which has the focus of implementing information and communication technologies to improve the process of livestock farming. The problem is that once the data in farms can be digitalized, we need to find a way to make the system more energy efficient. Solving this problem is very important because it can improve the process of precision livestock farming, and thus improve the efficiency of livestock farming. Some related problems are the detection and individual identification of Holstein Friesian cattle, the use of an animal welfare platform for extensive livestock production, and the use of machine learning in precision livestock farming. *Which is the algorithm you proposed? What results did you achieve? What are the conclusions of this work? The abstract should have at most 200 words. (In this semester, you should summarize here execution times, memory consumption, compression ratio and accuracy).*

Keywords

Compression algorithms, machine learning, deep learning, precision livestock farming, animal health.

1. INTRODUCTION

Farming is a very important in the economy and society. So, the more efficient the sector can be the better every is for it. If one can implement technology with farming a lot of process could be made more precise and efficient. This would help fulfill the need for food in the worlds growing population.

1.1. Problem

The problem is that farms don't have a great way to identify sick cattle. The only resource they can use is the famers intuition. With this unprecise method many cattle die because they aren't treated. The problem is to device a more precise method to identify sick cattle.

1.2 Solution

In this work, we used a convolutional neural network to classify animal health, in cattle, in the context of precision livestock farming (PLF). A common problem in PLF is that networking infrastructure is very limited, thus data compression is required.

Explain, briefly, your solution to the problem (*In this semester, the solution is an implementation of compression algorithms. Which algorithms did you choose? Why?*)

1.3 Article structure

In what follows, in Section 2, we present related work to the problem. Later in Section 3, we present the datasets and methods used in this research. In Section 4, we present the algorithm design. After, in Section 5, we present the results. Finally, in Section 6, we discuss the results and we propose some future work directions.

2. RELATED WORK

In what follows, we explain four related works on the domain of animal-health classification and image compression in the context of PLF.

3.1 Computer and electronics in Agriculture

Farms needs to become more efficient to meet the food needs of a growing population. The problem is how can we make farming more efficient. The solution proposed by the article is to use precision livestock farming and machine learning to recognize healthy and not healthy cattle. The paper then does an in-depth investigation on various methods being used a research in this field. They did this with a Boolean search algorithm in various databases including Google Scholar, IIEE Xplore, Scopus, and Springer. After this they search for key words that satisfied the criteria that machine learning was being used for gracing, and that machine was being to enhance precision livestock farming in respects to the animal's health. This gave them 35 articles to use in their analysis. Finally, they ended by stating the limitation and challenges the industry has to solve to make this technology into a success.[10]

3.2 An Animal Welfare Platform for Extensive Livestock Production Systems

The article talks about the importance of keeping animal's welfare. Now more than ever people advocate for animals right and research has found that animal welfare correlates to people's welfare. The problem is how can one keep track of animal welfare. The researcher developed a collar that connects to a webserver to get the multiple variables like position and velocity for each animal. Then with this data they pass it through a machine learning, and it returns a well-being score. Finally, they state a few of the many application this idea has for example using them in cattle.[6]

3.3 Cloud Services Integration for Farm Animals' Behavior Studies Based on Smartphones as Activity Sensors

This article talks about the use of sensors in livestock farming, and the most critical parameter that can be monitored in animals is their behavior, since it provides information about their health and reproductive status. When analyzing an animal's behavior there are three main components, which are: the location obtained by radio frequency triangulation or GPS, the low frequency

3.4 Visual Localisation and Individual Identification of Holstein Friesian Cattle via Deep Learning

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Data Collection and Processing

In the next step, both groups of images were transformed into grayscale using Python OpenCV and they were transformed into Comma Separated Values (CSV) files. It was found out that the datasets were balanced.

Finally, using the training data set, we trained a convolutional neural network for binary image-classification using Google Teachable Machine available at <https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/train/image>.

3.2 Lossy Image-compression alternatives

3.2.1 V-variable image compression

The diagram shows a sequence of three matrices. The first matrix is a 2x2 grid with values 1, 2, 3, and 4. An arrow points from this matrix to a 4x4 grid. The 4x4 grid is composed of four 2x2 blocks, each containing the values 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the same relative positions. Another arrow points from the 4x4 grid to a 10x10 grid. The 10x10 grid is composed of four 5x5 blocks, each containing the 4x4 grid in the same relative positions.

1	2
3	4

1	3	2	2
1	3	2	4
1	3	2	4
3	2	4	4

1	2	3	4	2	2	2	2
1	2	3	4	2	2	2	2
1	2	3	4	2	2	4	2
1	2	3	4	2	2	3	3
1	2	3	4	2	2	4	2
1	2	3	4	2	2	3	3
3	4	2	2	4	2	4	2
3	4	2	2	3	3	3	3

3.2.2 Fractal Encoding

Fractal coding consists of removing repetitive structures in the image data, called fractals, from the image to be compressed. For this type of encoding, first we divide the input gray-scale image into blocks that do not overlap, these are called as Range blocks. For each R_i a Domain block (D_i) is selected so that this Domain block is similar to the Range block and twice the size. The complexity of fractal encoding is $O(n^4)$, since each range block is compared to all domain blocks.[8]

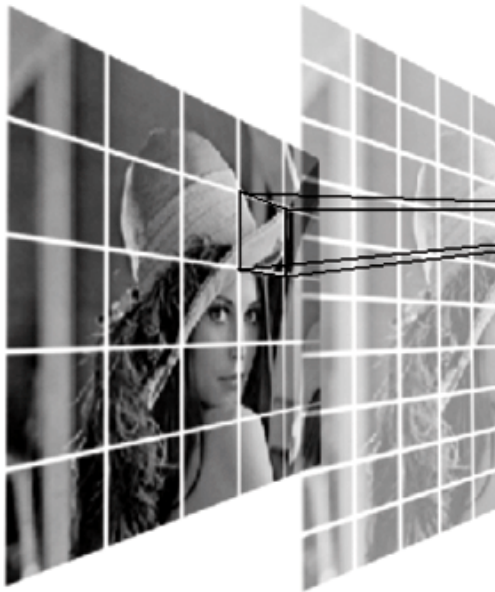


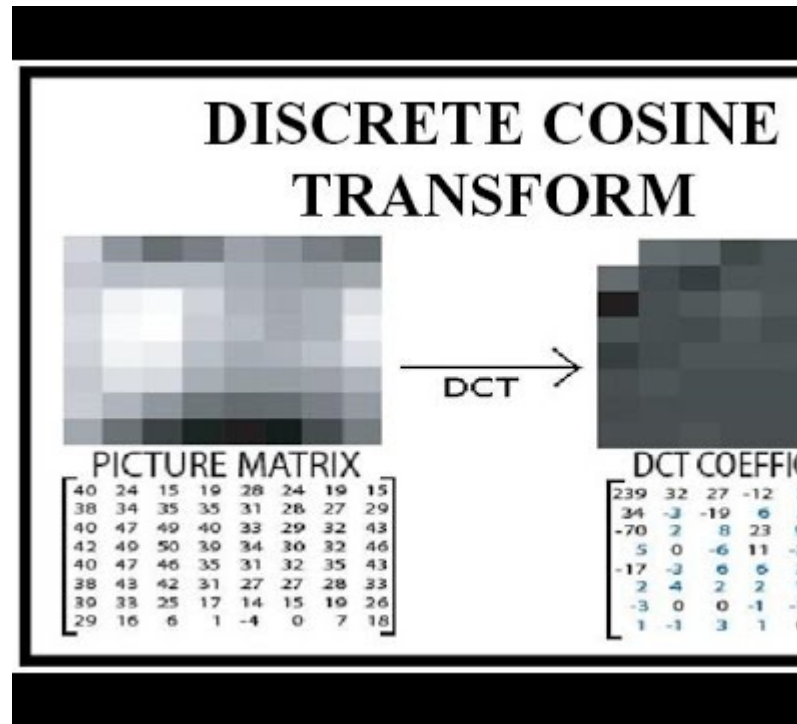
Figure 1 – In Partitioned Iterated Function System, self-similar larger portions of the image (Domain blocks) and smaller portions

3.2.3 Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

Discrete Cosine Transform consists of representing the input image into a two-dimensional matrix, as $P(i, j)$ and then, using the Discrete Cosine transform on the matrix, we obtain $P'(i, j)$. Here, the image is divided into N blocks of size $m \times m$, and is represented as a sum of cosine functions oscillating at different frequencies, following the formula:

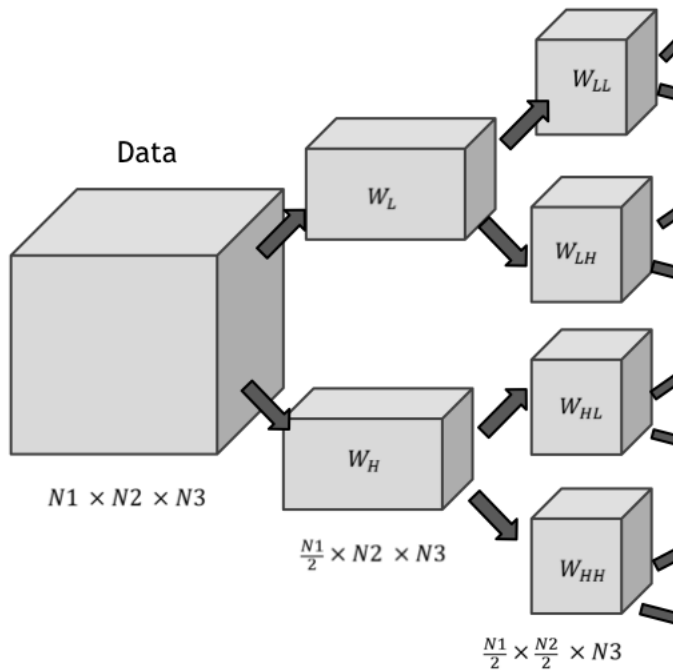
$$f(u, v) = \frac{2}{N} C(u)C(v) \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \cos \left[\frac{\pi(2x+1)}{16} \right] \cos \left[\frac{\pi(2y+1)}{16} \right]$$

Where $u=1,2,\dots, N-1$ and $v=1,2,\dots, N-1$ and $C(x)$ is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ if $x=0$ or 1 if $x \neq 0$. Then, redundant image data is removed through quantization. The complexity of DCT is $O(n^2)$. [8]



3.2.4 Discrete Wavelet Transform

Discrete Wavelet Transform consists of dividing the input gray-scale image into four sub-bands represented as LL, LH, HL and HH, and placing watermark into one of these sub-bands. In this compression technique the image is processed in both dimensions by 2D-filters, which divide the image into four sub-bands LL1, LH1, HL1 and HH. The LL1 gives the harsher level of information, so it is divided again into LL1, LH2, HL2 and HH2, this division can be done up to 5 levels. Afterwards, quantization is used to obtain the wavelet coefficients, and these are used to get the compressed image through entropy encoding. The complexity of Discrete Wavelet Transform is $O(n)$. [8]

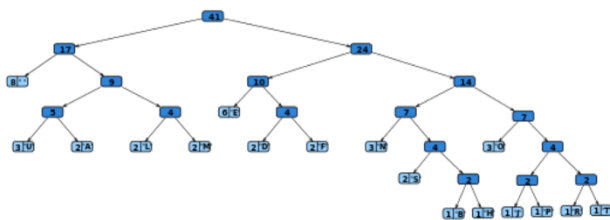


3.3 Lossless Image-compression alternatives

In what follows, we present different algorithms used to compress images. (In this semester, examples of such algorithms are Borrows & Wheeler Transform, LZ77, LZ78, Huffman coding and LZS).

3.3.1 Huffman coding

The Huffman coding reassigns bit codes to different symbols depending on the rate they appear in an image. It does by putting each symbol on a binary tree ordering them the lower on the tree it is the less likely it is to appear. The complexity of this algorithm is linear because it only goes through the array twice first putting the values to the binary tree and then assigning the new bit codes to the characters on the binary tree. After, it goes through the image changing the bit codes.[3]



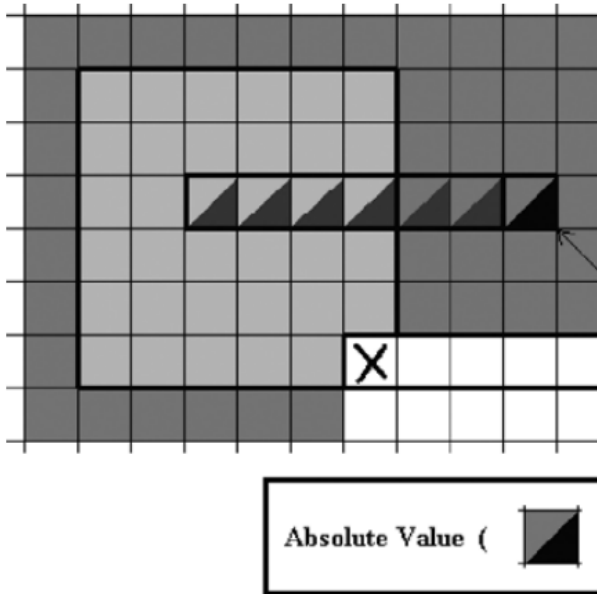
3.3.2 Burrows-Wheeler Transform

This Burrows-Wheeler Transform works by grouping similar characters together. This makes it easier to compress and require less space. It does this by rotating the string of characters and then selecting the option with the most repeated characters. Then it can use the output of the algorithm to get the original string. The complexity of this algorithm is linear because to make all the rotation it takes linear time or the length of the string. This is how the Burrows-Wheeler Transform algorithm works.[2]

Transformation				
1. Input	2. All rotations	3. Sort into lexical order	4. Take the last column	5. Output
\wedge BANANA	\wedge BANANA \wedge BANANA A \wedge BANAN NA \wedge BANA ANA \wedge BAN NANA \wedge BA ANANA \wedge B BANANA \wedge	ANANA \wedge B ANA \wedge BAN A \wedge BANAN BANANA \wedge NANA \wedge BA NA \wedge BANA \wedge BANANA \wedge BANANA	ANANA \wedge B ANA \wedge BAN A \wedge BANAN BANANA \wedge NANA \wedge BA NA \wedge BANA \wedge BANANA \wedge BANANA	BNN \wedge AA A

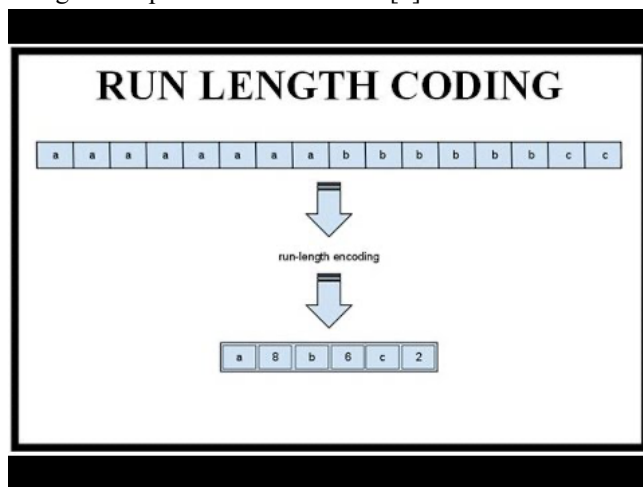
3.3.3 Grayscale two-dimensional Lempel-Ziv image compression scheme (GS-2D-LV)

In G2-2D-LV, an image is encoded by ordering the pixels by rows, which is known as raster scan order, processing one block of pixel each step. For each block of pixels, a similar match is located in the data that has already been encoded, if there is no suitable match the block of pixels is encoded using a prediction scheme. After the whole image is encoded, a statistical compression scheme is used to encode the match location, match position, residual and prediction error. The complexity of the GS-2D-LV scheme is linear.[9]



3.3.4 Run Length Encoding (RLE)

Run length encoding is compressing an image by grouping equal values into the value and a counter. This allows for images with a lot of repeat values in a row that are the majority to be made into a much shorter string. This coupled with other methods like Burrows-Wheeler Transform can make the image even shorter. The complexity of this algorithm is linear because it only takes one look through the string to compress it in this fashion.[8]



4. ALGORITHM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

In what follows, we explain the data structures and the algorithms used in this work. The implementations of the data structures and algorithms are available at Github¹.

4.1 Data Structures

Explain the data structure used to make the image compression and make a figure explaining it. Do not use figures from the Internet. (In this semester, example of the data structures are trees and hash tables)

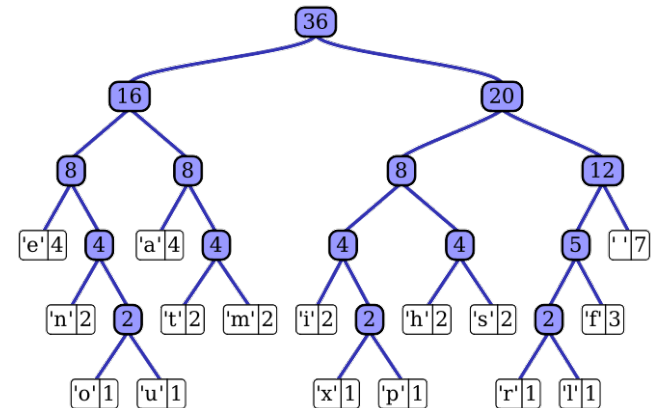


Figure 1: Huffman tree generated from the exact frequencies of the text "this" (Please, feel free to change this Figure if you use a different data structure).

4.2 Algorithms

In this work, we propose a compression algorithm which is a combination of a lossy image-compression algorithm and a lossless image-compression algorithm. We also explain how decompression for the proposed algorithm works.

Explain the design of the algorithms to solve the problem and make a figure. Do not use figures from the Internet, make your own. (In this semester, one algorithm must be a lossy image-compression algorithm such as image scaling, seam carving or wavelet compression and the second algorithm must be a lossless image-compression algorithm such as Huffman coding, LZS or LZ77).

4.2.1 Lossy image-compression algorithm

Explain, briefly, how did apply a lossy image-compression algorithm such as seam carving or image scaling. Explain also decompression.

¹<http://www.github.com/ ?????????? /proyecto/>

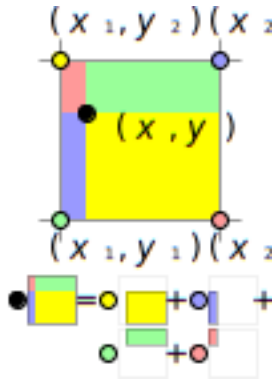


Figure 2: Image scaling using bi-linear interpolation. (Please, feel free to change this Figure if you use a different data structure).

4.2.2 Lossless image-compression algorithm

Explain, briefly, how did you apply a lossless image-compression algorithm such as Huffman coding, LZS or LZ77. Explain also decompression.

4.3 Complexity analysis of the algorithms

Explain, in your own words, the analysis for the worst case using O notation. How did you calculate such complexities. Please explain briefly.

Algorithm	Time Complexity
Compression	$O(N^2 * M^2)$
Decompression	$O(N^3 * M * 2^N)$

Table 2: Time Complexity of the image-compression and image-decompression algorithms. (Please explain what do N and M mean in this problem).

Algorithm	Memory Complexity
Compression	$O(N * M * 2^N)$
Decompression	$O(2^M * 2^N)$

Table 3: Memory Complexity of the image-compression and image-decompression algorithms. (Please explain what do N and M mean in this problem).

4.4 Design criteria of the algorithm

Explain why the algorithm was designed that way. Use objective criteria. Objective criteria are based on efficiency, which is measured in terms of time and memory consumption. Examples of non-objective criteria are: “I was sick”, “it was the first data structure that I found on the Internet”, “I did it on the last day before deadline”, etc. Remember: This is 40% of the project grading.

5. RESULTS

5.1 Model evaluation

In this section, we present some metrics to evaluate the model. Accuracy is the ratio of number of correct predictions to the total number of input samples. Precision, is the ratio of successful students identified correctly by the model to successful students identified by the model. Finally, Recall is the ratio of successful students identified correctly by the model to successful students in the data set.

5.1.1 Evaluation on training data set

In what follows, we present the evaluation metrics for the training data set in Table 3.

	<i>Training data set</i>
<i>Accuracy</i>	0.02
<i>Precision</i>	0.03
<i>Recall</i>	0.01

Table 3. Binary image-classification model evaluation on the training data set.

5.1.2 Evaluation on test data set

In what follows, we present the evaluation metrics for the testing dataset in Table 4 without compression and, in Table 5, with compression.

	<i>Testing data set</i>
<i>Accuracy</i>	0.01
<i>Precision</i>	0.012
<i>Recall</i>	0.013

Table 4. Binary image-classification model evaluation on the testing data set without image compression.

	<i>Testing data set</i>
<i>Accuracy</i>	0.001
<i>Precision</i>	0.0012
<i>Recall</i>	0.0013

Table 5. Model evaluation on the testing data set with image compression.

5.2 Execution times

In what follows we explain the relation of the average execution time and average file size of the images in the data set, in Table 6.

Compute execution time for each image in Github. Report average execution time Vs average file size.

	<i>Average execution time (s)</i>	<i>Average file size (MB)</i>
<i>Compression</i>	100.2 s	12.4 MB
<i>Decompression</i>	800.1 s	12.4 MB

Table 6: Execution time of the (Please write the name of the algorithms, for instance, seam carving & LZ77) algorithms for different images in the data set.

5.3 Memory consumption

We present memory consumption of the compression and decompression algorithms in Table 7.

	<i>Average memory consumption (MB)</i>	<i>Average file size (MB)</i>
Compression	634 MB	3.12 MB
Decompression	9 MB	878.12 MB

Table 7: Average Memory consumption of all the images in the data set for both compression and decompression.

To measure memory consumption, you should use a profiler. A very good one for Java is VisualVM, developed by Oracle, <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/technotes/guides/visualvm/profiler.html>. For Python, use C Profiler.

5.3 Compression ratio

We present the average compression ratio of the compression algorithm in Table 8.

	<i>Healthy Cattle</i>	<i>Sick Cattle</i>
Average compression ratio	1:23	1:34

Table 8: Rounded Average Compression Ratio of all the images of Healthy Cattle and Sick Cattle.

6. DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS

Explain the results obtained. Are precision, accuracy and sensibility appropriate for this problem? Is the model over-fitting? Is memory consumption and time consumption appropriate? Is compression ratio appropriate? Does compression changes significantly precision on the test data set? (In this semester, according to the results, can this improve animal-health classification in the context of PLF?)

6.1 Future work

Answer, what would you like to improve in the future? How would you like to improve your algorithm and its implementation? What about using discrete cosine transform or wavelet compression?

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