

Lab 3: Simple Steganography

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1 Part 1: JPEG Snoop

1.1 imageOrigin1.jpg

Make: Canon

Model: Powershot A75

These quantization tables match those of several Canon cameras, including the Powershot A75, so this image is likely original.

```
*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x00002002
Table length = 132
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=0 (Luminance)
DQT, Row #0: 1 1 1 2 3 6 8 10
DQT, Row #1: 1 1 2 3 4 8 9 8
DQT, Row #2: 2 2 2 3 6 8 10 8
DQT, Row #3: 2 2 3 4 7 12 11 9
DQT, Row #4: 3 3 8 11 10 16 15 11
DQT, Row #5: 3 5 8 10 12 15 16 13
DQT, Row #6: 7 10 11 12 15 17 17 14
DQT, Row #7: 14 13 13 15 15 14 14 14
Approx quality factor = 92.96 (scaling=14.08 variance=5.28)
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=1 (Chrominance)
DQT, Row #0: 4 4 5 9 15 26 26 26
DQT, Row #1: 4 4 5 10 19 26 26 26
DQT, Row #2: 5 5 8 9 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #3: 9 10 9 13 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #4: 15 19 26 26 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #5: 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #6: 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #7: 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
Approx quality factor = 88.24 (scaling=23.52 variance=21.42)
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1.2 imageOrigin2.jpg

Make: Minolta Co., Ltd.

Model: DiIMAGE S304

These quantization tables match those of several Minolta cameras, including the DiIMAGE S304, so this image is likely original. JPEG Snoop notes that the software field is set, but this frequently contains the software version.

```
*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x000047B5
Table length = 132
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=0 (Luminance)
DQT, Row #0: 1 1 4 5 6 5 2 5
DQT, Row #1: 1 2 6 5 1 2 8 5
DQT, Row #2: 1 1 2 1 1 8 3 6
DQT, Row #3: 1 1 1 1 6 2 8 12
DQT, Row #4: 1 2 5 1 7 10 10 12
DQT, Row #5: 4 6 2 10 11 8 10 11
DQT, Row #6: 5 3 10 9 7 7 9 10
DQT, Row #7: 5 6 4 6 9 9 10 9
Approx quality factor = 94.65 (scaling=10.71 variance=62.00)
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=1 (Chrominance)
DQT, Row #0: 1 1 9 9 9 9 9 9
DQT, Row #1: 2 9 9 9 2 9 9 9
DQT, Row #2: 4 1 9 2 6 9 9 9
DQT, Row #3: 2 6 5 4 9 9 9 9
DQT, Row #4: 2 9 9 9 9 9 9 9
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DQT, Row #5:	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	25
DQT, Row #6:	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	26
DQT, Row #7:	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	27
Approx quality factor =	94.92	(scaling=10.16	variance=47.37)	28					

1.3 imageOrigin3.jpg

Make: Canon

Model: Powershot SD400

These quantization tables match those of several Canon cameras, including the Powershot SD400, so this image is likely original.

```

*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x00001E0D
Table length = 132
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=0 (Luminance)
DQT, Row #0: 1 1 2 2 3 3 7 14
DQT, Row #1: 1 1 2 2 3 5 10 13
DQT, Row #2: 1 2 2 3 8 8 11 13
DQT, Row #3: 2 3 3 4 11 10 12 15
DQT, Row #4: 3 4 6 7 10 12 15 15
DQT, Row #5: 6 8 8 12 16 15 17 14
DQT, Row #6: 8 9 10 11 15 16 17 14
DQT, Row #7: 10 8 8 9 11 13 14 14
Approx quality factor = 92.73 (scaling=14.53 variance=19.39)
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=1 (Chrominance)
DQT, Row #0: 4 4 5 9 15 26 26 26
DQT, Row #1: 4 4 5 10 19 26 26 26
DQT, Row #2: 5 5 8 9 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #3: 9 10 9 13 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #4: 15 19 26 26 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #5: 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #6: 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
DQT, Row #7: 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
Approx quality factor = 88.24 (scaling=23.52 variance=21.42)

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1.4 imageOrigin4.jpg

Make: Minolta Co., Ltd.

Model: DiIMAGE S304

JPEG Snoop is not sure if the image is original or processed. The EXIF data stated that the camera is original, but the quantization tables do not match any known tables for this camera.

```

*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x000047B5
Table length = 132
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=0 (Luminance)
DQT, Row #0: 4 3 11 14 17 15 8 14
DQT, Row #1: 2 6 17 16 4 6 24 15
DQT, Row #2: 4 3 7 3 4 22 10 18
DQT, Row #3: 3 5 4 4 17 6 23 34
DQT, Row #4: 4 6 16 5 22 29 29 34
DQT, Row #5: 11 19 6 29 32 24 28 32
DQT, Row #6: 16 10 31 26 22 20 28 28
DQT, Row #7: 16 19 14 18 26 27 29 28
Approx quality factor = 83.81 (scaling=32.39 variance=477.61)
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=1 (Chrominance)
DQT, Row #0: 4 5 28 28 28 28 28 28
DQT, Row #1: 6 28 28 28 6 28 28 28
DQT, Row #2: 13 5 28 7 18 28 28 28
DQT, Row #3: 6 18 16 13 28 28 28 28
DQT, Row #4: 7 28 28 28 28 28 28 28
DQT, Row #5: 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28
DQT, Row #6: 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28
DQT, Row #7: 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28
Approx quality factor = 84.00 (scaling=32.00 variance=450.51)

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1.5 imageOrigin5.jpg

Make: Sony

Model: DSC-V1

JPEG Snoop found the quantization table in it's databased associated with this camera, so it is likely that it's original. However, this table also matches photo-editing software like GIMP and Paint.

```

*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x00001887
Table length = 132
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=0 (Luminance)
DQT, Row #0: 1 1 1 1 2 3 4 5
DQT, Row #1: 1 1 1 2 2 5 5 4
DQT, Row #2: 1 1 1 2 3 5 6 4
DQT, Row #3: 1 1 2 2 4 7 6 5
DQT, Row #4: 1 2 3 4 5 9 8 6
DQT, Row #5: 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 7
DQT, Row #6: 4 5 6 7 8 10 10 8
DQT, Row #7: 6 7 8 8 9 8 8 8
Approx quality factor = 96.06 (scaling=7.87 variance=0.69)
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=1 (Chrominance)
DQT, Row #0: 1 1 2 4 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #1: 1 2 2 5 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #2: 2 2 4 8 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #3: 4 5 8 8 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #4: 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #5: 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #6: 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
DQT, Row #7: 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Approx quality factor = 96.02 (scaling=7.97 variance=0.33)

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1.6 imageOrigin6.jpg

Make: NONE

Model: NONE

JPEG Snoop loosely matched compression signatures to a Sony Cybershot that had been subsampled. The image also matched image editing software like Photoshop, Paint, Quicktime, and more. JPEG Snoop claimed the image was edited.

```

*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x00000014
Table length = 67
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=0 (Luminance)
DQT, Row #0: 8 6 5 8 12 20 26 31
DQT, Row #1: 6 6 7 10 13 29 30 28
DQT, Row #2: 7 7 8 12 20 29 35 28
DQT, Row #3: 7 9 11 15 26 44 40 31
DQT, Row #4: 9 11 19 28 34 55 52 39
DQT, Row #5: 12 18 28 32 41 52 57 46
DQT, Row #6: 25 32 39 44 52 61 60 51
DQT, Row #7: 36 46 48 49 56 50 52 50
Approx quality factor = 74.75 (scaling=50.51 variance=0.81)
-----
*** Marker: DQT (xFFDB) ***
Define a Quantization Table.
OFFSET: 0x00000059
Table length = 67
-----
Precision=8 bits
Destination ID=1 (Chrominance)
DQT, Row #0: 9 9 12 24 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #1: 9 11 13 33 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #2: 12 13 28 50 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #3: 24 33 50 50 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #4: 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #5: 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #6: 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50
DQT, Row #7: 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50
Approx quality factor = 74.74 (scaling=50.52 variance=0.19)

```

1.7 Discussion

If JPEGsnoop doesnt find a match between the quantization tables and the metadata tags, does this mean that the images origin has been falsified? Why or why not?

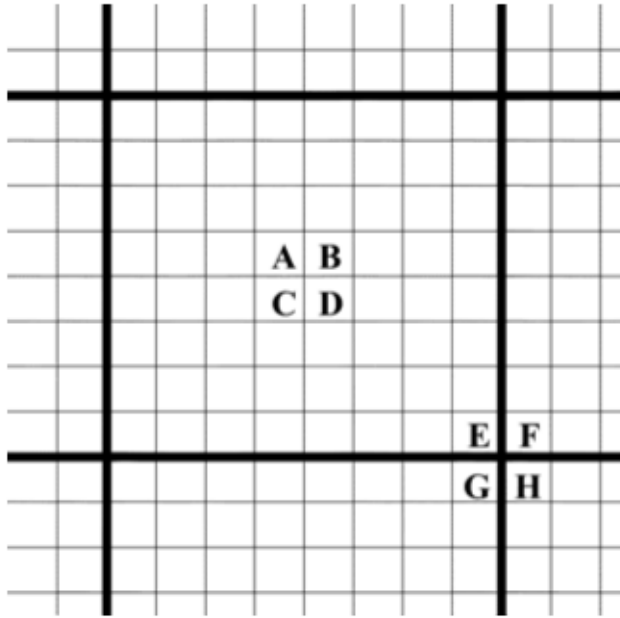
If the image EXIF header doesn't match the quantization table in JPEGsnoop it is possible that the images origin has been falsified. It is also possible that the image has just been recompressed with a new quantization table, or compressed with a custom table in the camera.

How could a forger fool falsify the origin of a digital image (i.e. pass the image off as having been captured by a different camera) and fool a program like JPEGsnoop?

A forger could falsify the origin of a digital image to fool JPEGsnoop by recompressing the image with a quantization table that is characteristic of a different camera, in addition to changing the EXIF header data.

2 Part 2: Block Detection

JPEG compression can be detected by identifying 8×8 grids across the image. One way to quantify the blocking is to make the same calculation at the center of an 8×8 block and at the edge of an 8×8 block and compare the error. If there are no blocking artifacts then the error should be small, if there are blocking artifacts the values at the corners will greatly vary from the center of the block.



Using the $[A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H]$, noted above the (1) and (2) are calculated for every 8×8 block in the image.

$$Z'(i, j) = |A - B - C + D| \quad (1)$$

$$Z''(i, j) = |E - F - G + H| \quad (2)$$

The values are then put into a normalized histogram, if the center values, Z' , histogram looks the same as the edge values Z'' , histogram; then the image was jpeg compressed.

```
im1=imread('Assignment4Files/blockArtifacts1.tif');  
k1=blockDetect(im1);
```

```
im2=imread('Assignment4Files/blockArtifacts2.tif');  
k1=blockDetect(im2);
```

```
im3=imread('Assignment4Files/blockArtifacts3.tif');  
k1=blockDetect(im2);
```

```
type('blockDetect.m')
```

The strength of the blocking fingerprint is 5.842621e-01.
So the image was JPEG compressed

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 So the image was JPEG compressed

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```
function [ k ] = blockDetect( im )
%blockDetect implements the Fan and de Quieroz's JPEG blocking artifact
% detecting algorithm. inputs any image and output the k, blocking
% strength value.
Zp=[];
Zpp=[];
[r,c]=size(im);
for i=1:8:r-8 % dont do the last 8x8 block in row or cols
    for j=1:8:c-8
        grid=im(i:i+7,j:j+7); % grid plus one
        A=grid(4,4);
        B=grid(4,5);
        C=grid(5,4);
        D=grid(5,5);
        Zp=[Zp, double(abs(A-B-C+D))];
        E=grid(8,8);
        F=im(i+7,j+8);
        G=im(i+8,j+7);
        H=im(i+8,j+8);
        Zpp=[Zpp, double(abs(E-F-G+H))];
    end
end
% 2)
figure
HI=histogram(Zp,255);
HI.Normalization = 'probability';
hold on
HII=histogram(Zpp,255);
HII.Normalization = 'probability';
legend('Normalized center values','Normalized edge values')
% 3)
k=sum(abs(HI.Values-HII.Values));
n=0.25;
% 4)
jpegDetect = (k>n);
fprintf('The strength of the blocking fingerprint is %d.\n',k);
if jpegDetect==1
    fprintf('So the image was JPEG compressed \n')
else
    fprintf('So the image was not JPEG compressed \n')
end
end
```

As seen below the Z' and Z'' , histograms look very different. Also the error of the two histograms was taken, called the blocking fingerprint. The blocking fingerprint was then compared to a threshold of 0.25 to see if jpeg compression was detected.

