

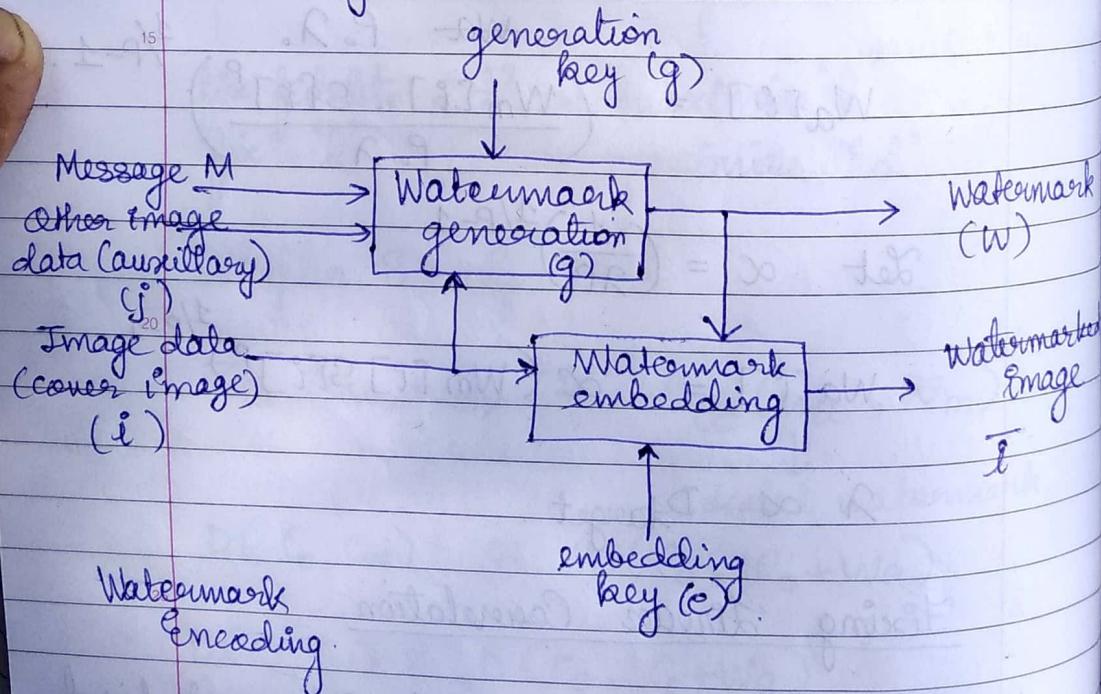
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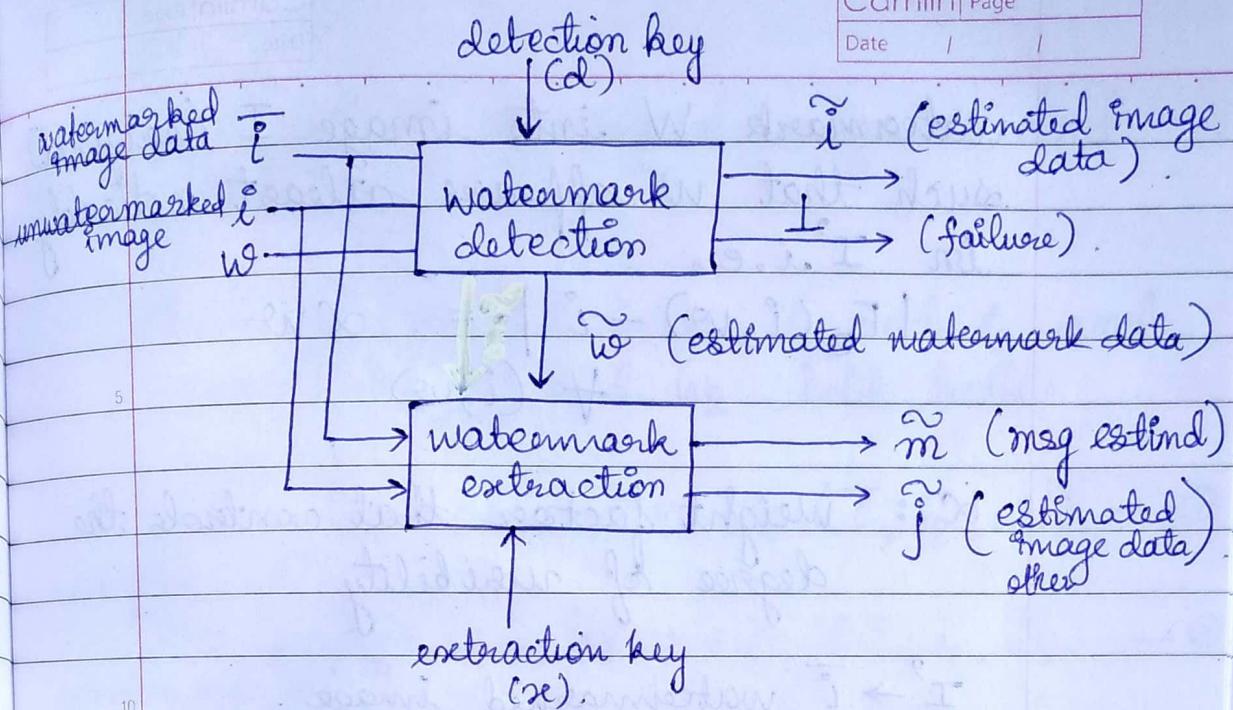
$$= \frac{Z_{\text{target}} - Z_{fc}(C_0, w_m)}{Z_{fc}(w_j, w_m)}$$

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Digital Image Watermarking, formal model fundamental properties

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Watermark decoding

Perceptual similarity

Any two images i_1 and i_2 are said to be (d, t) perceptually similar if

$$d_j(i_1, i_2) \leq t_j \text{ for all } j$$

measures $d_j \in d$, thresholds $t_j \in t$.

$d = \{d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n\}$ and threshold

$t = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_n\}$.

t is predefined

(d_j, t_j) perceptually similar
in measures of similarity.

Visibility

A watermarking scheme is called visible or perceptual if $E(\cdot)$ embeds a given

Watermark W into image I (original) such that W appears atleast noticeably in I' i.e.

$$|E_e(i, w) - i| = \alpha w$$

α : weight factor that controls the degree of visibility.

$I' \rightarrow \bar{i}$ watermarked image.

$I \rightarrow i$ original image.

$$E_e(i, w) = \bar{i}$$

embedding function

α is less.
visibility is less.

A watermarking scheme is called invisible or imperceptible if E embeds w into i such that \bar{i} is perceptually similar to original image i .

$$E_e(i, w) \approx i$$

embedding key e .

all watermarking schemes may not require e .
only keyed embedding algos.

Blindness.

A watermarking scheme is called blind or oblivious if both $D(\cdot)$ and $X(\cdot)$ are

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detection algo

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extraction algo

independent of original image i and watermark w .

Formally, for all images i_1 and i_2 and watermarks w_1 and w_2 hold both

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detection key

$$X_x(\bar{i}, i_1, \tilde{w}_1) = X(\bar{i}, i_2, \tilde{w}_2) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

extraction key.

same O/P even when (i_1, w_1) and (i_2, w_2) changes $\rightarrow i$ and w not helping in D .

Similarly, same O/P by $X(\cdot)$ even when i_1 and i_2 are different.

Invertibility

A watermarking scheme is invertible, reversible, lossless if inverse of $E(\cdot)$ is computationally feasible.] do the feasible to compute [computation in polynomial time not exponential

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$$D_d(\bar{i}, i_1, w_1) = D_d(\bar{i}, i_2, w_2). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\xleftarrow[\text{extraction key.}]{\text{detection key}} X_x(\bar{i}, i_1, \tilde{w}_x) = X_x(\bar{i}, i_2, \tilde{w}_x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

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if $F_c(i, \omega) = \bar{i}$

then $E_e^{-1}(\bar{i}) = (i, \omega)$ exists
↓
Invertible

Semi-blind

either detection is independent and extraction is not or vice versa.
— semi-blind.

Non-blind

both extraction and detection algorithm need original image and watermark.

Robustness

Processed Image

An image which is not essentially perceptually similar to original, but a certain amount of distortion is incurred by processing technique $p \in P$. — processed image.

If any image $l \in I$ is processed by p then for $p(l)$, following is true.
processed image.

δ : quantify change

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$$p(l) = l + \delta.$$

applicable processing techniques for an application - P .

Eg: DCT, cropping etc.

A watermarking scheme is defined into following levels of robustness :

1) robust : if $D_d(p(\tilde{i}), i, w) = 1$
 \tilde{i} - estimated image data
 \tilde{w} - estimated watermark data. $\nexists p \in P$.

2) fragile : if $D_d(p(\tilde{i}), i, w) = 1$ (bot).
 $\nexists p \in P$. represents failure

3) semi fragile : if $D_d(p(\tilde{i}), i, w) = 1 \nexists p \in P_1$.

where $P_1 \subset P$.

$(P - P_1)$

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does not belong to P_1 .

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$D_d(f(\tilde{i}), i, w) = 1 \quad \forall f \in (P \setminus P_1)$
where $P_1 \subset P$.
does not belong to P_1 .

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Embedding Capacity

Watermarking embedding capacity for an image i is the max^m size of any watermark $w = G_l(i, m, j)$ for all m and j to be embedded in i such that $E_e(i, w) \approx i$, $D_d(E_e(i, w), i, w) = (\bar{i}, \bar{w})$ and there exists $\tilde{m}, \tilde{j} | \tilde{j} \approx j$ such that $X_{\alpha}(E_e(i, w), i, w) = (\tilde{m}, \tilde{j})$.

Error probability

A watermarking detection in a normal condition is said to be false positive if $D_d(i, w) \neq 1$ for some i .

Conversely, if $D_d(\bar{i}, i, w) = 1$ for some i , watermark detection is false negative.

$$D_d(\bar{i}, i, w) \neq 1, i \neq \bar{i}$$

i :- original
O/P for embedding algorithm.

Security

A watermarking scheme is said to be secure against a hard adversary.

Eliminating

Input

Output

Win condition

is

Collusion

Input

cover image i is same

Output

Win condition

Masking

A watermarking scheme is called A-secure if scheme retains the security against the attack A (i.e. if it is hard to succeed with the set of adversary actions).

Elimination Attack

Input : Watermarked image

$$\bar{i}^0 = E_c(i, w_0) \text{ where } w \in W$$

Output : attacked image $i_a \in \bar{I}$ such that $i_a \approx \bar{i}$ \downarrow
 i (estimated)

Win condition : $D_d(i_a, i, w) = 1$ for all w .

i_a is perceptually similar to \bar{i} .

Collusion attack

Input : n copies of watermarked image cover image i . $\bar{i}_j = E_c(i, w_j)$, where $j = \{1, \dots, n\}$. ($n \geq 2$)

Output : $i_a \in \bar{I}$ such that $i_a \approx \bar{i}_j$.

Win condition : $D_d(i_a, i, w) = 1 \nvdash w$.

Masking attack

Input : A watermarked image
 $\bar{i} = E_c(i, w_0)$ where $w \in W$.

Output : $i_a \in I$ such that $i_a \approx \bar{i}$

Win cond' : $D_d(i_a, i, w_0) = 1$ but
 there exists $w \neq w_0$
 such that $D_d(i_a, i, w) \neq 1$.

10 distortion attack degrade \bar{i} by applying processing technique.

Input : A watermarked image \bar{i}
 $= E_c(i, w_0)$ and processing
 technique $q \in Q$ where Q is set of
 applicable processing techniques
 such that $Q \subset P$.

Output : processed image $q(\bar{i})$.

Win condition : $D_d(q(\bar{i}), i, w_0) = 1$ but there
 exists $w \neq w_0$ such that
 $D_d(q(\bar{i}), i, w) \neq 1$.

25 forgery attack (generate invalid watermark image so that it passes)

Input : A new unwatermarked image i_a
 $i_a \in I$, a new watermark $w \in W$
 and access to $E_c(\cdot)$.

Output : A new watermarked image
 \bar{i}_a .

w/o knowing embedding key.

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Win condition : $D_d(\bar{i}_a, i_a, w_a) \neq 1$
there exists $w_a \in W$ such that \bar{i} .

Copy attack

Input : A valid watermarked image
 $\bar{i} = E_e(i, w_0)$, a new unwatermarked image $i_a \in I$ and access to $E_e(\cdot)$

Output : new watermarked image

$$\bar{i}_a = E_e(i_a, \tilde{w}_0)$$

↑ from watermarked image.

Win condition : There exists $\tilde{w}_0 \in W$.

such that $D_d(\bar{i}_a, i_a, \tilde{w}_0) \neq 1$ where \tilde{w}_0 is estimate of w_0 .

forgery attacks
more difficult
less ↓ I/P → than copy
attacks
more ↓ I/P

Ambiguity attack (double watermark on \bar{i} image)

Input : valid watermarked image

$$\bar{i} = E_e(i, w) \text{ and access to } E_e(\cdot)$$

Output : new watermarked image

$$\bar{i}_a = E_e(\bar{i}, w_a)$$

Win condition : There exists $w_a \in W$ such that $D_d(\bar{i}_a, \bar{i}, w_a) \neq 1$.

Scrambling attack

Input : A watermarked image $\bar{i} = E_p(i, w_0)$
where $w_0 \in W$ and access to
suitable scrambling and
descrambling functions.

Output : An image $i_a \in \bar{i}$ from
scrambling samples of $i \in I$
before detection, and descramble
back to $i \in I$ after detection)

$D_d(\bar{i}_a, i, w_0) = 1$ but
there exists $w \neq w_0$ such that
 $D_d(\bar{i}_a, i, w) \neq 1$.

Passive attack

not modifying watermark image.

level 1 (detection only)

an adversary only detects the presence
of valid watermark $w \in W$ in a
watermarked image $\bar{i} \in \bar{I}$

level 2 (Invasive detection)

adversary distinguishes watermark w

Visible
Invisible
wm

level 2 - level 1 ✓
level 2 ✓

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from that of other watermarked
image(s). $\exists i \in \bar{I} \mid \bar{i} \neq i$

level 3 (comprehensive detection)

adversary gets partial info (m, j)
that $w \in W$ carries without
modifying i .

$m \in M, j \in J, i \in \bar{I}, w \in W$.

level 3 succeeds \Rightarrow level 1 and level 2
also succeeds.

similarity and differences b/w attacks.

I/P - challenger of W/M scheme is
giving I/P.