

# Efficient Steganographic Embedding by Exploiting Modification Direction (EMD)

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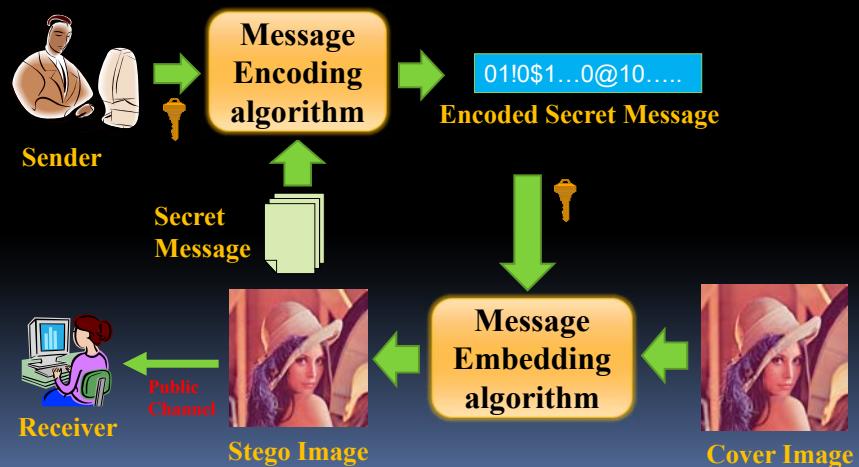


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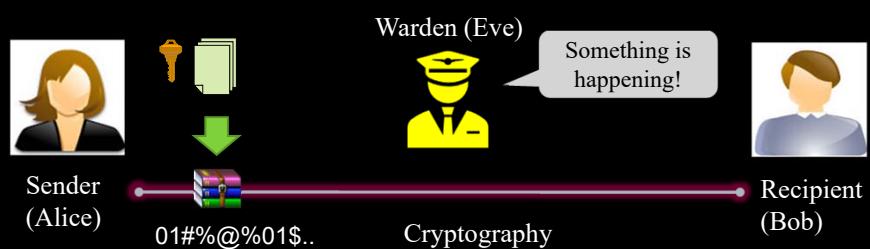
## Steganography (1/7)

**Steganography:** (偽裝學、藏密學):  
conceals secret information within seemingly innocuous carriers to achieve covert communication between the sender and the receiver



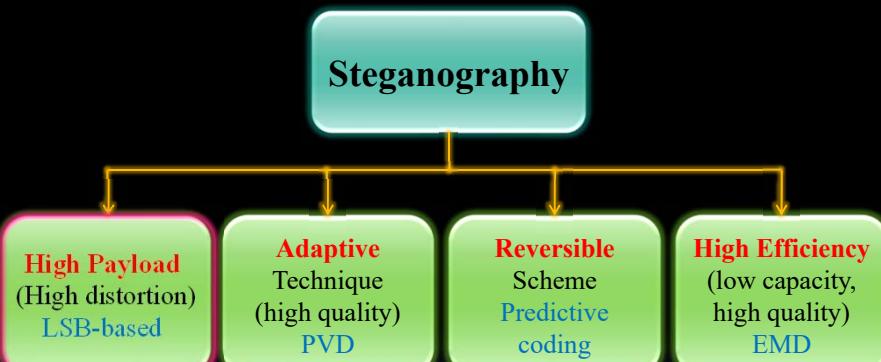
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## Steganography vs Cryptography



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## Four Categories (3/7)



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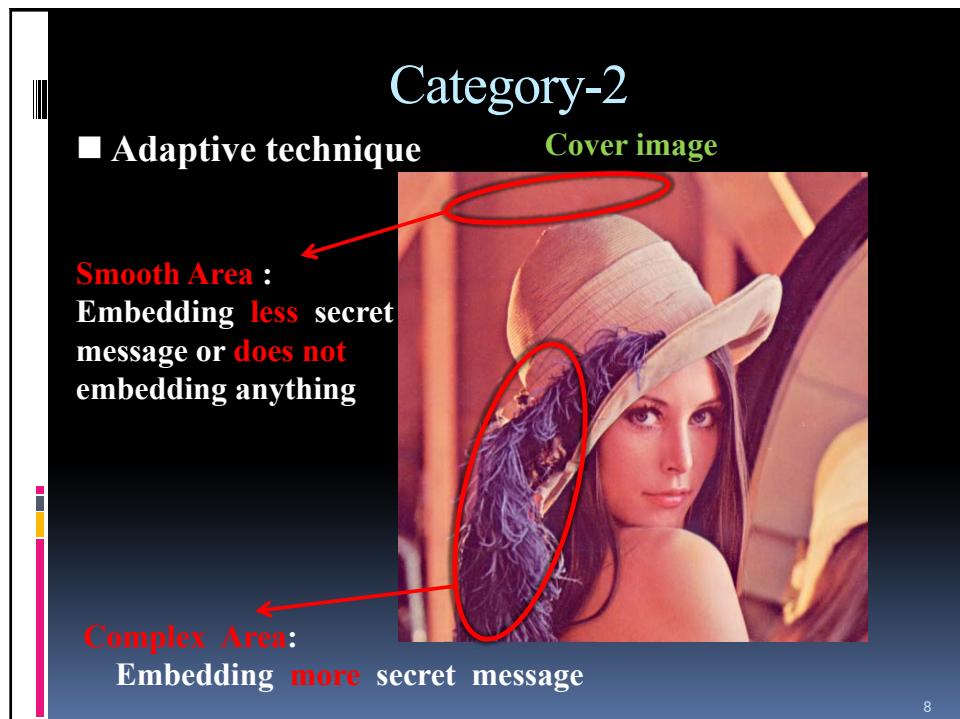
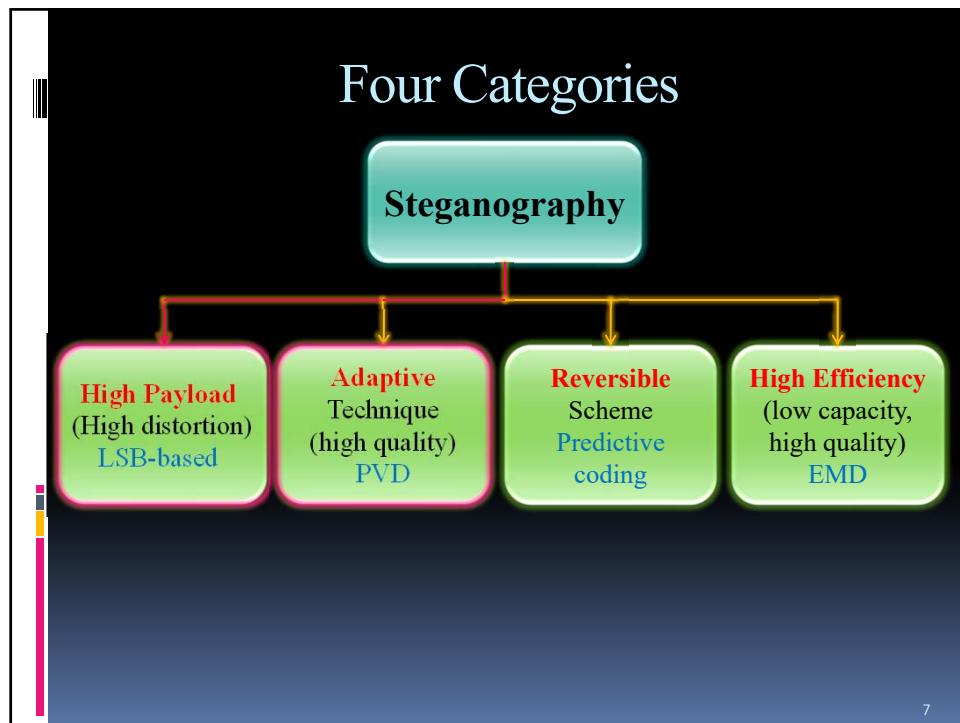
## Category-1 (4/7)

### ■ High Payload

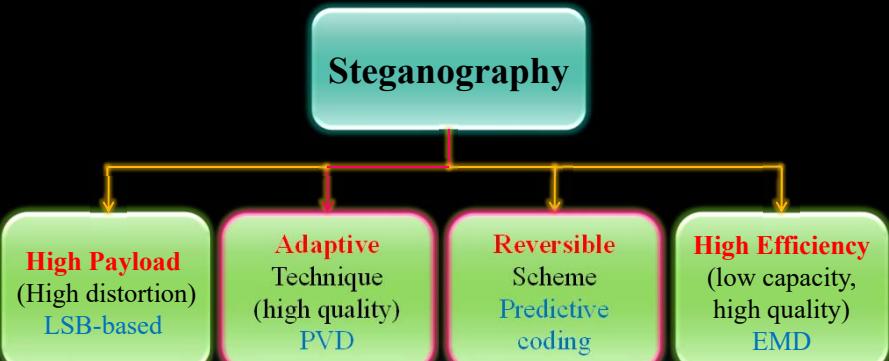


- Very high distortion

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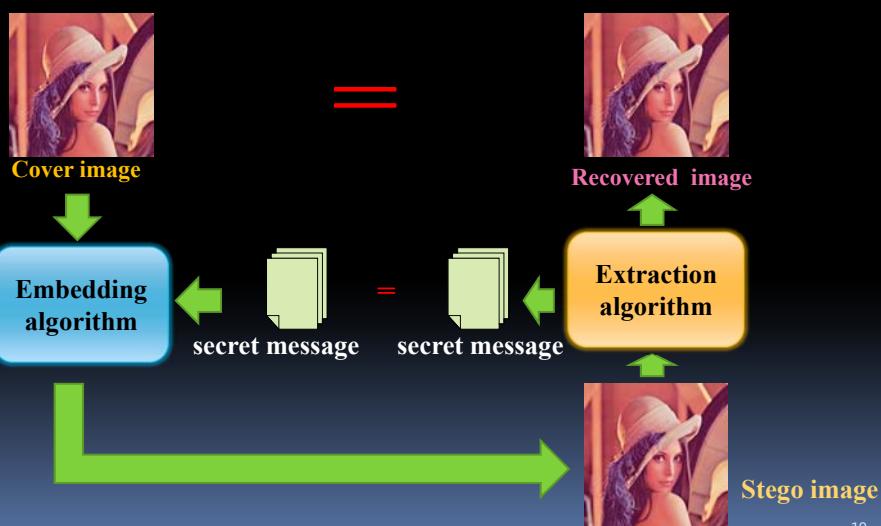
## Four Categories



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## Category-3

### ■ Reversible scheme



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## Four Categories

### Steganography

**High Payload**  
(High distortion)  
LSB-based

**Adaptive Technique**  
(high quality)  
PVD

**Reversible Scheme**  
Predictive coding

**High Efficiency**  
(low capacity,  
high quality)  
EMD

The EMD method provides high *embedding efficiency* that is better than previous techniques

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## Category-4

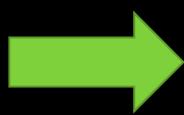
- High Embedding Efficiency: conveying messages per unit of distortion



secret message



Cover image



Stego image

- Very high quality

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## MSE

**MSE (Mean Square Error)** : distortion per pixel

Used to measure the **distortion** due to the message embedding

9	10	10	10	10	10	12	12
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
9	10	10	9	10	11	12	12

Cover image

Stego image

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE} &= ((0)^2 + (0)^2 + (0)^2 + (1)^2 + (0)^2 + (-1)^2 + (0)^2 + (0)^2) / 8 \\ &= (2) / 8 \\ &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

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## PSNR

**PSNR (Peak signal-to-noise ratio):**

Used to represent the image quality after message embedding

$$\text{PSNR} = 10 \times \log_{10} \frac{255^2}{\text{MSE}}$$

$$\text{MSE} = 0.25$$

$$\text{PSNR} = 10 \times \log_{10} \frac{255^2}{0.25} = 54.1514 \text{ dB}$$

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## Visual Comparison-1 (LSB-k)



Cover

Stego k=1

Stego k=2

Secret  
Messages



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## Visual Comparison-2



Cover

Stego k=3

Stego k=4

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## Visual Comparison-3



Cover



Stego k=5



Stego k=6

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## Visual Comparison-4



Cover



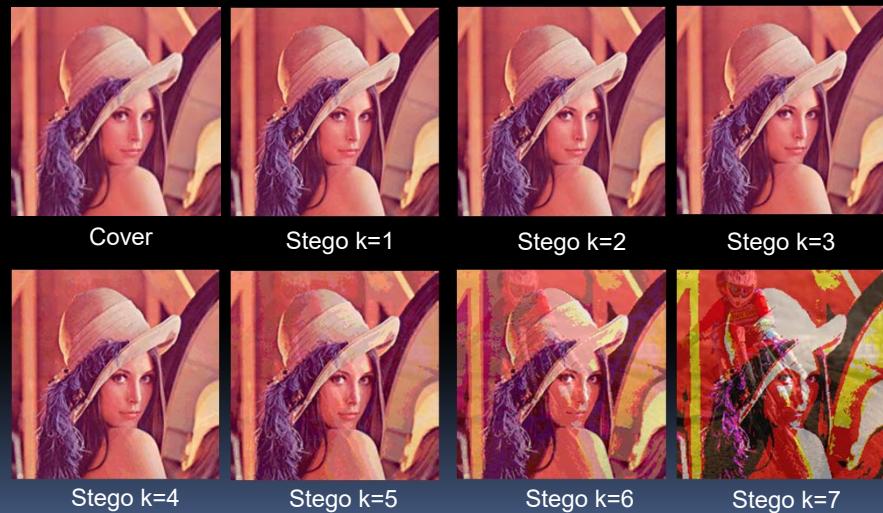
Stego k=4



Stego k=7

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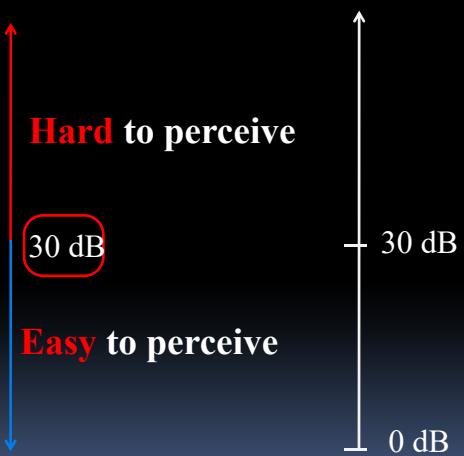
## Visual Comparison-5



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## PSNR Requirement

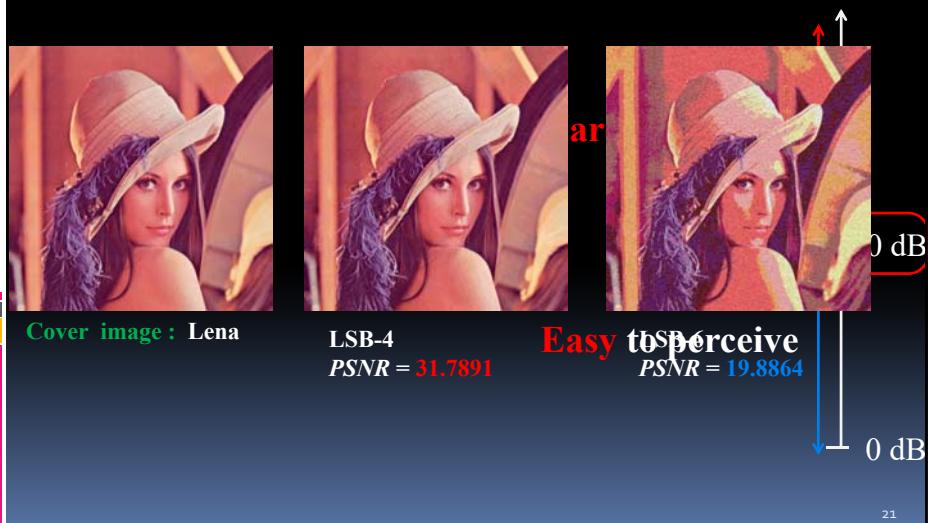
**PSNR (Peak signal-to-noise ratio): the higher, the better**



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## Introduction to MSE and PSNR(3/5)

### PSNR (Peak signal-to-noise ratio)

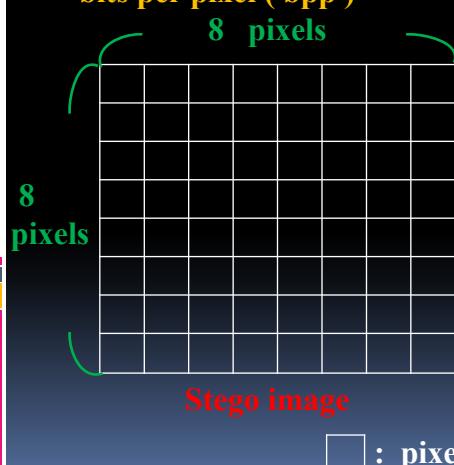


## Embedding Rate

### Embedding rate (R):

an average amount of secret bits concealed in each pixel

bits per pixel ( bpp )



pixels: 64 pixels

Capacity: 32 bits secret data

### Embedding rate

$$R = 32 / 64 \\ = 0.5 \text{ bpp (bits per pixel)}$$

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## Embedding efficiency

**Embedding efficiency (E):** balancing the embed. rate and MSE

$$\text{Embedding efficiency} = \frac{\text{Embedding rate}}{\text{MSE}}$$

**MSE** = 0.25

**Embedding rate** = 0.5 bpp

**Embedding efficiency E** = 0.5 / 0.25 = 2

**Embedding efficiency: the higher, the better**

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## Exploiting Modification Direction (EMD)

- First assumption: secret message is a digit in a notational system rather than binary bits
- We will later describe an approach if secret messages are binary bits
- Input parameter n: number of pixels that are grouped together
- EMD conceals a  $(2n+1)$ -ary digit into n pixels
  - e.g. n=3, we conceal a 7-ary digit into 3 pixels
  - e.g. n=152, we conceal a 305-ary digit into 152 pixels
- Secret digit must be in an odd notational system

$$152 \times 2 + 1 = 304 + 1 = 305$$

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EMD (Special case)

EMD( $h$ )  $M = 2n+1$

WM ( $h, M$ )

Weighted Modulus (WM)

WM ( $n, M$ ) when  $M = 2n+1$

⇒ WM degenerates to EMD

LEM

- EMD provides minimal distortion: one of three cases for pixel alternation
  - all n pixels do not need to change
  - only one out of n pixels will increase by 1 (+1), positive
  - only one out of n pixels will decrease by 1 (-1), negative

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## Digit Embedding and Extraction

- Embedding--Basic idea: given the secret digit  $d$ ,
  - use the consecutive weight  $w=(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$  to determine the extraction function,  $f$
  - determine which pixel to be altered,  $s$
  - determine the direction of the alternation (positive or negative)? addition (+) or subtraction (-)
- Extraction – Basic idea: given  $n$ , simply using the extraction function  $f$  to derive the secret digit  $d$

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## EMD: Features

- Conveys a  $(2n+1)$ -ary secret digit in a cover pixel-group of  $n$  pixels
- Embedding rate (ER):  $\log_2(2n+1)/n$  bit per pixel (bpp) 每个 pixel 最多多少 bits
- $n=2$ , ER =  $\log_2(5)/2 = 1.16096$  bpp (max.)
- ER decreases as  $n$  increases, bpp decreases ↓
- At most, only one pixel is increased or decreased by 1 ( $\pm 1$ )

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## Some Statistics

- MSE in  $n$  pixels:  $2/(2n+1)$
- PSNR =  $10 \cdot \log_{10} \{255 \cdot 255 / [2/(2n+1)]\}$

n	2n+1	R	MSE	PSNR	E
2	5	1.1610	0.4000	52.11	2.902
15	31	0.3303	0.0645	60.03	5.119
81	163	0.0907	0.0123	67.24	7.394
123	247	0.0646	0.0081	69.05	7.981
157	315	0.0529	0.0063	70.10	8.326

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 n=2 \quad 2n+1=5 \text{ ary} \\
 \begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{c|cc}
 & 1 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 \hline
 3 & 0 & -1 \\
 4 & -1 & 0
 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \mod 5 \\ \circ \\ \vdots \\ \circ \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \\
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{MSE: } \left(\frac{4}{2}\right) / 5 \text{ 像素数} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{2}{5} \leftarrow \frac{2}{2n+1}$$

$$g_{2n+1-s} = g_{2n+1-S} - 1$$

## EMD 3-Step Procedure

- 1. Determine the extraction function  $f$   

$$f = [\sum_{i=1}^n (g_i \times i)] \bmod (2n + 1)$$
  - $f = [\underline{\mathbf{G}} \text{ dot } \underline{\mathbf{w}}] \bmod (2n+1)$  /\* expressed as dot operation
  - $\underline{\mathbf{G}} = [g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n]$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{w}} = [1, 2, \dots, n]$
- 2. If  $d = f$ ,  $G' = G$  /\* no need to change any pixel  
else  $s = (d - f) \bmod (2n + 1)$  /\* alter s-th/  $2n+1-s$  pixel
- 3. If  $s \leq n$ ,  $g'_s = g_s + 1$  /\* positive direction  
else  $g'_{2n+1-s} = g_{2n+1-s} - 1$  /\* negative direction

WM

不能用  $2n+1-s$

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要用 Table 決

$n=3$  EMD Weigh  
(2 3)  
WM       $3^1 = 6$  种      123    213    312  
                132    231    321

## EMD Example-1

- $n=4$  (four pixels in a group) and secret digit  $d=4_9$
- $\underline{\mathbf{G}} = (137, 139, 141, 140)$
- $f = (137 \times 1 + 139 \times 2 + 141 \times 3 + 140 \times 4) \% (2 \times 4 + 1) = 1398 \% 9 = 3$
- $s = (d - f) \% (2n + 1) = (4 - 3) \bmod 9 = 1$
- Since  $s \leq n$  ( $1 \leq 4$ ),  $g'_1 = g_1 + 1$  /\* positive direction
- $G' = (137 + 1, 139, 141, 140)$
- Extraction: given  $G'$  and  $n$ ,
- $f = (138 \times 1 + 139 \times 2 + 141 \times 3 + 140 \times 4) \% (2 \times 4 + 1) = 1399 \% 9 = 4_9$

$n=3$			
1	2	3	1
↑	↑	↑	↑

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指對

Image

$3^1 = 3^1$

WM      EMD  
 $(\frac{1}{2}) \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}$        $\rightarrow$  1  
猜對機率      固定  
             1/2 猜中

$d=0$

$$\underline{\mathbf{G}} = (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$f = 4 \% 9 = 4$$

$$d = (0 - 4) \% 9 = -4 + 9 = 5$$

$$5 > 4$$

$$g'_4 = g_4 - 1$$

$$5$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{G}} = (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$f = 4 \% 9 = 4$$

$$d = (6 - 4) \% 9 = 2$$

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$$\begin{array}{ll}
 S=1 & g'_1 = g_1 + 1 \\
 S=2 & g'_2 = g_2 + 1 \\
 S=3 & g'_3 = g_3 + 1 \\
 S=4 & g'_4 = g_4 + 1 \\
 \hline
 S=5 & g'_5 = g_4 - 1 \\
 S=6 & g'_6 = g_3 - 1 \\
 S=7 & g'_7 = g_2 - 1 \\
 S=8 & g'_8 = g_1 - 1
 \end{array}$$

now  $\sum g_i > 5$   
 want  $\sum g_i = 5$

$$5 - 9 = -4$$

$$(88 - 81) \% 9 = 7$$

$$(83 - 4) \% 9 = 7$$

$$\frac{19}{72}$$

## EMD Example-2

- $n=4$  (four pixels in a group) and secret digit  $d=3_9$
- $G=(14, 13, 9, 4)$
- $f=(14 \times 1 + 13 \times 2 + 9 \times 3 + 4 \times 4) \% (2 \times 4 + 1) = 2$
- $s=(d-f) \% (2n+1) = (3-2) \% 9 = 1$
- Since  $s \leq n$  ( $1 \leq 4$ ),  $g'_1 = g_1 + 1$  /\* positive direction
- $G'=(14+1, 13, 9, 4)=(15, 13, 9, 4)$
- Extraction: given  $G'$  and  $n$ ,
- $f=(15 \times 1 + 13 \times 2 + 9 \times 3 + 4 \times 4) \% (2 \times 4 + 1)$   
 $= 84 \% 9 = 3_9$

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$$\begin{array}{l}
 5 \quad g'_5 = g_4 - 1 \\
 \text{ex. } 5 > 4 \quad g'_2 \times 4 + 1 - 5 = g_2 \times 4 + 1 - 5 - 1
 \end{array}$$

## Pixel Saturation

- If  $s \leq n$ ,  $g'_s = g_s + 1$  /\* positive direction  
 else  $g'_{2n+1-s} = g_{2n+1-s} - 1$  /\* negative direction
- Increase or decrease may not be allowed if the pixel is saturated ( $< 0$  or  $> 255$ )
- Solution:
  - 1. change the saturated pixel by 1
  - 2. embed the secret digit again
  - 3. repeat 1 and 2 until there is no saturated pixel

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$$S=5 \quad g_4 - 1$$

$$d = 6, n = 4$$

$$d = 6, n = 4$$

$$G = (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$G = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$f = 4 \% 9 = 4$$

$$f = (\%) 9 = 1$$

$$S = (6 - 4) \% 9 = 2$$

$$S = (6 - 1) \% 9 = 5$$

$$S \leq n \quad (2 \leq 4)$$

$$S > n \quad (5 > 4)$$

$$g_2' = g_2 + 1$$

$$g_{9-5}' = g_{9-5} - 1$$

$$G' = (0, 1, 0, 1)$$

$$g'4 = g4 - 1$$

$$g' = (1, 0, 0, \cancel{1})$$

$$G = (1, 0, 0, 1) \quad 1+4=5$$

$$f = 5 \% 9 = 5$$

$$S = (6 - 5) \% 9 = 1$$

$$S \leq n \quad (1 \leq 4)$$

$$g'_1 = g_1 + 1$$

$$G (2, 0, 0, 1)$$

## Pixel Saturation: Example 1/3

- $n=4$  (four pixels in a group) and secret digit  $d=0_9$
- $\underline{G} = (255, 255, 255, 254)$   
$$f = (255 \times 1 + 255 \times 2 + 255 \times 3 + 254 \times 4) \% 9$$
$$= 2546 \% 9 = 8$$
- $s = (0 - 8) \% 9 = (-8 \% 9) = 1$
- Since  $s \leq n$  ( $1 \leq 4$ ),  $g'_1 = g_1 + 1$  /\* positive direction
- $G' = (255 + 1, 255, 255, 254) = (\textcolor{red}{256}, 255, 255, 254)$
- Saturation pixel: in 1st pixel

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$$\begin{aligned} G' (0, 1, 0, 0, 1) &= (-1, 0, 0, 1) \\ G (1, 0, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

## Pixel Saturation: Example 2/3

- 1. change the saturated pixel by 1  
 $\underline{G} = (\textcolor{teal}{254}, 255, 255, 254)$
- 2. embed the secret digit again  
$$f = (254 \times 1 + \textcolor{teal}{255} \times 2 + 255 \times 3 + 254 \times 4) \% 9$$
$$= 2545 \% 9 = 7$$
- $s = (0 - 7) \% 9 = (-7 \% 9) = 2$
- Since  $s \leq n$  ( $2 \leq 4$ ),  $g'_2 = g_2 + 1$  /\* positive direction
- $G' = (254, \textcolor{red}{256}, 255, 254)$
- Saturated pixel in 2<sup>nd</sup> pixel

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### Pixel Saturation: Example 3/3

- 1. change the saturated pixel by 1  
 $G = (254, 254, 255, 254)$
- 2. embed the secret digit again  
 $f = (254 \times 1 + 254 \times 2 + 255 \times 3 + 254 \times 4) \% 9$   
 $(2 \times 4 + 1) = 2543 \% 9 = 5$
- $s = (0 - 5) \% 9 = (-5 \% 9) = 4$
- Since  $s \leq n$  ( $4 \leq 4$ ),  $g'_4 = g_4 + 1$  原  $(255, 255, 255, 254)$
- $G' = (254, 254, 255, 254 + 1) = (254, 254, 255, 255)$  变动量 3.
- Extraction: given  $G'$  and  $n$ ,
- $f = (254 \times 1 + 254 \times 2 + 255 \times 3 + 255) \% 9$   
 $= 2547 \% 9 = 0_9$

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$n=4$  最多 3 次移动

### Implementation

- Implement EMD message embedding algorithm
- Input:
  1.  $n \geq 2$  but  $n \leq M \times N$  (ignore pixels not in a group)
  2. seed = 100 to produce a random sequence as  $(2n+1)$ -ary secret digits which are in the range of  $0 \sim 2n$
  3. a color image, say cover-kodak-1
- Output:
  1. a stego image, say stego-kodak-1
  2. a secret digit file, say secret-digit.txt, separate by space

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## Suggestion for the Development

- You are suggested to use a function to conceal the secret messages
- This function can be re-used later in the next assignment
- e.g.
- EMD\_Mess\_Conceal(n, K, d, pixel-array[])
- n: number of pixels in a group
- K: this integer parameter will be used later
- d: secret digit to be concealed
- pixel-array[]: pixel array representation

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## Current Limitation

- Previous EMD approach assumes that the secret messages are represented by  $(2n+1)$ -ary digits
- Secret messages are normally being compressed and encrypted
  - Save space and increase the security
- It is reasonable to consider secret messages are a binary bitstream with an equal probability of the bits “0” and “1”
- We need two extra parameters **K** and **L** to cope with this situation

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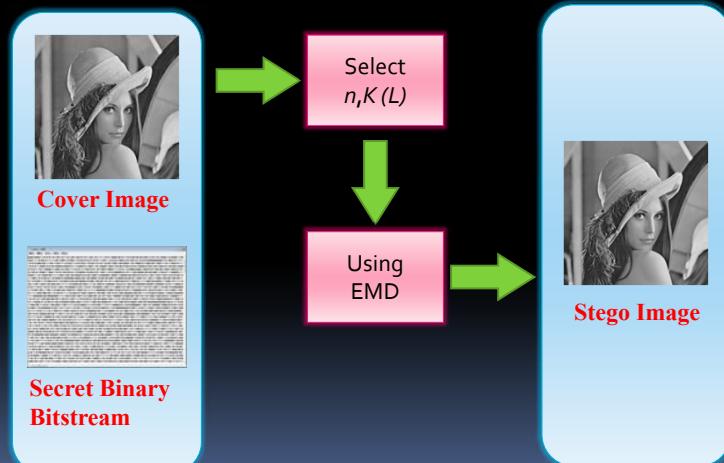
## Exploiting Modification Direction

- We assume the following two conditions:
- 1. The secret message to be concealed is a binary bitstream
- 2. The binary bitstream contains bits “0” or “1” which have equal probability of appearance
- EMD( $n, K$ ) has two input parameters
- $n$ : number of cover pixels in a group
- $K$ : number of  $(2n+1)$ -ary digits to carry  $L$ -bits secret bits
- $L = \lfloor K \times \log_2(2n + 1) \rfloor$

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## Exploiting Modification Direction(1/17)

### ■ EMD Embedding



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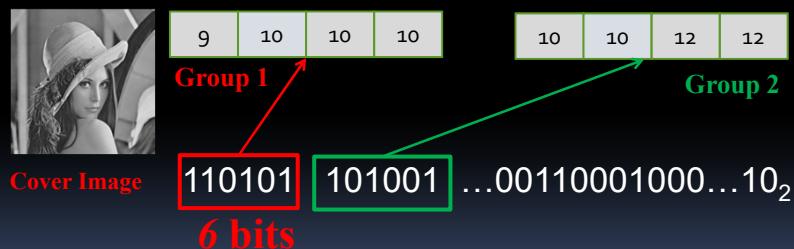
## Exploiting Modification Direction(2/17)

### ■ Related variables

**n:** a group of cover pixels, e.g.  $n = 4$

**K:** the digits in a  $(2n+1)$ -ary notational system, e.g.  $K=2$

$$L = \lfloor K \cdot \log_2(2n+1) \rfloor \text{ e.g. } L = \lfloor 2 \cdot \log_2(2 \cdot 4 + 1) \rfloor = 6$$



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## Exploiting Modification Direction(3/17)

### ■ Related variables

**n:** a group of cover pixels,

**K:** the digits in a  $(2n+1)$ -ary notational system,

**L:** the length of secret message to be subdivided into a message fragment

EX:  $n = 4, K = 2$

Secret message :  $(110101101001110100..)_2$

$$L = \lfloor 2 \cdot \log_2(2 \cdot 4 + 1) \rfloor = 6$$

→ Secret message :  $(110101_2 \ 101001_2 \ 110100_2 \ ..)$

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$$\frac{53}{7} \% \eta = 4$$

$$h=3, k=5, L = \lfloor 2 \cdot \log_2 7 \rfloor = 14$$

$$53 \% \eta = 4$$

$$\frac{53}{7} \% \eta = 0 \quad [ \frac{53}{7} ] \% \eta$$

$$\frac{53}{7} \% \eta = 0$$

$$7^2 + 4 = 49 + 4 = 53$$

$$\frac{53}{14} \% \eta = 1$$

$$\frac{53}{7} \% \eta = 1$$

## Exploiting Modification Direction(4/17)

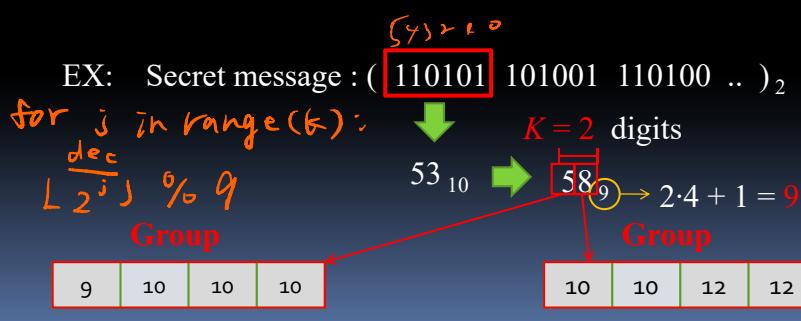
### ■ EMD Embedding

#### I. Select $n, K$

EX:  $n = 4, K = 2, L = \lfloor 2 \cdot \log_2 (2 \cdot 4 + 1) \rfloor = 6$

#### II. Reading secret message

- convert a secret message into a sequence of  $(2n+1)$  digits



$$53 \% 9 = 8$$

$$\frac{53}{9} \% 9 = 5$$

$$8 + 5 \times 9 = 53$$

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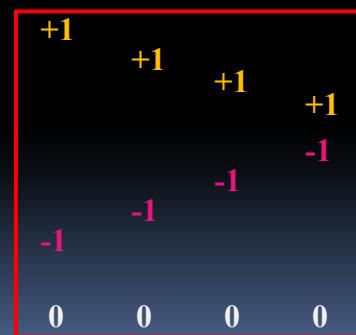
## Exploiting Modification Direction(5/17)

### ● Why “ $2n+1$ ” ?

EX:  $n = 4$

Cover pixel : 

9	10	10	10
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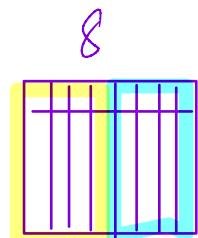
$2 \cdot 4 + 1 = 9$  possible ways of modification

Range of the secret data :  $0 \sim 8$

$$\frac{L}{K} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$\frac{H \times V}{n} = \frac{8 \times 8}{4} = 16$$

$$16 \times 3 = 48$$



$$\frac{H \times V}{n} = \frac{8 \times 8}{4} = 16$$

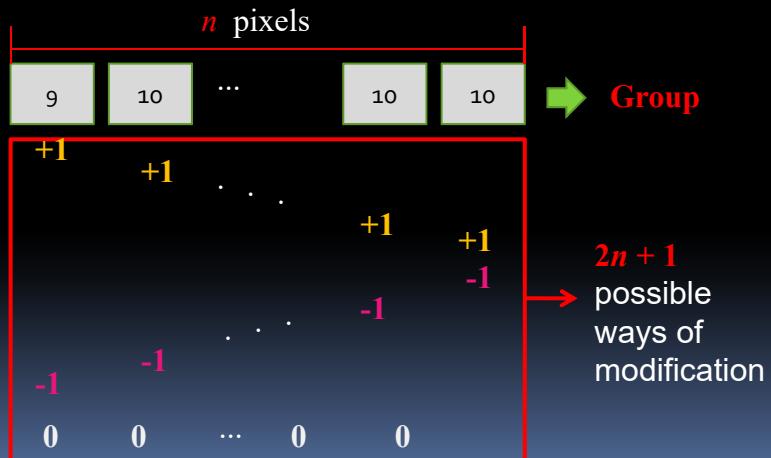
$$\frac{16}{k} = \frac{16}{2} = 8$$

$$8 \times \frac{b}{L} = 48$$

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## Exploiting Modification Direction(6/17)

- Why “ $2n+1$ “ ?  
each group of  $n$  pixels :



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## EMD 3-Step Procedure

- 1. Determine the extraction function  $f$   

$$f = [\sum_{i=1}^n (g_i \times i)] \bmod (2n + 1)$$
  - $f = [\underline{\mathbf{G}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{w}}] \bmod (2n+1)$  /\* expressed as dot operation
  - $\underline{\mathbf{G}} = [g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n]$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{w}} = [1, 2, \dots, n]$
- 2. If  $d = f$ ,  $G' = G$  /\* no need to change any pixel  
else  $s = (d - f) \bmod (2n + 1)$  /\* alter s-th/  $2n+1-s$  pixel
- 3. If  $s \leq n$ ,  $g'_s = g_s + 1$  /\* positive direction  
else  $g'_{2n+1-s} = g_{2n+1-s} - 1$  /\* negative direction

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## Exploiting Modification Direction(7/17)

9	10	10	10
n=4	d=5 <sub>9</sub>		

1. Determine the extraction function  $f$

$$f = (9 \times 1 + 10 \times 2 + 10 \times 3 + 10 \times 4) \bmod 9 = 99 \bmod 9 = 0$$

2. If  $d = f$ ,  $G' = G$  /\* no need to change any pixel  
 else  $s = (d - f) \bmod (2n + 1)$  /\* alter s-th/ 2n+1-s pixel  
 Since  $d=5_9 \neq f=0 \rightarrow s=(5-0) \bmod 9 = 5$

3. If  $s \leq n$ ,  $g'_s = g_s + 1$  /\* positive direction  
 else  $g'_{2n+1-s} = g_{2n+1-s} - 1$  /\* negative direction

$$s=5 \geq n=4 \rightarrow g'_{2n+1-s} = g_{2n+1-s} - 1 \rightarrow g'_4 = g_4 - 1$$

$$2 \times 4 + 1 - 5 \in 9 - 5 = 4$$

9	10	10	10-1	→	9	10	10	9
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## Exploiting Modification Direction(9/17)

$f = 0$ $d = 5$	4 pixels					
	$g_1 = 9$	$g_2 = 10$	$g_3 = 10$	$g_4 = 10-1$ Sum	$f = \text{sum} \bmod 9$	0
<b>Weight</b>	1	2	3	4	99	0
$d = 1_{(9)}$	+1				100	1
$d = 2_{(9)}$		+1			101	2
$d = 3_{(9)}$			+1		102	3
$d = 4_{(9)}$				+1	103	4
$d = 5_{(9)}$				(-1)	95	5
$d = 6_{(9)}$			-1		96	6
$d = 7_{(9)}$		-1			97	7
$d = 8_{(9)}$	-1				98	8

## Exploiting Modification Direction(10/17)

### ■ EMD Embedding

❖ Extraction function  $f$ :

$$f(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (g_i \cdot i) \right] \bmod (2n+1)$$

9-ary notational system :  $(\quad 5 \quad 8 \quad )_9$ ,  $n = 4$

**Group** 

$d = 8$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4) &= (10 \times 1 + 10 \times 2 + 12 \times 3 + 10 \times 4) \bmod 9 \\ &= 114 \bmod 9 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

9	12	10	10	9	12	10	10	12	12
9	9	10	10	10	10	11	12	13	13
8	7	6	5	15	14	13	12		
15	12	14	29	24	25	31	22		

8 ≠ 6    only one pixel require to be +1 or -1.

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## Exploiting Modification Direction(11/17)

$f = 6$ $d = 8$	4 pixels					
	$g_1 = 10$	$\textcircled{g_2} = 10+1$	$g_3 = 12$	$g_4 = 12$	<b>Sum</b>	$f = \text{sum} \bmod 9$
<b>Weight</b>	1	2	3	4	114	6
$d = 7_{(9)}$	+1				115	7
$d = 8_{(9)}$	+1				116	8
$d = 0_{(9)}$		+1			117	0
$d = 1_{(9)}$			+1		118	1
$d = 2_{(9)}$			-1		110	2
$d = 3_{(9)}$			-1		111	3
$d = 4_{(9)}$		-1			112	4
$d = 5_{(9)}$	-1				113	5

## Exploiting Modification Direction(12/17)

### ■ EMD Embedding

$$n = 4, K = 2 \quad L = 6$$

Secret message :  $(1101011101001110100..)_2$

9-ary notational system :  $(\boxed{5} \ \boxed{8})_9, n = 4$

Group 

Group 

9	10	10	10	9	10	11	12	12
9	9	10	10	10	10	11	12	13
8	7	6	5	15	14	13	12	12
15	12	14	29	24	25	31	31	22

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## Exploiting Modification Direction(13/17)

### ■ EMD Extracting



Stego Image

$n, K$

Using  
EMD  
Extracting



Binary Secret  
Message

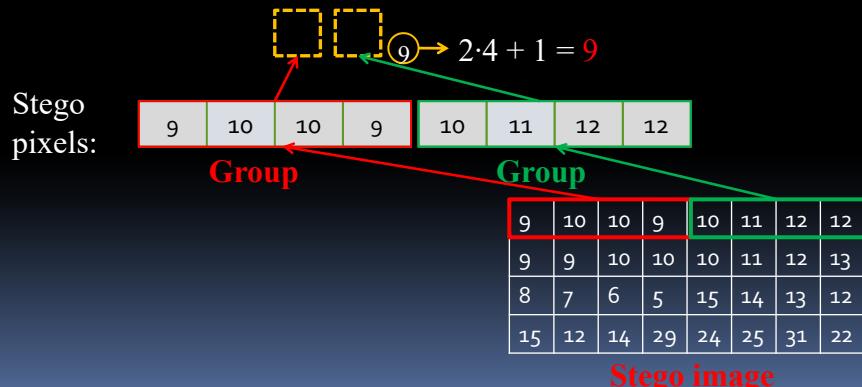
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## Exploiting Modification Direction(14/17)

### ■ EMD Extracting

#### I. $n, K$

$$\text{EX: } n = 4, K = 2, L = \lfloor 2 \cdot \log_2(2 \cdot 4 + 1) \rfloor = 6$$

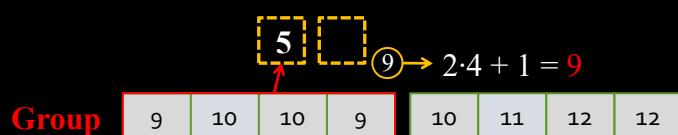


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## Exploiting Modification Direction(15/17)

### ■ EMD Extracting

#### II. Data extracting



❖ Extraction function  $f$ :

$$f(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (g_i \cdot i) \right] \bmod (2n+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4) &= (9 \times 1 + 10 \times 2 + 10 \times 3 + 9 \times 4) \bmod 9 \\ &= 95 \bmod 9 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

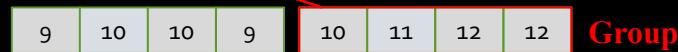
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## Exploiting Modification Direction(16/17)

### ■ EMD Extracting

3844  
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$$\boxed{5} \boxed{8} \xrightarrow{9} 2 \cdot 4 + 1 = 9$$

 Group

❖ Extraction function  $f$ :

$$f(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (g_i \cdot i) \right] \bmod (2n+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4) &= [10 \times 1 + 11 \times 2 + 12 \times 3 + 12 \times 4] \bmod 9 \\ &= 116 \bmod 9 = 8 \end{aligned}$$

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## Exploiting Modification Direction(17/17)

### ■ EMD Extracting

14131 (7)



3844 (10)



00111100000100  
(2)

$$\boxed{5} \boxed{8} \xrightarrow{9}$$

$$5 \times 9 + 8$$

$$53_{10}$$

9	10	10	9	10	11	12	12
9	9	10	10	10	11	12	13
8	7	6	5	15	14	13	12
15	12	14	29	24	25	31	22

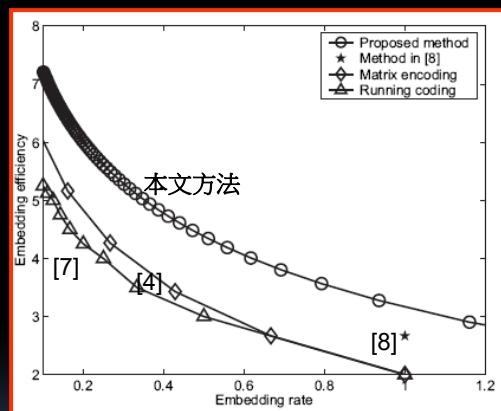
Stego image

$$\frac{45}{53}$$

Secret message :  $(110101)_2$

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## Experimental Results(1/2)



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## Experimental Results(2/2)

Resolution :  $512 \times 512$



Cover image : Lena



$C_p = 0.75$  bpp  
 $PSNR = 54.6618$  dB



$C_p = 0.037$  bpp  
 $PSNR = 72.0305$  dB



Cover image : Jet



$C_p = 0.2$  bpp  
 $PSNR = 62.8837$  dB



$C_p = 0.008$  bpp  
 $PSNR = 80.0117$  dB

$C_p$  = Embedding rate

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## Comments

- High embedding efficiency
- Nonreversible
- Hard to determine  $(n, K)$  for optimal embedding
  - Through analysis to find the optimal  $(n, K)$
- Not able to predict the embedding results prior to the real embedding process
  - Derive capacity for every possible combination of  $(n, K)$
  - Satisfy the user demanding
- Time consuming
  - Using double or triplet encoding approach

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Thank you for listening!!

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