# Image Encryption by Redirection & Cyclical Shift

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#### Abstract

- A novel method for encrypting and decrypting images, both grayscale and color, without the lost of information, and using private keys of varying lengths will be presented
  - Based on the concept of the tensor representation of an image and splitting twodimensional (2-D) discrete Fourier transform (DFT) by one-dimensional (1-D) DFTs of signals from the tensor representation, or transform [1,2,3]
  - Iterations of redirecting an image and sub image parts followed by a cyclical shift makes for an encrypted image that is uncorrelated

#### Redirecting Image

- Here we consider the concept of the redirected image, by using the tensor representation of an image in the three-dimension (3-D) space [4,5,6,7,8,9]
  - Two dimensions of the space are for frequency, and one dimension is for time

For simplicity of our calculations, we describe the N × N case, when N = 2<sup>r</sup>; r > 1

- Let  $f = \{f_{n,m}\}$  be the distance image defined on the square Cartesian lattice  $X = X_{N,N} = \{(n,m); n, m = 0; (N-1)\}$ . The image is considered to be extended periodically on the plane
  - In tensor representation, the image is described by a set of  $\frac{3N}{2}$  splitting-signals of length N each,

$${f_{p,s,0}, f_{p,s,1}, f_{p,s,2}, \dots, f_{p,s,N-1}},$$

which are generated by the set of frequencies (p, s); which can be taken as  $J_{N,N} = \{(0,1), (1,1), (2,1), \dots, (N-1,1)\} \cup \{(1,0), (1,2), (1,4), \dots, (1,N-2)\}$ 

• Frequency-generators (p, s) are pairs of coprime numbers of type (p, 1) and (1,2s), where p = 0: (N - 1) and s = 0:  $\left(\frac{N}{2} - 1\right)$ . Each component  $f_{p,s,t}$  of the splitting-signal is the sum of the image at points of the set  $V_{p,s,t} = \{(n,m); (np + ms) \mod N = t\}$ 

• Thus,

 $f_{p,s,t} = \sum \{f_{n,m}; (n,m) \in V_{p,s,t}\}, \qquad t = 0: (N-1)$ 

 The set V<sub>p,s,t</sub> contains N points on the lattice each, and the lattice X<sub>N,N</sub> can be reordered in such a way, that the summation of each components of the splitting signal will be performed only along the rows (or columns). Thus, we can map uniquely the original lattice X<sub>N,N</sub> into another one Y<sub>N,N</sub> of the same size

$$\mathcal{M}(p,s): X_{N,N} \to Y_{N,N} = \begin{cases} S_{p,s,0} \\ S_{p,s,1} \\ \dots \\ S_{p,s,N-1} \end{cases}$$

whose rows (or columns) are the sets  $V_{p,s,t}$ , t = 0: (N - 1)

• Given the generator  $(p, s) \in J_{N,N}$  and an image, f, of size  $N \times N$  (where  $N = 2^r; r > 1$ ), the redirected image,  $f_{\varphi}$ , for when  $p \ge s$  can be calculated using

 $f_{\varphi_{(p,s)}}(l,k) = X\big((-ks) \mod N, (l+ks) \mod N\big), \text{ where } l,k = 0: (N-1),$  for when p < s

$$f_{\varphi_{(p,s)}}(l,k) = X((l-ks) \mod N, (kp) \mod N), \text{ where } l,k = 0: (N-1)$$

The redirected image,  $f_{\varphi}$ , is a permutation of the original image, which is redirected cyclically along the direction defined by the angle  $\varphi = \varphi(p, s) = \tan\left(\frac{s}{p}\right)$ , or  $\pi - \tan\left(\frac{s}{p}\right)$ 

#### Image Encryption

• Original image is size  $N \times N$ , where  $N = 2^r$ , r > 4

Step 1: Generate secret key

$$\mathbf{Key} = \mathbf{Key}(k) = \{k, \mathbf{G}(p), \mathbf{V}(2)\}$$

where k is the number of iterations, which us consider to be k = r - 3

- **G**(*p*) is the set of  $\frac{(4^k-1)}{3} + 1$  random integers, numbers *p* from 1 to N 1, which are used as generators (*p*, 1) or (1, p) for redirecting image
  - set V(2) contains k random vectors  $v_n = (x_n, y_n)$  which will be used for cyclically shifting the image on different stages of the encryption.

length(**Key**) = 
$$L(k) = 1 + \frac{(4^k - 1)}{3} + 1 + 2k$$

Step 2: Take the first number from the set G(p) and redirect the original image as

$$f_{n,m} \to f_{\varphi_0}(l,k), \qquad \varphi_0 = \varphi(p_0,1), \qquad l,k = 0: (N-1)$$

Step 3: Take the first vector  $v_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  from the set **V**(2) and shift cyclically the redirected image

 $f_{\varphi_0}(l,k) \to f_{\varphi_0;\nu_0}(l,k) = f_{\varphi_0}((l+x_0) \mod N, (k+y_0) \mod N), l, k = 0: (N-1)$ 

$$\left[f_{\varphi_0;\nu_0}(l,k)\right] = \begin{bmatrix} f_{n,m}^{(1)} & f_{n,m}^{(2)} \\ f_{n,m}^{(3)} & f_{n,m}^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \left(n,m=0:\left(\frac{N}{2}-1\right)\right)$$

- Stage 5: Take the next four numbers p = p<sub>1</sub>, p<sub>2</sub>, p<sub>3</sub>, and p<sub>4</sub> from the set G(p) and redirect the image parts as
- $$\begin{split} f_{n,m}^{(1)} &\to f_{\varphi_1}^{(1)}(l_1,k_1) = f_{\varphi_{(p_1),1}}^{(1)}(l_1,k_1) & f_{n,m}^{(2)} \to f_{\varphi_2}^{(2)}(l_1,k_1) = f_{\varphi_{(p_2),1}}^{(2)}(l_1,k_1) \\ f_{n,m}^{(3)} &\to f_{\varphi_3}^{(3)}(l_1,k_1) = f_{\varphi_{(p_3),1}}^{(3)}(l_1,k_1) & f_{n,m}^{(4)} \to f_{\varphi_4}^{(4)}(l_1,k_1) = f_{\varphi_{(p_4),1}}^{(4)}(l_1,k_1) \\ l_1,k_1 = \left(\frac{N}{2} 1\right) \end{split}$$

• Stage 6: Take the next vector  $v_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  from the set V(2) and shift cyclically the new image

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{\varphi_1}(l,k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{\varphi_1}^{(1)}(l_1,k_1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{\varphi_2}^{(2)}(l_1,k_1) \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} f_{\varphi_3}^{(3)}(l_1,k_1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{\varphi_4}^{(4)}(l_1,k_1) \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \left( l_1,k_1 = \left( \frac{N}{2} - 1 \right) \right)$$

$$f_{\varphi_0;v_0}(l,k) \to f_{\varphi;v_1}(l,k) = f_{\varphi;v_0}((l+x_1) \mod N, (k+y_1) \mod N), l,k = 0: (N-1)$$

the parameter  $\varphi$  is the vector parameter  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4)$ 

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 $\left[ f_{\varphi_0;v_0}(l,k) \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \left[ f_{n,m}^{(01)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(02)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(03)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(04)} \right] \\ \left[ f_{n,m}^{(05)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(06)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(07)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(08)} \right] \\ \left[ f_{n,m}^{(09)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(10)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(11)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(12)} \right] \\ \left[ f_{n,m}^{(13)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(14)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(15)} \right] & \left[ f_{n,m}^{(16)} \right] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \left( n, m = 0; \left( \frac{N}{4} - 1 \right) \right)$ 

and redirect each part by one of the random generators  $(p_k, 1), p_k \in \mathbf{G}(p)$ . After that, put these parts back into the image  $N \times N$  and shift cyclically the new image by the next vector  $v_2 = (x_2, y_2)$  of the set  $\mathbf{V}(2)$ .

- Step 8: Continue the process of partitioning the image and redirecting its small parts, following with cyclical shifting of the image, until the parts are of size 16 × 16 each.
- Step 9: Take the last number p from the set G(p) and redirect the obtained image, as

 $o(n,m) \rightarrow o_{\varphi}(l,k), \qquad \varphi = \varphi(p,1), \qquad l,k = 0: (N-1)$ 

 Last step added to entangle the encrypted image more, and to remove the "boundaries" of all blocks 16 × 16, in case such boundaries can be found, which is highly unlikely

#### Lena Image 512 imes 512





Six standard stages: Redirect image or sub image followed by cyclical shift of image

One nonstandard stage: Redirection of image, last step of encryption



During the encryption process, the partitions of the image are encrypted by parts  $2^n \times 2^n$ where n = 9,8,7,6,5,4, and again 9 on the last stage of encryption

We denote this partition by the vector P = P(512) = (9,8,7,6,5,4,9)

The image encryption general case for  $N = 2^r$ , when r > 8, assumes the partition P = (r, r - 1, r - 2, ..., 4, r) is used

Original Image  $(512 \times 512 \times 1)$ 



Stage 1 Encryption Block Size: 512



Stage 2 Encryption Block Size: 256



Stage 3 Encryption Block Size: 128



Redirection

Redirection & Cyclical Shift Redirection & Cyclical Shift Redirection & Cyclical Shift

 Stage 4 Encryption
 Stage 5 Encryption
 Stage 6 Encryption
 Stage 7 Encryption

 Block Size: 64
 Block Size: 32
 Block Size: 16
 Block Size: 512

Redirection & Cyclical Shift Redirection & Cyclical Shift Redirection & Cyclical Shift

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#### Image Decryption

- Each stage in the encryption algorithm is reversible, therefore the decryption of the image is performed in the reverse order
  - User has to load the encrypted image (of size N × N, where N = 2<sup>r</sup>, r > 4) and use the same key that was used during encryption

Step 1: Read encryption key. The values of p from the set G(p), as well as vectors v<sub>n</sub> from V(2) will be taken consequently from these sets starting from their last points

 $U_{0}(i,n),$  where i,n = 0, (n = 1)

• Step 3: Perform image transposition,  $o_{\varphi}(l,k) \rightarrow o(m,n), \qquad \varphi = \varphi(p,1), \qquad k, l = 0: (N-1)$ 

Step 4: Take the last number p from the set G(p) and redirect back the image

 $o_{\varphi}(k,l) \rightarrow o(m,n), \qquad \varphi = \varphi(p,1), \qquad k,l = 0: (N-1)$ 

 $o(m,n) \rightarrow o(n,m)$ , where n,m = 0: (N-1)

Process to revert back to an original image after redirection

 $f_{n,m} \rightarrow Redirect: f_{\varphi_0}(l,k), \rightarrow Transposition: f_{\varphi_0}(k,l) = T(k,l) \rightarrow Redirect: T_{\varphi_0}(k,l) = f_{m,n} \rightarrow Transposition: f_{n,m}$ 

• Step 6: Take the last vector  $v_{N-1} = (x_{N-1}, y_{N-1})$  from the set V(2) and reverse cyclically shift the transposed image,

 $o(n,m) \rightarrow [f_{v_{N-1}}(l,k)] = f((l-x_{N-1}) \mod N, (k-y_{N-1}) \mod N) \ l,k = 0: (N-1)$ 

Step 7: Divide the obtained image by parts of size 16 × 16 each,

 $[f(l,k)] = \begin{bmatrix} f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(01)} & f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(02)} & \dots & f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(L_{1})} \\ f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(L_{1}+1)} & f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(L_{1}+2)} & \dots & f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(2L_{1})} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(M_{1}L_{1}+1)} & f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(M_{1}L_{1}+1)} & \dots & f_{l_{1},k_{1}}^{(L_{1}L_{1})} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (l_{1},k_{1} = 0:15), \\ L_{1} = \frac{N}{16}, \qquad M_{1} = L_{1} - 1$ 

Step 8: Perform transposition of each part individually,

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(l,k)^{[*]} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(01)} & \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(02)} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(L_{1})} \\ & & & & \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(L_{1}+1)} & \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(L_{1}+2)} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(2L_{1})} \\ & \dots & & & \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(M_{1}L_{1}+1)} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(M_{1}L_{1}+1)} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} f_{k_{1},l_{1}}^{(2L_{1})} \\ & & & & \\ \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (l_{1},k_{1}=0:15), \\ L_{1} = \frac{N}{16}, \qquad M_{1} = L_{1} - 1,$$

and redirect each part back by the corresponding generator  $(p_k), p_k \in \mathbf{G}(p)$ . After that, transpose each part individually again, place back these parts into the image  $N \times N$ , and reverse cyclically shift the new image by the vector  $-v_k = (-x_k, -y_k)$ , which is the last vector of  $\mathbf{V}(2)$ 

Step 9: Continue the process of partitioning the image, and having each part transposed, redirected back, transposed again, followed by the image composed from these parts that has been cyclically shifted back. The partitions are by parts  $32 \times 32$ ,  $64 \times 64$ , ..., until the next parts would be size  $\frac{N}{2} \times \frac{N}{2}$ 

Step 10: Transpose the obtained image,

$$f(l,k)^* = f(k,l), \quad (k,l = 0: (N-1))$$

- Step 11: Redirect the transposed image using the first number from the set  $\mathbf{G}(p)$  $f(k,l) \rightarrow f_{\varphi_0}(k,l), \qquad \varphi_0 = \varphi(p_0,1), \qquad (k,l = 0: (N-1))$
- Step 12: Perform the final transposition of the image to return to the original image, f<sub>n,m</sub>

$$f_{\varphi_0}(k,l)^* \to f_{\varphi_0}(l,k) = f_{n,m}, \qquad (k,l=0:(N-1))$$

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	211	224	229	231	234	230	221	200
	211	219	216	212	208	198	172	135
	195	197	187	171	156	141	118	101
	183	165	146	122	113	96	99	90
	107	139	144	147	1/19	1/18	130	99
	107	139	144	147	149	148	130	99
	107	139	144	147	149	148	130	99
	107	139	144	147	149	148	130	99
	107	139	144	147	149	148	130	99
	107	113	122	120	111	93	72	47
	97	99	94	85	63	48	35	35
	84	62	53	44	41	24	29	21
	104	131	129	126	123	122	110	90
	104	131	129	126	123	122	110	90
	104	131	129	126	123	122	110	90
	104	131	129	126	123	122	110	90
	104	131	129	126	123	122	110	90
	101	97	116	103	102	87	81	81
	100	92	95	97	77	75	71	68
	86	80	74	71	81	66	74	64

A RGB (red, green, and blue) digital image can be broken down into three grayscale digital images, thus the encryption algorithm can be applied to each image separately (combining the three grayscale images back in the same order will return the encrypted color image)

The same decryption algorithm can be applied, too, by separating the encrypted color image into its three Corresponding encrypted grayscale images, and applying the decryption algorithm to each grayscale image

# Color Images Cont.

#### Original Color $512 \times 512$



**Encrypted Color** 



**Original Red** 



Encrypted Red



Original Green



Encrypted Green



**Original Blue** 



**Encrypted Blue** 



# Correlation of Adjacent Pixels in Encrypted Image

- Encryption strength was tested by calculating the correlation coefficients between pairs of horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pixels for encrypted images, and compared with the originals.
- Correlation coefficients were calculated randomly by selecting R random pairs of two adjacent pixels and using the following discrete formulas, where x and y are grayscale values of the two adjacent pixels in the image [10]

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=1}^{R} x_i, \qquad D(x) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=1}^{R} (x_i - E(x))^2$$
  

$$cov(x, y) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=1}^{R} (x_i - E(x)) (y_i - E(y)), \qquad \text{where } R = 2N - 2(N - 2)$$
  

$$r_{xy} = \frac{conv(x, y)}{\sqrt{D(x)}\sqrt{D(y)}}$$

Correlation coefficients for color images was done by finding the correlation coefficient for each of the grayscale parts using the same *R*, random pairs. Then the resulting horizontal, vertical, and diagonal absolute value correlation coefficients are averaged together to produce the final horizontal, vertical, and diagonal correlation coefficient values

#### Experimental Results

Cameraman  $256 \times 256$ 



**Encrypted Cameraman** 



Lena  $512 \times 512$ 



Encrypted Lena



Barbara  $512 \times 512$ 



**Encrypted Barbara** 



 $Man\,1024\times1024$ 



Encrypted Man



#### **Correlation Coefficients for grayscale sample images**

Image Name	Size	Original Image			Encrypted In	Encrypted Image				
_		Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal	Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal			
Cameraman	256 x 256 x 1	0.93336	0.95933	0.90793	0.00293	-0.00017	-0.00173			
Lena	512 X 512 X 1	0.97183	0.98491	0.96843	-0.00069	-0.00008	-0.00131			
Barbara	512 X 512 X 1	0.89494	0.95875	0.90515	-0.00103	-0.00019	0.00064			
Man	1024 X 1024 X 1	0.97744	0.98126	0.96671	-0.00006	0.00132	0.00007			

Tree 256 × 256



**Encrypted Tree** 

Lincrypted free

Mandrill  $512 \times 512$ 



**Encrypted Mandrill** 



Peppers  $512 \times 512$ 



**Encrypted Peppers** 



Stockton  $1024 \times 1024$ 



**Encrypted Stockton** 



#### **Correlation Coefficients for color sample images**

Image Name	Size	Original Image			Encrypted Image				
		Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal	Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal		
Tree	256 x 256 x 3	0.96365	0.94600	0.92757	0.00076	0.00326	0.00245		
Mandrill	512 X 512 X 3	0.89819	0.83970	0.80960	0.00075	0.00305	0.00169		
Peppers	512 x 512 x 3	0.97325	0.97138	0.95799	0.00220	0.00093	0.00130		
Stockton	1024 X 1024 X 3	0.77014	0.75911	0.72619	0.00085	0.00025	0.00040		

#### Encryption & decryption timing for grayscale and color sample images

Grayscale           Cameraman         256 × 256 × 1         0.01563         0.03125         0.04688           Lena         512 × 512 × 1         0.06250         0.10938         0.17188           Barbara         512 × 512 × 1         0.07813         0.09375         0.17188           Man         1024 × 1024 × 1         0.25000         0.48438         0.73438           Color	Image Name	Size	Total Encryption Time (seconds)	Total Decryption Time (seconds)	Total Time (seconds)
Cameraman         256 x 256 x 1         0.01563         0.03125         0.04688           Lena         512 x 512 x 1         0.06250         0.10938         0.17188           Barbara         512 x 512 x 1         0.07813         0.09375         0.17188           Man         1024 x 1024 x 1         0.25000         0.48438         0.73438           Color			Grayscale		
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Barbara       512 X 512 X 1       0.07813       0.09375       0.17188         Man       1024 X 1024 X 1       0.25000       0.48438       0.73438         Color	Lena	512 X 512 X 1	0.06250	0.10938	0.17188
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			Color		
Tree         256 x 256 x 3         0.03125         0.04688         0.07813	Tree	256 x 256 x 3	0.03125	0.04688	0.07813
Mandrill         512 x 512 x 3         0.15625         0.25000         0.40625	Mandrill	512 x 512 x 3	0.15625	0.25000	0.40625
Peppers         512 X 512 X 3         0.18750         0.28125         0.46875	Peppers	512 x 512 x 3	0.18750	0.28125	0.46875
<b>Stockton</b> 1024 X 1024 X 3 0.79688 1.50000 2.29688	Stockton	1024 X 1024 X 3	0.79688	1.50000	2.29688

#### Conclusion

- Introduced was a novel & fast secret key encryption algorithm that can be used to encrypt grayscale or color images of the size N × N, where N = 2<sup>r</sup>; r > 4 without the lost of information
- General case for encryption, which was stated to be for  $N = 2^r$ , when r > 8, and assumes that the partition P = (r, r 1, r 2, ..., 4, r)
- Computer simulations completed in MATLAB were provided, and showed that the encryption method was very fast, while it created encrypted images with very small correlation coefficients



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