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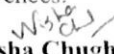
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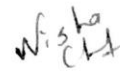
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# NOMENCLATURE

DWT	Discrete Wavelet Transform
DCT	Discrete Cosine Transform
PSNR	Peak Signal To Noise Ratio
MSE	Mean Square Error
FOR	Fitness of recovery

## **Abstract**

In this age of automated world, the protection of data is of utmost importance. Digital watermarking is one of the probable solution along with steganography for claiming the ownership. While in steganography, data is always hidden but in watermarking, it can be visible or invisible. Digital watermarking is a technique of hiding the digital watermark, which is a low energy signal, in the image, video or audio signal, in a blind or non-blind way. This dissertation presents a Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) and Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) based blind watermarking technique that securely embeds a letter image in the fingerprint image to enhance the security level. DCT, DWT and Different levels of DWT are compared in terms of Peak Signal to noise ratio and fitness factor. The analysis of watermarked image under the salt & pepper and JPEG compression attacks has been carried out to find out the robustness of the system. DWT gives much better result than DCT and in the DWT, as the level of transform increases, imperceptibility of the watermarked image is increased in such a way that it can cheat the human vision easily on the other hand robustness get decreased, fitness factor of the extracted watermark is not good enough as it was in the previous level. It is concluded that there has to be a tradeoff between the robustness and imperceptibility of the watermark. Apart from imperceptibility and robustness, average elapsed time for embedding and extraction has also been compared between DCT and various levels of DWT and results shows that DCT take more time than DWT and time get reduced as the level of DWT increases.



### 1.1 Introduction

Due to the advent of internet, it is possible to create and deliver the contents like image, real time audio and video in digital form. An important issue is the protection of rights and assurance of security of all the contributors. This has lead the researchers to take interest in developing new security mechanisms. Digital Watermarking is one of the potential solution for claiming the ownership [1].

Watermarking is old technique as it is the descendant of steganography, which has been in extant for many years. Steganography is the hiding of secret data within other cover message so that the existence of data will not be noticed. Some of the techniques like invisible ink, word spacing patterns in a printed document etc have been used since the times of ancient Greek civilization. But Steganography is dissimilar with digital watermarking in many aspects. Firstly, digital watermarks may be visible or invisible that is, it need not always to be hidden on the other hand Steganography is always hidden. So, visible watermarks are not to be examined as Steganography. Secondly, Robustness is the important factor in digital watermarking. But still, Watermarking is examined as a precise technique of steganography where the secrete message called watermark is embedded in the host message in such a way that it may or may not be captured by human eye. If it is visible to human eye then called visible watermarking and if it is invisible, called blind watermarking. The most common examples of watermarking includes specific patterns in currency notes which are only visible after a certain process, logos present in the printed text documents and many more. This is the watermarking in physical objects.

Digital watermarking is alike to watermarking real entity except that the digital watermarking technique is used for digital content instead of real entity. In digital watermarking, low energy signal called watermark is embedded in the host signal in this way that it is difficult for the human eye to perceive it [2]. Host signal may be image, video, audio or text document in digital set-up. The digital watermarking system essentially consists of embedding and extraction as

shown in Fig1.1. The watermark embedder embeds a watermark in the host signal which is called embedding and watermark extractor extract the watermark signal from the watermarked image. A special vital force named, secret key is used during embedding and extraction of watermark. This secret key is very personal which is only known to the programmer or the authorized parties which ensures the authentication of the watermark. Further, channel may be prone to attacks So, it must be flexible to the attacks so that if attacks are performed on the image, watermark not get lost from the watermarked image.

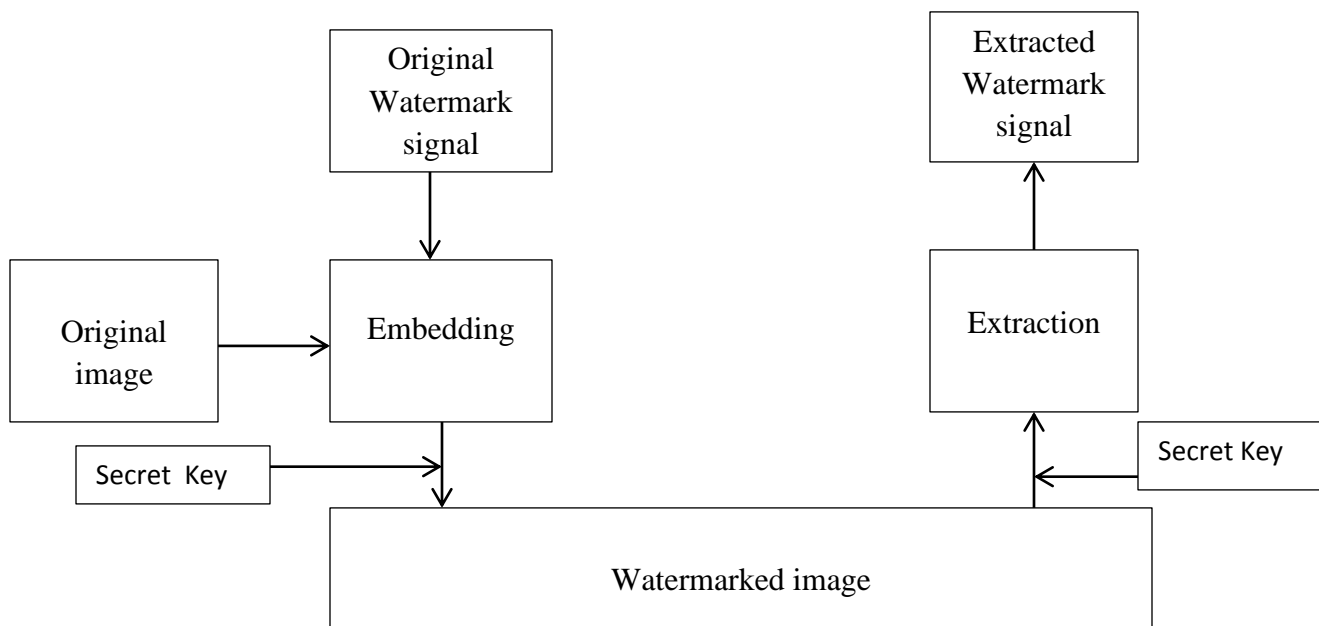


Fig 1.1: Digital Watermarking System [2]

Watermarking of fingerprint images is used to secure central databases from which fingerprint images are sent to intelligence agencies for identification purposes. So, if the fingerprint that is received is falsely matched to someone else due to some incidental/intentional tampering, then the extracted watermark plays an important role to justify whether the fingerprint is of same person or not [3]. Therefore invisible watermark in the fingerprint images plays an important role and in this project, complete work is done on the various images in a way that watermark which may be name, voter id number, pan card number or any particular identification proof of the

person is embed in the fingerprint after that that particular watermark is extracted from the watermarked image.

## 1.2 Classification Of Digital Watermarks

The digital watermarks are classified as shown in Fig 1.2

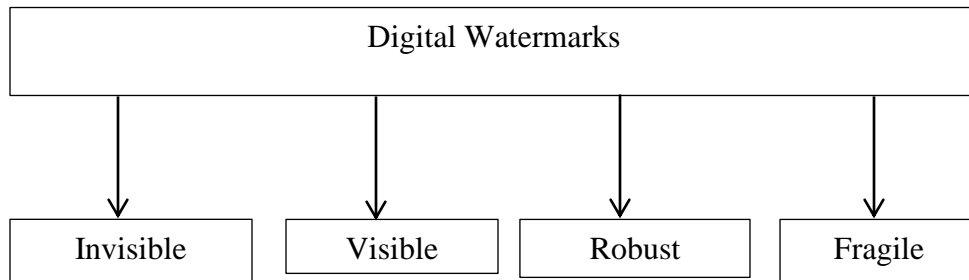
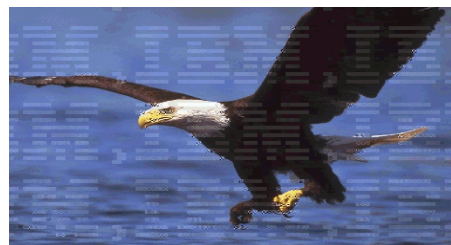


Fig 1.2: Types of Watermarks [4]

- (i) **Invisible Watermark:** Watermarks that is unseen to the user and there is almost no difference between the output and input image which mean that the watermarked image is almost similar to the original image [4] Invisible watermarking is more robust to signal processing as compared to the visible one. The invisible watermark is shown in Fig 1.3 (a).
- (ii) **Visible Watermark:** These Watermarks can be clearly seen by the viewers. There is difference between the output and the input image which mean that the watermarked image is not similar to the original image [4] It cannot withstand with the various attacks. The invisible watermark is shown in Fig 1.3 (b).



(a)



(b)

Fig 1.3: (a) Invisible Watermark (b) Visible Watermark [5]

- (iii) **Fragile Watermark:** These watermarks are very sensitive and can be easily destroyed with very few modifications in the watermarked signal.
- (iv) **Robust Watermark:** Those watermarks which cannot be easily broken as they are resilient to the various attacks and the signal processing operations.

### 1.3 Requirements of Digital Watermarking

The requirements of digital watermarking are [2, 6, 7]:-

- (i) **Imperceptibility:** Transparency is the important feature of digital watermarking. Watermark should be embedded in such a way that it must not be visible to the viewers that is imperceptible so as not to cheapen the image quality [2].
- (ii) **Robustness:** It is defined as “ability to detect the watermark from the watermarked image after various signal processing operations like signal enhancement, geometric image operations and noise filtering” [7]. Watermark should be robust means it must not get demolished as a result of intentional or unintentional signal processing operations or attacks like JPEG, salt and pepper attacks, speckle attacks etc.
- (iii) **Security:** Another important requirement of watermark is its security. Watermark must be secret enough that it cannot be detectable by an unauthorized parties that is it must be accessible only to authorized parties [2]. This security up to a great extent is achieved by secret key which is used during embedding and extraction [6].
- (iv) **Readability:** A watermark should convey as much information as possible. Extraction of the watermark is used to identify the ownership of the fingerprint.

### 1.4 Applications of Digital Watermarking

The applications of digital watermarking are [2]:-

- (i) **Ownership Assertion:** Watermarks can be used for ownership assertion. Watermark signal can be embedded using the secret key in the original image and then the watermarked image can be publicized So that if anyone claims of the ownership, then the owner of the image can prove his ownership.

- (ii) **Digital Fingerprinting:** It is a method to recognize the holder of the digital content [2]. Since the fingerprint if the two persons cannot be same but it seems to be same sometime. Therefore, the name of person, his age etc can be added in the form of watermark in the fingerprint so that to recognize it later it is needed.
- (iii) **ID Security:** Various information like passport number, name of the person, date of birth of the person etc can be embedded in the photo that appears on the ID so that to compare it with the written text whenever it is required just by extracting the information from photo [7].
- (iv) **Broadcast Monitoring:** Fragile watermark is used to verify the content whether it is really broadcasted or not which was supposed to be broadcasted.
- (v) **Content Archiving:** Watermarking can be used to insert digital object identifier serial number to help archive digital contents like images, audio and video [2].
- (vi) **Meta-data Insertion:** A common example of the meta-data insertion is that of Medical – rays which store patient records like patient name, age and many other relevant things [6].
- (vii) **Tamper Detection:** Fragile type of watermark is used for that particular purpose in such a way that if the embedded fragile watermark is get degraded presence of tamper is indicated.
- (viii) Watermarking technique can also be used in various purposes like source tracking, software crippling, screen casting, video authentication etc.

## 1.5 Problem Formulation

Watermarking is a technique of hiding digital data in a digital image to decrease identity theft. The objectives of this dissertation are:-

- (i) To Embed the watermark in the fingerprint image using technique DCT and DWT.
- (ii) To analyze the different noise attacks such as salt & pepper etc on the watermarked image.
- (iii) To Compare the effect of DCT and various levels of DWT on watermarking.

## **1.6 Organisation of Thesis**

- (i) Chapter 2 discuss the literature survey of various papers based on the watermarking techniques.
- (ii) Chapter 3 explains the various watermarking techniques available and the algorithm adopted in this work.
- (iii) Chapter 4 includes the discussions and results.
- (iv) Chapter 5 gives the conclusion and future scope of the work.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

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A lot of work has been done in the past in the field of image watermarking. Review relevant literature is given below:

**Hsieh et al. [1]** introduced a multi-resolution wavelet transform in order to hide the digital watermark so that it is resistant to lossy image compression attacks. Qualified significant wavelet tree (QSWT) which is derived from the Embedded zero tree wavelet (EZW) technique is used to embed and extract the recognizable watermark into an image. QSWT includes the relationships of DWT coefficients and spatial information into consideration in the experimental set up. This method is robust to JPEG compression attacks, sharpening, blurring.

**Potdar et al. [2]** presented a survey of digital watermarking techniques. They discussed the requirements and application of digital watermarking in our day to day life. Various types of watermarks like Pseudo-Random Gaussian Sequence, Binary image or grey scale image watermarks which can be embedded and extracted are discussed. They also gave a comparison between DCT, DWT and DFT. By comparison it shows that DCT is robust to Low Pass filtering, brightness, contrast but it is resistant to various geometrical attacks like scaling, rotation and cropping on the other hand DWT is robust to JPEG, Speckle and salt & pepper attacks and DFT, since it is RST invariant, therefore it is robust to scaling, rotation and translation than DCT and DWT which is not RST invariant.

**Chouhan et al. [3,11]** introduced a Robust Digital Watermarking scheme which is based on Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) for fingerprint authentication. A highly uncorrelated, zero mean, two dimensional PN random sequence is generated to embed and extract the watermark. A secret seed is used to generate that PN random sequence which can be further used to extract the watermark. Various attacks like salt & pepper, speckle noise, Gaussian noise, various geometrical attacks like cropping are also performed in order to prove the robustness of the watermark. Comparison between DCT and DWT-DCT with the same algorithm is also

performed to prove that DWT is better than DCT and DWT-DCT as its fitness factor is very good.

**Song et al. [4]** introduced a various surveys in watermarking techniques. It includes the classification of various watermarks like visible, invisible etc. It talks about the spatial and transform domain. Spatial domain in which embedding is done in image pixels on the other hand in transform domain embedding is done in frequency domain. It talks about various transform techniques like DWT, DCT, DFT and find that DWT is having various advantages over DCT and DFT. Four attacks like Sharpen, Histogram etc are also performed to show the results.

**Zebbich et al. [6]** introduced a new scheme to embed the watermark in the biometric images like fingerprint image. It says that every biometric image having its interested region which gives the pertinent information of the image. So, it explains the embedding of watermark in that particular interested region which will retain the concealed facts from the segmentation technique which normally discards the unusable background and interested region remains unchanged. It also provides good imperceptibility and robustness. In this Paper, the proposed scheme also upgrades the performance which gives better detection of watermark. The proposed scheme is applied to the biometric images, specially fingerprint images which is universally used biometric data. As all know, The watermarking is done in basically in either spatial domain or transform domain, transform domain gives better result, in transform domain, various fields are common: DWT, DCT and DFT. But in this paper DFT and DWT is used which gives much better result than the existing techniques. Various attacks are also performed just to check its robustness and proposed method gives better result.

**Chopra et al. [8]** introduced basic model of watermarking technique stages and its classification. It also explains the watermarking attacks like what type of attacks to be performed on the watermarked image like simple, Detection-disabling, ambiguity attacks etc. This paper works on Spatial domain in which it used LSB technique. Watermark is embedded in the Least significant bit of the image through the watermarking technique and then extraction is done. MSE and PSNR are the parameters which are used to compare the original and the watermarked image just to show the imperceptibility. Various noises like salt and pepper noises, Gaussian noises, poison

noises are applied in the form of attacks just to show the robustness of the image. It is concluded that there is trade-off between imperceptibility and robustness in the technique.

**Lee et al. [9]** introduced a method of watermarking technique that use random mapping function. It's main focus is make watermarking technique more robust than existing LSB technique. In this paper, random coordinate of the cover image is being secured just to increase the robustness of the watermark. The result of the purposed technique shows that the quality of the watermarked image is far better than the existing LSB technique.

**Sridhar et al. [18]** introduced the compression of images using wavelet transform. It discuss about the lossy and loseless compression operation sequences and conclude that the loseless image compression techniques are having low compression ratio whereas lossy compression attacks have high compression ratio. It further tells about wavelet transform, explains its properties like multi-resolution property and also talks about its fast computation then it comes to explain the various wavelet families like Haar wavelets, Daubechies wavelets, Symlet wavelets, coiflet wavelets and bi-orthogonal wavelets. Then perform operations of wavelets on high detailed image, medium detailed images, low detailed images and color images and concludes various results like Daubechies family wavelet Db8 produced highest PSNR for medium detailed image and for color images, Bi-orthogonal family wavelet and symlet family produced better PSNR and compression ratios.

**Vatsa et al. [20]** introduced protection of fingerprint and face template using watermarking. Face template is used as watermark which is to be embed in the fingerprint and this watermarking technique includes both DWT and LSB. According to this DWT is resistant to frequency attacks and LSB based watermarking technique is resistant to geometrical attacks. So, this algorithm provides the advantages of both DWT and LSB. It perform various attacks like JPEG, Gaussian noise, Median filter, gamma etc and concludes that algorithm gives good fitness factor after the extraction of watermark. At last it also compares the results with LSB and DWT with the results obtained by the combination of both that is DWT and LSB.

**Al-Haj [21]** introduced a digital watermarking using DWT-DCT. This combination is used because DWT and DCT can compensate for the drawbacks of each other. It also explains the

DCT and DWT in a very fruitful manner. In this first, DWT is applied to the image to split it into different sub-bands, then a particular sub-band is selected then DCT is applied on that selected sub-band. Watermark is embed in that particular sub-band, then inverse DCT is again applied , then inverse DWT is applied to obtain the watermarked image. Then extraction is done by the use of correlation and watermark is extracted. Then PSNR and fitness factor is calculated to prove the imperceptibility and the robustness of the watermarking.

**Safabakhsh et al. [22]** introduced the digital watermarking on static images using frequency domain. In this, innovative based approach with the Human Visual Characteristics is used to develop the watermarking algorithm. Firstly, 3-level DWT is applied on an image to get the various sub-bands. Then, entropy based method is used to select the DWT coefficients and watermark is embedded with the help of PN sequence and HVS then inverse DWT is applied to obtain the watermarked image. At last attacks are performed and correlation is used to separate the watermark from the watermarked image. PSNR between the original and the watermarked imaged is find out to check the imperceptibility and similarity is find out between the original and the extracted watermark to check the robustness.

**Jain et al. [23]** introduced the method to hide a fingerprint in an image. In this, computation of ROC curves of many individuals is done. Eigen- face coefficients of the users face which act as watermark is used to clarify the cover fingerprint image. It is make sure that the due to the watermarking, features for the matching not get changed due to the encoding and decoding process. . As a consequence, the verification accuracy is based on decoded watermarked fingerprint images is very similar to that with original fingerprint images.

**Kim et al. [24]** introduced wavelet based digital Watermarking using level-threshold thresholding. In this, pixel value of all the sub-bands, which is achieved by applying DWT on an image, are used in order to embed the watermark in the whole image. Gaussian distribution random sequence vector is used as watermark in the paper. Level-thresholding scheme is used to select the pixel value in which watermark is embedded. Vector projection method is used to extract the watermark. PSNR values between lena image and watermarked lena image is compared and various attacks like wavelet compression attacks are performed on the watermarked image to examine the robustness of the image.

**Zebbiche et al. [25]** introduced a technique to protect the fingerprint minutiae data using in the fingerprint images using watermarking which provide security to both the data and images. In this paper, at first, conversion of minutiae data to the binary data is done then DWT is applied to an host image and compute the locations of the pixel value where watermark is to be embedded and arrange it in the decreasing order and embed the watermark in each sub-band using quantization technique. IDWT is done to get the watermarked image. Now, extraction of watermark is done by knowing the location of the pixel values where watermark was embedded. PSNR values are calculated and various attacks are performed on the image to check the robustness of the watermark.

**Alkhathami et al. [26]** introduced the technique to embed two watermark in fingerprint images. In this, two watermarks are embedded in an fingerprint image. It basically compare the minutiae points before and after embedding the watermark. First, extract the minutiae points of the fingerprint image then DCT is used to divide the fingerprint image into 8\*8 blocks and then check the block where there is no minutiae points and then SHA2 is used to embed the first watermark which is unique identification number of the person. Second watermark which is gray scale image is added as second watermark in the whole image then perform inverse DCT. Then extraction of minutiae points are again of the watermarked image in order to make the comparison. Here watermarking is basically done to check whether the image is being attacked or not.

**Ganic et al. [27]** introduced the watermarking technique based on the DWT and SVD. This paper describes the classification of watermarking schemes. In this paper, DWT is applied on the image and split the image into four sub-bands and Singular Value Decomposition is applied to the each sub-band. Then apply SVD to the watermark image and combine the watermark with the original image using the modification of singular values and at last inverse DWT is done to achieve the watermarked image. Now, in order to extract the watermark, DWT is applied to the watermarked image and then SVD is applied to each band to extract the singular points thereby reconstruct the watermark. It concludes that the SVD is the better way of embedding and extracting the watermark as it is resistant to different attacks also like salt and pepper, Speckle attacks, cropping etc.

**Jabade et al. [28]** introduced an inclusive review of the watermarking techniques. It discussed the various applications of digital watermarking like copyright protection, broadcast monitoring, tamper detection etc. This paper also gave a review on various attacks and attributes like fidelity, robustness, pay load etc. It also discussed the Discrete Wavelet transform and its advantages over DCT. Various parameters to show the imperceptibility and robustness were also discussed. Different kinds of wavelet like Haar, Bi-orthogonal, Complex etc were also reviewed. Apart from that various techniques were examined like SVD, ICA, SVM, GA in this paper.

**Lu et al. [29]** introduced a technique for embedding and extracting the watermark in an image. It gave a review on the earlier vector quantization technique which is used only for the copyright security. It presented a novel multipurpose digital image watermarking method based on the multistage vector quantizer structure, which can be used for both image verification and copyright protection. In the embedding process, different techniques are used to form different VQ stages in which robust and semi-fragile watermark are embedded. Watermark is extracted accordingly. It shows that this technique gives better results than previous Vector quantization technique.

**Gunsel et al. [30]** introduced two method to embed the watermark in the fingerprint image. In the first method, various features are extracted so that to prevent the watermarking regions. Watermarking encoding and decoding techniques are used in first method. On the other hand, Second method uses a feature adaptive watermarking technique which is used before feature extraction. The difference between both of them is that in the first technique feature is extracted later while in the second case feature is extracted before. The similarity between them is that both of the techniques not require the original image to extract the watermark. It is concluded that first method is also used for colored images by using the standard deviation and gradient magnitude method and both techniques are resistant to the cropping attacks and it is also concluded that in both the cases watermark is embedded in the fingerprint images without changing the various features associated with them.

**Noore at al. [31]** introduced a technique to embed the watermark in the fingerprint image. In this paper, texture regions of the fingerprint image are selected in which watermark is embedded using the Discrete Wavelet Transform. Various texture features are extracted to embed the watermark and adjustments in that region does not affect the perceptibility of the fingerprint

image that means it maintain the imperceptibility and therefore reserved the minutiae details of the fingerprint. Automatic fingerprint identification system is used in order to determine the high matching scores which confirmed the probity of the fingerprint image. Pixel based metrics and human visual system metrics is used to determine the degree of similarity between original and extracted watermark. This technique is also resistant to various attacks.

## Watermarking Techniques and Adopted Algorithm

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### 3.1 Various Techniques Used for Watermarking

Watermarking may be done in spatial and frequency domain. In spatial domain, Least significant bit (LSB) watermarking technique is normally used on the other side in the frequency domain, Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) and Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) is used for watermarking method. LSB watermarking technique, DWT and DCT are explained below.

#### 3.1.1 LSB Watermarking Technique

It is very simple technique based on the changes of the pixel value. Each image pixel is indicated by the values ranging from 0-255 and in which MSB is the most significant bit which is the first bit to the left and LSB is the least significant bit which is the first bit to the right [8, 9, 10]. In LSB watermarking technique, Watermark is embedded in the LSB region.

Let take an example of LSB Based watermarking technique:

Image:

10100111 00110100 00011001 00111000 ...

Watermark:

0 1 1 0 ...

Watermarked Image:

10100110 00110101 00011001 00111000 ...

But this LSB based watermarking techniques are having various drawbacks like it cannot survive with various attacks [9, 37]. Due to its various disadvantages scientists shifted to transform domain in which DCT and DWT are mostly used for this technique.

#### 3.1.2. DCT Based Watermarking Technique

Digital Watermarking techniques can be done in spatial and frequency domain. Previous work were concentrated on spatial domain. But now focus is shifted to frequency domain as it is more robust than in spatial domain. Frequently used frequency domain transform includes Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT), Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) and Discrete Fourier Transform

(DFT). DCT is a fourier related transform which uses only real numbers and it is very popular because most of the compression techniques develop in DCT domain [36,38]. In DCT, Image can be easily broken into various frequency bands which make it suitable for image watermarking. It can survive against various attacks like filtering, noising etc. But due to its various disadvantages like blocking artifacts, DWT is further used to get fine results [21].

### **3.1.3. DWT based Watermarking Technique**

Discrete Wavelet Transform is mostly used due to its various advantages like it has multi resolution characteristics, gives better compression ratio [11]. Therefore, both DCT and wavelet based digital watermarking is used in this project, just to prove that DWT give better result. Parameters like peak signal to noise ratio, fitness factor, average elapsed time for embedding and extraction are being compared by applying discrete cosine transform and discrete wavelet transform. In this dissertation English alphabet as a watermark has been used but any static image can be used in the fingerprint image for authentication purpose..

## **3.2 Introduction to Wavelets**

A wave is a repeatedly vibration which is generated by the energy transfer. On the contrary, wavelets are the isolated waves whose energy is condensed in space or time and are best fitted for temporary or transient signals. Wavelets can also be defined as the mathematical functions that break the message to various distinct frequency components so that to study each component separately with a resolution matched to its scale [14]. The basic idea to use wavelet is that to examine the data with the scale. Wavelets also satisfy certain mathematical demands. Now, It depend on the what kind of window we are using like if we use large window then large features can be seen on the other hand if we use small window then small features can be examined. So it makes to all kind of features we want which make them interesting [12].

Now, wavelets technique adopted a wavelet prototype function which is defined as mother wavelet. Very tighten, narrow, high-frequency category of the prototype is used for the temporal analysis on the other hand enlarge, widen, low-frequency category of the prototype is used for the frequency analysis. Wavelets are widely used in various functions like to remove the noise, to enhance the image etc [13,14].`Fig 3.1 shows the demonstration of wave.

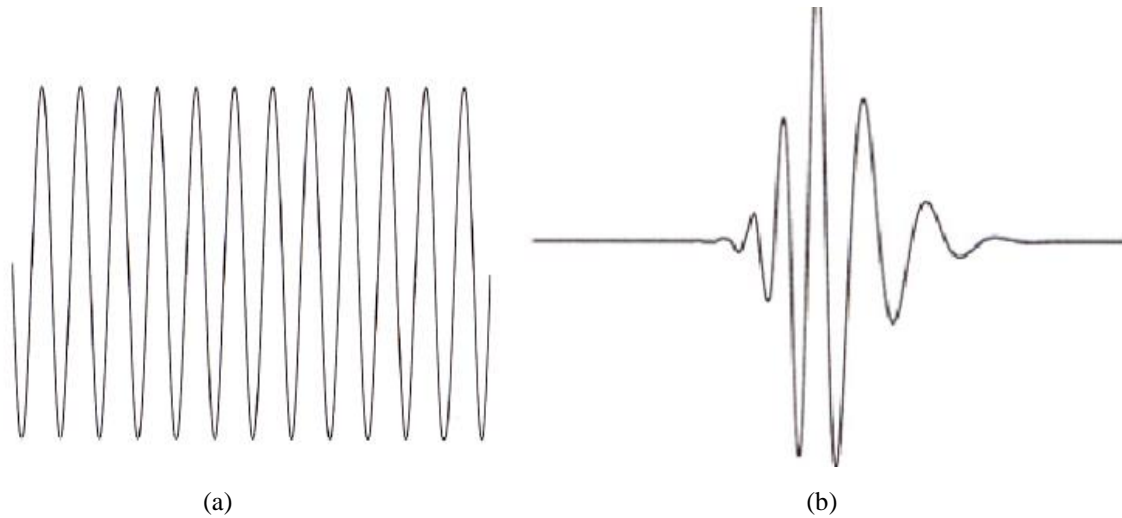


Fig 3.1: Demonstration of (a) a wave (b) a wavelet

### 3.2.1 Wavelet Families

Mother Wavelet is used for transformation of waves and for this mother wavelet needs some basic function. Mother wavelet is responsible for the features of the wavelet transform as it is the only one which develops the all wavelet function. Therefore, choice of mother wavelet is very important and it must be chosen according to the requirements. Various type of wavelet functions like Haar, Daubechies, Coiflet, Symlet are available and Haar is the oldest one therefore any introduction starts from Haar otherwise Daubechies is widely used and also called Maxflat wavelet [40]. Fig 3.2 shows the various wavelet functions which are widely used in the image watermarking techniques and other methods. In this project, all the wavelets like Haar, Daubechies, Coiflet, symlet was applied on the developed technique just to check the difference obtained in the results [41]. In this work, after applying the various wavelets, it is concluded that it doesnot make a large effect to choose different wavelets as it gives approximately the same result. Keeping eye on this research, Haar wavelet is the finally applied in the proposed technique just because of the reason that it is simple and widely used and take less time in comparison to all others mother wavelet functions. All the wavelets are explained in the next page in detail.

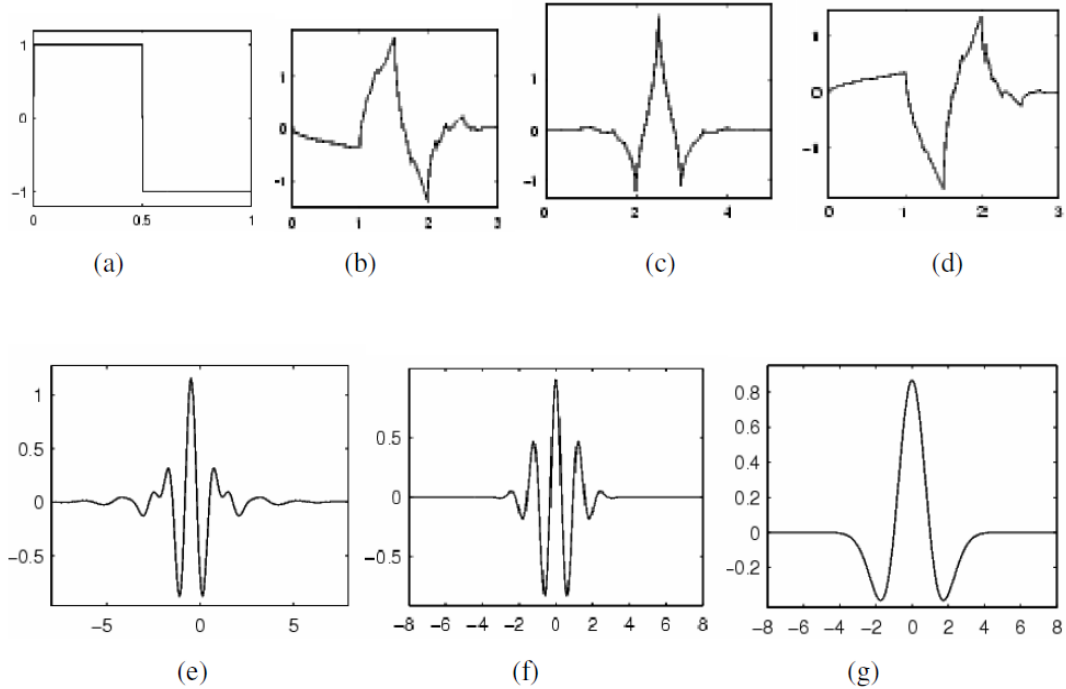


Fig 3.2: Wavelet families (a) Haar (b) Daubechies4 (c) Coiflet1 (d) Symlet2 (e) Meyer (f) Morlet (g) Mexican Hat [42].

**(i) Haar wavelet**

It is used as it is fast, simple, memory efficient and having the ability to reconstruct the signal perfectly. Haar matrix proposed in 1909 by Alfred haar which is the simplest possible wavelet and very fast transform. It is a sequence of rescaled “square shaped” functions which together form wavelet families [11]. Haar wavelet function and scaling function is described mathematically in th next page which gives the idea that how haar wavelet works.

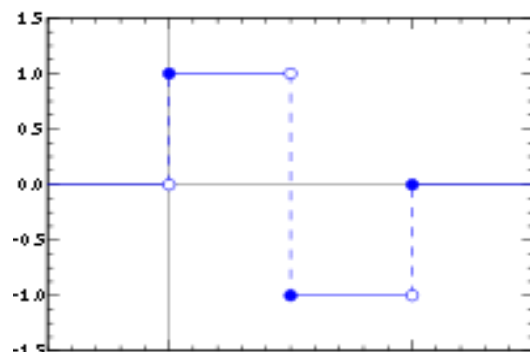


Fig 3.3: The Haar wavelet [11]

The Haar wavelet's mother wavelet function  $\psi(t)$  can be described as [11]:

$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < 1/2, \\ -1 & 1/2 \leq t < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

Its scaling function  $\phi(t)$  can be defined as [11]:

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

## (ii) Daubechies wavelet

It is having the four wavelet and scaling function. The scaling coefficients are [15] :

$$H_0 = 1 + \sqrt{3}/4\sqrt{2} \quad (2.3)$$

$$H_1 = 3 + \sqrt{3}/4\sqrt{2} \quad (2.4)$$

$$H_2 = 3 - \sqrt{3}/4\sqrt{2} \quad (2.5)$$

$$H_3 = 1 - \sqrt{3}/4\sqrt{2} \quad (2.6)$$

Scaling function is applied to the incoming data. If the real data is having M values then scaling function is given the wavelet transform step in order to determine the M/2 flat values.

The wavelet function coefficients are given as [15]:

$$G_0 = H_3 \quad (2.7)$$

$$G_1 = -H_2 \quad (2.8)$$

$$G_2 = H_1 \quad (2.9)$$

$$G_3 = -H_0 \quad (2.10)$$

The Scaling function is calculated as [15]:

$$p[i] = H_0s[2i] + H_1s[2i + 1] + H_2s[2i + 2] + H_3s[2i + 3] \quad (2.11)$$

The Wavelet function is calculated as [15]:

$$d[i] = G_0s[i] + G_1s[2i + 1] + G_2s[2i + 2] + G_3s[2i + 1] \quad (2.12)$$

Scaling and wavelet function value is to be calculates at each and every step. Therefore its index will get increased by two at every step and other values are generated for the further calculations.

In case of forward transform, I will be increases upto n-2 and same in the case of inverse transform [15]. In this there is edge problem arises which is to be solved and it can be solved various methods like Zeros can be used to fill the blank space but then one problem arise that it can generate the significant error due to the extra zeros produced in it. Now other method to reduce that problem is to assume that it is mirrored at the corners. The next way to reduce is Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization which will determine the scaling and wavelet function which is to applied at the corners.

**(iii) Coiflet Wavelet**

It is designed such that they are having scaling functions with vanishing moments. It is symmetric in nature as it is having N/3-1 and wavelet functions having N/3 moments. It is having various properties like symmetric, orthogonal, bi orthogonal. It is supposed that in coiflet wavelet both scaling and wavelet functions are to be normalized by  $1/\sqrt{2}$ . The mathematical equation is given by [16]:

$$B_k = (-1)^k C_{N-1-k} \tag{2.13}$$

Where,

- K=coefficient index
- B=wavelet coefficient
- C=scaling coefficient
- N=wavelet index

**(iv) Symlet wavelet**

These are also a part of wavelet families and it is just the extended version of Daubechies wavelet. It is also having various properties like it is symmetric, orthogonal.

**(v) Meyer Wavelet**

It is part of wavelet families having orthogonal properties or u can say that it is an orthogonal wavelet and its wavelet and scaling function is defined below.

$$\mu(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} v \left(\frac{3|w|}{2\pi} - 1\right)\right) e^{\frac{jw}{2}} & \text{if } \frac{2\pi}{3} < |w| < \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} v \left(\frac{3|w|}{2\pi} - 1\right)\right) e^{\frac{jw}{2}} & \text{if } \frac{4\pi}{3} < |w| < \frac{8\pi}{3} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{2.14}$$

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ x & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases} \quad (2.15)$$

After studying various wavelets like Daubechies, Symlet, Coiflet, Haar, Mexican Hat etc it is to be examined that haar wavelet is very simple and very easy to use and far away from various critical problems therefore keeping eye on all this, in this project haar wavelet is used in our algorithm.

### 3.3 Discrete Wavelet Transform

Wavelet Transform, gives a time-frequency description of the signal, is a advanced approach commonly used in de-noising, compression, watermarking etc. Discrete Wavelet Transform, based on pyramidal coding, is a type of wavelet transform which requires less computation time and resource [3]. DWT basically decompose the image into three spatial direction i.e. horizontal, vertical, diagonal which shows that it shows the anisotropic property of the HVS more precisely. In DWT, various digital filtering approaches like low pass and high pass filtering is successively used to split the signal into various bands as shown in the Fig 3.4 [18] LL1, HL1, LH1, HH1 are the four sub-bands, obtained by applying 1-level DWT Transform. The LL1/LH1/HL1/HH1 band can be further split in the same manner, which produce more sub-bands [21]. This can be extended to 2<sup>nd</sup> level, 3<sup>rd</sup> level which results for the DWT transform. Sub-bands obtained by high pass filtering gives detailed information and its magnitude is small on the other hand sub-bands obtained by low pass filtering produce coarse approximations and its magnitude is very large.

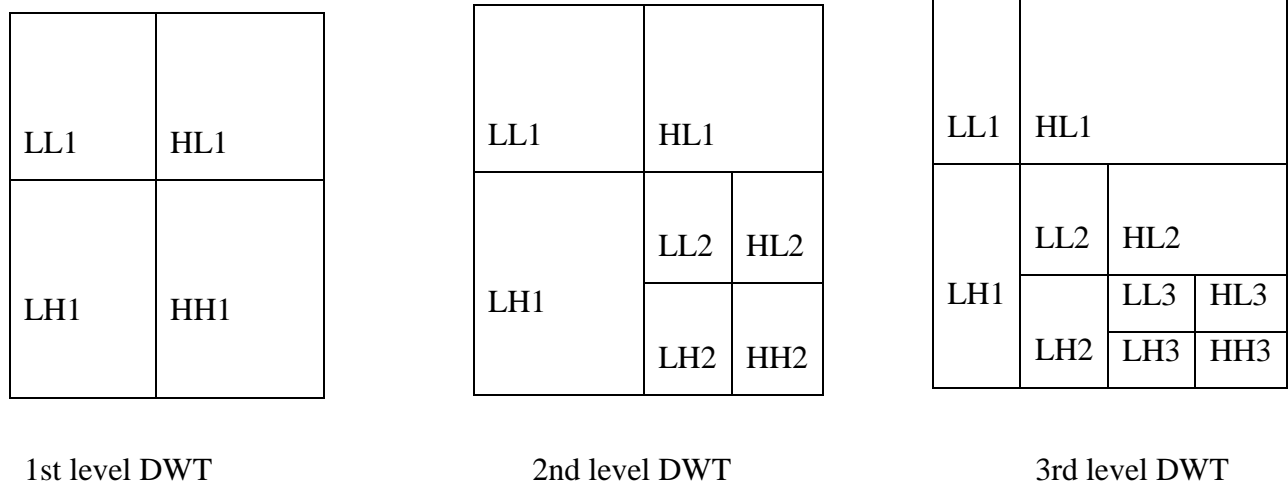


Fig 3.4: Different levels of DWT transform [17]

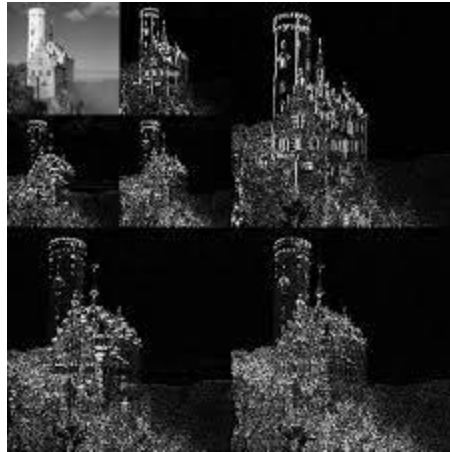


Fig 3.5: The three layer decomposition of the image [9]

The image shown in Fig 3.5 is a pyramid which firstly decompose into 1 level DWT which separates the high and low level frequencies of the images then it further decompose one of its levels (LL/HL/LH/HH) to 2 level DWT which again separates its low and high frequency present in that particular level. After 2 level, 3 level DWT is applied to further separate the low and high frequency components.

DWT can be expressed mathematically as [18]:

$$Y_{\text{high}}[k]=\sum_n x[n].h[2k - n] \quad (2.3)$$

$$Y_{\text{low}}[k]=\sum_n x[n].g[2k - n] \quad (2.4)$$

Where, x is the original signal passed through the series of filters with an impulse response.

### 3.3.1 Advantages of DWT OVER DCT

The advantages of DWT over DCT are [21,24]:

- (i) It avoid blocking phenomenon as it doesn't require division of input coding into blocks.
- (ii) It provide good localization in both domains.
- (iii) DWT introduces inherent scaling.
- (v) DWT have higher decorrelation and energy compression efficiency.

(vi) Less information lost in DWT of Original Image than DCT.

(vii) Temporal and spectral properties of audio, video signals may also be examined with the help of DWT. It is based on wavelets whose frequency is varied and timing is limited on the other hand this is not possible in DCT.

### 3.4 Watermark Embedding and Extraction Algorithm

The embedding and extraction of watermark has been explained in section 3.4.1 and 3.4.2.

#### 3.4.1 Embedding Algorithm

Text image used as watermark is embedded in fingerprint image. Secret key is used to generate random sequence of the size of sub-band (HL/LH) which is added to the original sub-band in order to generate the new sub-band which is shown in the block diagram is Fig 3.6.

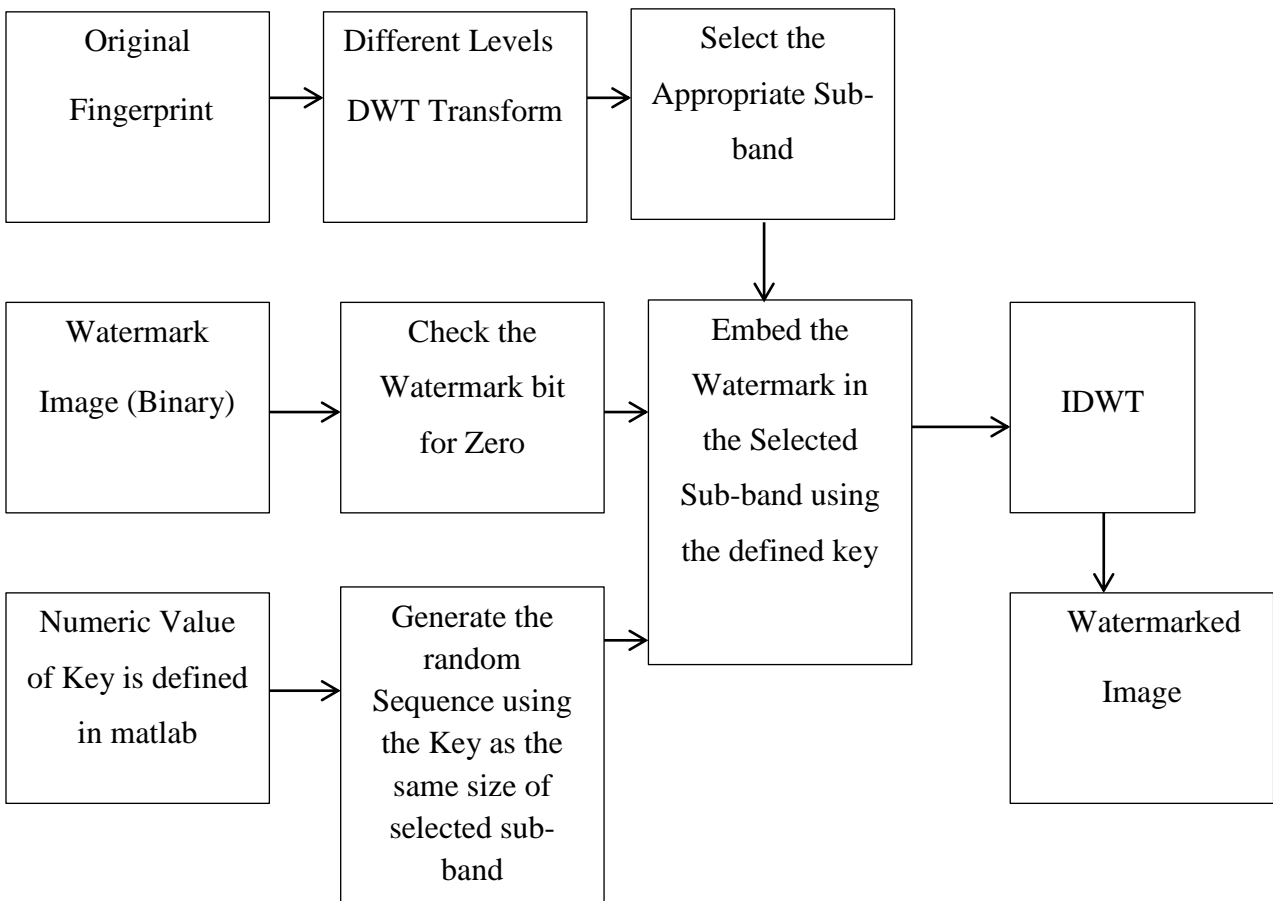


Fig 3.6: Watermark Embedding Block Diagram

### Algorithm:-

**Step 1:** Transform the original image using either 1-level, 2-level or 3-level DWT transform. Select the HL1 and LH1 bands in case of 1-level DWT transform and HL2 & LH2 in case of 2-level DWT transform and similarly in case of 3-level .

**Step 2:** Two dimensional random sequence is generated of the size selected sub-bands (HL1/HL2/HL3) and (LH1/LH2/LH3) using the appropriate key in order to embed the watermark in the original image.

**Step 3:** If watermark bit=0, embed the random sequence in the select sub-bands (HL1/HL2/HL3) and (LH1/LH2/LH3) with the watermark amplification factor k.

If Watermark bit=0,

$(HL1/HL2/HL3) = (HL1/HL2/HL3) + k * Rn1$ ; Rn1 and Rn2 are the generated random

$(LH1/LH2/LH3) = (LH1/LH2/LH3) + k * Rn2$ ; sequence for HL&LH.

Else,

$(HL1/HL2/HL3) = (HL1/HL2/HL3)$  ;

$(LH1/LH2/LH3) = (LH1/LH2/LH3)$  ;

**Step 4:** Perform the IDWT to obtain the watermarked image.

### 3.4.2 Extraction Algorithm

Secret key used in the embedding of watermark, is further used to extract the watermark from the watermarked image. Various noises in the form of attacks are also applied on the watermarked image in order to check the robustness. Complete algorithm of extraction of watermark is discussed in the next page. This extraction algorithm gives better results for DWT than DCT and in DWT, 1<sup>st</sup> level result gives more accuracy that means it extract the watermark in a proper manner that it was embedded in the embedding algorithm on the other hand watermark strength get reduced as we goes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. Algorithm is shown in Fig 3.7.

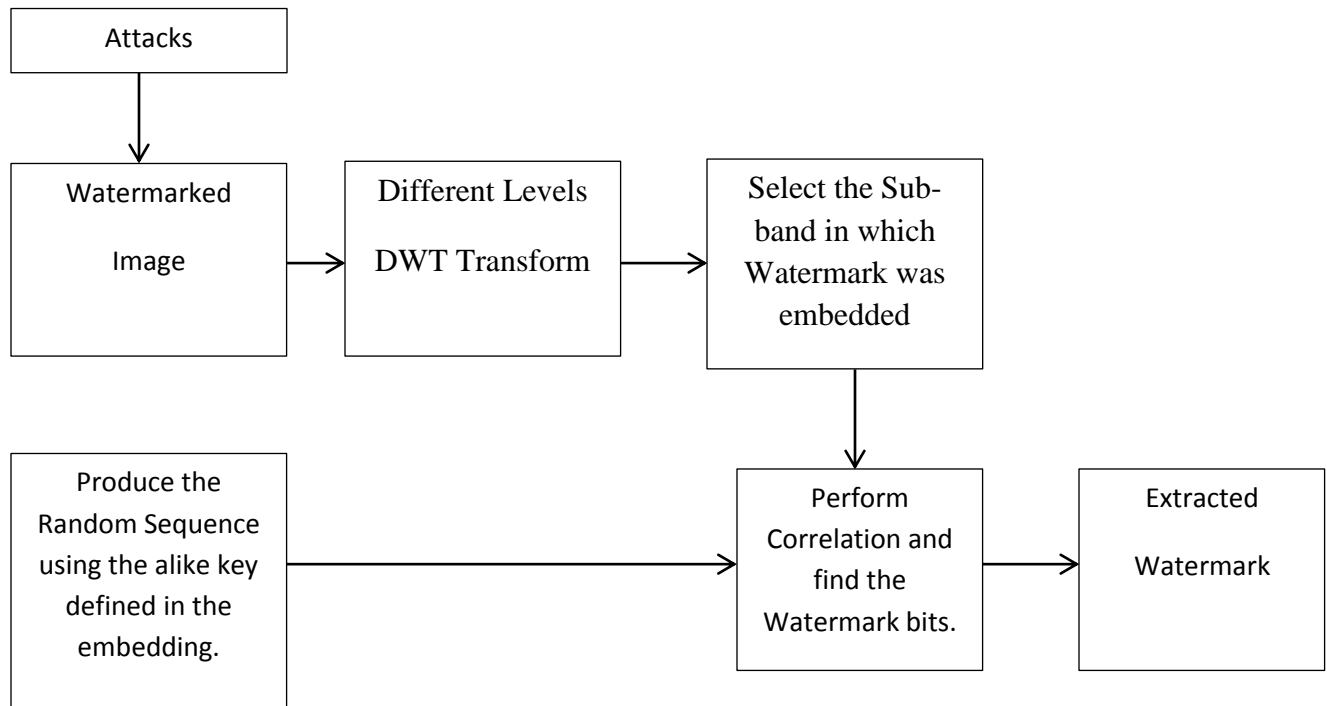


Fig 3.7: Watermark Extraction Block Diagram

**Algorithm:-**

**Step 1:** Apply either 1-level, 2-level or 3-level DWT transform on the attacked watermarked image depending upon level selected while embedding. Attacks like Salt & pepper, Speckle can be performed.

**Step 2:** Two dimensional Random sequence of the size of the selected sub bands (HL1/HL2/HL3) and (LH1/LH2/LH3) is generated using the identical key that was utilized in the embedding process and also select the watermarked sub bands (HL1/HL2/HL3) or (LH1/LH2/LH3) in which watermark is embedded.

**Step 3:** Calculate the similarity between generated random sequences and the selected sub band using the Correlation function.

**Step 4:** Calculate the mean correlation and compare each correlation value with the mean correlation.

If correlation value  $>$  mean(correlation)

    Watermark bit=0;

Else

    Watermark bit=1;

This process continues till all of the bits are recovered.

#### 4.1 Performance Parameters

Parameter such as peak signal to noise ratio is used to compare the original and watermarked image and Fitness of Recovery has been used for comparison between original and extracted watermark.

**4.1.1 Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR):-** It is the ratio between the maximum possible power of a signal and the power of corrupting noise that affects the fidelity of its representation. It is expressed in terms of logarithmic decibel scale.

$$\text{MSE} = (1/(J*K))*\text{sum}(\text{sum}((Y-Z).^2))$$

$$\text{PSNR} = 20*\log(\text{max}(\text{max}(Y)))/((\text{MSE})^0.5)$$

Where,

MSE=Mean Square error

J and K are the size of original fingerprint image

Y is the original fingerprint image and,

Z is the watermarked image.

**4.1.2 Fitness of recovery:-**  $100*\text{Correlation factor}$

Where, Correlation factor is the correlation between the original and the extracted watermark.

#### 4.2 RESULTS

This section explains the results obtained by applying the algorithm on thirty sample images. Various fingerprint images (thirty in total) of different persons with specifications 8-bit depth and size 296×560 pixels at 1 dpi and watermark of size 38 × 31 are taken to apply the algorithm. Fig 4.1 (a) shows the sample watermark image and Fig 4.1 (b) shows sample fingerprint images. Further, results of embedding the watermark in fingerprint image in the form of watermarked images and extracted watermark images are shown in the results. Apart from the images, Result section also contained the tables which include the comparison results of PSNR, fitness factor, average elapsed time for embedding and extraction with DCT and various levels of DWT.



(a)



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6



Image 7



Image 8



Image 9



Image 10



Image 11



Image 12



Image 13



Image 14



Image 15



Image 16



Image 17



Image 18



Image 19



Image 20



Image 21



Image 22



Image 23



Image 24



Image 25



(b)

Fig 4.1: (a) Watermark image of size (38×31) pixels (b) Original fingerprints (296×560) pixels

Fig 4.2 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 1.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR=14.0193	PSNR=15.3961	PSNR=22.8467	PSNR=26.9982

Fig 4.2: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 1

Fig 4.3 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 1.

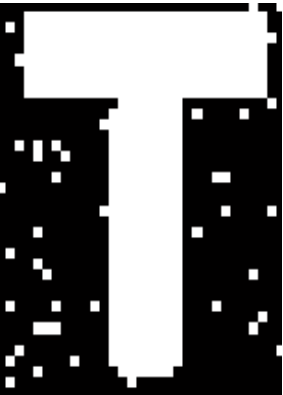
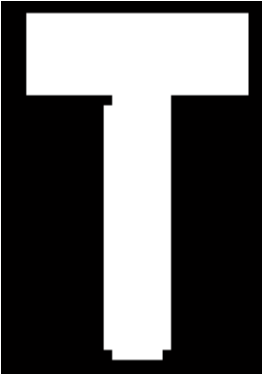
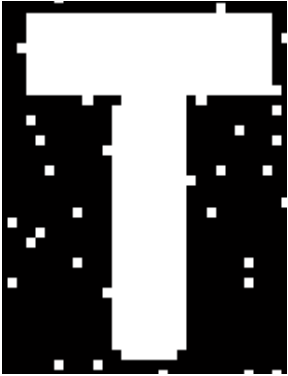
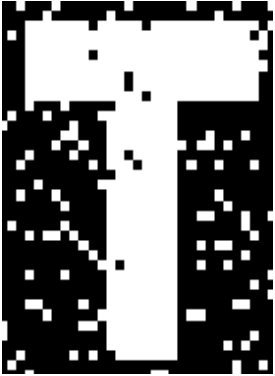
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=92.289	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.130	Fitness factor=81.601

Fig 4.3: Extracted Watermarks (Without Attacks) with corresponding Fitness of Recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 1

Fig 4.4 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 2.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR=14.8357	PSNR=16.1333	PSNR=23.2899	PSNR=27.4144

Fig 4.4: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 2

Fig 4.5 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 2.


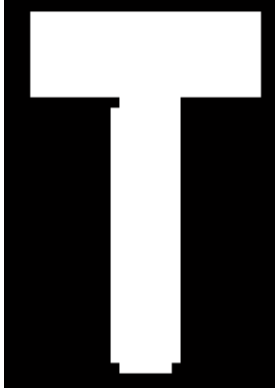
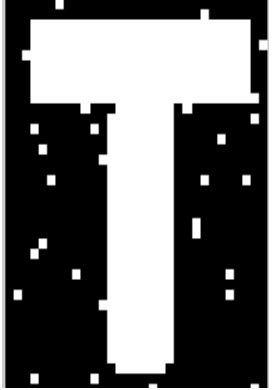

DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=93.623	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.813	Fitness factor=81.519

Fig 4.5: Extracted Watermarks (Without Attacks) with corresponding Fitness of Recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 2

Fig 4.6 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 3.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 15.2468	PSNR=16.3889	PSNR=23.5034	PSNR=27.654

Fig 4.6: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 3

Fig 4.7 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 3.

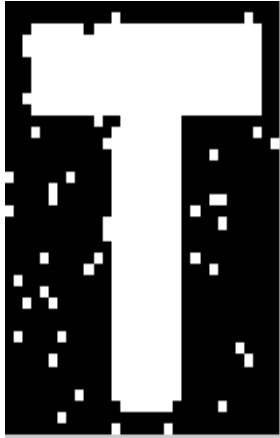
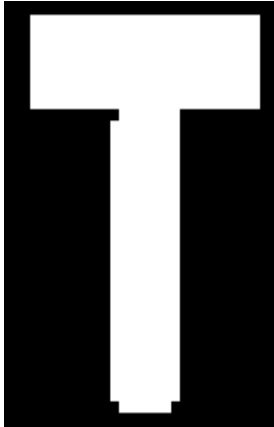
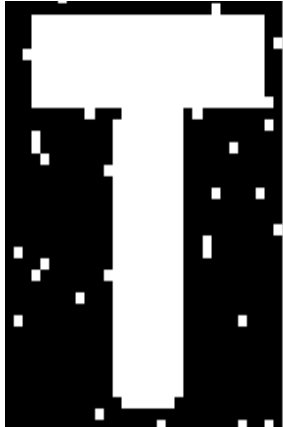
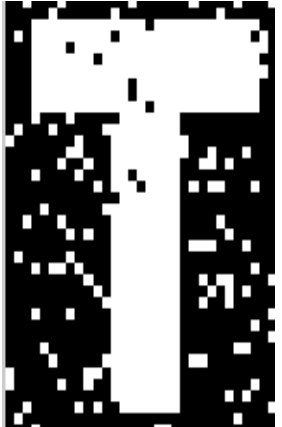
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=92.587	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.813	Fitness factor=81.306

Fig 4.7: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 3

Fig 4.8 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 4.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 14.2208	PSNR=16.3100	PSNR=23.1153	PSNR=27.2668

Fig 4.8: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 4

Fig 4.9 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 4.

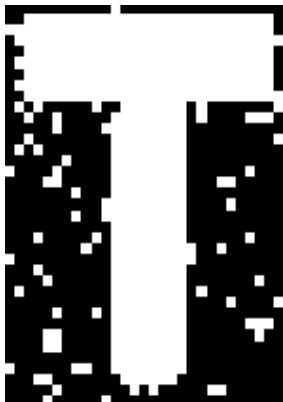
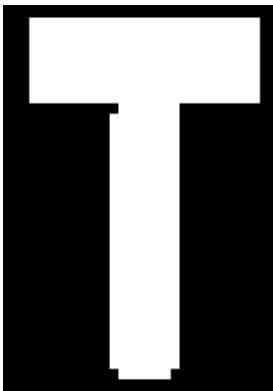

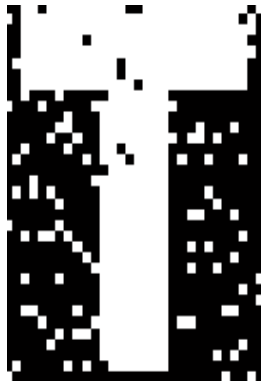
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=86.308	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.642	Fitness factor=81.453

Fig 4.9: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 4

Fig 4.10 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 5.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 15.6767	PSNR=16.3798	PSNR=23.8748	PSNR=28.0263

Fig 4.10: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 5

Fig 4.11 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 5.

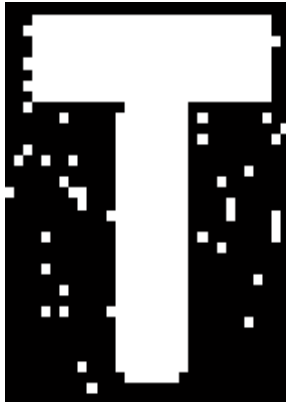
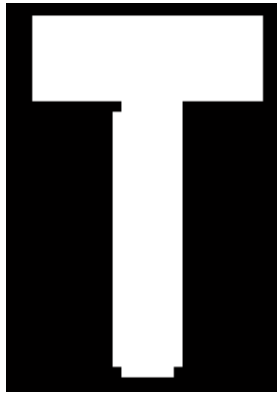
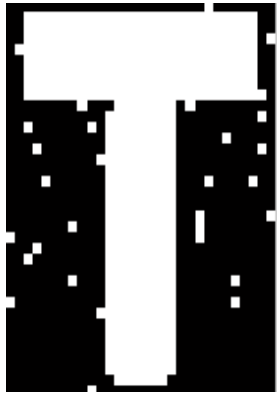
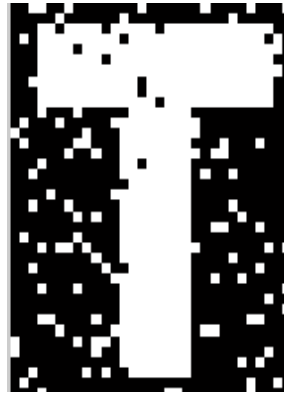
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=92.953	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=93.961	Fitness factor=80.881

Fig 4.11: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 5

Fig 4.12 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 6.



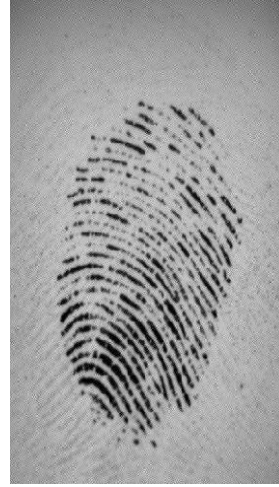

DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 14.3864	PSNR=16.2616	PSNR=23.2466	PSNR=27.3981

Fig 4.12: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 6 34

Fig 4.13 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 6.

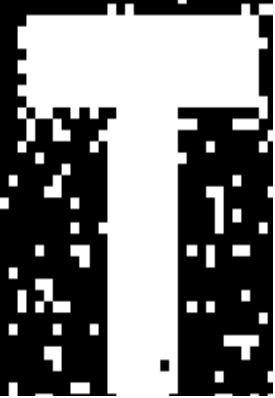
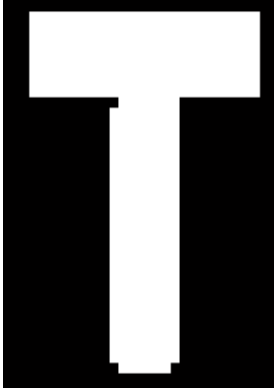


DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=81.868	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.301	Fitness factor=81.813

Fig 4.13: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 6

Fig 4.14 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 7.

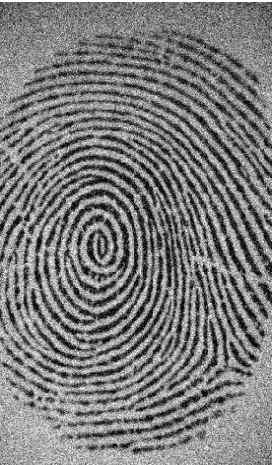



DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 14.4233	PSNR=15.1158	PSNR=23.1593	PSNR=27.3018

Fig 4.14: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 7

Fig 4.15 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 7

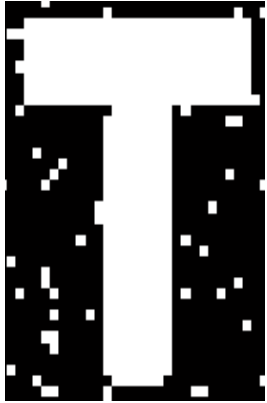
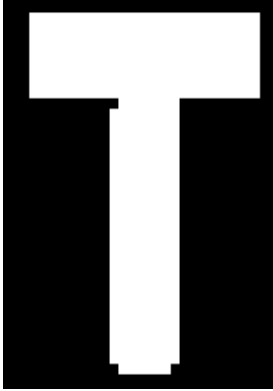
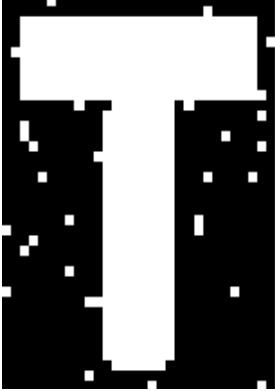
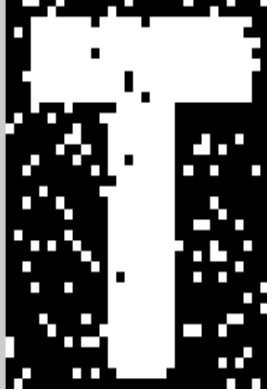
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=91.633	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.471	Fitness factor=81.813

Fig 4.15: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 7

Fig 4.16 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 8.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 14.2639	PSNR=16.1889	PSNR=23.1593	PSNR=27.3103

Fig 4.16: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 8

Fig 4.17 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 8.

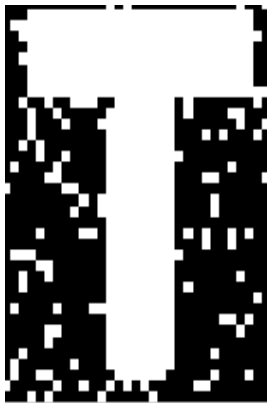
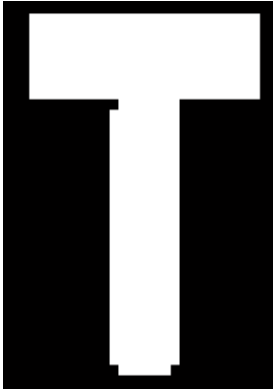
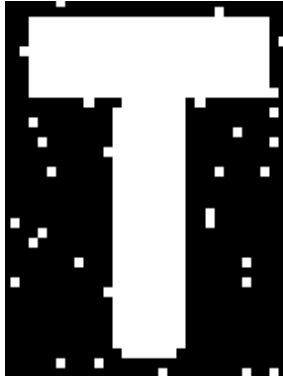
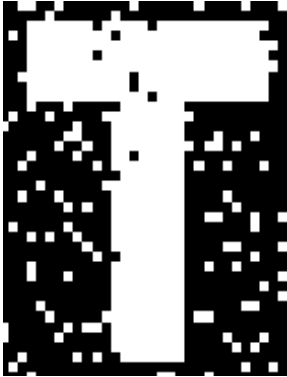
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=82.510	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.471	Fitness factor=81.601

Fig 4.17: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 8

Fig 4.18 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 9.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 14.9362	PSNR=16.5810	PSNR=23.5873	PSNR=27.7388

Fig 4.18: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 9

Fig 4.19 shows the extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding fitness of recovery for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT, 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 9.

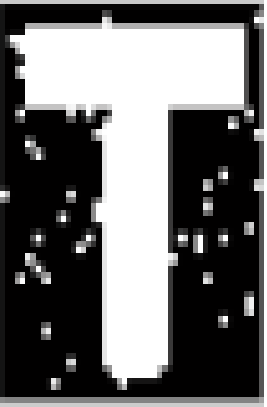
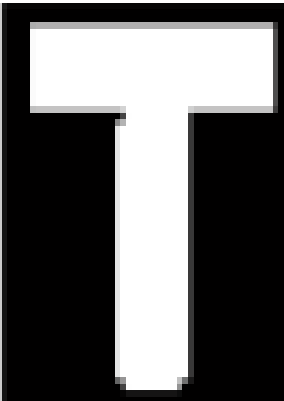
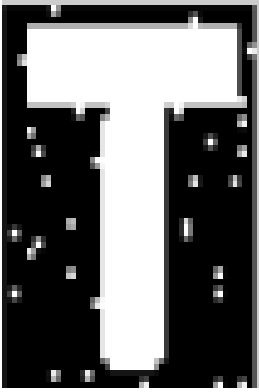
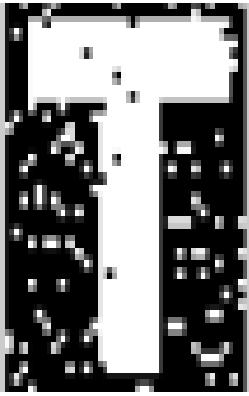
DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
Fitness factor=92.125	Fitness factor=100	Fitness factor=94.301	Fitness factor=82.617

Fig 4.19: Extracted watermarks (without attacks) with corresponding Fitness of recovery for DCT and different DWT levels for image 9

Fig 4.20 shows the watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT, 1<sup>st</sup> level DWT, 2<sup>nd</sup> level DWT and 3<sup>rd</sup> level DWT for image 10.





DCT	1 <sup>st</sup> level DWT	2 <sup>nd</sup> level DWT	3 <sup>rd</sup> level DWT
			
PSNR= 15.1374	PSNR=16.9821	PSNR=23.7527	PSNR=27.9042

Fig 4.20: Watermarked images with corresponding PSNR for DCT and different levels of DWT for image 10

Similarly, the algorithm is applied to all the sample images and comparison between DCT and various levels of DWT with corresponding PSNR and fitness factor have been made and is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Comparison of PSNR values and Fitness factor (without attacks) for all sample images

Image No.	PSNR (db)				Fitness Factor			
	DCT	DWT			DCT	DWT		
		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level
1.	14.0193	15.3961	22.8467	26.9982	92.2894	100	94.1309	81.6012
2.	14.8357	16.1333	23.2899	27.4414	93.6235	100	94.8139	81.5195
3.	15.2468	16.3889	23.5034	27.6549	92.5875	100	94.8139	81.3066
4.	14.2208	16.3100	23.1153	27.2668	86.3082	100	94.6425	81.4538
5.	15.6767	16.3798	23.8748	28.0263	92.9532	100	93.9613	80.8813
6.	14.3864	16.2616	23.2466	27.3981	81.8689	100	94.3010	81.8136
7.	14.4233	15.1158	23.1593	27.3108	91.6333	100	94.4715	81.8136
8.	14.2639	16.1889	23.1593	27.3108	82.5103	100	94.4715	81.6012
9.	14.9362	16.5810	23.5873	27.7388	92.1251	100	94.3010	82.6174
10.	15.1374	16.9821	23.7527	27.9042	89.7033	100	94.6425	82.7660
11.	14.5048	16.6718	23.2899	27.4414	86.4587	100	94.4715	82.1943
12.	14.0412	16.0301	22.8920	27.0435	84.3153	100	94.6425	82.4058
13.	14.4604	16.8408	23.0267	27.1782	89.7033	100	94.3010	82.3211
14.	13.6970	15.5238	22.6163	26.7678	88.7596	100	94.8139	82.5547
15.	14.1114	16.0081	22.8920	27.0435	90.8221	100	94.4715	82.7039
16.	14.3305	16.6521	23.2031	27.3546	84.5282	100	94.8139	82.7927
17.	14.2360	15.3674	23.0267	27.1782	92.4550	100	94.3010	81.8971
18.	14.3694	15.3679	23.1593	27.3108	86.7609	100	94.4715	81.0939
19.	14.1607	15.7563	23.0267	27.1782	84.9687	100	94.1309	80.7341
20.	14.2451	15.5762	22.9821	27.1336	92.7867	100	94.4715	79.8571
21.	14.1104	15.5643	22.8011	26.9526	93.9613	100	95.1582	81.8136
22.	15.3763	16.4926	24.1139	28.2654	89.9450	100	94.3010	81.1768
23.	14.1956	16.0533	23.0711	27.2226	90.1804	100	94.4715	81.0939
24.	14.7483	15.9674	23.7893	27.4569	89.3404	100	94.7485	87.2485
25.	15.0851	15.8136	22.7845	27.8456	94.9858	100	94.2345	81.4196
26.	14.4513	16.6480	24.6536	27.1234	89.7033	100	97.1245	81.0654
27.	14.3065	16.3499	21.7485	27.4569	83.0055	100	97.7498	21.7489
28.	14.3822	16.5665	23.2031	27.3546	87.5223	100	94.1309	82.1735
29.	14.2898	15.8537	23.1593	27.3108	83.9454	100	94.6425	82.3859
30.	14.4619	16.6702	23.3331	27.4845	92.7845	100	94.4715	82.7660

On analyzing the Table 1, it can be concluded that PSNR and fitness factor of DWT is more than that of DCT. SO DWT is better method and as the level of DWT go on increasing, PSNR go on increasing while fitness factor go decreasing.

Table 2 shows comparison between DCT and various levels of DWT with corresponding average elapsed time for embedding and extraction for all 30 images.

Table 2: Comparison of average elapsed time for embedding and extraction (without attacks) for all sample images

Image No.	Average Elapsed Time for Embedding (sec)				Average Elapsed Time for Extraction (sec)			
	DCT	DWT			DCT	DWT		
		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level
1.	7.6915	5.6176	3.7581	1.6523	10.2836	3.8086	1.3873	0.8536
2.	7.3181	4.0082	2.1146	1.5452	21.1712	3.8157	1.2978	0.8074
3.	6.8222	3.7199	2.1229	1.7827	10.9436	3.9889	1.3107	0.8202
4.	6.8913	3.8780	2.0521	1.6631	10.0101	3.9459	1.3422	0.8088
5.	6.3117	3.5414	2.0953	1.6157	10.4434	4.0109	1.3235	0.8163
6.	6.1709	3.6701	2.0592	1.6377	10.7708	4.0225	1.2855	0.8199
7.	6.3297	3.6681	2.0768	1.5603	10.745	3.9239	1.2710	0.8244
8.	6.3915	4.1559	2.0979	1.5446	10.4149	3.8838	1.3384	0.7962
9.	6.4429	3.4702	2.0113	1.6145	11.067	3.9569	1.2909	0.8199
10.	6.2156	3.7042	2.0870	1.6472	10.832	3.9906	1.3554	0.8215
11.	6.9046	3.4496	1.9758	1.6216	11.0480	3.9036	1.3378	1.1205
12.	6.5088	3.5805	2.1275	1.6063	11.1036	3.9262	1.2891	0.7863
13.	6.2255	3.4801	2.1026	1.6648	10.9197	3.8644	1.3315	0.7974
14.	6.5623	3.6608	1.9862	1.6007	11.7193	3.9208	1.2678	0.7985
15.	6.5989	3.5039	2.2054	1.6007	10.8893	3.8838	1.2968	0.8529
16.	6.2842	3.6437	2.0162	1.8886	10.5222	3.8976	1.2574	0.8072
17.	6.2795	3.5034	2.0033	1.5868	11.3656	4.2409	1.3166	0.8282
18.	6.9595	3.5069	2.0271	1.5490	10.9384	3.8870	1.2516	0.8677
19.	6.3818	3.6765	2.0542	1.6019	10.7604	3.8562	1.3046	0.8429
20.	8.5716	3.4605	1.9721	2.0568	10.7429	3.8564	1.2647	0.8195
21.	7.3417	3.5115	2.0488	1.7556	14.6325	3.9164	1.2339	0.8316
22.	7.3220	3.4973	1.9408	1.6542	14.2275	3.9353	1.2537	0.7955
23.	7.4209	3.4391	2.0963	1.6372	14.1956	4.1783	1.3123	0.8760
24.	7.6151	3.4410	1.7485	1.2360	14.1809	4.0279	1.7845	0.7891
25.	6.6300	3.5399	2.9678	1.7845	12.5473	3.9443	1.6987	0.6587
26.	6.4814	3.5416	2.0564	1.9687	12.4318	3.9236	1.7498	0.6358
27.	7.0163	3.4665	2.7489	1.3648	11.8581	3.8668	1.6598	0.9874
28.	7.2558	3.5181	2.1099	1.6824	11.9650	3.9088	1.2451	0.8475
29.	7.0129	3.5563	2.0105	1.4955	11.4885	4.0022	1.2553	0.8082
30.	6.6641	3.5327	2.0046	2.2311	11.6053	3.8518	1.3112	0.7895

From the above table, it has been observed that the embedding and extraction time for DCT is more than that of DWT. Moreover, as the level of the DWT increases, the embedding and extraction time decreases.

The salt and pepper and Jpeg Compression noise attacks has been applied on the system and their effect on the system has been analyzed as given in Table 3 and Table 4.

Table 3: Comparison of fitness factor and average elapsed time for embedding and extraction (salt and pepper attacks) for all sample images

Image No.	Fitness Factor				Average Elapsed Time for Extraction (sec)			
	DCT	DWT			DCT	DWT		
		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level
1.	40.0260	100	92.8414	81.9614	9.6091	3.7174	1.1846	0.784
2.	45.7934	100	93.9878	81.6884	9.6372	3.7492	1.1795	0.755
3.	54.8839	99.9874	91.8912	80.4554	9.6528	3.7205	1.1837	0.934
4.	42.9124	100	92.7874	81.2397	10.1097	3.7244	1.2097	0.812
5.	60.5139	100	92.5654	79.2136	9.8084	3.7368	1.1999	0.884
6.	43.1135	100	92.1174	80.2578	9.8947	3.7769	1.1857	0.965
7.	40.9155	99.2641	91.7247	80.7824	9.7362	3.7626	1.1955	0.747
8.	39.3547	100	94.1278	81.3648	11.0145	3.7757	1.2045	0.765
9.	43.6171	100	93.7814	79.6574	9.7094	3.7348	1.2037	0.755
10.	43.4802	100	92.7541	80.9858	9.8322	3.7852	1.1898	0.785
11.	48.1861	98.2112	91.4784	78.4157	9.6851	3.7845	1.1364	0.2358
12.	47.1425	99.7415	92.4187	73.1648	9.1474	3.9548	1.1457	0.9674
13.	42.8574	100	94.7841	82.4781	9.4784	3.7418	1.3259	0.5698
14.	46.1245	100	90.4187	79.4561	9.4785	2.7486	1.3489	0.5264
15.	40.2145	99.4158	92.7418	83.1457	10.1248	3.4561	1.7498	0.7849
16.	47.2145	98.4178	97.4187	76.7489	9.1464	3.7419	1.6354	0.9675
17.	42.1457	99.1487	93.4784	79.1478	9.7418	3.7952	1.9875	0.1298
18.	61.7415	100	97.1547	78.1789	11.4572	3.4159	1.5498	0.7894
19.	52.1497	97.4154	93.4785	79.7498	9.3648	3.7419	1.2698	0.1598
20.	54.1278	99.1487	90.4578	80.7468	10.4789	3.4568	1.7418	0.3658
21.	54.7414	100	92.1478	81.4986	11.3612	3.7418	1.9635	0.1547
22.	40.5897	100	92.4781	82.7489	9.1457	3.9875	1.5987	0.9635
23.	42.7415	98.1457	93.4781	79.5698	9.7485	3.7419	1.5789	0.8745
24.	40.1478	100	91.7487	80.1359	9.3214	3.7469	1.3697	0.9658
25.	52.1478	100	92.4718	87.1598	10.7892	3.6529	1.7448	0.7894
26.	60.7498	99.4178	92.7487	79.4298	9.7456	3.7498	1.0235	0.1598
27.	45.1245	100	90.1478	80.4985	8.1568	3.6245	1.0256	0.4598
28.	43.8754	98.1475	93.4796	81.4789	10.7468	3.4896	1.4782	0.1578
29.	42.1987	99.4784	92.7485	78.4527	11.4578	3.7419	1.4187	0.6398
30.	50.1648	100	94.4598	79.4152	9.1289	3.6589	1.9685	0.2458

Table 4: Comparison of fitness factor and average elapsed time for embedding and extraction  
(Jpeg Compression attacks) for all sample images

Image No.	Fitness Factor				Average Elapsed Time for Extraction (sec)			
	DCT	DWT			DCT	DWT		
		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level		1 <sup>st</sup> level	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level
1.	35.7485	92.5348	85.9645	76.4453	10.1458	3.8451	1.1968	0.741
2.	36.7458	94.8645	87.8912	78.5621	11.2357	3.7452	1.1844	0.796
3.	36.1485	93.8415	87.8995	79.8469	9.2569	3.7698	1.19556	0.946
4.	38.7495	93.8279	87.9565	78.2348	11.5698	3.8759	1.1967	0.812
5.	34.1258	92.8565	86.2385	76.2145	10.256	3.8466	1.1899	0.848
6.	39.7849	93.2532	85.6596	78.2569	9.5698	3.9863	1.1872	0.965
7.	37.1452	94.4179	86.8265	79.1447	9.5678	3.7482	1.1957	0.796
8.	36.1542	95.1749	88.1935	78.4187	9.8459	3.7657	1.1799	0.778
9.	38.1235	91.4586	85.4598	77.9696	10.2365	3.7388	1.6535	0.775
10.	39.4587	95.7896	86.7465	78.9687	9.1564	3.7859	1.1894	0.796
11.	38.4578	90.2569	84.1598	75.1265	11.5689	3.1548	1.1578	0.7891
12.	40.1236	91.5498	83.2569	72.1985	9.2365	3.9654	1.1698	1.2564
13.	39.5489	90.2569	87.1569	72.3366	10.2569	3.1235	1.2569	0.1478
14.	38.5689	91.1489	86.1587	75.1298	11.2569	3.2548	1.9685	0.2365
15.	34.5689	92.2569	89.2569	75.1489	12.2548	3.5698	1.3698	0.9874
16.	38.2569	93.4569	87.1569	76.2389	9.2365	3.4152	1.4587	0.8596
17.	40.5869	92.4879	86.1547	77.4259	9.2589	3.4987	1.9685	0.1478
18.	41.4578	91.5987	83.2569	70.1548	10.1587	3.6598	1.2365	0.3698
19.	39.4166	93.4569	83.1549	71.2698	10.2569	3.4578	1.7896	0.2547
20.	39.4589	90.4598	86.1236	75.1236	10.5698	3.1548	1.1365	0.2485
21.	40.1256	92.5698	89.1247	76.2598	11.2569	3.9685	1.4598	0.6987
22.	41.1578	93.7895	86.2569	78.2548	11.3698	3.4598	1.1254	0.2456
23.	39.2569	92.7498	84.1549	76.2563	9.6235	3.1478	1.2365	0.2987
24.	37.1245	91.9658	83.7415	78.4512	9.5698	3.6589	1.1254	0.2365
25.	39.2569	90.2369	86.2365	74.2563	10.235	3.1478	1.1547	0.2541
26.	41.1265	91.5698	85.1247	79.2541	10.256	3.2698	1.1985	0.2589
27.	39.4159	92.4569	84.4569	76.1258	9.3654	3.4569	1.1256	0.3698
28.	38.7596	91.2659	86.2541	78.2452	10.236	3.1478	1.1236	0.3657
29.	41.5987	91.5698	81.2654	79.5632	11.2365	3.6987	1.1254	0.1598
30.	40.2569	91.4985	82.1569	78.2562	9.2563	3.1569	1.2398	0.1547

From the Table 3 & 4, it has been observed that as attacks are applied on the watermarked images, fitness factor get reduced for both DCT and DWT but attacks have great impact on DCT than DWT. Moreover on DWT, impact of attacks increases as we increase the level of DWT.

### 4.3 Quantitative Performance Evaluation:-

This section presents the quantitative performance of the evaluation results of PSNR, Fitness Factor, average elapsed time for embedding and extraction. Fig 4.21 shows the relationship between PSNR with DCT and various levels of DWT.

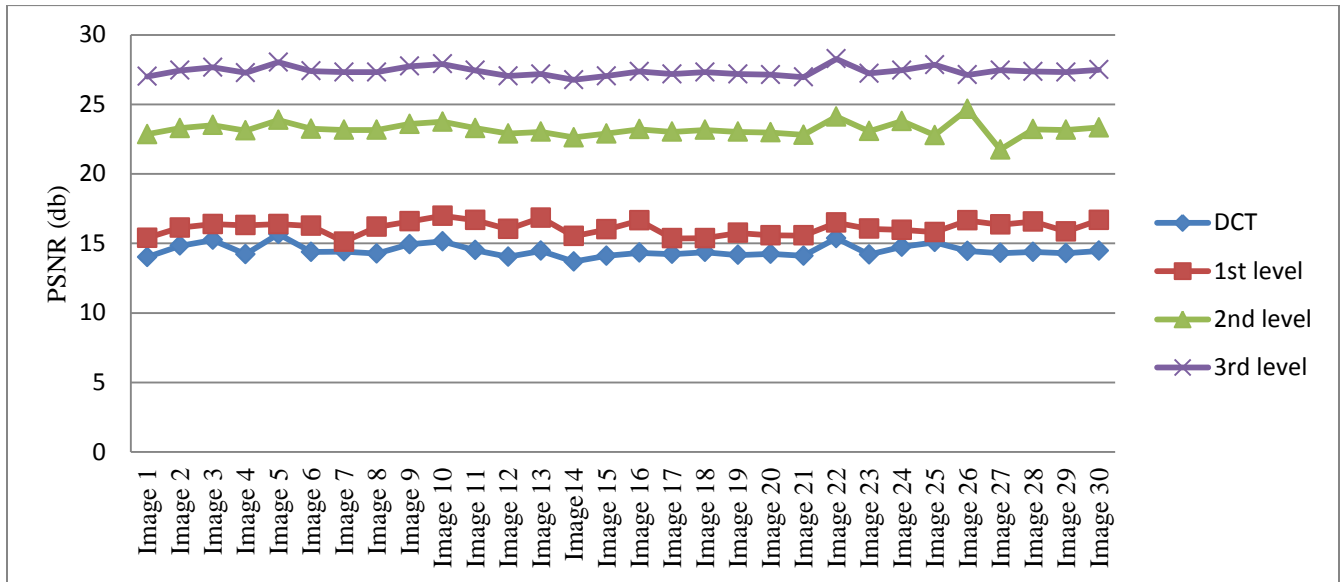


Fig 4.21: Relationship between PSNR and DCT and Various levels of DWT

Fig 4.22 shows the relationship between fitness factor with DCT and various levels of DWT without performing attacks.

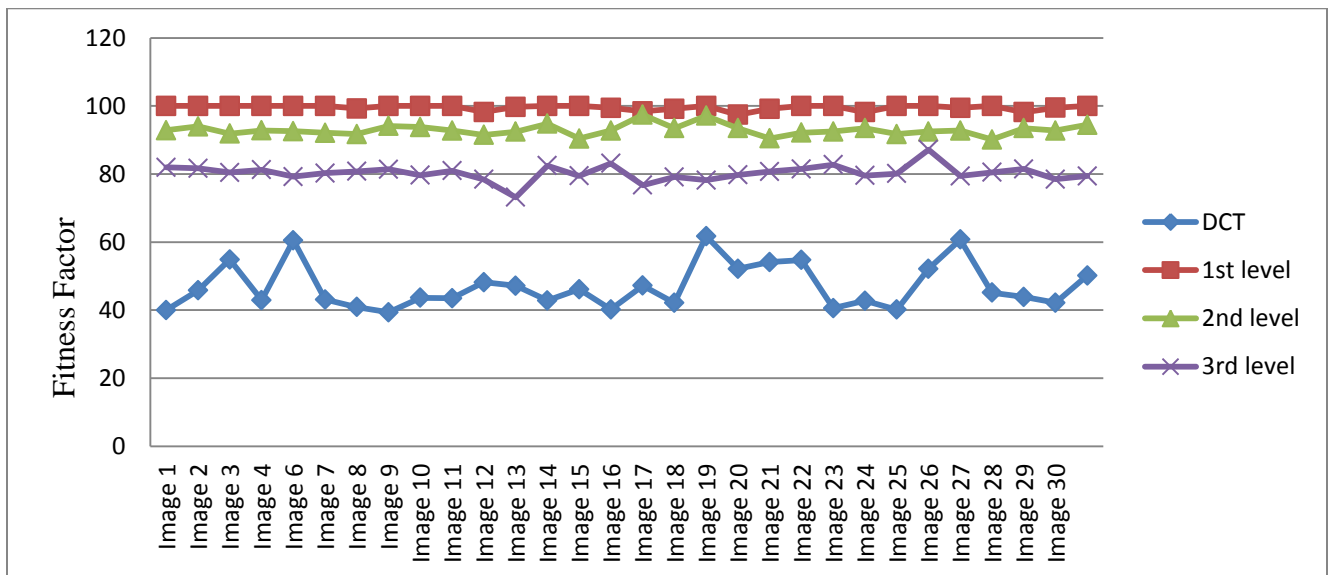


Fig 4.22: Relationship between Fitness Factor and DCT and various levels of DWT (without attacks)

Fig 4.23 shows the relationship between average elapsed time for embedding with DCT and various levels of DWT.

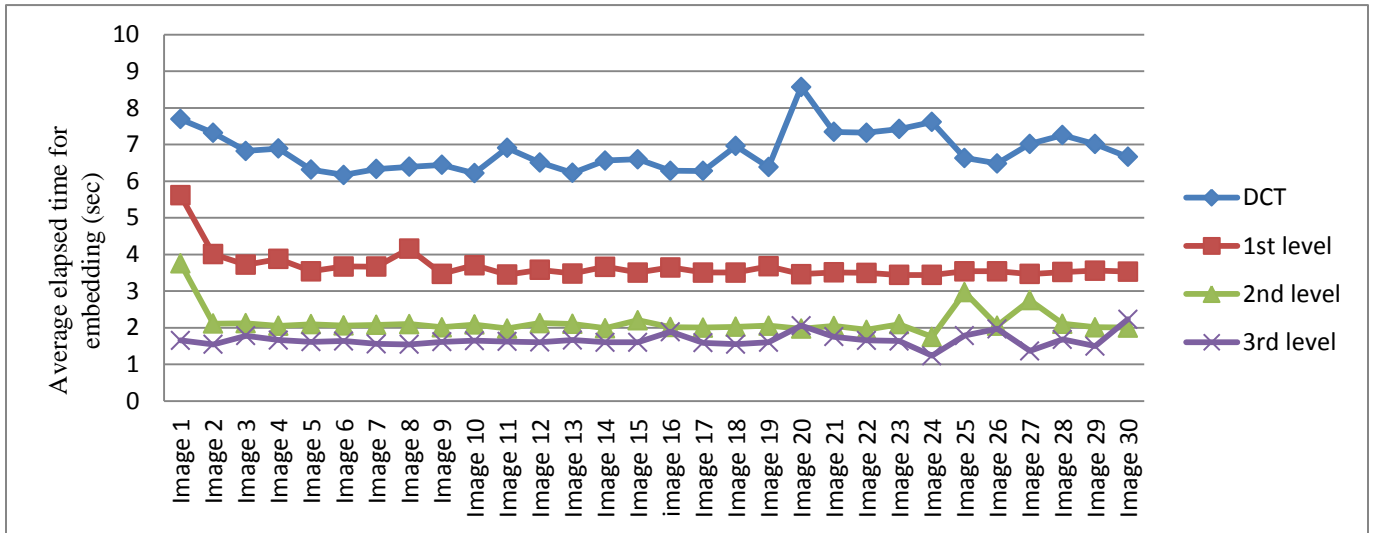


Fig 4.23: Relationship between Average elapsed time for embedding and DCT and various levels of DWT

Fig 4.24 shows the relationship between average elapsed time for extraction with DCT and various levels of DWT without performing attacks.

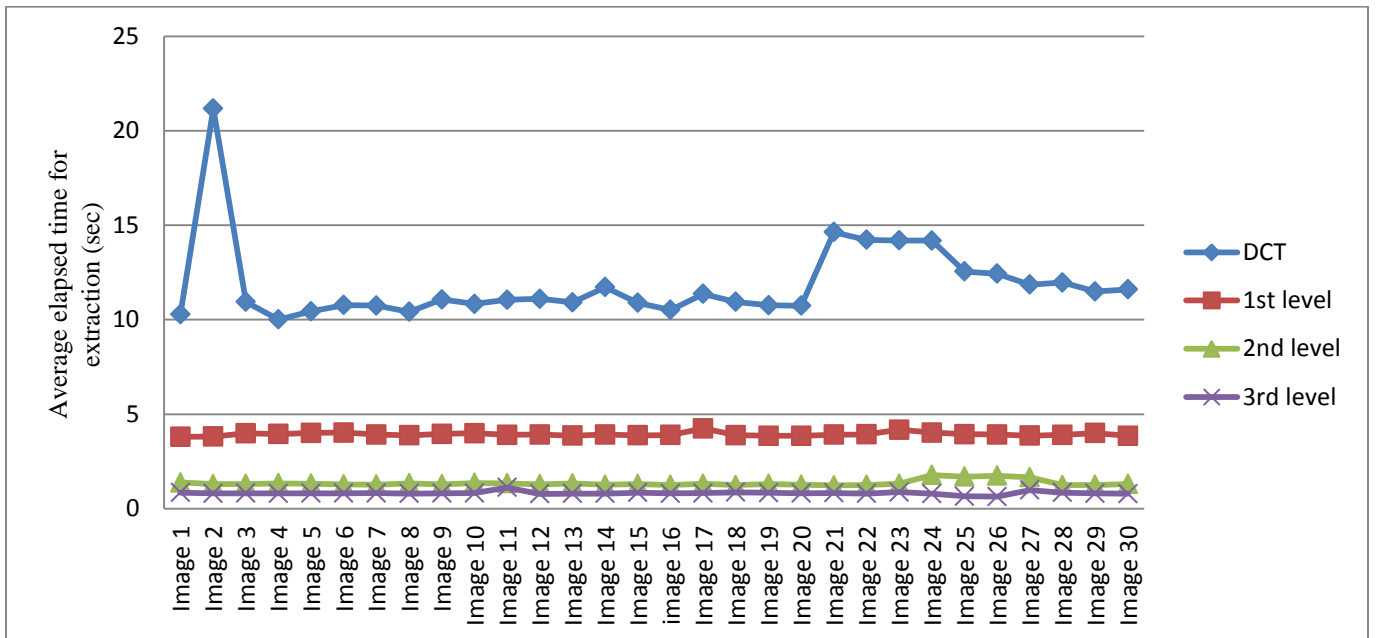


Fig 4.24: Relationship between Average elapsed time for extraction and DCT and various levels of DWT

(without attacks)

Fig 4.25 shows the relationship between fitness factor with DCT and various levels of DWT after applying salt and pepper attacks.

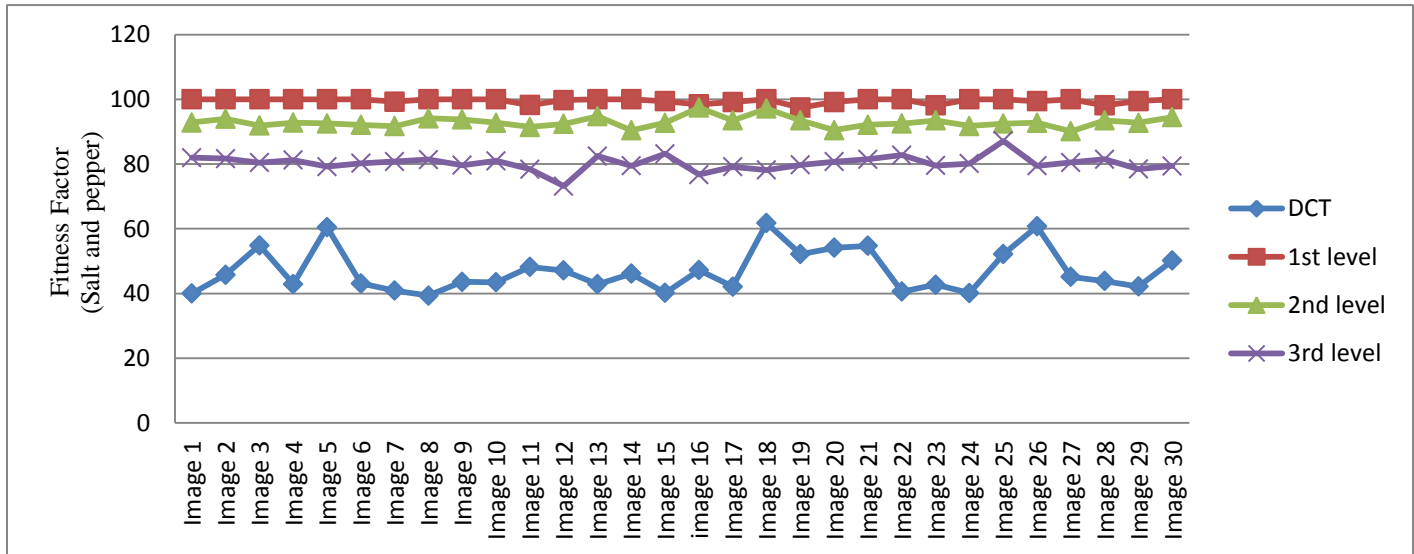


Fig 4.25: Relationship between Fitness Factor and DCT and levels of DWT (salt and pepper attacks)

Fig 4.26 shows the relationship between average elapsed time for extraction with DCT and various levels of DWT after applying salt and pepper attacks.

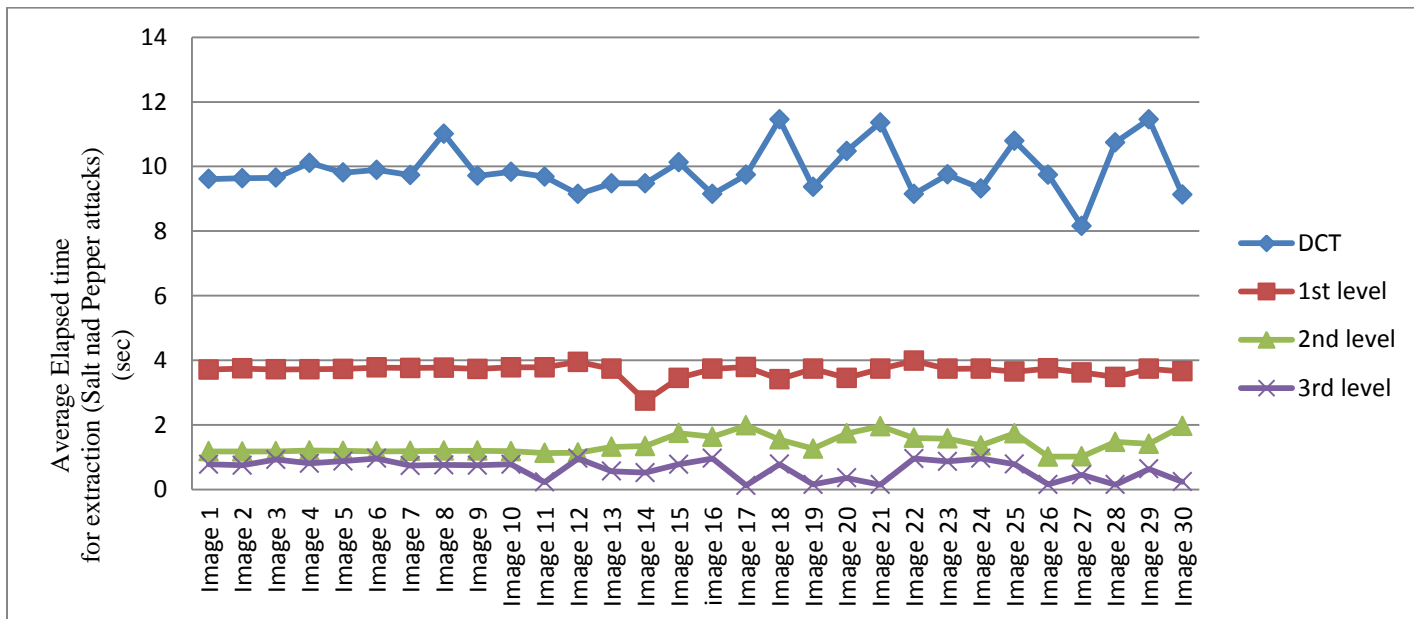


Fig 4.26: Relationship between Average elapsed time for extraction and DCT and various levels of DWT (salt and pepper attacks)

Fig 4.27 shows the relationship between fitness factor with DCT and various levels of DWT after applying Jpeg Compression attacks.

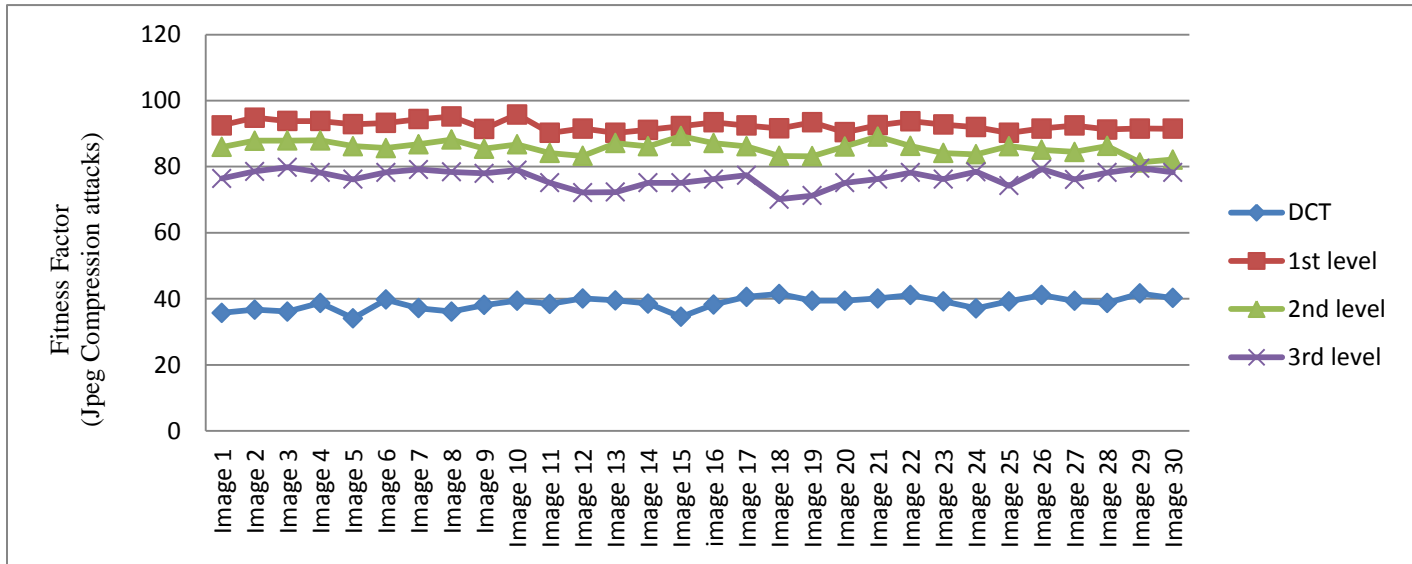


Fig 4.27: Relationship between Fitness Factor and DCT and various levels of DWT  
(Jpeg Compression attacks)

Fig 4.28 shows the relationship between average elapsed time for extraction with DCT and various levels of DWT after applying Jpeg Compression attacks.

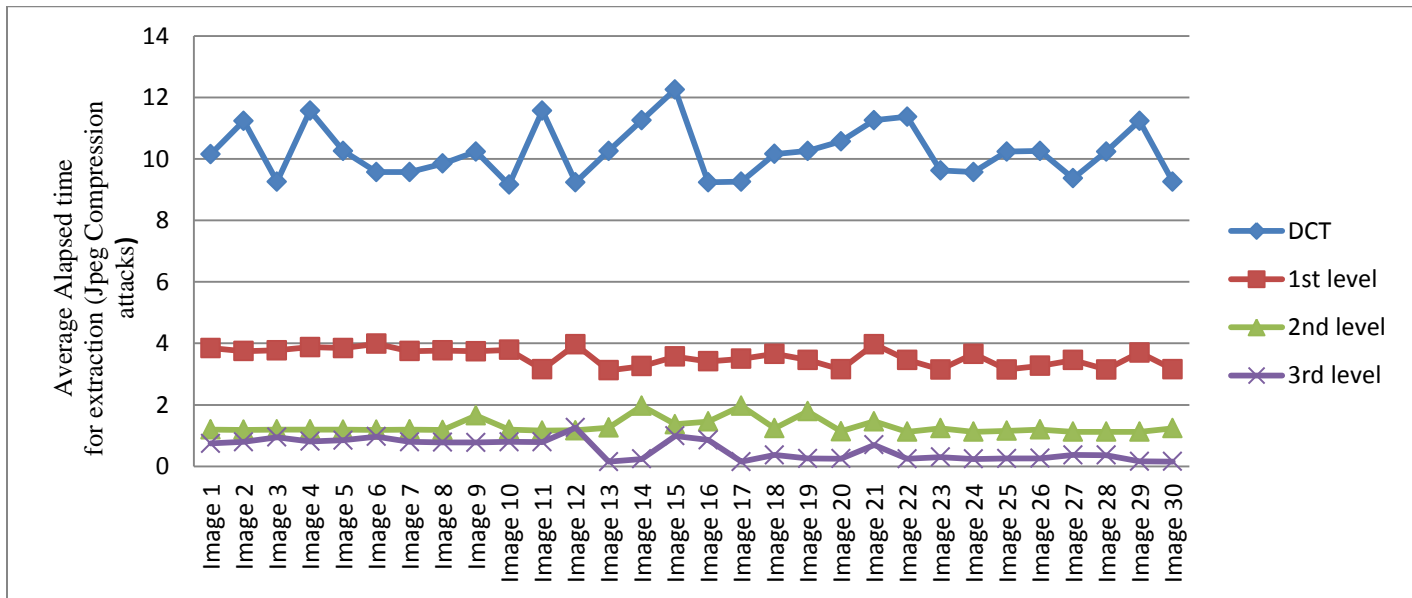


Fig 4.28: Relationship between Average elapsed time for extraction and DCT and various levels of DWT  
(Jpeg Compression attacks)

From the above all results and quantitative performance evaluation, it can be seen how DCT and various levels of DWT varies with PSNR, Fitness Factor and average elapsed time for embedding and extraction. It can be concluded from the above graphs and Tables that DWT gives much better results than DCT in all aspects on the other hand in DWT, parameters changes as level of DWT changes.

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Digital Watermarking is a data hiding technique in which confidential digital message is masked in the digital signal. Digital watermark which is a secret message should be embedded in perfect location to make it secure, imperceptible and highly robust. Digital Watermarking can be done in spatial and transform domain. Earlier it was done in spatial domain, but now the work has been shifted to transform domain due to various disadvantages in spatial domain. In this dissertation, digital watermark is embedded in fingerprint image by applying Discrete Cosine transform and Discrete Wavelet Transform Techniques. This work compares the peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) for both of the transform techniques. It is concluded that PSNR is good for DWT in comparison to DCT and moreover, in DWT, PSNR increases as the level of DWT increases which shows that imperceptibility increases with the level of DWT. Fitness factor has also been compared by applying various noises in the form of attacks like salt and pepper, Jpeg Compression for both techniques and which concludes that fitness factor is very high for DWT as compared to DCT and in DWT, fitness factor decreases as the level of DWT is increased which shows robustness decreases. Comparison of average elapsed time for embedding and extraction has also done which concludes that DCT take more time than DWT and in DWT, time get decreased as the level of DWT increases. So, it is concluded at last that DWT gives much better results than DCT in all aspects due to various disadvantages of DCT like block phenomenon, low compression ratio, high information lost, unable to analyze both spectral and temporal properties simultaneously etc. Moreover, a tradeoff has examined between the imperceptibility and robustness.

## 5.2 Future Scope

In future, work can be further extended in the following directions

- (i) Embedding of English alphabet as a watermark has been implemented. It can be further improved by adding various details like age, voter-id card etc in the fingerprint image.
- (ii) Various different encryption techniques can be applied on watermark before embedding it in the fingerprint image just to provide the security of watermark itself.
- (iii) Work implemented on static signal. This can be extended to non-stationary signals like video, audio.

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