

# Study and analysis of quality of service in different image based steganography using Pixel Mapping Method (PMM)

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## ABSTRACT

In this work authors investigate the performance of state of the art Pixel Mapping Method (PMM) an image based steganography method proposed in the literature. This method is tested against a number of well-known image similarity metrics operate in the spatial domain. All the experiments are performed based on the large data set of PMM based stego images generated at different domain. This image data set is categorized with respect to size, quality and texture to determine their potential impact on various steganalysis performance also. To establish a comparative evaluation of techniques, some undetected results obtained at various embedding rates plays a vital role. In addition to variation in cover and stego image properties, the comparison also takes into consideration different message length definitions and computational complexity issues.

## Keywords

Cover Image, Pixel Mapping Method (PMM), Stego Image, BPCS (Bit Plane Complexity Segmentation), Integer wavelet domain.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

To protect secret message from being stolen during transmission, there are two ways to solve this problem in general. One way is encryption, which refers to the process of encoding secret information in such a way that only the right person with a right key can decode and recover the original information successfully. Another way is steganography and this is a technique which hides secret information into a cover media or carrier so that it becomes unnoticed and less attractive. Capacity and invisibility are the benchmarks needed for data hiding techniques of steganography. A famous illustration of steganography is **Simmons' Prisoners' Problem** [21]. An assumption can be made based on this model is that if both the sender and receiver share some common secret information then the corresponding steganography protocol is known as then the secret key steganography where as pure steganography means that there is none prior information shared by sender and receiver. If the public key of the receiver is known to the sender, the steganographic protocol is called public key steganography [2], [3] and [12]. For a more thorough knowledge of steganography methodology the reader may see [18], [24]. Some Steganographic model with high security features has been presented in [4], [5] and [6]. Almost all digital file formats can be used for steganography, but the image and audio files are more suitable because of their high degree of redundancy [24]. Fig. 1 below shows the different categories

of steganography techniques.



Fig 1: Types of Steganography

A block diagram of a generic image steganographic system is given in Fig. 2.

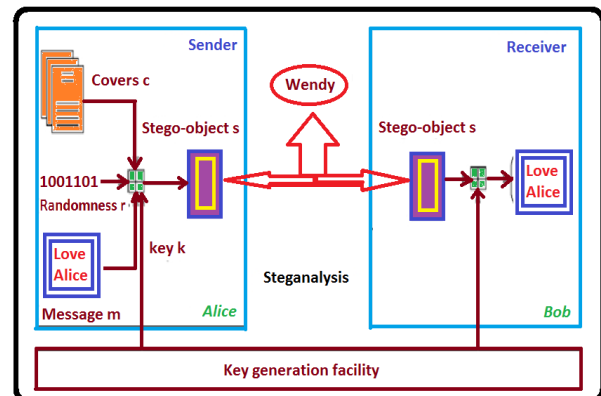


Fig 2: Generic form of Image Steganography

A message is embedded in a digital image (cover image) through an embedding algorithm, with the help of a secret key. The resulting stego image is transmitted over a channel to the receiver where it is processed by the extraction algorithm using the same key. During transmission the stego image, it can be monitored by unauthenticated viewers who will only notice the transmission of an image without discovering the existence of the hidden message.

This paper intends to offer a state of the art overview of the different image based steganography method using PMM technique in various domain to illustrate the security potential of steganography for business and personal use. After the overview it briefly reflects on the suitability of various PMM based image steganography techniques for various applications. This reflection is based on a set of criteria that the author's have identified for image steganography.

Rest of the paper has been organized as following sections: Section II describes some related works, Section III describes the Pixel Mapping Method in brief. Various performance measure parameters are discussed in Section IV. Experimental results are shown in Section V. Section VI contains the computation complexity analysis of the embedding procedures in various domain and Section VII draws the conclusion.

## 2. RELATED WORKS ON IMAGE STEGANOGRAPHY IN SPATIAL DOMAIN

In this section various steganography based data hiding methods namely LSB, PVD, GLM and the methodology proposed by Ahmad et al. has been discussed.

### 2.1 Data Hiding by LSB

Various techniques about data hiding have been proposed in literatures. One of the common techniques is based on manipulating the least-significant-bit (LSB) [9], [11] and [16], [20] planes by directly replacing the LSBs of the cover-image with the message bits. LSB methods typically achieve high capacity but unfortunately LSB insertion is vulnerable to slight image manipulation such as cropping and compression.

### 2.2 Data Hiding by PVD

The pixel-value differencing (PVD) method proposed by Wu and Tsai [26] can successfully provide both high embedding capacity and outstanding imperceptibility for the stego-image. The pixel-value differencing (PVD) method segments the cover image into non overlapping blocks containing two connecting pixels and modifies the pixel difference in each block (pair) for data embedding. A larger difference in the original pixel values allows a greater modification. In the extraction phase, the original range table is necessary. It is used to partition the stego-image by the same method as used to the cover image. Based on PVD method, various approaches have also been proposed. Among them Chang et al. [15]. proposes a new method using tri-way pixel-value differencing which is better than original PVD method with respect to the embedding capacity and PSNR.

### 2.3 Data Hiding by GLM

In 2004, Potdar et al. [13] proposes GLM (Gray level modification) technique which is used to map data by modifying the gray level of the image pixels. Gray level modification Steganography is a technique to map data (not embed or hide it) by modifying the gray level values of the image pixels. GLM technique uses the concept of odd and even numbers to map data within an image. It is a one-to-one mapping between the binary data and the selected pixels in an image. From a given image a set of pixels are selected based on a mathematical function. The gray level values of those pixels are examined and compared with the bit stream that is to be mapped in the image.

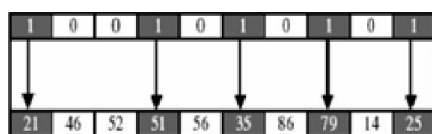


Fig 3: Data Embedding Process in GLM

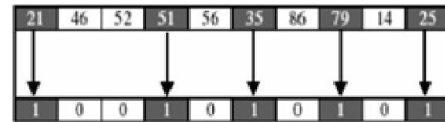


Fig 4: Data Extraction Process in GLM

## 2.4 Data Hiding by the method proposed by Ahmad T et al.

In this work [1] a novel Steganographic method for hiding information within the spatial domain of the grayscale image has been proposed. The proposed approach works by dividing the cover into blocks of equal sizes and then embeds the message in the edge of the block depending on the number of ones in left four bits of the pixel.

## 3. PIXEL MAPPING METHOD (PMM)

Bhattacharyya and Sanyal proposed a new image transformation technique in [7], [23] known as Pixel Mapping Method (PMM), a method for information hiding within the spatial domain of an image. Embedding pixels are selected based on some mathematical function which depends on the pixel intensity value of the seed pixel and its 8 neighbors are selected in counter clockwise direction. Before embedding a checking has been done to find out whether the selected embedding pixels or its neighbors lies at the boundary of the image or not. Data embedding are done by mapping each two or four bits of the secret message in each of the neighbor pixel based on some features of that pixel. Figure 5 and Figure 6 shows the mapping information for embedding two bits or four bits respectively.

PAIR OF MSG BIT	PIXEL INTENSITY VALUE	NO OF ONES (BIN)
01	EVEN	ODD
10	ODD	EVEN
00	EVEN	EVEN
11	ODD	ODD

Fig 5: PMM Mapping Technique for embedding of two bits

Extraction process starts again by selecting the same pixels required during embedding. At the receiver side other different reverse operations has been carried out to get back the original information.

## 3.1 PMM based BPCS Steganography in Gray Scale Image

In this image based steganographic approach [22], the secret message is embedded through pixel mapping method into the highly complex bit planes or noisy bit planes of the cover image. The proposed approach works by selecting the embedding bit planes using some mathematical function and then applies the pixel mapping method (PMM) in a 8x8 blocks of the each selected plane. The integrated approach of PMM and BPCS produces a robust image based steganography method which is independent of the nature of the data to be hidden and produces a stego image with minimum degradation. The experimental results show this method is superior to other existing methods in terms of

robustness and similarity measures between cover image and stego image. Figure 7 shows various bit planes of Lena image before and after embedding of message.

MSG BIT SEQ	2 <sup>nd</sup> SET - RESET BIT	3 <sup>rd</sup> SET - RESET BIT	PIXEL INTENSITY VALUE	NO OF ONES(BIN)
0000	EVEN	EVEN	EVEN	EVEN
0001	EVEN	EVEN	EVEN	ODD
0010	EVEN	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
0011	EVEN	EVEN	ODD	ODD
0100	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	EVEN
0101	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD
0110	EVEN	ODD	ODD	EVEN
0111	EVEN	ODD	ODD	ODD
1000	ODD	EVEN	EVEN	EVEN
1001	ODD	EVEN	EVEN	ODD
1010	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
1011	ODD	EVEN	ODD	ODD
1100	ODD	ODD	EVEN	EVEN
1101	ODD	ODD	EVEN	ODD
1110	ODD	ODD	ODD	EVEN
1111	ODD	ODD	ODD	ODD

Fig 6: PMM Mapping Technique for embedding of four bits



Fig 7: A) Bit Plane 1 of Lena before embedding B) Bit Plane 1 of Lena after embedding C) Bit Plane 2 of Lena before embedding D) Bit Plane 2 of Lena after embedding.

### 3.2 PMM in Wavelet Domain

This is an image based steganography method for information hiding in discrete integer wavelet domain of gray scale image. The input messages can be in any digital form, and are often treated as a bit stream. This approach works by converting the gray level image in transform domain using discrete integer wavelet technique through lifting scheme [8], [17] and [19]. This approach performs a 2-D lifting wavelet decomposition through Haar lifted wavelet of the cover image and computes the approximation coefficients matrix CA and detail coefficients matrices CH, CV, and CD. Next step is to apply the PMM [7], [23] technique for 2 bit embedding in those coefficients for embedding the secret message and then apply inverse transformation on those wavelet coefficients to form the stego image. Embedded wavelet coefficients are selected based on some mathematical function which depends on the intensity value of the seed coefficient and its 8

neighbors are selected in counter clockwise direction. Before embedding a checking has been done to find out whether the randomly selected wavelet coefficients or its neighbor lies at the boundary of the image or not. Extraction process starts again by selecting the same wavelet coefficients required during embedding. At the receiver side other different reverse operation has been carried out to get back the original information. Figure 8 and 9 shows the level 1 decomposition of Lena and Pepper image.

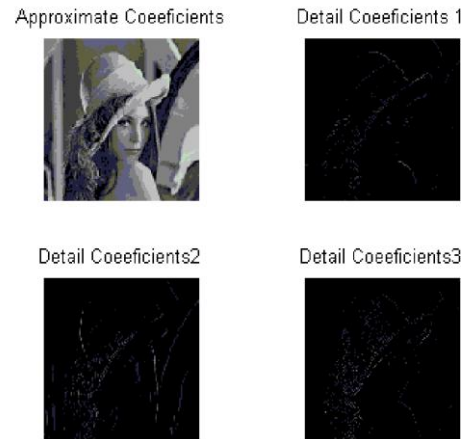


Fig 8: Level 1 Wavelet Decomposition of Lena

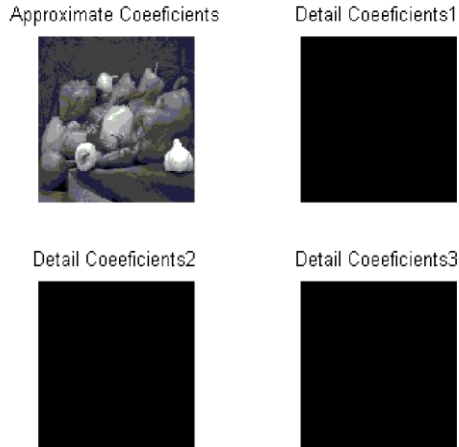
## 4. VARIOUS PERFORMANC METRICS FOR EVALUATING THE RESULTS

For measuring the performance of Pixel Mapping Method in various domains like Gray Scale, Colour, Bit Plane and Wavelet various image similarity calculation metrics like MSE, RMSE, PSNR, SSIM, KL divergence distances and Normalized Cross-correlation has been incorporated. Besides stego images produced by the various versions of the proposed algorithm has been tested through well known steganalysis attack namely RS analysis and Chi-square analysis.

### 4.1 Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR)

The peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR) is the ratio between a signal's maximum power and the power of the signal's noise. Engineers commonly use the PSNR to measure the quality of reconstructed signals that have been compressed. Signals can have a wide dynamic range, so PSNR is usually expressed in decibels, which is a logarithmic scale. In statistics, the mean squared error (MSE) of an estimator is one of many ways to quantify the difference between values implied by an estimator and the true values of the quantity being estimated. MSE is a risk function, corresponding to the expected value of the squared error loss or quadratic loss. MSE measures the average of the squares of the "errors." The error is the amount by which the value implied by the estimator differs from the quantity to be estimated. PSNR measures the quality of the image by comparing the original image or cover image with

the stego-image, i.e. it measures the percentage of the stego data to the image percentage.



**Fig 9: Level 1 Wavelet Decomposition of Pepper**

The root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) or root-mean-square error (RMSE) is a frequently used measure of the differences between values predicted by a model or an estimator and the values actually observed from the thing being modeled or estimated. RMSD is a good measure of accuracy. These individual differences are also called residuals, and the RMSD serves to aggregate them into a single measure of predictive power.

The PSNR is used to evaluate the quality of the stego-image after embedding the secret message in the cover. Assume a cover image  $C(i,j)$  that contains  $N$  by  $N$  pixels and a stego image  $S(i,j)$  where  $S$  is generated by embedding / mapping the message bit stream. Mean squared error (MSE) of the stego image is calculated as equation 1.

$$MSE = \frac{1}{[N \times N]} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N [C(i,j) - S(i,j)]^2 \quad (1)$$

The PSNR is computed using the following formulae given in Equation 2:

$$PSNR = 10 \log_{10} 255^2 / MSE \text{ db.} \quad (2)$$

## 4.2 Structural Similarity (SSIM)

The structural similarity (SSIM) [27] index is a method for measuring the similarity between two images. The SSIM index is a full reference metric, in other words, the measuring of image quality based on an initial uncompressed or distortion-free image as reference. SSIM is designed to improve on traditional methods like peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR) and mean squared error (MSE), which have proved to be inconsistent with human eye perception.

The SSIM metric is calculated on various windows of an image. The measure between two images  $x$  and  $y$  of common size  $N \times N$  is:

$$SSIM(x,y) = \frac{(2\mu_x\mu_y + c_1)(2\sigma_{xy} + c_2)}{(\mu_x^2 + \mu_y^2 + c_1)(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + c_2)} \quad (3)$$

Where  $\mu_x$  the average of  $x$ ,  $\mu_y$  is the average of  $y$ ,  $\sigma_x^2$  the variance of  $x$ ,  $\sigma_y^2$  the variance of  $y$ ,  $\sigma_{xy}$  the covariance of  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $c_1 = (k_1 L)^2$ ,  $c_2 = (k_2 L)^2$  two variables to stabilize the division with weak denominator.  $L$  is the dynamic range of the pixel-values and  $k_1 = 0.01$  and  $k_2 = 0.03$  by default.

## 4.3 Kullback Leibler Divergence

In probability theory and information theory, the Kullback-Leibler Divergence [10] (also information divergence, information gain, relative entropy, or KLIC) is a non-symmetric measure of the difference between two probability distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ . KL measures the expected number of extra bits required to code samples from  $P$  when using a code based on  $Q$ , rather than using a code based on  $P$ . Typically  $P$  represents the "true" distribution of data, observations, or a precisely calculated theoretical distribution. The measure  $Q$  typically represents a theory, model, description, or approximation of  $P$ . Although it is often intuited as a metric or distance, the KL divergence is not a true metric for example, it is not symmetric: the KL from  $P$  to  $Q$  is generally not the same as the KL from  $Q$  to  $P$ . For probability distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  of a discrete random variable their KL divergence is defined to be

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \sum P(i) \log \frac{P(i)}{Q(i)} \quad (4)$$

In words, it is the average of the logarithmic difference between the probabilities  $P$  and  $Q$ , where the average is taken using the probabilities  $P$ . The K-L divergence is only defined if  $P$  and  $Q$  both sum to 1 and if  $Q(i) > 0$  for any  $i$  such that  $P(i) > 0$ . If the quantity  $0 \log 0$  appears in the formula, it is interpreted as zero. For distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  of a continuous random variable, KL-divergence is defined to be the integral

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (5)$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  denote the densities of  $P$  and  $Q$ . More generally, if  $P$  and  $Q$  are probability measures over a set  $X$ , and  $Q$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $P$ , then the Kullback-Leibler divergence from  $P$  to  $Q$  is defined as

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = - \int_X \log \frac{dQ}{dP} dP \quad (6)$$

where  $\frac{dQ}{dP}$  is the Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $Q$  with respect to  $P$ , and provided the expression on the right-hand side exists. Likewise, if  $P$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $Q$ , then

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$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \int_X \log \frac{dP}{dQ} dP = \int_X \frac{dP}{dQ} \log \frac{dP}{dQ} dQ \quad (7)$$

which we recognize as the entropy of  $P$  relative to  $Q$ . Continuing in this case, if  $\mu$  is any measure on  $X$  for which  $p = \frac{dP}{d\mu}$  and  $q = \frac{dQ}{d\mu}$  exist, then the Kullback-Leibler divergence from  $P$  to  $Q$  is given as

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \int_X p \log \frac{p}{q} d\mu \quad (8)$$

The logarithms in these formulae are taken to base 2 if information is measured in units of bits, or to base  $e$  if information is measured in nats.



1) Steganography Security using Kullback Leibler Divergence: Denoting  $C$  the set of all covers  $c$ , Cachin's definition of steganographic security [10] is based on the assumption that the selection of covers from  $C$  can be described by a random variable  $c$  on  $C$  with probability distribution function (pdf)  $P$ . A steganographic scheme,  $S$ , is a mapping  $C \times M \times K \rightarrow C$  that assigns a new (stego) object,  $s \in C$ , to each triple  $(c, M, K)$ , where  $M \in M$  is a secret message selected from the set of communicable messages,  $M$ , and  $K \in K$  is the steganographic secret key. Assuming the covers are selected with pdf  $P$  and embedded with a message and secret key both randomly (uniformly) chosen from their corresponding sets, the set of all stego images is again a random variable  $s$  on  $C$  with pdf  $Q$ . The measure of statistical detectability is the Kullback Leibler divergence

$$D(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{c \in C} P(c) \lg \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)} \quad (9)$$

Stego system is called  $\epsilon$ -secure against passive attackers, if  $D(P \parallel Q) \leq \epsilon$  and perfectly secure if  $\epsilon = 0$ .

#### 4.4 Cross Correlation

For comparing the similarity between cover image and the stego image, the normalized cross correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) has been computed. In statistics, correlation indicates the strength and direction of a linear relationship between two random variables. The correlation coefficient  $\rho_{xy}$  between two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with expected values  $\mu_x$  and  $\mu_y$  and standard deviations  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  is defined as:

$$\rho_{x,y} = \frac{\text{cov}(x,y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = \frac{E((X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y))}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \quad (10)$$

where  $E$  is the expected value operator and  $\text{cov}$  means covariance. The value of correlation is 1 in the case of an increasing linear relationship, -1 in the case of a decreasing linear relationship, and some value in between in all other cases, indicating the degree of linear dependence between the variables. Cross correlation is a standard method of estimating the degree to which two series are correlated. Consider two series  $x(i)$  and  $y(i)$  where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ . The cross correlation  $r$  at delay  $d$  is defined as

$$r = \frac{\sum_i [(x(i) - mx)(y(i-d) - my)]}{\sqrt{\sum_i (x(i) - mx)^2} \sqrt{\sum_i (y(i-d) - my)^2}} \quad (11)$$

where  $mx$  and  $my$  are the means of the corresponding series. Similarity measure of two images can be done with the help of normalized cross correlation generated from the above concept using the following formula:

$$r = \frac{\sum (C(i,j) - m_1)(S(i,j) - m_2)}{\sqrt{(\sum C(i,j) - m_1)^2} \sqrt{(\sum S(i,j) - m_2)^2}} \quad (12)$$

Here  $C$  is the cover image,  $S$  is the stego image,  $m_1$  is the mean pixel value of the cover image and  $m_2$  is the mean pixel value of stego image.

#### 4.5 Steganalysis of the Stego Images through Chi-Square Analysis

The majority of steganographic utilities for the camouflage of confidential communication suffer from fundamental weaknesses. On the way to more secure steganographic algorithms, the development of attacks is essential to assess security. Here in this work all the stego images produced by the proposed algorithm has been tested through Chi-square Analysis. Andreas Pfitzmann and Andreas Westfield [25] introduced a method based on statistical analysis of Pair of Values (PoVs) that are exchanged during sequential embedding. This attack works on any sequential embedding type of stego-system such as EzStego and Jsteg. Sequential embedding makes PoVs in the values embedded in. For example, embedding in the spatial domain makes PoVs  $(2i, 2i+1)$  such that  $0 \leftrightarrow 1, 2 \leftrightarrow 3, 4 \leftrightarrow 5, \dots, 252 \leftrightarrow 253, 254 \leftrightarrow 255$ . This will affect the histogram  $Y_k$  of the images pixel value  $k$ , while the sum of  $Y_{2i} + Y_{2i+1}$  will remain unchanged. Thus the expected distribution of the sum of adjacent values given in equation (13) and the value for the difference between distributions with  $v-1$  degrees of freedom as in equation (14). From (13) and (14) we get the  $\chi^2$  statistic for our PoVs as in (15).

$$E(Y_{2i}) = \frac{1}{2}(Y_{2i} + Y_{2i+1}) \quad (13)$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^v \frac{(F - E(F))^2}{E(F)} \quad (14)$$

$$\chi_{PoV}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{127} \frac{((Y_{2i}) - (\frac{1}{2}(Y_{2i} + Y_{2i+1})))^2}{(Y_{2i} + Y_{2i+1})} \quad (15)$$

Chi-Square Analysis calculates the average LSB and constructs a table of frequencies and Pair of Values [14], It takes the data from these two tables and performs a chi-square test. It measures the theoretical vs. calculated population difference. The Chi-Square Analysis calculates the chi-square value for every 128 bytes of the image. As it iterates through, the chi-square value it calculates becomes more and more accurate until too large of a data set has been produced.

#### 4.6 Computational Complexity

Computational complexity measures is a branch of theoretical computer science and mathematics that focuses on classifying computational problems.

1) Complexity Measures: For solving a problem at a given amount of time and space, computational model like deterministic Turing machine can be used. The time required by a deterministic Turing machine  $M$  on input  $x$  is the total number of state transitions, or steps, the machine makes before it halts and outputs the answer which may be **yes** or **no**. A Turing machine  $M$  is said to operate within time  $f(n)$ , if the time required by  $M$  on each input of length  $n$  is at most  $f(n)$ . Any decision problem  $A$  solving in time  $f(n)$  means there exists a Turing machine operating in time  $f(n)$  that solves the problem.



2) Best, worst and average case complexity: The best, worst and average case complexity refer to three different ways of measuring the time complexity (or any other complexity measure) of the inputs of the same size. Since some inputs of size  $n$  may be faster to solve than others, complexities may be defined as:

Best-case complexity: This is the complexity of solving the problem for the best time for input of size  $n$ .

Worst-case complexity: This is the complexity of solving the problem for the worst time for the input of size  $n$ .

Average-case complexity: This is the complexity of solving the problem on an average. This complexity is only defined with respect to a probability distribution over the inputs. For instance, if all inputs of the same size are assumed to be equally likely, the average case complexity can be defined with respect to the uniform distribution over all inputs of size  $n$ . For example, consider the algorithm of quick sort. The worst-case is when the input is sorted or sorted in reverse order, and the algorithm takes time  $O(n^2)$  for this case and the average time taken for sorting is  $O(n \log n)$ . The best case occurs when each pivoting divides the list in half, also needing  $O(n \log n)$  time.

## 5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section the authors discuss the experimental results of the proposed method in **Gray Scale Domain**, **Colour Domain** and **Bit Plane Domain** based on two benchmarks techniques to evaluate the hiding performance. First one is the capacity of hiding data and another one is the imperceptibility of the stego image, also called the quality of stego image. A comparative study of the proposed methods with some other existing methods like PVD, GLM and the methods proposed by Ahmad T et al. by are also discussed in this section. Experimental results of stego images are computed based on two well known images: Lena and Pepper. Figure 10 shows the comparisons of embedding capacity of PMM in various domains with other existing methods.

### 5.1 Experimental Results of PMM in Gray Scale Domain

This section calculates the various performance measure parameters on gray scale domain using 2 bit and 4 bit data embedding method. Fig 11 and Fig 12 shows the calculation of various image similarity metrics for PMM 2 bit and 4 bit embedding for gray scale image.

IMAGE	IMAGE SIZE	PVD	GLM	AHMAD et al.	PMM(2 bit)	PMM(4 bit)	PMM BPCS (GRAYSCALE)	PMM (RGB)
LENA	128x128	**	2048	2493	2393	4786	2048	12612
	256x256	**	8192	10007	10012	20024	8192	50860
	512x512	50960	32768	40017	45340	90630	32768	205560
PEPPER	128x128	**	2048	2443	2860	5720	2048	13040
	256x256	**	8192	9767	11694	23388	8192	51124
	512x512	50685	32768	39034	46592	93184	32768	205160

Fig 10: Comparison of embedding capacity (\*\* For PVD method all the images used are of size 512x512.)

### 5.2 Experimental Results of PMM (2 bit) in RGB Domain

This section calculates the various performance measure parameters for PMM based Steganography method for RGB images. Fig 36 shows the calculation of various image similarity metrics for PMM based data embedding for RGB images

### 5.3 Experimental Results of PMM (2 bit) in Bit Plane Domain

This section calculates the various performance measure parameters for PMM based BPCS Steganography for gray scale image. Fig 35 shows the calculation of various image similarity metrics for PMM based 2 bit BPCS data embedding for gray scale image. Figure 33 and 34 shows the various results based on the Chi Square Analysis.

### 5.4 Experimental Results of PMM (2 bit) in Wavelet Domain

This section discusses the various experimental results for PMM based Steganography method in wavelet domain. Figure 15 shows the embedding capacity of PMM (2bit) in wavelet domain. Figure 16, 17,18 and 19 shows the PSNR value at the various wavelet coefficients. The stego images produced by this method are also tested on attack like noise addition as shown in figure 20.



Images	Similarity Parameters	LENGTH OF THE EMBEDDING CHARACTER							
		100	500	1000	2000	5000	10000	20000	40000
Lena 512X512	PSNR	72.3599	65.6221	62.5946	59.3945	55.3362	52.3521	49.3173	46.3159
	MSE	0.0038	0.0178	0.0358	0.0748	0.1903	0.3783	0.7609	1.5187
	RMSE	0.0509	0.1076	0.1513	0.2181	0.3470	0.4873	0.6904	0.9749
	SSIM	1.0	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.9996	0.9993	0.9988	0.9974
	Correlation	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997	0.9995
	Entropy	7.55	7.55	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.50	7.50	7.498
	KL	7.1815e-006	2.6254e-005	5.0630e-005	1.0817e-004	2.8138e-004	5.4170e-004	0.0018	0.0034
Lena 256X256	PSNR	66.8066	59.3663	56.3423	53.3134	49.3343	46.3312	N.A.	
	MSE	0.0136	0.0752	0.1510	0.3032	0.7580	1.5134		
	RMSE	0.0909	0.2210	0.3112	0.4384	0.6873	0.9728		
	SSIM	0.9999	0.9996	0.99	0.9981	0.9963	0.9915		
	Correlation	1.0	1.0	0.99	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997		
	Entropy	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.54		
	KL	1.2996e-005	9.4258e-005	1.8227e-004	3.5437e-004	8.4351e-004	0.0017		
Lena 128X128	PSNR	60.42	53.64	50.373	47.3189	N.A.			
	MSE	0.0589	0.2811	0.5959	1.2056				
	RMSE	0.1898	0.4	0.5954	0.8607				
	SSIM	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.9964				
	Correlation	1.0	0.99	0.99	0.9998				
	Entropy	7.559	7.551	7.53	7.50				
	KL	5.9706e-005	2.0840e-004	4.9666e-004	0.0012				
Pepper 512X512	PSNR	72.9561	65.6119	62.5637	59.4950	55.4277	52.4133	49.3417	46.3185
	MSE	0.0033	0.0179	0.0360	0.0730	0.1863	0.3730	0.7567	1.5179
	RMSE	0.0478	0.1054	0.1477	0.2098	0.3364	0.4745	0.6764	0.9643
	SSIM	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9997	0.9993	0.9987	0.9974	0.9943
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9997
	Entropy	6.9828	6.9828	6.9833	6.9835	6.9815	6.9755	6.9522	6.8388
	KL	7.5596e-006	2.6307e-005	4.4742e-005	8.5514e-005	2.2067e-004	4.1750e-004	8.4292e-004	0.0018
Pepper 256X256	PSNR	66.4956	59.5031	56.3931	53.4142	49.3246	46.3070	N.A.	
	MSE	0.0146	0.0729	0.1492	0.2962	0.7597	1.5219		
	RMSE	0.0973	0.2122	0.3056	0.4260	0.6785	0.9666		
	SSIM	0.9998	0.9992	0.9986	0.9977	0.9940	0.9876		
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9997		
	Entropy	6.9831	6.9831	6.9819	6.9781	6.9510	6.8368		
	KL	2.0977e-005	9.1991e-005	1.9669e-004	3.5233e-004	8.3994e-004	0.0018		
Pepper 128X128	PSNR	60.56	53.3228	50.3011	47.1909	N.A.			
	MSE	0.057	0.3026	0.6067	1.2416				
	RMSE	0.1764	0.4320	0.6113	0.8822				
	SSIM	0.9995	0.995	0.9965	0.9928				
	Correlation	1.0	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997				
	Entropy	6.9833	6.9778	6.9617	6.8890				
	KL	3.9155e-005	3.6851e-004	7.4242e-004	0.0016				

Fig 11: Various Image Similarity Metrics for PMM 2 bit



Images	Similarity Parameters	LENGTH OF THE EMBEDDING CHARACTER								
		100	500	1000	2000	5000	10000	20000	40000	90000
Lena 512X512	PSNR	63.4131	59.0393	56.3090	52.6683	47.7562	44.5811	41.3445	38.2985	33.8397
	MSE	0.0296	0.0811	0.1521	0.3518	1.0901	2.2645	4.7712	9.6212	26.8601
	RMSE	0.1597	0.2527	0.3502	0.5375	0.9407	1.3665	1.9943	2.8102	4.9970
	SSIM	0.9999	0.9997	0.9995	0.9992	0.9985	0.9958	0.9925	0.9859	0.9678
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9996	0.9992	0.9984	0.9969	0.9929
	Entropy	7.0876	7.0871	7.0858	7.0821	7.0766	7.0703	7.0295	6.8974	5.9759
	KL Div	5.3793e-005	1.8084e-004	3.7315e-004	7.9555e-004	0.0021	0.0046	0.0098	0.0195	0.0372
Lena 256X256	PSNR	55.6428	49.7924	47.0365	43.8901	39.9249	36.8699	34.0024	NA	NA
	MSE	0.1773	0.6821	1.2866	2.6550	6.6160	13.3686	25.8724	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.4042	0.7944	1.0904	1.5721	2.4842	3.5308	4.9202	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9990	0.9960	0.9951	0.9909	0.9778	0.9609	0.9081	NA	NA
	Correlation	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9995	0.9989	0.9980	0.9964	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.5674	7.5584	7.5543	7.5422	7.4501	7.1948	6.5456	NA	NA
	KL Div	1.4275e-004	6.4135e-004	0.0012	0.0027	0.0069	0.0144	0.0275	NA	NA
Lena 128X128	PSNR	50.5581	43.9064	40.9106	37.8253	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.5718	2.6451	5.2725	10.7287	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.7124	1.5585	2.2059	3.1532	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9990	0.9940	0.9889	0.9803	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	0.9999	0.9995	0.9991	0.9983	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.5551	7.5327	7.4726	7.3062	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	KL Div	4.5017e-004	0.0025	0.0053	0.0111	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pepper 512X512	PSNR	62.7029	56.8478	53.8542	50.7937	46.8371	43.9838	41.1036	38.876	33.8662
	MSE	0.0349	0.1344	0.2677	0.5416	1.3470	2.5984	5.0433	10.843	26.6970
	RMSE	0.1344	0.3132	0.4282	0.6183	1.0010	1.3937	1.9105	2.976	4.9058
	SSIM	0.9997	0.9992	0.9987	0.9975	0.9948	0.9900	0.9823	0.9850	0.9349
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997	0.9994	0.9988	0.9956	0.9949
	Entropy	6.9836	6.9848	6.9867	6.9899	6.9956	6.9928	6.9690	6.7086	5.9302
	KL Div	5.1643e-006	1.5981e-004	2.8938e-004	6.4178e-004	0.0018	0.0035	0.0065	0.0140	0.0292
Pepper 256X256	PSNR	58.1571	50.6060	47.7516	45.0902	40.9560	38.3255	35.1660	NA	NA
	MSE	0.0994	0.5656	1.0912	2.0140	5.2177	9.5616	19.7918	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.2047	0.6285	0.8885	1.2241	1.9332	2.6730	3.8830	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9990	0.9957	0.9924	0.9876	0.9717	0.9527	0.9058	NA	NA
	Correlation	1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9995	0.9988	0.9979	0.9957	NA	NA
	Entropy	6.9849	6.9905	6.9941	6.9926	6.9703	6.8602	6.4551	NA	NA
	KL Div	-2.1884e-005	5.8225e-004	0.0013	0.0028	0.0064	0.0138	0.0289	NA	NA
Pepper 128X128	PSNR	51.9206	44.9174	42.1761	39.2010	35.1657	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.4178	2.0958	3.9398	7.8160	19.7928	NA	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.5398	1.2111	1.6719	2.3757	3.8759	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9970	0.9875	0.9815	0.9695	0.9294	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	0.9999	0.9995	0.9991	0.9982	0.9957	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	6.9900	6.9962	6.9799	6.9124	6.4621	NA	NA	NA	NA
	KL Div	4.8842e-004	0.0025	0.0049	0.0104	0.0286	NA	NA	NA	NA

Fig 12: Various Image Similarity Metrics for PMM 4 bit





**Fig 13: A) Cover Image B) Stego Image of Lena after embedding via PMM 2 bit "I am an Indian and I feel proud to an Indian."**



**Fig 14: A) Cover Image B) Stego Image of Pepper after embedding via PMM (RGB) 2 bit "I am an Indian and I feel proud to an Indian."**

## 6. COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS FOR PMM

Computational complexity of the proposed embedding method has been calculated using the graphical plot between the Embedding Data Size vs. Computation Time. From the plot a polynomial relation between the two parameter has been formed using the curve fitting algorithm. Fitness algorithm has been evaluated and finally computational complexity has been calculated using the best fitted results. Figure 21, 22 and 23 shows various results related to computation complexity calculation for PMM (2 bit) for Lena (512x512) image. Figure 24, 25 and 26 shows various results related to computation complexity calculation for PMM (4 bit) for Lena (512x512) image. The results of PMM method for RGB image has been shown in figure 27,28 and 29 where as figure 30, 31 and 32 shows various results related to computation complexity calculation for PMM based BPCS (2 bit) method for Lena (512x512) gray scale image.

### 6.1 Case 1: LENA (512x512) image for PMM 2bit

- 1) Linear Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n + p2 \quad (14)$$

where  $p1 = 0.02473$  and  $p2 = -63.38$

Goodness of fit SSE: 8.198e+004, R-square: 0.9102, Adjusted R-square: 0.8952 and RMSE: 116.9.

- 2) Quadratic Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n^2 + p2 * n + p3 \quad (15)$$

where  $p1 = 7.108e-007$ ,  $p2 = -0.002594$  and  $p3 = 15.81$

Goodness of fit SSE: 7.911e+004, R-square: 0.9656, Adjusted R-square: 0.9607 and RMSE: 106.3

Option 2 (Equation 15) is better fitted and thus the computational complexity PMM 2 bit data embedding procedure is calculated as  $O(n^2)$

### 6.2 Case 2: LENA (512x512) image for PMM 4bit

- 1) Linear Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n + p2 \quad (16)$$

where  $p1 = 0.01772$  and  $p2 = -72.72$ , Goodness of fit SSE: 1227, R-square: 0.8922, Adjusted R-square: 0.8854 and RMSE: 8.758.

- 2) Quadratic Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n^2 + p2 * n + p3 \quad (17)$$

where  $p1 = 1.395e-007$ ,  $p2 = 0.00567$  and  $p3 = -5.675$   
 Goodness of fit SSE: 1032, R-square: 0.9996, Adjusted R-square: 0.9994 and RMSE: 13.11.

Option 2 (Equation 17) is better fitted and thus the computational complexity for data embedding procedure is calculated as  $O(n^2)$

### 6.3 Case 3: Pepper (512x512) image for PMM based BPCS (2bit)

- 1) Linear Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n + p2 \quad (18)$$

where  $p1 = 0.0002831$  and  $p2 = 1.185$ , Goodness of fit SSE: 10.24, R-square: 0.9219, Adjusted R-square: 0.9132 and RMSE: 1.066.

- 2) Quadratic Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n^2 + p2 * n + p3 \quad (19)$$

where  $p1 = 1.009e-008$ ,  $p2 = -2.261e-005$  and  $p3 = 2.062$ , Goodness of fit SSE: 0.6512, R-square: 0.995, Adjusted R-square: 0.9938 and RMSE: 0.2853.

Option 2 (Equation 19) is better fitted and thus the computational complexity for data embedding procedure is calculated as  $O(n^2)$



### 6.4 Case 4: LENA (512x512) image for PMM based BPCS (2bit)

- 1) Linear Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n + p2 \quad (20)$$

where  $p1 = 0.0002587$ ,  $p2 = -1.286$  Goodness of fit SSE: 9.003, R-square: 0.9181, Adjusted R-square: 0.909 and RMSE: 1.

- 2) Quadratic Polynomial model with 95% confidence bounds for formulating a relation between Computation Time and Data Embedding Size

$$T(n) = p1 * n^2 + p2 * n + p3 \quad (21)$$

where  $p1 = 9.371e-009$ ,  $p2 = -2.521e-005$  and  $p3 = 2.101$ , Goodness of fit SSE: 0.7357, R-square: 0.9933, Adjusted R-square: 0.9916 and RMSE: 0.3032.

Option 2 (Equation 21) is better fitted and thus the computational complexity for data embedding procedure is calculated as  $O(n^2)$

IMAGE	SIZE	EMBEDDING CAPACITY
LENA	128x128	2240
	256x256	9536
	512x512	40048
PEPPER	128x128	2832
	256x256	11440
	512x512	46776

Fig 15: Embedding capacity of the PMM Wavelet Method

EMBEDDING IN CA COEFFICIENTS			
Image Size	Message Size (in char)	PSNR (STEGO IMAGE)	PSNR OF RESPECTIVE COEFFICIENTS
128x128	100	32.2765	53.2957
	200	32.2455	50.6693
	400	32.1966	47.8935
	500	32.1673	47.0272
256x256	100	36.1441	59.7751
	200	36.1380	56.7339
	400	36.0994	53.6892
	800	36.0305	50.7738
	1600	35.8733	47.6721
	2000	35.8111	46.7785

Fig 16: PSNR value after embedding through PMM Wavelet Method in Approximate Coefficients (CA) of Lena (256x256)

EMBEDDING IN CH COEFFICIENTS			
Image Size	Message Size (in char)	PSNR (STEGO IMAGE)	PSNR OF RESPECTIVE COEFFICIENTS
128x128	100	30.0156	54.9145
	200	29.9981	52.3483
	400	29.9593	49.3380
	500	29.9403	48.3650
256x256	100	33.5571	62.3581
	200	33.5512	58.7430
	400	33.5380	55.4320
	800	33.5070	52.6250
	1600	33.4335	49.4883
	2000	33.4035	48.5574

Fig 17: PSNR value after embedding through PMM Wavelet Method in Detail Coefficients (CH) of Lena (256x256)

EMBEDDING IN CV COEFFICIENTS			
Image Size	Message Size (in char)	PSNR (STEGO IMAGE)	PSNR OF RESPECTIVE COEFFICIENTS
128x128	100	27.8995	54.6592
	200	27.8856	51.9448
	400	27.8559	48.9704
	500	27.8449	48.0260
256x256	100	31.1573	62.3371
	200	31.1464	58.7460
	400	31.1367	55.5489
	800	31.1105	52.3079
	1600	31.0631	49.1563
	2000	31.0470	51.0951

Fig 18: PSNR value after embedding through PMM Wavelet Method in Detail Coefficients (CV) of Lena (256x256)

EMBEDDING IN CD COEFFICIENTS			
Image Size	Message Size (in char)	PSNR (STEGO IMAGE)	PSNR OF RESPECTIVE COEFFICIENTS
128x128	100	35.1962	58.8355
	200	35.1917	56.9044
	400	35.1831	54.4863
	500	27.8449	48.0260
256x256	100	35.1962	58.8355
	200	35.1917	56.9044
	400	35.1831	54.4863
	800	35.1673	51.8371
	1600	35.1317	49.0398
	2000	35.1174	48.1247

Fig 19: PSNR value after embedding through PMM Wavelet Method in Detail Coefficients (CD) of Lena (256x256)

## 7. CONCLUSION

In this article the authors investigated the performance of Pixel Mapping Method techniques in various domain using various image similarity measure metrics. A comparative study also has been shown with some other existing methods like PVD, GLM and the technique proposed by Ahmad T et al. From the experimental results in can be seen that the embedding capacity of the proposed method (PMM 4 bit and



PMM for RGB) is much better compared to other existing methods. With the computation of various image similarity metrics as shown in various figures for measuring the similarity between the cover image and stego image, this method gives an excellent result. From the security aspects of the hidden data the relative entropy distance (KL divergence) is very low between the cover image and stego image which yields a very high security value of the hidden data. Results of image and stego image which yields a very high security value of the hidden data. From the result of Chi-Square test it can be seen statistical and probability distribution plot of the cover image and stego images of various embedding capacity for PMM based BPCS steganography are same which concludes that hidden message stays undetected for Chi-Square analysis in PMM based BPCS Steganography Technique. PMM based method for integer wavelet can avoid some image attack like noise addition also.

Noise Scalar Value	Char error rate (in %)
0.0001	2.4534
0.0002	9.0735
0.00025	13.8980
0.0003	34.1146

Fig 20: Noise Attack on PMM method in Wavelet Domain

N ( Msg Length in Char)	T(N) (Computation Time in Secs )
100	1.1544
500	4.5864
1000	8.4397
2000	17.0353
5000	42.7443
10000	91.6974
20000	216.0302
40000	1.0552e+003

Fig 21: Computation Time at various embedding length for Lena 512 (Case 1)

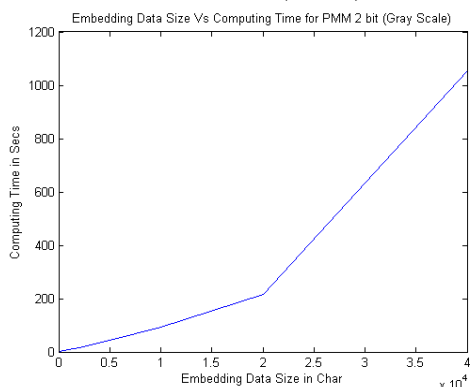


Fig 22: Plot of Computation Time at various embedding length for Lena 512 (Case1)

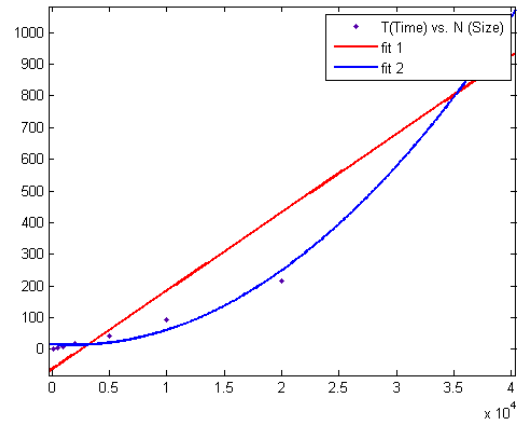


Fig 23: Analysis of Results for Case 1

N ( Msg Length in Char)	T(N) (Computation Time in secs )
100	0.8424
500	2.3868
1000	4.6644
2000	9.0949
5000	23.7590
10000	52.7595
20000	143.1621
40000	463.447
90000	1.6322e+003

Fig 24: Computation Time at various embedding length for Lena 512 (Case 2)

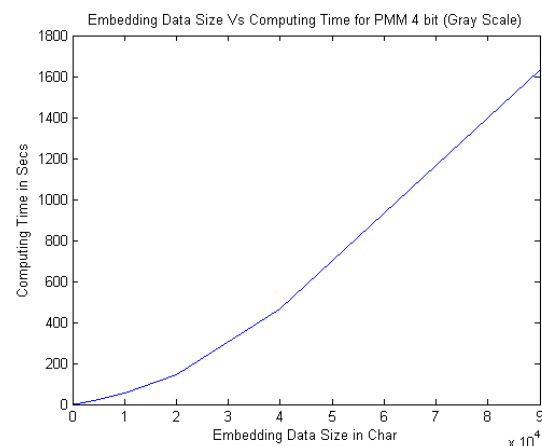
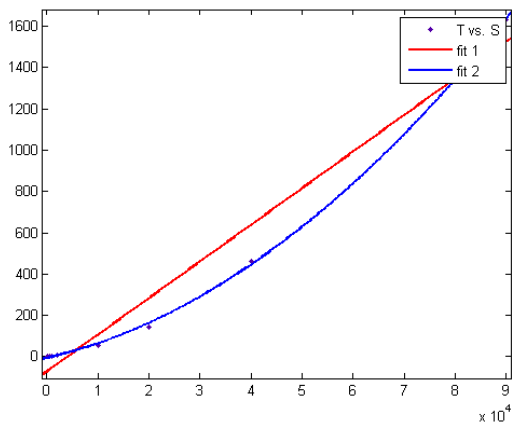


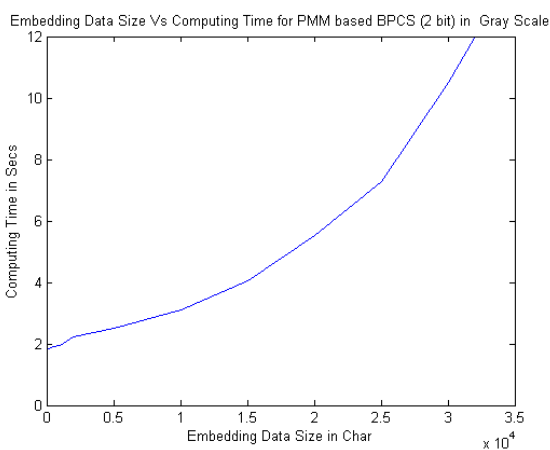
Fig 25: Plot of Computation Time at various embedding length for Lena 512 (Case 2)



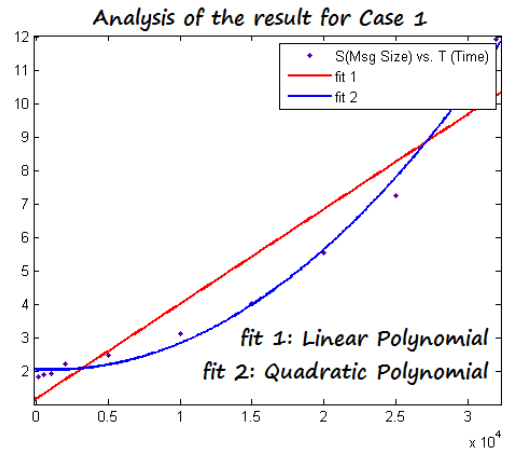
**Fig 26: Analysis of Results for Case 2**

DATA SIZE (in Character)	TIME(in Sec)
100	1.8408
500	1.8992
1000	1.9500
2000	2.2252
5000	2.4960
10000	3.1200
15000	4.0404
20000	5.5380
25000	7.2696
30000	10.5145
32000	11.9497

**Fig 27: Computation Time at various embedding length for Pepper 512(Case 1)**



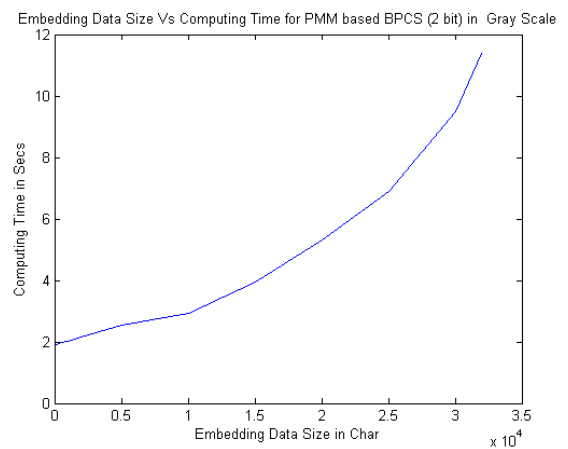
**Fig 28: Plot of Computation Time at various embedding length for Pepper 512 (Case 1)**



**Fig 29: Analysis of Results for Case 1**

DATA SIZE (in Char)	TIME (in Sec)
100	1.9032
500	1.9656
1000	2.0280
2000	2.1684
5000	2.5272
10000	2.9172
15000	3.9624
20000	5.3040
25000	6.8796
30000	9.4849
32000	11.3881

**Fig 30: Computation Time at various embedding length for Lena 512 (Case 2)**



**Fig 31: Plot of Computation Time at various embedding length for Lena 512 (Case 2)**

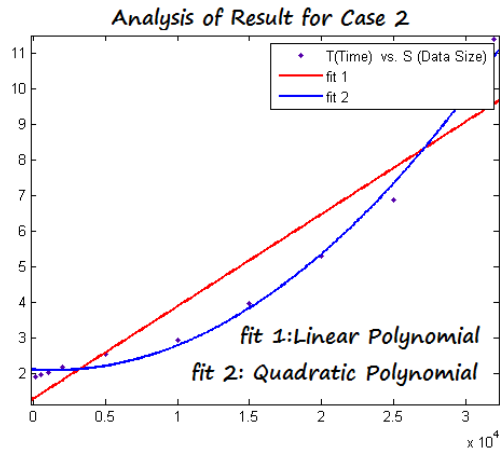


Fig 32: Analysis of Results for Case 2

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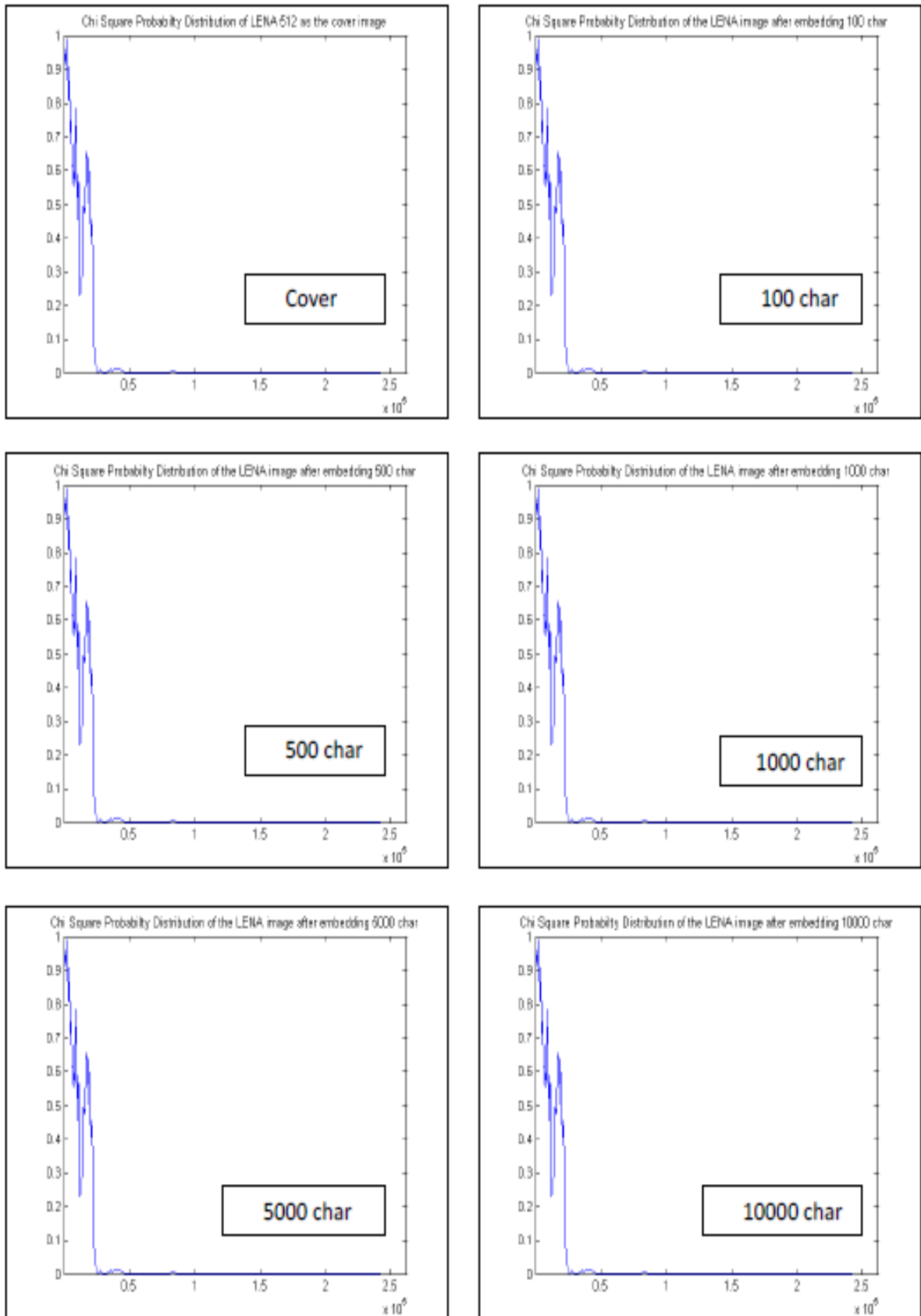


Fig 34: Chi Probability Distribution for LENA (512x512)



Images		LENGTH OF THE EMBEDDING CHARACTER						
		100	500	1000	5000	10000	20000	32000
Lena 512X512	PSNR	76.1778	69.2907	66.2363	59.3224	53.8742	45.2285	36.6817
	MSE	0.0016	0.0077	0.0155	0.0760	0.2665	1.9509	13.9607
	RMSE	0.0322	0.0684	0.0978	0.2170	0.4100	1.1272	3.0312
	SSIM	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9995	0.9966	0.9698
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9951
	KL divergence	0.01646	0.0404	0.1952	0.1001	0.6018	0.0090	0.3997
	Entropy	7.0879	7.0880	7.0879	7.0873	7.0851	7.0733	7.0506
Lena 256X256	PSNR	70.0117	63.2014	60.2652	45.282	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.0065	0.0311	0.0612	1.9269	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.0623	0.1382	0.1941	1.1221	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	1.0000	0.9998	0.9997	0.9899	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	NA	NA	NA
	KL divergence	0.0088	0.0501	0.0273	0.0031	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.5682	7.5680	7.5675	7.5505	NA	NA	NA
Lena 128X128	PSNR	64.3532	57.2843	49.4810	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.0239	0.1215	0.7328	NA	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.1220	0.2742	0.6880	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9999	0.9996	0.9976	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	NA	NA	NA	NA
	KL divergence	0.04154	0.0553	0.1792	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.5598	7.5553	7.5433	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pepper 512X512	PSNR	76.3612	69.2627	66.2783	59.3220	53.5295	44.3295	35.6439
	MSE	0.0015	0.0077	0.0153	0.0760	0.2885	2.3996	17.7293
	RMSE	0.0310	0.0699	0.0982	0.2165	0.4228	1.2148	3.2563
	SSIM	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9989	0.9928	0.9562
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9995	0.9960
	KL divergence	0.0132	0.0176	0.9809	0.0411	0.1017	0.0019	0.0601
	Entropy	6.9829	6.9830	6.9835	6.9832	6.9820	6.9365	6.8194
Pepper 256X256	PSNR	70.3187	63.2984	60.2815	44.340	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.0060	0.0304	0.0609	2.3935	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.0581	0.1354	0.1933	1.2057	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9999	0.9997	0.9995	0.9821	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9995	NA	NA	NA
	KL divergence	0.0232	0.0537	0.0319	0.0018	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	6.9831	6.9836	6.9825	6.9338	NA	NA	NA
Pepper 128X128	PSNR	64.2544	57.1638	49.6043	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.0244	0.1249	0.7123	NA	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.1230	0.2773	0.6725	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.9998	0.9993	0.9962	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	1.0000	1.0000	0.0011	NA	NA	NA	NA
	KL divergence	0.0499	0.0670	0.0854	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	6.9824	6.9799	6.9633	NA	NA	NA	NA

Fig 35: Various Image Similarity Metrics for PMM BPCS (2 bit)



Images		LENGTH OF THE EMBEDDING CHARACTER								
		100	500	1000	2000	5000	10000	20000	40000	90000
Lena 512X512	PSNR	77.21522308	70.16953	67.1153	64.121202	60.118524	57.049709	54.021428	51.04857	47.53971
	MSE	0.00123469	0.0062536	0.0126343	0.0251745	0.0632744	0.1282654	0.2575951	0.5107676	1.1458015
	RMSE	0.050630787	0.1097058	0.1562134	0.2178938	0.345267	0.49302	0.6958746	0.7794878	0.7794878
	SSIM	0.999998657	0.9999941	0.999982	0.9999602	0.9999009	0.9998278	0.9995884	0.9992418	0.9982894
	Correlation	0.99999823	0.9999991	0.9999982	0.9999964	0.9999909	0.9999816	0.9999631	0.999927	0.9998376
	Entropy	7.750740936	7.7507589	7.7507539	7.7506833	7.7505392	7.7500562	7.7459703	7.7367107	7.670616
	KL Div	1.44E-06	5.61E-06	1.16E-05	2.10E-05	5.20E-05	0.0001082	0.0002096	0.0004261	0.0010228
Lena 256X256	PSNR	70.83429087	64.041648	61.115292	58.103674	54.105699	51.103713	48.080424	NA	NA
	MSE	0.005366007	0.0256399	0.0502981	0.1006266	0.2526449	0.5043233	1.0116679	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.100429376	0.2197244	0.3069825	0.4336817	0.6852992	0.7702745	0.7702745	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.999983648	0.9998312	0.9996637	0.9994255	0.9983121	0.9968621	0.9937089	NA	NA
	Correlation	0.999999219	0.9999963	0.9999927	0.9999854	0.9999633	0.9999269	0.9998544	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.733109653	7.7328044	7.7325728	7.7319272	7.7269398	7.7165123	7.6668771	NA	NA
	KL Div	4.61E-06	2.19E-05	4.11E-05	8.15E-05	0.0001985	0.0004043	0.0008391	NA	NA
Lena 128X128	PSNR	64.98155513	58.040909	55.072789	52.005837	48.018895	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.020650228	0.1020915	0.2022095	0.409729	1.0261027	NA	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.198412892	0.4351219	0.6108756	0.7715808	0.7715808	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.999948535	0.9996452	0.9991191	0.9984393	0.9959474	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	0.999996934	0.9999849	0.99997	0.9999394	0.9998493	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.714984565	7.7144746	7.7120856	7.7047639	7.6537478	NA	NA	NA	NA
	KL Div	1.87E-05	8.23E-05	0.0001614	0.0003475	0.0008494	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pepper 512X512	PSNR	76.64201777	70.049345	67.128432	64.072124	60.03845	57.02558	54.070194	51.085062	47.5923
	MSE	0.001408895	0.006429	0.0125961	0.0254606	0.0644519	0.12898	0.2547188	0.5064939	1.1320101
	RMSE	0.050517645	0.1079532	0.1537148	0.2197765	0.3453609	0.4903355	0.6892511	0.7705963	0.7705963
	SSIM	0.999997522	0.9999896	0.9999823	0.9999676	0.9998974	0.9997659	0.9995505	0.9990827	0.9977154
	Correlation	0.99999984	0.9999993	0.9999986	0.9999971	0.9999927	0.9999854	0.9999711	0.9999427	0.9998723
	Entropy	7.725770833	7.7257813	7.7257778	7.7257325	7.7253364	7.7243878	7.7199889	7.7133949	7.6570559
	KL Div	1.68E-05	2.05E-05	2.73E-05	4.09E-05	7.23E-05	0.0001333	0.0002488	0.0007607	0.0230413
Pepper 256X256	PSNR	71.36799902	64.140108	61.134217	58.079158	54.040098	51.060436	48.089232	NA	NA
	MSE	0.004745483	0.0250651	0.0500793	0.1011963	0.2564901	0.509374	1.0096181	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.096556305	0.2156236	0.3040859	0.43633	0.6949174	0.77588	0.77588	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.999980221	0.9998819	0.99977	0.9993579	0.9983786	0.9968316	0.993556	NA	NA
	Correlation	0.999999464	0.9999972	0.9999943	0.9999886	0.9999711	0.9999428	0.9998868	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.713942019	7.7139235	7.7136945	7.7129703	7.7080244	7.7042727	7.6699838	NA	NA
	KL Div	5.96E-06	2.39E-05	0.0001071	0.0001599	0.0003062	0.0057296	0.017693	NA	NA
Pepper 128X128	PSNR	64.97300602	57.906273	54.958085	52.056376	48.057645	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MSE	0.020690918	0.105306	0.2076213	0.4049886	1.0169881	NA	NA	NA	NA
	RMSE	0.201616998	0.4451754	0.6216217	0.7672575	0.7672575	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SSIM	0.999959817	0.9995642	0.9989874	0.9983941	0.9959367	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Correlation	0.999997591	0.9999878	0.9999759	0.999953	0.9998824	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Entropy	7.725040199	7.7241163	7.7213062	7.714658	7.6701329	NA	NA	NA	NA
	KL Div	2.30068E-05	0.0001037	0.0001872	0.00022581	0.00225834	NA	NA	NA	NA

Fig 36: Various Image Similarity Metrics for PMM (RGB) (2 bit)