Highly Efficient Protection of Biometric Face Samples with Selective JPEG2000 Encryption

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Introduction

Online Database
Biometric templates
algorithm dependent

Sensor

Query

template protection

template extraction

Offline Database
Biometric samples
JPEG 2000 (ISO/IEC19794)

encrypted

Enrolment

other uses
e.g.: forensics

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We investigate a lightweight JPEG2000 encryption scheme for compressed face data.

- selective bit-stream protection using AES
- no reduced recognition accuracy
- low computational effort

Drawback: a certain amount of data is left in plain text

- security analysis is required (similar to template protection)
- impact of JPEG2000 coding
  - layer progression
  - resolution progression
  - encryption amount and position for optimal protection/speed
Evaluation Methodology I

JPEG 2000 based parameters:

- Evaluate layer and resolution progression (JPEG 2000)

Biometric based parameters:

- Where is the most relevant information for the face recognition algorithms?
- What is the minimum amount of encryption required to protect the biometric face sample?

Focus is on the beginning of the codestream:

- Beginning: Structural data
- Towards end: refinement for fine textures.
- Face information depends on structural data
**Sliding Window Encryption** to detect the location of relevant data.

- A small part of the codestream is encrypted (window)
- Offset is varied (sliding window)

**Increasing Window Encryption** to find the minimum encryption amount.

- Offset is fixed from the beginning (no sliding window).
- Encryption amount is increased.
Evaluation Methodology III

Actual setups:

- **small encryption window** is a sliding window encryption
  - window size is 0.5% of the bitstream
  - offset varies from 0% to 15% in steps of 1%

- **large encryption window** is a sliding window encryption
  - window size is 4%
  - offset is varied from 0% to 20% in 2% steps

- **increasing encryption window** is an increasing window encryption
  - window size increases from 1% to 15% in steps of 1%

Coding parameters for each of the above tests (progression type):

- **layer progression**
- **resolution progression**
Face Recognition Methods

- Traditional
  - Local Binary Patterns (LBP)
  - Multi-Block LBP (MBLBP)

Histogram per 14x14 cell region, chi-squared similarity measure.

- CNN based methods
  - ResNet-ArcFace (ArcFace)
  - MobileFaceNet (MobileFace)
  - ShuffleFaceNet (ShuffleFace)
The Labeled Faces in the Wild (LFW) database

- 13,233 face images
- 5,749 different identities
- Large variations in pose, expression and illumination

10-fold split of 6000 face pairs each

Face images were aligned and cropped

- 112x112 pixel
- RetinaFace detector
- JPEG2000 encryption on cropped image
An illustration: **Small encryption window**
Offset as given in both layer and resolution progression.

![Original image](image)
Dataset III

An illustration how this looks in practice.
Layer progression

large window encryption

increasing window encryption
Evaluation—Small Window Encryption I

Resolution progression with error correction.
Evaluation—Small Window Encryption II

Layer progression with error correction.
Resolution progression with error correction.
Evaluation—Large Window Encryption II

Layer progression with error correction.
Resolution progression with error correction.
Layer progression with error correction.
Conclusion

- Traditional and deep learning based methods exhibit an identical behavior.
- Faster traditional methods can be used for analysis of selective encryption options.
- When storing facial biometric samples with JPEG2000 it is recommended to use the layer progression type.
- The relevant part for biometric face recognition is at around 4–12% of the total codestream.
- The most secure method for encryption is to start at the beginning and at least include the first 12%.