A deep learning signed medical image based on cryptographic techniques

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ABSTRACT

Innovative medical multimedia communications technology requirements have enhanced safety principles, allowing significant advancement in security standards. In hospitals and imaging centers, massive amounts of medical images have been created. To successfully access the medical databases and utilize those rich resources in assisting diagnosis and research, image processing enabled communication solutions are necessary. Our article presents a rigorous verified model by employing deep learning to enhance the cryptographic performance of biomedical images using hybrid chaotic Lorentz map diffusion and de-oxyribonucleic acid (DNA) confusion stages. It consists of two encryption/decryption techniques, the initial signal is verified using digital signature and two unique non-consecutive stages of chaotic diffusion with a single DNA scrambling stage in between. The encoded secret bit stream is generated and used to encrypt or decode the original signal in the diffusion manner to disintegrate the redundancy in the plain image statistics, utilizing hybrid chaotic system. Using DNA confusion step to make the relationship between the original signal and the utilized key more ambiguous. These stages make the proposed image cryptosystem more resistant to known/ chosen plaintext assaults. The performance of the suggested technique will be assessed to the most similar techniques reported in the literature for comparative purposes.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Secure multimedia communications in modern communication networks are a very important process. Several research studies have recently been dedicated to the development of several schemes strengthening digital images. At these days, deep neural network presents superior results even in existence of amorphous data which is totally independent toward the data labelling. Deep learning (DL) [1]–[3] represents a technique kind of representational learning which learns abstract mid-/high-level features embedded in the images. In between the DL advantages, the ability of learning the complex patterns. DL algorithms, especially, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), convolutional neural net-works, employ hidden layers in between the inputs and outputs to model the interme-diary representations from image data which cannot be easily learnt by other algo-rithms. Thus, they directly produce high-level representations of features from the medical raw
images. CNNs [3], [4] that are networks inspired biologically, have many crucial contributions in the domain of medical image analysis, e.g., organ segmentation [5], texture analysis, and disease classification [6]. Recent studies revealed that the deep learning algorithms can offer an optimal form of encryption approach of images. Maniyath and Thanikaiselvan [7] proposed an integrated deep learning model with chaotic map for optimized security performance. The computational complexity was assessed with regard to computational processing time and memory consumption. The proposed algorithm was characterized by quick response time (30.18 s) in addition to satisfactory retention of signal quality. Hassan et al. [8] presented a secure content-based image retrieval (CBIR) framework which performs image recovery on the cloud without any user’s interaction. A generic pre-trained deep neural network type (e.g., VGG-16) was applied to obtain the feature vectors of an image at the user side. The cloud servers apply secure image inference with a pre-trained private deep network model and perform approximate nearest neighbor (ANN) image retrieval protocols without any more interaction of the user.

Guo et al. [9] a privacy-preserving CNN framework allowing the searching and classification of content-based, secure, big-scale ciphered images (incorporating big-size medical images) using the homomorphic encryption algorithm. The experimental results were implemented using four real-world datasets, (i.e., retinal OCT images, blood cell images, chest X-Ray images, and Caltech101 image set). The experimental conclusions showed that their proposed framework achieved above 86% accuracy rate on the real-world datasets along with the same CNN structure of the plaintext domain having much less searching time (faster more than six times) compared to other current systems.

Hashemi and Mozaffari [10] proposed a noise-generative adversarial network (Noise-GAN) GAN to perform targeted and non-targeted assaults opposed to deep neural networks. The Noise-GAN has a multi-class discriminator intended for creating a noise which when added to the original plain image, adversarial cases can be attained. Distinct types of elusion attacks were beheld, and the suggested technique performance was evaluated on several victim examples underneath several defensive approaches. Where the experiment results were dependent on MNIST and CIFAR10 datasets and reporting and comparing the average success rates for various attacks with state-of-the-art techniques. The non-targeted attack success rates on deep neural networks (DNNs) after training by adversarial models, produced by Noise-GAN, were rejected from 87.7% to 10.41% utilizing MNIST dataset and rejected from 91.2% to 57.66% utilizing CIFAR-10 dataset.

On the other side the chaos behavior of chaotic map also provides comprehensive security. Consequently, integration of deep learning, chaotic behavior and DNA computation can offer a superior method for image encryption algorithms. Digital images have discriminative properties within the neighboring pixels, for instant broad spectrum and high correlation. In this manner, unused plans, and approaches, such as de-oxyribonucleic corrosive (DNA) [11]-[13] also chaotic maps [14], [15] have been utilized in advanced computerized picture encryption plans. These approaches offer assistance to make strides vigorous to chosen/known plaintext assaults, enhanced factual characteristics, upgraded key domain, revise the plaintext content affectability, up-dating key affectability preference to prior plans. Telem et al. [16] have introduced a strong encryption system for gray image utilizing artificial neural network and chaotic logistic map, employing an external private key to obtain initial conditions used for generating weights and biases matrices of the perception of the multi-layer, achieving an improved security. Dridi et al. [17] presented a new cryptographic system which is based upon a combination of neural network and chaotic functions, as the purpose of using this procedure compared with the present methods is to confirm the security of medical images using minimal complex process, which is compatible along with digital imaging and communications in medical specialty.

Dowlin et al. [18] have employed the machine learning method with problems involving medical, monetary, and other forms of precise data, which needs sensible consideration to providing data confidentiality and secrecy. By sending encrypted data to the cloud service hosting the network. The ciphered data stays private since the keys of the decryption process are not known by the cloud. Lakshmanan et al. [19] synchronized an inertial neural network and applied it to secure wireless transmission lines. The encryption process utilizes the chaotic signals generated by the inertial neural network. In the results, the encryption scheme is found to be efficient and reliable for secure communication. Shifa et al. [20] implemented a joint cryptostego algorithm for improved image security. It was demonstrated that the system is efficient when used with RGB images with varying sizes and resolutions. Li et al. [21] suggested a deep learning-based iris image cryptographic algorithm which can resolve the inconsistent iris features and enhance the secrecy of the encrypting and decoding procedures, according to simulated studies performed on iris samples from the public iris database. Ali et al. [22] created a deep-learning-based safe searchable blockchain as a data structure utilizing homomorphic encryption, allowing users to access data securely through searching.

Ding et al. [23] proposed a deep learning-based key generation network (DeepKeyGen) to encrypt or decrypt medical images using a stream cipher. In this paper, an authenticated secured algorithm based on deep learning is presented using mixed chaotic Lorentz maps and DNA confusion stages. The main contributions of the paper are:
In order to improve the performance and the security analysis of the proposed algorithm, the VGG16 convolutional neural network is employed as the main learning network for transferring the medical image from its original domain into the target domain.

Furthermore, an encryption and decryption scheme uses a new scrambling stage at the beginning of the process to be robust against multiple attacks. The displayed calculation is given in a precise numerical dialect with no extraordinary components and tried against the list given in [24].

The key space of the calculation is evaluated and examined. Diffusion processes are illustrated in arithmetic equations and DNA is shown with numerical examples. As Kerckhoff’s method follows, it does not rely on any secret factors but rather on the key.

In addition, Shannon’s two primitive principles also apply here as it includes two non-consecutive stages of spread utilizing hybrid-chaotic outlines and one disarray arrangement between them. Based on the numerical investigation, it passes numerous measurement and arbitrariness tests, including histogram analysis, a number of pixel change rate, a bound together normal change concentration, and numerous relationship tests since its score is substantially bigger than already displayed plans. It is more resistant to brute force attacks, differential cipher pictures, and entropy attacks than past methods. As a result, it includes a wider key space. Additionally, it is also more sensitive to slight variations in the chosen secret key.

The following is the outline of the paper: section 2 offers some broad theoretical foundations. Section 3 is subdivided into three subsections, beginning with datasets of liver computerized tomography (CT) images, deep feature extraction using CNN, and lastly a detailed explanation and argument for the deep feature encryption algorithm. Section 4 introduces the experimental results and analysis. Finally, section 5 concludes our paper.

2. THE COMPREHENSIVE THEORETICAL BASIS

2.1. Convolutional neural network

CNNs comprise a sequence of processing layers with different types [25]-[27]. Regular CNNs have convolutional, fully connected, as well as pooling layers. The most intensive part in CNNs is indicated as the convolutional layers convolving the 3-D kernels to the input feature maps so as to produce output feature maps. Nodes of such feature maps are known as activations. The convolution in a 3-D kernel over an input feature map generates one output feature map. Thus, the count of feature maps produced in this layer equal to the count of kernels. The architecture of CNNs as feature extractors is shown in Figure 1. While Figure 2 demonstrates the convolution process. A fixed-size kernel is employed to multiply corresponding elements in each sub-region of input matrix then find their sum to be one element of the new matrix. Thereafter, the convolutional kernel slides with fixed stride (in Figure 2 the stride is 2); the process is done again until all elements in the input are involved; eventually, a new matrix is formed and then nonlinearly mapped by activation function i.e., rectified linear unit function, ReLU, which saves positive activations unaltered, and adjusts negative ones to zero. Pooling layers come after the convolutional layers and perform by down-sampling output feature map through summarization of its embedded features into patches. In this context, computation of pooling is performed by obtaining the mean from each patch inside the feature map or taking the greatest value in each patch. Figure 3 depicts a max-pooling process, the pooling dimensionality is 10×10×10, stride value is 2, and kernel size is 2×2×2. The pooling output is reduced to 10×10×5.

The input to the fully connected layer (F-C) is the output from the final pooling or convolution layer that is flattened and passed into it. A node in this layer is linked to all nodes from the previous layer. Final F-C layer outputs probability of any object class with one class node [28].
2.2. Hyperchaotic lorenz system

In hyperchaotic Lorenz maps [29], $\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon$ and $\omega$ are real constant parameters that determine the chaotic behavior and bifurcation. When $\alpha = 10, \sqrt{\beta} = \frac{8}{3}, \varepsilon = 28$, and $\omega = 1$ the system behaves hyperchaotically. It is always considered $x_{01} \in (-40, 40), x_{02} \in (-40, 40), x_{03} \in (1, 81), x_{04} \in (-250, 250)$ part of the secret key to obey the initial state obeying and matching the upper and lower bounds of the choice of initial state. With the fourth order Runge-Kutta method [30], one can discretize (1) at 0.002 steps.

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x}_1 &= \alpha(x_2 - x_1) + x_4, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \varepsilon x_1 - x_2 - x_1 x_3, \\
\dot{x}_3 &= x_1 x_2 - \beta x_3, \\
\dot{x}_4 &= -\omega x_4 - x_2 x_3
\end{align*}
\]

(1)

2.3. DNA cryptography

Research in DNA computation and new technologies have led to a novel field called DNA cryptography, which makes use of the understanding of DNA structures to provide unbreakable algorithms. In
terms of DNA sequence, it is used to hide data as it is transmitted or stored. The deoxyribonucleic acid molecule is a complex molecule from which all of the information required to build and maintain an organism can be obtained. DNA is made up of long polymers of nucleotides, which are the building blocks of DNA. Nucleotides comprised of Deoxyribose sugar, a phosphates group, and nitrogenous base. Adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G) and thymine (T) are the four nucleic acids that make up nitrogen base. By pairing two nucleic acid chains together, DNA forms a double helix. As an example, A and T are complementary pairs; G and C are alternative complementary pairs. Binary operations consist of the 0 and 1, which means that 00 and 11 and 01 and 10 are complement pairs. The nucleic acid bases A, T, G, and C can be coded as 00, 11, 10 and 01, respectively. Table 1 lists the eight DNA encoding rules in use that satisfy the complementary rule [31].

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 00-A | 00-A | 00-C | 00-C | 00-G | 00-G | 00-T | 00-T |
| 01-C | 01-G | 01-A | 01-T | 01-A | 01-T | 01-C | 01-G |
| 10-G | 10-C | 10-T | 10-A | 10-T | 10-A | 10-G | 10-C |
| 11-T | 11-T | 11-G | 11-G | 11-C | 11-C | 11-A | 11-A |

### 2.4. Digital signature algorithm

The digital signature scheme is an asymmetric cryptosystem enables people to electronically sign their documents in a secure and efficient manner. That it is difficult to forge the signature yet verifying the validity of the digital signature is easy. A private key is used to sign the message producing the signature, and then being verified using public key so that no one can sign the message except the party having the private key, but all parties can verify it. Digital signature confirms confidentiality via the following three attributes authentication, integrity and non-repudiation. Digital signatures are employed extensively in banking applications, software distribution, and in many other situations concerning authority, it is crucial to disclose falsification or impersonating [32].

### 3. METHOD

#### 3.1. Datasets of liver CT images

The proposed approach of this study was tested based on publicly available dataset, which was previously tested in [5], [33] namely, LiTS, which encompass 131 scans of CT images, in addition to their clinical annotation (ground truth). The dataset of LiTS also comprises a number of 70 images as a testing set, but no accompanying annotations are provided for that set. Therefore, in this work, we only employed the 131 annotated set of images.

#### 3.2. Deep feature extraction using CNN

In this work, the VGG16 deep network is employed to extract the deep features from the medical raw images as given in Figure 4, which comprises the following layers:

- **Input layer**: is the first layer of the network architecture that passes the patches into the network to generate features as in Figure 4. The network adjusts automatically each patch image into 224 × 224 size to be suitable to the subsequent feature extraction.

- **Convolutional layer**: in l th convolutional layer, subjection of each input batch image is to a convolutional operation is performed. Supposing \( h_c \) indicates an input batch image from l th convolutional layer, then a \( k \) th kernel with \( m \times m \) size is sliding across the input using stride s. Let \( f \) be the number of filter channels, \( w_1^{ filtering } \) and \( b_1^{ bias } \) denotes the weight as well as bias of i th filter, as shown in (2) defines the output of l th convolutional layer.

\[
m_1^i = \sigma (w_1^i - h_1 + b_1^i) \tag{2}
\]

where \( \sigma \) denotes the activation function used for mapping input to non-linear space. The output \( m_1^i \) represents feature map resulted from the medical image. Afterwards, the result (feature maps). At l th convolutional layer will be activated by employing an activation function in order to obtain non-linear features. In this model, a ReLu [34] activation was used, which inverses each input \( x \) from negative into positive and stores the positive values, by using (3). The \( \max(0,x) \) refers to ReLu function whereas \( F(x) \) represents the output from ReLu.
\[ F(x) = \max(0, x) \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{\partial F(x)}{\partial x} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if} \ x \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if} \ x > 0 \end{cases} \]  

- Pooling layer: Max-pooling for output feature maps is performed using (4), \( x \) indicates the output for convolution layer, where \( R_{i,j} \) refers the \((i,j)\)th region of pooling, while \( P_{i,j} \) denotes the max-pooled output.

\[ P_{i,j} = \max_{r,s \in R_{i,j}} \{X_{r,s}\} \]  

- Fully-connected layer: Probability distribution of the output from the last pooling layer is computed using the softmax formula in (5). The resulted vector size is \( 1 \times 1000 \).

\[ \text{softmax}(r)_j = \frac{e^{r_j}}{\sum_{l=1}^{1000} e^{r_l}} \]  

3.3. Deep feature encryption algorithm

Our proposed system architecture is demonstrated in Figure 5. Firstly, a signal is input to the system and analyzed to get its features. Then the proposed encryption algorithm is applied to the resultant deep image’s features based on a forward diffusion stage using hybrid-chaotic Lorenz function, followed by a confusion stage using DNA, and signed with a digital signature using MD5. The proposed cryptosystem consists of same encryption and decryption procedures, simplifying the securely signal transmission and reception implementation systems.
For both transmitting and receiving schemes, two distinct non-successive stages of forward and backward diffusion using the hybrid-chaotic stream generator are used, with a DNA scrambling stage engaged between them. The Lorentz hybrid-chaotic system generates a coded secret stream of bits which is used to encrypt or decrypt the original signal employed in both forward and backward diffusion procedures, so as to disperse the redundancy of the statistics of the plain image, while the stage of the confusion using DNA is used for increasing relationship complexity between both the original signal and the employed key.

3.4. Binary Image Encryption

Let \( M_0 \) represents the original transmitted medical image, and \( V_B \) is the resultant deep image features binary vector, representing the original image \( M_0 \) from the fully-connected layer, the resultant vector size is \( 1 \times 1000 \) binary bits. The \( V_B \) is then represented in the form of a matrix \( M_0 \), in which \( M_0 \) is the binary image output matrix having the same dimensions of the original image \( M_0 \) with size \( L \times N \) where \( L \) and \( N \) are correspondingly the size of both, the columns and rows of the matrix. The proposed image encryption scheme is illustrated in Figure 5. Its private key is given by: \( S = \{ x_{01}, x_{02}, x_{03}, x_{04}, v_1, v_2 \} \), where \( x_{01}, x_{02}, x_{03} \) and \( x_{04} \) are known as initial conditions for the four dimensions hyperchaotic function, having ranges of values as follows: \( x_{01} \in (-40, 40) \), \( x_{02} \in (-40, 40) \), \( x_{03} \in (1,81) \), and \( x_{04} \in (-250, 250) \) where \( v_1 \) and \( v_2 \) are eight bit random numbers chosen by the user. The size of the step \( x_{01}, x_{02}, x_{03} \) is given by \( 10^{-13} \) even though the size of the step \( x_{04} \) is given by \( 10^{-12} \). In the encryption procedure, Reiterating the hyperchaotic system results in two pseudo-random matrices, \( R \) and \( Z \), which are used to encrypt the Binary picture. The identical techniques used in the encryption process are used to generate the pseudorandom matrices in the decryption algorithm. The decoding and encryption algorithms used in the proposed approach use the same steps of the image forward diffusion stage, DNA confusion stage, and backward image diffusion to scramble the results. The algorithm has four primary steps, which are illustrated in the following sections. The user selects eight-bit random numbers \( v_1 \) and \( v_2 \). This model has a step size of \( 10^{-13} \) for \( x_{01}, x_{02}, x_{03} \), while \( x_{04} \) is \( 10^{-12} \). By repeating the hyperchaotic system to encrypt the Binary image, two pseudo-random matrices \( R \) and \( Z \) are generated. Pseudorandom matrices are created by the same methods used in the encryption algorithm during decryption. The decryption and encryption algorithms in the presented scheme are the same. The forward image stage counts the same stages, and the DNA sequence stage uses the backward diffusion to scramble the outcome. There are four stages contained within the algorithm, as described in sub-section.

3.5. Streaming Code Generator

The hyperchaotic Lorenz system, given by (1), is used to generate two pseudorandom matrices, \( R \) and \( Z \), of size \( L \times N \). Start by iterating this equation for times to get four pseudo-random matrices, designated \( \{ o_{2k} \}, \{ o_{3k} \}, \{ o_{4k} \} \), and \( \{ o_{5k} \} \), \( k = 1, 2, \ldots, L \times N \), separately, commencing with the 4 initial values specified in the private key \( K_s \). From the sequences \( \{ o_{2k} \}, \{ o_{3k} \} \), produce the two matrices \( R, Z \) by:

\[
R(i,j) = F \left( \left( r_{i-1} \times N + j \right) \times 10^{13} \right) \mod 256
\]

\[
Z(i,j) = F \left( \left( z_{i-1} \times N + j \right) \times 10^{13} \right) \mod 256
\]

\( F(.) \) gives the largest principal integer number, and "+500" is used to convert any negative numbers into positives. Both forward and backward diffusion are done in the encryption process by using these two matrices.

3.6. Stage of Forward Diffusion

During the given stage, the algorithm builds a new matrix indicated by \( S \) by employing XOR (\( \oplus \)) operations to both matrices \( M_B \) and \( R \) of the binary image element as shown in:

\[
S(1,1) = M_B(1,1) \oplus R(1,1) \oplus v_1
\]

\[
S(1,l) = M_B(1,l) \oplus R(1,l) \oplus S(1,l-1), \text{ for } l = 2,3,\ldots,L
\]

\[
S(k,1) = M_B(k,1) \oplus R(k,1) \oplus S(k-1,1), \text{ for } k = 2,3,\ldots,N
\]

\[
S(k,l) = M_B(k,l) \oplus R(k,l) \oplus S(k-1,l) \oplus S(k,l-1) \oplus S(k-1,l-1), \text{ for } k = 2,3,\ldots,L \text{ and } l = 2,3,\ldots,N
\]

in subsequent sections, the output matrix \( S \) will be input into a subsequent step of DNA scrambling.
3.7. DNA mutation scrambling stage

For the encryption scheme to resist the chosen/known plaintext assaults, a novel scrambling phase depending on the mutation of the DNA. Applying this phase strengthens the complexity comparative among binary image, ciphered image, and employed key. A slightkey change in the binary image or key causes a huge discrepancy in the ciphered image with consent. The following steps show how scrambled matrix is obtained: i) matrix S is divided into two matrices of equal size by choosing the odd columns all together and form the one matrix SO then again choosing the even columns and form the other matrix SE. The two splitted matrices will be of the same size \( L \times N / 2 \); ii) using the DNA encoding complementary 4th rule as shown in Table 1, encode all binary element of the two matrices SO and SE; iii) two outputs matrices of DNA encoded elements of size \( L \times N / 2 \) are then deduced. For illustration, using the 4th rule of the DNA complementry rules ‘10011000’, and ‘01001110’ will give output of ‘ATAC’, and ‘TCGA’, correspondingly; iv) mutating the resultant pairs of DNA in the previous step by addition of the two matrices using the DNA addition as given in Table 2 at the encryption side while applying the DNA subtraction process at the decryption side using Table 3; v) changing the values of the mutated DNA elements to their equivalent binary values corresponding to Table 1; and vi) the two matrices SO and SE will be concatenated so as to form one binary matrix represented by Q with size of \( L \times N \), then passing Matrix Q as an input to the backward diffusion stage.

Table 2. An adding algebraic process of DNA sequence used in encryption side

| ADD | A | G | C | T |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| A   | A | G | C | T |
| G   | G | C | T | A |
| C   | C | T | A | G |

Table 3. Subtracting algebraic process of DNA sequence used in decryption side

| SUB | A | G | C | T |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| A   | A | T | C | G |
| G   | G | A | T | C |
| C   | C | G | A | T |

3.8. Backward Diffusion Stage \( L \times N \)

Backward image diffusion is performed by converting the matrix Q into a matrix signified by C, and the pseudo-noise matrix Z by XOR operations as shown in:

\[
C(N, L) = Q(N, L) \oplus Z(N, L) \oplus v_1
\]

(12)

\[
C(N, l) = Q(N, l) \oplus Z(N, l) \oplus Q(N, l + 1), \text{for } l = L - 1, ..., 1
\]

(13)

\[
C(k, L) = Q(k, L) \oplus Z(k, L) \oplus Q(k + 1, 1), \text{for } k = N - 1, ..., 1
\]

(14)

\[
C(k, l) = Q(k, l) \oplus Z(k, l) \oplus Q(k + 1, l) \oplus Q(k, l + 1) \oplus Q(k + 1, l + 1), \text{for } k = N - 1, ..., 1, l = L - 1, ..., 1
\]

(15)

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section demonstrates the results acquired by implementation of algorithm analyzed in previous section. The proposed scheme is carried out on the resulted deep binary image features; therefore, the analysis of the outcomes is generally considered into three sections evaluating the quality of the decrypted image, security analysis, and analysis of computational complexity. The intended scheme was implemented using MATLAB (R2015a) software (MathWorks, Natick, MA, USA). The simulation results are shown in Figure 6, where in Figure 6(a) the used private symmetric key S = [4.2314, 13.0451, 50.7751, 23.3523, 43.201] is utilized in both the decoding and encoding algorithms, and the original medical images utilized are 256x256 pixels in size. A cipher image for the corresponding encryption algorithm is depicted in Figure 6(b). Using the appropriate secret key S, we then decrypted the cipher image in order to regenerate the reconstructed image as shown in Figure 6(c). The recovered decrypted image is a perfect reconstruction of the original plain image, and the cipher image pattern does not resemble the plain image. Based on the visual evaluation of the standard plain images, we conclude that the proposed encryption process does not adversely affect the visual quality.
4.1. Analysis of key space
The domain of key space must be commonly considered enormous to prevent the adversary employing brute-force assault to reveal the private key. The size of the key space determines how secure a cryptosystem is. Since an attacker will attempt to decrypt an intercepted message using every key combination conceivable, a message with a wider keyspace will be more resistant to an analytical attack. In our proposed system, the key space employs four initial conditions given by \( \{x_{01}, x_{02}, x_{03}, v_1 \text{ and } v_2\} \) related to the hyperchaotic system. Hence, the size of key space of our intended algorithm can be calculated as \( 1.6777 \times 10^{64} \), as a results our system has a huge key space domain that actually become robust against brute-force assaults, and taking about \( 2.03451 \times 10^{52} \) days for breaking down our proposed scheme.

4.2. Analysis of statistical attacks
4.2.1. The grey histogram evaluation
The proposed encryption algorithm should be robust and can withstand various statistical and cipher images attacks which can be evaluated using the related analysis of the histogram as shown in Figure 7. The original images histograms presented in Figure 7(a) example, Image 1, Image 2 and Image 3 are extremely not uniform with an obvious characteristic peak where the images information are mostly obtained easily. while Figure 7(b) shows the cipher images histograms having almost uniformly statistical distribution. Hence, the employed system can withstand the cipher images and statistical assaults. Figure 7(c) displays the decrypted images histograms.
Figure 7. Related histogram analysis by (a) original images histograms (b) ciphered images histograms, and (c) decrypted images histograms

4.3. Evaluating image quality

The procedure of encryption, in general, consists of reiterative steps that are performed to make sure that the result is a safe and challenging for an intruder to access. To enhance encryption strength, substantial number of pixels must be encrypted, which also impacts image quality. As a result, it is imperative to determine whether the encryption process actually affects image quality. correlation, number of changing pixel rate (NPCR), and unified averaged changed intensity (UACI) are the performance parameters used to assess image quality. Using comparative analysis, the analysis is also carried out to determine its computational complexity.
4.3.1. Correlation coefficient analysis

With regard to horizontal, vertical, and diagonal direction of the pixels, correlation-coefficients are used to appraise graphical quality. It is carried out to compare the decrypted output image with the original input image. Pick N random pixels nearby, and \((x_i, y_i)\) represent the values of \(i\)-th pixel pair \((i=1, 2, ..., N)\). Afterwards, the correlation coefficient can be calculated as:

\[
E(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \\
D(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - E(x))^2 \\
cov(x, y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - E(x))(y_i - E(y)) \\
C. F = \frac{cov(x, y)}{\sqrt{D(x)} \times \sqrt{D(y)}}
\] (16)

\((x, y)\) represent the grey values of the adjacent pixels for an image, \(D(x)\) represents the variance, \(E(x)\) denotes the mean and \(cov(x, y)\) denotes the covariance. Assuming \(N=2000\), then correlation-coefficients resultant for related original and cipher images are displayed in Table 4. The analysis of correlation coefficient is shown in Figure 8, the analysis of horizontal correlation coefficient is presented in Figure 8(a), while the horizontal correlation for their encrypted images is shown in Figure 8(b).

![Figure 8](image-url)
Table 4. Correlation factor between two adjacent pixels in three images

| Model       | Original Image 1 | Original Image 2 | Original Image 3 | Encrypted Image 1 | Encrypted Image 2 | Encrypted Image 3 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Horizontal  | 0.9694           | 0.9597           | 0.9723           | 0.0038            | 0.0036           | 0.0047           |
| Vertical    | 0.9682           | 0.9460           | 0.9453           | 0.0031            | 0.0051           | 0.0034           |
| Diagonal    | 0.9266           | 0.9349           | 0.9318           | 0.0038            | 0.0017           | 0.0021           |

In addition, a comparative analysis between the suggested system and some related works displaying the correlation coefficient is shown in Table 5. It was noticed that the correlation coefficient value of original images is high and has value near to one. On the other side we find that cipher images correlation value is low and in close proximity to zero, obviously it has been realized that the new presented system can break the relativeness efficiently; and so, our system has a vigorous capability for resisting the statistical assault, and will not affect the decrypted image quality.

Table 5. Comparative analysis for the correlation coefficient

| Method                  | Horizontal correlation coefficients | Vertical correlation coefficients | Diagonal correlation coefficients |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proposed                | -0.0019                             | 0.0008                           | 0.0024                           |
| Chen et al. [35]        | -0.0024                             | 0.0012                           | 0.0035                           |
| Chenaghla et al. [36]   | -0.0021                             | 0.0014                           | 0.0031                           |
| Ding et al. [23]        | 0.0383                              | 0.2259                           | 0.1158                           |

4.3.2. Resistance to differential attack attackers

The NPCR and UACI hypothetical values are 99.609% and 33.464% for images having 256 gray levels. Moreover, the values are assessed compared to the critical values [37], [38] which indeed proves the capability of the proposed algorithm in resisting differential attacks. Therefore, this provided scheme attains high-level performance with the values of NPCR and UACI near to the theoretical standards. As shown in Table 6 which displays the comparative results assessing our proposed system with older systems due to their NPCR and UACI values, from the following analysis, it has been proved that the proposed scheme is robust and can withstand the differential assaults.

\[
NPCR = \frac{1}{L \times N} \sum_{i=1}^{L} \sum_{j=1}^{N} |\text{Sign}(C_1(i, j) - C_2(i, j))| \times 100%
\]

\[
UACI = \frac{1}{L \times N} \sum_{i=1}^{L} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{|\text{Sign}(C_1(i, j) - C_2(i, j))|}{256} \times 100%
\]

Table 6. Comparative analysis for the correlation coefficient

| Method                  | Average NPCR | Average UACI |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proposed                | 0.9971       | 0.3359       |
| Chen et al. [35]        | 0.9961       | 0.3357       |
| Ding et al. [23]        | 0.9959       | 0.2319       |
| Bao and Xue [39]        | 0.9964       | 0.3349       |

4.4. Information entropy

In any cryptographic system, expressing the degree of uncertainty is measured the information entropy [35]. It can also be used in expressing the uncertainties in image information by measuring the grey values distribution in an image. The more uniform the grey values distribution the greater the information entropy is. The information entropy is defined as:

\[
H(m) = - \sum_{i=0}^{L} P(m_i) \log_2 P(m_i)
\]

\[m_i\] represents the ith grey value used for the L level grey image, where the emergence probability of \(m_i\) is denoted by \(P(m_i)\), given that for \(\sum_{i=0}^{L} P(m_i) = 1\). The information entropy theoretical value of an ideal greyscale random image is 8, therefore an efficient cryptographic system have to get the information entropy nearby 8. Table 7 demonstrates the values of the information entropy of encrypted medical images, which are
near to the hypothetical value. Thus, the results confirm that our new suggested scheme can be able to effectively counteroffensive the information entropy.

| Method       | Information entropy |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Proposed     | 7.9989              |
| Chen et al. [35] | 7.9944             |
| Ding et al. [23] | 7.9986             |
| Bao and Xue [39] | 7.9972             |

4.5. Complexity analysis

It is possible to calculate the difficulty of employing the introduced encryption scheme [40], given an image of size as $w \times L \times N$. In this case, $n$ represents the number of pixels within the image. This can be determined by following the considered steps. Conversion of binary data, operation of scrambling DNA, generation of the private key, forward and backward diffusion processes, as well as decimal data conversion are all involved in this process. The binary data conversion complexity is $O(n^2)$ and for the DNA scrambling is $O(4n^2)$. Creating the private key entails three steps, namely producing pseudo-random sequences, binary transformations, and scrambling of DNA, all having complexity of $O(6n^2)$. Alternatively, the processes of forward and backward diffusion have a complexity of $O(62n^2)$. Converting DNA into binary data and converting binary data into decimal data takes $O(5n^2)$. Consequently, the overall complexity of the produced encryption image algorithm is equal to $O(78n^2)$.

5. CONCLUSION

The increasing interest over recent years to conserve the secrecy of sensitive patient health information, has increased the need for new cryptographic methods appropriate for addressing privacy-related concerns. This article has presented a robust authenticated model where deep learning using hybrid chaotic Lorenz map diffusion and DNA confusion stages have been utilized for performing enhanced optimization concerning enhancing the encryption performance of medical images, our new encryption scheme proved its robustness due to its demonstrated large key space in resisting brute-force attack, having strong key sensitivity, strong plaintext sensitivity and strong cipher-text sensitivity. As a result, our proposed method achieved a high level of security with a good efficiency performance in the field of deep learning image security.

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