Chaotic Cryptographic Scheme Based on Composition Maps

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Abstract

In recent years, a growing number of cryptosystems based on chaos have been proposed. But most of them encountered many problems such as small key space and weak security. In the present paper, a new kind of chaotic cryptosystem based on Composition of Trigonometric Chaotic Maps is proposed. These maps which are defined as ratios of polynomials of degree N, have interesting properties such as invariant measure, ergodicity, variable chaotic region with respect to the control parameters and ability to construct composition form of maps. We have used a composition of chaotic map to shuffle the position of image pixels. Another composition of chaotic map is used

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in diffusion process. According to the performed analysis, the introduced algorithm can satisfy the required performances such as high level security, large key space and the acceptable encryption speed.

1 Introduction

Chaos theory is established since 1970s from many different research areas such as physics, mathematics, biology, engineering and chemistry, etc. [Hao, 1993]. Chaotic systems have a number of interesting properties such as ergodicity, the extreme sensitive dependence on initial conditions, system parameters, mixing, etc. Most properties are related to Shannon requirements of confusion and diffusion for constructing the cryptosystems[Shannon, 1949]. Due to tight relationship between chaos and cryptography [Brown and Chua, 1996; kocarev et al., 1998; Alvarez et al., 1998; Fridrich, 1998], there has been a great interest in developing secure communication schemes utilizing chaos which protect confidential information against eavesdropping and illegal access. There exist two main approaches of designing chaos-based cryptosystems: analog mode and digital mode. From 1989, along with the use of analog chaotic systems in the design of secure communication systems [Alvarez, 1999; Zhou and Ling, 1997; Lai et al., 1999; Memon, 2003; Parlitz et al., 1992; Chen et al., 2003], applications of computerized (also called digital) chaotic systems in cryptography have attracted more and more attention [Baptista, 1998; Hong and Xieting, 1997; Jakimoski and Kocarev, 2001; Masuda and Aihara, 2002;
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Matthews, 1989; Papadimitriou, 2001; Guan et al., 2005; Xiao et al., 2005; Tang et al., 2005; Huang and Guan, 2005]. This paper chiefly focuses on the digital chaotic ciphers. In the digital world nowadays, the security of digital images becomes more important since the communications of digital products over network occur more and more frequently. Thus, to protect the content of digital images, some specific encryption systems are needed. Due to some intrinsic features of images, such as bulk data capacity and high correlation among pixels, traditional encryption algorithms such as DES, IDEA and RSA are not suitable for practical image encryption, especially under the scenario of on-line communications. The main obstacle in designing image encryption algorithms is that it is rather difficult to swiftly permute and diffuse data by traditional means of cryptology. In this respect, chaos-based algorithms have shown their superior performance. By considering the advantages of high-level efficiency and simplicity of one-dimensional chaotic systems [Elnashaie and Abasha, 1995]. Different discrete-time chaotic systems such as Logistic map used in image encryption algorithms. Where there has been obvious drawbacks such as small key space and weak security in introduced one-dimensional chaotic cryptosystems [Kocarev, 2001; Ponomarenko and Prokhorov, 2002].

To eliminate these drawbacks. This paper aims to introduce a new chaotic algorithm which has the advantages of high-level security, large key space and the acceptable encryption speed. Since digital images are usually represented as two-dimensional arrays, we present algorithm based on Trigonometric Chaotic Maps and
their Composition [Jafarizadeh et al., 2001]. A diffusion process is performed to con-
fuse the relationship between cipher-image and plain-image. By taking advantage
of the exceptionally good properties of Composition of Trigonometric Chaotic Maps
(CTCMs) such as mixing, sensitivity to initial conditions and system parameters
it was shown the proposed scheme incorporates CTCMs and alternatively uses
permutation and diffusion to transform the image totally unrecognizable.

The remaining of the paper is organized as follows. A brief description of CTCMs
is presented in section 2. Section 3 presents the encryption algorithm based on
CTCMs. Some experimental results for verification are devoted in section 4. In
Section 5, security of the chaotic encryption algorithm is perposed. Finally, Section
6 concludes the paper.

2 Composition of Trigonometric Chaotic Maps

We first review the one parameter families of trigonometric chaotic maps which
are used to construct the CTCMs. One-parameter families of chaotic maps of the
interval [0, 1] with an invariant measure can be defined as the ratio of polynomials
of degree N [Jafarizadeh et al., 2001]:

$$\Phi_N^{(1,2)}(x, \alpha) = \frac{\alpha^2 F}{1 + (\alpha^2 - 1) F}, \quad (1)$$

Where $F$ substitute with chebyshev polynomial of type one $T_N(x)$ for $\Phi_N^{(1)}(x, \alpha)$ and
chebyshev polynomial of type two $U_N(x)$ for $\Phi_N^{(2)}(x, \alpha)$. We used their conjugate
or isomorphic maps. Conjugacy means that the invertible map \( h(x) = \frac{1-x}{x} \), maps \( I = [0, 1] \) into \([0, \infty)\) and transform maps \( \Phi_N(x, \alpha) \) into \( \tilde{\Phi}_N(x, \alpha) \) defined as:

\[
\tilde{\Phi}_{N}^{(1)}(x, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \tan^2(N \arctan \sqrt{x}), \\
\tilde{\Phi}_{N}^{(2)}(x, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \cot^2(N \arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}).
\]

The map \( \Phi_2^{(2)}(x, \alpha) \) is reduced to logistic one with \( \alpha = 1 \). One can show that these maps have two interesting properties. The first one is that \( \Phi_2^{(1)}(\alpha, x) \) and \( \Phi_4^{(1)}(x, \alpha) \) maps have only one fixed point attractor \( x = 1 \) provided that their parameter depend on interval \((2, \infty)\) and \((4, \infty)\). The second one is that at \( \alpha \geq 2 \) and \( \alpha \geq 4 \) bifurcate to chaotic regime without having any period doubling or period-n-tupling scenario and remain chaotic for all \( \alpha \in (0, 2) \) and \( \alpha \in (0, 4) \) respectively. The map \( \Phi_3^{(1,2)}(x, \alpha) \) also has only one fixed point attractor \( x = 0 \) for \( \alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, 3) \). It bifurcates to chaotic regime at \( \alpha \geq \frac{1}{3} \), and remains chaotic for \( \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{3}) \). Finally it bifurcates at \( \alpha = 3 \). When control parameter belong to \( \alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, \infty) \), then \( x = 1 \) would be its corresponding fix point(see Fig. 1). From now on, depending on the situation, we will consider these maps Eqs. (2)-(3).

We have already derived analytically invariant measure for One-parameter families of chaotic maps Eq. (1) by using arbitrary values of the control parameter \( \alpha \) and for each integer values of \( N \).

\[
\mu_{\Phi_{N}^{(1,2)}(x, \alpha)}(x, \beta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\sqrt{x(1-x)(\beta + (1-\beta)x)}}, \quad \beta > 0
\]
With $\beta > 0$ is the invariant measure of the maps $\tilde{\Phi}_N^{(i)}(x, \alpha)$ provided that, we choose the parameter $\alpha$ in the following forms:

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\left\lceil \frac{N-1}{2} \right\rceil} C_N^{2k+1}\beta^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\left\lceil \frac{N}{2} \right\rceil} C_N^{2k}\beta^{-k}}$$

(5)

in maps $\Phi_N^{(i)}(x, \alpha)$, $N$ represents the odd values and if $N$ take even values, we would have the following equation:

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta \sum_{k=0}^{\left\lceil \frac{N}{2} \right\rceil} C_N^{2k}\beta^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\left\lceil \frac{N-1}{2} \right\rceil} C_N^{2k+1}\beta^{-k}}$$

(6)

The symbol $[\ ]$ shows the greatest integer part [Jafarizadeh et al., 2001].

Using the above hierarchy of family of one-parameter chaotic maps we can generate a new hierarchy of families of many-parameter chaotic maps with an invariant measure simply from the composition of these maps. By the composition of maps Eqs. (2)-(3), we can generate one-dimensional many-parameter chaotic maps, which can be written in the following way:

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{N_1, \ldots, N_n}^{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n}(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1^2} \tan^2 \left( N_1 \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_2^2} \tan^2(N_2 \arctan \frac{1}{\alpha_3^2} \tan^2(N_n \arctan \sqrt{x}) \right) \right)$$

(7)

and

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{N_1, \ldots, N_n}^{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n}(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1^2} \cot^2 \left( N_1 \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_2^2} \cot^2(N_2 \arctan \frac{1}{\alpha_3^2} \cot^2(N_n \arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}) \right) \right)$$

(8)

One can show that the chaotic regions are: $\prod_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\alpha_k} < \prod_{k=1}^{n} \alpha_k < \prod_{k=1}^{n} N_k$ for odd integer values of $N_1, N_2, \ldots, N_n$. If one of the integers happens to become even,
then the chaotic region in the parameter space can be defined by \( \alpha_k > 0 \), for \( k = 1, 2, \ldots, n \) and \( \prod_{k=1}^{n} \alpha_k < \prod_{k=1}^{n} N_k \). Out of these regions, they have only period one stable fixed points. The introduced maps Eqs. (7)-(8) follows the same measure Eq. (4). The relation between the control parameters of composed maps and \( \beta \) is presented in our previous paper [Jafarizadeh and Behnia, 2002].

### 2.1 Ergodicity

It has been noticed that there exists an interesting relationship between chaos and cryptography: many properties of chaotic systems have their corresponding counterparts in traditional cryptosystems, such as: Ergodicity and Confusion, Sensitivity to initial conditions/Control parameter and Diffusion. In cryptographic terms, ergodicity claims that it is very hard to predict the actual position of a point from its initial position. Moreover, after experiencing enough iterations, every position within the whole block is equally likely to be the actual position for almost every starting point (confusion).

A transformation \( T \) is ergodic, if it has the probability that for almost every \( \omega \), the orbit \( \{\omega, T\omega, T^2\omega, \ldots\} \) of \( \omega \) is a sort of replica of \( \Omega \) itself. Formally, we shall say that \( T \) is ergodic if each invariant set \( A \), i.e.; a set such that \( T^{-1}(A) = A \), is trivial in the sense that it has measure either zero or one. \( T^{-1}(A) = A \Rightarrow \mu(A) = 0 \) or \( \mu(A) = 1 \).

In a non-ergodic system for counter image set of \( A \subset [0,1] \) we have:

\[
T^{-1}(A) = \{ x \in [0,1] | y = T(x), y \in A \}
\]
and the map is non-ergodic if $0 < \mu(A) < 1$, i.e., the invariant measure which is not equal to zero or one, appears to be characteristic of non-ergodic behavior [Medio, 1999]. Therefore, the study, based on invariant measure analysis, can be useful for confirming the ergodicity behavior of a map.

2.2 Lyapunov characteristic exponent

The Lyapunov exponent $\lambda$ provides the simplest information about chaoticity. It can be computed by considering the separation of two nearby trajectories evolving in the same realization of the random process as follow [Dorfman, 1999]:

$$\lambda(x_0) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \ln \left| \frac{d\tilde{\Phi}(x_0, \alpha)}{dx} \right|,$$

where $x_k = \Phi_N \circ \Phi_N \circ \ldots \circ \Phi_N^{N}(x_0)$. It is obvious that its negative values, show that the system is under influence of fix point (attractor) and its positive values show that the system follows repeller [Dorfman, 1999]. Also, the lyapunov number is independet of initial point, provided that the motion inside the invariant manifold is ergodic. Thus $\lambda(x_0)$ characterizes the invariant manifold of chaotic maps as a whole. In chaotic region, chaotic maps are ergodic as Birkhof ergodic theorem predicts [keller, 1998]. In non-chaotic region of the parameter, lyapunov characteristic exponent is negative definite, since in this region, we have only single period fixed points without bifurcation. Now for composition of chaotic maps Eqs. (7)-(8):

$$\lambda_{N_1, \ldots, N_n}^{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n}(x_0) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \ln \left| \frac{d\tilde{\Phi}_{N_1, \ldots, N_n}^{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n}(x_k, \alpha)}{dx} \right|,$$  (9)
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where \( x_k = \Phi_{N_1,\ldots,N_n}^{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n} \circ \ldots \circ \Phi_{N_1,\ldots,N_n}^{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n} \). Thus \( \lambda_{N_1,\ldots,N_n}^{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n}(x_0) \) characterizes the invariant manifold of \( \Phi_{N_1,\ldots,N_n}^{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n} \) as a whole. Therefore, these maps are ergodic in certain region of their parameters space as explained above. In the complementary region of the parameters space they have only a single period one attractive fixed point. Also in contrary to the most of usual one-dimensional one-parameter or many-parameters family of maps they have only a bifurcation from a period one attractive fixed point to chaotic state or vice-versa.

3 Encryption Algorithm

A possible way to describe the key space might be in terms of positive Lyapunov exponents. By considering the Lyaponuv exponent of one-dimensional many-parameter chaotic maps Eq. (9), we choose a chaotic region of CTCMs (see Figs. 2 (a)-(b)). In order to show the capability of introduced model, we have used two simple models of one dimensional two-parameter chaotic maps for generating cryptosystem. By choosing \((N_1=3, N_2=5)\) in Eq. (7):

\[
\Phi_{N_1,N_2}^{\alpha_1,\alpha_2} = \frac{1}{\alpha_2^2} \tan^2 \left( N_2 \arctan \left( \sqrt{\frac{\tan^2(N_1 \arctan(\sqrt{x}))}{\alpha_1^2}} \right) \right) \quad \text{CTCM I (10)}
\]

and by considering \((N_1=4, N_2=8)\) in Eq. (8), we have:

\[
\Phi_{N_1,N_2}^{\alpha'_1,\alpha'_2} = \frac{1}{\alpha_2'} \cot^2 \left( N_2 \arctan \left( \frac{\alpha'_1}{\cot^2(N_1 \arctan(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}))} \right) \right) \quad \text{CTCM II (11)}
\]

In order to encrypt the image, we have to go through both permutation and XORing processes. To permute the image, the points are rearranged in the following
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way:

\[
\text{Permutation : } \begin{cases} 
  m : x_0, \alpha_{1x}, \alpha_{2x}, \\
  n : y_0, \alpha_{1y}, \alpha_{2y},
\end{cases}
\]

XOR-ing is done in two stages. The first stage includes:

\[
\text{XOR-ing Stage I : } \begin{cases} 
  m \times n : x_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2,
\end{cases}
\]

and the next step:

\[
\text{XOR-ing Stage II : } \begin{cases} 
  m \times n : x_0, \alpha_1', \alpha_2'.
\end{cases}
\]

By choosing image \( M_{m \times n} \) with \( m \times n \) pixels, the encryption process can be explained with the block diagram (Fig. 3). The image encryption can be done through the following steps:

- **Step 1**: According to the following relations, with the help of \( CTCM \ I \), image \( M_{m \times n} \) can be permuted by swapping the pixels:

\[
x_p = \lfloor \phi N_1 \times 10^{14} \rfloor \mod 256 \tag{12}
\]

\[
y_p = \lfloor \phi N_2 \times 10^{14} \rfloor \mod 256 \tag{13}
\]

- **Step 2**: To diffuse the image with using XOR possess, we use \( CTCM \ II \) in the permuted image. The generated result is stored in \( C_{m \times n} \):

\[
X_k = \lfloor x \times 10^{14} \rfloor \mod 256 \tag{14}
\]

\[
C_{ij} = X_k \ XOR \ \{(M_{ij} + X_k) \ mod 256\} \ XOR \ C_p \tag{15}
\]

where \( C_p \) is the modified previous pixel.
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- **Step 3**: This step requires another XOR possess in the results of step 2 by using $CTCM \, I$, Eq. (15) and the output encrypted image is known as a ciphertext.

\[
E_{ij} = \left[ (x_{ij} \times 10^{14}) \mod 256 \right] \text{XOR} \, C_{ij}
\]  

(16)

For decryption the encrypted image one needs to receive encryption keys and follow the introduced steps in reverse order. In decryption process, we use the inverse of Eq. (15) which is introduced as follows:

\[
M_{ij} = \{X_k \text{XOR} \, C_p \text{XOR} \, C_{ij} + 256 - X_k\} \mod 256
\]  

(17)

4 Experimental Results

First take the encryption key, then we implement the introduced model of encryption on sample image ('Boat' of size $256 \times 256$) as our plain-image Fig. 4(a). The encrypted image is presented in Fig. 4(b). Where we have used Visual C++ running program in a personal computer with 2.4 GHz Pentium IV, 256 Mb memory and 80 Gb hard-disk capacity. The average time used for encryption/decryption on 256 grey-scale images of size $256 \times 256$ is shorter than 0.4s. In order to encrypt the image, permutation and XOR-ing process are done in the following way:

\[
\begin{align*}
x: & \begin{cases} 
\alpha_1 = 2.10155, & \alpha_2 = 3.569221, & x_0 = 25.687, \\
\end{cases} \\
\text{Permutation:} \\
\begin{cases} 
y: \begin{cases} 
\alpha_1 = 1.8874, & \alpha_2 = 4.23562, & y_0 = 574.461, \\
\end{cases}
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]
XOR-ing Stage I: \[ m \times n : \alpha_1 = 2.8912, \quad \alpha_2 = 3.89954, \quad x_0 = 814.217217, \]

XOR-ing Stage II: \[ m \times n : \alpha'_1 = 61.522, \quad \alpha'_2 = 257.26223, \quad x_0 = 79.82, \]

As shown by Figs. 4(c)-(d), the decryption process with wrong keys \( (x_0=2.10155400000001 \text{ in permutation and } \alpha'_1=61.52200000000005 \text{ in XOR-ing}) \) generates an image with a random behavior. The sensitivity to initial conditions, which is the main characterization of chaos, guarantees the security of our scheme. The performed experiments results show that the new algorithm validly solves problem of encryption failure caused by the small key space and weak security.

Statistical analysis, performed on the proposed image encryption algorithm, demonstrates superior confusion and diffusion properties of the algorithm. So, strongly resists statistical attacks. One typical example is shown in Figs. 5(a)-(b). Fig. 5(b), shows the histogram of the ciphered image where it is fairly uniform and significantly different with respect to the histogram of the original image.

5 Security Analysis

A good encryption scheme should resist all kinds of known attacks, such as known-plain-text attack, cipher-text only attack, statistical attack, differential attack, and various brute-force attacks. Some security analysis have been performed on the proposed image encryption scheme, including the most important ones like
5.1 Key space analysis

Key space size is the total number of different keys that can be used in the encryption system. As mentioned above, the key of the cryptosystem in the introduced algorithm is composed of three parts: permutation parameters, XOR-ing stage I and XOR-ing stage II parameters. Key space size in our introduced example Eqs. (10)-(11) consists of 8 control parameter and 4 initial conditions. As it was shows in Figs. 4(c)-(d) cryptosystem is completely sensitive to secret keys. If the precision will be $10^{-14}$, the key space size for just initial conditions is $10^{14\times4} = 10^{56} \approx 2^{186}$. It is necessary to remember that the general model Eqs. (7)-(8) allows us to increase the key space size with respect to level of security. Therefore, the key space is very large and can resist all kinds of brute-force attacks.

5.2 Information entropy

Information theory is a mathematical theory of data communication and storage founded in 1949 by Claude E. Shannon. To calculate the entropy $H(s)$ of a source $s$, we have:

$$H(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{2N-1} P(s_i) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(s_i)},$$

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where \( P(s_i) \) represents the probability of symbol \( s_i \). Actually, given that a real information source seldom transmits random messages, in general, the entropy value of the source is smaller than the ideal one. However, when these messages are encrypted, their entropy should ideally be 8. If the output of such a cipher emits symbols with an entropy of less than 8, then there exists a predictability which threatens its security. We have calculated the information entropy for encrypted image Fig. 4(b):

\[
H(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{255} P(s_i) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(s_i)} = 7.997
\]

The obtained value is very close to the theoretical value 8. Apparently, comparing it with the other existing algorithms, such as [Xiang, 2006], the proposed algorithm is much more closer to the ideal situation. This means that information leakage in the encryption process is negligible, and so the encryption system is secure upon the entropy attack.

5.3 Correlation of two adjacent pixels

To test the correlation between two adjacent pixels in plain-image and ciphered image, the following procedure was carried out. We randomly selected 1000 pairs of two adjacent (in vertical, horizontal, and diagonal direction) pixels from plain-image and ciphered image. Then we calculated the correlation coefficients [Chen, 2004], respectively (see Table II and Figs. 6(a)-(b) by using the following two
formulas:

\[
cov(x, y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - E(x))(y_i - E(y)), \quad r_{xy} = \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{D(x)} \sqrt{D(y)}},
\]

where

\[
E(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i, \quad D(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - E(x))^2.
\]

\(E(x)\) is the estimation of mathematical expectations of \(x\), \(D(x)\) is the estimation of variance of \(x\) and \(\text{cov}(x, y)\) is the estimation of covariance between \(x\) and \(y\). Where \(x\) and \(y\) are grey-scale values of two adjacent pixels in the image.

### 5.4 Differential attack

To test the influence of one-pixel change on the whole encrypted image by the proposed algorithm, two common measures were used: NPCR and UACI [Chen and Ueta, 1999]. The number of pixels change rate (NPCR) have been measured to see the influence of changing a single pixel in the original image on the encrypted image. The unified average changing intensity (UACI) measures the average intensity of differences between the plain-image and ciphered image. We take two encrypted images, \(C_1\) and \(C_2\), whose corresponding original images have only one-pixel difference. We label the grey scale values of the pixels at grid \((i,j)\) of \(C_1\) and \(C_2\) by \(C_1(i,j)\) and \(C_2(i,j)\), and \(C_1\) and \(C_2\) have the same size. Then, \(D(i,j)\) is determined by \(C_1(i,j)\) and \(C_2(i,j)\), that is, if \(C_1(i,j) = C_2(i,j)\), then \(D(i,j) = 1\); otherwise, \(D(i,j) = 0\).
NPCR and UCAI are defined by the following formulas:

\[
NPCR = \frac{\sum_{i,j} D(i,j)}{W \times H} \times 100\% \tag{20}
\]

\[
UACI = \frac{1}{W \times H} \left[ \sum_{i,j} \left| \frac{C_1(i,j) - C_2(i,j)}{255} \right| \right] \times 100\% \tag{21}
\]

Where, W and H are the width and length of the image. We obtained NPCR=0.41751% and UCAI=0.3314%. With regard to obtained results, it seems that the proposed algorithm has a good ability to resist differential attack.

6 Summery and Conclusion

In this paper, we propose a new scheme based on the hierarchy of one dimensional chaotic maps of interval\([0,\infty)\). The chaotic properties such as mixing and sensitive dependence on initial conditions and control parameters are suitably utilized while the limitation and weaknesses of the chaotic encryption system are effectively overcome. We have used composition form of chaotic maps in order to increase both the number of keys (control parameters) and complexities involved in the algorithm. By using the composition of chaotic maps, we can increases the confusion in the encryption process. It should be mentioned that increasing the confusion in encryption results in increasing security in cryptosystem. Furthermore, the introduced cryptosystem is very robust to attacks whether it is based on statistical or reasoning analysis. As it was shown by differential attack on encrypted image, the system is also very sensitive with respect to the small changes in the plaintext.
According to the performed analysis, the algorithm can satisfy most of the performances required such as high level of security, large key space and the acceptable encryption speed. Our presented cryptosystem is of practicality and reliable value having to be adopted for Internet image encryption, transmission applications, secure communication and other information security fields.
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Fig1: (b) Bifurcation diagram of $\Phi_3(x, \alpha)$, where for $\alpha \in (1/3, 3)$, it is ergodic and for $\alpha \in (0, 1/3)$, it has stable fixed point at $x = 0$, while for $\alpha \in (3, \infty)$, it has stable fixed point $x = 1$.

Fig2: (a) Solid surface shows the variation of Lyapunov characteristic exponent $\Phi_{3,5}^{x_1, x_2}(x)$, in terms of the parameters $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$.

Fig2: (b) Solid surface shows the variation of Lyapunov characteristic exponent $\Phi_{4,8}^{x_1, x_2}(x)$, in terms of the parameters $\alpha_1'$ and $\alpha_2'$.

Fig3: Block Diagram

Fig4: (a) Plain-image, (b) Ciphered image, (c) and (d) Encryption with wrong keys.

Fig5: (a) Histogram of plain-image, (b) Histogram of ciphered-image.

Fig6: Correlations of two horizontally adjacent pixels in the plain-image and in the cipher-image: (a) Correlation analysis of plain-image, (b) Correlation analysis of cipher-image.
|                        | Plain image | Ciphered image |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Horizontal             | 0.9525      | 0.0023         |
| vertical               | 0.9443      | 0.0026         |
| Diagonal               | 0.9066      | 0.0013         |
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