FPGA implementation of Dual Tree Complex wavelet Transform in Verilog HDL

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Abstract

As of late the wavelet transform has picked up a considerable measure of popularity in field of signal processing. This is because of its ability of giving both time and frequency information simultaneously, subsequently giving time-frequency representation of signal. The Conventional fourier transform can only provide spectral information about a signal. Besides, the fourier strategy works for stationary signals. In many real world applications, the signals are non-stationary. One answer for preparing non-stationary signals is Wavelet transform.

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1.INTRODUCTION

In General signals in their crude form are time amplitude representations. These time domain signals are regularly should have been changed into different areas like frequency domain, time-frequency domain and so on, for examining and handling, Transformation of signals helps in distinguishing particular information which might be hidden in original signal. Depending upon the applications, the transformations method is picked and every strategy has its advantages and disadvantages.

A set of “complementary” wavelets will decompose data without gaps or cover so the deterioration procedure is scientifically reversible. Thus, sets of complementary wavelets are useful in wavelet based compression/decompression algorithms where it is desirable to recover original information with minimal loss. This representation is a wavelet series representation of square- integrable function with respect to either a complete, orthonormal set of basis functions, or an overcomplete frame of vector space, for the Hilbert space of square integrable functions.

In most Digital Signal Processing (DSP) applications, the frequency content of signal is incredibly vital. The fourier transform is handiest appropriate transform used to get frequency spectrum of a signal. However the fourier transform is simply suitable for stationary signals i.e signals whose frequency content does not change with time. The Fourier transform, tells what proportion of every frequency exists within the signal but it does not tell at which time frequency elements occur.

Signal resembling image and speech have completely different characteristics at different time or space i.e. they are non-stationary. Most of the biological signals too, such as electromyogram, electroencephalogram, electrocardiogram etc. square measureare non-stationary. To analyze these signals both time and frequency signals are required at same time i.e., a time- frequency representation of signal is required known as wavelet Transform.

2. DUAL TREE COMPLEX WAVELET TRANSFORM

The use of complex wavelets in image processing was originally set up in 1995 by J.M. Lina and L. Gagnon in the framework of the Daubechies orthogonal filters banks. The complex wavelet transform (CWT) is a complex-valued extension to the standard discrete wavelet transform (DWT)Dual tree complex wavelet transform is relatively recent enhancement to DWT with critical extra properties: It is nearly shift invariant and directionally selective in two and higher dimensions. It achieves this with a redundancy factor of only 2^d substantially lower than the undecimatedDWT[1]. The multidimensional dual tree CWT is nonseparable but is based on computationally efficient, separable filter bank.

Making the wavelet responses analytic is a good way to halve their bandwidth and hence minimise aliasing. But we cannot use complex filters in to obtain analyticity and perfect reconstruction together, because of conflicting requirements[2]. Analytic filters must suppress negative frequencies, while perfect reconstruction requires a flat overall frequency response.

So we use the Dual Tree:-

• to create the real and imaginary parts of the analytic wavelets separately, using 2 trees of purely real filters;

• to efficiently synthesise a multiscale shift-invariant filter bank, with perfect reconstruction and only 2:1 redundancy (and computation);

• to produce complex coefficients whose amplitude varies slowly and whose phase shift depends approximately linearly on displacement[4]

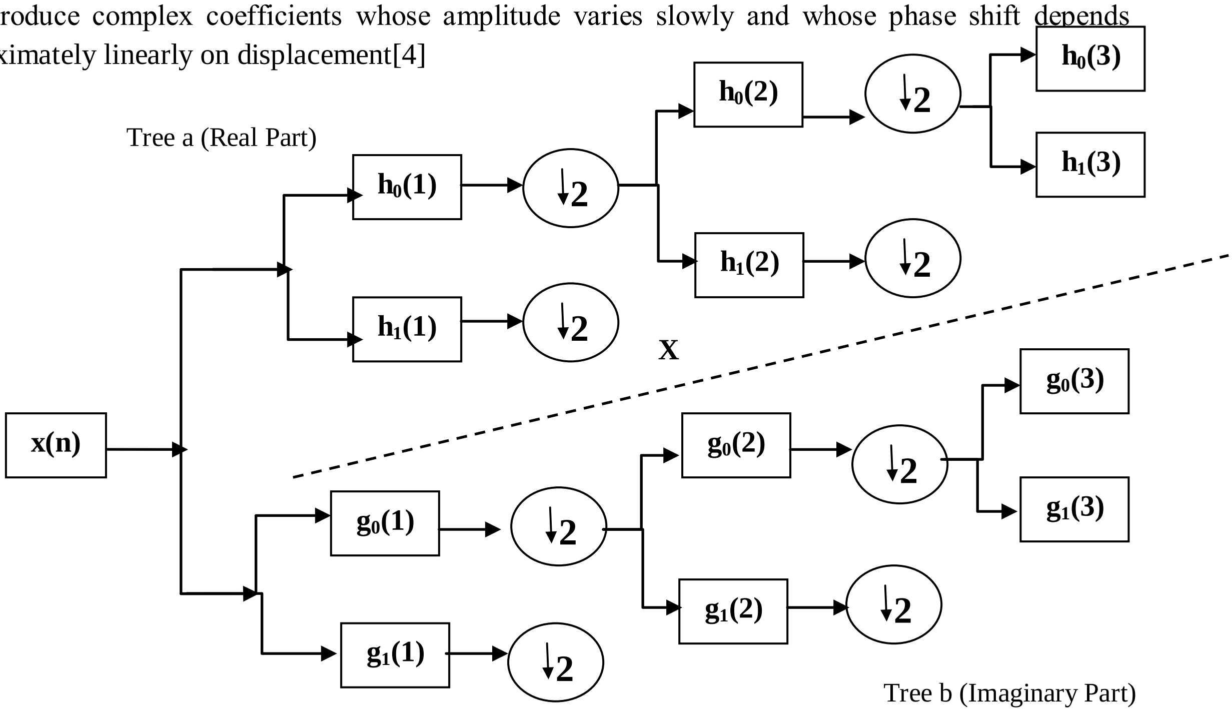

Fig.1.1 Block Diagram of 2D-DTCWT

Experiments accomplished on gray scale images to compare performance of DWT and DTCWT techniques to access overall performance of Dual tree and Discrete wavelet Transform. Even though the DWT is broadly utilized in image fusion and denoising, its utility to other image processing troubles has been hampered by two drawbacks:

A. Lack of Shift Invariance

This means that small shifts in the input signal can cause major variations in the distribution of energy between DWT coefficients at different scales. A process is shift invariant if its output is independent of absolute location of data within the input to the process. The shift dependency occurs as a result of aliasing this is added through down sampling that follows each filtering operation. Fig. illustrates the shift dependence of DWT. The input signal is one dimensional step response that is shifted 16times. Four levels of DWT are taken and sub-band signals related with each is shown underneath the input signal.[5]

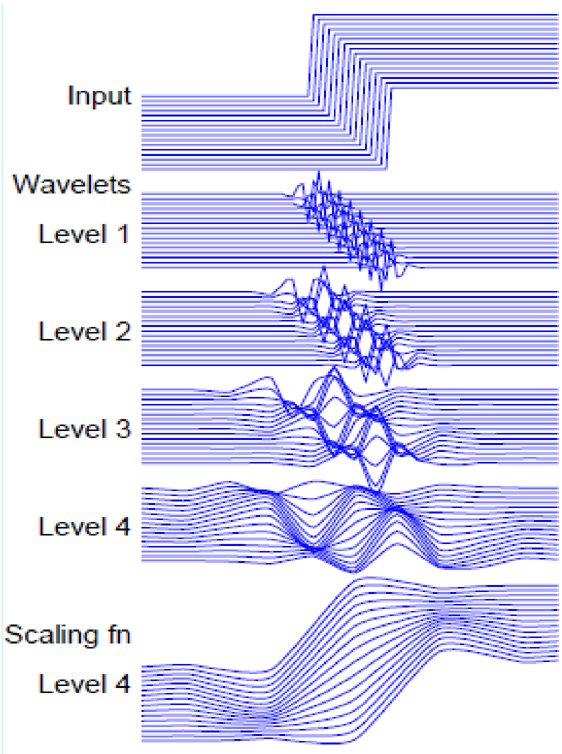

Fig.1.2 Shift invariance in DWT

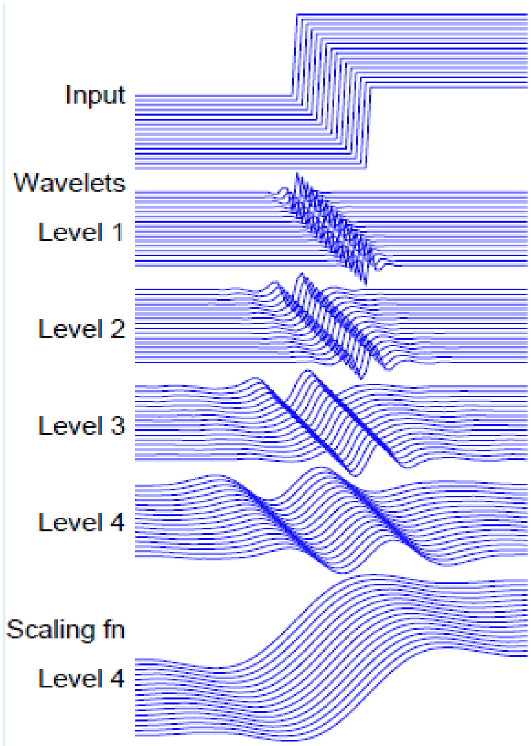

Fig 1.3 Shift invariance in DTCWT

B. Poor Directional Selectivity

Separable filtering of image rows and columns produces four sub- images at each level. These Sub-band images are obtained utilising real filters which cannot recognize positive and negative frequency components. Hence, each sub-bands contain both positive and negative frequency components resulting poor directional selectivity of DWT. Whereas DT-CWT treat positive and negative frequency separately and produces six sub-band images at each level. Wavelet coefficients magnitude of each sub-bands are proportional to one of the $\pm 15^{\circ}$, $\pm 45^{\circ}$, $\pm 75^{\circ}$ directional orientations of input signal. Fig 1.4 shows inefficient directional selectivity of DWT. Fig 1.5 shows good directional selectivity of circle image.[10]

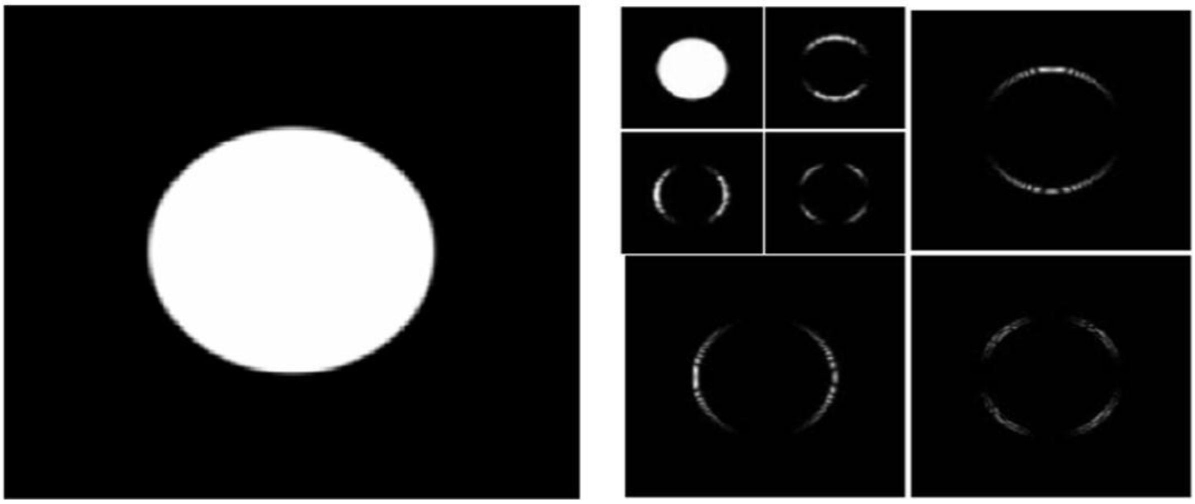

Fig 1.4The poor directional selectivity of the DWT

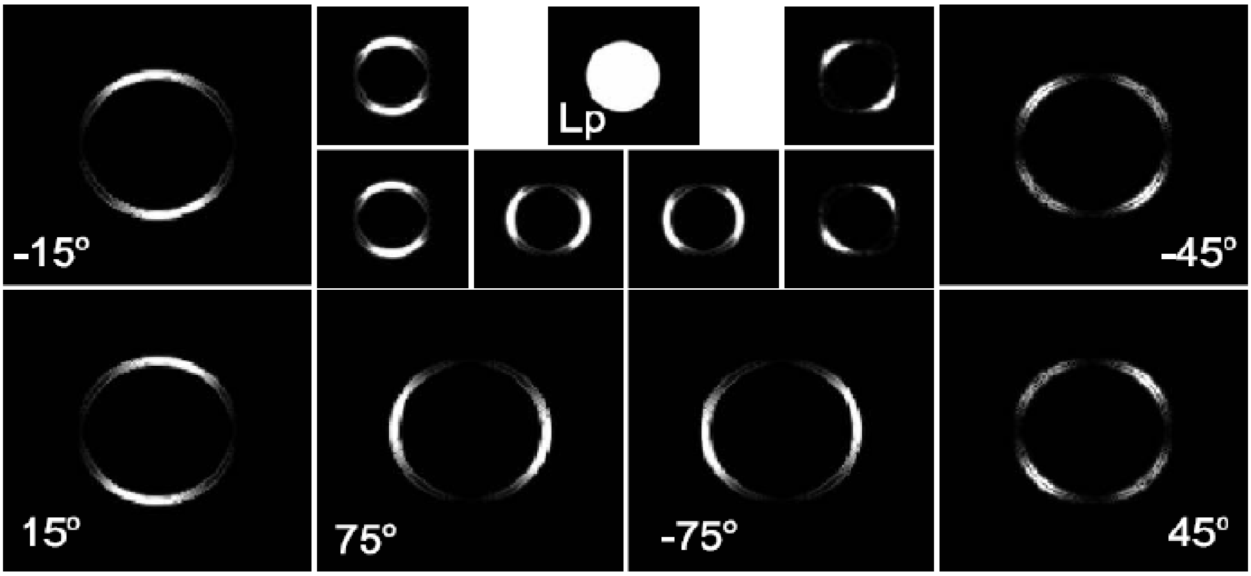

Fig 1.5The good directional properties of the DT-CWT of "circle" image

3. FPGA IMPLEMENTATION OF DUAL TREE COMPLEX WAVELET TRANSFORM

Below flow diagram shows proposed Methodology. To begin our work firstly take an input image. The input image is processed into MATLAB to convert image into its pixel value of 128*128 with suitable commands. Segment the image into 20*20 bits and taking one of the part of that. The data is stored using a text file which contain image pixel values. Concept of Harr transform is used because of its simplicity and less hardware requirement for its implementation. In this algorithm average the two pixel values this will give average and difference components.

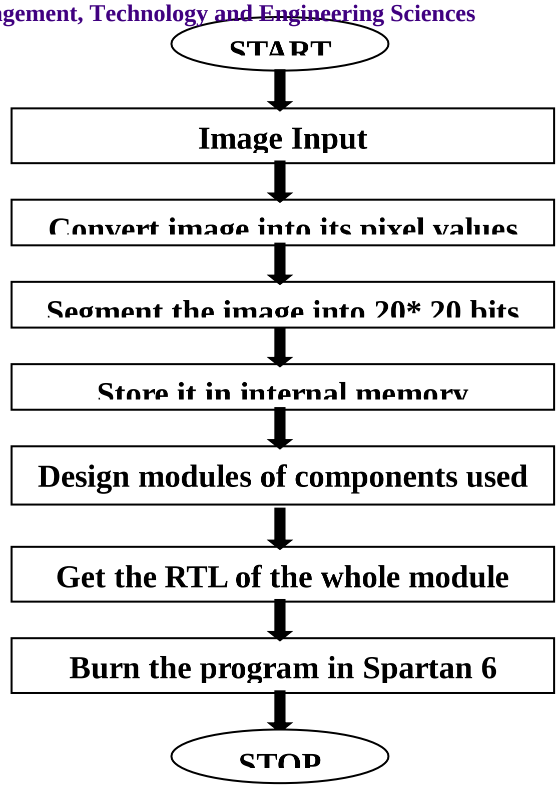

Fig. 1.6 Flow Diagram of Proposed system

Below is the RTL Schematic of DTCWT. In DTCWT there are total 16 sub-bands of which 12 of High pass and 4 of low pass filter. The RTL is showing eight output because only low pass components is only considered during processing because it has maximum information content than high pass. Thus, High pass Components are suppressed. Also the Low Pass components can be easily reconstructed.

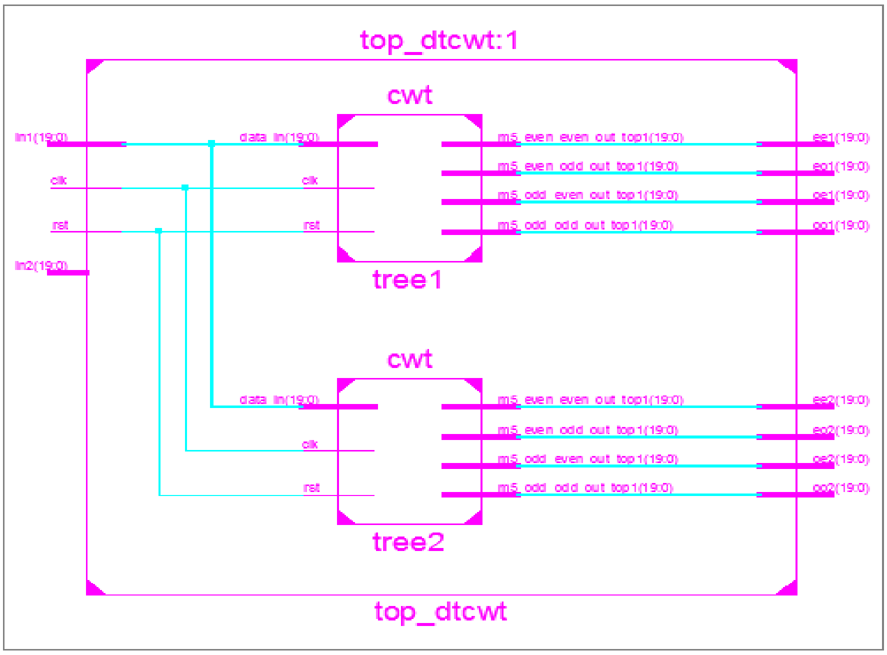

Fig. 1.7 RTL schematic view of DTCWT

4. CONCLUSION

The paper highlighted Dual Tree Complex Wavelet Transform (DTCWT) architecture. The processed framework can be executed in MATLAB and Verilog HDL, later on this outcome is approved on FPGA Spartan 6. The pixel values of input image where operated using harr transform. The outcome depicted us that proposed architecture provides better improvement qualities when contrasted with Discrete wavelet transform. In future we try to execute proposed plan estimation using even less resources, using different mother wavelet or analyzing using 3D signals.

Table 1. Hardware Utilisation and characteristics Comparison

Parameters	**Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT)**	**Dual tree Complex Wavelet Transform (DTCWT)**
No. of Slice registers	239	388
No. of Slice LUTs	394	498
Bonded IOBs	11	182
Block RAMs	24	96
Accuracy	low	high
Shift Invariance	poor	Nearly Approximate(Good)
Throughput	low	high
Selectivity	Poor	Good
Complexity	low	High compared to DWT
Cost	low	Quite high

Table 1.shows comparison between hardware resources and characteristics of Discrete wavelet transform which concludes that though DTCWT uses more no, of resources but the quality of an image will be better than DWT.

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