

# Comparative Study on MATLAB based JPEG Image Size Reduction Using Discrete Cosine Transform and Shearlet Transform for Mammogram Images with Potential Hospital Data Storage Applications

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## Abstract

Aim: The aim of this study was to compare Discrete cosine transform and Shearlet transform for mammographic image compression and determine better transform among them. *Materials and methods:* Sample mammographic images were collected- DCT (30) and Shearlet (30) for compression. Compression ratio was calculated by comparing the original and compressed image size. The significance of the data were calculated using SPSS software. **Result:** There was a statistical significance between DCT and shearlet based compression ratio data (p=0.035) deviation independent sample t test). Conclusion: DCT based compression ratio was higher (2.41) than the shearlet transforms (0.73). Hence, proving to be a better compression transform than its counterpart (shearlet).

**Key-words:** DCT, Shearlet, Novel Image Compression Technique, Image Compression, Artificial Intelligence.

## 1. Introduction

Image compression was normally done in many fields to have better usage of storage space. In the medical field, image compression has not yet been done effectively (Patel et al., 2016); (Chen, 2007). If compression is applied with the better transform, it will be a boon to the medical images storage and transmission. Mostly in diagnosis, medical images play a major role in the first step of treatment and detection (Oliveira et al., 2019). Image compression of mammographic images were performed in the current research study using DCT and shearlet. It aims to reduce the size of an image without reducing the size, quality and bit size of the image. Better image compression may lead to better utilization of storage space.

Till date, several articles related to our experimental study have been published in many databases. Researchers have performed a block transform which is inspired by DCT and performed image compression with higher efficiency (Bit rate-54.9) (Liu et al., 2018); (Jha & Kolekar, 2018). Few authors have developed some simple functions to compete with DCT and to compare images (Gupta, M., & Garg, A. K., n.d.); (Barbhuiya et al., 2014). Very recently, image compression based on ROI detection and shearlet transform were experimented and reported their feasibility as a compression tool (Saraswathy et al., 2013); (Katharotiya et al., 2011). Authors also have performed image compression using DCT and wavelet transforms by selecting proper threshold methods along with PSNR (Telagarapu et al., 2011); (Yuen & Wong, 2011). Most of the papers were done in fields other than the medical images let alone our target image type. DCT and Shearlet transforms were not used in medical image compression and comparison till date.

Previously our team has a rich experience in working on various research projects across multiple disciplines (Gheena & Ezhilarasan, 2019; Jose et al., 2020; Ke et al., 2019; Krishnaswamy et al., 2020; Malli Sureshbabu et al., 2019; Mehta et al., 2019; Muthukrishnan et al., 2020; M. S. Samuel et al., 2019; S. R. Samuel et al., 2020; Sathish & Karthick, 2020; Sharma et al., 2019; Varghese et al., 2019; Venu, Raju, et al., 2019; Venu, Subramani, et al., 2019; Vignesh et al., 2019; Vijayakumar Jain et al., 2019). Now the growing trend in this area motivated us to pursue this project.

After referring to recent research papers associated with image compression, we found that different transforms have not been used in mammographic image compression. And we proposed to use MATLAB© coding using different transforms for image compression as our potential scope in this current study. We planned to compress mammographic images using DCT and shearlet transforms. And then the compression ratio was determined to infer which of them is a better transform for compression ratio.

#### 2. Materials and Methods

We took 2 groups of mammographic images, one was for DCT transform compression and another one was for shearlet transform. Sample sizes were calculated using clinical.com (*Website*,

n.d.) by having the base values from ((Eben Sophia & Anitha, 2017). Then images were compressed. G power values of the sample size were calculated using clinical.com website, G power -80% and alpha value is 0.05 (Eben Sophia & Anitha, 2017). DCT (30) and shearlet (30) images were processed and compressed. So totally we took 60 samples for our study.

Before the compression process, the images were resized according to the need of code. DCT transform was mostly used in the image compression. Discrete cosine transforms split the images into small pixels. The code for DCT was Ycbcr= rgb2Ycbcr(I). Shearlet transforms are not yet used in any image compression. This is a very new transform for image compression. The images resized to 512X 512 dimension before compression. The main code of this transform was X\_noisy=X+\_ sigma.\*randn(L,L). MATLAB©. 2015 version was used in our study, the code for DCT and shearlet transforms were optimized by trial-and-error method. For the sample image collection, we have used Kaggle dataset (*Kaggle: Your Machine Learning and Data Science Community*, n.d.). We downloaded the dataset and selected the image randomly for the compression process. JPEG image file format was preferred for compression in our code, so if the file was in a different extension, it was converted into JPEG format for further process. For DCT transform input images were pre-processed and then images were decomposed in the compression process. As the next step the images were compressed. For Shearlet transform also input images were pre-processed and then the compression was performed.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS 22) software was used for the statistical analysis (Independent sample t test). This test helps to find out the significance between the two groups. There was no independent variable and compression ratio was dependent variable.

#### 3. Results

From Table 1, it was observed that the total size of sample under study was 60. 30 images for DCT and 30 images for shearlet were used for compression. The DCT original image size ranged from 13 kb to 30 kb and for shearlet 14 to 40 kb. The compressed images were generated in the range of 6 to 12 kb with compression ratio in an average of 2.2-2.6 for DCT. For Shearlet the compressed image sizes ranged from 34 to 37 kb with the compression ratios from 0.5 to 0.9.

	Original	DCT	DCT	Original	Shearlet	Shearlet Compression	
S. No	Image	Compressed	Compression	Image	Compressed		
	size (KB) image siz		ratio (KB)	size (KB)	Image size (KB)	ratio (KB)	
1	27.9	10.8	2.583333	31.8	37.3	0.852547	
2	28.3	11.1	2.54955	36.2	37.8	0.957672	
3	28.3	10.6	2.669811	36.2	37.7	0.960212	
4	27	11.1	2.432432	29.7	36.8	0.807065	
5	30.5	11.9	2.563025	33.7	37.4	0.90107	
6	27.7	11	2.518182	33.3	36.3	0.917355	
7	21.7	8.45	2.568047	24.7	36.3	0.680441	
8	26.4	10.5	2.514286	29.9	36.8	0.8125	
9	30.2	12	2.516667	39	39.2	0.994898	
10	17.8	7.5	2.373333	21.5	34.9	0.616046	
11	18.6	7.86	2.366412	22.5	34.3	0.655977	
12	17.5	7.56	2.314815	20.1	36.4	0.552198	
13	16.9	7.29	2.318244	19.5	37.1	0.525606	
14	17.1	7.83	2.183908	17.2	35.3	0.487252	
15	13.7	6.5	2.107692	14.2	35.5	0.4	
16	23.3	9.7	2.402062	27.8	37	0.751351	
17	24.5	9.98	2.45491	30.2	37.6	0.803191	
18	17.7	7.58	2.335092	20.4	38.1	0.535433	
19	19.3	8.23	2.345079	22.1	36.4	0.607143	
20	24.4	10	2.44	29.2	36.3	0.804408	
21	28.9	12.2	2.368852	34.3	37	0.927027	
22	26.6	10.8	2.462963	31.2	36.9	0.845528	
23	17.2	7.58	2.269129	18.4	36.5	0.50411	
24	16.7	7.36	2.269022	18.7	37	0.505405	
25	26.5	10.5	2.52381	30	36.8	0.815217	
26	29.6	11.4	2.596491	34	37.9	0.897098	
27	23.7	10.1	2.346535	25.2	37	0.681081	
28	20.8	8.58	2.424242	24.2	35.9	0.674095	
29	24.7	10.4	2.375	30.3	36.8	0.82337	
30	24.5	10.2	2.401961	30.5	36.8	0.828804	

Table 1- Represents the Total Size of the Sample was 60- DCT (30) and Shearlet (30)

Fig. 1- Represent the DCT Compression of the Mammographic Images. 30 Images were Compressed to obtain 30 Compression Ratios

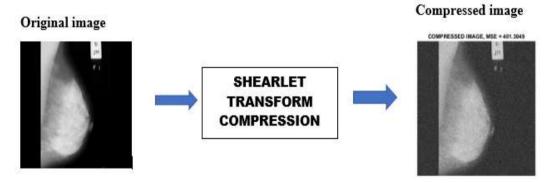


Figure 1 represents the DCT compression of the mammographic images. The input image was decomposed by the transform, then compressed to get an output image of reduced size. Similarly Fig. 2 represents the shearlet transform compression of the mammographic images. Input images were pre-processed first for the bit rate of the image according to the code and compressed to get restored images.

Table 2- Represents the Statistical Analysis between the CR Generated by DCT and Shearlet Transform. DCT based Compression Ratio was higher (2.41) than the Shearlet Transforms (0.73). Hence, Proving to be a better Compression Transform than its Counterpart (Shearlet)

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	Group	Ν	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean				
Comp. rot	DCT	30	2.4198	0.12734	0.02325				
Comp_rat	Shearlet	30	0.7374	0.16664	0.03042				

Fig. 2- Represents the Shearlet Transform Compression of the Mammographic Images. 30 Compression Ratios were obtained for the given Transform



From Table 2, it was observed that the statistical analysis between the CR generated by DCT and shearlet transform. DCT based compression ratio was higher (2.41) than the shearlet transforms (0.73). Hence, proving to be a better potential compression transform than its counterpart. Table 3 depicts the result of an Independent sample t test, for DCT based compression ratio of mammographic image. There was a statistical significance between DCT and shearlet data (p=0.035) (p<0.05 Independent sample t test). Hence the DCT transform was inferred to be better than shearlet transform for mammographic images. Both the transforms have the same mean difference value (1.682).

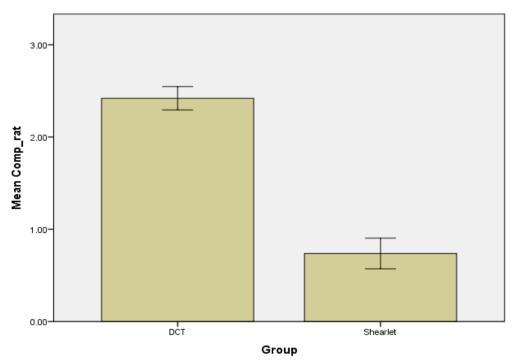
From Fig. 3, represents the comparison between DCT and Shearlet transform compression ratio for mammographic images. There was a statistical significance between the DCT and shearlet transform data (p<0.05, Independent sample t test). DCT transform appears to produce the most consistent results with lower standard deviation (0.12), when compared with shearlet transform which

appears to produce lower results with higher standard deviation (0.16). Since the deviation is more for shearlet compared to DCT, the former has a better potential to enhance its compression features if optimized suitably.

Table 3- Represents the Result of an Independent Sample T Test, for DCT based Compression Ratio of Mammographic Image. There was a Statistical Significance between DCT and Shearlet Data (p=0.035) (p<0.05 Independent Sample T Test). Hence the DCT Transform was Inferred to be better than Shearlet Transform for MAMMOGRAPHIC IMAGES

Independen	t Samples Test	Levene's	Levene's Test for Equality of t-test for Equality of Means								
		Variance	•	μ υ 							
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2- tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Conf Interval of Difference	f the	
									Lower	Upper	
Comp. not	Equal variances assumed	4.656	.035	43.93	58	.000	1.68240	.03829	1.6057	1.7590	
Comp_rat	Equal variances not assumed			43.93	54.256	.000	1.6840	.03829	1.6056	1.7591	

Fig. 3- Comparison between DCT and Shearlet Transform Compression Ratio for Mammographic Images. DCT Transform Appears to Produce the most Consistent Results with Lower Standard Deviation (0.12), when compared with Shearlet Transform which appears to produce Lower Results with Higher Standard Deviation (0.16). X Axis: DCT vs Shearlet Transform Group Y Axis: Mean Value of Compression Ratio +/- 1 SD



Error Bars: +/- 1 SD

#### 4. Discussion

In this study we observed that DCT transform seems to have a better compression ratio than Shearlet transform (P=0.035, P<0.05 Independent sample t test) as depicted in table 2 and figure 3. They were statistically significant, hence assuring the data sets have a deviation in them based on compression ratio (table 2). Most of the researchers have used different transforms like DCT, DWT, DOCM, DWT for image compression. But the image compression is calculated based on PSNR values in most of the cases (Hashim, A.T., & Ali, S.A., n.d.); (Saraswathy et al., 2013). In another research, authors have performed image compression using spectrum PSF (Point spread function) determined using spectrum (Kumar et al., 2017); (Chen, 2007). Using a particular integer approximation of DCT, image compression was performed just to check their efficiency as a compression platform (Nabila brahm et.al, 2020). Transforms have been reported to enhance the quality of the image in most of the reports, hence we were unable to point any negative reports or articles on the same the above stated literature mostly tried to perform compression or processing in basic images only. If the image compression tools were used in the medical images, it would be far far better improvement in the storage utilization. Although these transforms are used in image compression previously, none of them have been compared to the compression ratio exclusively, let alone for mammographic images. The use of shearlet as a compression tool for mammographic images is the novelty of this study.

Our institution is passionate about high quality evidence based research and has excelled in various fields (Ezhilarasan et al., 2019; Mathew et al., 2020; Pc et al., 2018; Ramadurai et al., 2019; Ramesh et al., 2018; Sridharan et al., 2019; Vijayashree Priyadharsini, 2019). We hope this study adds to this rich legacy.

The main and only limitation of this study was pre-processing demanded by every image before the compressing process. If the code is optimized, to perform compression for every image regardless of size, type and dimension, the compression would be more effective.

The future of this research would be to come up with a better code for better compression. If that is possible in the upcoming research, the utilization of storage space will be more efficient for hospitals.

#### 5. Conclusion

Within the limits of this study, DCT transform, has a significantly greater compression ratio (2.41 Mean) than Shearlet transform (0.734 Mean). Even though the shearlet transform was a newer alternative, it performed somewhat lower than DCT in image compression. We observed that the compression ratio was better in DCT transform especially for mammographic images. But the standard deviation was promising for shearlet, hence holds a potential as a prospective compression tool if the code is enhanced in the future.

#### **Declarations**

#### **Conflict of Interests**

No conflict of interest in this manuscript.

## **Authors Contribution**

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