Digital Image Denoising Techniques in Wavelet Domain with another Filter: A review

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ABSTRACT

Image denoising is a challenging issue found in diverse image processing and computer vision problems. There are various existing methods investigated to denoising image. The essential characteristic of a successful model that denoising image is that it should eliminate noise as far as possible and edges preserving and necessary image information by improving visual quality. This paper presents a review of some significant work in the field of image denoising based on that the denoising methods can be roughly classified as spatial domain methods, transform domain methods, or can mix both to get the advantages of them. This work tried to focus on this mixing between using wavelet transform and the filters in spatial domain to show spatial domain. There have been numerous published algorithms, and each approach has its assumptions, advantages, and limitations depending on the various merits and noise. An analyzing study has been performed comparative in their methods to achieve the denoising algorithms, filtering approach and wavelet-based approach. Standard measurement parameters have been used to compute results in some studies to evaluate techniques while other methods applied new measurement parameters to evaluate the denoising techniques.

Keywords: Image Denoising, Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT), Complex Wavelet Transform, Wiener Filter (WF), Median Filter (MF).

1. Introduction

In an increasingly digital world, Digital Images play an essential role in the day to day applications such as Digital Cameras, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and Satellite TV as well as in fields of research and technology including Geographical Information System. Overall, datasets obtained by noise polluted image sensors. Images often corrupted with noise throughout the acquisition, transmission, the retrieval from storage media, and interfering with natural phenomena, and this noise can damage the data of interest. The noise is considered to be the most critical problem because it corrupts the image due to blurring, movement, camera misfocus, etc. The images are affected by different types of noise, such as salt and pepper noise, additive noise, speckle noise, etc. [1].

The noisy image leads to confusion of the image and loss of its features so, the noise considered as a significant factor in degrading the image quality; thus noise reduction is an essential technology in image analysis and the first step to be taken before images are analyzed [2, 3]. Therefore, Image Denoising techniques are required to prevent image contamination of this form of noise [4]. Image denoising re-processing is a significant function before images further processed like texture analysis, segmentation, feature extraction, etc. [5]. Over the years, several denoising approaches have been proposed, such as wavelet transform, linear filters, non- linear filters (mean, median, bilateral, and wiener filter) Have been used to eliminate noise from images, but these traditionally filters may result in some problems, such as blurring sharp edges,
destroying lines and other fine image details, and fail to effectively remove heavy-tailed noise data [6], while it is well known that wavelet transform is a signal processing technique which can display the signals on in both time and frequency domain.

Wavelet transform is a superior approach to improve the quality of images due to its multi-resolution and subbands property and provides signals to localize in frequency and time domain [7]. Donoho's suggested wavelet thresholding as a signal estimation technique that takes advantage of wavelet transformation capabilities to denoising signal. This technique reduces noise by destroying insignificant coefficients relative to a certain threshold and turns out to be efficient and straightforward. These coefficients subbands processed via hard or soft thresholding. The hard thresholding eliminates (sets to zero) coefficients that are smaller than a threshold; the soft thresholding shrinks the coefficients that are larger than the threshold as well. The effectiveness of thresholding for denoising image depends on the selection of a suitable threshold such as VisuShrink, BayesShrink, SureShrink, etc. [8].

Several researchers have shown that apply the only wavelet transform on the image is insufficient to obtain an integrated noise-free image and image stay blurring. Hybrid algorithm of WT with liner filter and non-linear filter applied on noisy image to filtering image noise out while the edges of the image are well preserved. WT is integrating with a filter to solve the problem of unsharpened edges and poor quality of background during the removal of blurriness of image [9]. Wavelet denoising technique eliminates image details and produces smooth image sharpness. So, there is a need of such filter in image denoising to filtering noise without affecting essential image characteristics [10].

Also to remove mixed noise and produce a right quality image with loss of as small as a possible value of information of the image during denoising process [11-14].

This review paper provides different methodologies for noise reduction depending on wavelet transform and various filters. It also gives us insights into the approaches by which the reliable method is to be concluded and estimated an approximation of the original image from the noisy image. The rest of the paper organized as follows: Wavelet-based threshold is mentioned briefly in section one. A broad study of the literature review shown in section 2. Conclusion and Discussion presented in section 3.

2. Image Denoising Problem Statement

The problem of image denoising can be modeled mathematically as follows:

\[ Y = X + z \quad \ldots \quad (1) \]

Where:

- \( Y \) : is the noisy image.
- \( X \) : is the unknown clean image (denoised image).
- \( z \) : represents additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) with standard deviation \( \sigma_n \).

The noise \( z \) can be estimated in practical applications by various methods, such as robust median estimator and other methods.

The aim of the denoising process is to rebate the noise in the images while minimizing the loss of original features and increasing the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR).

The significant challenges for image denoising are as follows [15]:

- Flat areas should be smooth.
- Edges should be protected without blurring.
- Textures should be preserved.
- New artifacts should not be generated.

Owing to solve the clean image \( X \) from the Eq. (1) is an ill-posed problem, we cannot get the unique solution from the image model with noise. To obtain a good estimation image, image denoising has been well-
studied in the field of image processing over the past several years. Generally, image denoising methods can be roughly classified as spatial domain methods, transform domain methods, or can mix both to get the advantages of them. This work tried to focus on this mixing [15].

3. Wavelet Based Thresholding

Wavelet thresholding is a signal estimation strategy that takes advantage of Wavelet transform capabilities to denoising signal. This strategy reduces noise by destroying insignificant coefficients relative to a certain threshold and turns out to be efficient and straightforward, depends heavily determines the value of the threshold parameter and the choice of this threshold, to a great extent the efficiency of denoising. There are several studies on thresholding the Wavelet coefficients [16]. Wavelet denoising removes the noise in the signal while preserving the characteristics of the signal regardless of its frequency signification. There are three steps involved as a linear forward wavelet transform, a nonlinear thresholding step, and a linear inverse wavelet transform. The process, commonly called denoising by using 2D-Wavelet Transform, consists of the following main stages, which shown in figure 1. The first stage is to apply the 2D discrete wavelet transformation to the input image (noisy image), while the second stage is to calculate the threshold values and how to apply each value with its related sub band to generate a new and clear sub band, whereas the third stage is about to reconstruct the denoised image (The output) by using the 2D inverse wavelet transformation with the new clear sub bands.

![Fig (1): The Block diagram of Image denoising using 2D-Wavelet Transform.](image)

4. Wavelet Domain and Filtering Denoising Methods

In contrast with spatial domain filtering methods, Wavelet transforms domain filtering methods first transform the given noisy image to another domain. Then they apply a denoising procedure on the reconstructed image according to the different characteristics of the image and its noise (larger coefficients denote the high-frequency part, i.e., the details or edges of the image, smaller coefficients denote the noise). To increase the efficiency of the denoising methods, many works have been implemented in this field by mixing the wavelet transform domain filtering besides the spatial domain filtering methods, some of these works will be illustrated and evaluated as follows:

[17] proposed an adaptive wavelet filter for image denoising. In their suggested method, a real-world remote sensing image dataset built from AGRI on FengYun-4An and a learning adaptive wavelet filter (LAWF) was suggested to reduce the variable stripe noise caused by different SRF. The proposed algorithm suggested a new measurement parameter to determine...
the appropriate adaptive filter coefficients termed Weight Sum Variance of Digital Number Probability (WSVODP). Also, new measurement parameters are used to measure the denoising image, which is harshness information with separated direction (HISD) to demonstrates details of the image instead of traditional measurement coefficients such as (PSNR), Normalized mean square error (NMSE), average gradient value of the image (AGVI). Experimental results of the presented approach illustrate that the algorithm could effectively reduce the variable stripe noise from different observation targets, and it was prevented ringing artifacts to edge compensation approach, which was equipped by the AGRI scanning model. Therefore, the proposed algorithm is useful in reducing variable stripe noise where applied on cloud detection image.

[18] investigated a new algorithm based on adaptive median filtering and wavelet threshold function (AMF-WT) to adjust the template size adaptively according to the noise concentration. In their study adaptive median filtering used to denoising image from salt-and-pepper noise, while two-level decomposition is done on the image noisy by wavelet to denoising the high-frequency coefficients with improved the threshold function then reconstructed with low-frequency coefficients. The performance proposed method PSNR measurement parameter is associated. The experimental result shows that the investigated algorithm is superior to the adaptive median filter and median filter in eliminating salt-and-pepper noise and can retain more image details and edge information. The improved threshold function designed has a better denoising effect than a hard threshold function and soft threshold function.

[19] suggested a new method to enhance visual quality and effectively eliminate speckle noise of the image using Speckle Reducing Anisotropic Diffusion (SRAD) filter combination with the discrete wavelet transform by selection Bayesian threshold technique. In their proposed method, the uncompressed noisy image has processed by SRAD filter, then logarithmic transformation (log) is performed on the filtered image to convert speckle noise to Gaussian noise. Finally, the DWT using Bayesian thresholding has been done on the log compressed image to obtain a denoising image. The performance of the proposed algorithm compared with the other existing methods during some measurement parameters such as PSNR, RMSE, SSIM, and computational time (s) metrics. Experimental results show that the proposed method somewhat demonstrates the better visual quality of the reconstructed image by making a proper equalization in speckle-noise reduction and preservation of edges.

[20] Presented a combined method based on the improved wavelet threshold function and median filtering. In this study, the detail coefficients (high-frequency) mixed with Gaussian noise are denoised after the wavelet decomposing of the image. After reconstructing the wavelet coefficients, two times of median filtering is performed for the reconstructed images to obtain the denoised image. The proposed method denoised the image under the condition of measurement parameter such as PSNR. The experimental results of proposed algorithm show that the denoising effect of the improved threshold function is superior to hard threshold and soft threshold, therefore presented method can effectively remove the mixed noise in the image, such as Gaussian noise, salt-and-pepper noise and speckle noise, it has a strong adaptability, a stable denoising effect and can be applied in practical engineering image denoising.

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discrete wavelet transform using Soft Thresholding and Wiener Filter. In their proposed method, Wiener Filter applied on the Approximation coefficient and Soft Thresholding performed on the Detail coefficients based on db4 wavelet. The performance of the presented algorithm evaluated in terms of PSNR and MSE. Competitive performance compared to other methods has been observed. The value of measurement parameters such as PSNR and MSE for denoising image of the proposed method compared with the noisy images which contain AWGN and salt & pepper noise.

[22] proposed a novel method for speckle noise reduction of time series SAR images based on wavelet transform and Kalman filter to preserve the spatial resolution, and reduce the time of processing in the field of remote sensing. In their study, biorthogonal spline wavelet and Birge-Massart strategy were chosen to obtain denoising thresholds. While two assessment parameters used which are Equivalent Number of Looks (ENL) and Edge-Enhancing Index (EEI) parameters to evaluate the capability of the proposed method to reduce the speckle noise and its effectiveness to preserving the edge structures. The experimental results of proposed algorithm show that the method has efficient performance compared to another method for speckle reduction of time series SAR images in the terms of smoothing homogeneous areas and preserving edges and details and also can preserve the major edge structures and the spatial resolution while reducing the speckle noise from time series SAR images.

[23] proposed a combination algorithm of speckle reducing anisotropic diffusion (SRAD), soft thresholding and a guided filter to effectively remove speckle noise from SAR images while preserving edge information. In their suggested technique an SRAD filter used as preprocessing filter to preserve the useful information in the image of noisy images, a logarithmic transformation (Log) is applied to convert speckle noise are remaining in the filtered image into additive noise, while guided filter and soft thresholding were used to remove the noise in the approximation sub-image (high-frequency, low-frequency). The performance of the proposed algorithm and the conventional noise reduction methods are compared using the quantitative values of parameters RMSE, an equivalent number of looks (ENL), PSNR and SSIM. The experimental results indicate that the proposed algorithm shows the best performance regarding speckle noise removal and edge preservation in SAR images compared to conventional filtering methods.

[24] suggested a new approach to denoising highly distorted images affected by speckle noise. This proposed approach is carried out in a homomorphic framework using bacterial foraging optimization (BFO) cascaded with wavelet transformation and wiener filter. In their proposed method, the wavelet packet decomposition is used to identify and remove the noise from affected pixels. For pre-processing purposes, the Wiener filter used. The BFO algorithm is used to reduce the amount of error between the speckled image and the not speckled output image from the homomorphic framework after processing. The multiplicative noise (speckle) was transformed into the additive form by log transformation of the original image. PSNR and MAE are two measurement criteria used in the proposed method of quality evaluation of the image. The simulation result of the proposed approach shows that the combination of DWT and wiener filter performs best results in the form of information preservation of the image by removing noise from images, while the combine BFO
and AMF achieve superior visual and statistical results.

[25] presented a modified technique that based on dual-tree complex wavelet transform and interpolation. In their proposed method, DTCWT cascaded structure used to generate different frequency bands for analysis, while denoising approach for the image is used based on dual-tree complex wavelet and wiener filter technique. Proposed method focused on the enhancement of the resolution of a low-resolution medical image, the Low Resolution (LR) of input images decomposed into different frequency sub-bands using six decomposition levels. Different quality measurement criteria such as PSNR, SSIM, and MSE are used to assess resolution enhancement proposed technique and to determine the quality of denoised images. Findings show that the proposed approach has a better smoothness and accuracy balance of image than the DWT and is less redundant than the SWT.

[26] investigated a new denoising image algorithm using a double-density dual-tree complex wavelet transform (DDCWT) based on a modified threshold function for Computed Tomography (CT) image. In their proposed study they decomposed the noisy image into high frequency and low-frequency components during DDCWT while the adjusted threshold used for DDCWT coefficient in the next step and as usual, it was rebuilt image by reconstructing high frequency and low-frequency components through the inverse decomposition of DDCWT. Hard threshold function selected with the chosen universal threshold to denoising CT images. For assessing the effectiveness of the proposed method, two measurement parameters computed visual quality between the original image and the denoised image, which are (PSNR) and (MSE). The experimental result illustrates that the presented approach has more effective and efficient than the DTCWT to maintain more rich details in images.

[27] investigated a hybrid image denoising algorithm based on wiener filter is to remove the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). They develop an image denoising algorithm based on wiener filter and its method noise thresholding using discrete wavelet transform to deal with edges and details in images more efficiently. The performance of the proposed method compared with Standard Median Filter (SMF), Relaxed Median Filter (RMF), FPDEF and Bilateral Filter (BF), while the filtered images are evaluated using quantitative measures Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), PSNR & Image Quality Index (QI) to measure image efficiency. Experimental results of the proposed algorithm indicate achieves much better performance in removing the additive white Gaussian noise from the image with minimum edge blurring compared to other filters.

[28] presented a hybrid filter that combines the Modified Median Wiener filter (MMWF) and Absolute Difference and Mean filter (ADMF). The MMWF filter merged the complementary qualities and abilities of the Median (MF) and Wiener Filter (WF). To improve the quality of the image, the proposed method suppressed the Gaussian noise in Computer Tomography (CT) medical images for better disease diagnosing. This hybrid proposed algorithm performance compared with similar techniques depending on two commonly measured in terms of (PSNR) and (MSE). The simulation result shows that the hybrid suggested technique article is best suited for removing Gaussian noise in CT images modality.

[29] suggested a new method of image denoising based on using median filter (MF) in the wavelet domain. The hybrid proposed algorithm depended on
to apply the DWT only or the median filter only and mixing between them on a noisy image. In their suggestion a spatial filter which is median filter used to remove Gaussian noise from noisy scaled image to blurring and smoothing edges and details, while the wavelet transform applied to analyze the image, WT working on the frequencies of sub-bands split from an image. The denoising images are evaluated depending on two measurement parameters which are MSE and PSNR. The simulation result of the proposed approach shows that the combination of DWT and Median filter performs significant effects and can recover much more detail of the original image.

[30] suggested a new denoising algorithm to restore the image corrupted by Gaussian noise based on the bilateral filter and its method noise thresholding based on the dual-tree complex wavelet transform. In this proposed technique the bilateral filter removes the noise as well as some details of the image, so these details are estimated accurately in the wavelet domain with MMSE so that the edges and other features of the original image are preserved properly, while the sum of the bilateral filter output and the detail image will give the final denoised image. BayesShrink has been used in this proposed method as a selection of threshold technique to compute each sub-band level in the wavelet decomposition, while PSNR, SSIM, and UIQI index values used as measurement parameters to performance proposed method depending on denoising image. Experimental results of the submitted method show efficiency denoising images and obtained the best results for image denoising process by using different types of wavelet transform filters.

[32] proposed a new method for image denoising. The proposed method based on a combination of DWT and MF. In their recommended way, the WT analyzes the image because it can split the image into sub-bands and function separately on each sub-band frequency. Also, the noise ratio at the noisy image estimated by a robust median estimator parameter. Two measurement parameters are used to determine the noise in the image, which is (MSE) and (PSNR) to evaluate the proposed image denoising method. Experimental results of the submitted method show efficacy denoising images and obtained the best results for image denoising process by using different types of wavelet transform filters.

[33] proposed a scheme based on Wiener filtering in the wavelet domain. In the proposed system, the CT image is denoised using the concept of Wiener filtering and method noise in the wavelet domain. The concept of their proposed technique presents that the edge extraction improves the quality of denoised CT images through discrete wavelet transformation (DWT) concerning noise suppression and preservation.
of the structure. With the motivation of combining two methods, wiener filtering and thresholding in the wavelet domain are performed using the concept of method noise. To measure the performance of the suggested way, the performance metrics (PSNR, SSIM) used. The resultant image of the proposed methodology gives noise suppressed as well as edge preserved image. The experimental result of the proposed method indicates that the quality of CT images enhanced in terms of noise reduction as well as structure preservation. Therefore, the small image details preservation and no visual artifacts created. The performance of the proposed algorithm has excellent potential to serve for denoising the computed tomography images.

[34] investigated a novel wiener filtering and adaptive soft thresholding of wavelet transform coefficients, which are a combination of spatial and frequency domain techniques for removing speckle noise. The algorithm uses a Wiener filter as a preprocessing stage in the spatial domain, and adaptive soft thresholding of Wavelet transform coefficients in the frequency domain. In their proposed algorithm, the threshold at each sub band is calculated automatically from the variance (standard deviation) of the subbands. Two-level decomposition of the wavelet transform is considered, and thresholding is applied only to detail coefficients. Results compared in terms of Parameters PSNR, and MSE. Experimental results presented that the proposed method is efficient in removing speckle noise compared to other algorithms.

[35] proposed algorithm is based on wavelet transform that denoised the noisy image by adding weighted high pass filtering coefficients (WHFC) in the wavelet domain. They implemented a smart system for estimating the iterative noise variance, which denoised the noisy image. They are applying WHFC on the detailed parts to increased intensity of the pixels. Then, they convolved WHFC with detailed coefficients of wavelet. The resultant image was obtained during the inverse wavelet transform process, while the resulting image is visually blurred. Adaptive Wiener filter used to minimize the blurriness of the ensuing image depending to achieve the maximum PSNR. The experimental result shows that this method is perfect for noise reduction gives higher PSNR and better visual quality of the image.

[36] Proposed a denoising approach basing on dual-tree complex wavelet and shrinkage with the Wiener filter technique applied for medical images. In this study, denoising methods using the universal threshold technique used to select the threshold value. They estimate the noise level while hard and soft thresholding functions are used to shrink wavelet coefficients and compare the efficiency of denoising images based on Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) and Structural Similarity Index Measure (SSIM) to evaluate the proposed technique. The findings of the proposed method show that the denoising images have a better balance of smoothness and accuracy than the DWT and are less redundant than the Stationary Wavelet Transformation (SWT).

[13] presented a Hybrid filter is it composite of various filters to remove a mixed type of noise from a digital image, a combination of three filters median filter, wiener filter, and bilateral filter. In their proposed algorithm five types of method applied on noisy image to get denoising image depending on the performance of some parameters such as MSE, signal to noise ratio (SNR), PSNR, RMSE, and SSIM. The experimental result shows that the proposed method can recover much more detail of the original image and provides a successful way of image denoising compared with another process in the study.
The summary of the selected researches that deals with the image denoising by the using Wavelet transformation with a spatial domain filter are shown in Table (1) below.

5. Discussion

Many factors play a critical role to obtain denoising image entirely, such as the threshold and parameter, the type of noise and field of the image also have an active role in eliminating noise. All these characteristics must be considered to evaluate the performance of the proposed technologies. By reviewing and assessing the proposed and implemented methods of work covered in this research, the following points can set:

- Many research focused on medical images (Computerized Tomography (CT), Ultrasound and X-ray) and another focused on earth science image (Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)) while other methods focused on standard image (Lena, Cameraman, kid, etc.) to remove noise in noisy image depends on the field in which the image used in it.
- Numerous measurement parameters are computed to evaluate technique depending on the value of denoising image compared with noisy image, some of them are new and others are the tradition.
- The selection of the filter is playing a critical role in the denoising methods. Also, the choice of the filter must be compatible with the type of noise, for example, the performance of Median filter to denoise Salt & Pepper noise is better than other filters, while the performance of the Wiener Filter to denoise Speckle and Gaussian noise is better than Median filter and others filter and so on.
- There are several types of noises exist in the image at the same time, so many works focused on the noisy image that contents mixed noise, to remove mixed noise which exists in the image. Therefore, denoising image with one type of filter inefficient to remove noise, while the combined denoising method with various filters is needed to be more efficient to eliminate the mixed noisy image as possible.
- Numerous studies focused on the template of the noisy image (window size) to denoising image while others concentrate on the edges details and critical features of the noisy image.
- Many techniques developed a simple method to remove noise concerning the time of processing to get a denoising image, while others developed complex methods such as DTDWT using a parallel combination of two DWTs to obtain denoising image which achieved an effective result. Still, there is a lack of image details and take long processing time.
- Some research has used new measurement parameters such as WSVODP, which is not suitable for all types of images, especially CT images, while EEI, ENL parameters suitable for SAR images.
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<td>[Chen et al. 2019][17]</td>
<td>Variable stripe noise in the water vapor band remote sensing images of the AGRI affects many applications when one full disk image is separated into ten sub-images for transforming as soon as possible.</td>
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<td>reduce the variable stripe noise caused by different SRF</td>
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<td>[Qian 2019][18]</td>
<td>Hard threshold and soft threshold has effecting in image as oscillation and boundary blurring.</td>
<td>salt-and-pepper</td>
<td>Adaptive Median Filtering and Wavelet Threshold function (AMF-WT)</td>
<td>maximum template can avoid losing more image details and edge information when the noise concentration is very high, and the remaining noise is eliminated by wavelet threshold function</td>
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<td>Nishu et al. (2019) [19]</td>
<td>obtain better visual quality of the speckle noise reduction and edge preservation</td>
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<td>Speckle Reducing Anisotropic Diffusion (SRAD) in combination with the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) using Bayesian Threshold</td>
<td>Remove difficult form of noise which is speckle noise to obtain better visual quality of the reconstructed image by asking a good equalization in speckle noise reduction and preserve of edges.</td>
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<td>Qian (2018) [20]</td>
<td>A single denoising method cannot achieve good effect of removing those mixed noises such as salt-and-pepper noise, Gaussian noise and speckle noise from images.</td>
<td>Mix noise such as Gaussian noise, salt-and-pepper noise and speckle noise</td>
<td>Improved wavelet threshold function and median filtering.</td>
<td>effectively eliminate mixed noise, that it can get better visual effect, less loss of detail information. also dealing with fingerprint images and printed circuit board (PCB) Images in complex noise environment.</td>
<td>Mixed noise request more than on filter to reduce noise as well, using median filter not effect well when dialing with another noise</td>
<td>PSNR</td>
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<td>Longkumer and Gupta (2018) [21]</td>
<td>Remove noise while it preserves the important elements of the image.</td>
<td>Gaussian, Salt and Pepper noise</td>
<td>discrete wavelet transform using Soft Thresholding and Wiener Filter</td>
<td>remove noise while it preserves edge and details</td>
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The uncompressed noisy image has processed by SRAD filter, then log is performed on the filtered image to convert speckle noise to Gaussian noise. While DWT using Bayesian thresholding has been done on the log compressed image to obtain denoising image.
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<th>Only provide Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imaging systems</th>
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<td>Choi and Jeong (2018) [23]</td>
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<td>Dass (2018) [24]</td>
<td>Speckle noise degrades the visual evaluation of ultrasound images. So the main challenge of not speckling is to preserve all the fine details and the edges of the ultrasonographic images</td>
<td>Speckle noise</td>
<td>Bacterial foraging optimization (BFO) cascaded with wavelet transformation and wiener filter</td>
<td>Gives recognizable and acceptable restoration of ultrasound images in presence of speckle noise</td>
<td>Cover only medical images</td>
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<td>Not specific dual-tree complex wavelet and Wiener filter enhancement of the resolution of a low-resolution medical image only medical images Covered and more complex</td>
<td>PSNR, SSIM, and MSE</td>
<td>DTCWT cascaded structure used to generate different frequency bands for analysis, while denoising approach for image is used based on dual-tree complex wavelet and wiener filter technique</td>
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<td>[Luo et al. 2018][26]</td>
<td>Improves the performance of DWT with important properties: direction selectivity and nearly shift invariant.</td>
<td>Not specific double density dual-tree complex wavelet transform (DDCWT) It obtains direction selectivity in higher dimensions and nearly shift invariant.</td>
<td>PSNR, MSE</td>
<td>They used DDCWT decompose noisy CT image into high frequency and low frequency components. In the next, a modified threshold is used for DDCWT coefficient. Finally, the denoised image is obtained by reconstructing high frequency and low frequency components through inverse decomposition of DDCWT.</td>
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<td>[Kannan 2017][27]</td>
<td>remove the noise while preserving the edges and details in the images who effected by Gaussian noise</td>
<td>additive white Gaussian noise wiener filter and its method noise thresholding using discrete wavelet transform achieves much better performance in removing the additive white Gaussian noise from the image with minimum edge blurring compared with the original wiener filter</td>
<td>Only efficient on image who contain the additive white Gaussian noise</td>
<td>RMSE, PSNR, QI</td>
<td>Wiener filter is often assumed to be unsuitable for images containing edges and details, while to deal with edges and details in images, the method noise thresholding used discrete wavelet transform.</td>
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<td>(Chithra and Santhanam 2017) [28]</td>
<td>suppressin the Gaussian noise from CT images in order to improve the quality of the images for better disease diagnosing.</td>
<td>Gaussian noise</td>
<td>Modified Median Wiener filter (MMWF) and Absolute Difference and Mean filter (ADMF).</td>
<td>remove speckle noise from the Ultrasound images to preserve edge</td>
<td>Cover only medical image which is effected by Gaussian noise</td>
<td>PSNR, MSE</td>
<td>MMWF used to remove Gaussian noise in the image. This MMWF merges the complementary qualities and abilities of Median (MF) and Wiener Filter (WF). While ADMF used to remove speckle noise from the Ultrasound images). An attempt is made to test whether this filter is used to remove Gaussian noise from the image.</td>
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<td>(Ramadhan et al. 2017) [29]</td>
<td>choose a suitable image de-noising method to restored details of an image with noise</td>
<td>Gaussian noise</td>
<td>median filter (MF) and DWT</td>
<td>Has ability to recover much more detail of the original image.</td>
<td>efficient for one type of noise</td>
<td>MSE, PSNR</td>
<td>median filter used to remove Gaussian noise from noisy scaled image to blurring and smoothing edges and details, while the wavelet transform applied to analyze image</td>
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<td>(Majeeth and Babu 2017) [30]</td>
<td>removes noise in an image while preserves the edges</td>
<td>Gaussian noise</td>
<td>bilateral filter and its method noise thresholding based on the dual-tree complex wavelet transform</td>
<td>give high directional selectivity and perfect reconstruction of the edges and other essential details of an image which are preserved</td>
<td>Using specific filter to remove just specific type of noise</td>
<td>PSNR, SSIM, UIQI</td>
<td>bilateral filter removes the noise as well as some details of the image, so these details are estimated accurately in the wavelet domain with MMSE so that the edges and other features of the original image are preserved properly, while the sum of the bilateral filter output and the detail image will give the final denoised image.</td>
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<td>Wang et al. (2016) [31]</td>
<td>Gaussian</td>
<td>Wiener filter with high-resolution estimation</td>
<td>Suitable for small or specific window size of image</td>
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<td>Determines and provide the signal power to preserving the edge information.</td>
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<td>Ismael et al. (2016) [32]</td>
<td>Gaussian Noise</td>
<td>DWT and MF</td>
<td>Deal with specific amount of the standard deviation of original images.</td>
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<td>Enhance the image quality after degraded by the noise.</td>
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<td>Diwakar and Kumar (2016) [33]</td>
<td>Gaussian noise</td>
<td>DWT and WF</td>
<td>Does not provide all CT reconstructed images.</td>
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<td>Wavelet transform is used to analysis the image due to the ability to split the image into sub-bands and work on each sub-band frequencies separately. While, the RME has been used to estimate the noise ratio at the noisy image.</td>
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<td>Diwakar and Kumar 2016</td>
<td>When the radiation dose is low, the quality of CT image is degraded in terms of noise. Therefore, improve the quality of noisy CT images, it can be helpful to avoid the need of higher dose CT images.</td>
<td>Gaussian noise DWT and WF Provide edge extraction to improve the quality of denoised CT images through discrete wavelet transformation (DWT) with respect to noise suppression and structure preservation.</td>
<td>Does not provide all CT reconstructed images.</td>
<td>PSNR, SSIM</td>
<td>Two intermediate result are obtained the first intermediate result is subtracted from the input noisy image and processed using wavelet packet thresholding. The outcome of wavelet packet thresholding is second intermediate result. Both intermediate results are added to gain the final denoised CT image.</td>
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<td>Mohan et al. 2016</td>
<td>Reduce the speckle noise without sacrificing the information content.</td>
<td>speckle noise wiener filtering and adaptive soft thresholding has ability to significantly reduce the speckle noise Only cover (SAR) field PSNR, MSE</td>
<td>Wiener filter used as a preprocessing stage in the spatial domain and adaptive soft thresholding of Wavelet transform coefficients used in the frequency domain.</td>
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<td>Saluja and Boyat 2015</td>
<td>How to remove the noise from the corrupted image as well as preserve the edges and other detailed features</td>
<td>Add additive white Gaussian WHFC and Adaptive Wiener filter Remove the noise from the noisy image which gives better visual appearance.</td>
<td>Consider only Gaussian noise PSNR</td>
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<td>Naimi et al. 2015</td>
<td>enhanceme nt the discrete wavelet transform with important additional properties to preserve the edges and details of noisy image</td>
<td>dual-tree complex wavelet and shrinkage with the Wiener filter Improve better balance of smoothness and accuracy than the DWT and are less redundant than the SWT</td>
<td>Applied only for medical image using only db4’ family wavelets.</td>
<td>PSNR, SSIM</td>
<td>They estimate the noise level and then for DWT, SWT and DTCWT based denoising they used ‘db4’ family wavelets.</td>
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6. Conclusion

Many techniques based on wavelet transform hybrid with some spatial domain filters such as Wiener filter, Median filter, anisotropic filter, bilateral filter and etc., have been implemented to preserve details and edges of the image as much as possible. Therefore, this work present a reviewed approaches of image denoising of various methodologies which adopted to obtain the optimum image denoising performance. The above survey of different type of methods, show that some of them depended on using the primary WT (DWT), and some of them depending on complex WT (DCTCWT) using filters to remove single or mixed type (multiplicative) of noise (Gaussian noise, and salt-pepper, speckle) in noisy image to obtain denoising image that to be close to original image as much as possible depending on various threshold techniques (universal thresholding, soft thresholding, hard thresholding, Bayesian thresholding). Different traditional and new measurement parameters have been used to evaluate methods. These various methods still lag behind in the better visual quality of the image. More performance parameters can be calculate to study the behavior of the hybrid techniques by making a good compromise in various noise reduction fields. A better hybrid technique with a suitable filter model can be designed to remove single and mixed noise in multiple images in all areas gives a better visual appearance, without destitution the details of the image and take into account the processing time of the denoising image.

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