



Medical Image Demosaicing Based Design of Newton Gregory Interpolation Algorithm

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Abstract: In this paper, Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) implementationbased image demosaicing is carried out. The Newton Gregory interpolation algorithm is designed based on FPGA frame work. Interpolation is the method of assessing the value of a function for any in-between value of self-regulating variable, whereas the method of computing the value of the function outside the specified range is named extrapolation. The natural images are collected from Kodak image database and medical images are collected from UPOL (University of Phoenix Online) database. The proposed algorithm is executed on using Xilinx ISE (Integrated Synthesis Environment) Design Suite 14.2 and is confirmed on Xilinx Virtex-5 FPGA board. The main aim of this paper is to develop a demosaicing method based on the FPGA technique. Implementing image processing on hardware reduces the cost and make simpler for debugging and verification. The hardware implementation in this system gives the better quality of output image. Implementing image processing on hardware reduces the cost and makes simpler for debugging and verification. Newton- Gregory interpolation technique produces the full resolution of green channel with red and blue channels. The experimental result clearly shows that proposed Newton-Gregory interpolationbased image demosaicing outperformed other algorithms. FPGA implementation attains the maximum Peak Signal-To-Noise Ratio (PSNR) of 40.53 dB and MATLAB (Matrix Laboratory). implementation attains the maximum PSNR of 38.15 dB.

Keywords: FPGA implementation; image demosaicing process; Newton Gregory interpolation algorithm; resampling

1 Introduction

The word "interpolation" denotes to interpolating some unidentified info from a specified set of wellknown info. The method of interpolation is wide used as a valued tool in science and engineering [1]. The matter may be a traditional one and dates back to the time of Newton and stargazer, United Nations agency required to resolve such a retardant in investigating information on the location of stars and



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planets [2]. Scientific applications of interpolation embody derivation of machine systems for numerical differentiation, numerical integration and numerical solutions of differential equations [3]. One amongst the most important issues in pictures employed in analysis is their resolution [4]. The unprocessed high-resolution spatial information and low-resolution spectral information of satellite pictures square measure connected with one another [5]. Therefore, spatial and spectral resolution sweetening of satellite pictures is fascinating [6]. The most focus of this analysis is to enhance the classification accuracy of clamant pictures [7]. So as to enhance the accuracy of satellite pictures with efficiency, preservation of edges and contour info is extremely vital [8]. Pictures square measure being analyzed and processed to get the improved resolution and classified result. Interpolation is one amongst the techniques typically used for image resolution sweetening [9]. This is often in the main accustomed increase the number of pixels in an exceedingly digital image [10–12].

The interpolation of a picture aims at estimating intermediate constituents between the well-known pixel values within the on the market low-resolution image. The image interpolation method is nothing however the image synthesis operation. This method is achieved row by row and so column by column. In digital image process, a method that converts a separate image outlined at one set of coordinate sites to a brandnew set of coordinate points is labeled as resampling. The method of resampling uses the interpolation purposes to seek out the pixel(s) value(s) at new coordinates as exposed in Fig. 1. Resampling method is employed in several image process procedures like rotation and resizing of pictures. This resampling method is undertaken in 2 stages. Within the opening move digital image is interpolated into a nonstop image and so this interpolated nonstop image is once more sampled to alter it into a digital image [13]. For instance, convolution is completed among a separate perform x(n) associate degreed an interpolating perform h(t) to supply a nonstop perform y(t) as shown in Fig. 1. Within the sampling method, this nonstop perform is increased through a sampling perform to supply a separate perform resampled at a brand-new set of points [14]. The implementation of resampling method considerably based on the interpolation purposes used and also their frequency domain features within the pass band and the stop band [15]. The magnitude of FT (Fourier Transform) is employed to look at the operation within the passband and also the index plot of the magnitude is employed to look at the operation within the stopband.





Figure 1: The resampling process using interpolation purposes

There is several interpolation methods advanced to date which are separated into three key types described as:

- Nearest neighbor interpolation
- Bilinear interpolation
- Bicubic interpolation

2 Related Works

Maschal et al. (2013) have proposed a method to compare the quality of two demosaicing procedures by considering the two-color artifacts, fringing and zippering effects. The prior algorithm measures the reconstructed edges formed in the image whether it is perfectly matched or not by edge slope measure algorithm. The second algorithm is based on color component difference field which determines the deviations in the color plane and estimates the red-blue plane and red–green plane in the demosaicing algorithm and it is known to be false measure demosaicing scheme. The sharpness of the pixels and the deviations in the images are the two most criteria to be considered in the calculation of the accuracy scheme of the demosaicing algorithm.

Hsieh Hou et al. (2013) presented the work in cubic splines for image interpolation and digital filtering especially the B-spline (Basis Spline) interpolation and B-spline filtering. The sampling rate adaption is required in image processing. The lag-range interpolation is the basic concept in spline interpolation. The guarantee is not given and the process is inaccurate in this lag-range interpolation. This leads to the polynomial interpolation which runs in a local procedure. The cardinal spline can be used by sampling theorem. Truncations are needed in the cardinal spline and produce the smoothest results. In magnification and modification and smoothing process, the B-spline interpolation is considered as the best. But the computation of this interpolation technique is complex.

Venkadesh et al. (2014) presented a work on color filter array interpolation using the adaptive filter. This work states the color filter array is better than beam splitters. Here for demosaicing the color difference ratio is considered. The noise is removed by using the adaptive filter since it is well performed in edges to eliminate the error that occurs due to interpolation. This method produces a highly robust and high PSNR output. The image quality should be improved.

Pekkucuksen et al. (2013) have presented a work on demosaicing the image on color filter array model by reconstructing the missing sample in interpolation by taking multicolor gradient technique. This algorithm won't need threshold value and it is not a repeatable procedure and does not need to make any decisions. This technique is best suitable for Bayers CFA (Color Filter Array) pattern and is tested against Lukae CFA pattern for the performance parameters. This interpolation method uses edge-based filtering technique and it also uses the high strength edge for the finding of missing values. This technique works according to the edge detection and the directional approach. It can produce good CPSNR (color peak signal-to-noise ratio) value.

Daisuke Kiku et al. (2018) proposed another work which is a minimized-laplacian residual interpolation (MLRI). This work is the same as residual interpolation but small modifications are done. In the MLRI, tentative estimates of R image are calculated by reducing the Laplacian energies of the residuals. This process will be done in both horizontal and vertical way. The upsampling of observed R and B images are called the tentative image. The upsampling will be done by guided filter (edge preserving filter). By this Laplacian energy minimization, bilinear interpolation technique gives the accurate result with small Laplacian energy. This method is combined into GBTF (Gradient-based Threshold-Free) algorithm. This method makes the process very accurate. This method also provides sharply interpolated color image without artifacts. The CPSNR value for this method is 38.35.

3 Proposed Image Interpolation Hardware Architecture for Image Demosaicing

The main aim of this chapter is to develop a demosaicing method based on FPGA. Implementing image processing on hardware reduces the cost and make simpler for debugging and verification [16–18]. FPGAs are incorporated circuits whose inside practical task is characterized by client, through interior programmable interconnect hardware [19]. On the other hand, specially crafted systems need a final customized manufacturing venture for client characterized capacities. Inside, FPGAs normally contain numerous duplicates of a LE (Logic Element) or cell. The logic component can actualize a system of a few logic gates that then deliver into 1 or 2 flip-flops. Logic components are masterminded in a column or matrix on chip. To achieve more perplexing activities, logic units can be naturally associated with other logic components on the chip, through a programmable interconnection network likewise contained in FPGA.

Demosaicing is the process of renovating the lost color channels of a pixel in the color-filtered image. Many demosaicing algorithms are developed based on image quality and computational complexity. Implementation of image demosaicing using interpolation methods suggestively performs the present image demosaicing methods in several computer vision algorithms.

A demosaicing (sometimes de-mosaicing, demosaicking, or debayering) algorithm is a digital image reconstruction technique that uses incomplete colour samples generated from an image sensor overlaid with a colour filter array to recreate a full colour image CFA. It's also known as colour reconstruction or CFA interpolation. There are a variety of image demosaicing techniques available, but they can be divided into six categories as shown in Fig. 2.



Figure 2: Classifications of image demosaicing techniques

Though, Image demosaicing using interpolation is complex, a time-consuming process with high hardware cost. To solve these problems, a novel Gregory-Newton interpolation is proposed to reconstruct the image without any loss. The FPGA based Newton Gregory interpolation is described in this section. The main objective of proposed methodology is to reconstruct the image using combination of Red-Green-Blue Color Filter Array (RGBCFA) and Gregory-Newton interpolation method. Newton- Gregory interpolation technique produces the full resolution of green channel with red and blue channels. The proposed system consists of two parts such a sensor captures Bayer image using Color Filter Array (CFA), and demosaicing using Newton Gregory interpolation. The overall diagram of the proposed image demosaicing using RGBCFA Gregory-Newton interpolation is given in Fig. 3.



Figure 3: Overall diagram of image demosaicing using RGBCFA Newton Gregory interpolation

4 Interpolation of Green Channel Using Gregory Newton Interpolation

The main step in the planned demosaicing approach is the interpolation of green channel. In this proposed work the interpolation of Green Channel is calculated using Gregory Newton interpolation method which is implemented on FPGA.

The block diagram representation of proposed Newton-Gregory interpolation-based FPGA design is given in Fig. 4.



Figure 4: FPGA block diagram of Newton-Gregory interpolation

The block diagram of Newton-Gregory interpolation technique-based image demosaicing is shown in Fig. 4. The system consists of accumulator, memory address generator, row/column address generator, weight updater, register and Newton-Gregory forward interpolator and Newton-Gregory backward interpolator. Newton-Gregory interpolation is a two-dimensional interpolation technique, which is a combination of two one dimensional interpolation such as forward interpolation and backward interpolation. For implementation, Newton-Gregory interpolation is requiring 16 adjacent pixels for obtaining every interpolated pixel. Based on these 16 adjacent pixels of an original image, the weighting factors are updated which is difficult to implement in extended linear interpolation. To ease the

implementation and reduce the computational complexity, the weighting factors are updated with the help of an accumulator which is used to store the intermediate values for every iteration of the input image. The accumulated output is exploited to generate the row/column address which is suitable for generating the memory address. The data from memory is interpolated forwardly and stored in a register. The interpolated data from register is again interpolated backwardly to obtain the interpolated pixel. The stepby-step process of image demosaicing process is explained below.

4.1 Computation of Coordinate's Location

In Newton-Gregory interpolation technique, the coordinates of original image are located in the position of (1, 1) in the memory and interpolated pixels are relocated based on the coordinates which are scaled at (1/2SR, 1/2SR) where SR denotes the scaling ratio of coordinates. Coordinates of an original image, interpolated coordinates of an image and its mapping technique is exposed in Fig. 5.



Figure 5: Process of computing coordinates location (a) Coordinates of an original image (b) Interpolated coordinates (c) Mapping of original coordinates into interpolated coordinates

The determination of next interpolated coordinates can be done by scaling the time interval which is 1/SR in any one of the directions x/y and these are computed in row wise. The position of a^{th} interpolated pixel in x direction and b^{th} interpolated pixel in y direction is as given in Eqs. (1) and (2).

$$x_a = x_{a-1} + \left(\frac{1}{SR}\right) \tag{1}$$

$$y_a = y_{a-1} + \left(\frac{1}{SR}\right) \tag{2}$$

4.2 Generation of Row/Column Address

After obtaining the position of an interpolated pixel (xa, yb), the row address (row_addr) is computed based on yb of the interpolated pixel. The row address of an original pixel (Ak, l) is computed based on Eq. (3).

$$row_addr_{k} = \begin{cases} [y_{a}], \ y_{a} \ge \frac{1}{2} \\ [y_{a}] - 1, \ y_{a} < \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$
(3)

The neighbors of row_addrk such as row_addrk + 1, row_addrk + 2 and row_addrk + 3 are computed by adding C as a constant given in Eq. (4)

$$row_add r_{k+c} = row_addr_k + c \tag{4}$$

where C = 1, 2 and 3. The same procedure is repeated to compute the column address (col_addrl, col_addrl + 1, col_addrl + 2 and col_addrl + 3) as given in Eqs. (5) and (6).

$$col_add_{r_1} = \begin{cases} [x_a], \ x_a \ge \frac{1}{2} \\ [x_a] - 1 \ , \ \ x_a < \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$
(5)

 $col_{addr_{l+c}} = col_{addr_l} + c$

The architecture of row/column address generator is shown in Fig. 6. F/B is used as a control signal for generating row address and column address. If F/B is set as '1', forward interpolation is enabled and it generates row address, distance between the horizontal coordinates. If F/B is set as '0', backward interpolation is enabled to generate column address and distance between vertical coordinates.



Figure 6: Architecture of row/column address generator

4.3 Computation of Weighting Factors

The weighting factor updating is simplified by computing the distance in vertical direction (wv) and horizontal direction (wh) as given in Eqs. (7) and (8).

$$w_v = y_b - (row_addr_k) + \frac{1}{2} \tag{7}$$

$$w_h = x_a - (col_adds_i) + \frac{1}{2} \tag{8}$$

Vertical weighting coefficients are denoted by vwk, vwk + 1, vwk + 2, vwk + 3 for its corresponding pixels Ak, 1, Ak + 1, 1, Ak + 2, 1, Ak + 3, 1 explained in Eq. (9) to Eq. (12). The distance between the virtual pixel and original pixel is denoted as wv.

$$vw_k = -\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)xw_v \tag{9}$$

$$vw_{k+1} = -((-vw_k) - w_v + 1$$
(10)

(6)

$$vw_{i+2} = w_v + (-vw_{1+3}) \tag{11}$$

$$vw_{k+3} = -\left(\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - (vw_k)\right) \tag{12}$$

Similarly, the horizontal weighting coefficients are computed by the Eq. (13) to Eq. (16).

$$hw_1 = -\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)xw_h \tag{13}$$

$$hw_{i+1} = -((-hw_1) - w_h + 1$$
(14)

$$hw_{i+2} = w_h + (-hw_{1+3}) \tag{15}$$

$$hw_{i+3} = -\left(\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - (hw_i)\right) \tag{16}$$

4.4 Forward Interpolation

After the weight updating is completed, forward interpolation is carried out. The forward interpolation is calculated using row wise. The forward interpolation process is given in Fig. 7. VPl, VPl + 1, VPl + 2, VPl + 3 are virtual pixels that can be computed from the original pixels. These are exploited to determine the interpolated pixel (IP) which is surrounded by 4×4 adjacent pixels.



Figure 7: Forward interpolation

4.5 Backward Interpolation

After the weight updating is completed, backward interpolation is carried out. The backward interpolation is calculated using column wise. The backward interpolation process is given in Fig. 8.



Figure 8: Backward interpolation

After the process, finally the interpolated pixel is obtained. This process is repeated for all the pixels present in the input image captured by CFA. Finally, the interpolated green channel is obtained.

4.6 Interpolation of Red and Blue Channel

After calculating full resolution of green channel (G), calculate full resolution of blue and red channels for reconstructing the Bayer pattern into color image. To calculate full resolution of blue and red channels, utilize bilinear interpolation. Fig. 9 shows the color difference interpolation used for reconstructing missing R signals.



Figure 9: Color difference interpolation used for reconstructing missing red signals

In bilinear interpolation the missing B and R signals are computed by the average of their corresponding two adjacent signals. Instead of using B and R images directly, the color differences are employed using the interpolated G channel. The same steps in Fig. 9 can be repeated for reconstructing missing B signals. As the color differences are used for reconstructing B and R signals, the functioning of demosaicing approach mainly based on the interpolation of G channel.

4.7 Dataset Description

For experimental analysis, two types of dataset are utilized such as Kodak and UPOL dataset. The description of both datasets is explained in this section.

4.8 Kodak Image Database

The Kodak database contains 24 pictures, these are films caught and afterward digitized at the resolution of 512×768 pixels with 8-bit depth per color module. The ubiquity of Kodak picture database is chiefly because of the way that database covers normal genuine scenes and differs in unpredictability and shading attendances.

4.9 UPOL Database

The UPOL data base contains iris picture. For experimentation, in the proposed work 10 pictures are used. The irises were examined by TOPCON TRC50IA (Tunnel Oxide Passivated Contact) optical gadget associated with SONY DXC-950P 3CCD (SONY Digital cross connect system) camera. The pictures are 24 bit, RGB (Red Green Blue), 576 × 768 pixels and it is PNG (Portable Network Graphics) record design.

5 Experimental Results and Discussion

Experimental results obtained from proposed image demosaicing are explained in this section. Initially the image is captured using RGB CFA sensor and then the image is given to the Newton Gregory interpolation method. In this chapter, Newton Gregory interpolation is implemented using FPGA. Figs. 10 and 11 show the output images of bilinear interpolation, green plane interpolation, Residual interpolation, Local directional interpolation, convolution interpolation and proposed Newton Gregory interpolation of Kodak and UPOL database image implemented on the FPGA architecture.









Figure 10: Output outcomes of (a) Input image, (b) Bilinear interpolation, (c) Green plane interpolation, (d) Residual interpolation, (e) Local directional interpolation (f) Convolution interpolation and (g) Proposed Newton Gregory interpolation for Kodak database image



Figure 11: Output outcomes of (a) Input image, (b) Bilinear interpolation, (c) Green plane interpolation, (d) Residual interpolation, (e) Local directional interpolation, (f) Convolution interpolation and (g) Proposed Newton Gregory interpolation for UPOL database image

Tab. 1 shows the Performance of proposed methodology based on PSNR measure. In this chapter, the proposed work is implemented using FPGA. For comparison, the proposed Newton interpolation-based image demosaicing implemented with MATLAB also. The performance of both MATLAB and FPGA are given in Tab. 1. Basically, implementing image processing on hardware reduces the cost and makes simpler for debugging and verification. When analyzing Tab. 1, FPGA implementation attains the maximum PSNR of 40.53 dB and MATLAB implementation attains the maximum PSNR of 38.15 dB (Decibel). In Fig. 12, the overall performance of FPGA and MATLAB implementation is analyzed. The FPGA implementation attains the average PSNR of performance of 38.8 dB and MATLAB implementation attains 36.71 dB and the comparison of resource utilization and computation time is shown Fig. 13.

Images	PSNR (FPGA)	PSNR (Matlab)
Image 1	37.14	36.23
Image 2	40.53	37.64
Image 3	36.36	35.81

Table 1:	Performance	of proposed	methodology
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Table 1 (continued)		
Images	PSNR (FPGA)	PSNR (Matlab)
	38.47	36.56
	39.42	38.15
Image 5	40.31	36.23
Image 6	39.3	37.71
Image 7	37.31	35.82
Image 8 Image 9	36.3	36.3



Figure 12: Average PSNR for FPGA vs. MATLAB implementation



Figure 13: Comparison results of resource utilization

The performance comparison of proposed image demosaicing algorithm with other demosaicing FPGA implementations is presented in Tab. 2. Although, the bilinear interpolation is implemented on a 256×256 -pixel image, it processes a smaller number of pixels by utilizing more hardware and takes more time (0.65 ms) to demosaiced image compared with proposed algorithm. Compare to the other entire algorithm proposed method takes minimum time to complete the process. Tab. 3 describes that the number of arithmetic elements such as multiplication and addition are used for various interpolation techniques. The computation complexity of proposed VLSI (Very large-scale integration) circuit is mainly affected by arithmetic element. The large number of arithmetic elements may increase the complexity of the interpolations. From Tab. 3, the proposed demosaicing method utilized minimum number of multiplication and addition is compared to other interpolation methods. This will decrease the complexity of process.

Demosaicing methods	Image size (pixels)	Hardware device	Used slices	Memory used (KB)	Frequency (MHz)	Time (ms)
Bilinear interpolation	256 × 256	Xilinx Vertex-E	1530/4835	1125	165	0.65
Greenplane interpolation	256 × 256	Altera Stratix-II	4553/ 71680	1325	264	0.57
Residual interpolation	360 × 280	Altera Cyclone	-	985	240	0.48
Local directional interpolation	512 × 512	Xilinx Virtex-5	23904/ 37440	15264	208	0.37
Proposed	512 × 512	Xilinx Virtex-5	17928/ 28495	278	272	0.25

Table 2: Comparison of resource utilization and computation time

Interpolation methods	Multiplication (number)	Addition (number)
Bilinear interpolation	8	45
Green plane interpolation	19	21
Residual interpolation	20	26
Local directional interpolation	13	14
Proposed	8	7

 Table 3: Comparison of computing resources

The Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) values shown in Tab. 4 and MSE value is given in Tab. 5. The PSNR is obtained by the differences of gray levels between the original image and demosaiced image for each channel and combining all channels, PSNR is obtained. Moreover, MSE value is also calculated. From the results, it's clearly understood the proposed approach attains better result when compared to other algorithms.

	Color	or PSNR (dB)					
Image no		Bilinear interpolation	Green plane interpolation	Residual interpolation	local directional interpolation	Convolution interpolation	Proposed method
1	RGB	39.465 40.045 39.787	38.565 41.216 38.788	39.465 42.045 39.787	38.295 41.059 38.654	39.417 42.942 40.226	41.826 43.446 41.929
2	RGB	42.668 43.675 42.744	43.310 45.059 42.166	43.668 45.675 42.744	43.138 44.927 42.143	43.693 46.428 43.385	43.492 47.386 42.384
3	RGB	40.656 43.871 39.838	40.113 42.013 39.055	40.656 42.871 39.838	39.969 42.005 39.052	40.885 44.159 40.643	42.961 45.964 41.476
4	RGB	42.278 42.963 40.518	41.433 42.874 39.219	42.278 43.963 40.518	41.525 42.966 39.381	42.676 44.778 40.562	41.944 43.426 40.505
5	RGB	39.465 40.045 39.787	38.565 41.216 38.788	39.465 42.045 39.787	38.295 41.059 38.654	39.417 42.942 40.226	41.826 43.446 41.929
6	RGB	42.758 44.423 43.187	43.228 46.891 43.559	43.758 45.423 44.187	42.093 46.749 42.380	42.411 44.592 43.357	43.525 44.632 43.708
7	RGB	39.065 41.253 39.355	39.586 41.564 38.395	40.065 42.253 39.355	39.328 41.421 38.662	41.200 40.446 40.960	39.720 42.570 39.193
8	RGB	41.457 43.259 42.407	43.062 45.843 41.530	43.457 46.259 42.407	42.446 45.791 41.579	43.339 45.944 42.374	43.424 46.693 43.832
9	RGB	35.242 36.134 35.251	34.407 37.425 34.422	35.242 38.134 35.251	34.257 37.316 34.344	35.331 38.942 35.379	40.518 42.682 41.093

Table 4: PSNR value comparison of database images

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	MSE					
Image no	Bilinear interpolation	Green plane interpolation	Residual interpolation	Local directional interpolation	Convolution interpolation	PROPOSED method
1	12.404	19.981	19.407	23.915	18.844	10.917
2	4.733	3.401	3.733	5.314	4.116	2.940
3	6.828	7.697	6.828	8.864	6.172	5.542
4	3.456	3.051	3.456	3.969	2.982	3.753
5	6.748	6.204	6.748	8.087	5.607	5.207
6	4.771	5.152	5.771	7.497	5.712	3.719
7	6.563	9.378	9.563	12.309	7.525	7.288
8	8.554	8.321	8.554	10.854	9.890	5.654
9	11.880	3.051	21.880	24.015	16.087	8.330
10	3.479	2.496	2.479	3.758	3.001	2.237
11	8.542	7.002	7.542	8.848	5.212	7.178
12	5.735	3.035	3.735	4.519	3.764	3.504

Table 5: Comparative analysis based on MSE measure

Fig. 14 shows the frequency of different interpolation methods. When analyzing Fig. 14, PLCI (Physical Link Connection Identifier) and edge-oriented interpolation methods utilize the minimum frequency. All the other methods are utilized in similar range of frequency between 260 and 270 MHz (megahertz)



Figure 14: Frequency (MHz) of different interpolation methods

6 Conclusion

An efficient image demosaicing using Newton Gregory interpolation in FPGA implementation is explained in this chapter. Implementing image processing on hardware reduces the cost and makes simpler for debugging and verification. The Newton interpolation with FPGA framework was implemented and the mathematical expressions are derived. To verify the efficiency of the proposed technique, the operation of planned system is equated with existing interpolation algorithms. The overall performance of FPGA and MATLAB implementation is analyzed. The FPGA implementation attains the

average PSNR of performance of 38.8 dB and MATLAB implementation attains 36.71 dB. This technique was done for both natural and medical images and experimental results carried out for FPGA and MATLAB.

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