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Preface

With the widespread use of the Internet and the rapid development of digital technology, more problems such as information security and copyright protection are encountered in the digital world. Among the solutions for these problems, digital watermarking is one of the popular techniques which has been investigated widely by researchers. Many different kinds of watermarking schemes have been proposed. They provide varied features and functions which can be employed to solve the problems encountered. This research book aims to introduce some novel digital watermarking techniques for digital data stored in image formats, and to introduce intelligent techniques into the existing watermarking systems for performance improvement.

This book is divided into four parts. In the first part, the motivation for this book and the importance of digital watermarking and intelligent technology are described. The organisation of this book is also introduced. In the second part, different kinds of watermarking schemes based on spatial domain, transform domain, and vector quantisation domain are introduced. Also, the group optimization techniques are considered for those mentioned watermarking systems. Some training procedures using genetic algorithms or tabu search are illustrated. By introducing the training procedure into the existing watermarking systems, the performance, such as imperceptibility, capability, or robustness, can be improved. Simulation results are presented to show their superiority. In the third part, several hybrid watermarking systems are illustrated. They demonstrate that by taking the consideration of digital watermarking into account, traditional image coding systems can then possess the ability of digital watermarking. Finally, in the last part, we conclude this book and propose some possible direction for future study.

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List of Abbreviations

- ANN = Artificial Neural Network
ART = Adaptive Resonance Theory
BCR = Bit Correct Rate
BER = Bit Error Rate
DCT = Discrete Cosine Transform
DWT = Discrete Wavelet Transform
EA = Evolutionary Algorithm
EANN = Evolutionary Artificial Neural Network
ED = Euclidean Distance
GA = Genetic Algorithm
GCP = Genetic Codebook Partition
GIA = Genetic Index Assignment
GPS = Genetic Pixel Selection
GSVQ = Gain-Shape Vector Quantisation
GWM = Genetic Watermark Modification
JPEG = Joint Photographic Experts Group
LBG = Linde-Buzo-Gray (Algorithm)
LSB = Last Significant Bit

- MDC = Multiple Description Coding
MDSQ = Multiple Description Scale Quantisation
MDVQ = Multiple Description Vector Quantisation
MSE = Mean Squared Error
MSVQ = Multi-Stage Vector Quantisation
NC = Normalized Correction
NN = Neural Network
PSNR = Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio
QF = Quality Factor
SNR = Signal-to-Noise Ratio
SOM = Self-Organising Map
TS = Tabu Search
VC = Visual Cryptography
VQ = Vector Quantisation
VSS = Visual Secret Sharing