

An Extended Review On Impulse Noise Reduction For Corrupted Images

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ABSTRACT

Image denoising is the core preprocessing work for digital images. The denoising process enhances the images from the corrupted status to the noise-free status. Many methods have been published in the literature to remove the salt and pepper noise in various image types. This survey paper makes an analysis on noise removal by considering the key-characteristics of the denoising field. This extended survey studies around 45 papers to impart the knowledge of denoising techniques for the young researchers. The comparison part is built-up via the fields such as algorithm-name, merit, demerit, MSE and input image-type. This survey assesses the working methodology of each paper with brief description, and it also handles about the target of each paper. This survey lights on the path of the fresh-researchers in the image-denoising field, to decide their target method with better adaptability to their research, because image denoising is the primary task for majority of image processing tasks.

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I INTRODUCTION

Normally, noise is presented in digital images during image acquisition, coding, transmission, and processing steps. It is very difficult to remove noise from the digital images without the prior knowledge of filtering techniques. Digital images can be classified as binary images, grayscale images and color images. Image noise means the random variation of brightness or color information in the captured images. It is the degradation in image signal caused by external sources. The various types of noise are: Gaussian noise, Impulse (Salt-and-pepper) noise, Shot noise, Quantization noise (uniform noise), Film grain, Anisotropic noise and Periodic noise. One of the noises commonly corrupting digital images is the impulse noise. Therefore, impulse noise reduction has become one of the active researches in these recent years [1]. Impulse noise appears as black and white speckles on the image [2]. According to the distribution of noisy pixel values, impulse noise can be classified into two categories: Fixed-Valued impulse noise and Random Valued impulse noise. The Fixed Values impulse noise is also known as Salt and Pepper noise, since the pixel value of a noisy pixel is either minimum or maximum value in grayscale images. Impulsive noise is sometimes called as salt-and-pepper noise or spike noise. It represents itself as arbitrarily occurring white and black pixels. An image that contains impulsive noise will have dark pixels in bright regions and bright pixels in dark regions. It can be caused by dead pixels, analog-to-digital converter errors and transmitted bit errors [3]. The goal of image denoising is to remove noise and to preserve more image details [4]. This paper reviews various papers of noise reduction techniques.

II SURVEY METHODS ON IMAGE DENOISING

Amlan Kundu et al. [5] describe a method for removing impulse noise from images using Median filtering approach. This work is abbreviated as NR-MF, and the disadvantage is, when the noise corruption probability hikes its efficiency reduces.

Ho-Ming Lin et al. [6] reveal an algorithm for improving the impulse noise removal process using an adaptive window-size median filter which have a high degree of noise reduction. The image sharpness is also maintained, and it is abbreviated as NR-AWMF. The performance is poor for mixed impulse noise.

H. Hwang et al. [7] describe a method for removing impulse noise by adaptive median filter which have two variants namely Ranked-order Based Adaptive Median Filter (RAMF) and the impulse Size based Adaptive Median Filter (SAMF). The RAMF removes positive and negative impulses, and it is abbreviated as NR-RAMF. Herein, occurrence of artefact is the demerit.

Eduardo Abreu et al. [8] describe a new efficient approach for the removal of impulse noise based on rank-ordered mean filter, and it is abbreviated as NR-ROMF. Here, increment in computational complexity is the disadvantage of this method.

D. Zhang et al. [9] describe a method for noise detection and removal, using fuzzy techniques which works based on two techniques namely fuzzy impulse detection and fuzzy noise cancellation. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-FT, and the best restoration results are obtained after two or three iterations.

Zhou Wang et al. [10] reveal an algorithm to remove impulse noise from corrupted images using Long-Range Correlation. This algorithm is abbreviated as NR-LRC. The disadvantage of this method is that it cannot perform well when noise ratio is high.

Tao Chen et al. [11] reveal a novel nonlinear filter, called Tri-state Median Filter and, the standard median filter and the center weighted median filter are involved. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-TSM, and here edges are not preserved.

Piotr S. Windyga [12] proposes a generic-dimensional filter via recursive nonlinear filter to eliminate the impulsive noise, and it is abbreviated as NR-GDF which has a slight smoothing effect on non-noisy image regions.

F.J. Gallegos-Funes et al. [13] propose a new method known as Median M-type K-nearest neighbour filter, that uses R and M estimators. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-MKN and the disadvantage of this method is that it consumes much time.

Gouchol Pok et al. [14] propose a decision-based, signal adaptive median filtering algorithm which works based on two stages. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-DSAM. The false noise detection is very low and that is the disadvantage.

M. Emin Yukselet et al. [15] describe a method for efficient blur reduction during impulse noise removal operation using Neuro-Fuzzy Impulse Detector. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-NFID and training is a must one which is the disadvantage.

Igor Aizenberg et al. [16] put-forth a new filter for impulsive noise removal using threshold Boolean filtering, and it is abbreviated as NR-TBF which consumes more time.

S.Q.Yuan [17] proposes a different-type noise detector for adaptive median filter, and it is abbreviated as NR-DDAM which consumes much time and this is the disadvantage.

Deng Ze-Feng [18] proposes a novel open-close sequence filter to remove impulse noise in highly corrupted images which consists two filters using open-close sequences, and the disadvantage is that it is used to restore images that are corrupted by 30%–80%, and it is abbreviated as NR-OSF.

A.S. Awad et al. [19] put-forth a high performance detection filter for impulse noise removal using four-phase noise detection technique. The random valued impulse noise is solved using a window size of 5x5 pixels and it is abbreviated as NR-HPD which restores images with blur.

Zhengya Xu et al. [20] reveal a geometric features-based filtering technique which is very useful for online applications to suppress impulse noise which is abbreviated as NR-GFF. Herein, the occurrence of block artifacts is the demerit.

Siti Noraini Sulaiman et al. [21] reveal a clustering-based segmentation algorithm which has three variations namely, Denoising-based-K-means, Denoising-based-Fuzzy C-means and Denoising-based-Moving K-means. This work is abbreviated as NR-CBS and the disadvantage is not applicable to images which are corrupted by more than 50% of Salt-and-Pepper noise.

Zhengya Xu et al. [22] describe a modified decision based unsymmetrical trimmed median filter algorithm for the restoration of gray-scale, and color images , and this work is abbreviated as NR-UTM. The disadvantage is that it is ineffective for salt and pepper noise removal in images at low noise densities.

Zhe Zhou [23] puts-forth an algorithm for impulse noise removal with uncertainty via weighted fuzzy mean filter which is based on cloud model. It is abbreviated as NR-CMF and the disadvantage is that it can only detect the fixed-valued impulse noise.

Lianghai Jin et al. [24] describe a new quaternion vector filter for removal of random impulse noise in color video sequences. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-QVF and Video chromaticity changes are not clearly explained in this algorithm.

Faruk Ahmed et al. [25] describe a novel adaptive iterative fuzzy filter for denoising images corrupted by impulse noise and the two steps of algorithm are Detection of noisy pixels with an adaptive fuzzy detector and Weighted mean filter. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-AIF and the disadvantage is that it is not applicable for huge noise level.

Tian Bai et al. [26] reveal a method for automatic detection and removal of high-density impulse noises, that consists of the two parts like impulse detection part and the impulse noise removal part, and it is abbreviated as NR-AD. The disadvantage is that it can remove the impulse noise only from less than ninety percent noise corruption level.

Ruixiang Wang et al. [27] describe a method to remove random-valued impulse noise with varying sizes and irregular shapes, and it is abbreviated as NR-RVI which has a rotation process that may introduce sampling errors.

Chun Lung Philip Chen et al. [28] describe, a weighted couple sparse representation model to remove impulse noise, and the image pixels are classified into clear, slightly corrupted, and heavily corrupted ones. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-WCS and it cannot be used for color image.

Yi Wang et al. [29] propose a novel adaptive fuzzy switching weighted mean filter to remove salt-and-pepper noise, which involves dual stages viz. noise detection and noise elimination. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-AFSW and it has the demerit of that the restoration quality is less.

Arpad Gellert et al. [30] present a image denoising method for impulse noise in greyscale images using a context-based prediction scheme, which is abbreviated as NR-CBPF. The disadvantage is the computational time required is very high.

Xiaotian Wang et al. [31] propose a high quality impulse noise removal via non-uniform sampling and autoregressive modelling based super-resolution, and it is abbreviated as NR-USAM. The disadvantage is that the proposed method exhibits good denoising performance in a specific noise density range only.

Bernardino Roig et al. [32] put-forth a localised rank-ordered differences vector filter for suppression of high-density impulse noise in colour images, and it is abbreviated as NR-VF. The demerit is that the computational complexity is high.

Amarjit Roy [33] puts-forth a combination of adaptive vector median filter and weighted mean filter for removal of high density impulse noise from colour images, and it is abbreviated as NR-AVM. The disadvantage of this method is that the computational complexity is increased.

Qing-Qiang Chen et al. [34] describe an effective and adaptive algorithm for pepper-and-salt noise removal, and it is abbreviated as NR-EAA. This noise-detection process achieves high correct-detection and low false-alarm rates.

Karen Panetta et al. [35] describe a New Unified Impulse Noise Removal algorithm using a new Reference Sequence-to-Sequence Similarity Detector, and it is abbreviated as NR-RSSS. This new detector will generate a flag matrix showing the position of noisy pixels.

Vikas Singh et al. [36] describe an Adaptive Type-2 Fuzzy Approach for Filtering Salt and Pepper noise in gray scale images, and it is abbreviated as NR-ATF. The computational time is relatively higher and this is the demerit of this method.

Samsad Beagum Sheik Fareed et al. [37] put-forth a fast adaptive and selective mean filter for the removal of high-density salt and pepper noise, and it requires only a minimum of one or two good pixels in the nearest neighbourhood for restoration. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-SMF and it consumes much time for high-density salt and pepper noise removal.

V.P. Ananthi et al. [38] describe a impulse noise detection technique based on fuzzy set, and it is abbreviated as NR-FS. In low noise level it is not much effective.

Kyong Hwan Jin et al. [39] propose a Sparse and Low-Rank Decomposition of a Hankel Structured Matrix for impulse noise removal, and herein, Texture patterns are preserved. This work is abbreviated as NR-SLRD. This algorithm is called as robust ALOHA.

M. Monajati [40] describes a Modified Inexact Arithmetic Median Filter for removing Salt-and-Pepper noise from gray-level Images using histogram based error dispersion plot, and this method is abbreviated as NR- MIAM which has the disadvantage of that the quality of the image is very low.

Jiayi Chen et al. [41] describe an Adaptive Sequentially Weighted Median Filter for removing impulse noise, and the demerit of this filter is that no significant superiority in computational time. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-ASWM.

Ugur Erkan et al. [42] propose an Iterative Mean Filter (IMF) to eliminate the salt-and-pepper noise using a window size of 3×3 that preserves the structure and edge information. The demerit of this method is that the random-valued impulse noise cannot be removed, and this method is abbreviated as NR-IMF.

Xiaoqin Zhang et al. [43] describe an Exemplar-based image denoising algorithms for image restoration, which uses a Unified Low-rank Recovery Framework. Herein, this method is abbreviated as NR-EB and this work is intolerant against artifacts.

Zhongtao Luo et al. [44] describe a novel design of nonlinearity pre-processor for impulsive noise suppression, and this method is robust and used for communication and radar systems, which is abbreviated as NR-NP. This method is intolerant against artifacts.

Qianqian Liu et al. [45] describe a nonlinear spline adaptive filter based on the robust Geman-McClure estimator. Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-SAF and the demerits of this method is the low speed and cannot be applicable for low magnitude noise.

The author Qi Wang et al. [46] describe a denoising scheme based on fractional differential theory, and it is abbreviated as NR-FDT. The demerit of this method is the creation of Local distortion in enhanced images.

Lianghai Jin et al. [47] describe an image recovery method based on deep convolutional neural networks for impulse noise removal, which consists of two components such as a classifier network and a regression network, and this work is abbreviated as NR-DCNN.

Chunwei Tian et al. [48] describe an Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (DCNNs) for image denoising, and it is abbreviated as NR-MDNN. The growth of the depth in deep networks may result in performance degradation and it is the disadvantage of this method.

C. Jaspin Jeba Sheela et al. [49] describe an efficient denoising of impulse noise from MRI using adaptive switching modified decision based unsymmetric trimmed median filter Herein, it is abbreviated as NR-DMRI. This work is intolerant against artifacts.

III ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1: Analysis on merits, demerits and MSE

S.NO.	METHODS	MERIT	DEMERIT	MSE
1	NR-MF	Fast execution	As the probability of noise corruption increases its performance decreases	674.6529
2	NR-AWMF	Image sharpness is preserved	Performance is poor for mixed impulse noise	653.2515
3	NR-RAMF	Sharpness of the images are preserved	Occurrence of artefact	528.5431
4	NR-ROMF	Improved restoration performance	Increase in computational complexity	522.4929
5	NR-FT	Subjective quality is very good	Best restoration results are obtained after two or three iterations	528.5431
6	NR-LRC	Visual qualities of the restored images are good	Perform worst when noise ratio is high	522.4929
7	NR-TSM	Preserves the image details and suppresses the impulse noise effectively	Edges are not preserved	524.9046
8	NR-GDF	Slight smoothing effect on non-noisy image regions	Excessively contaminated	520.0923
9	NR-MKN	Restoration performance is better	Consumes much time	516.5120
10	NR-DSAM	Can detect almost all noise	False noise detection is very low	508.2535
11	NR-NFID	Reduces the blurring effects	Detector must be trained using computer generated artificial images	510.5995
12	NR-TBF	Solve the edge preservation problem	Consumes more time	501.2800
13	NR-DDAM	Computational complexity is smaller	Consumes much time	503.5938
14	NR-OSF	Highly noise corrupted images	Images corrupted by 30%–80% impulse noise only can be used	490.9988
15	NR-HPD	Color images can also be restored	Restored images are blur	494.4022

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16	NR-GFF	Very useful for online applications	Occurrence of block artifacts	482.0370
17	NR-CBS	Preserves the important features on digital image	Not applicable to Images which are corrupted by more than 50% of Salt-and-Pepper noise	475.4232
18	NR-UTM	Images that are highly corrupted by salt and pepper noise images are used here.	Ineffective for salt and pepper noise removal in images at low noise densities	467.8217
19	NR-CMF	Texture details and the edges are preserved even for 95% noise level images	Only detect the fixed-valued impulse noise	438.6119
20	NR-QVF	Outperforms in terms of both objective measure and visual evaluation	Video chromaticity changes are not clearly explained	419.8367
21	NR-AIF	Even at the noise level 97% the performance is good	Not applicable for noise greater than 97%	415.9876
22	NR-AD	Perfect performance in terms of both quantitative evaluation and visual quality	Can remove the impulse noise only from less than 90% noise corruption level	411.2259
23	NR-RVI	Particle noise in hydro-colonoscopy images are effectively removed	Sampling errors occur	378.5127
24	NR-WCS	Preserves more image details and texture information	Method cannot be used for color image	365.6625
25	NR-AFSW	Keeps more texture details and is better at removing SAP noise and depressing artifacts	Restoration quality is less	371.6040
26	NR- CBPF	Significant advantage on images containing textures	Computational time required is very high	332.7212
27	NR- USAM	Image edges and details are preserved	Performance is not good if the noise density goes beyond the range 10% - 90%	358.1628
28	NR-VF	Retain details of fine lines and edges	Computational complexity is high	317.7462
29	NR- AVM	High density impulse noise can be removed	Computational complexity is increased	302.7474
30	NR- EAA	Achieves high correct-detection	Low false-alarm rates	310.5135
31	NR- RSSS	Ability to accurately locate the positions of noise, retain edge information	Computational complexity is high	282.5403

32	NR- ATF	Edges are preserved	Computational time is relatively higher	288.4566
33	NR- SMF	Best quality of images are produced	Consumes time for high-density salt and pepper noise removal	274.8403
34	NR- FS	When the level of noise is high denoising method is more efficient	In low noise level it is not much effective	309.7993
35	NR- SLRD	Texture patterns are preserved	Intolerant against artifacts	261.2645
36	NR- MIAM.	Effectively low cost in power, area, and speed	Quality of the image is very low	228.0765
37	NR-ASWM	Preserves the structure and edge information	Not applicable for real-time image denoising	256.4959
38	NR-IMF	Preserves the structure and edge information	Random-valued impulse noise cannot be removed	235.0068
39	NR-EB	Texture of the image is preserved	Intolerant against artifacts	239.9277
40	NR-NP	Robust and used for communication and radar systems	Intolerant against artifacts	225.9854
41	NR-SAF	Good stable performance against the impulsive noise	Low speed and not applicable for low magnitude noise	227.5519
42	NR-FDT	Edges and texture of the image are preserved	Local distortion of the enhanced image	169.0754
43	NR-DCNN	Excellently removes impulse noise	Noise levels from 10% to 60% only be denoised	219.8267
44	NR-MDNN	Texture and edges of the image is preserved	Performance degradation	173.8123
45	NR-DMRI	Used for noise reduction in gray scale MR Images	Intolerant against artifacts	155.2675

The Table 1 describes the merits of the 45 image denoising methods. It also reveals the demerits of the concerned noise reduction methods. This table involves with the values of the standard metric namely MSE. The MSE computes the measure of closeness of the two images viz. Original image I_{OI} and Noise-free image I_{NFI} using Equation (1).

$$MSE = \frac{1}{h*w} \sum_{i=0}^{H-1} \sum_{j=0}^{W-1} (I_{OI}^{i,j} - I_{NFI}^{i,j})^2 \tag{1}$$

The lesser-value of MSE means better denoising.

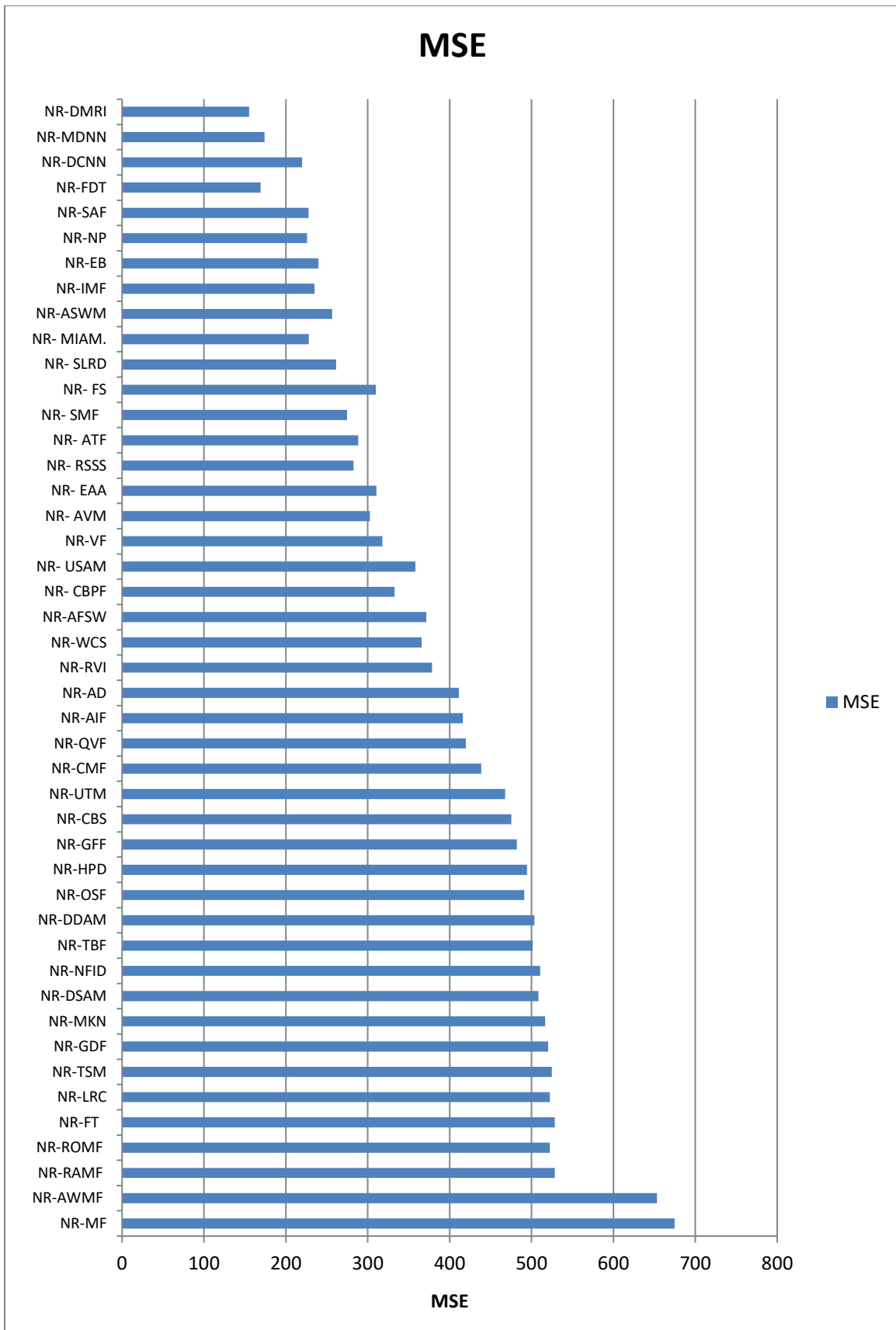


Fig.1: Chart for MSE analysis.

The Figure 1 depicts the MSE analysis for the entire 45 image-denoising methods. The low

MSE provider is the NR-DMRI method. The lowest MSE obtained by this method is 155.2675 for 60% noise corruption. The high MSE provider is NR-MF method which acquires the value of 674.6529.

Table 2: Analysis on denoising algorithm and input image type

METHOD	PUBLIC ATION	YEAR	AUTHOR NAME	DE-NOISING TECHNIQUE	APPLICABLE IMAGE TYPES
NR-MF	IEEE	1984	Amlan Kundu et al.	Adaptive window	Grey scale
NR-AWMF	IEEE	1988	Ho-Ming Lin et al.	Adaptive window-size median filter	Grey scale
NR-RAMF	IEEE	1995	Jorge D. Mendiola-Santibanez et al.	RAMF andSAMF	Grey scale
NR-ROMF	IEEE	1996	Eduardo Abreu et al.	Rank-ordered mean filter	Grey scale
NR-FT	IEEE	1997	D. Zhang et al.	Fuzzy techniques	Grey scale
NR-LRC	IEEE	1998	Zhou Wang et al.	Long-Range Correlation	Grey scale
NR-TSM	IEEE	1999	Tao Chen et al.	Nonlinear filter, called tri-state median (TSM) filter	Grey scale
NR-GDF	IEEE	2001	Piotr S. Windyga	Recursive nonlinear filter	Real images
NR-MKN	IEEE	2002	F.J. Gallegos-Funes et al.	Median M-type K-nearest neighbour (MM-KNN) filter	Real images
NR-DSAM	IEEE	2003	Gouchol Pok et al.	Decision-based, signal adaptive median filtering	Real images
NR-NFID	IEEE	2004	M. Emin Yukselet et al.	Neuro-Fuzzy Impulse Detector	Real images
NR-TBF	IEEE	2005	Igor Aizenberg et al.	Threshold Boolean filtering	Real images
NR-DDAM	IEEE	2006	S.Q. Yuan	Adaptive median filter	Real images
NR-OSF	IEEE	2007	Deng Ze-Feng	Open-close sequence filter	Grey scale
NR-HPD	IEEE	2008	A.S. Awad et al.	High performance detection filter	Grey scale
NR-GFF	IEEE	2009	Zhengya Xu et al.	Geometric features-based filtering	Grey scale
NR-CBS	IEEE	2010	Siti Noraini Sulaiman et al.	Clustering-based segmentation	Grey scale

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NR-UTM	IEEE	2011	Zhengya Xu et al.	Unsymmetrical trimmed median filter	Both gray-scale and color images
NR-CMF	IEEE	2012	Zhe Zhou	Cloud model filter	Grey scale
NR-QVF	IEEE	2013	Lianghai Jin et al.	Quaternion vector filter	Color video images
NR-AIF	IEEE	2014	Faruk Ahmed et al.	Adaptive iterative fuzzy filter	Grey scale
NR-AD	IET	2015	Tian Bai et al.	Newton–Thiele filter	Grey scale
NR-RVI	IEEE	2015	Ruixuang Wang et al.	Low-rank matrix	Grey scale
NR-WCS	IEEE	2015	Chun Lung Philip Chen et al.	Weighted Couple Sparse	Grey scale
NR-AFSW	IEEE	2016	Yi Wang et al.	Adaptive fuzzy switching weighted mean filter	Grey scale
NR- CBPF	IET	2016	Arpad Gellert et al.	Context-based prediction scheme	Grey scale
NR-USAM	IET	2016	Xiaotian Wang et al.	Non-uniform sampling and autoregressive modelling based super-resolution	Grey scale
NR-VF	IET	2016	Bernardino Roig et al.	Localised rank-ordered differences vector filter	Colour images
NR- AVM	IET	2016	Amarjit Roy	Adaptive vector median filter and weighted mean filter	Colour images
NR- EAA	IET	2017	Qing-Qiang Chen et al.	Effective and adaptive algorithm	Grey scale
NR- RSSS	IEEE	2018	Karen Panetta et al.	Weighted median filter	Grey scale
NR- ATF	IEEE	2018	Vikas Singh et al.	Type-2 fuzzy filter	Grayscale Images
NR- SMF	IET	2018	Samsad Beagum Sheik Fareed et al.	Adaptive and selective mean filter	Grey scale
NR- FS	IET	2018	V.P. Ananthi et al.	Hankel Structured Matrix	Grey scale
NR- SLRD	IEEE	2018	Kyong Hwan Jin et al.	Switching median filter	Grey scale
NR- MIAM.	IEEE	2019	M. Monajati et al.	Inexact Arithmetic Median Filter	Grey scale
NR-ASWM	IEEE	2019	Jiayi Chen et al	Adaptive Sequentially Weighted Median Filter	Grey scale

NR-IMF	IEEE	2019	Ugur Erkan et al	Iterative Mean Filter	Grey scale
NR-EB	IEEE	2019	Xiaoqin Zhang et al.	Exemplar-based	Hyperspectral Digital
NR-NP	IEEE	2019	Zhongtao Luo et al.	Novel Nonlinearity Based	Grey scale
NR-SAF	IEEE	2020	Qianqian Liu et al.	Novel spline adaptive filtering	Grey scale
NR-FDT	Elsevier	2020	Qi Wang et al.	Fractional differential gradient	Grey scale
NR-DCNN	Elsevier	2020	Lianghai Jin et al.	Deep convolutional neural networks	Grey scale
NR-MDNN	Elsevier	2020	Chunwei Tian et al.	Deep convolutional neural networks	Gray scale MR Images
NR-DMRI	Elsevier	2020	C. Jaspin Jeba Sheela et al.	Adaptive switching MDBUTMF filter	Gray scale MR Images

The Table 2 tabulates the publishing-related-information, the names of denoising algorithms and the types of input images, involved in image denoising. Majority methods support grey scale images while limited methods supports color images. This survey declares that the NR-DMRI method is the best one among the entire 45 existing methods considered by this analysis.

IV CONCLUSION

This review paper focuses on the image denoising techniques to understand the positive and negative things of the concerned methods. This paper constructs an extended survey via 45 existing methods. These 45 recent papers are selected from the state-of-the-art journals to reveal the pre-eminent survey. This survey analyzes the denoising accuracy using MSE metrics. The merit and demerits are tabulated to assess the adaptability of those methods with specific type of digital images. The NR-DMRI method yields lowest MSE value which indicates that the NR-DMRI method is the best image denoising for salt and pepper noise. The NR-FDT method is the second best method which provides a better level MSE. The algorithms involved in those 45 papers are expressed in the survey. The input image types are also handled here to have better knowledge. This survey is the best one to understand the existing denoising methods to employ it as a pre-processing task.

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