

Optimized Features of SIFT Transform Function for Digital Image Watermarking using Hybrid Swarm Intelligence and Neural Network



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Abstract: Authentication of digital multi-media is a challenging task in the current scenario of internet technology for the authentication of digital multi-media data used digital watermarking techniques. The feature-based watermarking techniques provide the robustness of digital watermarking methods. In this paper proposed optimized features based digital watermarking techniques using a neural network. For the process of features, optimization used hybrid swarm intelligence algorithms. The hybrid algorithms are a combination of PSO and ACO. The PSO used as feature optimizer and ACO used for the selection of features point for the processing of neural network models. Two neural networks models used BP and RBF. The property of both models is different for the processing of data and desired output for the enhancement of the proposed model used cascaded neural network models using BP and RBF. The cascaded models generate dynamic patterns for the embedding of a digital watermark. The dynamic patterns provide the randomness of the pixel value and decrease the value of attack predication. The proposed algorithms have been tested on an extensive database of 300 images. The analysis of the proposed algorithm is satisfactory against different types of attacks and enhance the strength of robustness.

Keywords : ACO, Digital Image Watermarking, Neural Network, PSO, SIFT, Swarm intelligence.

I. INTRODUCTION

The generation of multimedia data is increasing in the current age of technology. The generated data transmitted over the internet faced a problem of integrity and authentication [1, 2]. The lack of authentication and integrity data easily tampered and distributed. For the prevention of misuse of multimedia data required copyright protection methods. The digital watermarking techniques provide copyright protection. The implementation of digital watermarking techniques in multimedia data in two different modes of operation one is pixel-based methods, and others are

feature-based methods. The pixel-based methods work based on shifting of pixel left to right and randomness of the pixel in the source image and symbol image [1-4]. The robustness of pixel-based image watermarking algorithms is a week and easily tampered by the attacker. Instead of pixel-based methods, the feature-based watermarking algorithm is much robust. The feature-based watermarking techniques used a transform-based function such as discreet wavelet transforms function (DWT), scale-invariant feature transform, and many more Fourier based function [5-8]. The transform-based function enriches property of texture in this paper proposed feature-based watermarking techniques.

The process of features extraction extracts the all features property of raw images. The extracted features are a collection of low intensity, high intensity, and some distorted intensity of data. The distorted intensity of data creates the week pattern of watermark embedding. The week embedding process easily threats very attacker. For the better selection of features used features optimization process. The process of features optimization used swarm-based optimization algorithms [9, 10, 21]. The swarm-based algorithms are multi-objective and multi constraint-based fitness function and generate a better optimal solution instead of unguided algorithms for the optimization of features used particle swarm optimization and ant colony optimization [13-18]. The particle and ant colony optimization both are used features optimization for better selection and generation of patterns. For the betterment of features, optimization combined both swarm algorithms and improved the performance of features optimization [20]. The improved features optimization normalized the value of noise. The normalized value of noise increases the strength of features. Besides, the preservation of edge and quality of texture data is very important during the extraction of texture features form the raw image. If the edge and texture features cannot preserve the quality of watermarking image is decline and watermark image easy to attack. Due to fast and effective learning of cascaded neural network improved the robustness and imperceptibility of watermarking instead of conventional neural network models [1]. For the generation of a dynamic pattern used cascaded neural network models. The cascading of neural network models used two models BP neural network models and RBF neural networks models. The RBF neural network models generate the pattern randomness of optimized features. Several improved features-based models have been proposed [11, 19, 23, 39].

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The embedding process of watermarking based on neural network assure the full copyright protection, but the process of network is very sensitive against attacks. The performance of neural network-based methods has poor due to minimum randomness of patterns, so direct acceptability of models in watermarking approach is not good.

The scale factor of neural network-based image watermarking is sensitive Against noise attack. Each feature point of watermark image required scale factor, for the improvement of scale factor. The process has used optimization algorithm for the improvement of scale factor. The process needs optimization algorithm such as genetic algorithm (GA), particle swarm optimization (PSO) and other swarm-based optimization algorithms. The used optimization algorithms improved the value of scale factor and enhanced the robustness of digital image watermarking. The proposed watermarking algorithms improved the robustness of digital image watermarking.

In this paper, the proposed algorithms simulated in MATLAB software and tested with a collection of 300 image dataset. The image dataset is a collection of different categories of images. The rest of paper is organized as follows in section II. SHIFT transform function. In section III, discuss the swarm optimization process in section, IV discuss neural network models and cascaded algorithms for the process of embedding. In section, V discuss the experimental process based on geometrical attacks and finally discuss the conclusion and future work direction in VI.

II. SFIT TRANSFORM FUNCTION

The process of SIFT function generates features key point of digital image. The process of features extraction describes here [29-32]:

Step 1 – Scaling of Space:

The process of mapping pf 2D image data into 2D SIFT transform the process of transfer used linear kernel scaling factor the derivation as:

$$f_{out} = K_n * f_{in}$$

Where,

K_n – kernel

f_{in} - input signal

* - convolution operation

Scale-space $S(x, y, \sigma)$ of image $I(x, y)$ is expressed mathematically as:

$$S(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y)$$

$$G(x, y, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Where,

$G(x, y, \sigma)$ - scale variable Gaussian function

(x, y) - spatial coordinates

σ - scale-space factor (using image's smoothness)

The feature point value denoted by σ . The maximum value of σ denoted a good feature value and the minimum value of σ extract minimum feature.

The process of **DOG(difference of Gaussian)** space describe mathematically as:

$$D(x, y, \sigma) = [G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)] * I(x, y) = S(x, y, k\sigma) - S(x, y, \sigma)$$

Where,

$I(x, y)$ - input image

k - multiple of 2 neighboring scale-spaces

* - convolution operation.

To measure high and low value of $D(x, y, \sigma)$, each feature points matched with its neighbor.

Step 2 – calculate the feature points:

The orientation and location of the feature points, the inner points of orientation is called feature point and left outer point is calculated in step 3 formula.

Step 3 - formula:

$$\begin{cases} \theta(x, y) = \tan^{-1} 2 \{ [I_L(x, y + 1) - I_L(x, y - 1)] / [I_L(x + 1, y) - I_L(x - 1, y)] \} \\ g(x, y) = \sqrt{[I_L(x + 1, y) - I_L(x - 1, y)]^2 + [I_L(x, y + 1) - I_L(x, y - 1)]^2} \end{cases}$$

Where,

$\theta(x, y)$ - orientation of the gradient

$g(x, y)$ - magnitude

The direction of key points is visualized by histogram the maximum gradient direction of feature key points collects as feature descriptor. The collected feature point creates feature matrix. The collected feature matrix shown in figure 1:

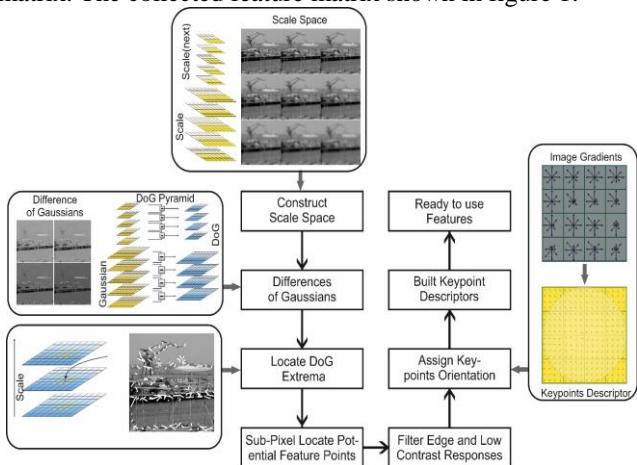


Fig. 1. Process block diagram of feature extraction process of SIFT transform function.

III. SWARM INTELLIGENCE ALGORITHMS

Swarm intelligence inspired by the biological flying kits and nature inspired function in artificial intelligence. The nature of swarm intelligence is meta-heuristic and diverse solution of define problem[33-36]. In this section describe the two swarm-based algorithms such as PSO and ACO algorithm. Also describe the process of hybrid swarm optimization in the process of features optimization[37, 38].**ACO (Ant colony optimization)**

ACO algorithm was discussed by Dorigo (1992). It is based on population heuristic evolutionary algorithm; it is inspired by the biological ant and its grouped working of the ants. It has been confirmed that defined algorithm finds on a comparable good optimization result's solution in solving issues[39, 40, 41, 42, 43]. The ACO algorithm based on the action of many separately and responding of information. Although the acting of ant is normal, the actions of complete group of ant is acceptable. The ACO algorithm has the distributed computing's properties, heuristic search and positive feedback. It is a heuristic global optimization algorithm in the evolutionary algorithm. In process of the evolution,



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18. $\text{Pattern}^i \leftarrow \{\sum_{wI \in W_1} w_I, \dots, \sum_{wI \in W_c} w_I\}$
19. Update w_I of neural input
20. end if
21. $i \leftarrow i + 1$;
22. end if
23. end for
24. return $DP(\text{dynamic pattern})$

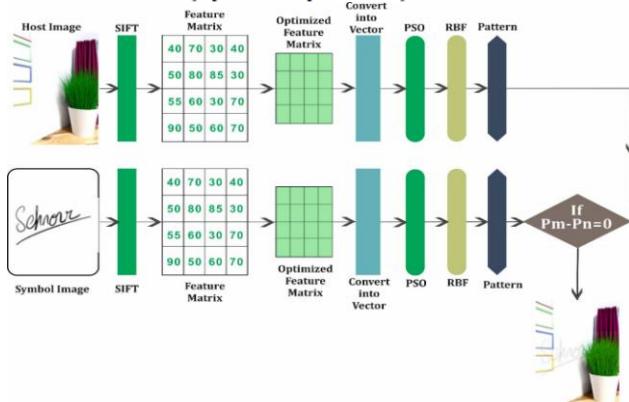


Fig.3. process block diagram of watermarking using RBF neural network and particle swarm optimization.

SHIFT-BP-ACO

Process the input vector of feature points $F_t \in \mathcal{R}^D$ at the stage of input vector of *BP Neural Network* model. The constraints function of learning of *BP Neural Network* model is $m << n$. The optimal process of SIFT process through ACO and reduces the dissimilarity of features points. The process of algorithms describes here.

1. Input: a SIFT feature point for the BP model
2. Output: *dynamic pattern* DP_{Pf})
3. Compute $D_{(P_t, k)}$ and $k - \text{disimarity}(p_t)$
4. for all $DP \in BP_{(f_t, k)}$ do
5. estimate local pattern $-Lp(f_t, DP)$
6. end for
7. $W_{\text{update}} \leftarrow ACO \{ \text{the set of ants} \}$
8. for all $DP \in W_{\text{update}}$ and $FP \in M_{(DG, K)}$ do
9. Update $k - \text{disimarity}(DP)$ and $\text{cluster} - ds(ACO, DP)$
10. if $DP_{(FP, k)}$ then
11. $W_{\text{update}} \leftarrow W_{\text{update}} \cup \{DP\}$
12. end if
13. end for
14. for all $DP \in W_{\text{update}}$ do
15. Update $FD(DP)$ and $FD(\{ACO_{o, k}\})$
16. end for
17. return $DP(\text{dynamic pattern})$

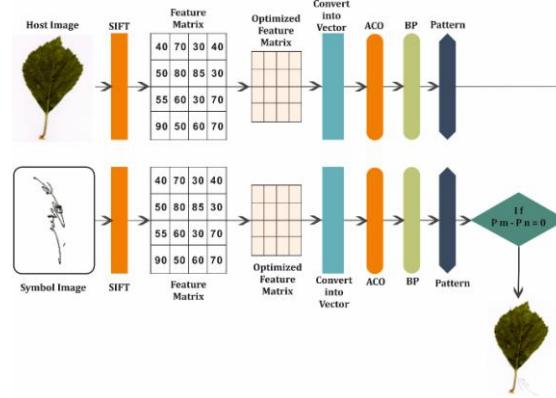


Fig.4. process block diagram of watermarking using BP neural network and ant colony optimization.

CASCADED ALGORITHMS

The cascading of BP and RBF function used in single step process. The training pattern of optimal features process with pattern of clustered generated by BP neural network [57].

1. If $BP = 0$, define the all value of initial input state
2. If $RBF > 0$ the condition of cluster pattern with minimization of minimum desired output.
3. If $F_{\text{optimal}} < 0$, the condition of features processing for the pattern generation.

Algorithm 1. Cascading process of algorithms

Input: set the value of neural network input $NN = \{NN_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$

Output: O – the dynamic pattern of watermark.

Begin

Step 1. Process the value of learning factor $L = \emptyset$

Step 2. Estimate $PC(BP; NN_i)$ for each input of network, $i = 1, \dots, n$

Step 3. $P_f = RBF$; pattern of features assign NN_i

Then, $Pf \leftarrow PC\{NN_i\}; Pf \leftarrow PC \cup \{NN_i\}; n Pf_s = pf_s - 1$ set

Step 4. while $pf \neq \emptyset$ **do**

Estimate the value of F_{optimal} to find NN_i where $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, Fs\}$;

$Pf = pf - 1$;

if ($RBF > 0$) then

$Pf \leftarrow Pf \cup \{W_i\}$

end

end

Step 5 find the optimal pattern for the process of embedding.
return Pf

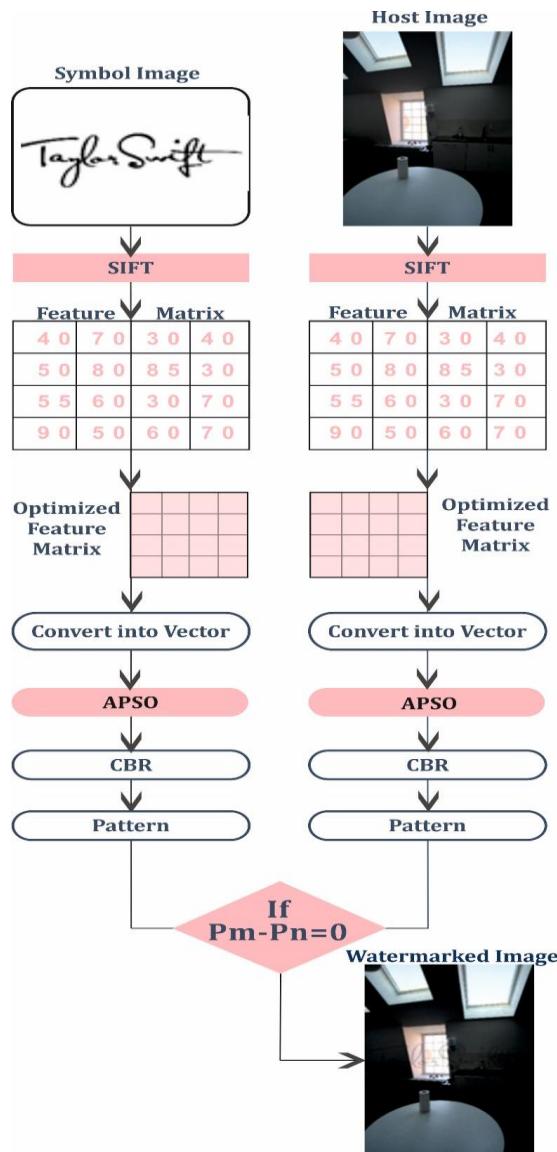


Fig.5. process block diagram of watermarking using CBR neural network and APSO.

V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT ANALYSIS

The proposed algorithms of watermarking are tested on 300 color image datasets. the datasets of color image consist of different categories such as person, flower, peppers and etc. these image datasets collected from CVG_UGR datasets. For the analysis of algorithms used following hardware and operating system, (1) the machine equid with intel core 7 process with operating system windows 10. (2) in this operating system used MATLAB software for the implementation of algorithms. Measuring the performance of algorithms used following formula according to our define objective.

RMSE factor estimate the error deference value of source image and final watermark image [42,45,23,29].

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{mn} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [I_{image}(i,j) - I''_{image}(i,j)]^2} \dots \quad (5)$$

where $m \times n$ is the resolution of $I(i,j)$ is the pixel location, I_{image} is the source image, and I''_{image} is the watermarked image. Then PSNR value is calculated as

$$PSNR = 20 \log_{10} \frac{\text{Max}(I_{image})}{RMSE} \dots \dots \dots \quad (6)$$

Calculated value of robustness used this formula as

$$NC = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} W_f(i,j) - W_d(i,j)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} W_o^2(i,j)} \times \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} W_E^2(i,j)}} \right) \dots \dots \dots \quad (7)$$

Where W_f is the source watermark and W_d is decoded watermark

The similarity percentage is estimated as

$$sim = \left(1 - \frac{RMSE}{MAX(I_{image})} \times 100 \right) \% \dots \dots \dots \quad (8)$$

Table 1 discuss the process of watermark embedding with host image and symbol image and finally generated with the watermark image. Also try to attack for watermark image such as cropping, scaling, Row-Column Blanking, rotation, image flappling, noise attack and etc.

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Sr. No.	Host	Symbol	Watermarked Image
1.	Leaf	Roger	Cropping
2.	Grass	Schoner	Rotation
3.	Kitchen	Taylor	Image Flipping
4.	Fridge	Kings	Row-Column Blanking

5.

Furniture



Lara



Scaling

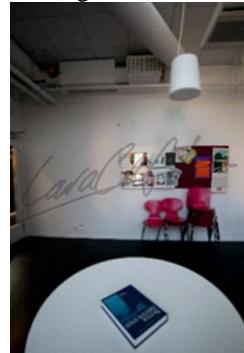


Table 2 shows the experimental analysis of watermark image with different types of attacks and estimate their variation in concern of PSNR, NC and percentage of similarity of target image. The cascaded neural network methods achieve high performance value and great strength against attacks.

Method	Size	Host Image	Symbol Image	Watermarked Image
1. SIFT-BP-ACO	256x256	Leaf.jpg	Roger.jpg	
2. SIFT-BP-PSO				
3. CBR-ACO				
4. CBR-PSO				
5. SIFT-BP-APSO				



SALT NOISE ATTACK



Method	SIM (%)	PSNR(DB)	NC
SIFT-BP-ACO	78.77	92.3822	0.9889
SIFT-BP-PSO	88.47	96.5151	0.8674
CBR-ACO	91.41	97.1486	1
CBR-PSO	92.67	97.3845	0.9621
SIFT-BP-APSO	94.41	98.4454	0.8221

GAUSSIAN NOISE ATTACK



Method	SIM (%)	PSNR(DB)	NC
SIFT-BP-ACO	75.15	88.4759	0.7792
SIFT-BP-PSO	85.34	79.9587	0.7878
CBR-ACO	81.21	87.2234	0.7902
CBR-PSO	96.32	90.4748	0.7448
SIFT-BP-APSO	98.67	91.4724	0.7048

CROPPING ATTACK



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SIFT-BP-ACO	52.07	72.2454	0.6824
SIFT-BP-PSO	72.61	70.4829	1
CBR-ACO	77.49	75.2487	0.8624
CBR-PSO	61.42	79.1157	0.7124
SIFT-BP-APSO	78.11	82.1197	0.6521

SCALING ATTACK



SIFT-BP-ACO	70.18	67.2792	0.8834
SIFT-BP-PSO	80.34	68.3537	0.7928
CBR-ACO	82.37	65.1734	0.9124
CBR-PSO	72.44	69.3948	0.8621
SIFT-BP-APSO	86.67	69.8929	0.7424

ROTATION ATTACK



SIFT-BP-ACO	62.48	78.1467	0.8854
SIFT-BP-PSO	60.39	74.6829	0.8584
CBR-ACO	66.42	77.2415	0.8814
CBR-PSO	75.36	79.2425	0.8223
SIFT-BP-APSO	79.46	85.2438	0.8028

Method Size

- 1. SIFT-BP-ACO 512x512
- 2. SIFT-BP-PSO
- 3. CBR-ACO
- 4. CBR-PSO
- 5. SIFT-BP-APSO



Host Image

Grass.jpg



Symbol Image

Schoner.jpg



Watermarked Image



SALT NOISE ATTACK



Method Encoding Time

SIFT-BP-ACO	84.27	75.0229	0.5784
SIFT-BP-PSO	88.69	75.1424	0.5636
CBR-ACO	77.62	78.6924	0.6241
CBR-PSO	67.07	79.4521	0.6027
SIFT-BP-APSO	92.18	80.1534	0.5429

GAUSSIAN NOISE ATTACK





SIFT-BP-ACO	87.61	93.5852	0.9026
SIFT-BP-PSO	87.31	91.2457	0.9561
CBR-ACO	88.24	89.6952	0.9647
CBR-PSO	89.49	91.2536	0.8729
SIFT-BP-APSO	90.48	94.2561	0.8451

CROPPING ATTACK

SIFT-BP-ACO	89.24	67.5968	0.9641
SIFT-BP-PSO	81.63	69.6834	1
CBR-ACO	80.37	62.4834	0.9789
CBR-PSO	91.11	73.2464	0.9045
SIFT-BP-APSO	93.12	76.2444	0.8954

SCALING ATTACK

SIFT-BP-ACO	45.14	81.3434	1
SIFT-BP-PSO	52.64	85.4828	0.8725
CBR-ACO	52.42	82.3661	1
CBR-PSO	55.38	87.0192	0.8924
SIFT-BP-APSO	56.62	89.0157	0.5692

ROTATION ATTACK

SIFT-BP-ACO	67.62	61.3434	0.7021
SIFT-BP-PSO	77.86	55.4828	0.7537
CBR-ACO	68.83	72.3661	0.8668
CBR-PSO	69.40	57.0192	0.8747
SIFT-BP-APSO	82.71	75.0157	0.6496

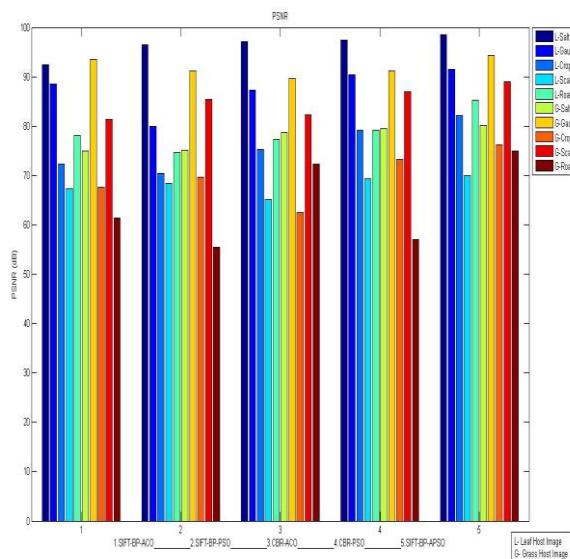


Fig.6. window show that the comparative analysis of PSNR using SIFT-BP-ACO, SIFT-BP-PSO, CBR-ACO, CBR-PSO and SIFT-BP-APSO techniques with different host images (Leaf and Grass) and symbol images (Roger and Schoner). With the help of performance graph indicate the high performance of SIFT-BP-APSO technique because it shows high numeric result value of PSNR compared to all techniques these are SIFT-BP-ACO, SIFT-BP-PSO, CBR-ACO, CBR-PSO.

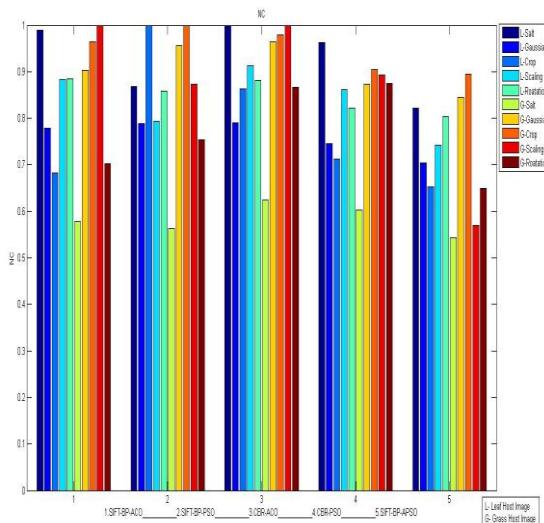


Fig.7. window show that the comparative analysis of NC using SIFT-BP-ACO, SIFT-BP-PSO, CBR-ACO, CBR-PSO and SIFT-BP-APSO techniques with different host images (Leaf and Grass) and symbol images (Roger and Schoner). With the help of performance graph indicate the high performance of SIFT-BP-APSO technique because it shows low numeric result value of NC compared to all techniques these are SIFT-BP-ACO, SIFT-BP-PSO, CBR-ACO, CBR-PSO.

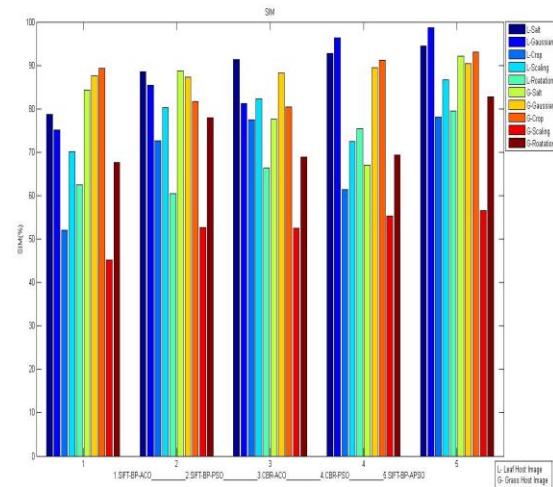


Fig.8. window show that the comparative analysis of SIM using SIFT-BP-ACO, SIFT-BP-PSO, CBR-ACO, CBR-PSO and SIFT-BP-APSO techniques with different host images (Leaf and Grass) and symbol images (Roger and Schoner). With the help of performance graph indicate the high performance of SIFT-BP-APSO technique because it shows high numeric percentage result value of SIM compared to all techniques these are SIFT-BP-ACO, SIFT-BP-PSO, CBR-ACO, CBR-PSO.

VI. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

To emphasize the security strength and quality of the watermarking image of the proposed algorithm. It is compared with the other two neural network algorithms for image watermarking. The variation of results shows in table 2. The comparative table of results indicates that the performance of proposed algorithms is better than two neural network-based algorithms. The result indicates that the proposed algorithm balanced the performance of robustness and imperceptibility. The high value of similarity of proposed algorithms shows that the better quality of watermark image. The process of analysis finds that the detection accuracy in reasonable condition has NC values above 99%. The performance of proposed algorithms proved that the secured watermarking process against attacks. In case of noise attack, the variation of noise value increase, but the value of NC is not decreasing. The increased value of NC shows the high strength of the security of the watermark process. The high value of PSNR also indicates the better predication of the watermark image. The point of trust of proposed algorithms is to justify the concept of dynamic pattern generation in the case of cascaded neural network models. The concept of dynamic pattern generation shows more randomness of patterns, and the perception of pattern prediction is decreased in the future, using the proposed algorithms in other fields of multimedia data such as video and audio.

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