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ABSTRACT

Hyperspectral imagery with hundreds of bands offers high spectral resolution and provides the potential accuracy in detection and classification of targets unresolved in multispectral images. Concerning the hyperspectral images, their accessibility is hindered by the size of image and communication bandwidth. To alleviate this limitation, it is essential to develop a high efficient compression technique for hyperspectral images.

There are various compression methods which can be mainly categorized into two families: the transform coding and the vector quantization (VQ). Compared with VQ, transform coding is adopted to achieve a good coding efficiency with limited complexity. To deal with multispectral images, [1] proposed a three-dimensional (3D) transform-based compression technique, which contains a one-dimensional Karhunen-Loeve transformation (KLT) to decorrelate the data correlation in spectral domain and a two-dimensional discrete cosine transformation (DCT) in spatial domain. In [1], a macro-block adaptive KLT approach was developed, where the image is divided into fixed blocks and for each block the local KLT transformation matrix is computed and transmitted. [2] proposed a eigen-region based KLT (ER-KLT) compression method with a variable-sized regions which are partitioned according to the local terrain characteristics of image. These compression methods [1, 2] are developed for multispectral images and the computation complexity will increase significantly for more spectral bands. Thus, it is inappropriate to directly employ these methods for hyperspectral image compression.

In this study, we develop a group and region based KLT (GR-KLT) compression technique for hyperspectral images, which exploits high degree correlations in spectral and spatial domains. The proposed method contains a clustering signal subspace projection (CSSP) segmentation method and the maximum correlation band clustering (MCBC) method [3]. In order to increase the efficiency of image compression, we propose the CSSP method, which first transforms the high-dimensional image data into low-dimensional image features by projecting the image data onto one signal subspace, and then partitions the image into proper regions according to the statistical properties of the extracted image features. Next, we applied the MCBC method to partition the frequency bands into groups according to correlation coefficient between the spectral bands for each image region. Then, the KLT transformation is performed for each group in each image region. Since the proposed GR-KLT method has fully removed the data correlations in spatial and spectral domain, it results in the high compression efficiency. Finally, to verify the feasibility and efficiency of the proposed GR-KLT compression method, we realize the method by utilizing a parallel computing architecture. Simulation results validated that the GR-KLT compression method achieves the higher compression ratio and better image quality with less computation time.

The proposed GR-KLT shown in Fig.1 is summarized as follows:

- (1) Divide the original image into several eigen-regions based on the CSSP segmentation method. Let \mathbf{x}_n denotes the image data corresponding to the n th eigen-region.
- (2) Partition the spectral bands into groups for each eigen-region by using MCBC method, a band-grouping procedure. The image data \mathbf{x}_n is represented as $\mathbf{x}_n = [\mathbf{x}_{n,1}, \mathbf{x}_{n,2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n,L_n}]$, where $\mathbf{x}_{n,k}$ denotes the k th group data of n th eigen-region.
- (3) Extract the image feature of each group by the KLT transformation $\mathbf{z}_{n,k} = \Phi_{n,k} \mathbf{x}_{n,k}$, where $\Phi_{n,k}$ is composed of the principal eigenvectors of $\mathbf{R}_{n,k} = E[\mathbf{x}_{n,k} \mathbf{x}_{n,k}^T]$.
- (4) Perform the group-based compression for each image region via the JPEG/ JPEG 2000 standard.

We have conducted the experiments on the AVIRIS images to validate the efficiency of the proposed GR-KLT and compared it with other multispectral compression algorithms: JPEG standard, KLT-JPEG [1], and ER-KLT [2]. According to the CSSP method, the AVIRIS image is partitioned into 4 regions shown in Fig.2. Simulation results in Table 1 validate that the compression ratio of the proposed GR-KLT is above 55 percent better than JPEG, KLT-JPEG and ER-KLT compression methods, when the reconstructed image quality of these methods are close. Furthermore, we implement the proposed GR-KLT method by a parallel computer. To increase the parallel efficiency, we reallocate the image bands to the computation nodes according to the image size of $\mathbf{x}_{n,k}$, as shown in Fig. 3. The execution time of the parallel computer with different computation nodes is shown in Fig. 4.

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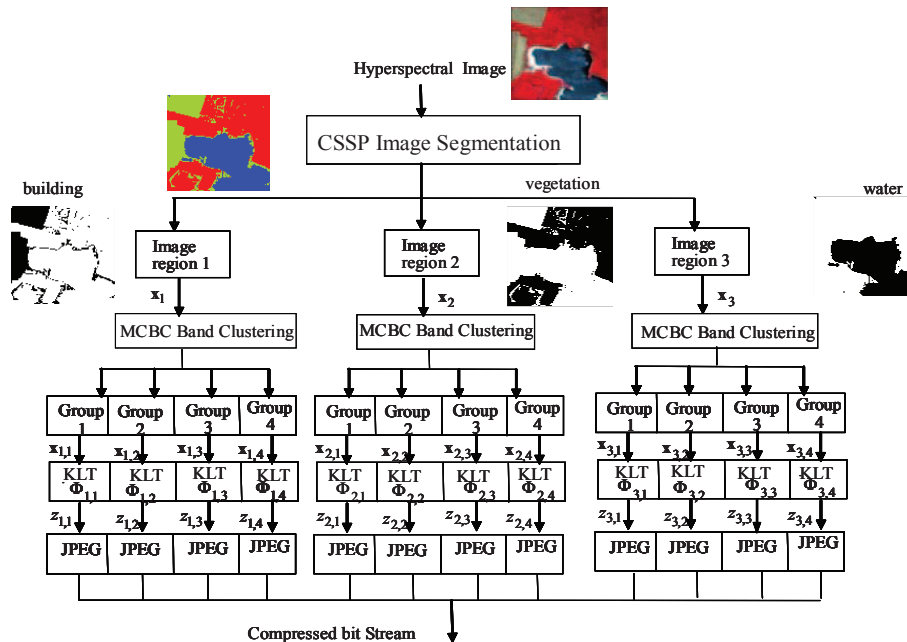
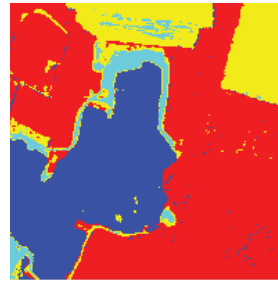


Fig. 1 Block diagram of the GR-KLT compression method



(a) original image



(b) segmentation results
 (■ ■ : building,
■ : water ■ : vegetation)

Fig. 2 Segmentation results by the proposedCSSP

Table 1. Performance comparison

	JPEG	KLT-JPEG	ER-KLT	GR-KLT
APSNR	31.080	31.005	31.055	31.092
CR	4.955	6.282	10.498	16.369

(APSNR: average peak signal-to-noise-ratio, CR: compression ratio)

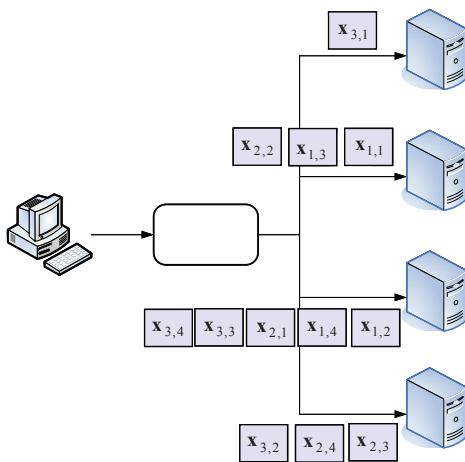


Fig.3 Image groups are allocated to computation nodes averagely

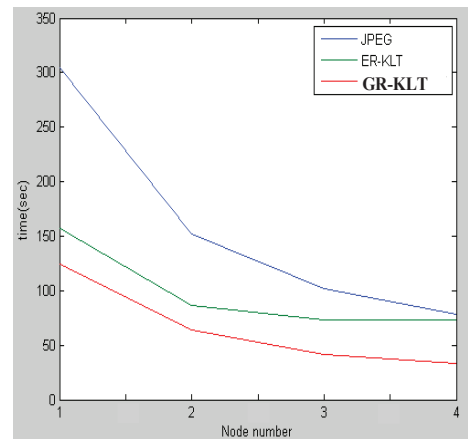


Fig. 4 Execution time of parallel computer

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