



IMPLEMENTATION of MODIFIED RICE ALGORITHM BASED on CURVE FITTING TECHNIQUES

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ABSTRACT: Data compression algorithms are widely used by data communication systems and data storage systems to reduce the amount of data transferred and stored. This paper introduces a modified Rice algorithm for data compression using the mathematical curve fitting models. A comparison between data compression using ordinary rice algorithm and data compression using the proposed rice algorithm is also presented. The design can be implemented as state machines in Verilog, in such a way that they are suitable for implementation using FPGA.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Lossless Data Compression technique preserves the source data accuracy by removing redundancy from the application source data, which allows the exact original data to be reconstructed from the compressed data. In the decompression processes the original source data is reconstructed from the compressed data by restoring the removed redundancy [5]. The reconstructed data is an exact replica of the original source data. Lossless compression is used in cases where it is important that the original and the decompressed data be identical, or where deviations from the original data could be deleterious [7]. Lossless data compression has been suggested for many space science exploration mission applications either to increase the science return or to reduce the requirement for on-board memory, station contact time, and data archival volume.

Lossy compression reduces bits by identifying unnecessary information and removing it. Lossy methods are most often used for compressing sound, images or videos. Lossless compression schemes are reversible so that the original data can be reconstructed, while lossy schemes accept some loss of data in order to achieve higher compression [5].

II. RICE ALGORITHM

In Rice algorithm, variable-length coding compression method is used [1]. Variable-length coding, is the compression method in which shorter code words are assigned to data that are expected to occur with higher frequency [6]. The main advantage of Rice algorithm is that it can adapt to low entropy to high entropy sources.

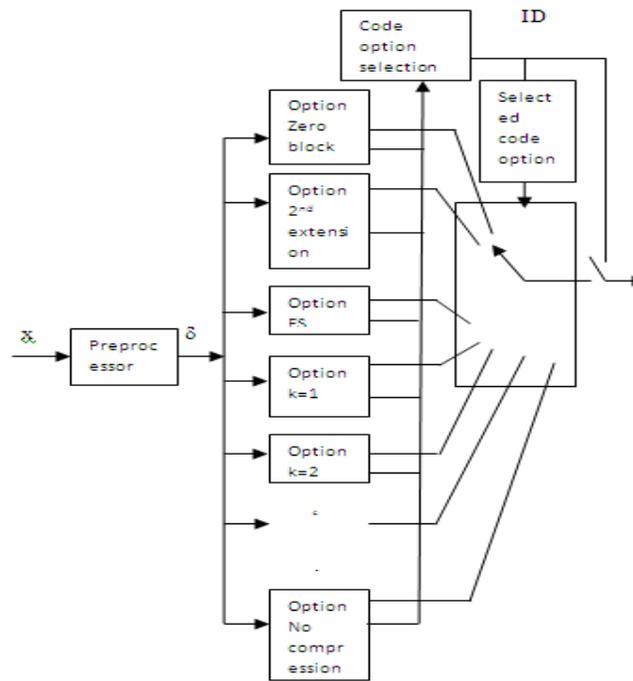


Fig. 1 Block diagram of the Rice algorithm

In Fig. 1 a block diagram of the Rice algorithm is shown.

It consists of a mainly two parts, a pre-processor and an adaptive entropy coder. The function of the pre-processor is to decorrelate data samples and then maps them into symbols suitable for the adaptive entropy coder [1].

A. Compression options in Adaptive Entropy coder

The different compression options available are [1], [2]:

- Fundamental sequence encoding
- The split-sample options
- Low entropy options
- No compression option

The option that gives maximum compression for a given set of data is selected.

B. The pre-processor

1) Predictor: One of the simplest predictive coders is a linear first-order unit-delay predictor shown in Fig.2.

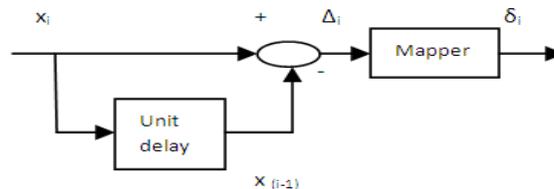


Fig. 2. Pre-processor



In Fig. 2 output, Δ_i , will be the difference between the input data symbol and the preceding data symbol, and is called as prediction error. δ_i is called the prediction error mapping function [1].

2) The mapper: Based on the predicted value \hat{x}_i , the prediction error mapper converts each prediction error value, Δ_i , to an n-bit nonnegative integer, δ_i , suitable for processing by the entropy coder [6].

TABLE I
 MAPPED VALUES

Sample Value xi	Predictor Value \hat{x}_i	Δ_i	θ_i	δ_i
101	-	-	-	-
101	101	0	101	0
100	101	-1	101	1
101	100	1	100	2
99	101	-2	101	3
101	99	2	99	4
223	101	122	101	223
100	223	-123	-123	155

Table I illustrates the operation of the prediction error mapper after a unit-delay predictor is applied to 8-bit data samples of values from 0 to 255[1], [2].

The prediction error mapping function:

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 2\Delta_i & 0 \leq \Delta_i \leq \theta_i \\ 2|\Delta_i| - 1 & -\theta_i \leq \Delta_i \leq 0 \\ \theta_i + |\Delta_i| & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } \theta_i = \min(\hat{x}_i - x_{\min}, x_{\max} - \hat{x}_i) \quad (2)$$

III. MODIFIED RICE ALGORITHM USING CURVE FITTING

Curve fitting is the process of a curve or a mathematical function that best suits to a set of data points. An equation is produced by curve fitting that can be used to find points anywhere along the curve [3], [8]. It can involve interpolation, where a smooth function that fits exactly to the data is required. When the fitted curve is used beyond the range of data set, it is referred to as extrapolation. Thus prediction of next data value (\hat{x}_i) is possible with this method [11]. For a set of inputs a unique function is assigned, this function is updated for different set of inputs [4].

A. Polynomial curve fitting in modified rice algorithm

The general form for a polynomial of order j is given by :

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^j a_k x^k \quad (3)$$

using least square curve method here, so that a curve that gives minimum error between the data (y) and the function f(x) is obtained finally.

The general expression for any error using the least squares approach is:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Error} &= \sum (d_i)^2 \\ &= (y_1 - f(x_1))^2 + (y_2 - f(x_2))^2 + (y_3 - f(x_3))^2 + (y_4 - f(x_4))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Substitute the form of eq. (3) into general least square error eq. (4)

$$\text{Error} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^j a_k x^k))^2 \quad (5)$$

where n-number of data points, i-current data point, j-order of the polynomial.

The best suited curve will give minimum error between line and data points [10]. So the objective is to minimize the eq. (5) and also find the corresponding values of the coefficients a_k, a_0 .

To minimize eq. (5), take the derivative of Error with respect to each coefficient a_0, a_k where $k=1, 2, \dots, j$, set each value to zero.

$$\begin{bmatrix} n & \dots & \sum x_i^j \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum x_i^j & \dots & \sum x_i^{j+j} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum y_i \\ \sum x_i y_i \\ \sum x_i^2 y_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum x_i^j y_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Representing the equation using a matrix form as follows

where $i=1, \dots, n$

To know the value of a_0, a_k , solve eq. (7). For that take

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} n & \dots & \sum x_i^j \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum x_i^j & \dots & \sum x_i^{j+j} \end{bmatrix}; X = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} \sum y_i \\ \sum x_i y_i \\ \sum x_i^2 y_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum x_i^j y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

The following solution method can be used:

$$A X = B \quad (7)$$

Therefore

$$X = A^{-1} B \quad (8)$$

Using equation (8) the values of coefficients a_0, a_k are found out and finally a polynomial equation that fits for the data points is obtained [4]. The coefficient values are then quantized, these values are then implemented in the function which is used to predict the next set of values. The quantized function coefficients along with the δ values and the ID that represents the compression option used are transmitted to the receiver [1]. As a result at the receiver the data can be reconstructed without any error that means these results in lossless compression.

B. Special case of modified rice algorithm

In special cases a method is implemented using modified rice algorithm to obtain higher compression. The special case is applicable when the input signal for compression and the signal obtained by curve fitting overlap at the initial stage. The existing rice algorithm finds the corresponding delta (δ) values and applies the compression option to all δ values. The modified rice algorithm excludes the initial $\delta=0$ values and then applies the compression option. The special case is explained with an example.

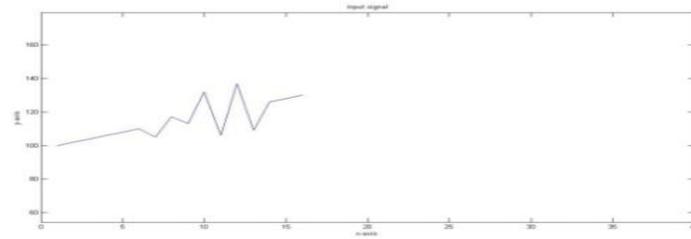


Fig. 3 Input signal considered for special case

In Fig. 3 input signal for special case is shown

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>> clear
>> rice
data =
    100    102    104    106    108    110    105    117    113    132    106    137    109    126    128    130
DELTA =
     4     4     4     4     4     9    24     7    38    51    62    55    34     4     4
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Fig. 4 Delta values obtained using rice for input signal as shown in fig. 3

Fig. 4 shows the delta values obtained using rice algorithm for the input signal shown in Fig. 3

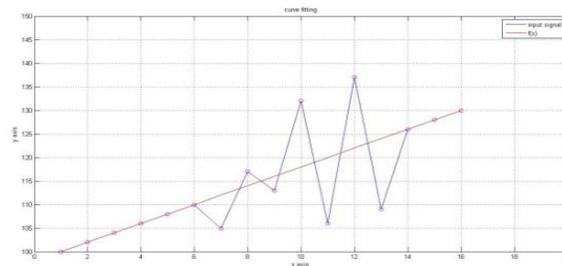


Fig. 5 Graph showing input signal and the function obtained through curve fitting in modified rice algorithm

Fig. 5 shows the graph of input signal and the function which is obtained through curve fitting in modified rice algorithm

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>> clear
>> delta_with_CF
data =
    100    102    104    106    108    110    105    117    113    132    106    137    109    126    128    130
ERROR =
     0     0     0     0     0     0    -7     3    -3    14    -14    15    -15     0     0     0
ACTUAL_DELTA =
     0     0     0     0     0     0    13     6     5    28    27    30    29     0     0     0
DELTA_SEND =
    13     6     5    28    27    30    29     0     0     0
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Fig. 6 Shows actual delta values (ACTUAL_DELTA) and delta values obtained under special case (DELTA_SEND). DELTA_SEND has less number of values than ACTUAL_DELTA.



In Fig. 6 actual delta values and delta values obtained under special case is shown. Delta values obtained through special case has less number of values than actual delta values

To understand the use of modified rice algorithm based on curve fitting represented in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 consider the above example. If the values of δ contains a block of zeros followed by other numbers, that is, if the δ values are

0,0,0,0,0,0,13,6,5,28,27,30,29,0,0,0

then, less number of bits are required to transmit this data when modified rice algorithm is used. This is because the initial 6 zeros are not taken for further proceedings (i.e. compression options are not applied on these initial zero values). So the best compression option can be selected taking only the δ values starting from $\delta = 13$ to $\delta = 0$. Thus the transmitted data will consist of fewer bits. As the number of samples in a block of data is constant (in the example, number of samples in block is 16) at the receiver the data is reconstructed back by filling the locations not specified with zero.

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS AND COMPARATIVE STUDY

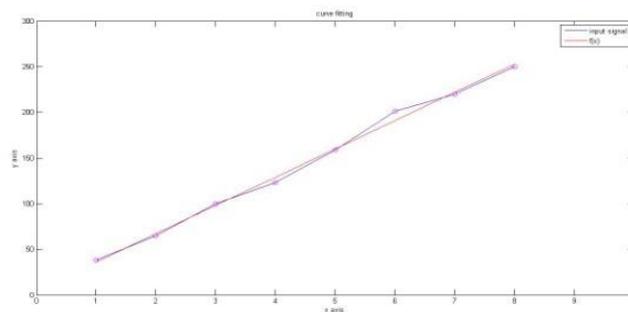


Fig. 7 Graph showing 8 input samples (block size:8) and curve fitting function

In Fig. 7 graph of 8 input samples and curve fitting function is shown

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>> clear
>> rice
data =
    38    65   100   123   159   201   220   250

PREDICTOR_VALUE =
    38    65   100   123   159   201   220

ERROR =
    27    35    23    36    42    19    30

THEETA =
    38    65   100   123    96    54    35

DELTA =
    54    70    46    72    84    38    60
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Fig. 8 Output obtained during mapping using Rice algorithm

In Fig. 8 output obtained during mapping rice algorithm is shown

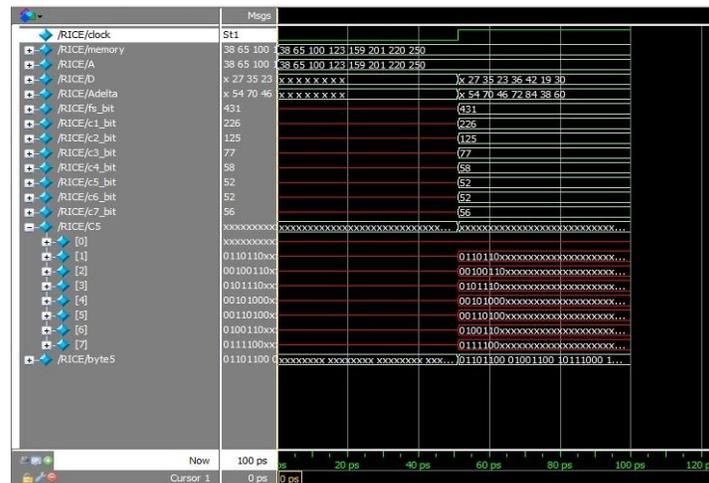


Fig. 9 Simulation result in ModelSim (using verilog HDL): output waveform using rice algorithm .

Fig. 9 shows the output waveform using rice algorithm, which is obtained as the simulation result in ModelSim using Verilog HDL.C5 and byte5 represent compressed data using 5th split sample option

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>> clear
>> delta_with_CF

data =
    38    65    100    123    159    201    220    250

FUNCTION =
    36    67    98    129    160    191    222    253

ERROR =
    2    -2    2    -6    -1    10    -2    -3

THEETA =
    36    67    98    126    95    64    33    2

DELTA =
    4    3    4    11    1    20    3    5
    
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Fig. 10 Values obtained during mapping using modified rice algorithm.

Fig. 10 shows the values obtained during mapping using modified rice algorithm. FUNCTION values are obtained through curve fitting



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>> clear
>> rice
data =
Columns 1 through 13
    70    36    64    80    20    100    103    33    27    57    90    44    108
Columns 14 through 26
    55    57    120    44    121    140    90    66    126    75    30    48    129
Columns 27 through 32
    51    132    49    100    77    110
DELTA =
Columns 1 through 13
    67    56    32    119    100     6    139    11    57    66    91    108    105
Columns 14 through 26
     4    120    151    121    38    99    47    120    101    89    36    129    155
Columns 27 through 31
    132    165    100    45    66
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Fig. 13 Mapped δ (DELTA) values using rice algorithm for input shown in Fig. 12

Fig. 13 shows the mapped delta values for the input in Fig. 12 using rice algorithm

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DELTA =
Columns 1 through 13
    22    47     6    36    85    72    76    65    79    21    42    51    74
Columns 14 through 26
    33    31    92    61    90    126    24    25    92    11    103    69    90
Columns 27 through 32
    67    92    75    24    23    40
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Fig. 14 Mapped δ (DELTA) values obtained using modified rice for input in Fig. 12

Fig. 14 shows mapped delta values for input in Fig. 12 obtained using modified rice algorithm

In the above figures the variables named as delta, error, theta etc. are found out by subtracting the predicted value from the data value and using eq. (1) & (2), in the case of Rice algorithm. Here even if there are n inputs, only (n-1) outputs are present at the output because of the unit delay predictor.

In the case of curve fitting a particular function is assigned to the data set, with which next values can be predicted and then the error values can be calculated by subtracting the predicted value from the data value and delta and theta values are obtained using the eq. (2) & (3). Here if there are n inputs present, at the output also there will be n values

A. Comparison between rice algorithm and modified rice algorithm based on curve fitting

- In rice algorithm, we predict that the next data will be similar to that of the current data. Whereas in modified rice algorithm based on curve fitting, a function is developed for the given set of inputs and so data can be predicted according to the function. This results in smaller δ values. When these δ values are taken



for compression, the final compressed data consist of fewer bits as compared to existing rice algorithm. Thus by using curve fitting the data bits transmitted reduces drastically. This results in higher compression ratio

- In rice algorithm, after compression while sending the data to the receiver, a reference value which is the first input data, $(n-1)$ values of δ and the ID corresponding to the compression option used are transmitted. Whereas in modified rice algorithm the function coefficients, n values of δ and the ID corresponding to the compression option are transmitted to the receiver.
- Modified rice algorithm employs lossless compression. Thus the exact signal can be reconstructed at the receiver without any losses.
- Higher compression is possible when special case of modified algorithm is applicable.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper comparison between rice algorithm and modified rice algorithm based on curve fitting was done. To evaluate the performance of modified rice algorithm different real world signals are given and the corresponding outputs are noted, which is then compared with the output of rice algorithm for the same set of inputs. In modified rice algorithm with curve fitting, a function is generated based on the input data set, with which upcoming values are predicted. Rice algorithm is used only for those sets of data where redundancy exists. But with modified rice algorithm, in which curve fitting was implemented can be used for any real time signals which varies in a particular manner. Thus later method finds numerous applications in most of the industries where large variation of data may occur, for eg. process control industries. The simulation result shows that the data is compressed more with modified rice algorithm when a real world signal is used. With lossless compression using modified rice algorithm with curve fitting technique, it is possible to reconstruct the original signal.

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