

# GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS IN IOT NETWORKS SECURITY FOR SECURITY DATA TRANSMISSION INTEGRATING IMAGE DATA HIDING

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## ABSTRACT

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**Keywords:** IoT, Convolutional neural network, steganography, encryption.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things (IoT's) is the concept of connecting any device (so long as it has an on/off switch) to the Internet and to other connected devices. The IoT is a giant network of connected things and people – all of which collect and share data about the way they are used and about the environment around them. IoT devices contain sensors and mini-computer processors that act on the data collected by the sensors via machine learning. IoT devices share the sensor data they collect by connecting to an IoT gateway or other edge device where data is either sent to the cloud to be analyzed or analyzed locally. Sometimes, these devices communicate with other related devices and act on the information they get from one another. The devices do most of the work without human intervention, although people can interact with the devices -- for instance, to set them up, give them instructions or access the data. The internet of things helps people live and work smarter, as well as gain complete control over their lives. In addition to offering smart devices to automate homes, IoT is essential to business. IoT provides businesses with a real-time look into how their systems really work, delivering insights into everything from the performance of machines to supply chain and logistics operations. IoT enables companies to automate processes and reduce labor costs. It also cuts down on waste and improves service delivery, making it less expensive to manufacture and deliver goods, as well as offering transparency into customer transactions. As such, IoT is one of the most important technologies of everyday life, and it will continue to pick up steam as more businesses realize the potential of connected devices to keep them competitive. Essentially, IoT devices are mini computers, connected to the internet, and are vulnerable to malware and hacking.

## 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

(Steganalysis of Digital Images Using Deep Fractal Network) In the recent literature on steganalysis, it has been observed that a deeper network is, in general, preferred for detecting low tone embedding noise, e.g., SRNet. However, very recently, a deep model, called Fractal Net, became popular, which is based on self-similarity and grows deeper and wider by maintaining a balance between depth and width using a recurrent adaptation of a fundamental building block. In this work, the concept of the Fractal Net model has been exploited for steganalytic

detection, where the embedded image has been used as input. In a practical scenario, it has been observed that steganalytic detection for test images is increasing if the width of the network can be increased with a certain proportion to the depth. The proposed deep network is designed by repeating a basic fractal block in such a way that a balance between the depth and width of the overall network can be maintained. A comprehensive set of experiments reveals that the proposed model outperformed the state-of-the-art results. An ablation study is also included to justify the proposed architecture in favour of its performance. (A Novel Image Steganography Method for Industrial Internet of Things Security) the rapid development of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) and artificial intelligence (AI) brings new security threats by exposing secret and private data. Thus, information security has become a major concern in the communication environment of IIoT and AI, where security and privacy must be ensured for the messages between a sender and the intended recipient. To this end, we propose a method called HHOIWT for covert communication and secure data in the IIoT environment based on digital image steganography. The method embeds secret data in the cover images using a metaheuristic optimization algorithm called Harris hawks optimization (HHO) to efficiently select image pixels that can be used to hide bits of secret data within integer wavelet transforms. The HHO-based pixel selection operation uses an objective function evaluation depending on two phases: exploitation and exploration. The objective function is employed to determine an optimal encoding vector to transform secret data into an encoded form generated by the HHO algorithm. Several experiments are conducted to validate the performance of the proposed method with respect to visual quality, payload capacity, and security against attacks. The obtained results reveal that the HHO-IWT method achieves higher levels of security than the state-of-the-art methods and that it resists various forms of steganalysis. Thus, utilizing this approach can keep unauthorized individuals away from the transmitted information and solve some security challenges in the IIoT. (Securing Data in Internet of Things (IoT) Using Cryptography and Steganography) Internet of Things (IoT) is a domain wherein which the transfer of data is taking place every single second. The security of these data is a challenging task; however, security challenges can be mitigated with cryptography and steganography techniques. These techniques are crucial when dealing with user authentication and data privacy. In the proposed work, the elliptic Galois cryptography protocol is introduced and discussed. In this protocol, a cryptography technique is used to encrypt confidential data that came from different medical sources. Next, a Matrix XOR encoding steganography technique is used to embed the encrypted data into a low complexity image. The proposed work also uses an optimization algorithm called Adaptive Firefly to optimize the selection of cover blocks within the image. Based on the results, various parameters are evaluated and compared with the existing techniques. Finally, the data that is hidden in the image is recovered and is then decrypted.

(Secure Halftone Image Steganography Based on Feature Space and Layer) Syndrome-trellis codes (STCs) are commonly used in image steganographic schemes, which aim at minimizing the embedding distortion, but most distortion models cannot capture the mutual interaction of embedding modifications (MIEMs). In this article, a secure halftone image steganographic scheme based on a feature space and layer embedding is proposed. First, a feature space is constructed by a characterization method that is designed based on the statistics of  $4 \times 4$ -pixel blocks in halftone images. Upon the feature space, a generalized steganalyzer with good classification ability is proposed, which is used to measure the embedding distortion. As a result, a distortion model based on a hybrid feature space is constructed, which outperforms some state-of-the-art models. Then, as the distortion model is established on the statistics of local regions, a layer embedding strategy is proposed to reduce MIEM. It divides the host image into multiple layers according to their relative positions in  $4 \times 4$  blocks, and the embedding procedure is executed layer by layer. In each layer, any two pixels are located at different  $4 \times 4$  blocks in the original image, and the distortion model makes sure that the calculation of pixel distortions is independent. Between layers, the pixel distortions of the current layer are updated according to the previous embedding modifications, thus reducing the total embedding distortion. Comparisons with prior schemes demonstrate that the proposed steganographic scheme achieves high statistical security when resisting the state-of-the-art steganalysis. (Secure Data Delivery with Identity-based Linearly Homomorphic Network Coding Signature Scheme in IoT) with the appearance and flourishing development of the Internet of Things (IoT), wireless sensor networks technology has been attracting increasing attention. Network coding is an indispensable technology in the wireless sensor networks, which can improve network transmission throughput. However, a pollution attack is a serious security problem that must be faced in the process of data coding. Although the homomorphic network coding signature schemes can solve this troublesome, the high signature generation and verification cost of these schemes will reduce the transmission efficiency. In this paper, we propose an efficient identity-based linearly homomorphic network coding signature scheme for wireless sensor networks to guarantee data integrity and authenticity. In our scheme, the computation cost of signature generation and verification are both independent of the size of the data packet. The scheme is proved secure against existential forgery under adaptive chosen identity and adaptive chosen subspace attacks in random oracle model. Using Java pairing-based

Cryptography Library (JPBC), the simulation results illustrate that our scheme is more efficient in practical application.

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### 5. ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM

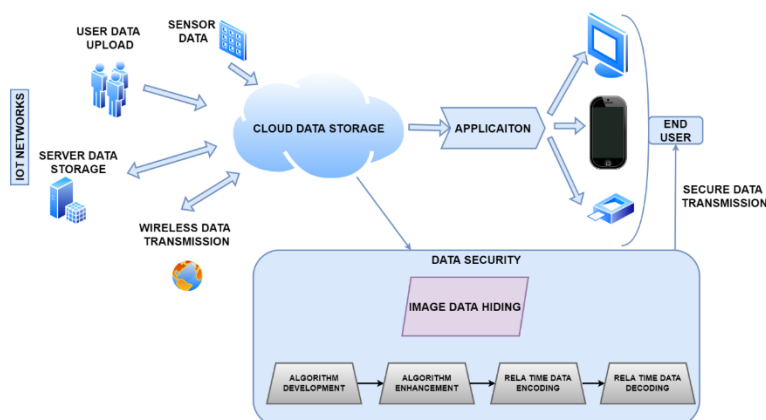


Figure 5.1. Architecture Diagram

#### 5.1 List of phases

There are 5 phases:

- Image reading and writing
- Text to bits conversion
- Deep learning algorithm
- Metrics calculation
- Encoding and decoding of image using image data hiding

### Image Reading and Writing

Reading and writing an image is required to read the image, do the inbuilt process and write back the processed data and save the image file. Computer vision is an open source library which has inbuilt various functions to execute. The images which will be performed with image data hiding algorithm will be read and write using computer vision libraries.

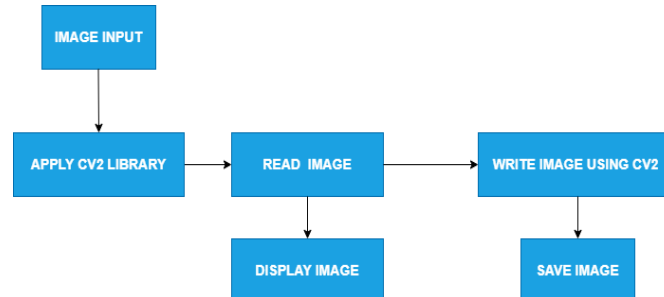


Figure 6.1.1 Image Reading and Writing diagram

### Text to Bits Conversion

Converting a text to bits is a process by which any ascii character can be changed to binary bits for further processing with image data hiding. Bits are the basic unit of any image which stores all the information of an image. In order to store the information in an image the data should first be converted to bits format so that the data can be merged in between the pixel bits. Hence, the data will be converted to bit form for further processing.

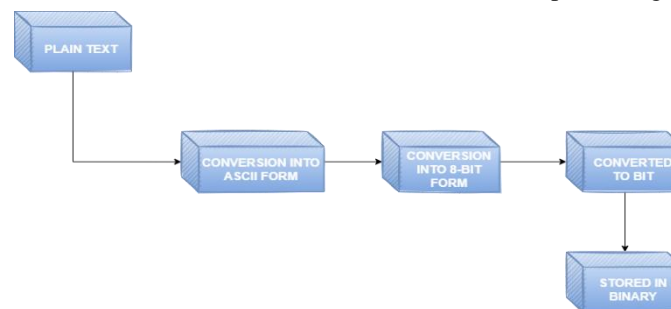


Figure 6.2.1 Text to Bits Conversion Diagram

### Deep Learning Algorithm

Deep learning can be considered as a subset of machine learning. It is a field that is based on learning and improving on its own by examining computer algorithms. Deep learning uses artificial neural networks to perform sophisticated computations on large amounts of data. Whereas in image data hiding field still traditional techniques are made use. Hence, we are going to develop a deep learning algorithm which can be used in the secret data transfer with the emerging techniques. Since Deep learning is a trial and error technique to apply on machines, to enhance it changes can be done accordingly. Parameters such as bits per pixel, signal to noise ratio, etc. can be measured to see the variation and measure the performance of the model.

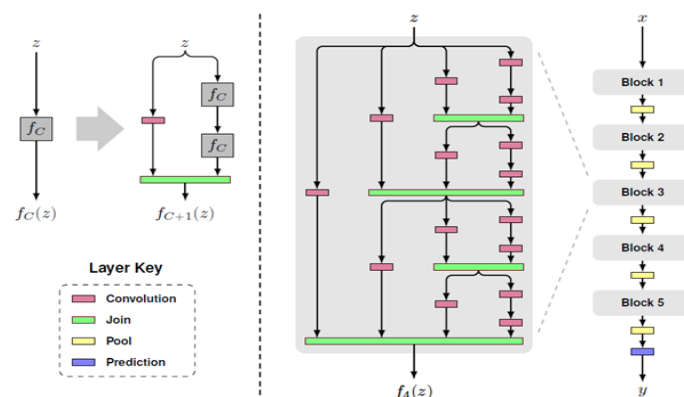


Figure 6.3.1 Deep Learning Algorithm diagram

### Metrics Calculation

For comparing stego image with cover image results requires a measure of image quality, commonly used,

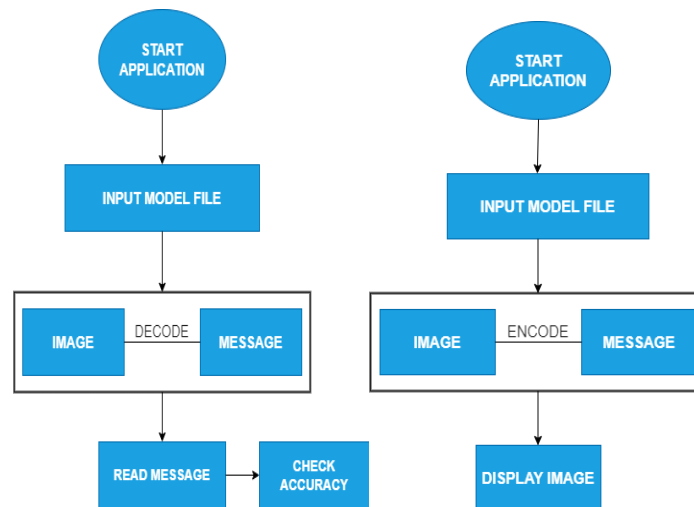
- Payload

- Loss
- Accuracy
- Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR)
- Structural Similarity Index (SSIM)

Depending on the above metric values the deep learning algorithm can be even fine-tuned to obtain higher values.

## Encoding and decoding of image using image data hiding

After successful development of the deep learning algorithms and trained model generation encoding and decoding of data will be performed. Encoding is the process of putting a sequence of characters such as letters, numbers and other special characters into a specialized format for efficient transmission. Decoding is the process of converting an encoded format back into the original sequence of characters. The data will be given as an input to encode and decode the data in the image we select using the trained model.



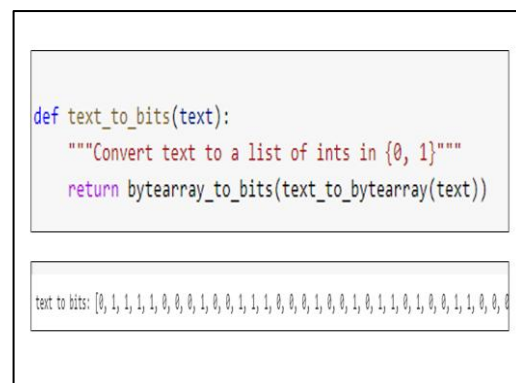
**Figure 6.5.1 Encoding and Decoding diagram**

## Screen Shots

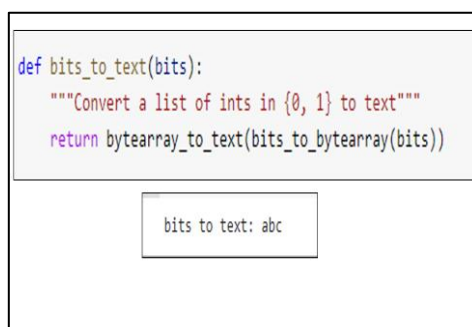
## Image Read and Write



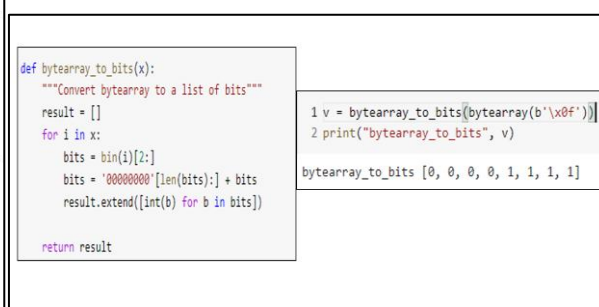
### Text to Bits Conversion



### Bits to text conversion



### Byte array to bits conversion





```
def bits_to_bytearray(bits):
    """Convert a list of bits to a bytearray"""
    ints = []
    for b in range(len(bits) // 8):
        byte = bits[b * 8:(b + 1) * 8]
        ints.append(int(''.join(str(bit) for bit in byte)))
    return bytearray(ints)
```

```
1 v = bits_to_bytearray([0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1])
2 print("bits_to_bytearray", v)
bits_to_bytearray bytearray(b'\x0f')
```

```
def text_to_bytearray(text):
    """Compress and add error correction"""
    assert isinstance(text, str), "expected a string"
    x = zlib.compress(text.encode("utf-8"))
    x = rs.encode(bytearray(x))
    return x
```

```
1 v = text_to_bytearray('abc')
2 print("text_to_bytearray:",v)
text_to_bytearray: bytearray(b'\x19cKLJ\xee\x0b\xbb\xfb\xce\xfa9\xid\x1e\x7\x04\x0t')
```

## Byte to array to text conversion

## Downloading the dataset for training

```
def bytearray_to_text(x):
    """Apply error correction and decompress"""
    try:
        text = rs.decode(x)
        text = zlib.decompress(text)
        return text.decode("utf-8")
    except BaseException:
        return False
```

```
1 v = bytearray_to_text(bytearray(b'\x19cKLJ\xee\x0b\xbb\xfb\xce9'))
2 print("bytearray_to_text:",v)
bytearray_to_text: abc
```

```
[ ] DIV2K_valid_HR.zip 100%[-----] 428.19M 20.0MB/s in 23s
2021-11-15 10:30:14 (18.9 MB/s) - 'DIV2K_valid_HR.zip' saved [448993893/448993893]
Archive: DIV2K_valid_HR.zip
inflating: val/_0897.png
inflating: val/_0887.png
inflating: val/_0806.png
inflating: val/_0834.png
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inflating: val/_0859.png
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## Deep learning algorithm training

## Model file generation

```
[ ] 2 steganography.fit(train, validation, epochs=100)
Epoch 1/100
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.191t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.141t/s]
100% | 25/25 [00:05:00:00, 5.001t/s]
Epoch 2/100
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.161t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.141t/s]
100% | 25/25 [00:04:00:00, 5.131t/s]
Epoch 3/100
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.141t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.161t/s]
100% | 25/25 [00:04:00:00, 5.141t/s]
Epoch 4/100
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.211t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.201t/s]
100% | 25/25 [00:04:00:00, 5.061t/s]
Epoch 5/100
100% | 200/200 [00:38:00:00, 5.211t/s]
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Loss: 0.693158745765000
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100% | 25/25 [00:04:00:00, 5.171t/s]
Loss: 0.6934561729431152
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## Metrics Calculation

## Model file generation with metrics

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## Enhanced deep learning algorithm training

## Model File Generation After Enhanced Algorithm Training

```
1 # Fit on the given data
2 steganography.fit(train, validation, epochs=100)
3
Epoch 1/100
100% | 200/200 [00:40:00:00, 4.981t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:36:00:00, 5.411t/s]
100% | 25/25 [00:05:00:00, 4.761t/s]
Loss: 0.560376438511475
Accuracy: 0.607885155777954
SSIM: 0.9003749489784241
PSNR: 36.97379112243652
bpp: 2.37462186813545
Epoch 2/100
100% | 200/200 [00:40:00:00, 4.971t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:37:00:00, 5.381t/s]
100% | 25/25 [00:05:00:00, 4.791t/s]
Loss: 0.526322093963623
Accuracy: 0.67595526401001
SSIM: 0.9398126602172852
PSNR: 37.76282787322998
bpp: 2.111346244812017
Epoch 3/100
100% | 200/200 [00:40:00:00, 4.941t/s]
100% | 200/200 [00:37:00:00, 5.331t/s]
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## Loading basic model file for encoding

## Output image generation

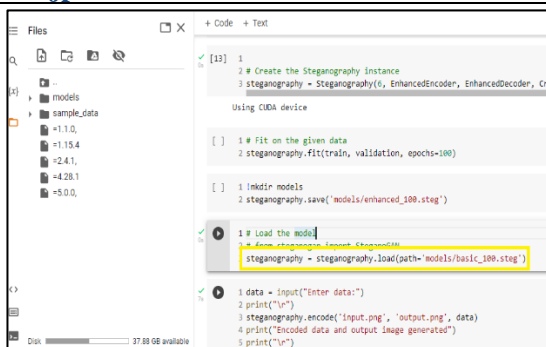
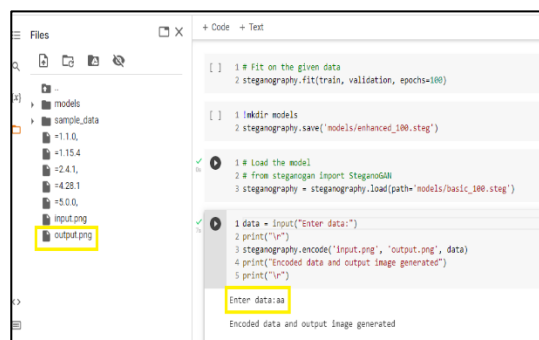


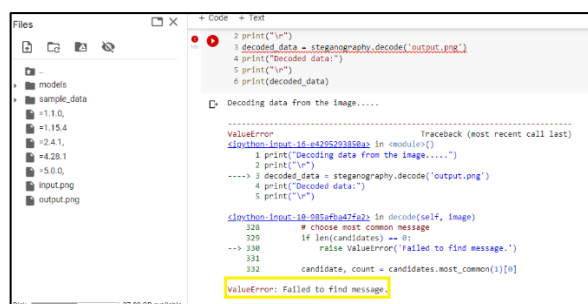
Image generation in input and output



Decoding data using basic model



Loading enhanced model file for encoding



Encoding data using enhanced model

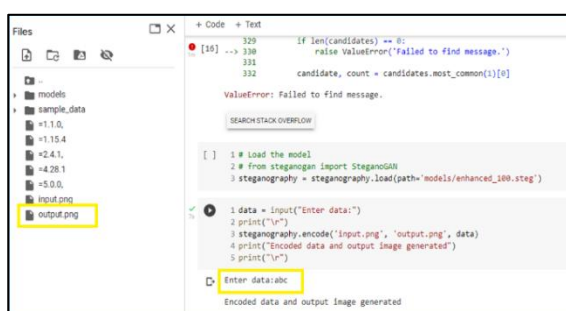
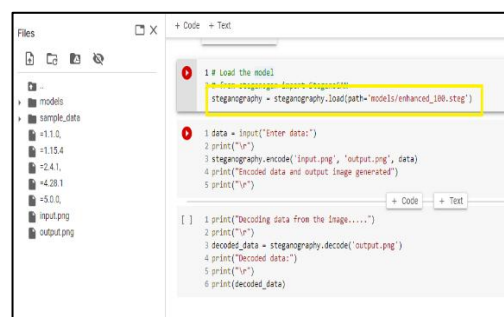
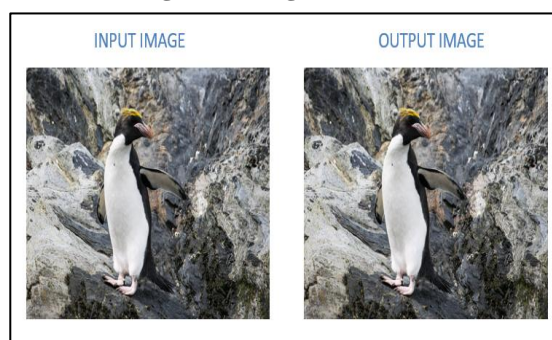
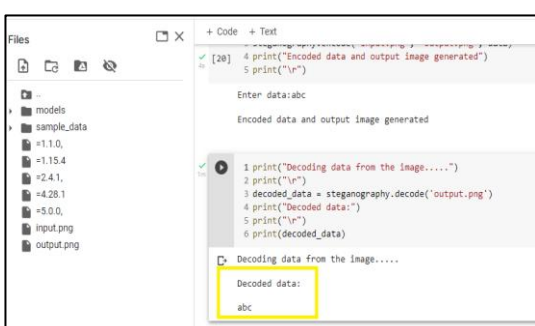


Image generation in input and output



Decoding data using enhanced model



## 6. CONCLUSIONS

This project proposed that encrypt the IoT networks data by hide the encrypted message inside an image file using image data hiding technique as well increases the number of bits that can be saved within a pixel of an image using the currently prevailing deep learning approach. Using which we have developed an algorithm such as convolutional neural networks effectively protect and secure the data. Encryption and decryption of the data has been performed using the newly developed deep learning algorithm.

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