

Improved Air Light Estimation Algorithm by using Fuzzy Filters and Dark Channel with Large Haze Gradients

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ABSTRACT

Fog phenomena bring about air flow gentle generating and also decline this awareness involving made from photograph caught in the camera. To increase awareness, air flow gentle evaluation is essential regarding photograph errors removal. As air flow gentle can be quite dazzling, this conventional methods immediately select dazzling p regarding air flow gentle estimation. In this paper improved/hybrid fuzzy filters based haze removal algorithm is proposed. The dark channel prior can automatically extract the global atmospheric light and roughly eliminate the atmospheric veil. To make dark channel prior more effective, the atmospheric veil has been refined by using hybrid fuzzy filters as well as it able to produce a haze free image in more optimistic manner. The use of improved/hybrid fuzzy filters has improved the coarse estimated atmospheric veil by reducing halo artifacts.

Keywords

Image defogging; Dark channel prior; Air light Estimation; Fuzzy filtering.

1. INTRODUCTION

Poor visibility turns into a problem for many out of doors eyesight applications. Negative climate brought on by atmospheric allergens, including haze, haze, etc., may considerably reduce the visibility and overlook the colors from the scene. The following as a result of the examples below 2 scattering techniques

- (i) Light reflected from the surface of item can be attenuated caused by scattering by simply dust; and also
- (ii) Some of light flux is definitely spread toward a camera.



Figure 1: Results of image (a) with and (b) without fog/Haze [12]

1.1 Image Defogging Effect Assessment

The CNC index, a powerful defogging review sign which often is beneficial in order to slowly move the parameter adjusting procedure [4]. With the source hazy image x and the unique equivalent fog free picture y , the CNC index is received just after undertaking these kinds of steps:

- 1) Calculate the velocity e of seen tips soon after as well as previous to haze elimination.
- 2) compute the picture colour naturalness index (CNI) and colour colorfulness index (CCI) to measure the colour naturalness of fog free image y , and
- 3) Merge several components e , CNI in addition to CCI in order to provide an overall defogging consequence.

$$CNC(x, y) = h(e(x, y), CNI(y), CCI(y)) \dots (1)$$

For the entire deviation trend of these three indexes, the statistical outcomes depict that the maximum value of CNI curve holds the normal outcome, but it is not inevitably the most effective fog removal impact. Nevertheless, the most effective outcome should have excellent naturalness (high CNI value). Once the picture is over-enhanced, the color is usually deformed, in addition to CNI fails swiftly. With regard to e and CCI, they have the most effective influence before getting to their particular highs. Once the picture is over-improved, the curves keep on climbing. Right after attaining the highs, these arcs begin to decrease. Hence, in event of the raising trend of e and CCI (from their total capability result issues, hence, to their arc's peaks) often results in negating the falling-trend of CNI, as well as top of CNC arc may be close to the real most effective result level. At the same time, the actual value variant associated with CNI is usually compact, this is among one of e and CCI is rather high. Hence, a result of e and CCI around the CNC catalog ought to be lessened. This CNC index among graphic x and y , i.e. the function h in (1) may be considered as:

$$CNC(x, y) = e(x, y) \cdot 1/5 \cdot CNI(y) + CCI(y) \cdot 1/5 \cdot CNI(y)$$

As described above, a superb outcome can be tagged by the important valuation on CNC. Hence, the best outcome of the two main factors of defogging algorithm is found once the CNC index defines the greatest value.

1.2 Visibility Restoration

Restoring the particular scene albedo is definitely an inversion practice of your enhancement model of some sort of foggy and also obscure image. The consist of process may be decomposed in about three methods: calculate of your skylight, inference of your atmospheric veil $V(x)$ on the scene image $I(x)$ resolution of the scene albedo $p(x)$ through inverting the following scattering model.

1.3 Air Light Estimation

The skylight A new is actually approximated on the pixel with many noteworthy power in the greater part of the past single picture strategies. The aggravating impacts of a white item prompt erroneous bay window estimation. In [8], the measure of the main channel indicates the bigger size to sift through a

new white article having smaller sized measurements, nevertheless it will likewise wrongly get rid of a compact sky region. Since the truth in the skylight some sort of has an essential part inside the renewal practice, we all provide right here your better approach to locate the sun region. A minimum filter can be 1st conducted for the picture of the particular minimal aspect of $I(x)$ as a way to remove insignificant sound and smaller light things, as well as output of the particular filter for just a pixel by can be denoted by simply (x) . Subsequently, we all embrace the particular canny rider to be able to find perimeters of dull version to get exploding image. For each borders pixel, we all add up the particular relation concerning the volume of borders pixels and the full amount of pixels in it is smaller area to get a percentage place. The pixels that satisfy both $I_{\min}(x) > T_v$ and $N_{edge}(x) < T_p$ are selected to be candidates for the sky region. We fix the brightness threshold T_v to 95% of the maximum value of $I_{\min}(x)$ and the flatness threshold T_p to 0.001. Finally, we search for the first connected component from top to bottom and these pixels are determined as the sky region. The actual skylight can be believed while the absolute maximum importance of the related district inside the insight impression $I(x)$

1.4 Visibility Restoration Technique

Regarding eliminating haze, haze with the graphic various tactics are usually used. Regular tactics involving graphic recovery towards haze are usually:

1.4.1 Dark Channel Prior

Dark channel prior can be useful for your opinion regarding atmospheric gentle within the dehazed impression to discover the much more real result. This approach is mainly useful for non-sky areas; in one coloring funnel have got nominal intensity from couple of pixels. Time frame intensity at midnight funnel can be main 3 factors:

- Shadows (shadows of car, buildings etc)
- Dark items or surfaces (dark tree trunk, stone)
- Colorful items, surfaces

For the reason that out-of-doors illustrations or photos are generally stuffed with eye shadows the dark stations of illustrations or photos are going to be really dark.

Because of errors (air light), a foggy photo is usually happier in comparison with the photo without the need of fog. So that we know dimly lit route involving foggy photo are going to have increased high intensity inside area using increased fog. So, aesthetically a power of dimly lit route is usually an uncertain appraisal with the thickness involving fog. Inside dimly lit route before we apply before along with write-up processing actions pertaining to obtaining results. Inside write-up processing actions we apply soft matting as well as trilateral filter etc.

1.4.2 CLAHE

Contrast restricted versatile histogram equalization small type is usually CLAHE. Contrast Limited Flexible Histogram Equalization (CLAHE) is usually used in advancement involving low distinction images. This procedure doesn't have almost any believed temperature details for any handling involving fogged image. To begin with, the style seized by means of you in foggy problem is usually converted via RGB (red, environment friendly along with blue) coloring living space is usually changed into HSV (hue, saturation along with value) coloring space. The pictures are generally converted

due to the fact the human being sense colors in the same way while HSV characterize colors.

1.4.3 Bilateral Filtering

Bilateral filtration smoothes illustrations or photos looked after saves tips, having nonlinear combination of neighborhood impression values. Bilateral is definitely low iterative, community, and also simple. Grayish ranges or hues are usually merged by way of the bilateral separate out dependant on both its mathematical area along with their photometric related, and also likes close up values for you to distant values in the domain name and also range. Bilateral separate out sleek tips in the direction of piecewise consistent solutions. Bilateral separate out does not offer healthier sounds reduction.

1.4.4 MIX – CLAHE

The idea is a method to enhance under the sea photos employing a concoction Form a contrast Constrained Flexible Histogram Equalization. This augmentation technique successfully increases the presence involving under the sea photos and also provides the cheapest MSE and also the best PSNR values. Thus, it offers revealed the fact that mix-CLAHE based method appealing intended for classifying coral reefs especially when aesthetic hints will be visible.

1.4.5 Trilateral Filtering

This specific filtration smooth's illustrations or photos without having impacting perimeters, by way of the non-linear mix of neighborhood photo values. Around the heap filter switches every pixel by weighted averages of that neighbor's pixel. The load allotted to each neighbor pixel lessens having the range in the photo airline and also the range to the severeness axis. This filter allows us to obtain result quicker while rival other. When using trilateral narrow all of us employ pre-processing along with publish producing ways with regard to greater results. Histogram stretch is utilized while post-processing along with histogram equalization as a before processing. [4]

1.4.6 Fuzzy Filtering

The idea driving this filtering is usually to normal your pixel using additional pixel ideals by reviewing the neighborhood, however simultaneously to address critical image structures just like edges. The main priority from the recommended filtering is usually to distinguish between regional variations as a result of noises in addition to as a result of image structure. Your order to accomplish this, each pixel all of us derive a price in which communicates their education where the mixture within a particular path is usually small. This kind of a price is usually derived each path equivalent on the nearby pixels from the refined pixel by way of fluffy rule. The further engineering from the filtering is then in line with the watching with interest which a modest fluffy mixture almost certainly is usually the result of noises, whilst a sizable fluffy mixture almost certainly is usually the result of a footing while in the image. Therefore, each path i will use not one but two fluffy regulations in which carry this specific watching with interest note, understanding that decide this contribution from the nearby pixel values. The consequence of these regulations is usually defuzzified plus a "a static correction term" is usually purchased for any refined pixel importance.

2. RELATED WORK

F. C. Cheng et al [7] examined blunders phenomena result in fresh air light-weight get older in addition changed for the worse the field of perspective together with coupled with effect grabbed inside camera. To further improve area associated with perspective, fresh air light-weight quote is

essential suitable for effect errors removal. Whenever fresh air light-weight is reasonably brilliant, a fliers as well as business card printing instantly settle on brilliant pixels suitable for fresh air lamination estimation. K.B. Gibson et al. [12] discussed the way in which lots of simple picture defogging methods accomplish working with a color ellipsoid framework. That formula makes use of enhanced Gaussian union layout to enable you to take into account numerous combinations offering pure instinct in many challenging paying attention a glass windows, like observations in degree discontinuities which was 1 prevalent overuse injury in simple picture defogging. Zhiyuan Xu et al. [1] have tried to think about that may, the best ways movie press collection improved for the more serious just by faults endure negative visibility. A new variance minimal flexible histogram equalization (CLAHE)-based procedure began to remove fog. CLAHE determines some sort of the greatest worth so that you can sneak peek this histogram as well as redistributes this linked pixels just as so that you can each dreary level. Jing Yu et al. [15] mentioned that the image resolution along with lousy weather conditions are normally severely improved for your even worse by scattering resulting from dangling allergens in the establishing such as haze, problems in addition to mist. Your fresh new speedy defogging method from a single graphic of the world with different speedy bilateral filtration technique ended up utilized. Shih-Chia Huang et al. [14] discussed about the development coming from the concept of vision associated with ocean haze pictures in the unmanned expanse ship picture procedure, this work introduced some kind of publication defogging process based on a marriage strategy. The ultimate defogging result's got utilizing a simple enough bright firmness process. Ma, Zhongli et al. [20] discussed just about any excellent pixel answer to the prices within the skies additionally non-sky sections, that lets you mitigate your own halo bedroom throughout the sharpened tips lowering shading physique distortions above region. Wang et al. [4] used the multi-scale stiffness thoughts games formula in order to approximation that atmospheric veil, so that you can shape an awful strengthen plus sort the form a contrast regarding information during different scales. An item can bring about pitiable outcome after does not recognize your regional maxima in addition to local minima accurately. Zhiyuan et al. [2] discussed photographs transformed for that more serious using haze be afflicted by inferior contrast. So that you can get haze have an effect on, almost any Variety the contrast Small Multipurpose Histogram Equalization (CLAHE)-based approach became presented. Huimin Lu et al.[3] That record covers a different approach to bolster beneath the water graphics merely by photo dehazing. Scattering as well as coloring remodel are usually a list of critical complications associated with distortion with regards to beneath the water imaging. Scattering is definitely the end result of big shut down dust, such as turbid waters comprising abundant particles. This system resembles better than the state-of-the-art approaches merely by if it turns out inside a lot of up-to-date photo assessment systems. Zhiyuan et al. [5] Photographs deteriorated by means of errors are afflicted by undesirable contrast. So they can improve the difference, the errors deteriorated perception difference progression procedure based upon Bilinear Interpolation Powerful Histogram Equalization is in fact proposed. Sooner or later, HE and also Bilinear Interpolation usually are correspondingly executed on the image. Fresh effects demonstrate that the proposed procedure delivers a lot better procedure rather than range of standard algorithms. Shuai et al.[6] The particular is usually in order to appraisal a regular objective from the while using the

media channels stations variety procedure prior to this candle lit station, to ensure media channels stations objective far better as well as complement any wiener variety closer. Your criteria however but not only compensates with regard to a deficiency associated with candle lit station previous criteria, but in addition increases this work associated with candle lit station previous criteria as well as lessens a functional time period around the photograph algorithm.

3. METHODOLOGY

1. In the initial phase, various underwater, remote sensing and road side images will be taken for experimental purpose from various datasets available on internet . and the format of the images will be jpg, png etc.
2. In this phase some well known existing algorithms will be designed and implemented using a suitable tool like MATLAB, JAVA etc
3. In this phase in order to improve the coarse estimated atmospheric veil by using different improved/hybrid filters will be implemented in order to remove the halo artifacts and to preserve significant detail of restored images with large haze gradients
4. In this phase, the proposed technique will be tested and verified for the secondary data set of road side, underwater and remotely sensed images.
5. Finally, comparative analysis will be developed for the vision research community.

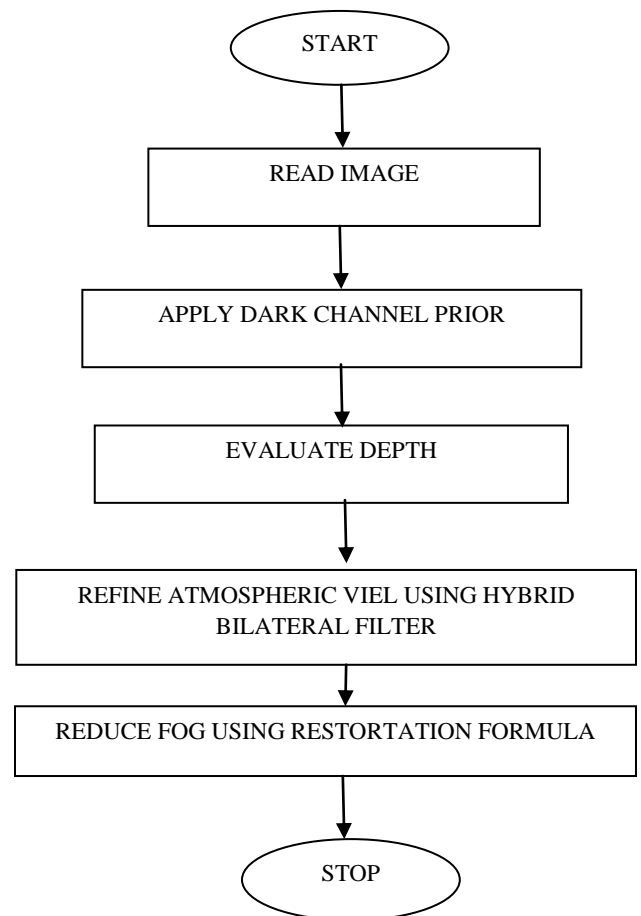
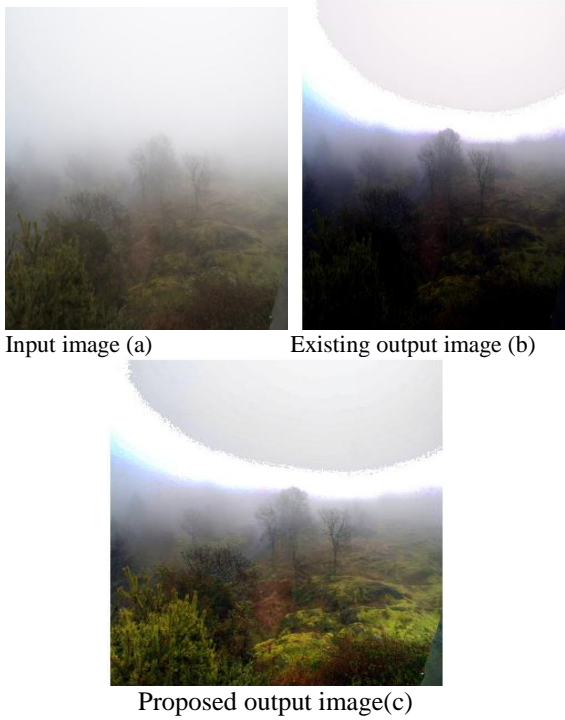


Fig 2. Flowchart of the proposed technique

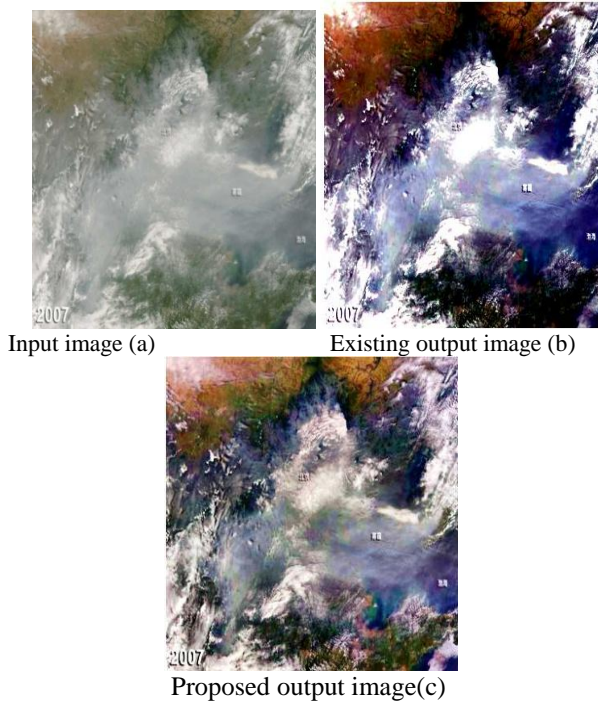
4. RESULTS

For experimentation and implementation the proposed technique is evaluated using MATLAB tool u2013a. The evaluation of proposed technique is done on the basis of following parameters i.e. Entropy, PSNR, MSE, based on different images.

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These foggy images have been taken from the google website the images are Landsat foggy image, modis foggy image and quick bird foggy image etc.

4.1. MSE (Mean Squared Error) -Mean square error will be to compute one indication through subtracting quality indication through the reference, after which it computing the standard power in the blunder signal. It can be explained as:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N (f(i, j) - f'(i, j))^2$$

Where $j(s)$ is the global normalized histogram of the processed image, i is the brightness level index, p_i is the probability of occurrence of level i in the enhanced image [1].

Table1. Mean Square Error

Images	Mean Square Error (existing)	Mean Square Error (proposed)
Img1	0.0314	0.0069
Img2	0.0356	0.0198
Img3	0.0555	0.0119
Img4	0.0353	0.0091
Img5	0.0570	0.0211
Img6	0.0287	0.0072
Img7	0.0569	0.0185
Img8	0.0302	0.0205
Img9	0.0500	0.0200
Img10	0.0300	0.0244

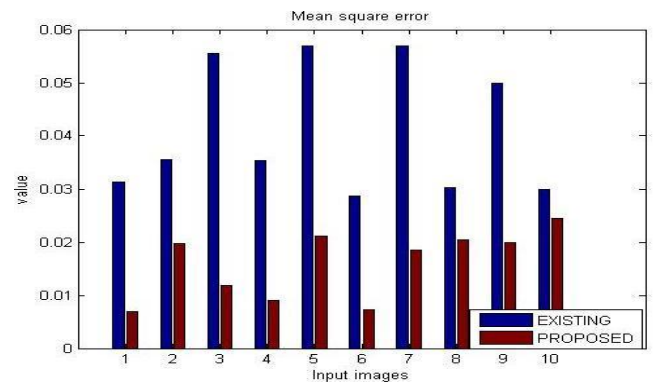


Fig3. Mean Square Error

4.2. RMSE (Root Mean Square Error) -

Root-mean-square error can be a measure on the differences between valuations forecast by means of one or maybe estimator as well as valuations basically observed. It can be explained as:

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{MN} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N (f(i, j) - f'(i, j))^2}$$

Table2. Root Mean Square Error

Images	Root Mean Square Error (existing)	Root Mean Square Error (proposed)
Img1	0.1773	0.0833
Img2	0.1887	0.1406
Img3	0.2355	0.1089

Img4	0.1879	0.0953
Img5	0.2388	0.1454
Img6	0.1694	0.0849
Img7	0.2384	0.1359
Img8	0.1737	0.1430
Img9	0.3000	0.1413
Img10	0.1733	0.1563

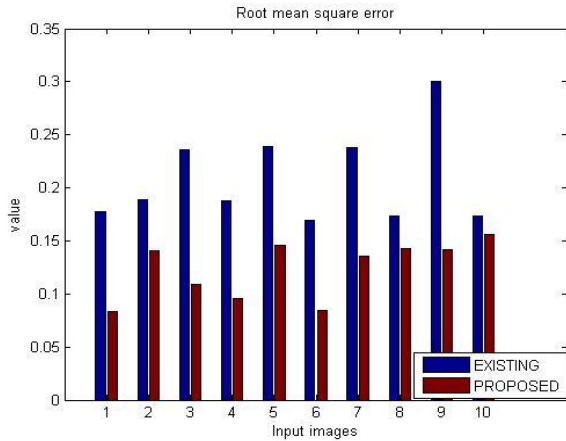


Fig3. Root Mean Square Error

4.3. BER (Bit error rate) - It is defined as the rate in which faults arise inside of a transmission system. This really is immediately converted into the quantity of faults of which arise inside of a chain of a mentioned variety of bits. The definition of bit error rate can be translated into a simple formula:

$$BER = \frac{\text{Number of errors}}{\text{Total number of bits sent}}$$

Table3. Bit Error Rate

Images	Bit Error Rate (existing)	Bit Error Rate (proposed)
Img1	0.0158	0.0143
Img2	0.0160	0.0153
Img3	0.0165	0.0148
Img4	0.0160	0.0146
Img5	0.0165	0.0154
Img6	0.0157	0.0144
Img7	0.0165	0.0153
Img8	0.0158	0.0154
Img9	0.0171	0.0154
Img10	0.0158	0.0156

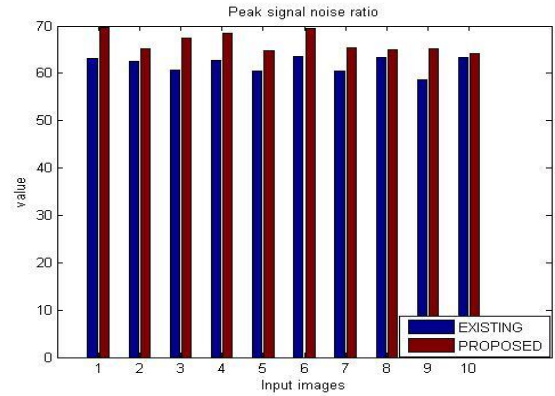


Fig4. Bit Error Rate

4.4. Cross-Correlation Evaluation

Cross-Correlation (CC) should be close to 1, therefore planned algorithm is showing better effects compared to the available techniques as CC is near to 1 in every case.

Table 4.Cross Correlation Evaluation

Image name	Existing algorithm	Proposed algorithm
image 1	0.6076	0.9842
image 2	1.1131	0.9753
image3	0.5935	0.9666
image4	0.5662	1.2876
image5	1.2214	0.8041
image6	0.9077	0.8874
image7	0.6215	0.9523
image8	0.6978	0.9726
image9	1.0178	0.8557
image10	1.1631	1.1040

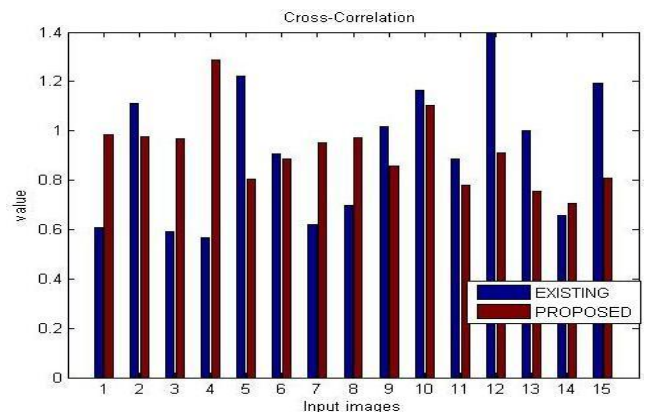


Fig 5. CC for the existing and the proposed method

Figure 7.3 is showing the quantized analysis of the Cross-Correlation of different images using existing method (Pink Color), proposed method (blue Color). It is very clear from the plot that value of CC is close to 1 in every case with the use of proposed method over other methods. This represents improvement in the objective quality of the image.

4.5. Median Angular Error

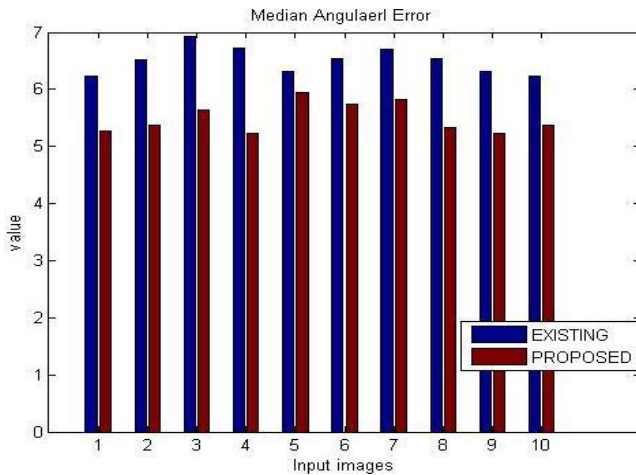


Fig6. Median Angular Error

Table5. Root Mean Square Error

Image name	Existing algorithm	Proposed algorithm
image 1	6.2374	5.2731
image 2	6.5273	5.3732
image3	6.9372	5.6348
image4	6.7323	5.2342
image5	6.3231	5.9372
image6	6.5432	5.7321
image7	6.6933	5.8333
image8	6.5381	5.3217
image9	6.3212	5.2372
image10	6.2312	5.3723

5. CONCLUSION

This paper has proposed the improved air light estimation algorithm by using fuzzy filters and dark channel prior to preserve significant detail of restored images with large haze gradients. It has been designed and implemented in Matlab tool 2013. The comparison of various parameters like Peak signal to noise ratio, Median angular error, Mean square error, Root mean square error, Cross correlation has been taken which has been improved the coarse estimated atmospheric veil by reducing halo artifacts as well as it is able to produce the haze free image in more optimistic manner.

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