



Security of printed documents

Risks of estimation attack

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Motivation

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Counterfeiting – the underworld threat to beating COVID-19

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Now Amazon is selling counterfeit COVID-19 vaccination cards

Fake vaccination IDs were for sale on Etsy as recently as June 2

The problem of fake vaccination cards on Etsy isn't new: a [Vice report](#) from April highlighted how easy it is to buy a fake vaccination card on the website. The company responded to the article by noting that "fraudulent Covid-19 vaccine documents are strictly prohibited on Etsy." Despite this, the sale of fake vaccination documents on Etsy has continued, with Media Matters finding examples available on the site as recently as June 2.

In fact, the first results when searching "blank vaccination card" on Etsy yesterday were fake vaccination cards.

Etsy blank vaccination card

Father's Day Gifts Jewelry & Accessories Clothing & Shoes Home & Living Wedds Party

Estimated Arrival Any time • All Filters

OFFICIAL COVID-19 VACCINATION ID CARD

OFFICIAL COVID-19 VACCINATION ID CARD
SITE OF VACCINATION: _____
VACCINATION TYPE: _____
I HAVE VACCINATED AS OF: _____

Counterfeiting risks

- Danger for life
- Identity theft
- Losses for the market
- Damage to the brand reputation

Document types

- ID documents:
 - passports
 - visas
 - professional cards
- Administrative documents:
 - invoices
 - vaccination cards
- Packaging:
 - medicines
 - cosmetics
 - wines
 - baby food



Approaches for document protection

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2. Anti-copy approaches

- Material unclonable characteristics
 - Measurable But Not Duplicable characteristics [Goldman *et al.*]
 - Paper PUF [Wong *et al.*]
- Printed anti-copy elements
 - Copy detection pattern [Picard]
 - Two level QR code [Tkachenko *et al.*]
 - Watermarked QR code [Nguyen *et al.*]
- Printer forensics



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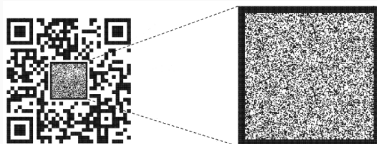
Copy Detection Pattern (1/2)

CDP (Copy Detection Pattern) is a small random or pseudo-random digital image which is printed at an optimal resolution so that the pattern pixel distribution is significantly impacted during duplication.

CDP coverage rate is $50 \pm 5\%$.



[Picard 2004]



[Picard 2017]

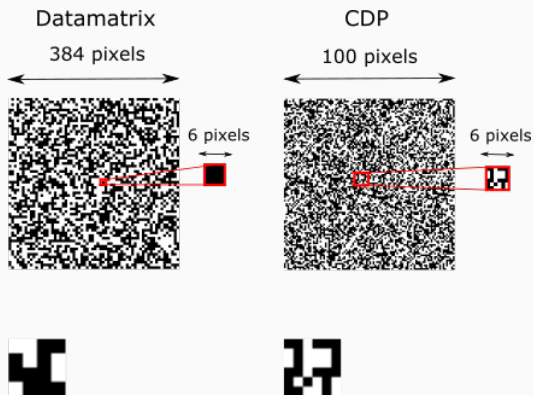


J. Picard, "Digital authentication with copy-detection patterns,"
Electronic Imaging 2004, pp. 176-183

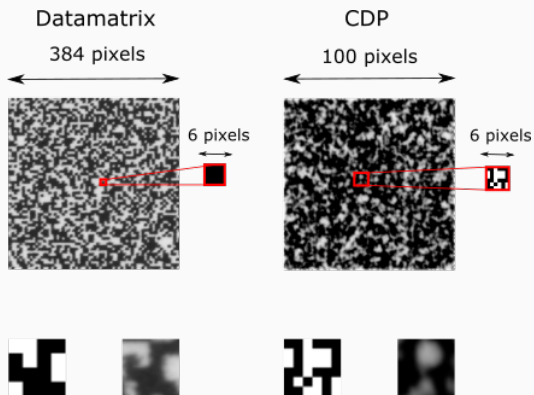


J. Picard, P. Landry, "Two dimensional barcode and method of authentication of such barcode,"
US Patent 9 594 993, 2017.

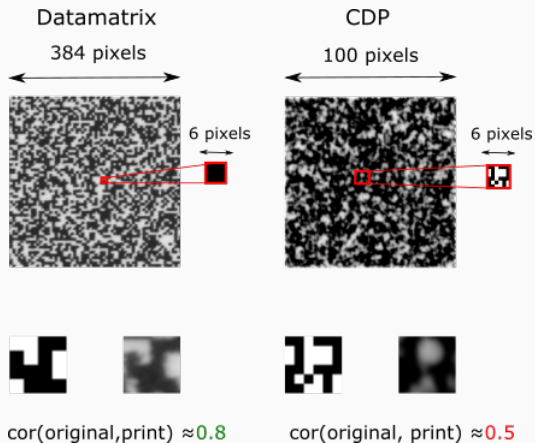
Datamatrix vs CDP: digital



Datamatrix vs CDP: printed



Datamatrix vs CDP: information loss



Copy Detection Pattern (2/2)

Authentication test : made by the comparison of the P&S version with the original digital CDP

- performed in the spatial (or frequency) domain,
- using a correlation coefficient (or a distance),
- with a predefined decision threshold.

Robust to duplication and estimation using an inverted P&S model [Dirik *et al.*].

Theoretically can be estimated from a reasonable number of genuine CDPs [Baras *et al.*].

What about estimation attack?



A.E. Dirik, B. Haas, "Copy detection pattern-based document protection for variable media," IET Image Processing 2012, 6(8), 1102–1113.



C. Baras and F. Cayre, "2D bar-codes for authentication: A security approach," EUSIPCO 2012, pp. 1760–1766.

Estimation attack

Digital CDP	I
Printed CDP	$\Pi(I)$
Captured CDP	$\tilde{I} = \Sigma(\Pi(I))$
Copy of captured CDP	$\tilde{\tilde{I}} = \Sigma(\Pi'(\Sigma'(\Pi(I)))) = \Sigma'(\Pi'(\tilde{I}))$

Estimation attack

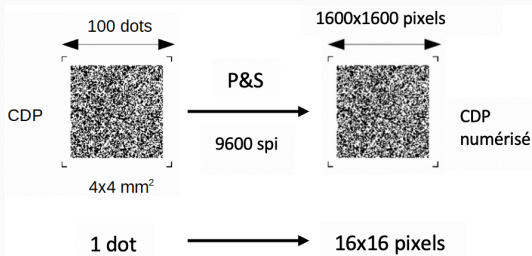
Estimated CDP	$\hat{I} = E(\Sigma'(\Pi(I)))$
Captured estimated CDP	$\tilde{\hat{I}} = \Sigma(\Pi'(\hat{I}))$

Authentication test (in case of correlation measure used) :

$$H_0 : f(I, \tilde{\hat{I}}) > Th$$

Binarization based on supervised learning (1/2)

- Each pixel of code l is represented by $n \times n$ pixels of printed code \tilde{l} .



- 5 types of features are extracted.
- Binarization is done by the classification of pixels (in classes "white pixels" and "black pixels") using conventional classification methods.



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Document authentication using 2D codes: Maximizing the decoding performance using statistical inference.
In IFIP International Conference on Communications and Multimedia Security. Springer, 39–54, 2012.

Binarization based on supervised learning (2/2)

Supervised classification can dramatically increase the quality of counterfeit codes ($n = 16$).

Features	Database dimension	BER	std
LDA F3	5 images	22.60%	4.1%
QDA F3	5 images	26.00%	2.9%
Naive bayesian F3	5 images	35.00%	1.2%
K-means + SVM F3	5 images	22.10%	3.9%

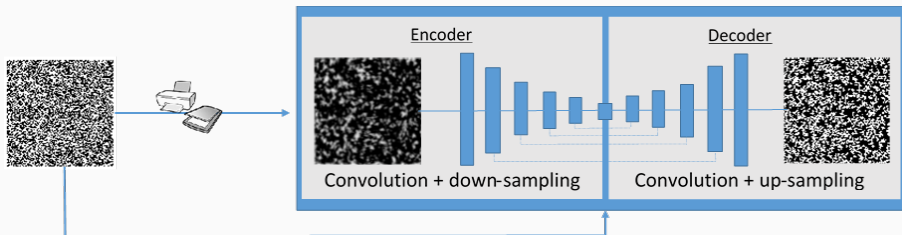


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Binarization based on neural network (1/2)



Database is online

www.univ-st-etienne.fr/graphical-code-estimation.



J. Calvo-Zaragoza, A.-J. Gallego

A selectional auto-encoder approach for document image binarization.

Pattern Recognition 86 (2019), 37–47, 2019.

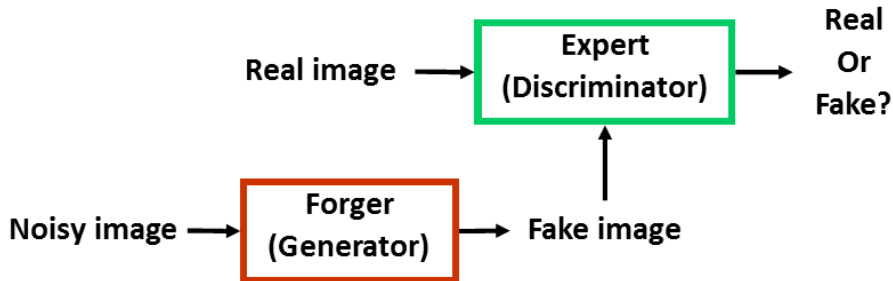


R. Yadav, I. Tkachenko, A. Trémeau, T. Fournel

Estimation of copy-sensitive codes using a neuronal approach.

IH&MMSec 2019, July 2019, Paris, France.

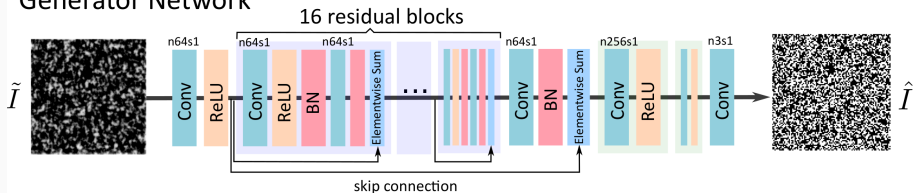
Binarisation by GAN



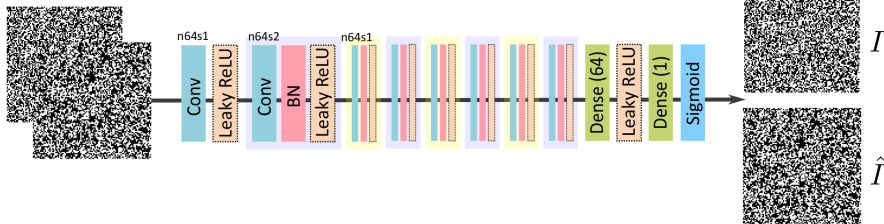
GAN architecture where a generator is trained to estimate the current real image from a noisy image, so that it can trick a discriminator trained at the same time to distinguish the real images from the estimated images.

Binarization based on neural network (2/2)

Generator Network

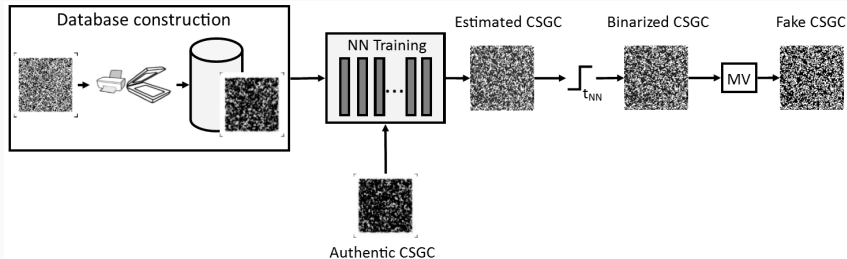


Discriminator Network



C. Ledig, L. Theis, F. Huszar, J. Caballero, A. Cunningham, A. Acosta, A. Aitken, A. Tejani, J. Totz, and Z. Wang
Photo-realistic single image super-resolution using a generative adversarial network.
In Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, pages 4681–4690, 2017.

Estimation attack pipeline



Estimation results

Method used	BER	Best BER
Elementary unit size $s = 8^2 p/e$		
LDA F3 (8×8)	26.86%	25.57%
BN DNN* (8×8)	14.2%	12.06%
SAE (8×8)	10.04%	8.32%
GAN (8×8)	9.50%	7.53%

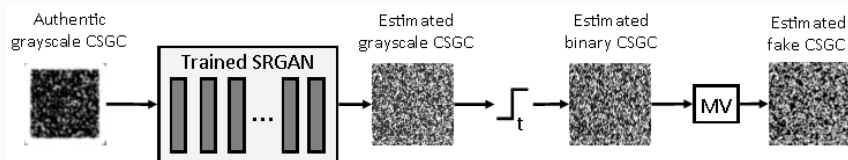


* O. Taran, S. Bonev, and S. Voloshynovskiy

Clonability of anti-counterfeiting printable graphical codes: a machine learning approach.

In IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing. Brighton, United Kingdom, 2019.

Increase the resolution using SR GAN



Estimation results

Method used	BER	Std	Best case	Worst case
SAE 400 \rightarrow 400	11.26%	1.59%	8.83%	19.84%
SRGAN 400 \rightarrow 800	9.27%	1.04%	7.14%	15.47%
SAE 800 \rightarrow 800	10.04%	0.82%	8.32%	13.65%
SRGAN 400 \rightarrow 1600	9.18%	0.96%	7.52%	15.21%
SAE 1600 \rightarrow 1600	10.42%	1.02%	8.53%	15.51%

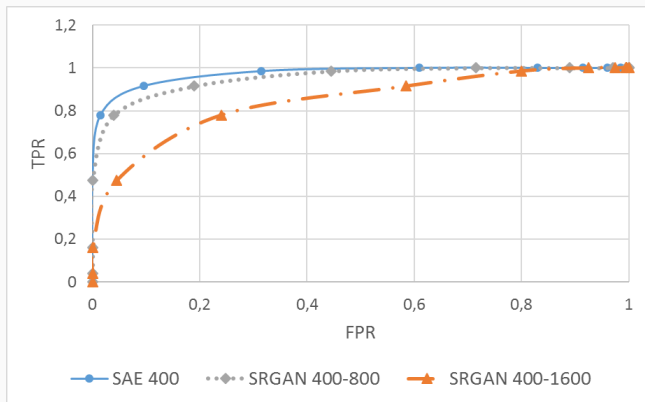


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Copy sensitive graphical code estimation : Physical vs numerical resolution.

in IEEE Workshop on Information Forensics and security 2019, Delft, Netherlands.

Authentication after estimation by SR GAN



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Conclusions and future work

Take home message:

- Copy-sensitive codes can help protect valuable documents or packaging from unauthorized copying.
- The estimation attack can produce fake codes.
 - A statistical approach using classical binarization methods is a bad strategy.
 - A neural network approach can produce codes that pass the authentication test.
- Good news: authentication test is not based on BER.

Future work:

- Improve the estimation results taking into account the image resolution.
- Build novel authentication test merging the anti-copy and the forensics approaches.
- Study adversarial examples while using ML authentication tests.



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Short description

Globalization and improvements in digital scanning and printing technologies have made counterfeiting more prolific and easier to perform than ever. According to a report commissioned by the International Chamber of Commerce, the entire global economy is on track to lose €3.7 trillion to counterfeiting and piracy with 5.4

https://perso.liris.cnrs.fr/itkachenko/public_html/CFP_SS_WIFS2021.pdf

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