Abstract—Different organizations in today’s scenario are fully dependent on information technology for their survival, suffer from various security challenges like unauthorized access, physical damages etc. To avoid various security breaches and concerns, robust mechanism for user access need to be adopted that not only secure of valuable data but can also be utilized for developing various other security applications. “Biometric” secured technology is gaining attention for over traditional security mechanism like password, smart card etc. because information related to biometric are difficult to steal as compared to other mechanisms. In this research analysis “strong biometric approach” is proposed to overcome security apprehensions of various organizations & society through iris recognition system. Iris recognition system is a mechanism to identify a person through analyzing his or her iris pattern. This recognition system includes iris image acquisition, segmentation, normalization, encoding, matching and finally validation of iris templates. The iris recognition system developed and simulated in this research study has taken IIT database iris images as inputs and utilized hamming distance as the matching parameter. The simulated results depict an efficient and novel secured approach that will overcome various unauthorized accesses across the internet. The most novel approach of this iris based recognition system as compared to other traditional systems is that, if selected images are matched with trained iris images present in database then the resultant hamming distance as most of the iris recognition systems directly accept or reject images and causes huge congestion and execution prorogations.

Index Terms—Biometric, Iris Recognition System, Security Challenges, Normalization, Template Matching, Hamming Distance.
A. Biometric

Biometric technique is considered to be as one of the most secure and robust mechanisms for protecting valuable data. It is utilized for the verification purpose of an individual through their physical characteristics. This technique is preferred over traditional security mechanism like password, smart card etc. because information related to biometric are difficult to steal as compared to other mechanisms. Various types of strong biometric are fingerprint, facial features, voice, retinal scan, hand geometry, handwriting and the one exhibited in this paper is “iris” [14]. Types of biometric weak and strong are on the basis of various parameters are shown in Table 1. and in Fig.2. The research study of this paper utilizes strong biometric type i.e. iris because of its strong distinctive content and high rate of stability. Iris recognition techniques simulated in this research study is extremely uniqueness and is more reliable and stable validated through various simulation results depicted in section IV.

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Fig.2. Percentage Utilization of Biometrics in Security
https://www.cs.bham.ac.uk/~mdr/teaching/modules03/security/students/SS3/handout/

B. Neotric Iris based Recognition System

Iris is an organ which has unique design and stay same throughout lifetime. These quality of iris make highly unique, reliable and stable. Various countries are using iris recognition techniques in air terminals for entry and exit of passengers. Iris recognition system is composed of stages mentioned below:

- Image Acquisition
- Iris Segmentation
- Iris Normalization
- Iris Encoding
- Matching

These stages will be discussed in later section of this research analysis. Rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section II lists about the literature survey which includes related work regarding biometric and iris recognition. Different security breaches and shortcomings are discussed in Section III. Methodology adopted for iris recognition system is mentioned in Section IV. Section V includes results and analysis. Conclusion and future scope is included in Section VI.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

An extensive literature survey about biometric mechanism and iris recognition system is provided in this section depicted through Table 2.
III. RESEARCH MOTIVATION

After performing an intensive literature survey the following research motivations have been highlighted that will lead to the problem formulation of the novel biometric approach discussed, analyzed, implemented and simulated in this research study.

A. Security Challenges: Security of biometric devices is really turned into a serious security concern in today’s era. Hacking of such devices is one of the security concerns.

B. Privacy Challenges: Biometric collects tons of data for its various applications. These data may be very sensitive and private which need not to be made public. Necessary precautions are missing while storing and sharing of data with other service provider.

C. Inter-Operability Standard Issues: Information exchange needs to be done between various interconnected biometric devices, but this requires an investment of large amounts of money.

D. Legal Regulatory and Right Issues: There is no stronger law available which cover all the different biometric throughout the globe, so this may result into security breaches.

So the proposed research study motivates in building a secured novel approach utilizing strong biometrics iris to avoid various security breaches and enhance network performance.

IV. METHODOLOGY ADOPTED

As above sections discusses about the extensive literature survey and gaps of study, now this section highlights on the methodology of the proposed approach, iris based recognition system explanations and what different methods are used for obtaining the desired results.

At a situation when an individual is required or wishes to recognize by iris framework, for this first eye is captured of that particular individual and then the layout made for their iris district. Then the matching process is done, for this layout is put away in database until the coordinating layout is not found and subject is distinguished or either no match is found and subject is unidentified.

Fig. 3. Steps Involved in the Proposed Iris Recognition System.

In the above flow diagram in Fig. 3., iris recognition working is shown in detailed step by step. Firstly Iris image is taken, and then there are four steps to follow in
the iris recognition process. First step is segmentation method followed by normalization. After normalization, iris template is encoded and then the encoded template is matched with the template from database. If template is matched then authentication mechanism is successful otherwise authentication is denied. This system consists of different sub-framework, which includes different phases of iris recognition mechanism. These steps are as follows:

A. Image Acquisition

Very first requirement for executing iris recognition technique framework is iris images gathering database for which best image acquisition mechanism is required. Quality of iris image plays very important role in this technique [9]. This paper hasn’t acquired images through CCD camera but has taken authentic IIT Delhi, databases to acquire iris images.

B. Iris Segmentation

The first step of iris recognition is to determine actual iris region from digital eye image. These images basically consist of two circles. The iris/sclera boundary is defined by outer circle and the iris/pupil boundary is defined by inner circle. The segmentation technique basically depends on the quality of eye images through image acquisition mechanism [8]. Iris segmentation can be performed by various mechanisms like, Daugman’s Integro-differential Operator, Active Contour Models, Eyelash and Noise Detection etc., among all these mechanism Hough Transform is utilized in this novel approach for iris segmentation because Hough transform mechanism is relatively unaffected by eye image error and noise. In starting of Hough transform, generation of edge map takes place by calculation of the first derivatives of intensity values in an eye image and then thresholding of the result is done. In Hough space votes are casted from the edge map for the parameters (centre coordinates \(x_c\) and \(y_c\), and the radius \(r\)) of circles passing through each edge point, which are able to define any circle according to the equation:

\[
x^2 + y^2 = r^2
\]  

For locating the iris boundary only the vertical gradients are taken that will reduce influence of the eyelids for performing circular Hough transform as for successful localisation, not all of the edge pixels defining the circle are required. Hence, making circle localisation more accurate and more efficient as there are less edge points to cast votes in the Hough space.

C. Iris Normalization

In the previous step as the segmentation is performed successfully on eye image. The very next step is to convert the obtained iris region into fix dimensions, so that it can be compared. The normalization mechanism will provide iris region with same constant dimensions [9]. Iris normalization can be performed by various mechanisms like Daugmann Rubber Sheet Model, Image Registration, Histogram equalization etc. Among all these mechanism of normalization, Daugman’s Rubber Sheet Model is utilized in this research study for performing normalization. In Daugmann rubber sheet model, Iris region’s remapping of the \((x, y)\) Cartesian coordinates to the normalized non-concentric polar representation is modelled as;

\[
I(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta)) \rightarrow I(r, \theta)
\]  

With:

\[
x(r, \theta) = (1-r)x_0(\theta) + rx_b(\theta)
\]
\[
y(r, \theta) = (1-r)y_0(\theta) + ry_b(\theta)
\]

where:

\(I(x, y) =\) iris region image.
\((x, y) =\) original Cartesian coordinates.
\((r, \theta) =\) corresponding normalized polar coordinates.
\(x_p, y_p \) and \(x_b, y_b\)= coordinates of the pupil and iris boundaries along the \(\theta\) direction.

Pupil dilation and size inconsistencies are taken into account by the rubber sheet model to produce a normalized representation with constant dimensions. Hence, modelling the iris region as a flexible rubber sheet is anchored at the boundary with the reference point specified as the pupil centre. This model considers for dilation of pupil, imaging distance and non-concentric pupil displacement.

D. Iris Encoding

In order to provide accurate recognition of individuals only the selective section of iris region need to be extracted. This selective part of iris image is encoded by using different mechanism so that comparison of template can be performed [10]. Iris encoding can be performed by various different methods like wavelet encoding, Gabor filters, Log-Gabor Filters etc. Among all these encoding mechanism Bi-orthogonal wavelet based comer template encoding methodology is utilized in this research study as it does not rely on Fourier transform and result is faster implementation of wavelet transform.

E. Iris Matching

In Iris matching method is comparison of two iris templates is done by passing their corresponding binary features to the function [11-16].

\[
HD= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} C_a(j) + C_b(j)
\]  

Where \(C_a\) and \(C_b\) are the coefficient of two iris images and \(N\) is the size of feature vector. This formula consist of Boolean operator which when provide result as binary 1 which mean \(C_a\) and \(C_b\) are different and if 0 then \(C_a\) and \(C_b\) are same.

There are various mechanisms for iris matching. Hamming Distance is selected metric for Iris matching
mechanism. It provides how many bits are not matched between two Iris templates which are compared. If the hamming distance between two templates is less than the threshold value then it validates that the two iris images are of same person otherwise different.

V. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

As in previous section methodology has been discussed. This section focuses on simulation analysis of proposed approach through MATLAB depicted and analyzed from Fig.4-14.

STEP 1: This step involves training of iris images of IITD database

![Fig.4. Training of Iris Images](image)

STEP 2: This step involves selection of any iris image from one of the database available or from other sources.

![Fig.5. Iris Image which belongs to IITD Database (class 1 first image)](image)
STEP 2: Step 2 is compared with the entire iris images present in database which is trained. Hamming distance is calculated for the images.

STEP 3: Third step involves searching process and also calculating the total time taken for the searching mechanism.
STEP 4: This step performs Segmentation through Hough Transform

Fig. 8. Iris Image that doesn’t belong to IIT Database.

Fig. 9. Hough Transform Generation of Iris Image of IIT Database

Fig. 9. depicts the Hough Transform of iris image that belongs to IITD database (class one first image).
Fig. 10 depicts the Hough Transform of iris image that belongs to another database, which is not trained.

STEP 5: Involves the normalization mechanism of the iris image. It converts iris region into fixed dimensions.

Fig. 11 shows the normalization of iris image that belongs to IITD database (class one first image).

Fig. 12 depicts the normalization of iris image belonging to another database, which is not trained.

STEP 6: This is final step it performs matching through Hamming distance method. If image selected in step II belong to database which is trained then the hamming distance will be 0 otherwise not.
Fig. 13. Hamming Distance Matching of Iris Image belonging to IIT Database

Fig. 13. shows hamming distance matching. Here hamming distance is 0 because iris image belongs to IITD database (class one first image) which is trained.

Fig. 14. Hamming Distance Matching of Iris Image not belonging to IIT Database

Fig. 14. shows hamming distance calculation. Here hamming distance is not 0 (HD=0.24) because iris image belongs to another database which is not trained, so this Iris image doesn’t match with images in trained database. But still the proposed mechanism matches some of its details to class 3 & provide results which is the main feature of this novel iris based recognition system.

Table 3. represents the result of iris images matching. Selected images are matched with database which consists of trained iris images. If selected images are matched with trained iris images present in database then the resultant hamming distance will be 0 otherwise not, which is the most novel feature of this iris based recognition system as most of the iris recognition systems directly accept or reject images and causes huge congestion prorogations.
In Modern day world various security breaches are occurring at a fast rate due to extensive flow of information. So there is a need of some reliable security solution like biometric. One big concern of security is to provide a biometric mechanism to enhance security as well as privacy of network. Thus in this proposed novel approach biometric based security solution has been developed and simulated in MATLAB and validation has been proposed through Hamming distance method to be a specific security solution for modern day trends.

Acceptance and rejection with 0 and 1 as Hamming parameter can cause unnecessary prorogation across the network. The proposed security solution helps to overcome this prorogation by providing 0 as an exact Hamming Distance matching parameter. Those templates which are not part of database are not rejected but sent in a job role providing some matching hamming distance like (0.34, 0.61, 0.72). This proves to be a neoteric mechanism of an iris recognition approach as compared with other traditional systems.

Future Scope

- Accuracy, specificity and sensitivity analysis needs to be incorporated.
- Iris recognition camera (CCD camera) for real time image capturing and implemented for IOT based solutions.
- Extensive comparison analysis with traditional approaches.

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VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

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