



Image Compression

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Fundamentals

- **Data compression**: process of reducing the amount of *data* required to represent a given quantity of *information*.
- Data and information
 - Data conveys information
 - Data redundancy
 - Given two data sets with numbers of information-carrying units n_1 and n_2 , correspondingly.
 - Compression ratio: $C_R = n_1/n_2$
 - Relative data redundancy: $R_D = 1 - 1/C_R$
 - Three types of data redundancy
 - Coding redundancy
 - Interpixel redundancy
 - Psychovisual redundancy

Fundamentals: Coding Redundancy

- Histogram analysis of grey-scale images
 - Given discrete random variable $r_k \in [0, 1]$ representing L grey levels; $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, L-1$; each r_k occurs with probability $p_r(r_k)$, i.e. $p_r(r_k) = n_k/n$, where n_k is the number of times that k -th grey level appears and n is the total number of pixels.
 - Given $l(r_k)$ is the number of bits to represent each value of r_k . Average number of bits required to represent each pixel is
- $$L_{avg} = \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} l(r_k) p_r(r_k)$$
- Total number of bits to code an $M \times N$ image is MNL_{avg}
 - Example: 8-level image coded by 3-bit binary code and a variable-length code

$$L_{avg}^1 = \sum_{k=0}^7 3 p_r(r_k) = 3$$

$$L_{avg}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^7 l(r_k) p_r(r_k) = 2.7$$

$$C_R = 3 / 2.7 = 1.11$$

$$R_D = 1 - 1 / 1.11 = 0.099$$

r_k	$p_r(r_k)$	Code 1	$l_1(r_k)$	Code 2	$l_2(r_k)$
$r_0 = 0$	0.19	000	3	11	2
$r_1 = 1/7$	0.25	001	3	01	2
$r_2 = 2/7$	0.21	010	3	10	2
$r_3 = 3/7$	0.16	011	3	001	3
$r_4 = 4/7$	0.08	100	3	0001	4
$r_5 = 5/7$	0.06	101	3	00001	5
$r_6 = 6/7$	0.03	110	3	000001	6
$r_7 = 1$	0.02	111	3	000000	6

TABLE 8.1
Example of variable-length coding.



Fundamentals: Coding Redundancy

- The fundamental basis of data compression through *variable-length coding*: functions $p_r(r_k)$ and $l(r_k)$ are inversely proportional.
- **Code redundancy** occurs when the code does not minimise the average length (not full advantage of probabilities is taken)

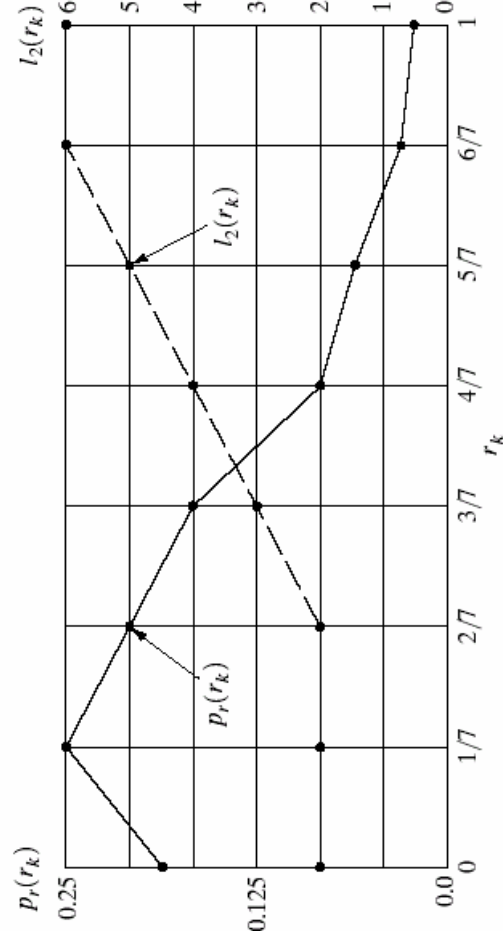


FIGURE 8.1 Graphic representation of the fundamental basis of data compression through variable-length coding.

Fundamentals: Interpixel Redundancy

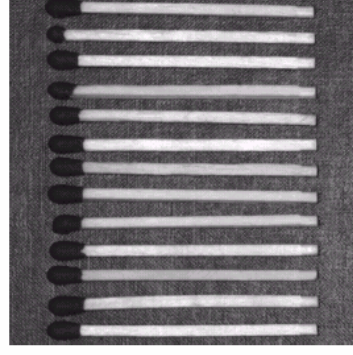
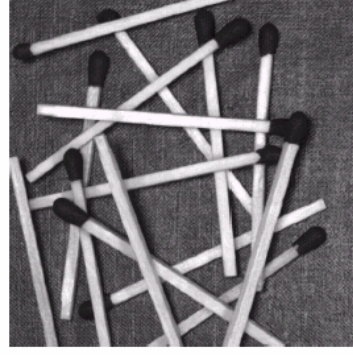
- Related to the interpixel correlations within an image
 - spatial redundancy, geometric redundancy, interframe redundancy
- Measured through autocorrelation coefficients

$$\gamma(\Delta n) = A(\Delta n) / A(0)$$

where

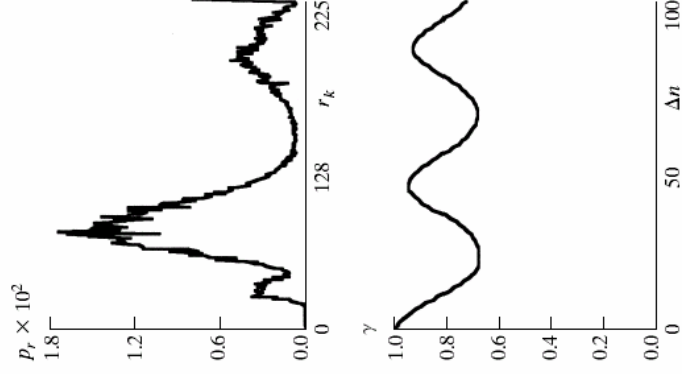
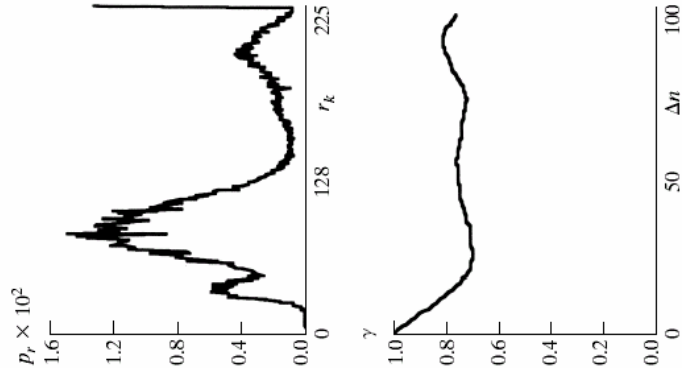
$$A(\Delta n) = \frac{1}{N - \Delta n} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1-\Delta n} f(x, y) f(x, y + \Delta n)$$

- Transformations that remove interpixel redundancy are called *mappings*



a	b
c	d
e	f

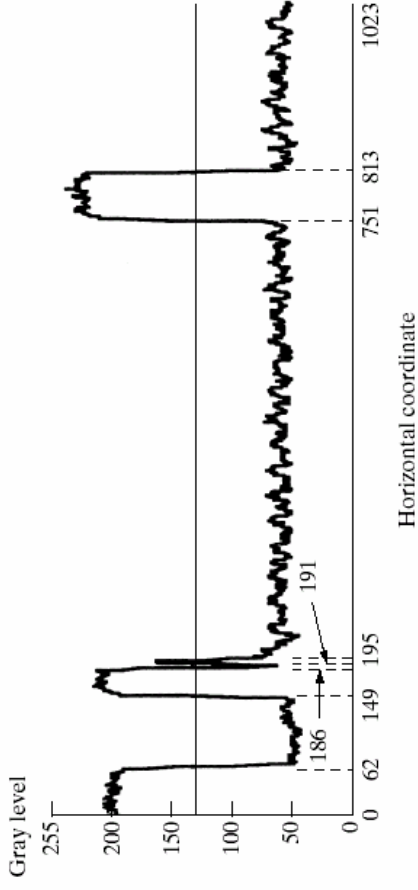
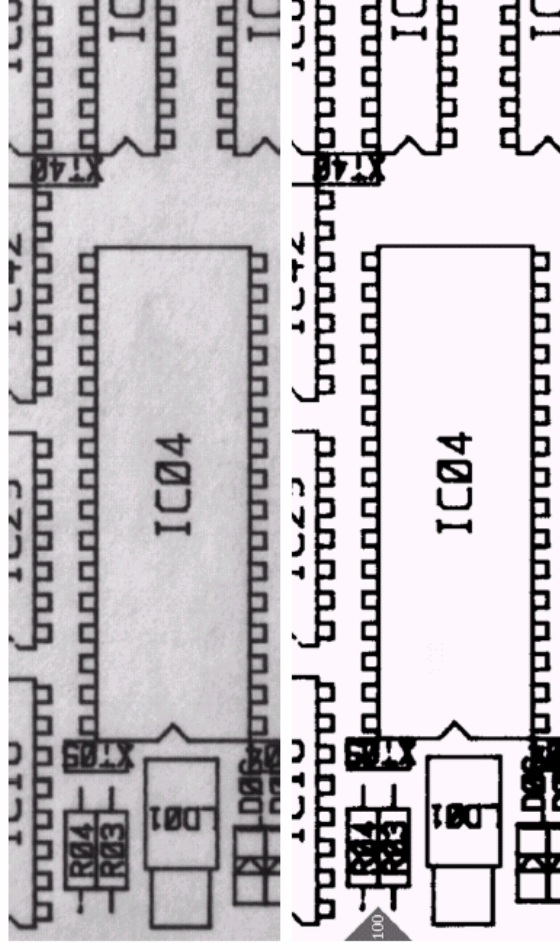
FIGURE 8.2 Two images and their gray-level histograms and normalized autocorrelation coefficients along one line.



Fundamentals: Interpixel Redundancy

Example of a non-visual mapping:

- 1024x343 grey-scale image transformed to a binary image
- Each line is represented by a sequence of pairs (g_i, w_i) , where g_i is the i -th level and w_i is the number of successive samples of this level (run length).
- For line 100 only 88 bits are needed to represent the 1024 bits of binary data



- For the whole image 12166 runs are sufficient
- 11 bits represent each run-length pair

$$C_R = \frac{1024 \cdot 343 \cdot 1}{12166 \cdot 11} = 2.63$$

$$R_D = 1 - 1/2.63 = 0.62$$

FIGURE 8.3 Illustration of run-length coding: (a) original image, (b) Binary image with line 100 marked, (c) Line profile and binarization threshold, (d) Run-length code.

Fundamentals: Psycho-visual Redundancy

- Eye does not respond with equal sensitivity to all visual information. Certain information simply has less relative importance. This information is said to be *psycho-visually redundant*. It can be eliminated without significantly impairing the quality of image perception.
- Some knowledge about how the brain recognizes pictures is needed
- Psycho-visual redundancy differs from the previous two. It is associated with real visual information. Its elimination results in a loss of quantitative information and it is referred to as *quantization*. It is an irreversible operation and leads to *lossy* data compression.
- Example: *improved grey-scale (IGS) quantization*.

Pixel	Gray Level	Sum	IGS Code
$i - 1$	N/A	0000	N/A
i	0110	0110	0110
$i + 1$	1000	1001	1001
$i + 2$	1000	1000	1000
$i + 3$	1111	1111	1111

TABLE 8.2
IGS quantization procedure.

Fundamentals: Psycho-visual Redundancy



a b c

FIGURE 8.4

(a) Original image.

(b) Uniform

quantization to 16

levels. (c) IGS

quantization to 16

levels.



Fundamentals: Fidelity Criteria

- Objective and subjective fidelity criteria to assess the information loss
- Root-mean-square error or Mean-square signal-to-noise ratio

$$e_{rms} = \left[\frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} [f(x, y) - \hat{f}(x, y)]^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$SNR_{ms} = \frac{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} [f(x, y)]^2}{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} [f(x, y) - \hat{f}(x, y)]^2}$$

- Rating scales (see Table 8.3) or Side-by-side comparisons

{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3} ≡ {much worse, worse, slightly worse, the same, slightly better, better, much better}

TABLE 8.3

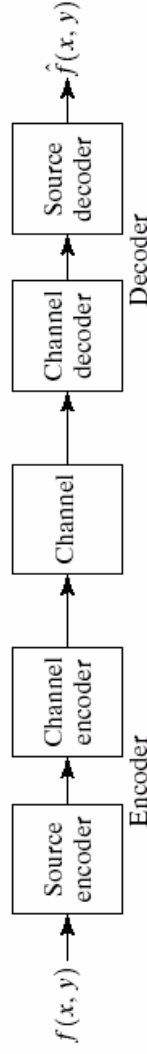
Rating scale of the Television Allocations Study Organization. (Frendendall and Behrend.)

Value	Rating	Description
1	Excellent	An image of extremely high quality, as good as you could desire.
2	Fine	An image of high quality, providing enjoyable viewing. Interference is not objectionable.
3	Passable	An image of acceptable quality. Interference is not objectionable.
4	Marginal	An image of poor quality; you wish you could improve it. Interference is somewhat objectionable.
5	Inferior	A very poor image, but you could watch it. Objectionable interference is definitely present.
6	Unusable	An image so bad that you could not watch it.

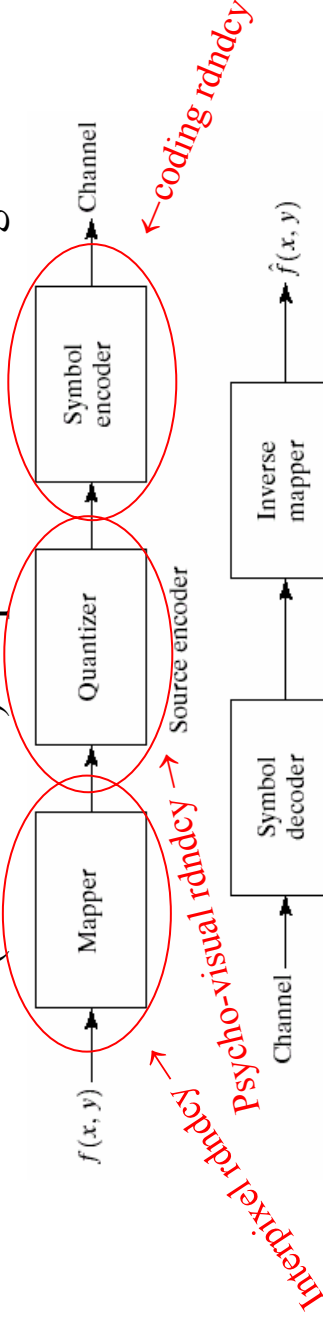


Image Compression Models

- A general compression system consists of an encoder and a decoder.



- Source encoder (and decoder): responsible for reducing or eliminating redundancies.



- Channel encoder (and decoder): reduces the impact of channel noise by 'controlled redundancy'. Example: *Hamming (7,4) code*

given a 4-bit number $b_3b_2b_1b_0$

$h_1 = b_3 \oplus b_2 \oplus b_0$	$h_3 = b_3$
$h_2 = b_3 \oplus b_1 \oplus b_0$	$h_5 = b_2$
$h_4 = b_2 \oplus b_1 \oplus b_0$	$h_6 = b_1$

parity check by a nonzero word $c_4c_2c_1$

$c_1 = h_1 \oplus h_3 \oplus h_5 \oplus h_7$
$c_2 = h_3 \oplus h_3 \oplus h_6 \oplus h_7$
$c_4 = h_4 \oplus h_5 \oplus h_6 \oplus h_7$

the corrected code word $h_3h_5h_6h_7$



Elements of Information Theory

Measuring information

The generation of information is modeled as a probabilistic process. Random event E occurs with probability $P(E)$

$$I(E) = \log \frac{1}{P(E)} = -\log P(E)$$

The base of the logarithm determines the units used to measure the information. If the base 2 is selected the resulting information unit is called bit. If $P(E)=0.5$ (two possible equally likely events) the information is one bit.



Elements of Information Theory

• The information channel: the physical medium that links the source to the user (tel. line, wire, electromagnetic waves, etc.)

• The source

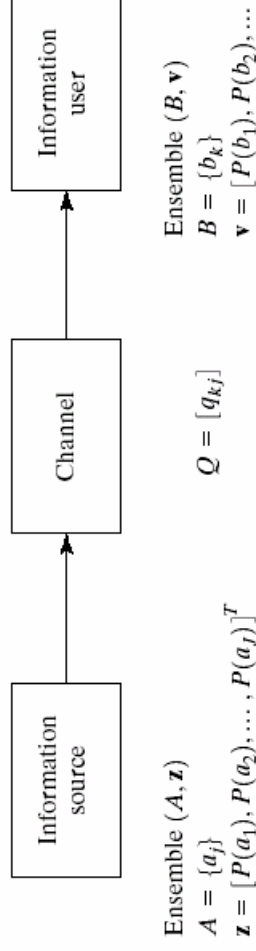
- Modeled as a discrete random variable
- Source alphabet $A = \{a_j\}$
- Symbols (letters) a_j with probabilities $P(a_j)$
- The average self-information obtained from k outputs is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -kP(a_1)\log P(a_1) - kP(a_2)\log P(a_2) - \dots - kP(a_j)\log P(a_j) = \\
 & = -k \sum_{j=1}^J P(a_j)\log P(a_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

• The average information per source output is

$$H(\mathbf{z}) = -\sum_{j=1}^J P(a_j)\log P(a_j)$$

• (*uncertainty* or *entropy*)





Elements of Information Theory

• The channel

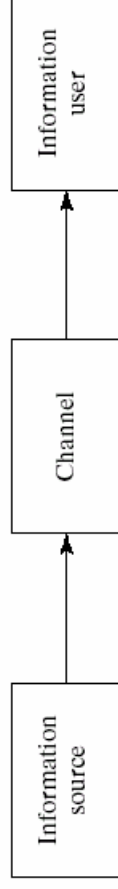
- The information in the output of the channel is a discrete random variable
- Channel alphabet $B = \{b_k\}$ with letters b_k with probabilities $P(b_k)$
- The probabilities are related to the source \mathbf{z} by conditional probabilities

$$P(b_k) = \sum_{j=1}^J P(b_k | a_j) \log P(a_j)$$

- Channel (transition) matrix

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} P(b_1 | a_1) & P(b_1 | a_2) & \dots & P(b_1 | a_J) \\ P(b_2 | a_1) & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ P(b_K | a_1) & P(b_K | a_2) & \dots & P(b_K | a_J) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = [q_{kj}] \text{ where } q_{kj} = P(b_k | a_j)$$



Ensemble (A, \mathbf{z})

$$A = \{a_j\}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = [P(a_1), P(a_2), \dots, P(a_J)]^T$$

Ensemble (B, \mathbf{v})

$$B = \{b_k\}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = [P(b_1), P(b_2), \dots, P(b_K)]^T$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = [q_{kj}]$$



Elements of Information Theory

• The capacity of the channel

- The conditional entropy function for each b_k

$$H(\mathbf{z} | b_k) = - \sum_{j=1}^J P(a_j | b_k) \log P(a_j | b_k)$$

- The averaged value over all b_k (equivocation)

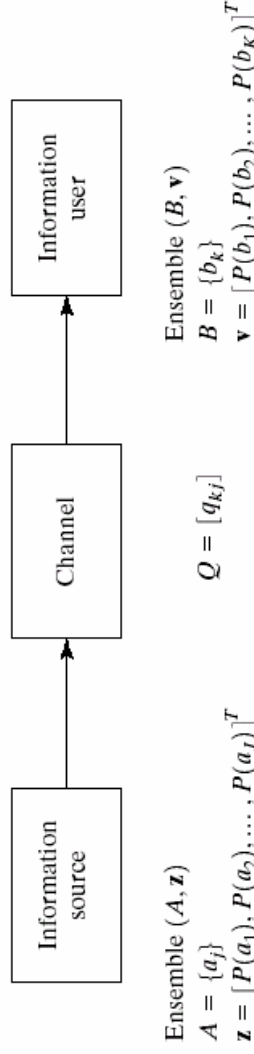
$$H(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{k=1}^K H(\mathbf{z} | b_k) P(b_k) = - \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K P(a_j, b_k) \log P(a_j | b_k)$$

- The mutual information of \mathbf{z} and \mathbf{v}

$$I(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}) = H(\mathbf{z}) - H(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K P(a_j, b_k) \log \frac{P(a_j, b_k)}{P(a_j) P(b_k)} = \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K P(a_j) q_{kj} \log \frac{q_{kj}}{\sum_{j=1}^J P(a_j) q_{kj}}$$

- The capacity

$$C = \max_{\mathbf{z}} [I(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v})]$$



Fundamental Coding Theorems

- The noiseless coding theorem: how to compact information as much as possible
- Consider a source of information with finite ensemble (A, \mathbf{z}) and statistically independent source symbols: so-called *zero-memory source*
- Non-extended source produces one symbol and the n -th extension produces block random variable of n symbols. Its entropy is n times the entropy of the single symbol source
- The source output is an n -tuple of symbols
- The final result is $H(\mathbf{z}) \leq \frac{1}{L'_{avg}} < H(\mathbf{z}) + \frac{1}{n}$ where L'_{avg} is the average word length of the code corresponding to the n th extension
- The efficiency of any encoding strategy is

$$\eta = n \frac{H(\mathbf{z})}{L'_{avg}}$$

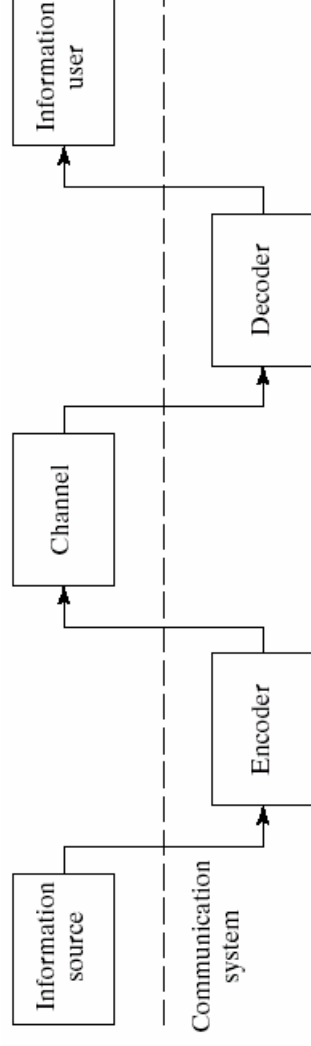
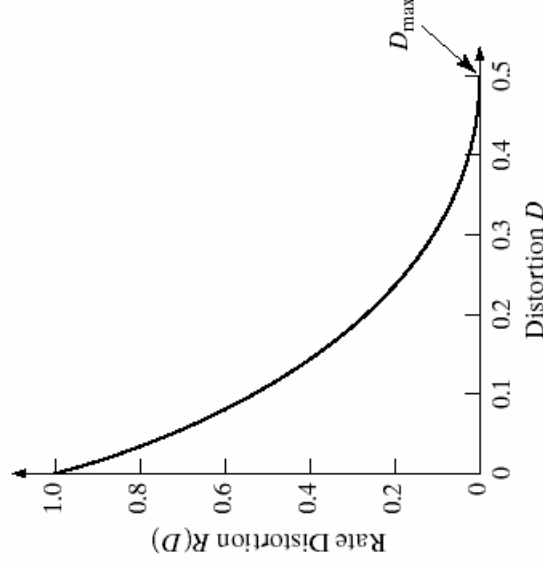


FIGURE 8.9 A communication system model.

Fundamental Coding Theorems

- The noisy coding theorem: how to ensure a reliable communication
 - The simplest way: by a repetitive messaging
 - Code of size φ and block length r has rate $R = \log(\varphi/r)$
 - For any rate $R < C$, the capacity of the channel, there exist an integer r and code of block length r and rate R such that the probability of block decoding error is less than (any) $\varepsilon > 0$.
- The source coding theorem: the channel is error-free but the encoding process is lossy, hence a rate-distortion compromise





Error-free Compression

- Variable-length coding reduces only coding redundancy by assigning the shortest possible code words to the most probable (grey) levels.
- Huffman coding (codes one symbol at a time)

- Order the probabilities of the symbols and combine the lowest probability symbols into a single symbol

- Code each reduced source working back to the original source.

$$L_{avg} = 2.2 \text{ bits/symbol}$$

$$E = 2.14 \text{ bits/symbol} - \text{code eff.} = 0.973$$

Original source		Source reduction			
Symbol	Probability	1	2	3	4
a_2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
a_6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
a_1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
a_4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
a_3	0.06	0.06	0.1	0.1	0.1
a_5	0.04	0.04	0.1	0.1	0.1

Original source		Source reduction				
Sym.	Prob.	Code	1	2	3	4
a_2	0.4	1	0.4	1	0.4	1
a_6	0.3	00	0.3	00	0.3	00
a_1	0.1	011	0.1	011	0.2	010
a_4	0.1	0100	0.1	0100	0.1	011
a_3	0.06	01010	0.1	0101	0.1	0101
a_5	0.04	01011	0.1	0101	0.1	0101



Error-free Compression

- For a large number of symbols to be coded Huffman coding is computationally complex. Other codes provide a trade-off between coding efficiency and simplicity.
- **Truncated Huffman coding:** codes with Huffman code only the most probable symbols. All others are coded by prefix and fixed-length code
- **B-code:** made by continuation bits and information bits
- **Shift codes:**
 - Arranging the symbols by their (monolitically decreasing) probabilities
 - dividing the total number of symbols into equally sized blocks
 - coding the individual elements within all blocks identically
 - adding shift-up and/or shift-down symbols to identify each block.



Error-free Compression

TABLE 8.5
Variable-length
codes.

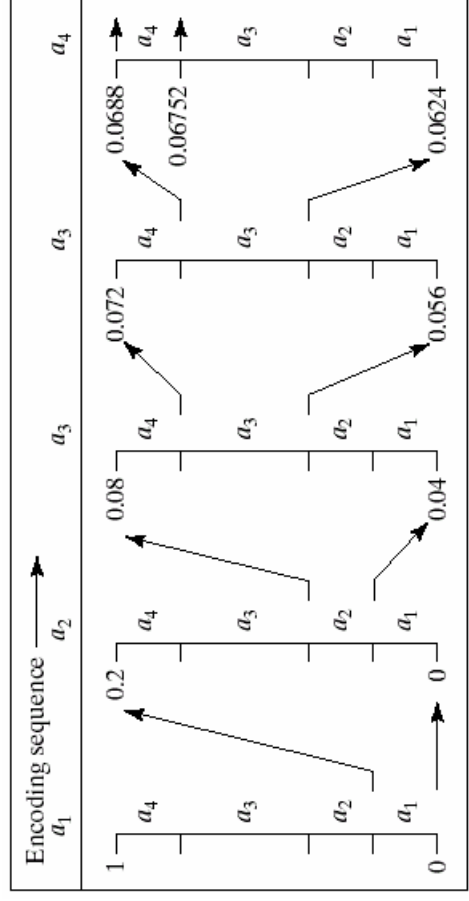
Source symbol	Probability	Binary Code	Huffman	Truncated Huffman	B ₂ -Code	Binary Shift	Huffman Shift
<i>Block 1</i>							
a_1	0.2	00000	10	11	C00	000	10
a_2	0.1	00001	110	011	C01	001	11
a_3	0.1	00010	111	0000	C10	010	110
a_4	0.06	00011	0101	0101	C11	011	100
a_5	0.05	00100	00000	00010	C00C00	100	101
a_6	0.05	00101	00001	00011	C00C01	101	1110
a_7	0.05	00110	00010	00100	C00C10	110	1111
<i>Block 2</i>							
a_8	0.04	00111	00011	00101	C00C11	111000	0010
a_9	0.04	01000	00110	00110	C01C00	111001	0011
a_{10}	0.04	01001	00111	00111	C01C01	111010	00110
a_{11}	0.04	01010	00100	01000	C01C10	111011	00100
a_{12}	0.03	01011	01001	01001	C01C11	111100	00101
a_{13}	0.03	01100	01110	100000	C10C00	111101	001110
a_{14}	0.03	01101	01111	100001	C10C01	111110	001111
<i>Block 3</i>							
a_{15}	0.03	01110	01100	100010	C10C10	111111000	000010
a_{16}	0.02	01111	010000	100011	C10C11	111111001	000011
a_{17}	0.02	10000	010001	100100	C11C00	111111010	0000110
a_{18}	0.02	10001	001010	100101	C11C01	111111011	0000100
a_{19}	0.02	10010	001011	100110	C11C10	111111100	0000101
a_{20}	0.02	10011	011010	100111	C11C11	111111101	00001110
a_{21}	0.01	10100	011011	101000	C00C00C00	111111110	00001111
<i>Entropy</i> 4.0							
<i>Average length</i> 5.0 4.05 4.24 4.65 4.59 4.13							



Error-free Compression

- Arithmetic coding
- An entire sequence of source symbols (a message) is assigned a single arithmetic code word
- The code word defines an interval of real numbers between 0 and 1
- Each symbol reduces the size of the interval in accordance with its probability.
- Example: five-symbol message from a four-symbol source is being coded

Source Symbol	Probability	Initial Subinterval
a_1	0.2	[0.0, 0.2)
a_2	0.2	[0.2, 0.4)
a_3	0.4	[0.4, 0.8)
a_4	0.2	[0.8, 1.0)





Error-free Compression: Bit-plane Coding

- Bit-plane decomposition: $a_{m-1}2^{m-1} + a_{m-2}2^{m-2} + \dots + a_12^1 + a_02^0$
- Direct separation into m 1-bit planes
- Gray code (successive code words differ in only one bit position)

$$g_i = a_i \oplus a_{i+1} \quad 0 \leq i \leq m-2$$

$$g_{m-1} = a_{m-1}$$

Example: two 1024×1024
images: one monochrome a
one binary



his indentured man, two run
as year of our Lord, one those
indivinity six between stocks
I hope And Start of Seminary
Andrew Jackson of the bank
that Apok said of the other part
said stocks Donelson for A
of the sum of two thousand
hand paid the receipt where
rath And by this presents
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Jackson has theirs And a
Certain trade or parcel of La
and acres (one thousand are
and his best friend Paul his

Error-free Compression: Bit-plane Coding

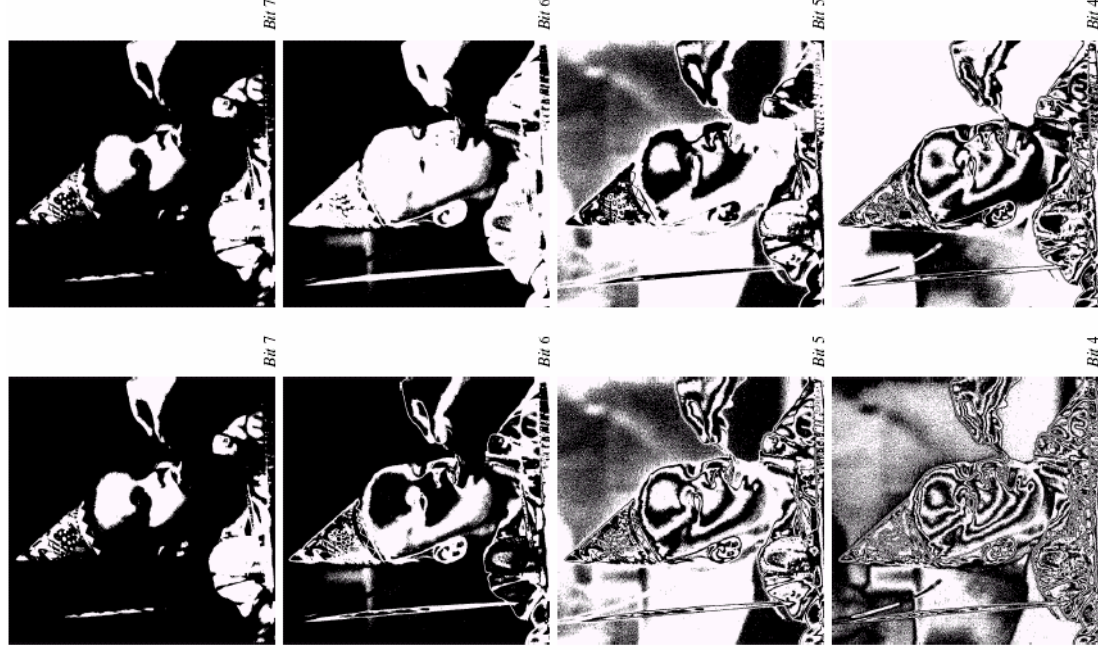


FIGURE 8.15 The four most significant binary (left column) and Gray-coded (right column) bit planes of the image in Fig. 8.14(a).



Error-free Compression: Bit-plane Coding

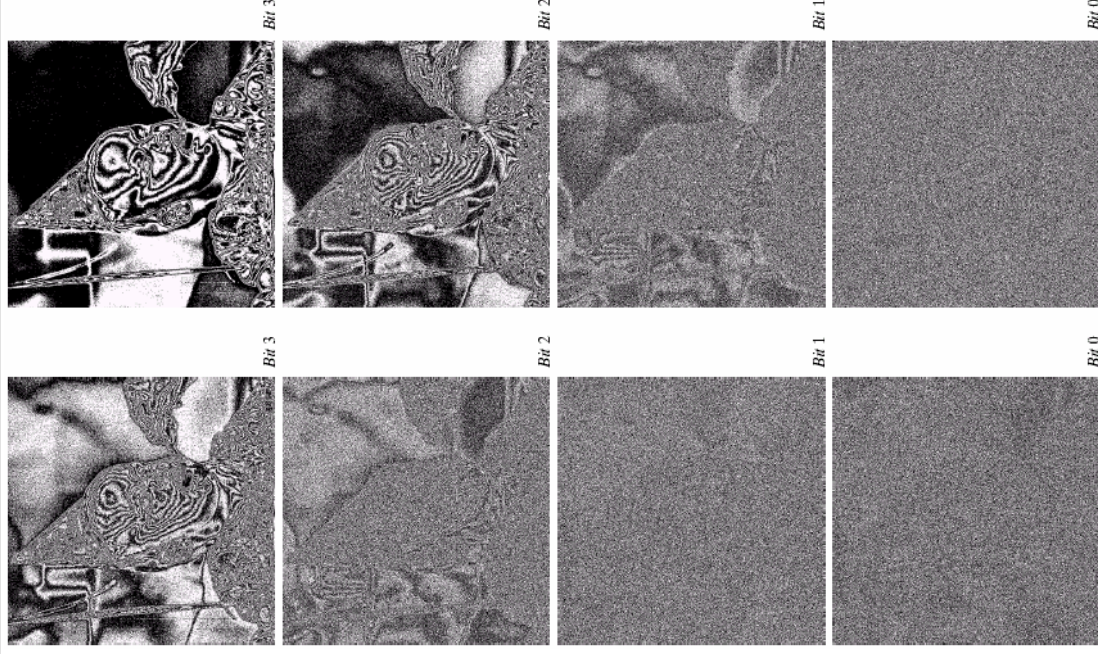


FIGURE 8.16 The four least significant binary (left column) and Gray-coded (right column) bit planes of the image in Fig. 8.14(a).



Error-free Compression: Bit-plane Coding

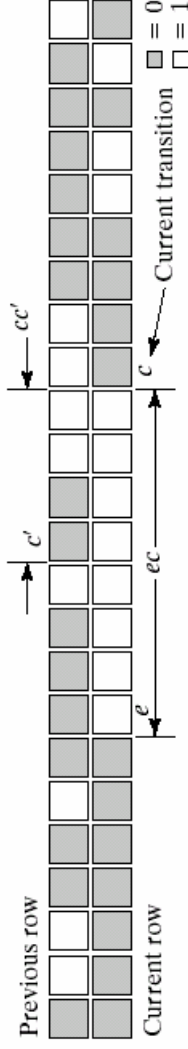
• Constant Area Coding (CAS)

- The image is divided into blocks of size $p \times q$, classified as white, black or mixed; the most probable is assigned 0, the other two categories are assigned 10 and 11.
- White block skipping (WBS): white blocks are coded by 0 and all others by a 1 followed by the bit pattern of the block

• One-dimensional run-length coding

- Represent (row-wise) successive runs of black or white pixels
- The run-lengths can be coded additionally by a variable-length code

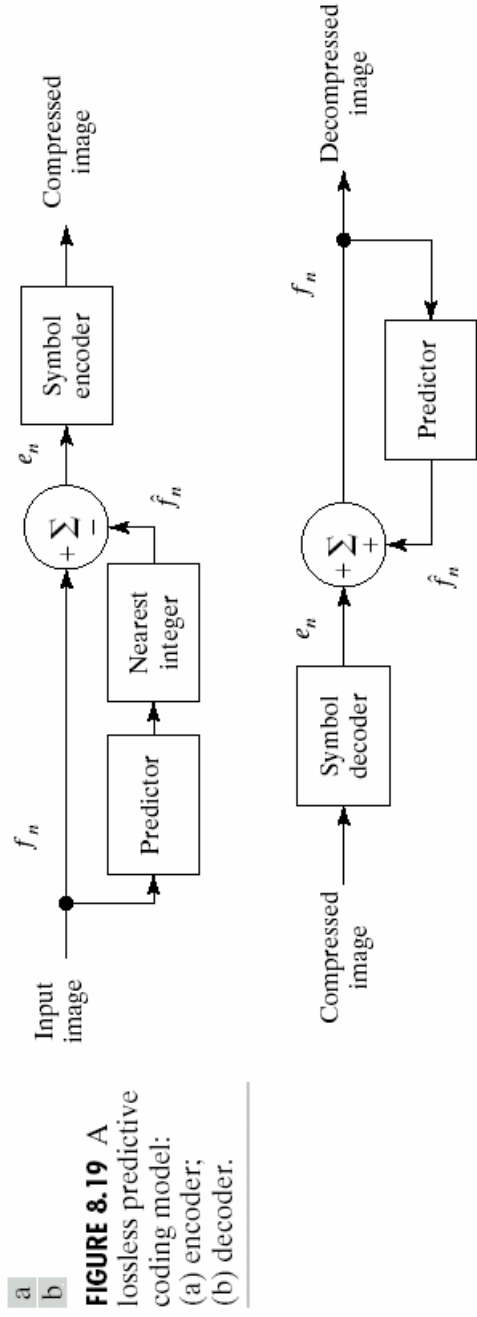
• Two-dimensional run-length coding



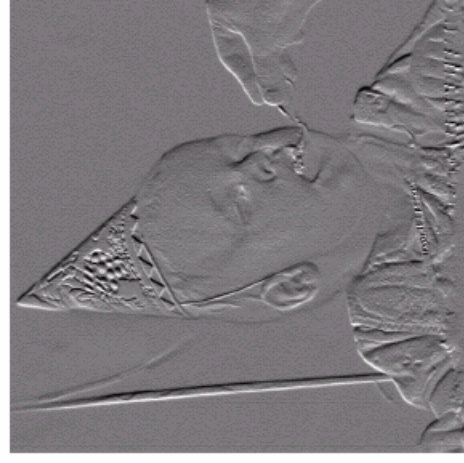
Distance measured	Distance	Code	Distance range	Code $h(d)$
cc'	0	0	1 - 4	0 xx
ec or cc' (left)	1	100	5 - 20	10 xxxxx
cc' (right)	1	101	21 - 84	110 xxxxxxxx
ec	$d(d > 1)$	111 $h(d)$	85 - 340	1110 xxxxxxxxxx
cc' (c' to left)	$d(d > 1)$	1100 $h(d)$	341 - 364	11110 xxxxxxxxxx
cc' (c' to right)	$d(d > 1)$	1101 $h(d)$	1365 - 5460	111110 xxxxxxxxxx



Lossless Predictive Coding



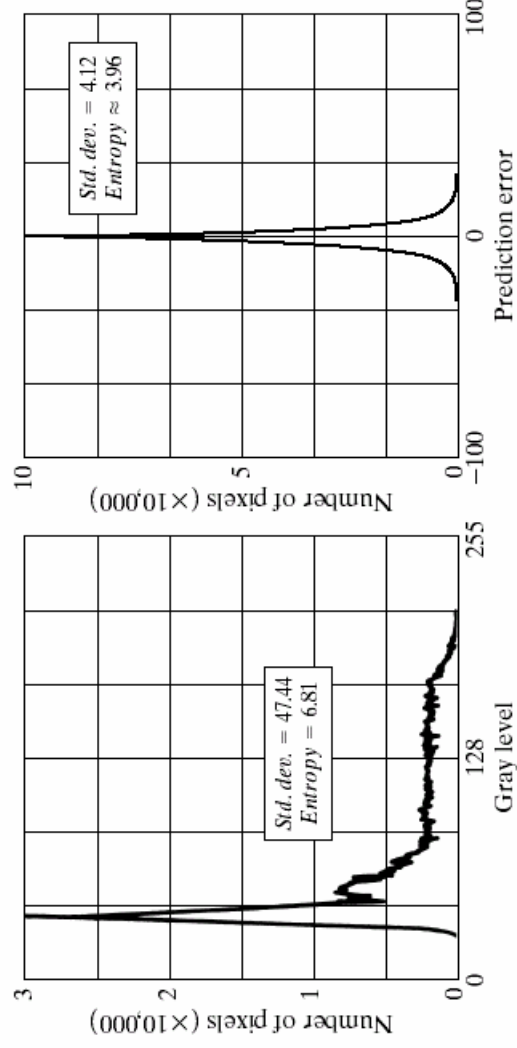
Lossless Predictive Coding



a
b
c

FIGURE 8.20

- (a) The prediction error image resulting from Eq. (8.4-9).
- (b) Gray-level histogram of the original image.
- (c) Histogram of the prediction error.



Lossy Compression

- Lossy encoding is based on the concept of compromising the accuracy of the reconstructed image in exchange for increased compression
- Quantization block is an essential part of the encoder
- Lossy predictive coding
- The quantizer maps the prediction error into a limited range of outputs
- The predictor is placed in the feedback loop, thus achieving the same prediction block in the decoder

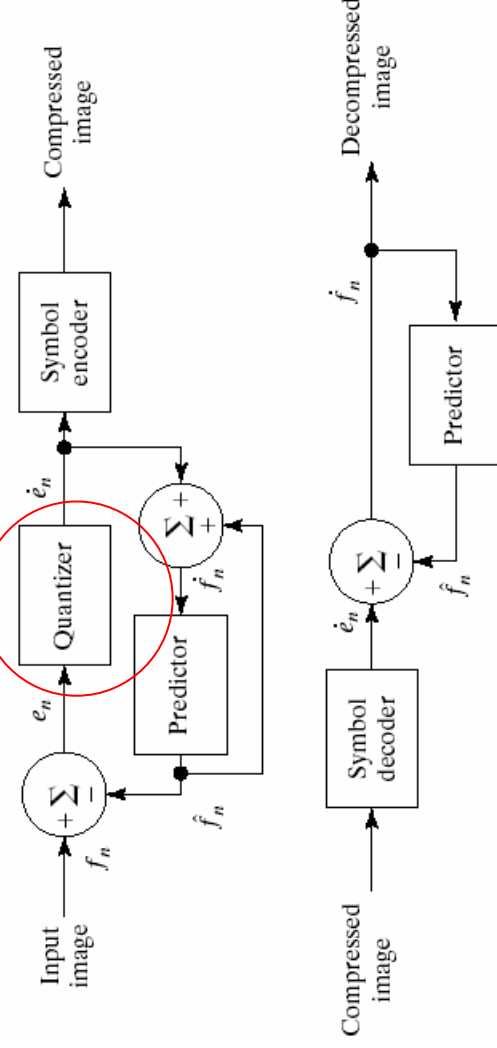


FIGURE 8.21 A lossy predictive coding model: (a) encoder and (b) decoder.

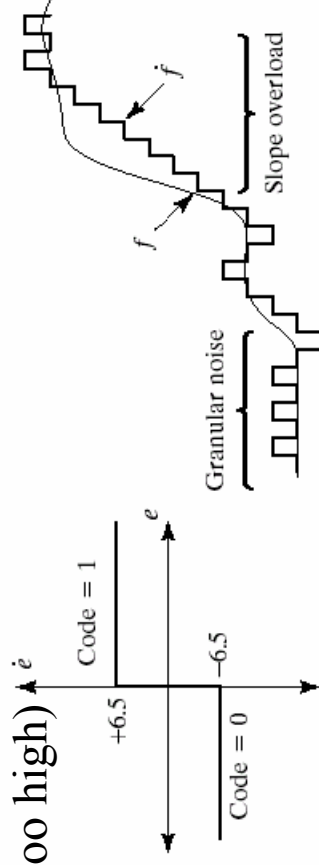


Lossy Compression

• Delta modulation: an one-bit per pixel representation $\hat{f}_n = \alpha f_{n-1} \quad \hat{e}_n = \begin{cases} +\zeta & \text{for } e_n > 0 \\ -\zeta & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

• Example for $\alpha = 1$, $\zeta = 6.5$

- Effects such as *granular noise* (α too high) or *slope overload* (α too small)



n	Encoder					Decoder					Error [f - f-hat]
	f	f-hat	e	e-hat	f-hat	f-hat	f-hat	f-hat	f-hat	f-hat	
0	14	-	-	-	14.0	-	-	-	-	14.0	0.0
1	15	14.0	1.0	6.5	20.5	14.0	6.5	14.0	20.5	20.5	-5.5
2	14	20.5	-6.5	-6.5	14.0	-6.5	-6.5	20.5	14.0	14.0	0.0
3	15	14.0	1.0	6.5	20.5	14.0	6.5	14.0	20.5	20.5	-5.5
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
14	29	20.5	8.5	6.5	27.0	20.5	6.5	20.5	27.0	27.0	2.0
15	37	27.0	10.0	6.5	33.5	27.0	6.5	27.0	33.5	33.5	3.5
16	47	33.5	13.5	6.5	40.0	33.5	6.5	33.5	40.0	40.0	7.0
17	62	40.0	22.0	6.5	46.5	40.0	6.5	40.0	46.5	46.5	15.5
18	75	46.5	28.5	6.5	53.0	46.5	6.5	46.5	53.0	53.0	22.0
19	77	53.0	24.0	6.5	59.6	53.0	6.5	53.0	59.6	59.6	17.5
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•



Lossy Compression

• *Differential pulse code modulation:*
 an optimal in mean-square sense predictor.

- Constraints:
 - quantization error assumed to be negligible
 - the prediction is a linear combination of m previous pixels.
- Computation of the autocorrelation matrix is difficult in practice. Instead, a model (e.g. 2-D Markov source) is used

• The sum of the prediction coefficients should be smaller than 1 to ensure the same output grey levels

$$\hat{f}_n = \hat{e}_n + \hat{f}_n \approx e_n + \hat{f}_n = f_n$$

$$\hat{f}_n = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i f_{n-i}$$

$$E\{e_n^2\} = E\left\{[f_n - \hat{f}_n]^2\right\} = E\left\{[f_n - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i f_{n-i}]^2\right\}$$

$$\alpha = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{r}$$

$$\text{where } [\mathbf{R}]_{m \times m} = \begin{bmatrix} E\{f_{n-1}f_{n-1}\} & E\{f_{n-1}f_{n-2}\} & \dots & E\{f_{n-1}f_{n-m}\} \\ E\{f_{n-2}f_{n-1}\} & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ E\{f_{n-m}f_{n-1}\} & E\{f_{n-m}f_{n-2}\} & \dots & E\{f_{n-m}f_{n-m}\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} E\{f_n f_{n-1}\} \\ E\{f_n f_{n-2}\} \\ \vdots \\ E\{f_n f_{n-m}\} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m \end{bmatrix}$$



Lossy Compression

• **Optimal quantization:** given a staircase function $t = q(s)$, the design problem is to select the best s_i and t_i for an input density function $p(s)$

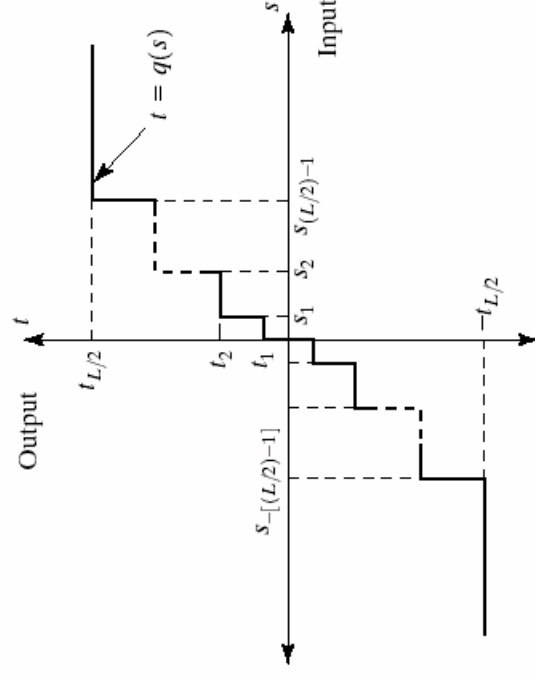
$$\int_{s_{i-1}}^{s_i} (s - t_i) p(s) ds = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, L/2$$

$$s_i = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0 \\ \frac{t_i + t_{i+1}}{2} & i = 1, 2, \dots, L/2 - 1 \\ \infty & i = L/2 \end{cases}$$

• The reconstruction levels t_i are the centroids of the areas under $p(s)$

• The decision levels s_i are halfway between the reconstruction levels

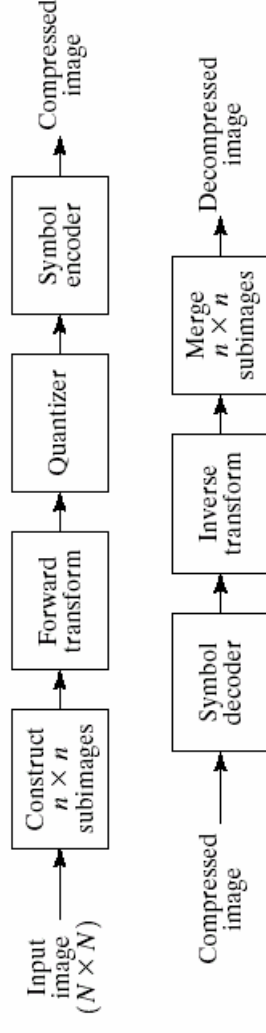
• The obtained quantizer is called (L -level) Lloyd-Max quantizer



Transform Coding

- General scheme

- The transform has to decorrelate the pixels or to compact as much information as possible into the smallest number of transform coefficients
- The quantization selectively eliminates or more coarsely quantizes the less informative coefficients
- Variable-length coding eliminates the remained coding redundancy



a
b

FIGURE 8.28 A transform coding system: (a) encoder; (b) decoder.



Transform Coding

- Transform selection

- Defined by forward and inverse transformation kernels (basis functions, basis images)

$$T(u, v) = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) g(x, y, u, v) \text{ for } u, v = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} T(u, v) h(x, y, u, v) \text{ for } x, y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$
- Separable kernels

$$g(x, y, u, v) = g_1(x, u) g_2(y, v)$$
- Symmetric kernels

$$g(x, y, u, v) = g_1(x, u) g_1(y, v)$$

- Fourier transform

$$g(x, y, u, v) = \frac{1}{N^2} e^{-j2\pi(ux+yv)/N}$$

$$h(x, y, u, v) = e^{j2\pi(ux+yv)/N}$$

- Walsh-Hadamard transform

$$g(x, y, u, v) = h(x, y, u, v) = \frac{1}{N} (-1)^{\sum_{i=0}^m \lfloor b_i(x) p_i(u) + b_i(y) p_i(v) \rfloor} \text{ where } N = 2^m$$

$$p_0(u) = b_{m-1}(u)$$

$$p_1(u) = b_{m-1}(u) + b_{m-2}(u)$$

$$p_2(u) = b_{m-2}(u) + b_{m-3}(u)$$

⋮

$$p_{m-1}(u) = b_1(u) + b_0(u)$$



Transform Coding

- Walsh-Hadamard transform kernel consists of alternating plus and minus 1's arranged in a checkerboard pattern

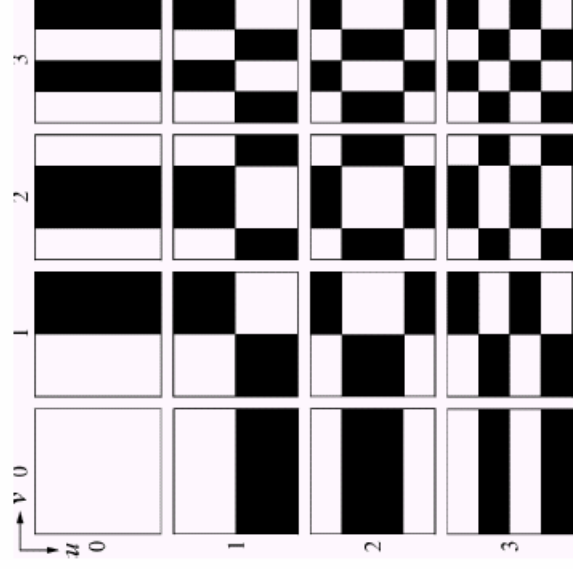


FIGURE 8.29 Walsh-Hadamard basis functions for $N = 4$. The origin of each block is at its top left.

Transform Coding

- Discrete Cosine Transform $g(x, y, u, v) = h(x, y, u, v) = \alpha(u)\alpha(v) \cos\left[\frac{(2x+1)u\pi}{2N}\right] \cos\left[\frac{(2y+1)v\pi}{2N}\right]$

$$\alpha(u) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}} & \text{for } u = 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{N}} & \text{for } u = 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \end{cases}$$

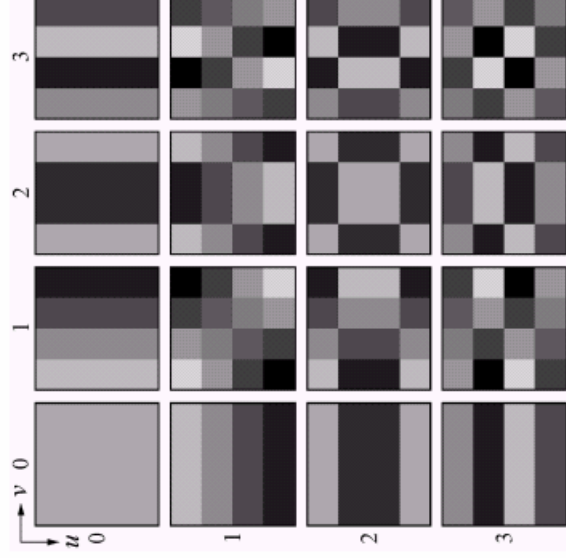


FIGURE 8.30 Discrete-cosine basis functions for $N = 4$. The origin of each block is at its top left.

Transform Coding



50% of transform coefficients disregarded

Residual images are not zero but some mean-square error

$$\text{rms}_{\text{Fourier}}=1.28$$

$$\text{rms}_{\text{Walsh}}=0.86$$

$$\text{rms}_{\text{DCT}}=0.68$$

a b
c d
e f

FIGURE 8.31 Approximations of Fig. 8.23 using the (a) Fourier, (c) Hadamard, and (e) cosine transforms, together with the corresponding scaled error images.



Transform Coding

• Basis images and energy compaction

• The matrix \mathbf{F} is defined as a linear combination of n^2 matrices of size $n \times n$ (basis matrices)

• masking function to get truncated expansion

• The mean-square approximation error is the sum of the variances of the discarded coefficients

• The Optimal Karhunen-Loeve Transform and its approximations

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{u=0}^{n-1} \sum_{v=0}^{n-1} T(u, v) h(x, y, u, v)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum_{u=0}^{n-1} \sum_{v=0}^{n-1} T(u, v) \mathbf{H}_{uv}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{uv} = \begin{bmatrix} h(0, 0, u, v) & h(0, 1, u, v) & \dots & h(0, n-1, u, v) \\ h(1, 0, u, v) & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ h(n-1, 0, u, v) & h(n-1, 1, u, v) & \dots & h(n-1, n-1, u, v) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gamma(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } T(u, v) \text{ is non - significant} \\ 1 & \text{if } T(u, v) \text{ is significant} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \sum_{u=0}^{n-1} \sum_{v=0}^{n-1} \gamma(u, v) T(u, v) \mathbf{H}_{uv}$$

$$e_{ms} = E \left\{ \left\| \mathbf{F} - \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right\|^2 \right\} = \sum_{u=0}^{n-1} \sum_{v=0}^{n-1} \sigma_{T(u, v)}^2 [1 - \gamma(u, v)]$$

Transform Coding

- Boundary (Gibbs-like) effects: more visible for the Fourier transform and less visible for the DCT

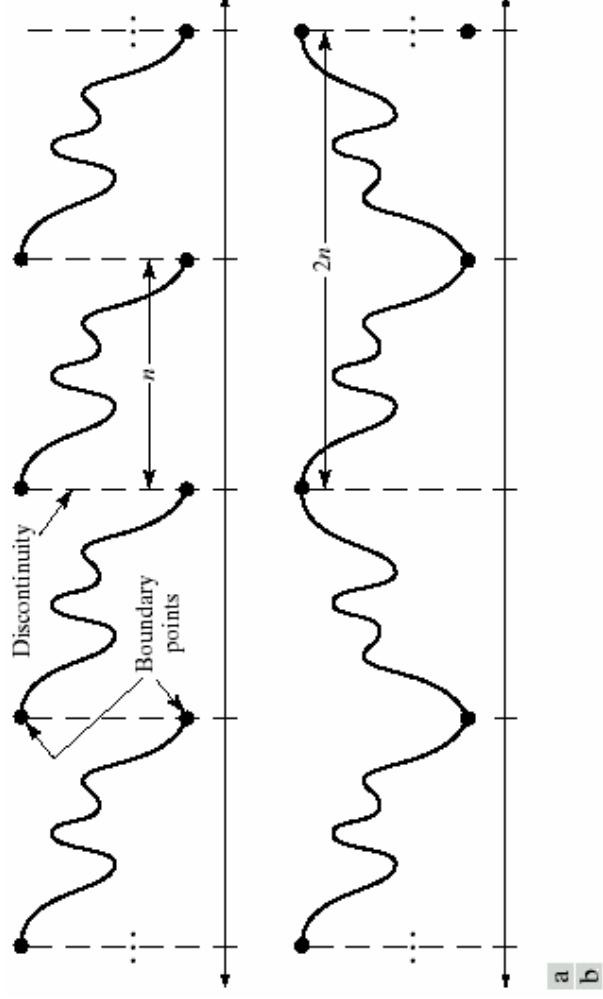
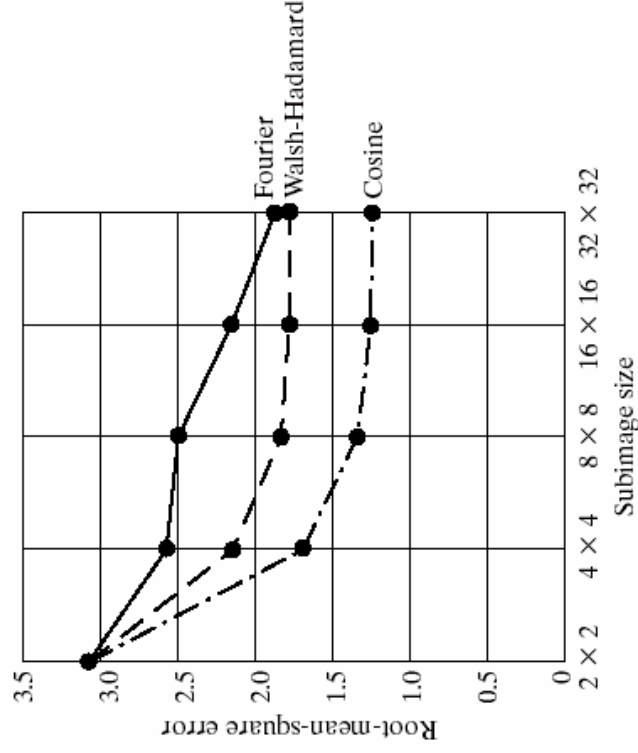


FIGURE 8.32 The periodicity implicit in the 1-D (a) DFT and (b) DCT.

Transform Coding

- Subimage size selection: computational complexity versus coding efficiency

FIGURE 8.33
 Reconstruction error versus subimage size.





Transform coding



a b
c d
e f

FIGURE 8.34 Approximations of Fig. 8.23 using 25% of the DCT coefficients: (a) and (b) 8×8 subimage results; (c) zoomed original; (d) 2×2 result; (e) 4×4 result; and (f) 8×8 result.

Transform Coding

\mathbf{Z} is a transform normalization array

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} Z(0,0) & Z(0,1) & \dots & Z(0,n-1) \\ Z(1,0) & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ Z(n-1,0) & Z(n-1,1) & \dots & Z(n-1,n-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Before restoration, the normalized (thresholded and quantized) image must be denormalized.

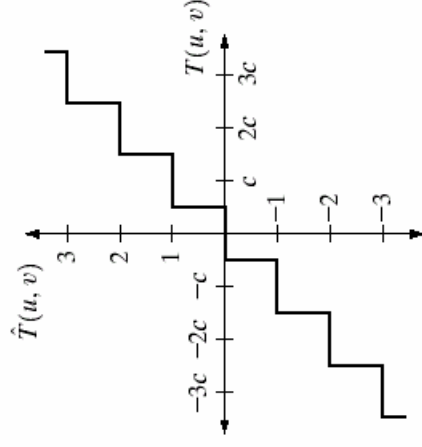
$$\hat{T}(u,v) = \text{round} \left[\frac{T(u,v)}{Z(u,v)} \right]$$

$$\hat{T}(u,v) = \hat{T}(u,v)Z(u,v)$$

a b

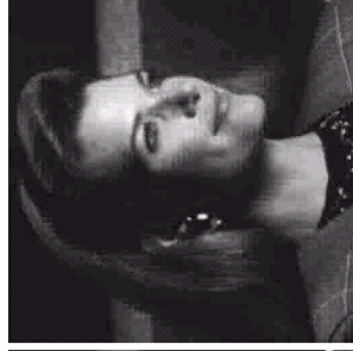
FIGURE 8.37

(a) A threshold coding quantization curve [see Eq. (8.5-40)].
 (b) A typical normalization matrix.



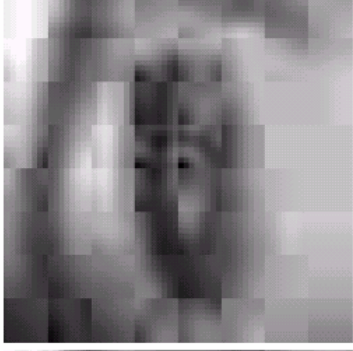
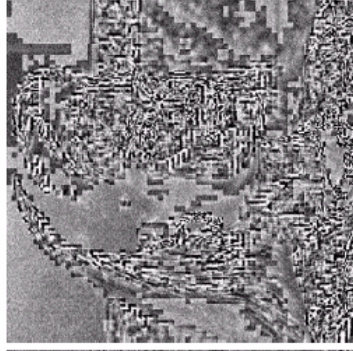
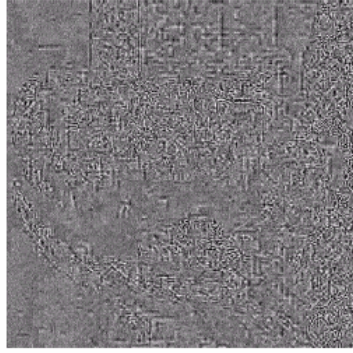


Transform Coding



Cr1=34

Cr2=67



a b
c d
e f

FIGURE 8.38 Left column: Approximations of Fig. 8.23 using the DCT and normalization array of Fig. 8.37(b). Right column: Similar results for 4Z.



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