Lecture 13-Lossless and Lossy Compression (Chapter 8)

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Outline

- Lossless compression is important for
 - Medical diagnosis
 - Legal reasons
 - Satellite imagery (expensive)
- Lossy compression is common for image and video
 - JPEG
 - MPEG



Evaluation

- To measure performance, we can use the compression ratio:

$$R = \frac{\text{\# Bits before}}{\text{\# Bits after}}$$

For real images, lossless compression ratios range in the 2 The format .BMP (Bitmap) refers to no compression at all.
 Format .gif is highly compressed.



Basic idea for lossless image compression

 Recall the image histogram, thinking about it as a PMF (Probability Mass Function):

$$P_i = P(I(x, y) = i) = \frac{\# I(x, y) = i}{\# Pixels}$$

• The average bits per pixel:

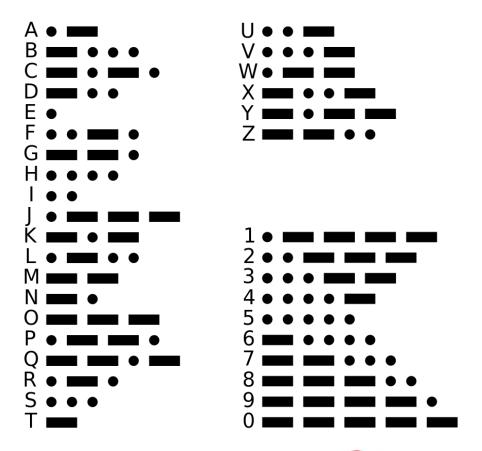
$$E(b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_i \cdot b_i$$

• Uniform coding, $b_i = b$ (e.g. 8 bits).



Morse code

- Idea: use fewer bits to describe more frequency symbols.
 - Example: Morse code.
- E use the shortest symbol.
- For image compression we should use the same idea.





A coding example

Gray level	Probability p_i	Uniform coding	Variable- level coding
0	0.19	000	00
1	0.25	001	11
2	0.21	010	01
3	0.16	011	101
4	0.08	100	1001
5	0.06	101	10001
6	0.03	110	100001
7	0.02	111	1000001
Avg length		3	2.7

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- ightharpoonup Compression ratio = 3/2.7=1.11.
- ➤ 11% better than uniform coding.



Measuring Image Information (信息量)

Information Unit:

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

Where P(E) is the probability of a random event E.

➤ Entropy (熵)

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

Calculate from Histogram

$$\widetilde{H} = -\sum_{k=0}^{L-1} p_r(r_k) \log_2 p_r(r_k)$$



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- The entropy is the lowest number of average bits per symbol that can be used to code the distribution.

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Huffman coding example

- 1. Arrange symbol in decreasing p_i , think of these as node/leaves of a tree.
- 2. Merge the 2 nodes with lowest probability.
- 3. Assign 0/1 to the bottom branch.
- 4. Read code from root to leaf.

0	0.19	0.25	0.6
1	0.25	0.21	0.4
2	0.21	0.19	
3	0.16	0.16	0.35
4	0.08	0.08	0.19
5	0.06	0.06	0.11
6	0.03	0.03	0.05
7	0.02	0.02	

Huffman coding

- > Huffman coding is prefix coding.
- > Huffman coding is not unique.
- > When uniform distributed, the compression ratio is quite limited.
- \triangleright When probability is close to reciprocal of 2^k , the performance can approximate the entropy limitation.
- For decoding need to know the probability distribution of the input symbol set.
- No error protection.



Truncated Huffman coding

- > To avoid extremely long code words for infrequent symbols.
- > Huffman code the most probable K symbols in the source.
- > Replace the result with a prefix + A fixed length codes.

0	0.19	0.25
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Lempel-ziv-welch (LZW) coding

- ➤ Basis for Gif, Tiff, PNG, ZIP, PDF.
- ➤ Idea: Parse source string sequentially into "phrases": strings that haven't appeared before.
- Code each phrase by giving location of the prefix plus last bit.
- ➤ No knowledge of PMF for symbols is needed.
- > Exploits how symbols occur together.
- Really pays off for very long strings.

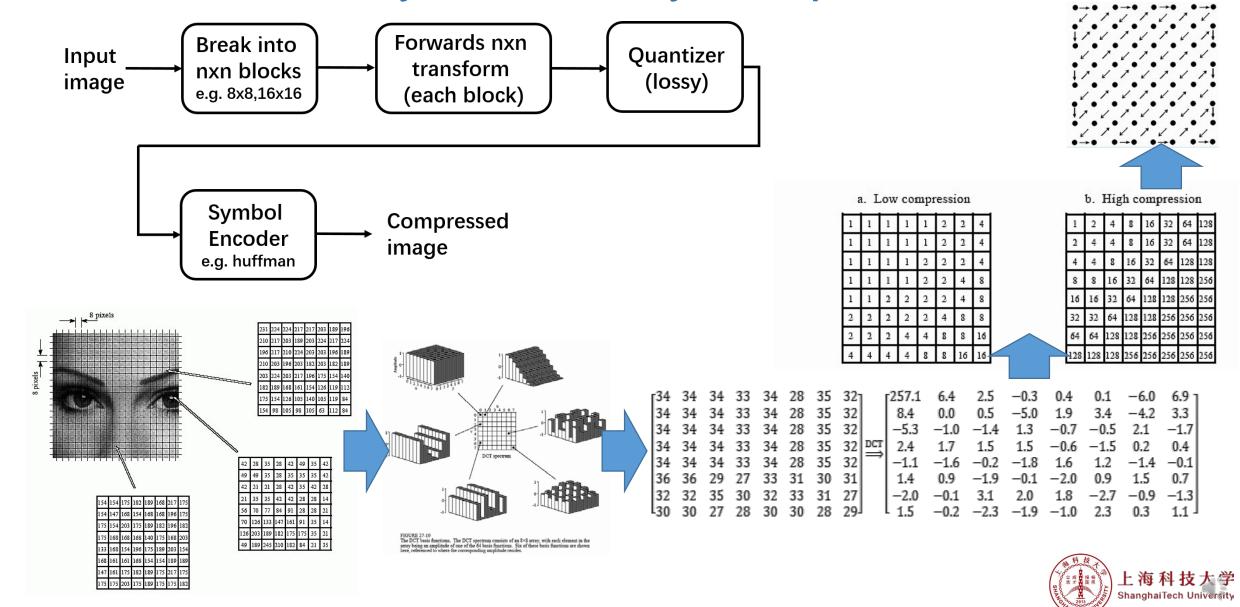


Lempel-ziv-welch (LZW) coding

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sequence									
Numerical presentation									



The most widely-used lossy compression: JPEG



How JPEG really works

 \triangleright Specify a normalized matrix for T(u, v). This implicitly specifies how many

"levels" for each coefficient.

$$\widehat{T}(u,v) = round \frac{T(u,v)}{N(u,v)}$$

$$\dot{T}(u,v) = \widehat{T}(u,v)N(u,v)$$

a. Low compression								
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	
1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	
1	1	1	1	2	2	4	8	
1	1	2	2	2	2	4	8	
2	2	2	2	2	4	8	8	
2	2	2	4	4	8	8	16	
4	4	4	4	8	8	16	16	

 High compression 									
1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128		
2	4	4	8	16	32	64	128		
4	4	8	16	32	64	128	128		
8	8	16	32	64	128	128	256		
16	16	32	64	128	128	256	256		
32	32	64	128	128	256	256	256		
64	64	128	128	256	256	256	256		
128	128	128	256	256	256	256	256		

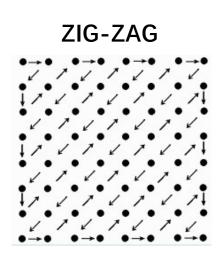
- ➤ The smallest the value in the normalization matrix, the more accurate the reconstruction coefficients. One can use either the default normalization matrix, or specify an arbiter matrix.
- To adjust the "JPEG quality": the N(u, v) matrix can be multiplied by a Number less than 1: for higher quality

 Or greater than 1: for higher compression ratio.



Further details about JPEG

➤ After quantization, JPEG reorders the coefficients in a ZIG-ZAG pattern, then applies a lossless coder (e.g. Huffman/RLE).

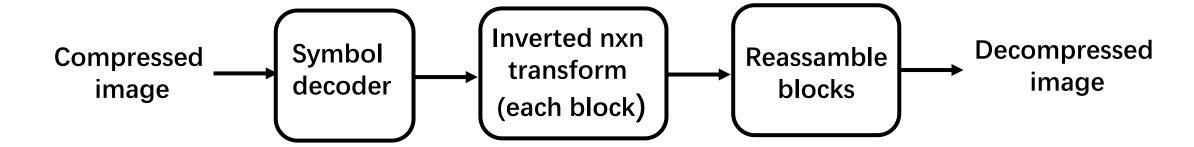


- > DC coefficient is coded separately. W.r.t the DC for the previous sub-blocks.
- > For color, convert to a luminance/chromiance colorspace
 - intensity + 2 color channels (e.g. LAB). Chroma/ color channels are coded with lower bitrate.



The most widely-used lossy compression: JPEG

- > JPEG: Joint Photographic Experts Group
- Block transform coding:



- What 2D transform to use?
- > DFT, DCT (JPEC), HADAMARD, HAAR, WAVELET (JEPG2000)



Fidelity Criteria (保真度准则)

Objective Fidelity Criteria (客观保真度准则)

➤ Root Mean Square Error (均方根误差)

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

Where f(x,y) is the original image, and $\hat{f}(x,y)$ is an approximation.

➤ Mean-square Signal-to-noise ratio (均方信噪比)

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



Take home message

- > Lossless compression is part of the information theory.
- The basic foundation for lossy image compression is unitary/frequency domain transform.
- Lossless compression can be component for lossy compression.

