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% Arithmetic Coding - MATLAB
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% Description:
% This program performs arithmetic encoding
% for a given symbol sequence and probability model.

clc;
clear;
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Input symbols and probabilities

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symbols = ['A', 'B', 'C']; % Alphabet
prob = [0.5, 0.3, 0.2]; % Probabilities (must sum to 1)
sequence = 'ABCA'; % Message to encode
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Step 1: Compute cumulative probability ranges

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low = zeros(1, length(prob));
high = zeros(1, length(prob));

low(1) = 0;
high(1) = prob(1);

for i = 2:length(prob)
    low(i) = high(i-1);
    high(i) = low(i) + prob(i);
end
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Step 2: Arithmetic Encoding

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L = 0; % Initial lower bound
H = 1; % Initial upper bound

for k = 1:length(sequence)
    idx = find(symbols == sequence(k)); % Symbol index

    range = H - L;
    H = L + range * high(idx);
    L = L + range * low(idx);

    fprintf('After symbol %c: [%f , %f]\n', sequence(k), L, H);
end
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After symbol A: [0.000000 , 0.500000)
After symbol B: [0.250000 , 0.400000)
After symbol C: [0.370000 , 0.400000)
After symbol A: [0.370000 , 0.385000)
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Step 3: Final code value

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code = (L + H) / 2;  
fprintf('\nFinal Arithmetic Code = %.6f\n', code);
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Final Arithmetic Code = 0.377500

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