# Chapter 8

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#### 8.1 Introduction

- Lossless compression algorithms do not deliver *compression* ratios that are high enough. Hence, most multimedia compression algorithms are *lossy*.
- What is lossy compression?
  - The compressed data is not the same as the original data,
     but a close approximation of it.
  - Yields a much higher compression ratio than that of loss-less compression.

## 8.2 Distortion Measures

- The three most commonly used distortion measures in image compression are:
- $\bigcirc$  mean square error (MSE)  $\sigma^2$ ,

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (x_{n} - y_{n})^{2}$$
 (8.1)

where  $x_n$ ,  $y_n$ , and N are the input data sequence, reconstructed data sequence, and length of the data sequence respectively.

signal to noise ratio (SNR), in decibel units (dB),

$$SNR = 10\log_{10}\frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_d^2} \tag{8.2}$$

where  $\sigma_x^2$  is the average square value of the original data sequence and  $\sigma_d^2$  is the MSE.

🗩 – <mark>peak signal to noise ratio</mark> (PSNR),

$$PSNR = 10\log_{10}\frac{x_{peak}^2}{\sigma_d^2} \tag{8.3}$$

# 8.3 The Rate-Distortion Theory

Provides a framework for the study of tradeoffs between Rate and Distortion.

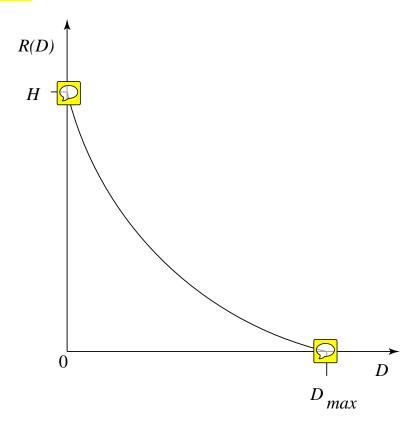


Fig. 8.1: Typical Rate Distortion Function.

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- Reduce the number of distinct output values to a much smaller set.
- Main source of the "loss" in lossy compression.
- Three different forms of quantization.
  - Uniform: midrise and midtread quantizers.
  - Nonuniform: companded quantizer.
  - Vector Quantization.

### **Uniform Scalar Quantization**

- A uniform scalar quantizer partitions the domain of input values into equally spaced intervals, except possibly at the two outer intervals.
- The output or reconstruction value corresponding to each interval is taken to be the midpoint of the interval.
  - The length of each interval is referred to as the step size, denoted by the symbol  $\Delta$ .
  - Two types of uniform scalar quantizers:
    - Midrise quantizers have even number of output levels.
    - Midtread quantizers have odd number of output levels, including zero as one of them (see Fig. 8.2).

• For the special case where  $\Delta = 1$ , we can simply compute the output values for these quantizers as:

$$Q_{midrise}(x) = \lceil x \rceil - 0.5 \tag{8.4}$$

$$Q_{midtread}(x) = \lfloor x + 0.5 \rfloor \tag{8.5}$$

- Performance of an M level quantizer. Let  $B = \{b_0, b_1, \ldots, b_M\}$  be the set of decision boundaries and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_M\}$  be the set of reconstruction or output values.
- Suppose the input is uniformly distributed in the interval  $[-X_{max}, X_{max}]$ . The rate of the quantizer is:

$$R = \lceil \log_2 M \rceil \tag{8.6}$$

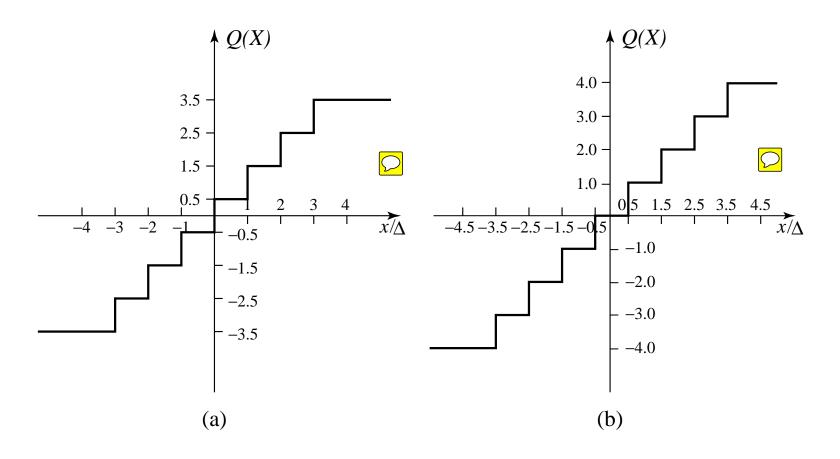


Fig. 8.2: Uniform Scalar Quantizers: (a) Midrise, (b) Midtread.

# Quantization Error of Uniformly Distributed Source

- **Granular distortion:** quantization error caused by the quantizer for bounded input.
  - To get an overall figure for granular distortion, notice that decision boundaries  $b_i$  for a midrise quantizer are  $[(i-1)\Delta, i\Delta]$ , i=1..M/2, covering positive data X (and another half for negative X values).
  - Output values  $y_i$  are the midpoints  $i\Delta \Delta/2$ , i=1..M/2, again just considering the positive data. The total distortion is twice the sum over the positive data, or

$$D_{gran} = 2\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{M}{2}} \int_{(i-1)\Delta}^{i\Delta} \left( x - \frac{2i-1}{2} \Delta \right)^2 \frac{1}{2X_{max}} dx$$
 (8.8)

• Since the reconstruction values  $y_i$  are the midpoints of each interval, the quantization error must lie within the values  $[-\frac{\Delta}{2}, \frac{\Delta}{2}]$ . For a uniformly distributed source, the graph of the quantization error is shown in Fig. 8.3.

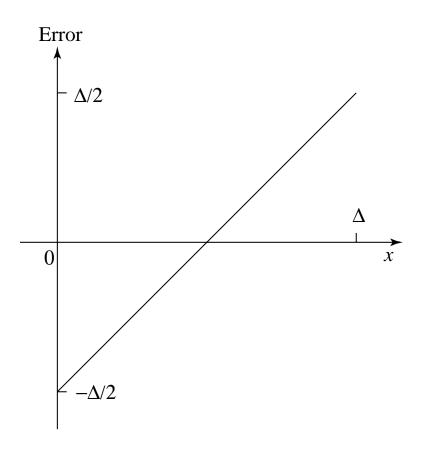


Fig. 8.3: Quantization error of a uniformly distributed source.

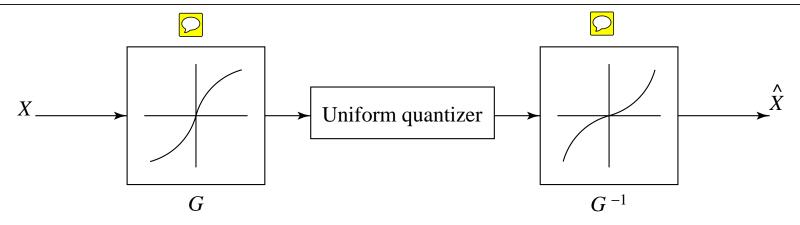


Fig. 8.4: Companded quantization.

- Companded quantization is nonlinear.
- As shown above, a *compander* consists of a *compressor function* G, a uniform quantizer, and an *expander function*  $G^{-1}$ .
- The two commonly used companders are the  $\mu$ -law and A-law companders.

# **Vector Quantization (VQ)**

- According to Shannon's original work on information theory, any compression system performs better if it operates on vectors or groups of samples rather than individual symbols or samples.
- Form vectors of input samples by simply concatenating a number of consecutive samples into a single vector.
  - Instead of single reconstruction values as in scalar quantization, in VQ code vectors with n components are used. A collection of these code vectors form the codebook.

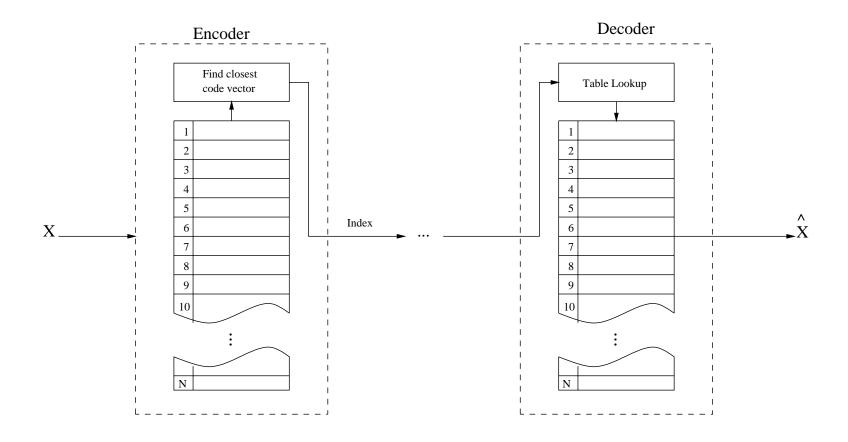


Fig. 8.5: Basic vector quantization procedure.

## 8.5 Transform Coding

#### • The rationale behind transform coding:

If Y is the result of a linear transform T of the input vector X in such a way that the components of Y are much less correlated, then Y can be coded more efficiently than X.

- If most information is accurately described by the first few components of a transformed vector, then the remaining components can be coarsely quantized, or even set to zero, with little signal distortion.
- ullet Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) will be studied first. In addition, we will examine the Karhunen-Loève Transform (KLT) which *optimally* decorrelates the components of the input  ${\bf X}$ .

## **Spatial Frequency and DCT**

- Spatial frequency indicates how many times pixel values change across an image block.
- The DCT formalizes this notion with a measure of how much the image contents change in correspondence to the number of cycles of a cosine wave per block.
- The role of the DCT is to *decompose* the original signal into its DC and AC components; the role of the IDCT is to *reconstruct* (re-compose) the signal.

#### **Definition of DCT:**

Given an input function f(i,j) over two integer variables i and j (a piece of an image), the 2D DCT transforms it into a new function F(u,v), with integer u and v running over the same range as i and j. The general definition of the transform is:

$$F(u,v) = \frac{2C(u)C(v)}{\sqrt{MN}} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \cos \frac{(2i+1) \cdot u\pi}{2M} \cdot \cos \frac{(2j+1) \cdot v\pi}{2N} \cdot f(i,j)$$
(8.15)

where i, u = 0, 1, ..., M - 1; j, v = 0, 1, ..., N - 1; and the constants C(u) and C(v) are determined by

$$C(\xi) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & if \quad \xi = 0, \\ 1 & otherwise. \end{cases}$$
 (8.16)

# 2D Discrete Cosine Transform (2D DCT):

$$F(u,v) = \frac{C(u)C(v)}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{7} \sum_{j=0}^{7} \cos \frac{(2i+1)u\pi}{16} \cos \frac{(2j+1)v\pi}{16} f(i,j)$$
(8.17)

where i, j, u, v = 0, 1, ..., 7, and the constants C(u) and C(v) are determined by Eq. (8.5.16).

# 2D Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform (2D IDCT):

The inverse function is almost the same, with the roles of f(i,j) and F(u,v) reversed, except that now C(u)C(v) must stand inside the sums:

$$\tilde{f}(i,j) = \sum_{u=0}^{7} \sum_{v=0}^{7} \frac{C(u)C(v)}{4} \cos \frac{(2i+1)u\pi}{16} \cos \frac{(2j+1)v\pi}{16} F(u,v)$$
(8.18)

where i, j, u, v = 0, 1, ..., 7.

# 1D Discrete Cosine Transform (1D DCT):

$$F(u) = \frac{C(u)}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{7} \cos \frac{(2i+1)u\pi}{16} f(i)$$
 (8.19)

where i = 0, 1, ..., 7, u = 0, 1, ..., 7.

# 1D Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform (1D IDCT):

$$\tilde{f}(i) = \sum_{u=0}^{7} \frac{C(u)}{2} \cos \frac{(2i+1)u\pi}{16} F(u)$$
 (8.20)

where i = 0, 1, ..., 7, u = 0, 1, ..., 7.

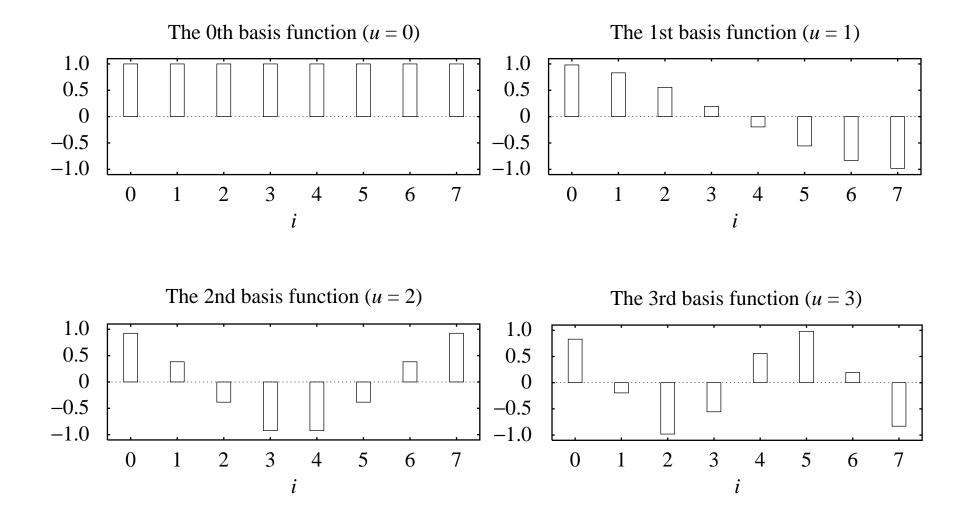


Fig. 8.6: The 1D DCT basis functions.

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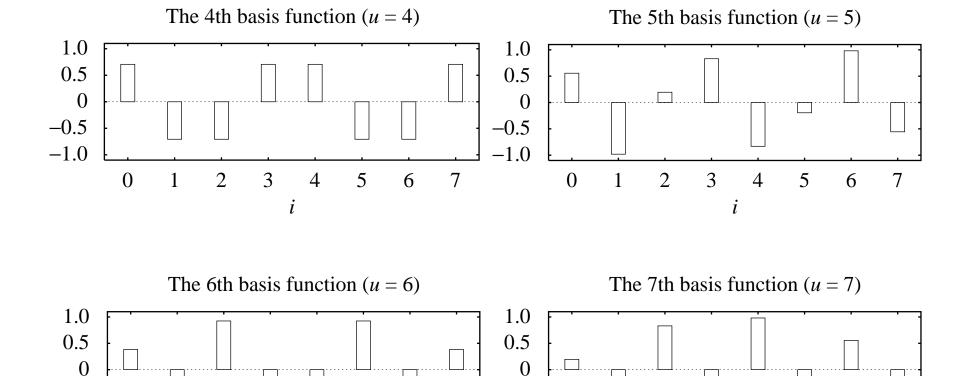


Fig. 8.6 (cont'd): The 1D DCT basis functions.

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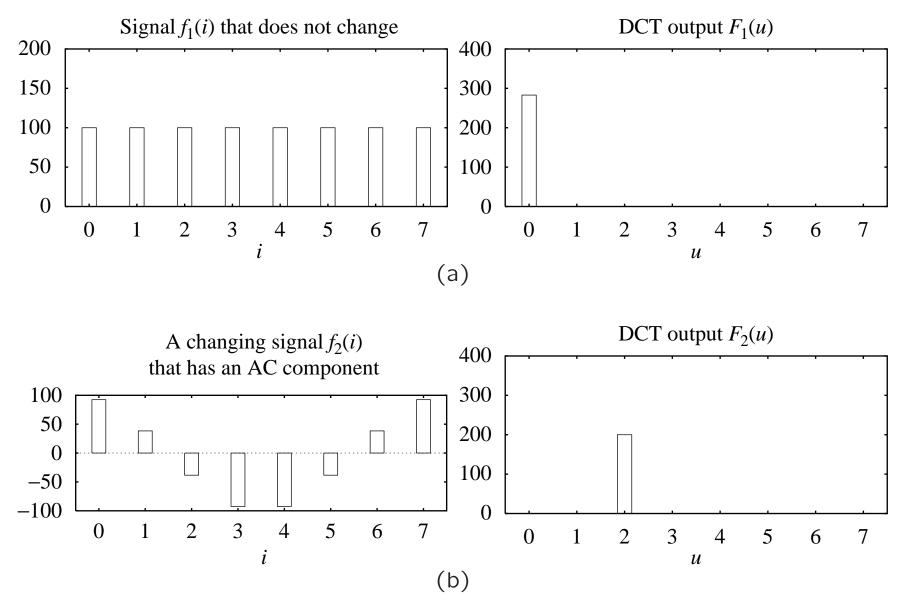
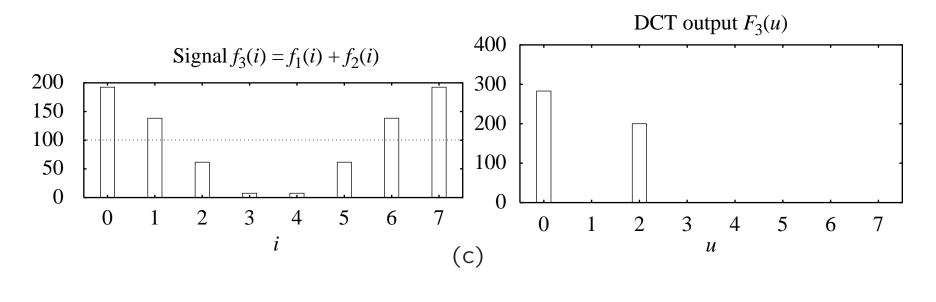


Fig. 8.7: Examples of 1D Discrete Cosine Transform: (a) A DC signal  $f_1(i)$ , (b) An AC signal  $f_2(i)$ .



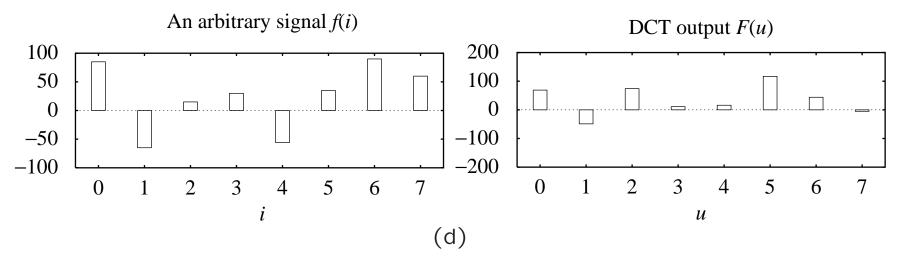


Fig. 8.7 (cont'd): Examples of 1D Discrete Cosine Transform: (c)  $f_3(i) = f_1(i) + f_2(i)$ , and (d) an arbitrary signal f(i).

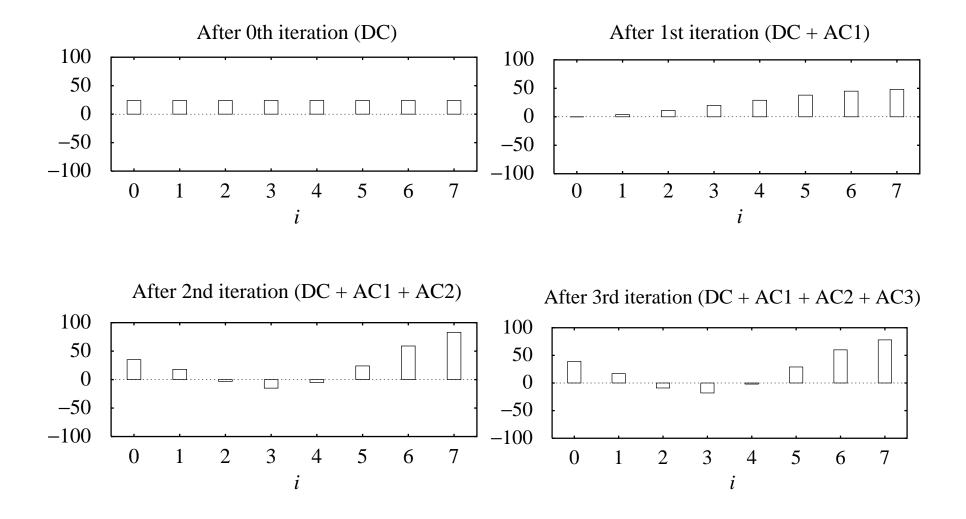


Fig. 8.8 An example of 1D IDCT.

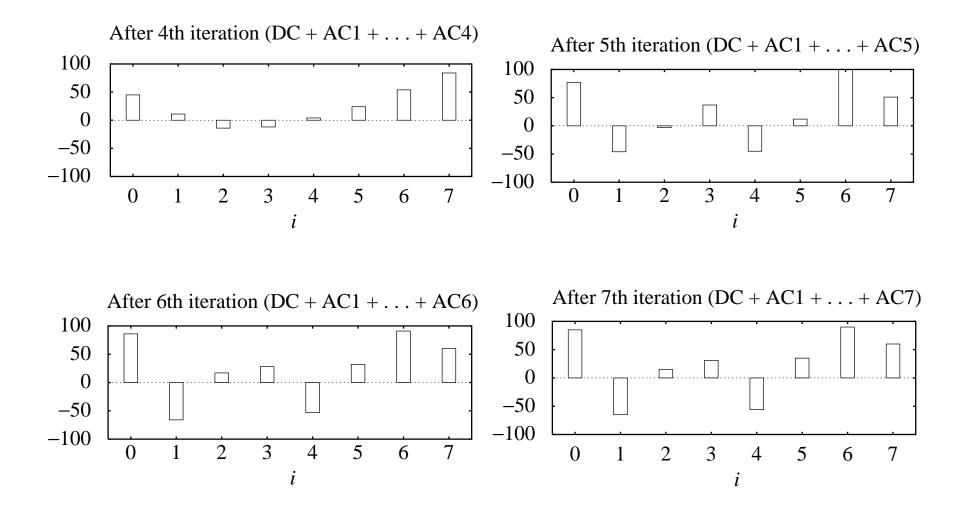


Fig. 8.8 (cont'd): An example of 1D IDCT.

#### The DCT is a linear transform:

In general, a transform T (or function) is *linear*, iff

$$\mathcal{T}(\alpha p + \beta q) = \alpha \mathcal{T}(p) + \beta \mathcal{T}(q) \tag{8.21}$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants, p and q are any functions, variables or constants.

From the definition in Eq. 8.17 or 8.19, this property can readily be proven for the DCT because it uses only simple arithmetic operations.

#### The Cosine Basis Functions

• Function  $B_p(i)$  and  $B_q(i)$  are orthogonal, if

$$\sum_{i} \left[ B_p(i) \cdot B_q(i) \right] = 0 \qquad if \quad p \neq q \tag{8.22}$$

• Function  $B_p(i)$  and  $B_q(i)$  are orthonormal, if they are orthogonal and

$$\sum_{i} [B_p(i) \cdot B_q(i)] = 1 if p = q (8.23)$$

• It can be shown that:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{7} \left[ \cos \frac{(2i+1) \cdot p\pi}{16} \cdot \cos \frac{(2i+1) \cdot q\pi}{16} \right] = 0 \quad if \quad p \neq q$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{f} \left[ \frac{C(p)}{2} \cos \frac{(2i+1) \cdot p\pi}{16} \cdot \frac{C(q)}{2} \cos \frac{(2i+1) \cdot q\pi}{16} \right] = 1 \quad if \quad p = q$$

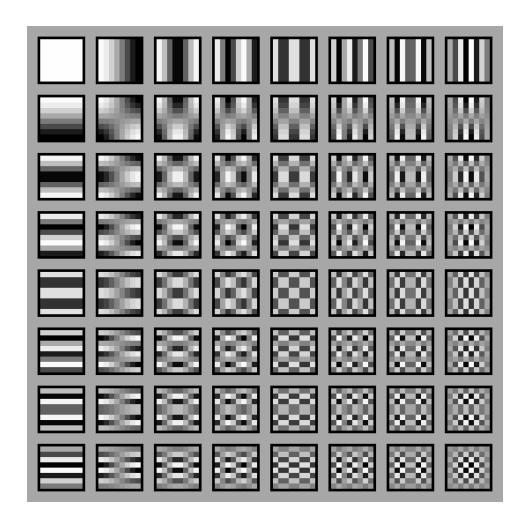


Fig. 8.9: Graphical Illustration of  $8 \times 8$  2D DCT basis.

### 2D Separable Basis

 The 2D DCT can be separated into a sequence of two, 1D DCT steps:

$$G(i,v) = \frac{1}{2}C(v)\sum_{j=0}^{7}\cos\frac{(2j+1)v\pi}{16}f(i,j)$$
 (8.24)

$$F(u,v) = \frac{1}{2}C(u)\sum_{i=0}^{7}\cos\frac{(2i+1)u\pi}{16}G(i,v)$$
 (8.25)

• It is straightforward to see that this simple change saves many arithmetic steps. The number of iterations required is reduced from  $8 \times 8$  to 8 + 8.

#### Comparison of DCT and DFT

- The discrete cosine transform is a close counterpart to the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT). DCT is a transform that only involves the real part of the DFT.
- ullet For a continuous signal, we define the continuous Fourier transform  ${\mathcal F}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{F}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$$
 (8.26)

Using Euler's formula, we have

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i\sin(x) \tag{8.27}$$

• Because the use of digital computers requires us to discretize the input signal, we define a DFT that operates on 8 samples of the input signal  $\{f_0, f_1, \ldots, f_7\}$  as:

$$F_{\omega} = \sum_{x=0}^{7} f_x \cdot e^{-\frac{2\pi i \omega x}{8}}$$
 (8.28)

Writing the sine and cosine terms explicitly, we have

$$F_{\omega} = \sum_{x=0}^{7} f_x \cos\left(\frac{2\pi\omega x}{8}\right) - i\sum_{x=0}^{7} f_x \sin\left(\frac{2\pi\omega x}{8}\right)$$
 (8.29)

- The formulation of the DCT that allows it to use only the cosine basis functions of the DFT is that we can cancel out the imaginary part of the DFT by making a symmetric copy of the original input signal.
- DCT of 8 input samples corresponds to DFT of the 16 samples made up of original 8 input samples and a symmetric copy of these, as shown in Fig. 8.10.

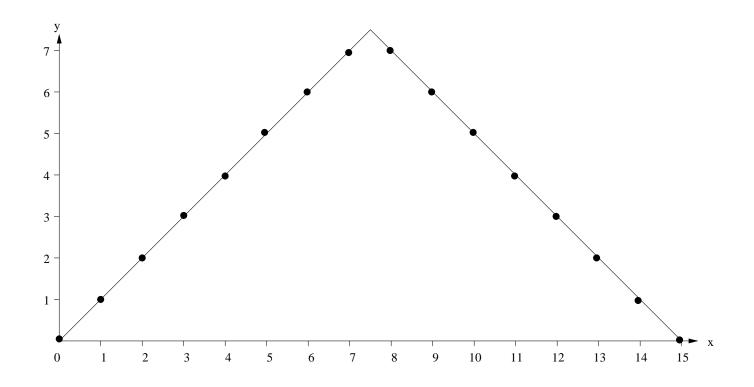


Fig. 8.10 Symmetric extension of the ramp function.

# A Simple Comparison of DCT and DFT

Table 8.1 and Fig. 8.11 show the comparison of DCT and DFT on a ramp function, if only the first three terms are used.

Table 8.1 DCT and DFT coefficients of the ramp function

Ramp	DCT	DFT
0	9.90	28.00
1	-6.44	-4.00
2	0.00	9.66
3	-0.67	-4.00
4	0.00	4.00
5	-0.20	-4.00
6	0.00	1.66
7	-0.51	-4.00

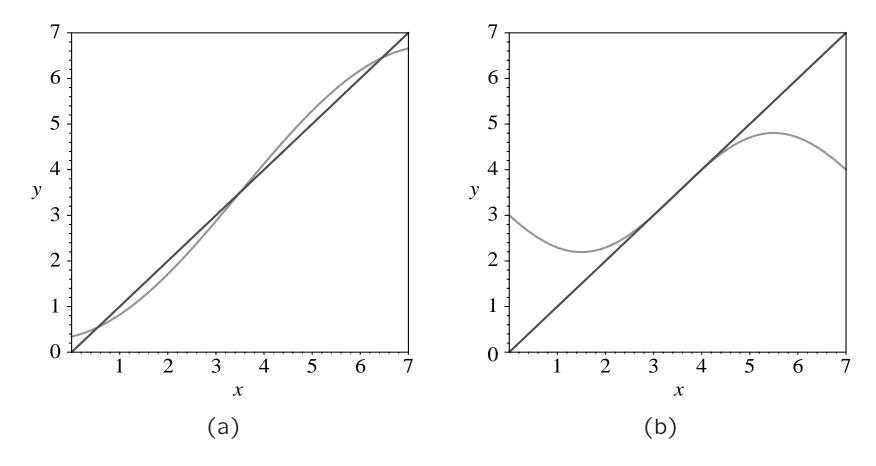


Fig. 8.11: Approximation of the ramp function: (a) 3 Term DCT Approximation, (b) 3 Term DFT Approximation.

# Karhunen-Loève Transform (KLT)

- The Karhunen-Loève transform is a reversible linear transform that exploits the statistical properties of the vector representation.
- It optimally decorrelates the input signal.
- $\bullet$  To understand the optimality of the KLT, consider the autocorrelation matrix  $R_{X}$  of the input vector X defined as

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}} = E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T] \tag{8.30}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_X(1,1) & R_X(1,2) & \cdots & R_X(1,k) \\ R_X(2,1) & R_X(2,2) & \cdots & R_X(2,k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_X(k,1) & R_X(k,2) & \cdots & R_X(k,k) \end{bmatrix}$$
(8.31)

- Our goal is to find a transform T such that the components of the output Y are uncorrelated, i.e  $E[Y_tY_s] = 0$ , if  $t \neq s$ . Thus, the autocorrelation matrix of Y takes on the form of a positive diagonal matrix.
- Since any autocorrelation matrix is symmetric and non-negative definite, there are k orthogonal eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_k$  and k corresponding real and nonnegative eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_k \geq 0$ .
- If we define the Karhunen-Loève transform as

$$\mathbf{T} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{u}_k]^T \tag{8.32}$$

ullet Then, the autocorrelation matrix of Y becomes

$$R_{\mathbf{Y}} = E[\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{T}] = E[\mathbf{T}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{T}] = \mathbf{T}R_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{T}^{T}$$
(8.35)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix}$$
 (8.36)

### KLT Example

To illustrate the mechanics of the KLT, consider the four 3D input vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1=(4,4,5),\ \mathbf{x}_2=(3,2,5),\ \mathbf{x}_3=(5,7,6),\ \mathrm{and}\ \mathbf{x}_4=(6,7,7).$ 

• Estimate the mean:

$$\mathbf{m}_x = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 20 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimate the autocorrelation matrix of the input:

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} - \mathbf{m}_{x} \mathbf{m}_{x}^{T}$$
(8.37)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1.25 & 2.25 & 0.88 \\ 2.25 & 4.50 & 1.50 \\ 0.88 & 1.50 & 0.69 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The eigenvalues of  $R_X$  are  $\lambda_1=6.1963$ ,  $\lambda_2=0.2147$ , and  $\lambda_3=0.0264$ . The corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4385 \\ 0.8471 \\ 0.3003 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4460 \\ -0.4952 \\ 0.7456 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7803 \\ 0.1929 \\ 0.5949 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The KLT is given by the matrix

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4385 & 0.8471 & 0.3003 \\ 0.4460 & -0.4952 & 0.7456 \\ -0.7803 & 0.1929 & 0.5949 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtracting the mean vector from each input vector and apply the KLT

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.2916 \\ -0.2870 \\ -0.2490 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3.4242 \\ 0.2573 \\ 0.1453 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{y}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.9885 \\ -0.5809 \\ 0.1445 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.7273 \\ 0.6107 \\ -0.0408 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Since the rows of T are orthonormal vectors, the inverse transform is just the transpose:  $T^{-1} = T^T$ , and

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{m}_x \tag{8.38}$$

• In general, after the KLT most of the "energy" of the transform coefficients are concentrated within the first few components. This is the "energy compaction" property of the KLT.

## 8.6 Wavelet-Based Coding

- The objective of the wavelet transform is to decompose the input signal into components that are easier to deal with, have special interpretations, or have some components that can be thresholded away, for compression purposes.
- We want to be able to at least approximately reconstruct the original signal given these components.
- The basis functions of the wavelet transform are localized in both time and frequency.
- There are two types of wavelet transforms: the continuous wavelet transform (CWT) and the discrete wavelet transform (DWT).

#### The Continuous Wavelet Transform

• In general, a wavelet is a function  $\psi \in \mathbf{L}^2(R)$  with a zero average (the admissibility condition),

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi(t)dt = 0 \tag{8.49}$$

• Another way to state the admissibility condition is that the zeroth moment  $M_0$  of  $\psi(t)$  is zero. The pth moment is defined as

$$M_p = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^p \psi(t) dt \tag{8.50}$$

• The function  $\psi$  is normalized, i.e.,  $\|\psi\|=1$  and centered at t=0. A family of wavelet functions is obtained by scaling and translating the "mother wavelet"  $\psi$ 

$$\psi_{s,u}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \psi\left(\frac{t-u}{s}\right) \tag{8.51}$$

• The continuous wavelet transform (CWT) of  $f \in L^2(R)$  at time u and scale s is defined as:

$$\mathcal{W}(f,s,u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)\psi_{s,u}(t) dt$$
 (8.52)

The inverse of the continuous wavelet transform is:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{C_{\psi}} \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{W}(f, s, u) \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \psi\left(\frac{t - u}{s}\right) \frac{1}{s^2} du ds \quad (8.53)$$

where

$$C_{\psi} = \int_{0}^{+\infty} \frac{|\Psi(\omega)|^{2}}{\omega} d\omega < +\infty \tag{8.54}$$

and  $\Psi(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $\psi(t)$ .

## The Discrete Wavelet Transform

- Discrete wavelets are again formed from a mother wavelet, but with scale and shift in discrete steps.
- The DWT makes the connection between wavelets in the continuous time domain and "filter banks" in the discrete time domain in a multiresolution analysis framework.
- $\bullet$  It is possible to show that the dilated and translated family of wavelets  $\psi$

$$\left\{ \psi_{j,n}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{j}}} \,\psi\left(\frac{t - 2^{j}n}{2^{j}}\right) \right\}_{(j,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}} \tag{8.55}$$

form an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(R)$ .

## Multiresolution Analysis in the Wavelet Domain

• Multiresolution analysis provides the tool to *adapt signal res*olution to only relevant details for a particular task.

The approximation component is then recursively decomposed into approximation and detail at successively coarser scales.

- Wavelet functions  $\psi(t)$  are used to characterize detail information. The averaging (approximation) information is formally determined by a kind of dual to the mother wavelet, called the "scaling function"  $\phi(t)$ .
- Wavelets are set up such that the approximation at resolution  $2^{-j}$  contains all the necessary information to compute an approximation at coarser resolution  $2^{-(j+1)}$ .

 The scaling function must satisfy the so-called dilation equation:

$$\phi(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \sqrt{2h_0[n]}\phi(2t - n)$$
 (8.56)

• The *wavelet* at the coarser level is also expressible as a sum of translated scaling functions:

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \sqrt{2h_1[n]}\phi(2t - n) \tag{8.57}$$

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n h_0[1 - n] \phi(2t - n)$$
 (8.58)

• The vectors  $h_0[n]$  and  $h_1[n]$  are called the low-pass and high-pass analysis filters. To reconstruct the original input, an inverse operation is needed. The inverse filters are called synthesis filters.

# Block Diagram of 1D Dyadic Wavelet Transform

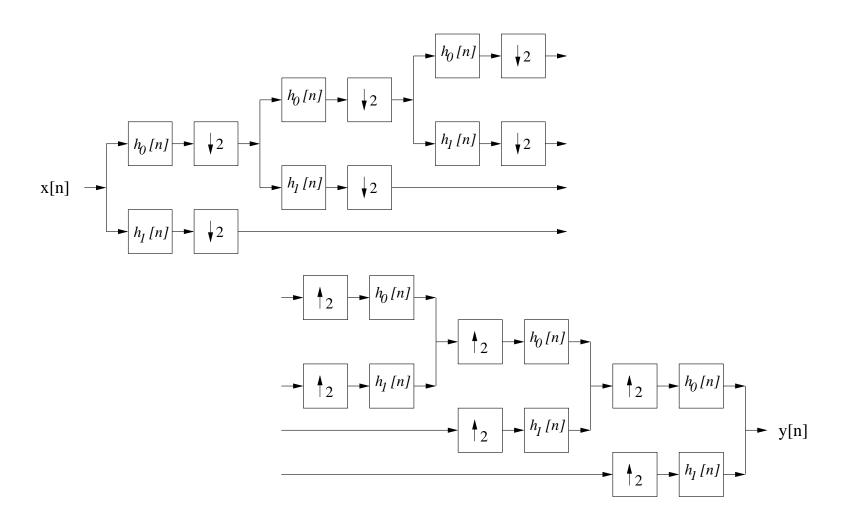


Fig. 8.18: The block diagram of the 1D dyadic wavelet transform.

## Wavelet Transform Example

Suppose we are given the following input sequence.

$${x_{n,i}} = {10, 13, 25, 26, 29, 21, 7, 15}$$

• Consider the transform that replaces the original sequence with its pairwise average  $x_{n-1,i}$  and difference  $d_{n-1,i}$  defined as follows:  $x_{n-2,i} + x_{n-2,i+1}$ 

$$x_{n-1,i} = \frac{x_{n,2i} + x_{n,2i+1}}{2}$$
 $d_{n-1,i} = \frac{x_{n,2i} - x_{n,2i+1}}{2}$ 

• The averages and differences are applied only on consecutive pairs of input sequences whose first element has an even index. Therefore, the number of elements in each set  $\{x_{n-1,i}\}$  and  $\{d_{n-1,i}\}$  is exactly half of the number of elements in the original sequence.

• Form a new sequence having length equal to that of the original sequence by concatenating the two sequences  $\{x_{n-1,i}\}$  and  $\{d_{n-1,i}\}$ . The resulting sequence is

$$\{x_{n-1,i}, d_{n-1,i}\} = \{11.5, 25.5, 25, 11, -1.5, -0.5, 4, -4\}$$

- This sequence has exactly the same number of elements as the input sequence — the transform did not increase the amount of data.
- Since the first half of the above sequence contain averages from the original sequence, we can view it as a coarser approximation to the original signal. The second half of this sequence can be viewed as the details or approximation errors of the first half.

• It is easily verified that the original sequence can be reconstructed from the transformed sequence using the relations

$$x_{n,2i} = x_{n-1,i} + d_{n-1,i}$$
  
$$x_{n,2i+1} = x_{n-1,i} - d_{n-1,i}$$

This transform is the discrete Haar wavelet transform.

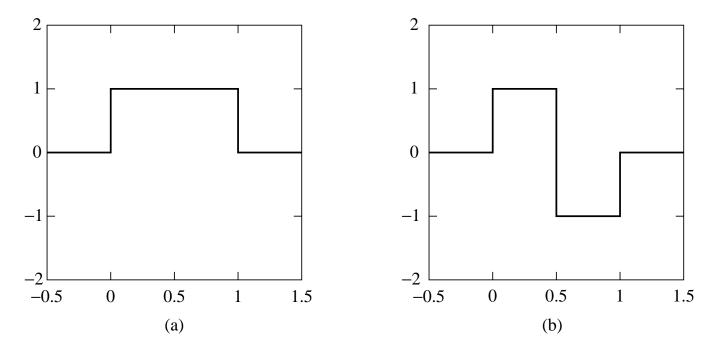


Fig. 8.12: Haar Transform: (a) scaling function, (b) wavelet function.

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	63	127	127	63	0	0
0	0	127	255	255	127	0	0
0	0	127	255	255	127	0	0
0	0	63	127	127	63	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(a)							

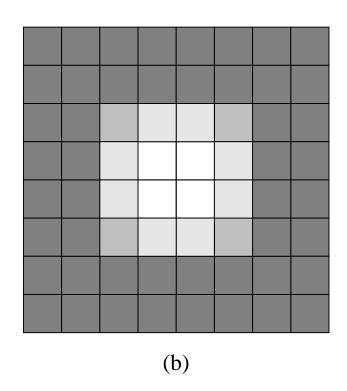


Fig. 8.13: Input image for the 2D Haar Wavelet Transform. (a) The pixel values. (b) Shown as an  $8 \times 8$  image.

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	95	95	0	0	-32	32	0
0	191	191	0	0	-64	64	0
0	191	191	0	0	-64	64	0
0	95	95	0	0	-32	32	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fig. 8.14: Intermediate output of the 2D Haar Wavelet Transform.

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	143	143	0	0	-48	48	0
0	143	143	0	0	-48	48	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	-48	-48	0	0	16	-16	0
0	48	48	0	0	-16	16	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fig. 8.15: Output of the first level of the 2D Haar Wavelet Transform.

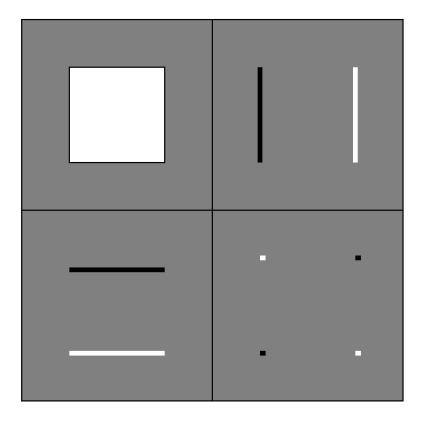


Fig. 8.16: A simple graphical illustration of Wavelet Transform.

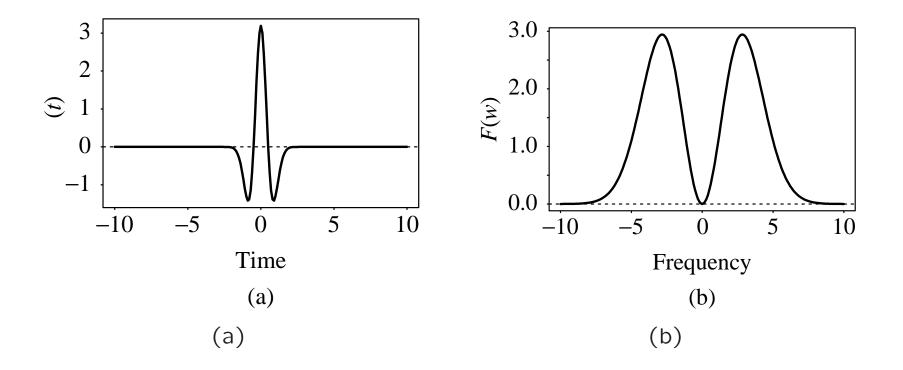


Fig. 8.17: A Mexican Hat Wavelet: (a)  $\sigma = 0.5$ , (b) its Fourier transform.

## **Biorthogonal Wavelets**

- For orthonormal wavelets, the forward transform and its inverse are transposes of each other and the analysis filters are identical to the synthesis filters.
- Without orthogonality, the wavelets for analysis and synthesis are called "biorthogonal". The synthesis filters are not identical to the analysis filters. We denote them as  $\tilde{h}_0[n]$  and  $\tilde{h}_1[n]$ .
- To specify a biorthogonal wavelet transform, we require both  $h_0[n]$  and  $\tilde{h}_0[n]$ .

$$h_1[n] = (-1)^n \tilde{h}_0[1-n] \tag{8.60}$$

$$\tilde{h}_1[n] = (-1)^n h_0[1-n]$$
 (8.61)

Table 8.2 Orthogonal Wavelet Filters

Wavelet	Num.	Start	Coefficients
	Taps	Index	
Haar	2	0	[0.707, 0.707]
Daubechies 4	4	0	[0.483, 0.837, 0.224, -0.129]
Daubechies 6	6	0	[0.332, 0.807, 0.460, -0.135,
			-0.085, 0.0352]
Daubechies 8	8	0	[0.230, 0.715, 0.631, -0.028,
			-0.187, 0.031, 0.033, -0.011]

Table 8.3 Biorthogonal Wavelet Filters

Wavelet	Filter	Num.	Start	Coefficients
		Taps	Index	
Antonini 9/7	$h_0[n]$	9	-4	[0.038, -0.024, -0.111, 0.377, 0.853,
				0.377, -0.111, -0.024, 0.038]
	$\tilde{h}_0[n]$	7	-3	[-0.065, -0.041, 0.418, 0.788, 0.418, -0.041, -0.065]
Villa 10/18	$h_0[n]$	10	-4	[0.029, 0.0000824, -0.158, 0.077, 0.759,
				0.759, 0.077, -0.158, 0.0000824, 0.029]
	$\tilde{h}_0[n]$	18	-8	[0.000954, -0.00000273, -0.009, -0.003,
				0.031, -0.014, -0.086, 0.163, 0.623,
				0.623, 0.163, -0.086, -0.014, 0.031,
				-0.003, -0.009, -0.00000273, 0.000954]
Brislawn	$h_0[n]$	10	-4	[0.027, -0.032, -0.241, 0.054, 0.900,
				0.900, 0.054, -0.241, -0.032, 0.027]
	$\tilde{h}_0[n]$	10	-4	[0.020, 0.024, -0.023, 0.146, 0.541,
				0.541, 0.146, -0.023, 0.024, 0.020]

## 2D Wavelet Transform

- ullet For an N by N input image, the two-dimensional DWT proceeds as follows:
  - Convolve each row of the image with  $h_0[n]$  and  $h_1[n]$ , discard the odd numbered columns of the resulting arrays, and concatenate them to form a transformed row.
  - After all rows have been transformed, convolve each column of the result with  $h_0[n]$  and  $h_1[n]$ . Again discard the odd numbered rows and concatenate the result.
- After the above two steps, one stage of the DWT is complete. The transformed image now contains four subbands LL, HL, LH, and HH, standing for low-low, high-low, etc.
- The LL subband can be further decomposed to yield yet another level of decomposition. This process can be continued until the desired number of decomposition levels is reached.

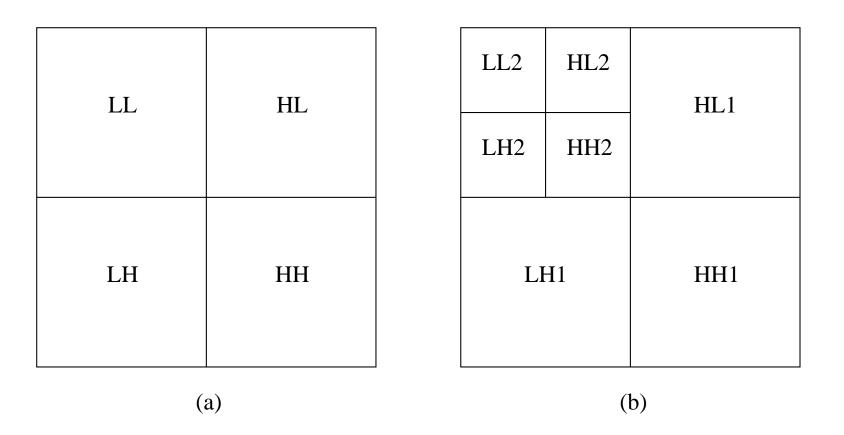


Fig. 8.19: The two-dimensional discrete wavelet transform (a) One level transform, (b) two level transform.

## 2D Wavelet Transform Example

• The input image is a sub-sampled version of the image Lena. The size of the input is  $16 \times 16$ . The filter used in the example is the Antonini 9/7 filter set

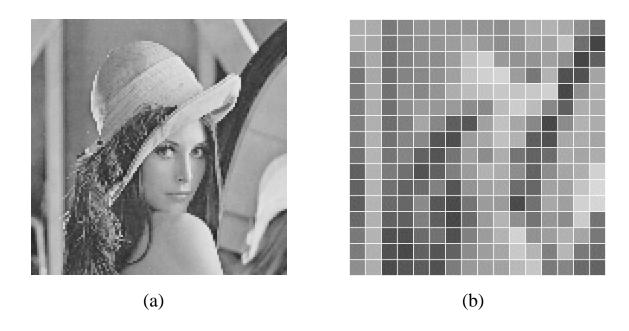


Fig. 8.20: The Lena image: (a) Original  $128 \times 128$  image. (b)  $16 \times 16$  sub-sampled image.

The input image is shown in numerical form below.

$$I_{00}(x,y) =$$

```
158 170
         97 104 123 130 133 125 132 127 112 158 159 144
164 153
             99 124 152 131 160 189 116 106 145 140 143 227
                                                             53
116 149
         90 101 118 118 131 152 202 211
                                         84 154 127
                                                             58
95 145
         88 105 188 123 117 182 185 204 203 154 153
                                                         46 147
101 156
         89 100 165 113 148 170 163 186 144 194 208
         94 103 203 136 146
                             92
                                66 192 188 103 178
103 153
                                                     47
                                                        167
102 146 106
            99
                99 121
                        39
                            60 164 175 198
                                             46
                                                 56
                                                     56 156
         95
            97 144
                    61 103 107 108 111 192
                                             62
99 146
                                                 65 128 153 154
                        54
 99 140 103 109 103 124
                            81 172 137 178
                                             54
                                                 43 159 149 174
                    43 158
   133 107
            84 149
                            95 151 120 183
                                             46
                                                 30 147 142
                                                            201
   153 110
                            73 140 103 138
            41
                94 213
                        71
                                             83 152 143
            58 92
 56 141 108
                    51
                         55
                            61
                                 88 166
                                         58 103 146 150
89 115 188
            47 113 104 56
                            67 128 155 187
                                            71 153 134
 35
    99 151
            67 35 88 88 128 140 142 176 213 144 128
                                                        214
 89
       97
            51
               49 101 47
                           90 136 136 157 205 106
                                                         54
                                                     43
                                                             76
                    53 110 127 134 146 159 184 109 121
 44 105
        69
             69
```

 First, we need to compute the analysis and synthesis highpass filters.

$$h_1[n] = [-0.065, 0.041, 0.418, -0.788, 0.418, 0.041, -0.065]$$
  
 $\tilde{h}_1[n] = [-0.038, -0.024, 0.111, 0.377, -0.853, 0.377,$   
 $0.111, -0.024, -0.038]$ 

• Convolve the first row with both  $h_0[n]$  and  $h_1[n]$  and discarding the values with odd-numbered index. The results of these two operations are:

$$(I_{00}(:,0)*h_0[n])\downarrow 2 = [245,156,171,183,184,173,228;160],$$
  
 $(I_{00}(:,0)*h_1[n])\downarrow 2 = [-30,3,0,7,-5,-16,-3,16].$ 

• Form the transformed output row by concatenating the resulting coefficients. The first row of the transformed image is then:

$$[245, 156, 171, 183, 184, 173, 228, 160, -30, 3, 0, 7, -5, -16, -3, 16]$$

Continue the same process for the remaining rows.

#### The result after all rows have been processed

$$I_{10}(x,y) =$$

```
245 156 171 183 184 173 228 160 -30
                          202\ 229\ -17
                                                       26 - 27
             197 242 158
                                            -20
                                                                      141
195 147 163 177 288 173 209 106 -34
                                              2
                                                  19 - 50
                                                          -35
                                                                 -38
180 139 226 177 274 267 247 163 -45 29
                                              24
                                                 -29
                                                       -2
                                                            30
                                                               -101
191 145 197 198 247 230 239 143 -49 22
                                                 -11
                                                      -26
                                              36
                                                                 101
             184 135 253 169 192 -47
                                              36
                                                     -58
                                                            66
             77 204 232
                           51 196
176 159
        156
                                            -48
                                                  30
                                                       11
                                                                        4
                                              50
179 148 162 129 146 213
                           92\ 217\ -39
                                                 -10
                                                       33
                                                                 -23
169 159 163
             97 204 202
                           85 \ 234 \ -29
                                            -42
                                                  23
                                                       37
                                                            41
                                                                 -56
                                                                      -5
        149 159 176 204
                           65\ 236\ -32
                                              85
                                                  39
                                                       38
                                                                 -54 -31
145 148 158 148 164 157 188 215
                                           -110
                                                   28
                                                       26
                                                            48
                                                                  -1 -64
                                              13
                                                   10
                                                                  -7 - 76
134 152 102
             70 153 126 199 207 -47 38
                                                      -76
                                            -27
                                                  15
127 203 130
             94 171
                      218
                              228
                                    12 88
 70 188
          63 144 191 257 215 232
                                    -524
                                            -28
                                                  _9
                                                       19 - 46
                                                                       91
         87 96 177 236 162 77 -2 20
85 142 188 234 184 132 -37 0
129 124
                                            -48
                                                       17 - 56
                                                                  30 - 24
                                             27
```

• Apply the filters to the columns of the resulting image. Apply both  $h_0[n]$  and  $h_1[n]$  to each column and discard the odd indexed results:

$$(I_{11}(0,:)*h_0[n])\downarrow 2 = [353,280,269,256,240,206,160,153]^T$$
  
 $(I_{11}(0,:)*h_1[n])\downarrow 2 = [-12,10,-7,-4,2,-1,43,16]^T$ 

 Concatenate the above results into a single column and apply the same procedure to each of the remaining columns.

$$I_{11}(x,y) =$$

```
5 24 -29
353
    212 251 272
                 281
                      234 308 289 -33
                                          6 - 15
                                                                38
                                                                    120
                                                    9 - 31 - 26 - 74
   203
        254
             250
                      269
                                              -2
280
                 402
                          297
                               207 - 45
                                                                     23
                                         11
         312 280
                 316
                      353
                          337
269
    202
                               227 - 70
                                         43
                                              56 - 23
                                                     -41
                                                                    -81
                                                                82
                                         27 - 14
256
    217
        247 155 236
                     328
                          114 \ 283 \ -52
                                                   23
                                                       -2
                                                           90
                                                                49
                                                                     12
                                                   23
         226 172
                 264
                      294
                          113
                              330 - 41
                                             31
                                                                     -3
240
    221
                                         14
                                                           60 - 78
            192
                 230
                      219
                          232 \ 300 \ -76
                                             -53
                                                   40
                                                           46 - 18 - 107
206
    204
        201
                                         67
            135
                      294
                                             -17
                                                   10 - 24
                                                           49
160
    275
         150
                 244
                          267
                               331
                                         90
                                                                     89
153
    189
         113
             173
                 260
                     342
                          256
                              176 - 20
                                         18
                                            -38
                                                  -4
                                                       24 - 75
                                                                     -5
                                        -1
         -9 -13
                  -6
                     11
                           12 - 69 - 10
                                                  6 -38
                                                           3 - 45
-12
                                            14
                                                                    -99
                                                     -32 - 45
                  -1 -51 -10 -30
                                     2 - 12
 10
      3 - 31
              16
                                                   24
                                                               109
                                                                     42
        -44 -35
                  67 - 10 - 17 - 15
                                     3 - 15
                                            -28
                                                  0
                                                       41 - 30
                                                               -18
                                                                    -19
         -1 -37
                  41
                        6 - 33
                                     9 - 12
                                            -67
                                                   31
                                                       -7
                                                                      0
        9 -25
                   2 - 25
                               -8 \ -11 \ -4 \ -123 \ -12
                           60
                                                                14
                                                                    -12
                                                       -6
                     48 - 11
                                    19 32
        32 46
                  10
                                20
                                             -59
                                                   9
                                                      70
                                                           50
                                                                16
                                                                     73
        32 -40 -13 -23 -37 -61
                                   8
                                         22
                                               2
                                                   13 - 12
                                                           43
                                                                -8
                                                                    -45
                                    24 7
         -6 -32
                        5 - 13 - 50
                                                       11 - 33
                  -7
                                             -61
                                                   2
```

• This completes one stage of the discrete wavelet transform. We can perform another stage of the DWT by applying the same transform procedure illustrated above to the upper left  $8 \times 8$  DC image of  $I_{12}(x,y)$ . The resulting two-stage transformed image is

$$I_{22}(x,y) =$$

```
120
               532
558
          608
                     75
                          26
                               94
                                     25 - 33
                                                    -15
     511
          627
               566
                     66
                          68 - 43
                                     68 - 45
                                               11
                                                             -31 - 26
                                                                       -74
                                                                               23
463
               416
                             -97 -229
                                                        -23
     401
          478
                     14
                          84
                                               43
                                                     56
                                                             -41
                                                                    21
                                                                         82
                                                                              -81
464
               553
                                     -6 -52
     335
          477
                   -88
                          46
                             -31
                                               27
                                                    -14
                                                          23
                                                               -2
                                                                    90
                                                                         49
                                                                               12
422
      33
                42
                     22
                        -43 - 36
                                                     31
                                                          23
                                                               57
                                                                    60
                                                                       -78
 14
         -56
                                      1 - 41
                                               14
                                                                               -3
-13
      36
           54
                52
                     12 - 21
                               51
                                     70 - 76
                                               67
                                                    -53
                                                          40
                                                                    46
                                                                       -18
                                                                            -107
           25
                -7 -35
                          35
 25
     -20
                             -56
                                    -55
                                               90
                                                    -17
                                                          10
                                                             -24
                                                                    49
                                                                         29
                                                                               89
                   -44
                                                               24
                                                                  -75
 46
         -51
                51
                          26
                               39
                                    -74
                                        -20
                                               18
                                                    -38
                                                                               -5
-12
              -13
                     -6
                          11
                               12
                                    -69
                                        -10
                                               -1
                                                     14
                                                             -38
                                                                       -45
                                                                              -99
                                                             -32 - 45
         -31
                16
                     -1 -51
                             -10
                                    -30
                                             -12
                                                      0
                                                          24
                                                                        109
                                                                               42
 10
         -44
              -35
                     67 - 10
                             -17
                                    -15
                                           3 - 15
                                                    -28
                                                           0
                                                               41 - 30
                                                                       -18
                                                                              -19
                     41
                                             -12
                                                   -67
                                                          31
              -37
                           6 - 33
                                                               -7
                                                                                0
            9 - 25
                      2 - 25
                               60
                                     -8 -11
                                              -4
                                                  -123
                                                        -12
                                                               -6
                                                                         14
                                                                              -12
      22
                          48
           32
                46
                     10
                             -11
                                     20
                                          19
                                               32
                                                    -59
                                                               70
                                                                    50
                                                                               73
                                                                         16
 43
           32 - 40
                   -13 -23 -37
                                    -61
                                               22
                                                      2
                                                          13 - 12
                                                                    43
                                                                         -8
                                                                              -45
 16
                           5 - 13
                                    -50
                                          24
                                               7
                                                   -61
                                                               11 - 33
                                                                         43
```



Fig. 8.21: Haar wavelet decomposition.

#### 8.7 Wavelet Packets

- In the usual dyadic wavelet decomposition, only the low-pass filtered subband is recursively decomposed and thus can be represented by a logarithmic tree structure.
- A wavelet packet decomposition allows the decomposition to be represented by any pruned subtree of the full tree topology.
- The wavelet packet decomposition is very flexible since a best wavelet basis in the sense of some cost metric can be found within a large library of permissible bases.
- The computational requirement for wavelet packet decomposition is relatively low as each decomposition can be computed in the order of  $N \log N$  using fast filter banks.

#### 8.8 Embedded Zerotree of Wavelet Coefficients

- Effective and computationally efficient for image coding.
- The EZW algorithm addresses two problems:
  - 1. obtaining the best image quality for a given bit-rate, and
  - 2. accomplishing this task in an embedded fashion.
- Using an embedded code allows the encoder to terminate the encoding at any point. Hence, the encoder is able to meet any target bit-rate exactly.
- Similarly, a decoder can cease to decode at any point and can produce reconstructions corresponding to all lower-rate encodings.

### The Zerotree Data Structure

 The EZW algorithm efficiently codes the "significance map" which indicates the locations of nonzero quantized wavelet coefficients.

This is achieved using a new data structure called the zerotree.

- Using the hierarchical wavelet decomposition presented earlier, we can relate every coefficient at a given scale to a set of coefficients at the next finer scale of similar orientation.
- The coefficient at the coarse scale is called the "parent" while all corresponding coefficients are the next finer scale of the same spatial location and similar orientation are called "children".

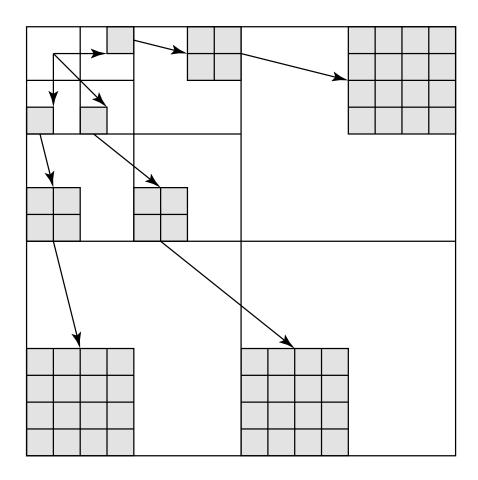


Fig. 8.22: Parent child relationship in a zerotree.

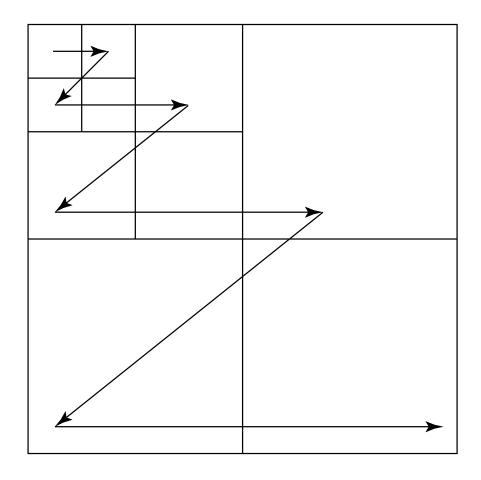


Fig. 8.23: EZW scanning order.

- ullet Given a threshold T, a coefficient x is an element of the zerotree if it is insignificant and all of its descendants are insignificant as well.
- The significance map is coded using the zerotree with a foursymbol alphabet:
  - The zerotree root: The root of the zerotree is encoded with a special symbol indicating that the insignificance of the coefficients at finer scales is completely predictable.
  - Isolated zero: The coefficient is insignificant but has some significant descendants.
  - Positive significance: The coefficient is significant with a positive value.
  - Negative significance: The coefficient is significant with a negative value.

## Successive Approximation Quantization

#### • Motivation:

- Takes advantage of the efficient encoding of the significance map using the zerotree data structure by allowing it to encode more significance maps.
- Produce an embedded code that provides a coarse-tofine, multiprecision logarithmic representation of the scale space corresponding to the wavelet-transformed image.
- The SAQ method sequentially applies a sequence of thresholds  $T_0, \ldots, T_{N-1}$  to determine the significance of each coefficient.
- A dominant list and a subordinate list are maintained during the encoding and decoding process.

#### **Dominant Pass**

- Coefficients having their coordinates on the dominant list implies that they are not yet significant.
- Coefficients are compared to the threshold  $T_i$  to determine their significance. If a coefficient is found to be significant, its magnitude is appended to the subordinate list and the coefficient in the wavelet transform array is set to 0 to enable the possibility of the occurrence of a zerotree on future dominant passes at smaller thresholds.
- The resulting significance map is zerotree coded.

#### **Subordinate Pass**

- All coefficients on the subordinate list are scanned and their magnitude (as it is made available to the decoder) is refined to an additional bit of precision.
- The width of the uncertainty interval for the true magnitude of the coefficients is cut in half.
- For each magnitude on the subordinate list, the refinement can be encoded using a binary alphabet with a "1" indicating that the true value falls in the upper half of the uncertainty interval and a "0" indicating that it falls in the lower half.
- After the completion of the subordinate pass, the magnitudes on the subordinate list are sorted in decreasing order to the extent that the decoder can perform the same sort.

# **EZW** Example

57	-37	39	-20	3	7	9	10
-29	30	17	33	8	2	1	6
14	6	15	13	9	<b>-4</b>	2	3
10	19	<b>-</b> 7	9	-7	14	12	<b>-</b> 9
12	15	33	20	-2	3	1	0
0	7	2	4	4	-1	1	1
4	1	10	3	2	0	1	0
5	6	0	0	3	1	2	1

Fig. 8.24: Coefficients of a three-stage wavelet transform used as input to the EZW algorithm.

## **Encoding**

- Since the largest coefficient is 57, the initial threshold  $T_0$  is 32.
- At the beginning, the dominant list contains the coordinates of all the coefficients.
- The following is the list of coefficients visited in the order of the scan:

$$\{57, -37, -29, 30, 39, -20, 17, 33, 14, 6, 10, 19, 3, 7, 8, 2, 2, 3, 12, -9, 33, 20, 2, 4\}$$

• With respect to the threshold  $T_0=32$ , it is easy to see that the coefficients 57 and -37 are significant. Thus, we output a p and a n to represent them.

- The coefficient -29 is insignificant, but contains a significant descendant 33 in LH1. Therefore, it is coded as z.
- Continuing in this manner, the dominant pass outputs the following symbols:

 $D_0$ : pnztpttptztttttttttttttttttt

- There are five coefficients found to be significant: 57, -37, 39, 33, and another 33. Since we know that no coefficients are greater than  $2T_0 = 64$  and the threshold used in the first dominant pass is 32, the uncertainty interval is thus [32, 64).
- The subordinate pass following the dominant pass refines the magnitude of these coefficients by indicating whether they lie in the first half or the second half of the uncertainty interval.

 $S_0$ : 10000

 Now the dominant list contains the coordinates of all the coefficients except those found to be significant and the subordinate list contains the values:

$$\{57, 37, 39, 33, 33\}.$$

- Now, we attempt to rearrange the values in the subordinate list such that larger coefficients appear before smaller ones, with the constraint that the decoder is able do exactly the same.
- The decoder is able to distinguish values from [32,48) and [48,64). Since 39 and 37 are not distinguishable in the decoder, their order will not be changed.

- Before we move on to the second round of dominant and subordinate passes, we need to set the values of the significant coefficients to 0 in the wavelet transform array so that they do not prevent the emergence of a new zerotree.
- The new threshold for second dominant pass is  $T_1=16$ . Using the same procedure as above, the dominant pass outputs the following symbols

$$D_1$$
:  $zznptnpttztptttttttttttttttttttttttt$  (8.65)

• The subordinate list is now:

{57, 37, 39, 33, 33, 29, 30, 20, 17, 19, 20}

• The subordinate pass that follows will halve each of the three current uncertainty intervals [48,64), [32,48), and [16,32). The subordinate pass outputs the following bits:

 $S_1: 10000110000$ 

• The output of the subsequent dominant and subordinate passes are shown below:

 $S_2$ : 01100111001101100000110110

 $D_3$ : zzzzzztzpztztnttpttttttptnnttttptttptptpttpttttt

 $S_3$ : 00100010001110100110001001111101100010

 $D_5$ : zzzztzttttztzzzzttpttpttttttnptpptttp

### Decoding

• Suppose we only received information from the first dominant and subordinate pass. From the symbols in  $D_0$  we can obtain the position of the significant coefficients. Then, using the bits decoded from  $S_0$ , we can reconstruct the value of these coefficients using the center of the uncertainty interval.

56	-40	40	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fig. 8.25: Reconstructed transform coefficients from the first pass.

• If the decoder received only  $D_0$ ,  $S_0$ ,  $D_1$ ,  $S_1$ ,  $D_2$ , and only the first 10 bits of  $S_2$ , then the reconstruction is

58	-38	38	-22	0	0	12	12
-30	30	18	34	12	0	0	0
12	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
12	20	0	12	0	12	12	-12
12	12	34	22	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fig. 8.26: Reconstructed transform coefficients from  $D_0$ ,  $S_0$ ,  $D_1$ ,  $S_1$ ,  $D_2$ , and the first 10 bits of  $S_2$ .

# 8.9 Set Partitioning in Hierarchical Trees (SPIHT)

- The SPIHT algorithm is an extension of the EZW algorithm.
- The SPIHT algorithm significantly improved the performance of its predecessor by changing the way subsets of coefficients are partitioned and how refinement information is conveyed.
- A unique property of the SPIHT bitstream is its compactness. The resulting bitstream from the SPIHT algorithm is so compact that passing it through an entropy coder would only produce very marginal gain in compression.
- No ordering information is explicitly transmitted to the decoder. Instead, the decoder reproduces the execution path of the encoder and recovers the ordering information.

## 8.10 Further Explorations

#### • Text books:

- Introduction to Data Compression by Khalid Sayood
- Vector Quantization and Signal Compression by Allen Gersho and Robert M. Gray
- Digital Image Processing by Rafael C. Gonzales and Richard E. Woods
- Probability and Random Processes with Applications to Signal Processing by Henry Stark and John W. Woods
- A Wavelet Tour of Signal Processing by Stephane G. Mallat

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- An online graphics-based demonstration of the wavelet transform.
- Links to documents and source code related to quantization, Theory of Data Compression webpage, FAQ for comp.compression, etc.
- A link to an excellent article Image Compression from DCT to Wavelets: A Review.