Fundamentals of Multimedia

Image Compression Standards

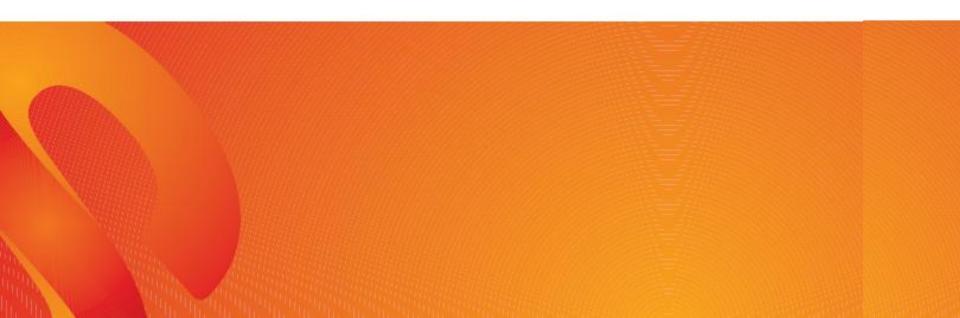


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1. The JPEG Standard



Introduction

- JPEG: Joint Photographic Experts Group
 - Original name
 - The committee of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
 - The first international static image compression standard Published in 1992: ISO 10918-1
- Because of its pleasing properties, JPEG gained great success only several years after published
 - Almost 80 percents of images on web are compressed by the JPEG standards

Introduction

- JPEG is a lossy image compression method. It employs a transform coding method using the DCT (Discrete Cosine Transform).
- An image is a function of i and j (or conventionally x and y) in the spatial domain. The 2D DCT is used as one step in JPEG in order to yield a frequency response which is a function F(u, v) in the spatial frequency domain, indexed by two integers u and v.

Observations for JPEG Image Compression

 The effectiveness of the DCT transform coding method in JPEG relies on 3 major observations:

Observation 1: Useful image contents change relatively slowly across the image, i.e., it is unusual for intensity values to vary widely several times in a small area, for example, within an 8×8 image block.

 much of the information in an image is repeated, hence "spatial redundancy".

Observations for JPEG Image Compression

Observation 2: Psychophysical experiments suggest that humans are much less likely to notice the loss of very high spatial frequency components than the loss of lower frequency components.

 the spatial redundancy can be reduced by largely reducing the high spatial frequency contents.

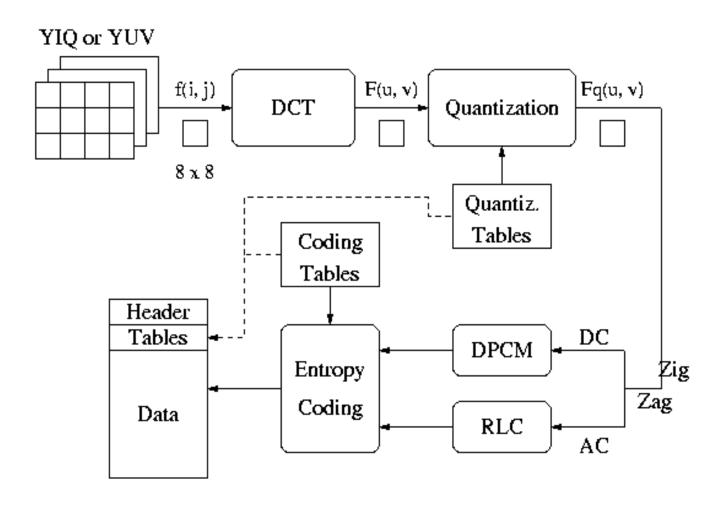
Observation 3: Visual acuity (accuracy in distinguishing closely spaced lines) is much greater for gray ("black and white") than for color.

chroma subsampling (4:2:0) is used in JPEG.

1.1 Main Steps in JPEG Image Compression

- (1) Transform RGB to YIQ or YUV and subsample color
- (2) Perform DCT on image blocks
- (3) Apply Quantization
- (4) Zigzag Ordering
- (5) DPCM on DC coefficients
- (6) RLE on AC coefficients
- (7) Perform entropy coding

1.1 Main Steps in JPEG Image Compression

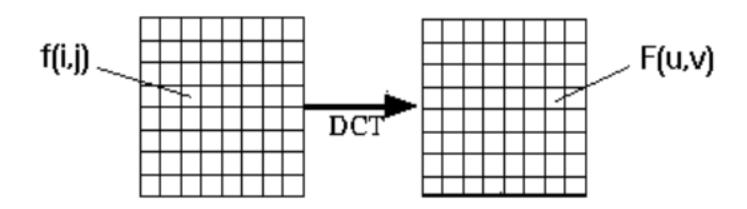


Block diagram for JPEG encoder

1.1 Main steps: DCT

DCT (Discrete Cosine Transformation)

Each image is divided into 8 \times 8 blocks. The 2D DCT is applied to each block image f(i, j), with output being the DCT coefficients F(u, v) for each block.



1.1 Main steps: DCT

- Why the block size is 8 × 8?
 - Compromise between accuracy and computation
- Removing blocking artifacts is an important concern of researcher
- Using blocks, however, has the effect of isolating each block from its neighboring context. This is why JPEG images look choppy ("blocky") when a high compression ratio is specified by the user.

$$\hat{F}(u,v) = round\left(\frac{F(u,v)}{Q(u,v)}\right) \tag{9.1}$$

- F(u, v) represents a DCT coefficient, Q(u, v) is a "quantization matrix" entry, and $\hat{F}(u, v)$ represents the *quantized DCT coefficients* which JPEG will use in the succeeding entropy coding.
 - The quantization step is the main source for loss in JPEG compression.
 - The entries of Q(u, v) tend to have larger values towards the lower right corner. This aims to introduce more loss at the higher spatial frequencies a practice supported by Observations 1 and 2.
 - Table 9.1 and 9.2 show the default Q(u, v) values obtained from psychophysical studies with the goal of maximizing the compression ratio while minimizing perceptual losses in JPEG images.

Table 9.1 The Luminance Quantization Table

16	11	10	16	24	40	51	61
12	12	14	19	26	58	60	55
14	13	16	24	40	57	69	56
14	17	22	29	51	87	80	62
18	22	37	56	68	109	103	77
24	35	55	64	81	104	113	92
49	64	78	87	103	121	120	101
72	92	95	98	112	100	103	99

Table 9.2 The Chrominance Quantization Table



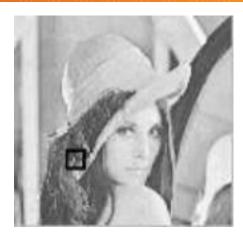
An 8×8 block from the Y image of 'Lena'

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200 202 189 188 189 175 175 175
                                       515 65 -12 4 1
200 203 198 188 189 182 178 175
                                              2 0
                                        -16 3
                                                       0 -11
203 200 200 195 200 187 185 175
                                        -12 6 11
                                                       3
200 200 200 200 197 187 187 187
                                         -8 3
                                                -4 2
                                                       -2 -3
200 205 200 200 195 188 187 175
                                                       4
                                                                 -4
200 200 200 200 200 190 187 175
                                         0 -3
205 200 199 200 191 187 187 175
                                                -3 3 3 -1 -1
                                                                  3
210 200 200 200 188 185 187 186
                                                    4 -2 2 -3
                                                                  \mathbf{0}
             f(i, j)
                                                  F(u, v)
```

Fig. 9.2: JPEG compression for a smooth image block.

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512 66 -10
                                                                0
 32
                  0
                       0
                           0
                               0
                                                                        0
                                         -12
                                              0
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          0
             \hat{F}(u, v)
                                                      \tilde{F}(u, v)
199 196 191 186 182 178 177 176
201 199 196 192 188 183 180 178
                                              4 2 -4 1 -1 -2 -3
203 203 202 200 195 189 183 180
                                            -3 -2 -5 5 -2 2 -5
202 203 204 203 198 191 183 179
                                         -2 -3 -4 -3 -1 -4
200 201 202 201 196 189 182 177
200 200 199 197 192 186 181 177
                                             0 1 3 8 4 6 -2
204 202 199 195 190 186 183 181
                                           1 - 2 \quad 0 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 1
207 204 200 194 190 187 185 184
             \tilde{f}(i,j)
                                                 (i, j) = f(i, j) - \widetilde{f}(i, j)
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Fig. 9.2 (cont'd): JPEG compression for a smooth image block.



Another 8×8 block from the Y image of 'Lena'

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44
                                                               32
                                         -80 -40
                                                  89 -73
                                                                   53 -3
 70 70 100
            70
                 87
                     87 150 187
                                        -135 -59 -26
                                                          14
                                                               -3
                                                                  -13 -28
             79
                 87 154
85 100
         96
                          87 113
                                          47 -76
                                                  66
                                                      -3 -108
                                                             -78
                                                                   33
                                                                      59
100
     85 116
             79
                 70
                      87
                          86
                             196
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                                              10 -18
                                                               11 -21
136
     69
                 79
                      71 117
         87 200
                                              -9 -22
                                                          32
                                                               65 -36
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     70
         87 200 103
                      71
                                           5 -20
                                                  28 -46
                                                           3
                                                               24 -30
                                                                       24
161 123 147 133 113 113
                          85 161
                                           6 -20
                                                  37 -28
                                                          12 -35
                                                                      17
146 147 175 100 103 103 163 187
                                          -5 -23
                                                  33 -30
                                                          17
                                                               -5
                                                                   -4 20
156 146 189 70 113 161 163 197
                                                      F(u, v)
              f(i, j)
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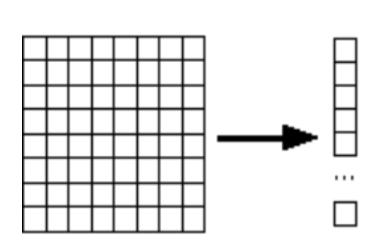
Fig. 9.2: JPEG compression for a smooth image block.

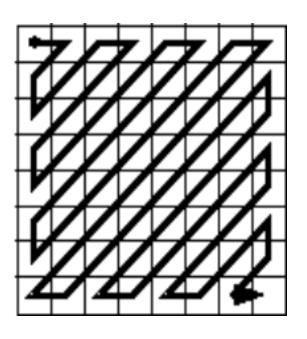
Fig. 9.3 (cont'd): JPEG compression for a textured image block.

- Conclusions:
 - Reducing the total number of bits needed
 - The main source for information loss
 - Introduce more loss for quickly changing image areas

1.1 Main steps: Zigzag Scan

- Turns the 8 x 8 matrix into a 64 vector
 - Lower frequency components are at the front part of the vector
 - The higher frequency component at the rear part





1.1 Main steps: RLE on AC Coefficients

- The 1 x 64 size vector contains long runs of zeros
- RLE (Run-length Coding):
 - (skip, value)
 - skip: number of zeros, value: the next nonzero value
 - (0,0): the end of a block

$$(32,6,-1,-1,0,-1,0,0,0,-1,0,0,1,0,0,...,0)$$

$$(0,6)(0,-1)(0,-1)(1,-1)(3,-1)(2,1)(0,0)$$

1.1 Main steps: DPCM on DC Coefficients

- The DC coefficients are coded separately from the AC ones.
 - The values of the DC coefficients for various blocks could be large and different
 - The DC coefficient is unlikely to change drastically within a short distance
 - This makes DPCM an ideal scheme for coding the DC coefficients
 - DPCM for the DC coefficients in JPEG is carried out on the entire image at once

1.1 Main steps: DPCM on DC Coefficients

- Coding the difference with the DC of the previous 8 × 8 block
 - DPCM (Differential Pulse Code Modulation)

$$d_i = DC_{i+1} - DC_i$$

 $d_0 = DC_0$
 $150,155,149,152,144 \Rightarrow 150,5,-6,3,-8$

1.1 Main steps: Entropy Coding (1)

- DC is represented by a pair of symbols
 - (size, amplitude)
 - SIZE indicates how many bits are needed for representing the coefficient
 - AMPLITUDE contains the actual bits

Size	Amplitude
1	-1, 1
2	-3, -2, 2, 3
3	-74, 47
4	-158, 815
10	-1023512, 5121023

1.1 Main steps: Entropy Coding (1)

- e.g.: (150, 5, -6, 3, -8) _____
 (8, 10010110), (3, 101), (3, 001), (2, 11), (4, 0111)
 - Size is Huffman coded
 - Amplitude is not Huffman coded
- Huffman table can be customized and stored in image header, otherwise, a default Huffman table is used.
- AC Coefficient -- two symbols:
 - Symbol_1: (RUNLENGTH, SIZE)
 - Symbol 2: (AMPLITUDE)
- Symbol_1 using Huffman coding, Symbol_2 is not

1.2 JPEG Modes

- Sequential Mode
- Progressive Mode.
- Hierarchical Mode.
- Lossless Mode

1.2 JPEG Mode: Sequential

The Default JPEG mode

 Each image is encoded in a single left-to-right, top-to-bottom scan

"Motion JPEG" video coded uses baseline sequential JPEG

1.2 JPEG Mode: Progressive (1)

Progressive JPEG delivers low quality versions of the image quickly, followed by higher quality passes.

1. Spectral selection: Takes advantage of the "spectral" (spatial frequency spectrum) characteristics of the DCT coefficients: higher AC components provide detail information.

Scan 1: Encode DC and first few AC components, e.g., AC1, AC2.

Scan 2: Encode a few more AC components, e.g., AC3, AC4, AC5.

...

Scan k: Encode the last few ACs, e.g., AC61, AC62, AC63.

1.2 JPEG Mode: Progressive (2)

2. Successive approximation: Instead of gradually encoding spectral bands, all DCT coefficients are encoded simultaneously but with their most significant bits (MSBs) first.

Scan 1: Encode the first few MSBs, e.g., Bits 7, 6, 5, 4.

Scan 2: Encode a few more less significant bits, e.g., Bit 3.

Scan m: Encode the least significant bit (LSB), Bit 0.

1.2 JPEG Mode: Hierarchical(1)

 The encoded image at the lowest resolution is basically a compressed low-pass filtered image, whereas the images at successively higher resolutions provide additional details (differences from the lower resolution images).

 Similar to Progressive JPEG, the Hierarchical JPEG images can be transmitted in multiple passes progressively improving quality.

1.2 JPEG Mode: Hierarchical(2)

1. Reduction of image resolution:

Reduce resolution of the input image f (e.g., 512×512) by a factor of 2 in each dimension to obtain f_2 (e.g., 256×256). Repeat this to obtain f_4 (e.g., 128×128).

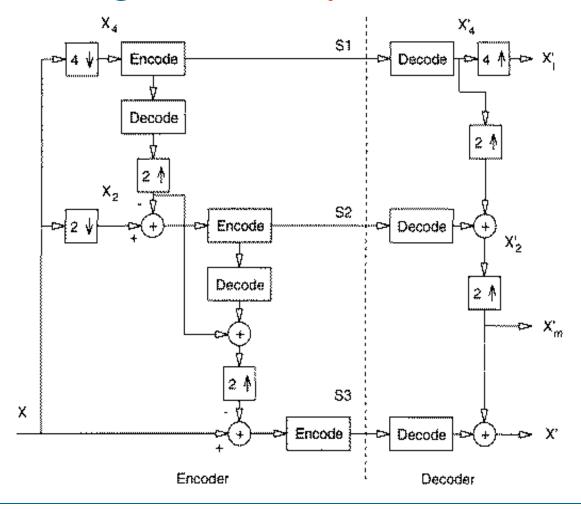
2. Compress low-resolution image f_4 :

Encode f_4 using any other JPEG method (e.g., Sequential, Progressive) to obtain F_4 .

- 3. Compress difference image d_2 :
 - (a) Decode F_4 to obtain \widetilde{f}_4 . Use any interpolation method to expand \widetilde{f}_4 to be of the same resolution as f_2 and call it $E(\widetilde{f}_4)$.
 - (b) Encode difference $d_2 = f_2 E(\widetilde{f_4})$ using any other JPEG method (e.g., Sequential, Progressive) to generate D_2 .
- 4. Compress difference image d₁:
 - (a) Decode D_2 to obtain $\widetilde{d_2}$; add it to E($\widetilde{f_4}$) to get $\widetilde{f_2} = E(\widetilde{f_4}) + \widetilde{d_2}$ which is a version of f_2 after compression and decompression.
 - (b) Encode difference $d_1 = f E(\widetilde{f_2})$ using any other JPEG method (e.g., Sequential, Progressive) to generate D_I .

1.2 JPEG Mode: Hierarchical(3)

Encode an image in a hierarchy of several different resolutions



1.2 JPEG Mode: Hierarchical(4)

- 1. Decompress the encoded low-resolution image F_4 :
 - Decode F_4 using the same JPEG method as in the encoder to obtain \widetilde{f}_4 .
- 2. Restore image \widetilde{f}_2 at the intermediate resolution:
 - Use $E(\widetilde{f}_4) + \widetilde{d}_2$ to obtain \widetilde{f}_2 .

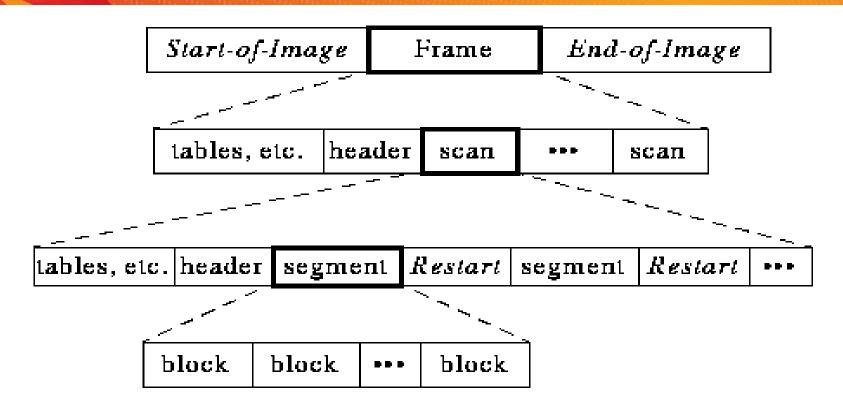
- 3. Restore image \tilde{f} at the original resolution:
 - Use $E(\widetilde{f_2}) + \widetilde{d_1}$ to obtain \widetilde{f} .

1.2 JPEG Mode: Lossless

 A special case of the JPEG where indeed there is no loss in its image quality

- It does not use DCT-based method!
 Instead, it uses a predictive (differential coding) method
- It's rarely used, since its compression ratio is very low compared to other lossy mode

1.3 A Glance at the JPEG Bitstream



JPEG Bitstream

A "Frame" is a picture, a "scan" is a pass through the pixels (e.g., the red component), a "segment" is a group of blocks, a "block" is an 8 x 8 group of pixels.

1.3 A Glance at the JPEG Bitstream

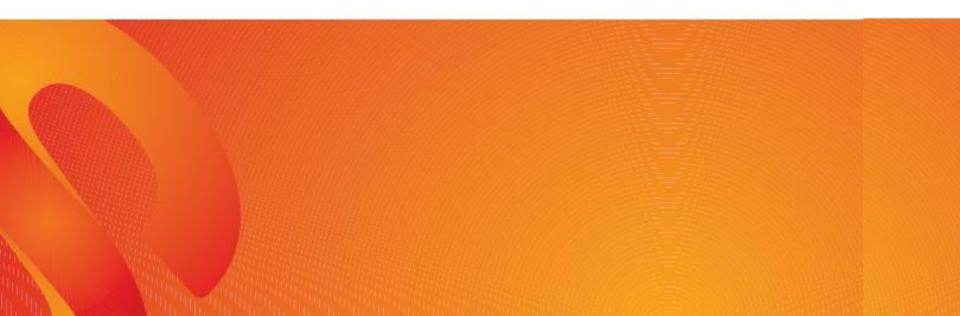
Frame header

- Sample precision (Bits per pixel)
- (width, height) of image
- Number of components
- Unique ID (for each component)
- Horizontal/vertical sampling factors (for each component)
- Quantization table to use (for each component)

Scan header

- Number of components in scan
- Component ID (for each component)
- Huffman table (for each component)

2. The JPEG2000 Standard(*)



2.1 Why JPEG 2000

- A new-generation image compression standard
 - Provide both lossless compression and lossy compression in a same scheme
 - Excellent rate-distortion at low-bitrate compression
 - ROI (Region of interest) coding
 - Large image
 - Single decompression architecture
 - Transmission in noisy environments
 - Progressive transmission
 - Computer-generated imagery
 - Compound documents

2.3 Region-of-Interest coding

- Goal:
 - Particular regions of the image may contain important information, thus should be coded with better quality than others.





1.0bpp 0.5bpp

(ROI) can be coded with better quality than the rest of the image

2.3 Region-of-Interest coding

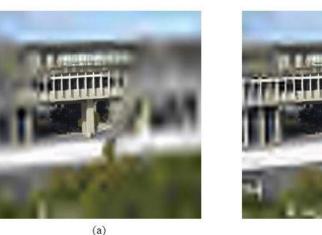
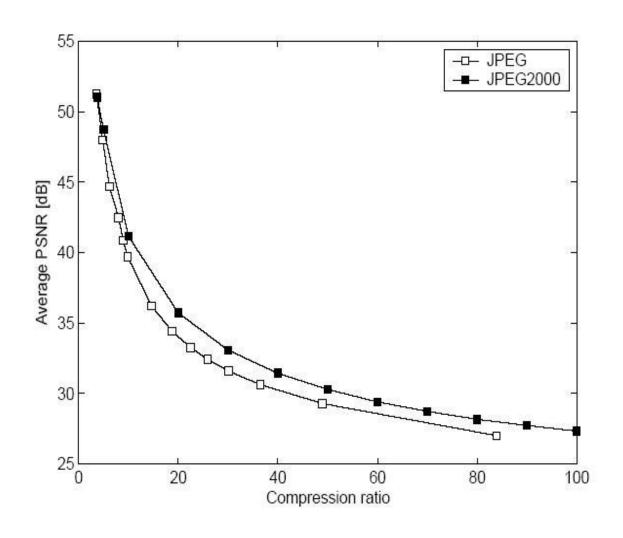








Fig. 9.11: Region of interest (ROI) coding of an image using a circularly shaped ROI. (a) 0.4 bpp, (b) 0.5 bpp, (c) 0.6bpp, and (d) 0.7 bpp.



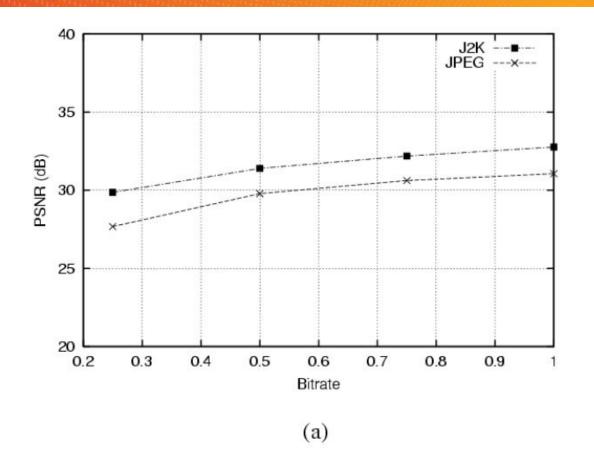


Fig. 9.12: Performance comparison for JPEG and JPEG2000 on different image types. (a): Natural images.

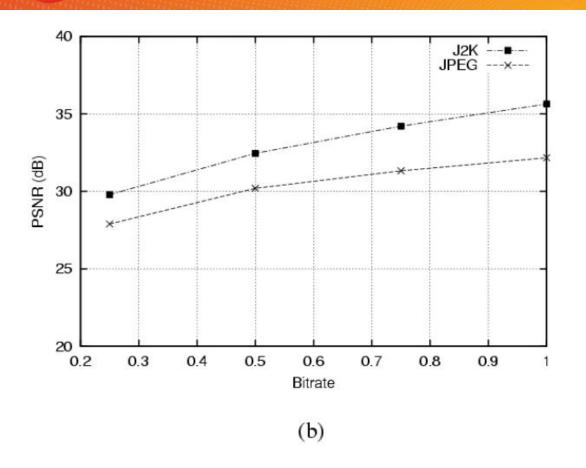


Fig. 9.12: Performance comparison for JPEG and JPEG2000 on different image types. (b): Computer generated images.

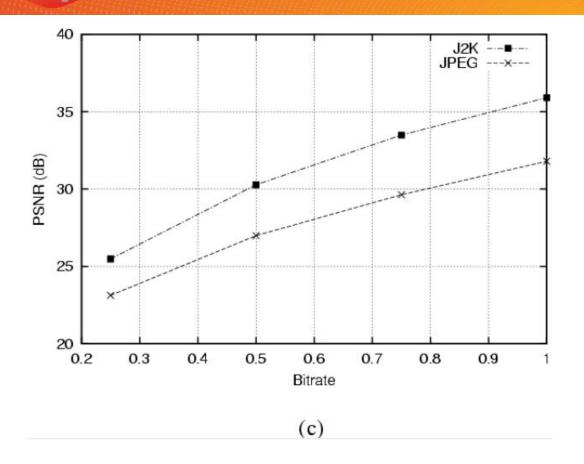


Fig. 9.12: Performance comparison for JPEG and JPEG2000 on different image types. (c): Medical images.

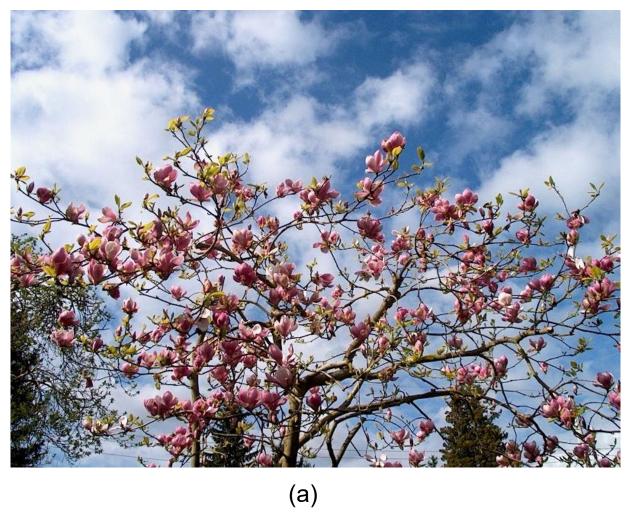


Fig. 9.13: Comparison of JPEG and JPEG2000. (a) Original image.

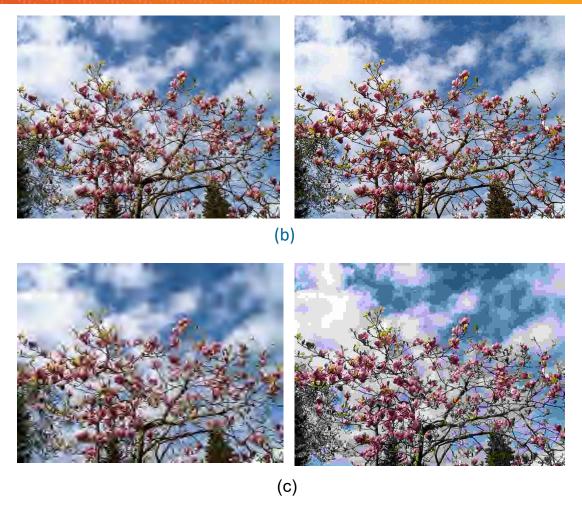


Fig. 9.13 (Cont'd): Comparison of JPEG and JPEG2000. (b) JPEG (left) and JPEG2000 (right) images compressed at 0.75 bpp. (c) JPEG (left) and JPEG2000 (right) images compressed at 0.25 bpp.

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