

**Introduction to Data Processing and Representation**  
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## Part I

# Theory

### 1. Solving the $L^p$ problem using the $L^2$ solution.

The weighted  $L^p$  sampling problem consists in solving the following optimization problem:

$$\min_{\hat{f}} \varepsilon^p(f, \hat{f}) = \min \int_0^1 |f(x) - \hat{f}(x)|^p w(x) dx$$

(a) We assume here that  $w$  is a constant function. So, the optimal  $\hat{f}_p$  when  $p = 1$  is the median over each interval and when  $p = 2$  it's the average over each interval.

(b) For a general  $w$ , we'll want to find the optimal  $\hat{f}_p$  for  $p = 2$ .

Since  $\hat{f}$  is a piece-wise constant function we can denote for each interval that (1)  $\forall x \in I_i : \hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}_i(x)$  when  $\hat{f}_i(x)$  is the value of  $\hat{f}$  in the interval  $I_i$ .

We'll set  $p = 2$  in the optimization problem above:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2(f, \hat{f}) &= \int_0^1 |f(x) - \hat{f}(x)|^2 w(x) dx \quad \text{when function raised by power of 2, it's positive} \\ &= \int_0^1 (f(x) - \hat{f}(x))^2 w(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} (f(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2 w(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

To find the optimal value  $\hat{f}_p$  which minimizes the optimization problem we'll take a derivative of  $\varepsilon^2(f, \hat{f})$  w.r.t  $\hat{f}_i$  and take it to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varepsilon^2(f, \hat{f})}{\partial \hat{f}_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{f}_i} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} (f(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2 w(x) dx = -2 \cdot \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} (f(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)) w(x) dx \\ \frac{\partial \varepsilon^2(f, \hat{f})}{\partial \hat{f}_i} &= -2 \cdot \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} (f(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)) w(x) dx = 0 \\ \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} f(x) w(x) dx - \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \hat{f}_i(x) w(x) dx &= 0 \\ 0 &= \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} f(x) w(x) dx - \hat{f}_i(x) \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} w(x) dx \\ \hat{f}_i(x) &= \frac{1}{\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} w(x) dx} \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} f(x) w(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

(\*) over each interval  $\hat{f}_i(x)$  is a constant function.

Since for each interval  $I_i$ ,  $\hat{f}_2 = \hat{f}_i$

$$\hat{f}_2(x) = \frac{1}{\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} w(x) dx} \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} f(x) w(x) dx$$

Which is the weighted average over each interval.

(c) For a general  $w$ , we'll want to find the optimal  $\hat{f}_p$  for  $p = 1$ .

As is in the previous question, (1)  $\forall x \in I_i : \hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}_i(x)$  when  $\hat{f}_i(x)$  is the value of  $\hat{f}$  in the interval  $I_i$ .

We'll set  $p = 1$  in the optimization problem above:

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon^1(f, \hat{f}) &= \int_0^1 |f(x) - \hat{f}(x)|^1 w(x) dx = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} |f(x) - \hat{f}(x)| w(x) dx =\end{aligned}$$

We'll denote in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_i^+ &\triangleq \left\{ x \mid \forall x \in I_i \text{ s.t. } f(x) \geq \hat{f}_i(x) \right\} \\ \delta_i^- &\triangleq \left\{ x \mid \forall x \in I_i \text{ s.t. } f(x) < \hat{f}_i(x) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

So, we'll get that:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{f}_i} \varepsilon^1(f, \hat{f}) &= \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \text{sign}(f(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)) w(x) dx = \\ &\stackrel{\text{using the above}}{=} \int_{\delta_i^+} w(x) dx - \int_{\delta_i^-} w(x) dx \stackrel{\text{to find the minimum}}{=} 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \int_{\delta_i^+} w(x) dx = \int_{\delta_i^-} w(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

The result we got will be "satisfied" or "the best" when  $\hat{f}_i$  is the weighted median over the interval  $I_i$ , therefore  $\hat{f}_p$  will be the weighted median over each interval  $I_i$ .

(d) Let  $\varepsilon_i^p(f_i, \hat{f}_i) = \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} |f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)|^p w(x) dx$ . Where  $f_i$  and  $\hat{f}_i$  are the functions  $f$  and  $\hat{f}$  restrained to the interval  $I_i$ . Therefore, we can rewrite our optimization problem  $\varepsilon^p(f, \hat{f})$  as:

$$\varepsilon^p(f, \hat{f}) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - \hat{f}(x)|^p w(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} |f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)|^p w(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i^p(f_i, \hat{f}_i)$$

(e) Let  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ .

i. Assume that  $f_i(x) \neq \hat{f}_i(x)$  for all  $x \in I_i$  for our fixed  $i$ .

$$w_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) = \frac{|f(x) - \hat{f}(x)|^p}{(f(x) - \hat{f}(x))^2}$$

We can divide the two because  $f_i(x) \neq \hat{f}_i(x)$ . And they are both positive thus  $w$  is positive.

ii. We'll rewrite our problem:

$$\varepsilon_i^p(f_i, \hat{f}_i) = \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} |f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)|^p w(x) dx =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \frac{(f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2}{(f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2} \cdot |f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)|^p w(x) dx = \\
&= \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \frac{|f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x)|^p}{(f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2} \cdot (f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2 w(x) dx = \\
&\stackrel{Q1.i}{=} \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} w_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) \cdot (f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2 w(x) dx =
\end{aligned}$$

If we denote  $w'_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) = w_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) \cdot w(x)$  we'll get that:

$$= \int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} w'_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) \cdot (f_i(x) - \hat{f}_i(x))^2 dx$$

as needed.

- iii. Since our weight is depended of  $\hat{f}_i$  we can't calculate directly the integral above. If we would have a weight independed of  $\hat{f}_i$ , we could use the closed form expression above to calculate the integral.
- iv. In this section we remove the previous assumption. The main change due to the removal of that assumption is that now, if  $f_i(x) = \hat{f}_i(x)$  we'll get that  $w_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x)$  will be  $\infty$  if  $p < 2$  and 0 if  $p > 2$ , or 1 if  $p = 2$ .  
Using the suggested function

$$\tilde{w}_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, w_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) \right\}$$

is useful now because we might have a situation in which  $f_i(x) = \hat{f}_i(x)$  and instead of having a weight function that is unstable and  $\infty$ , we'll get that our weight function is  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Even if  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  is a large number, it's still a constant and our problem is well defined.

- v. Our pseudo-code:

- A. Initialize  $\hat{f}_i = 0$
- B. Calculate  $w'_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, w_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) \right\}$
- C. Set  $\hat{f}_i^{next} = \frac{\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} f(x) w'_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) dx}{\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} w'_{f_i, \hat{f}_i}(x) dx}$
- D. Use  $\hat{f}_i^{next}$  as  $\hat{f}_i$  and repeat the calculation from B.

- (f) Our pseudo-code:

- i. For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  we'll set the interval  $I_i = [\frac{i-1}{N}, \frac{i}{N})$  and do the following:
  - A. Calculate  $\hat{f}_i$  using the algorithm above.
  - B. Set  $\hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}_i(x)$

ii. return  $\hat{f}(x)$

## 2. Signal Discretization using a Piecewise-Linear Approximation.

(a) We want to show that for a positive integer  $k$ :

$$\int_{t \in \Delta_i} (t - t_i)^k dt = \begin{cases} 0 & k \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{|\Delta_i|}{2^{k(k+1)}} & k \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

an integral computation yields the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t \in \Delta_i} (t - t_i)^k dt &= \frac{1}{k+1} (t - t_i)^{k+1} \Big|_{t \in \Delta_i = (t_i - \frac{|\Delta_i|}{2}, t_i + \frac{|\Delta_i|}{2})} = \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} \left[ \left( t_i + \frac{|\Delta_i|}{2} - t_i \right)^{k+1} - \left( t_i - \frac{|\Delta_i|}{2} - t_i \right)^{k+1} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \frac{|\Delta_i|}{2} \right)^{k+1} - \left( -\frac{|\Delta_i|}{2} \right)^{k+1} = \frac{1}{2^{k+1}(k+1)} |\Delta_i|^{k+1} - (-|\Delta_i|)^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

separating to cases by the parity of  $k$  we obtain **(2)**:

$$\int_{t \in \Delta_i} (t - t_i)^k dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{2|\Delta_i|^{k+1}}{2^{k+1}(k+1)} = \frac{|\Delta_i|^{k+1}}{2^k(k+1)} & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

(b) We want to find the optimal coefficients  $a_i, c_i$  that minimize the MSE of representing the entire signal using  $N$  intervals.

$$MSE = \int_0^1 \phi(t) - \phi^{opt}(t) dt = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Delta_i} (\phi_i(t) - \phi_i^{opt}(t))^2 dt$$

Where  $\phi_i^{opt} = a_i(t - t_i) + c_i$ , so we want to find the derivative w.r.t  $a_i$  and  $c_i$ , in order to find the coefficients that minimize the MSE

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Delta_i} (\phi_i(t) - a_i(t - t_i) - c_i)^2 dt \right) &= \\ &= -2 \int_{\Delta_i} (\phi_i(t) - a_i(t - t_i) - c_i) (t - t_i) dt = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) (t - t_i) dt - a_i \int_{\Delta_i} (t - t_i)^2 dt - c_i \int_{\Delta_i} t - t_i dt &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and as we showed in (a) for odd  $k$  values  $\int t - t_i = 0$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) (t - t_i) dt &= \int_{\Delta_i} a_i^{opt} (t - t_i) = a_i^{opt} \cdot \frac{|\Delta_i|^3}{12} \\ a_i^{opt} &= \frac{12 \cdot \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) (t - t_i) dt}{|\Delta_i|^3} \end{aligned}$$

We'll find  $c_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Delta_i} (\phi_i(t) - a_i(t - t_i) - c_i)^2 dt \right) \\ = -2 \int_{\Delta_i} (\phi_i(t) - a_i(t - t_i) - c_i) dt = 0 \\ \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) dt - \int_{\Delta_i} a_i(t - t_i) dt - \int_{\Delta_i} c_i dt = 0\end{aligned}$$

Again, as we showed in (a) for odd  $k$  values  $\int t - t_i = 0$  so

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) dt &= \int_{\Delta_i} c_i^{opt} dt \\ \Rightarrow c_i^{opt} &= \frac{\int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) dt}{|\Delta_i|}\end{aligned}$$

(c) using the optimal coefficients, the minimal MSE of representing the entire signal using  $N$  intervals would be:

$$\Psi_{MSE}(\phi \rightarrow \hat{\phi}_{opt}) = \int_0^1 (\phi(t) - \hat{\phi}_{opt}(t))^2 dt = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Delta_i} (\phi(t) - [\phi(t_i) + \phi'(t_i)(t - t_i)])^2 dt$$

(d) To compare the minimal MSE's we'll compute them first:

We saw the piecewise constant MSE function in class,

$$MSE = \int_0^1 \phi(t)^2 dt - \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t)^2 dt$$

We'll calculate integrals first:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Delta_i} (a_i^{opt}(t - t_i) + c_i^{opt})^2 dt &= \frac{(a_i^{opt}(t - t_i) + c_i^{opt})^3}{3a_i^{opt}} \Big|_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} = \frac{(a_i^{opt} + 2Nc_i^{opt})^3 - (2Nc_i^{opt} - a_i^{opt})^3}{24a_i^{opt}N^3} = \\ &= \frac{2a_i^{(opt)3} + 24N^2c_i^{(opt)2}a_i^{opt}}{24N^3a_i^{opt}} = \frac{a_i^{(opt)2}}{12N^3} + \frac{c_i^{opt}}{N}\end{aligned}$$

Now we'll use the coefficients we found in the previous question and use the fact that  $\Delta_i = \frac{1}{N}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Delta_i} (a_i^{opt}(t - t_i) + c_i^{opt})^2 dt - \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t)^2 dt &= \\ &= \frac{\left(12N^3 \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t)(t - t_i) dt\right)^2}{12N^3} + \frac{\left(N \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) dt\right)^2}{N} - \left(\frac{1}{N} \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t) dt\right)^2 =\end{aligned}$$

$$= 12N^3 \left( \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t)(t - t_i)dt \right)^2 + \frac{N^3 - 1}{N^2} \left( \int_{\Delta_i} \phi_i(t)dt \right)^2 \geq 0$$

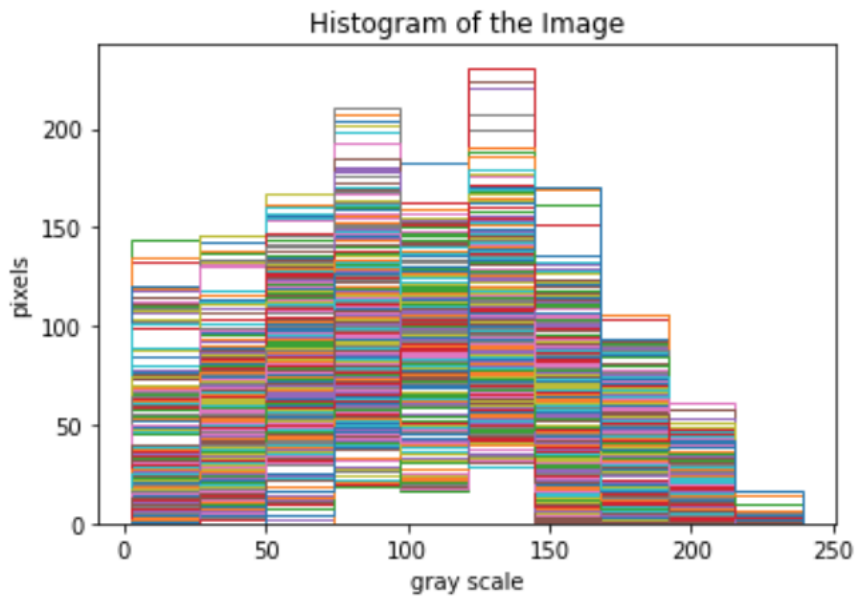
Both components are positive since  $N > 0$  and we have squared components as well. Therefore,  $MSE_{peicewise} - MSE_{linear} \geq 0$ .

## Part II

# Implementation

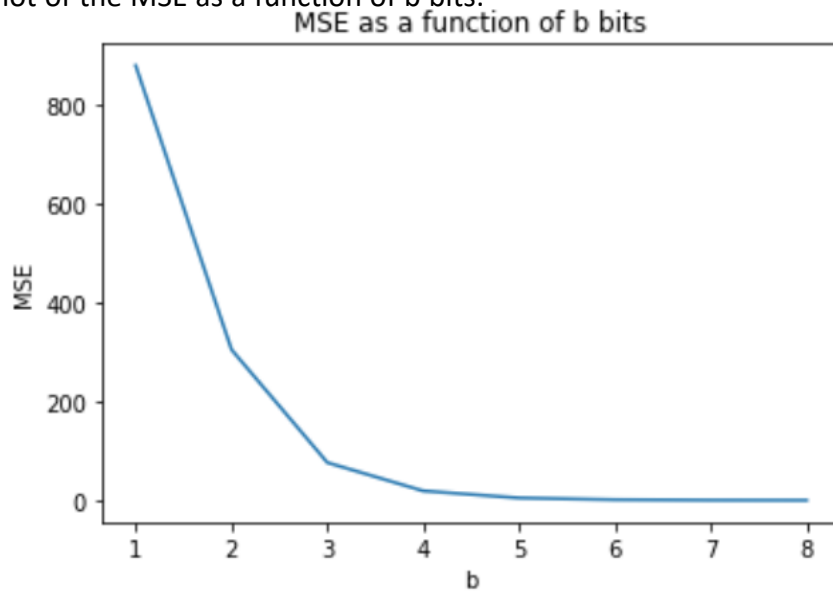
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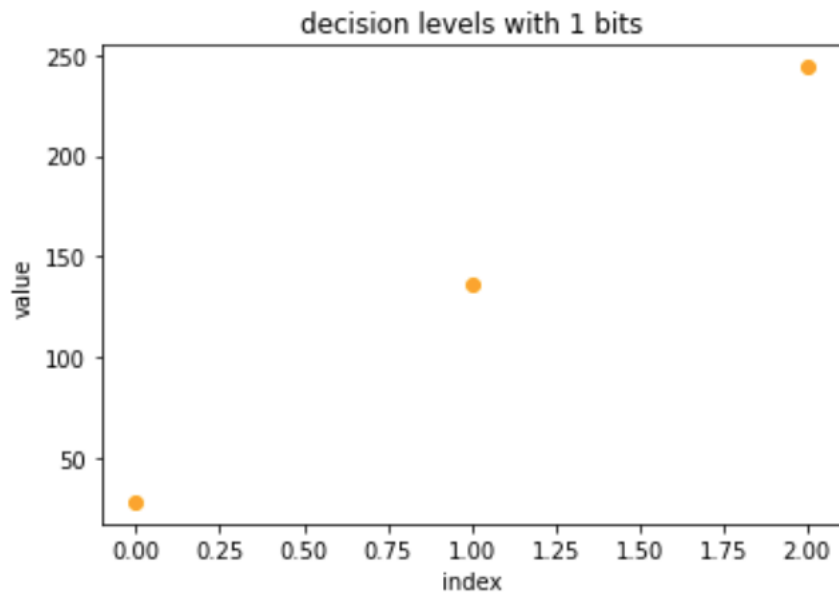
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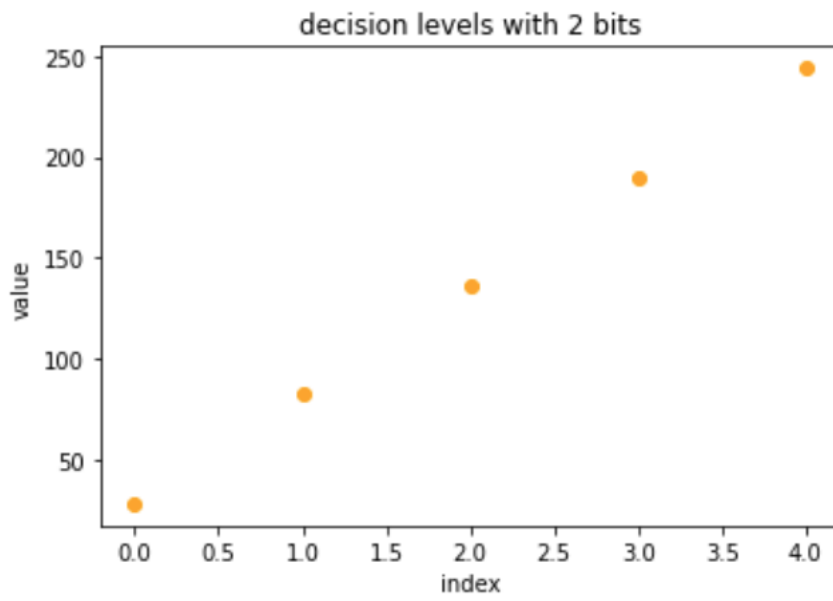
(b) We applied uniform

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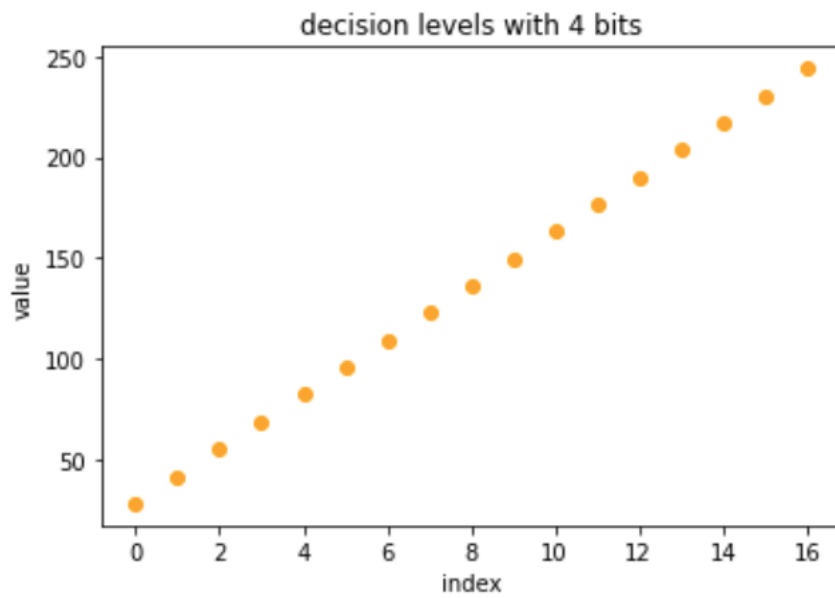
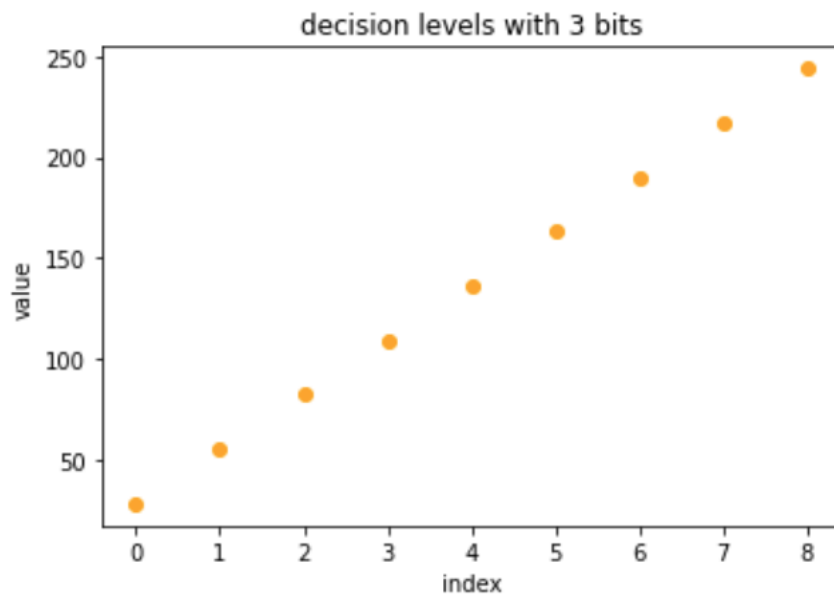


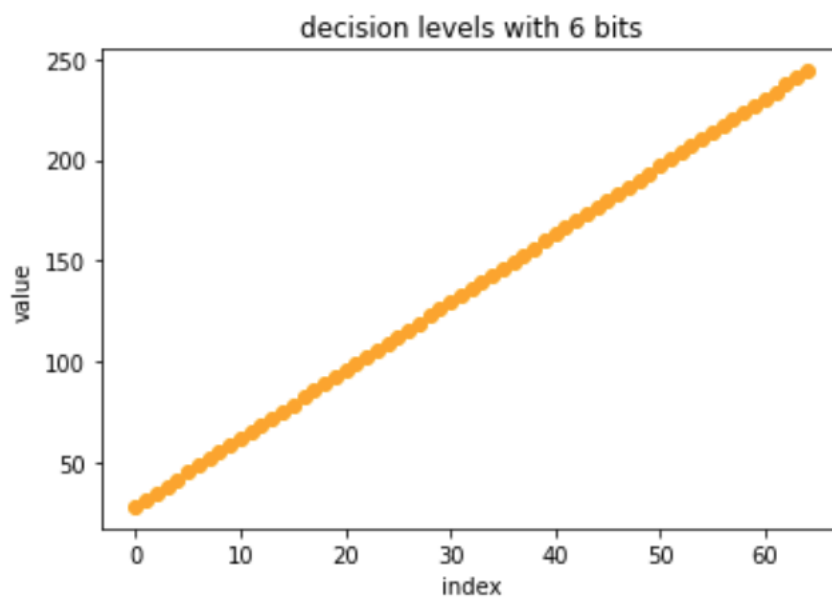
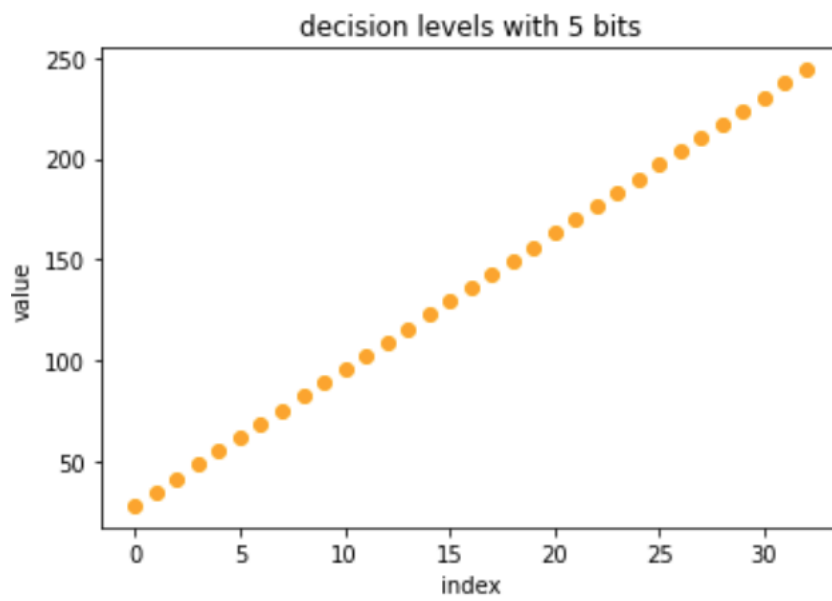


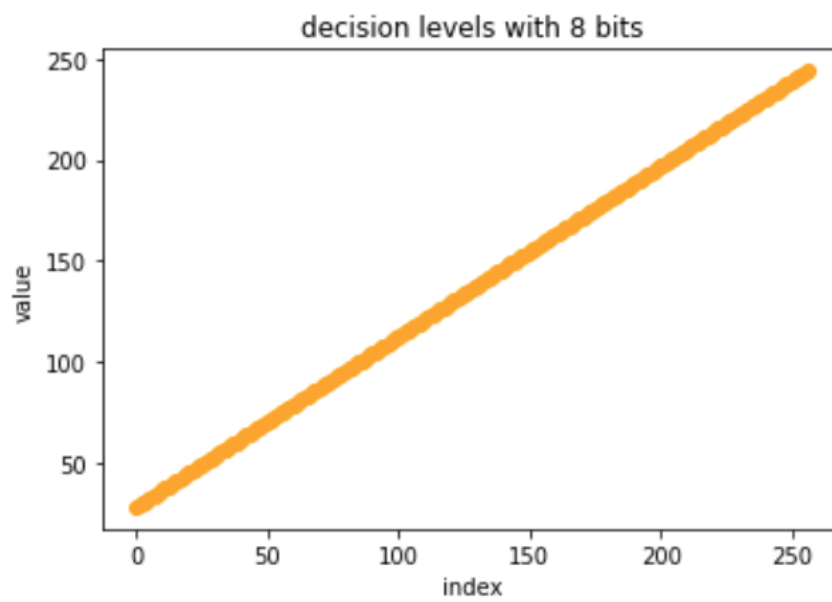
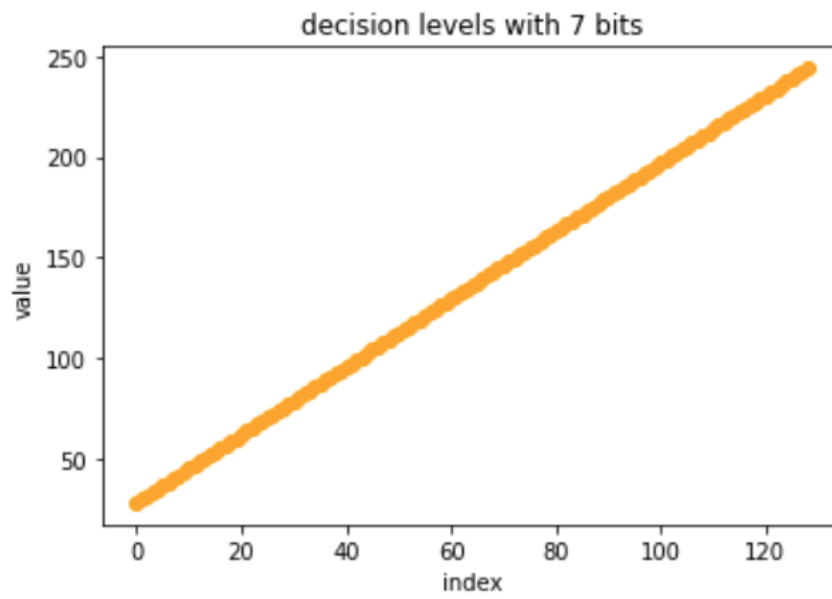
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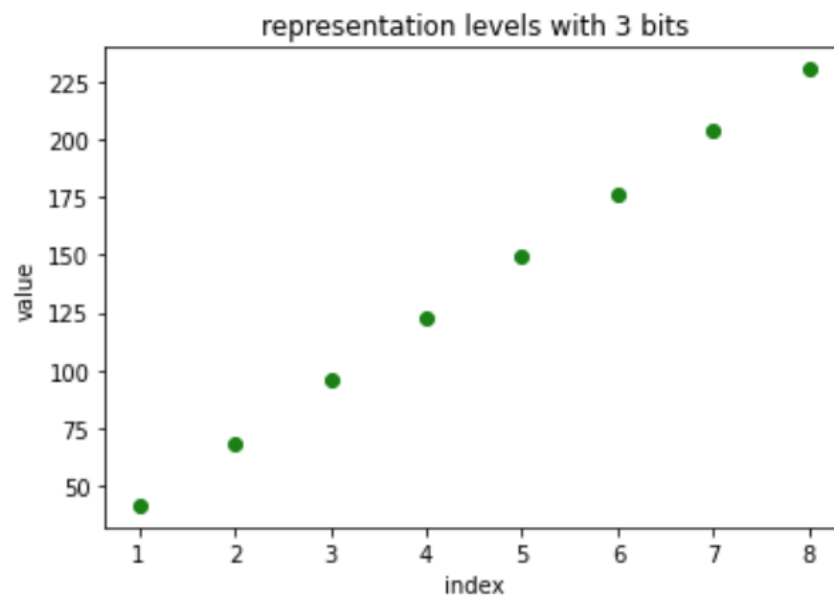
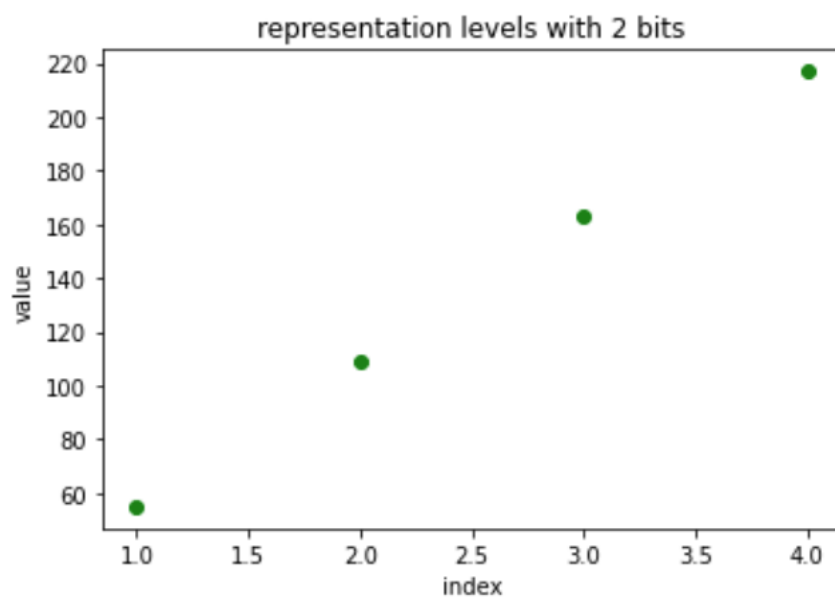
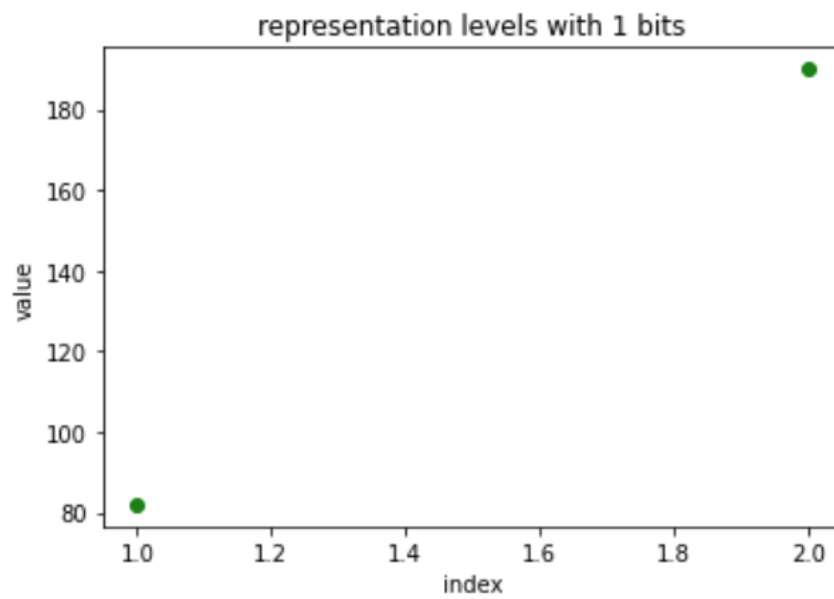


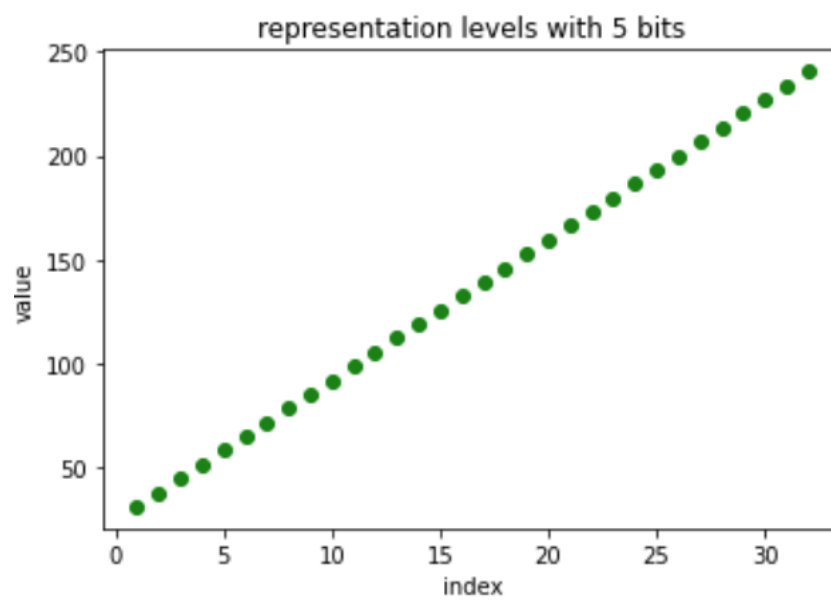
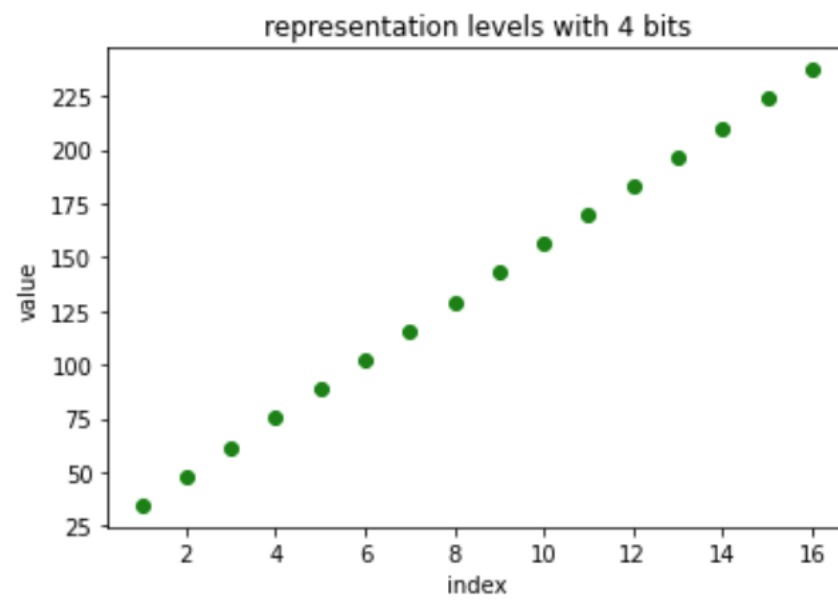


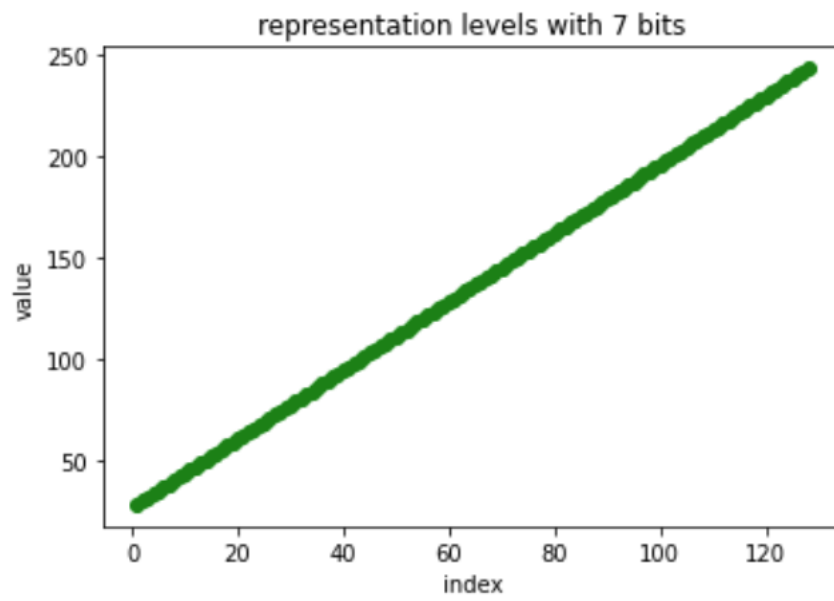
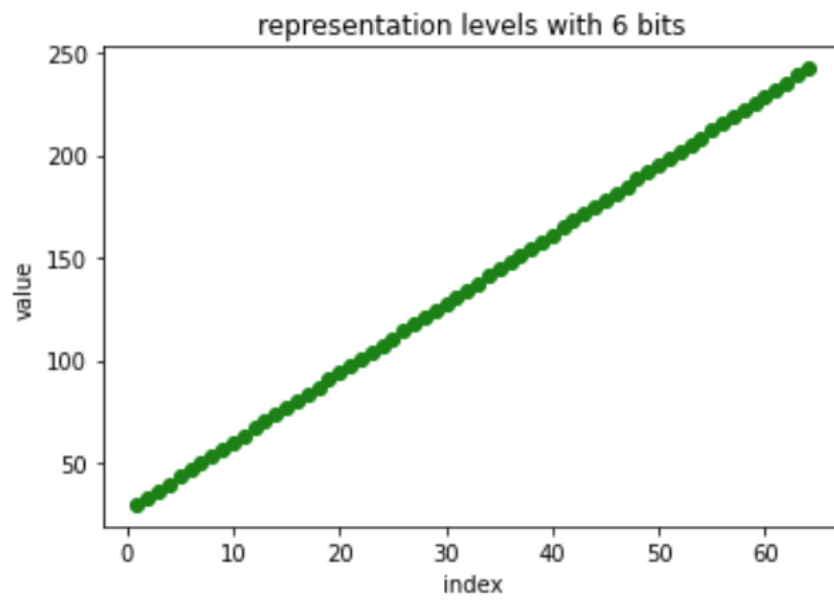


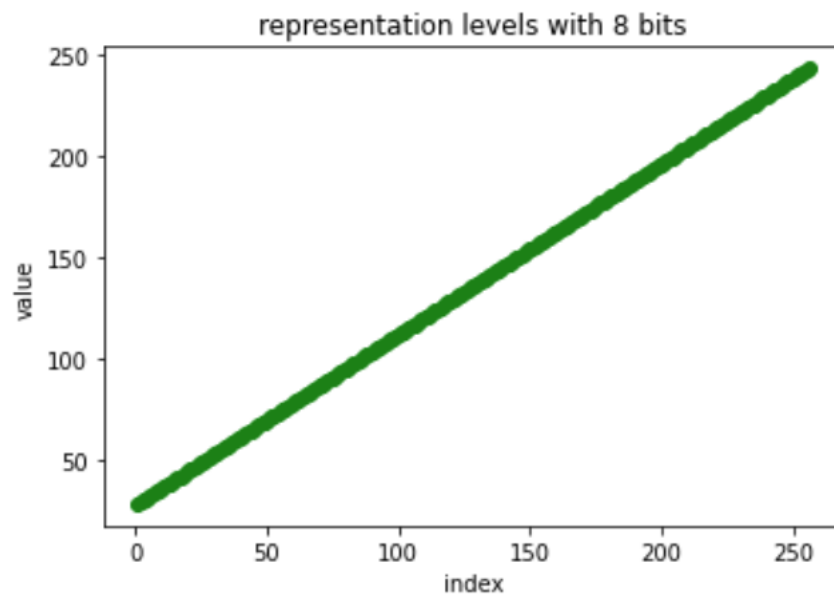










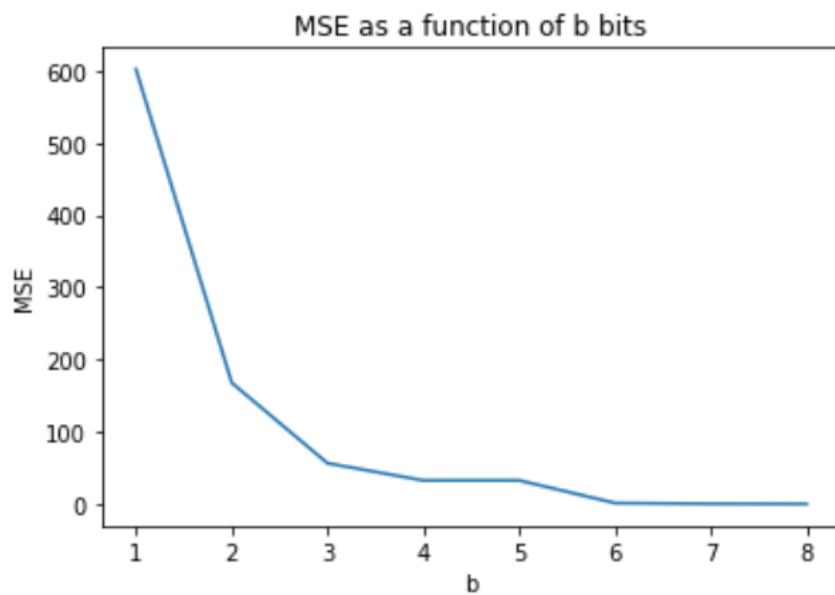


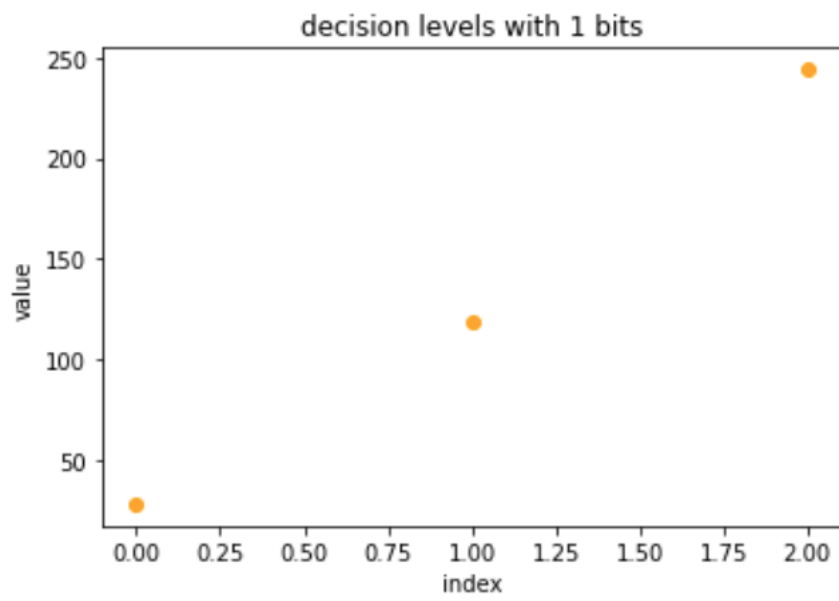
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(c) I implemented the Max-Loyd function as needed.

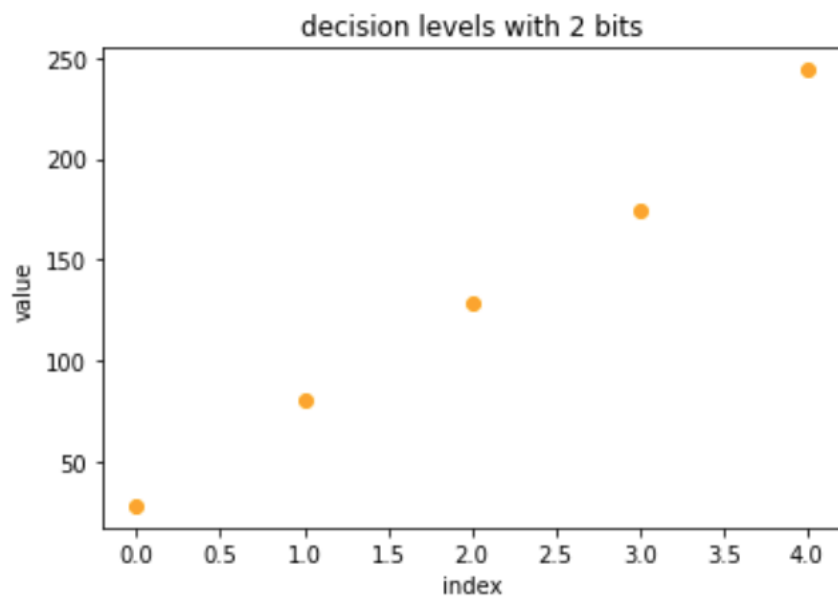
(d) We applied the max-loyd quantizer starting with the uniform quantizer:

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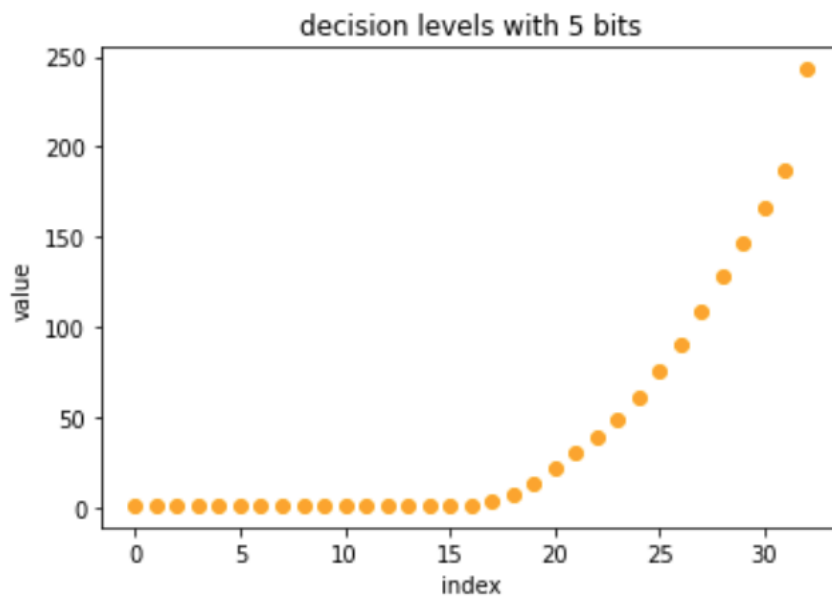
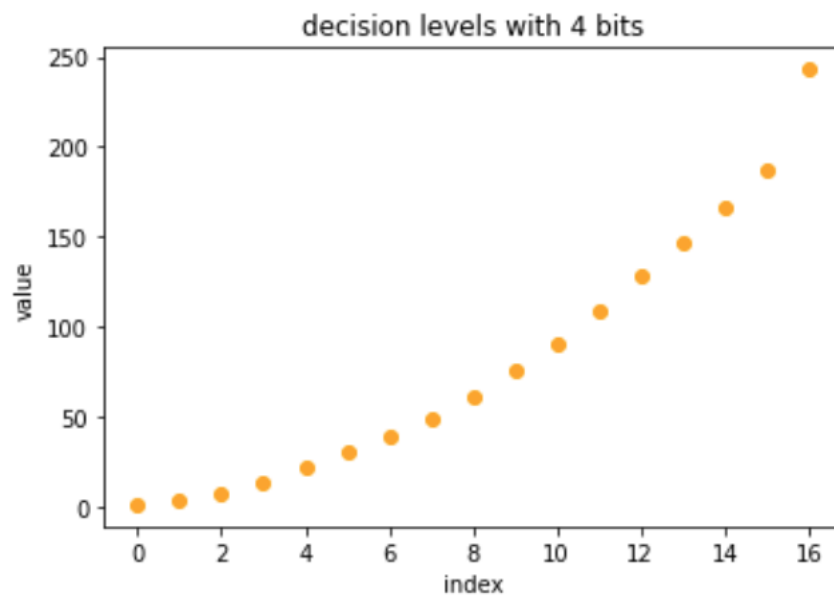
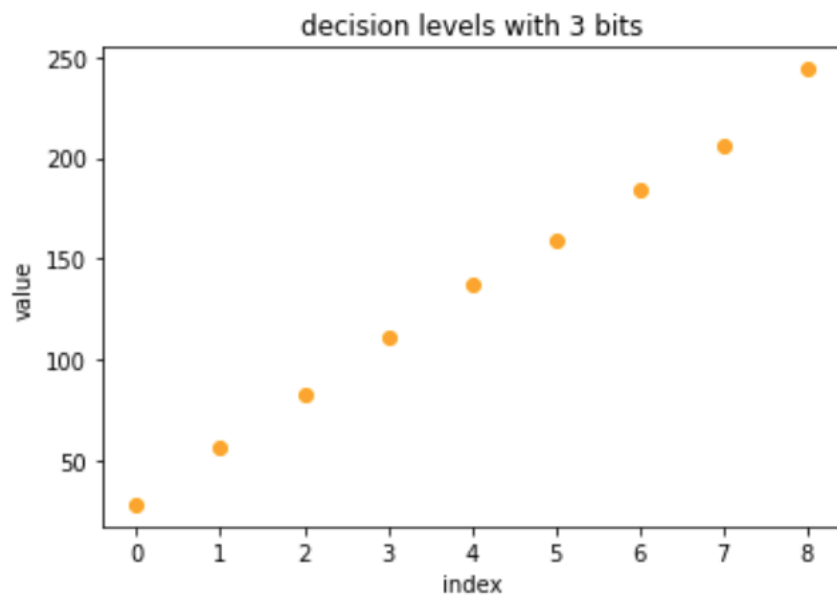


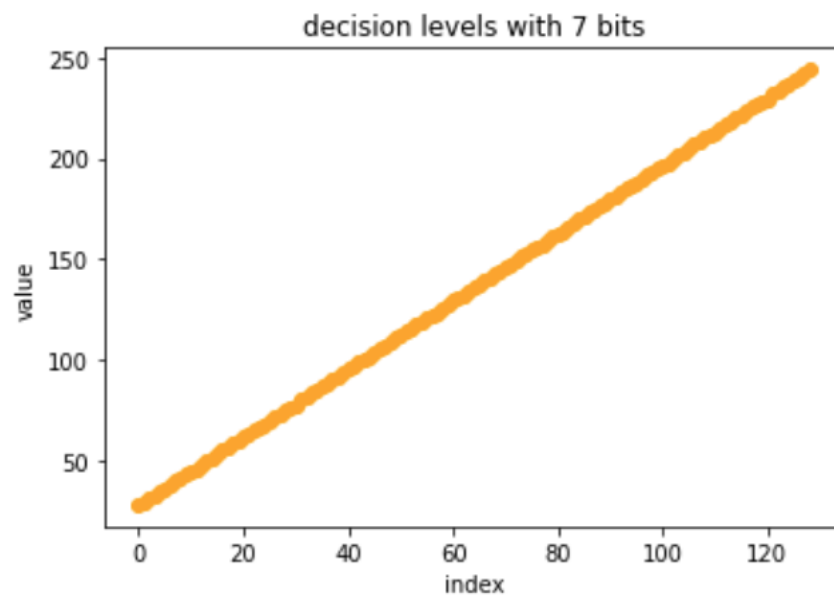
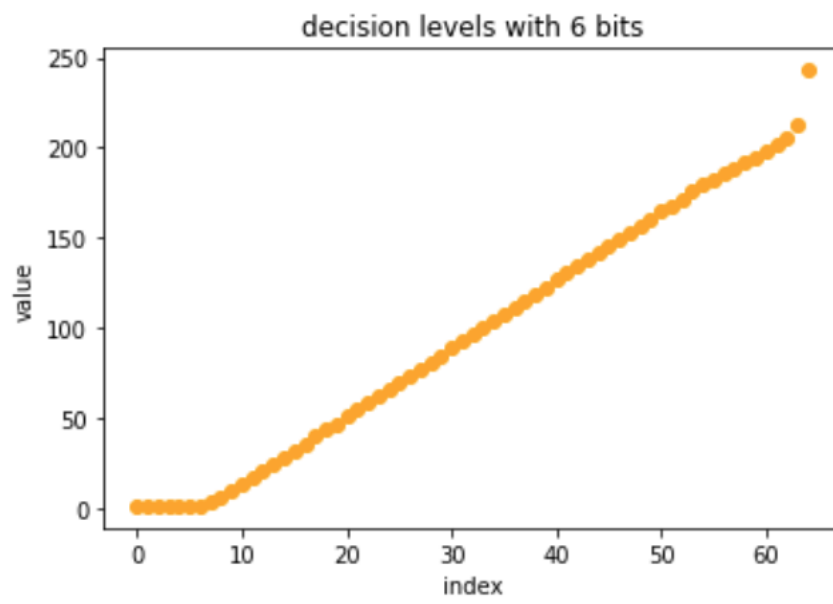


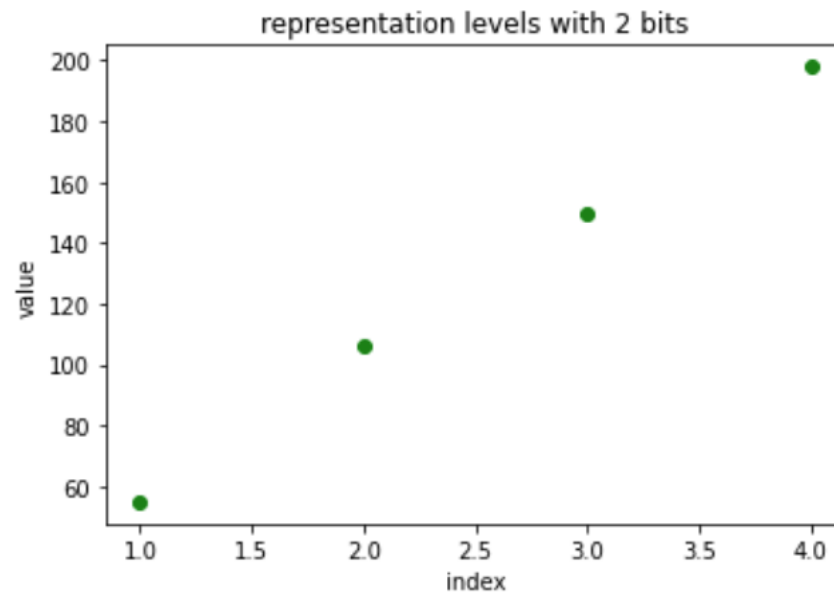
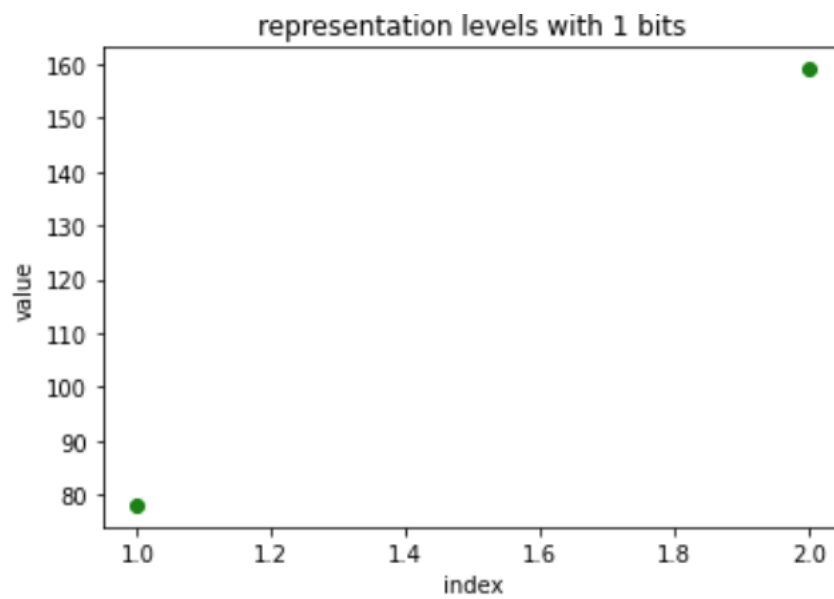
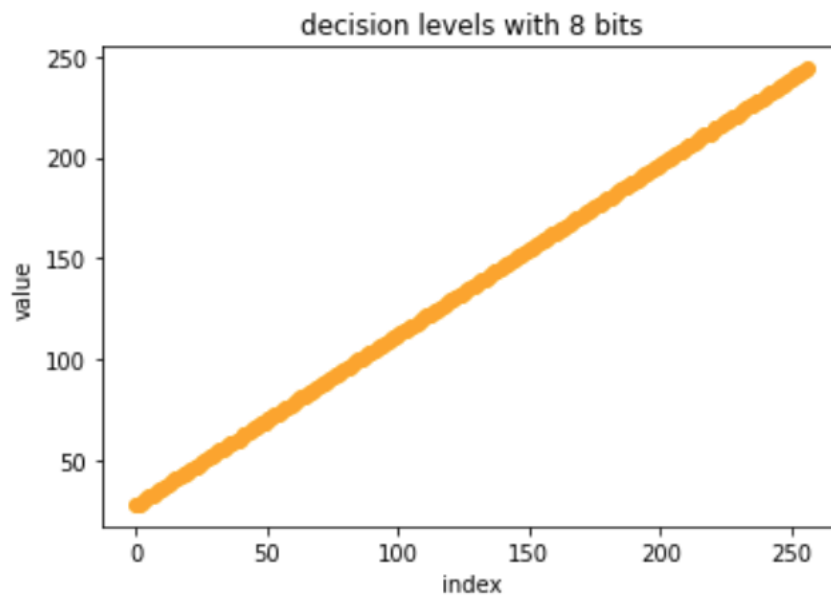
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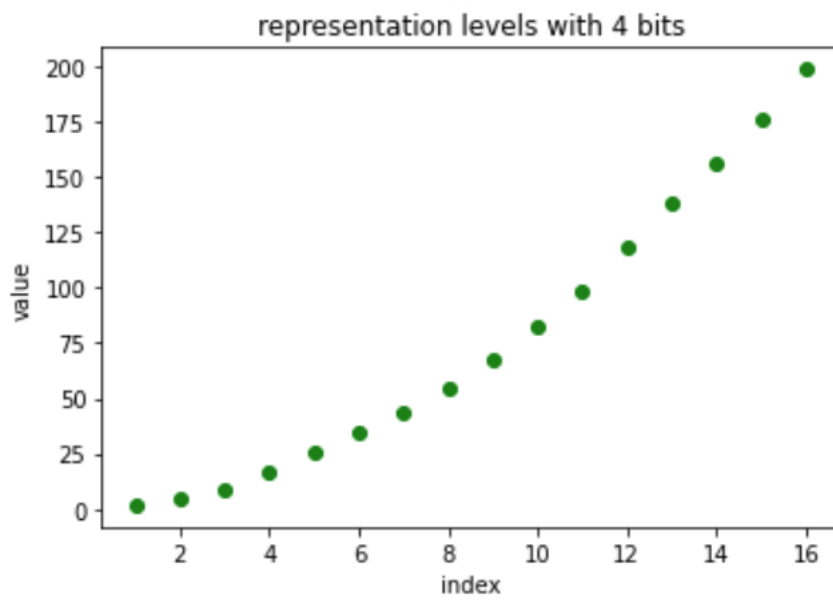
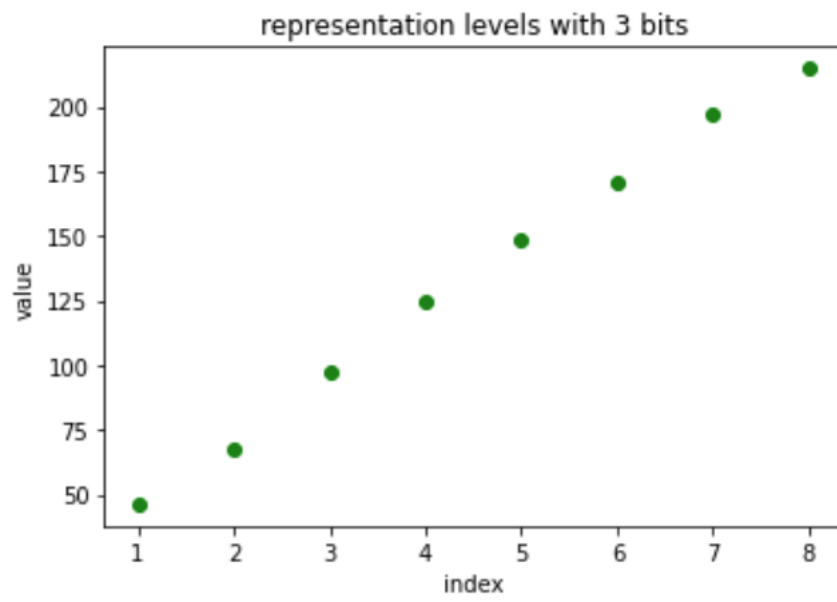


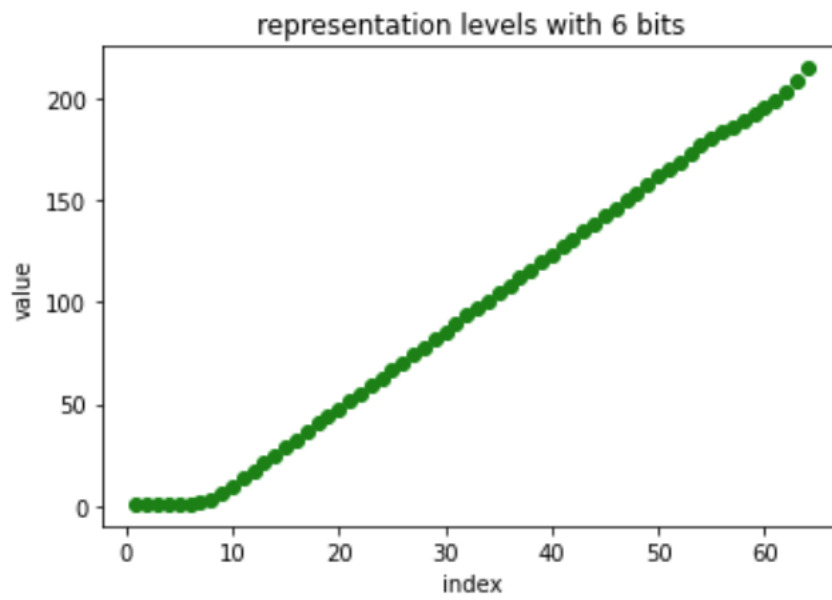
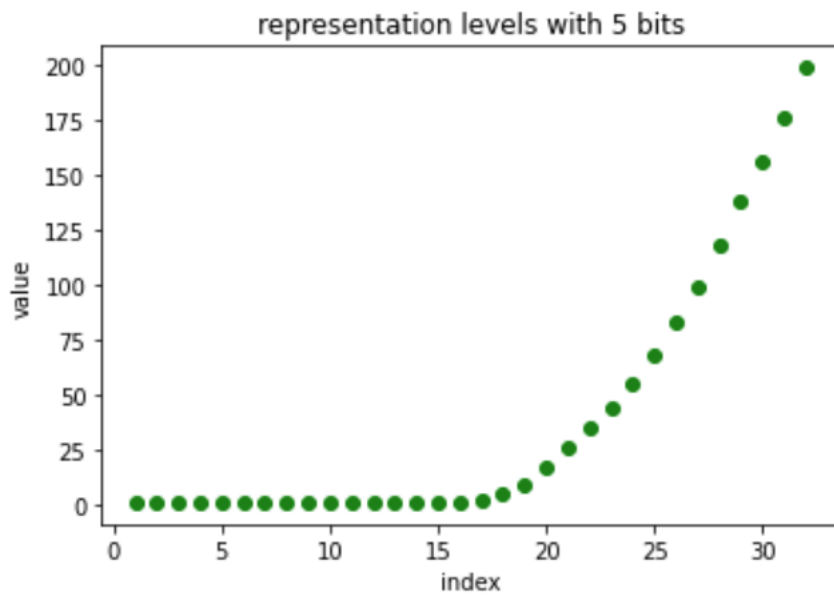


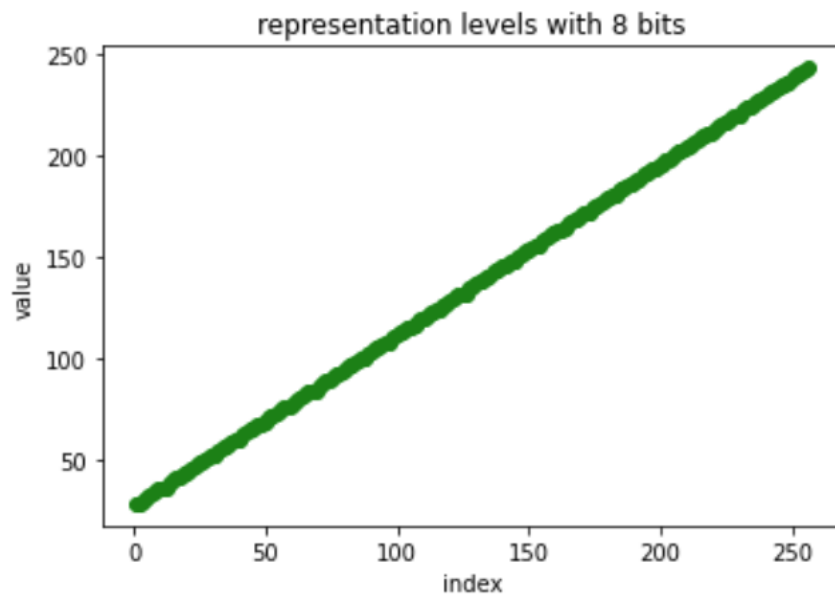
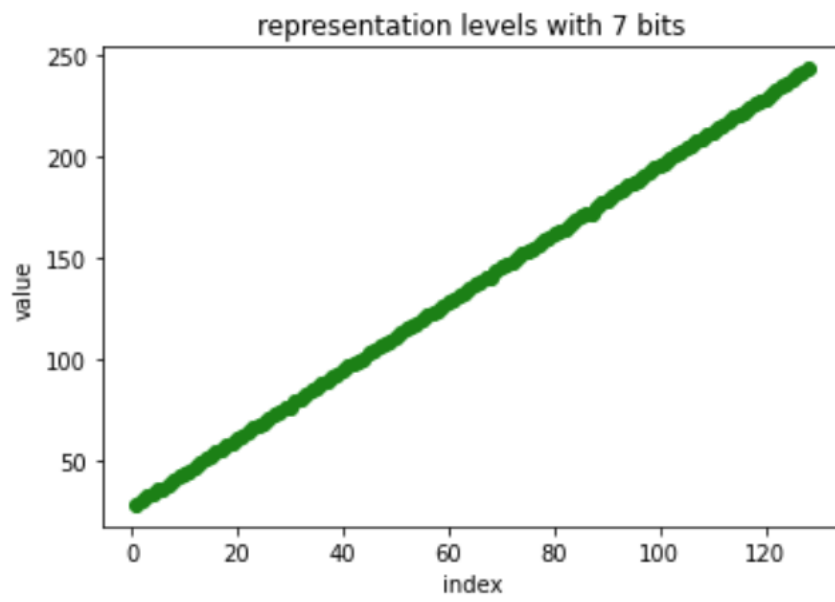


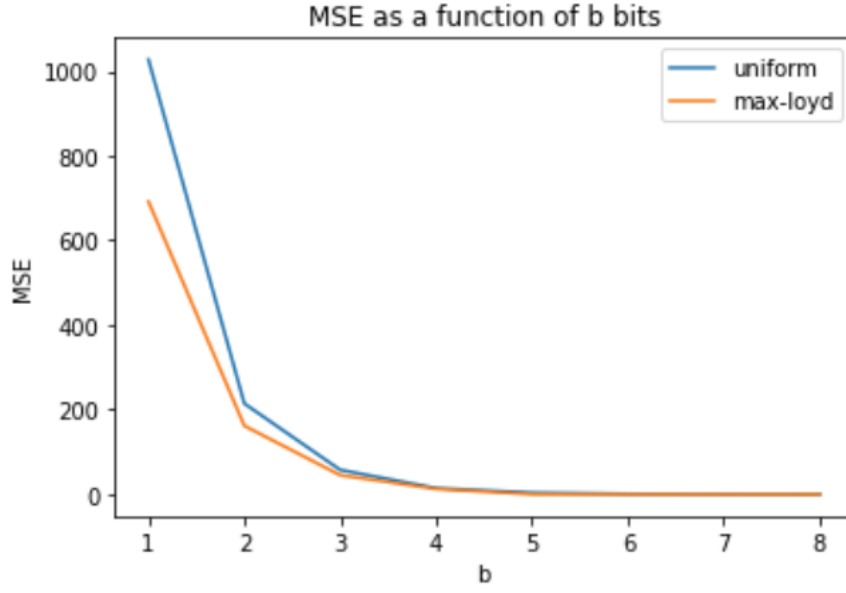








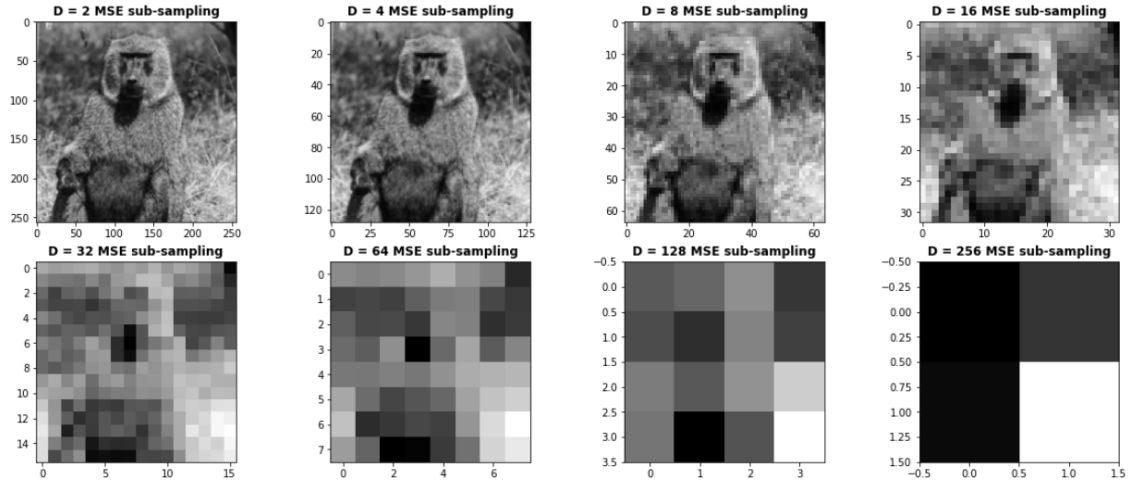




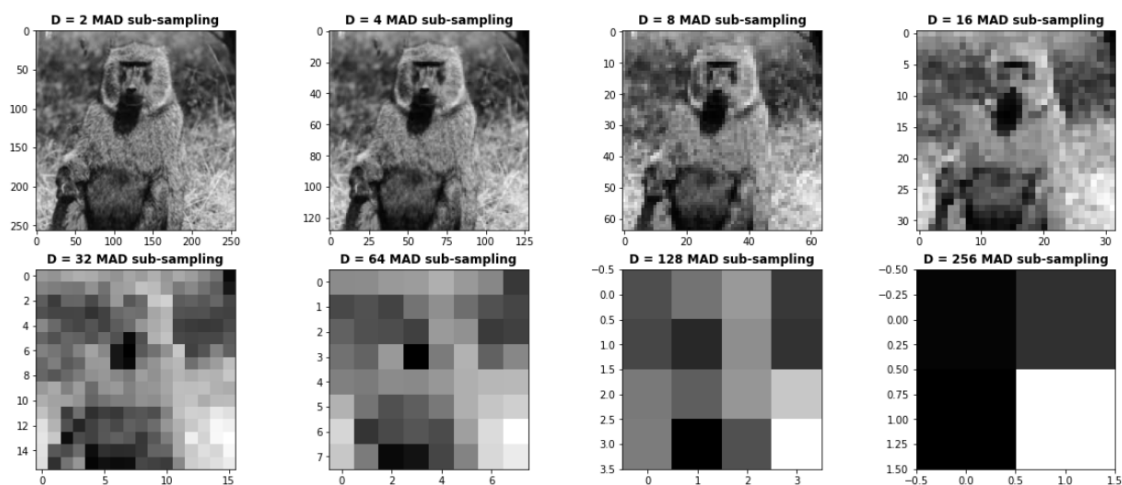
iii.

## 2. Sub sampling and reconstruction:

- (a) First, we resized our image and changed its dimensions to 512x512. Then, we referred  $D = N_x = N_y = 2^b$ , for  $b \in \{1, \dots, 8\}$ . We obtained the following results for the requested  $\{\tilde{J}_i\}_{i=1}^{i=8}$

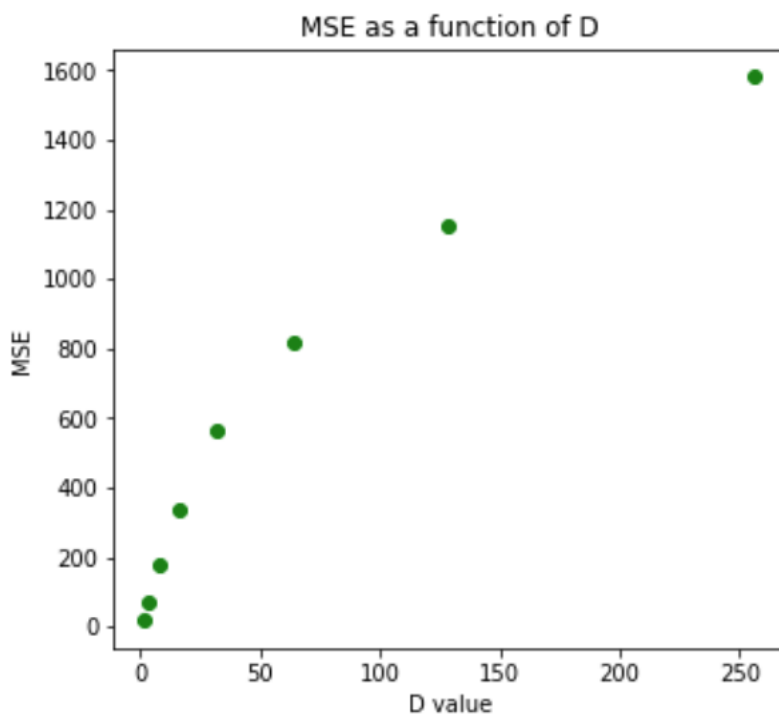


Next, We got the following results for the requested  $\{\hat{J}_i\}_{i=1}^{i=8}$ :

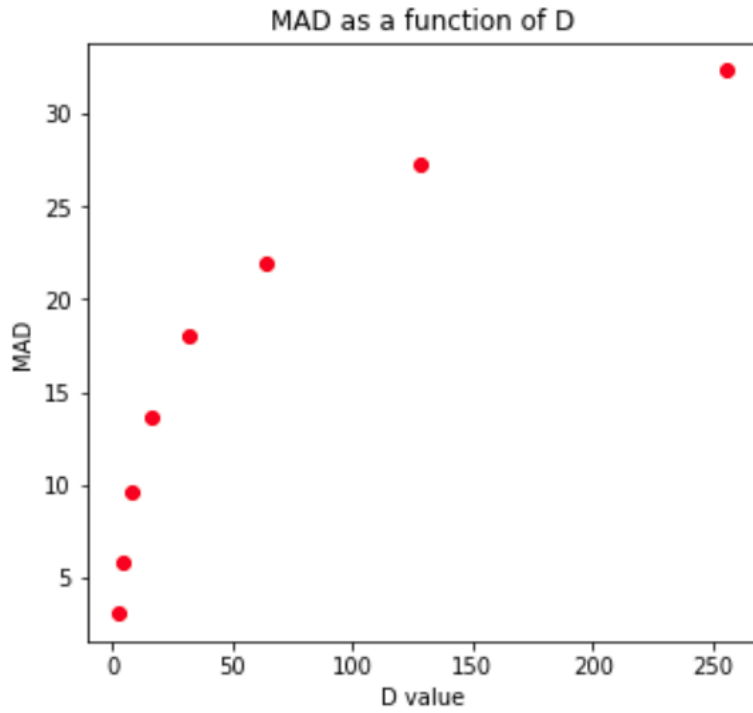


Observing the two sets of the sub-sampled images, there are no big differences between them. In addition, the noticeable differences can be seen on images with higher D value, where every rectangular grid sample region is bigger, and in contrast - these differences are hardly noticed on images with lower D value, as also the image is getting sharper and clearer.

- (b) Comparing MSE and MAD of the sub-sampled images, as a function of the factor D, yielded the following graphs:

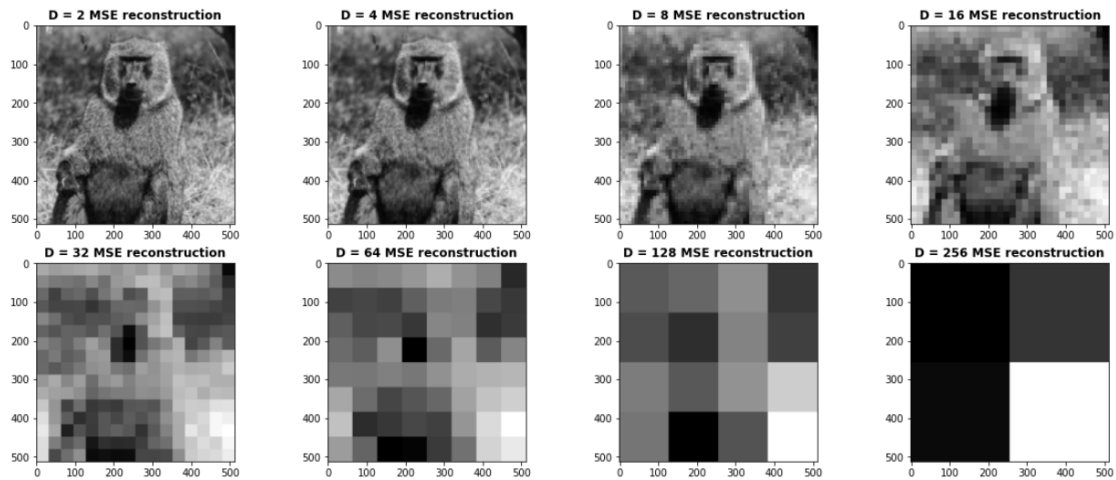






The results shown above indicate that the integer sub-sampling factor  $D$  affects the clarity of the image - for  $D=2/4/8$  it is still possible to identify the contents of the image, for  $D=16$  it becomes harder to do so, and for  $D=32/64/128/256$  we cannot identify its contents. The aforementioned conclusion is relevant for both MSE and MAD senses.

- (c) After implementing the standard reconstruction, we received the new sets of images  $\{\tilde{K}_i\}_{i=1}^{i=8}$  and  $\{\hat{K}_i\}_{i=1}^{i=8}$ :



3. We'll rewrite the pseudo code from the dry question 1.f for the new problem that is now considered over the space:  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

(a) Our algorithm, modified:

- i. For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  we'll set the interval  $I_{i,j} = \left[\frac{i-1}{N}, \frac{i}{N}\right) \times \left[\frac{j-1}{N}, \frac{j}{N}\right)$  and do the following:

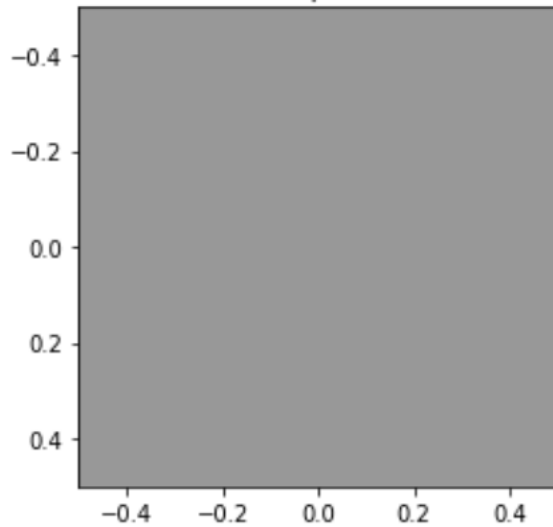
- A. initialize  $\hat{f}_i = 0$
- B. Calculate  $w'_{f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}}(x) = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, w_{f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}}(x) \right\}$
- C. Set  $\hat{f}_{ij}^{next} = \frac{\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \int_{\frac{j-1}{N}}^{\frac{j}{N}} f(x,y) w'_{f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}}(x) dx}{\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \int_{\frac{j-1}{N}}^{\frac{j}{N}} w'_{f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}}(x) dx}$
- D. Use  $\hat{f}_{ij}^{next}$  as  $\hat{f}_{ij}$  and repeat the calculation from B until absolute value of  $\varepsilon^p(f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}) - \varepsilon^p(f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}^{next})$  is bigger than a given delta .
- E. set  $\hat{f} = \hat{f}_{ij}$
- ii. return  $\hat{f}(x)$

(b) We implemented the needed function in the code.

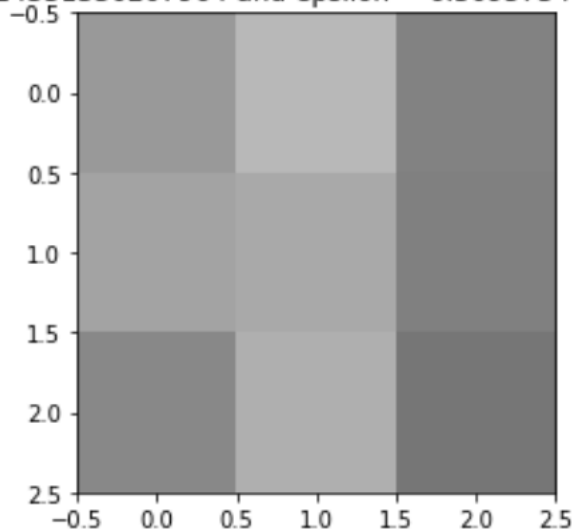
(c) Also this section is in the code.

(d) We'll add some plots and the  $N, \varepsilon$  values we used in them:

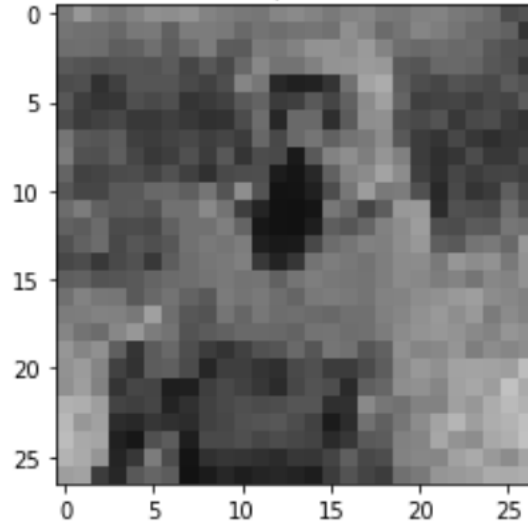
$N= 1.0$  and  $\text{epsilon} = 0.001$



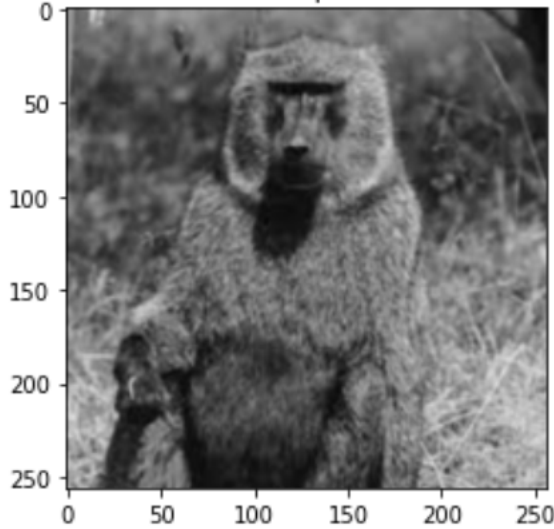
$N= 3.0314331330207964$  and  $\text{epsilon} = 6.30957344480193\text{e-}07$



$N = 27.857618025475986$  and  $\epsilon = 2.5118864315095822e-05$



$N = 256.0$  and  $\epsilon = 0.001$



From further experiments we deduce that when  $N$  grows the error decreases which is intuitive because the block size will accordingly get smaller therefore the sampling from it will be more accurate. For small  $N$  values we will get really bad results no matter what  $\epsilon$  values we'll use.

On the other hand, when increasing  $\epsilon$ , we get that  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  is smaller and when  $\epsilon$  is smaller,  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  increases. In here we decrease the values of  $\epsilon$  which means that in the step B of the algorithm above,  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  gets bigger each time, therefore it will be selected less than the other component  $w_{f_{ij}, \hat{f}_{ij}}(x)$ . This is the wanted result, we want to choose the actual weight and not the estimated "bound" of  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ .

We can also see in the image below

Printing the approximation l1 errors

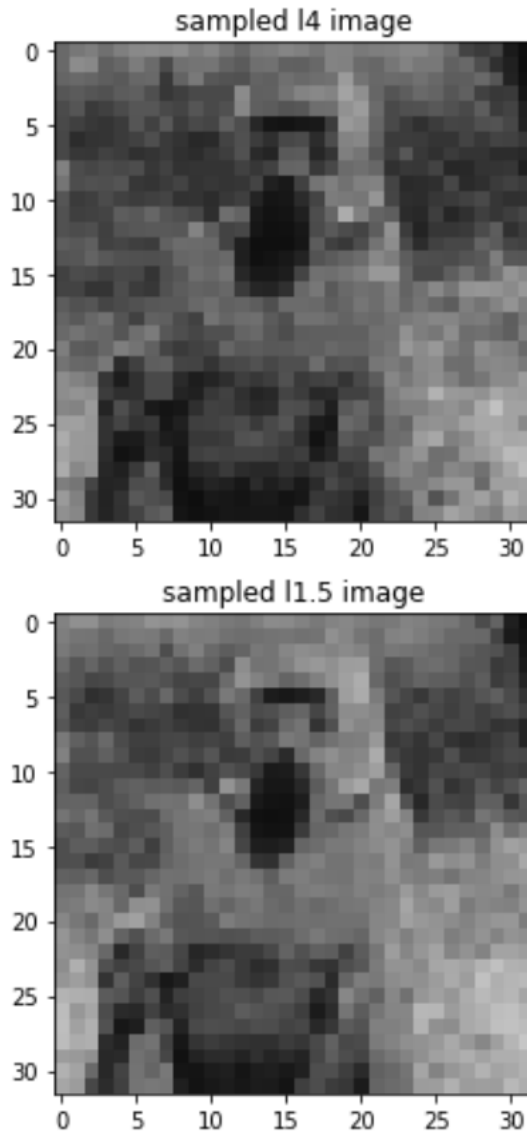
[0.1409130744380978, 0.1409130744380978, 0.1409130744380978, 0.1409130744380978, 0.1409130744380978, 0.11059847066890466]

Printing the exact l1 errors

[0.1104084388825062, 0.07833815929936426, 0.05020901549096199, 0.029784812179266276, 0.011810018502026355]

That the exact l1 calculation using the median is obviously better, which is also intuitive because we don't iterate over intervals until we find a good approximation, we just use the exact calculation.

- (e) Below are the picture above, once approximated with the  $L^4$  problem solver and once with the  $L^{1.5}$ , we used in both  $N = 2^5$  and  $\varepsilon = 0.001$



and the errors are:

error for l4 approximation is 0.0005163381109501241  
error for l1.5 approximation is 0.015713388368610092

And we can see that the approximation error for  $L^4$  is smaller, which is intuitive because we raise the equation in the power of  $p$ , so if we raise number in the range  $[0, 1]$  in the power of 4 they will be significantly smaller than in the power of 1.5.