

# Arithmetic Coding

CS6025 Data Encoding

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# A Problem with Huffman Coding

- The Huffman method is simple, efficient, and produces the best codes for the individual data symbols.
- The Huffman method assigns a code with an integral number of bits to each symbol in the alphabet.
- Information theory shows that a symbol with probability 0.4 should ideally be assigned a 1.32-bit code, since  $-\log_2 0.4 \approx 1.32$ .
- The Huffman method, however, normally assigns such a symbol a code of 1 or 2 bits.

# Interval Narrowing

- Arithmetic coding overcomes the problem of assigning integer codes to the individual symbols by assigning one (normally long) code to the entire input file.
- The method starts with a certain interval, it reads the input file symbol by symbol, and it uses the probability of each symbol to narrow the interval.
- The output of arithmetic coding is interpreted as a number in the range  $[0, 1)$ .

# Dividing an Interval for Symbols

|                | M    | I            | W            | S       |
|----------------|------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Char           | Freq | Prob.        | Range        | CumFreq |
| Total CumFreq= |      |              |              | 10      |
| S              | 5    | $5/10 = 0.5$ | $[0.5, 1.0)$ | 5       |
| W              | 1    | $1/10 = 0.1$ | $[0.4, 0.5)$ | 4       |
| I              | 2    | $2/10 = 0.2$ | $[0.2, 0.4)$ | 2       |
| M              | 1    | $1/10 = 0.1$ | $[0.1, 0.2)$ | 1       |
| □              | 1    | $1/10 = 0.1$ | $[0.0, 0.1)$ | 0       |

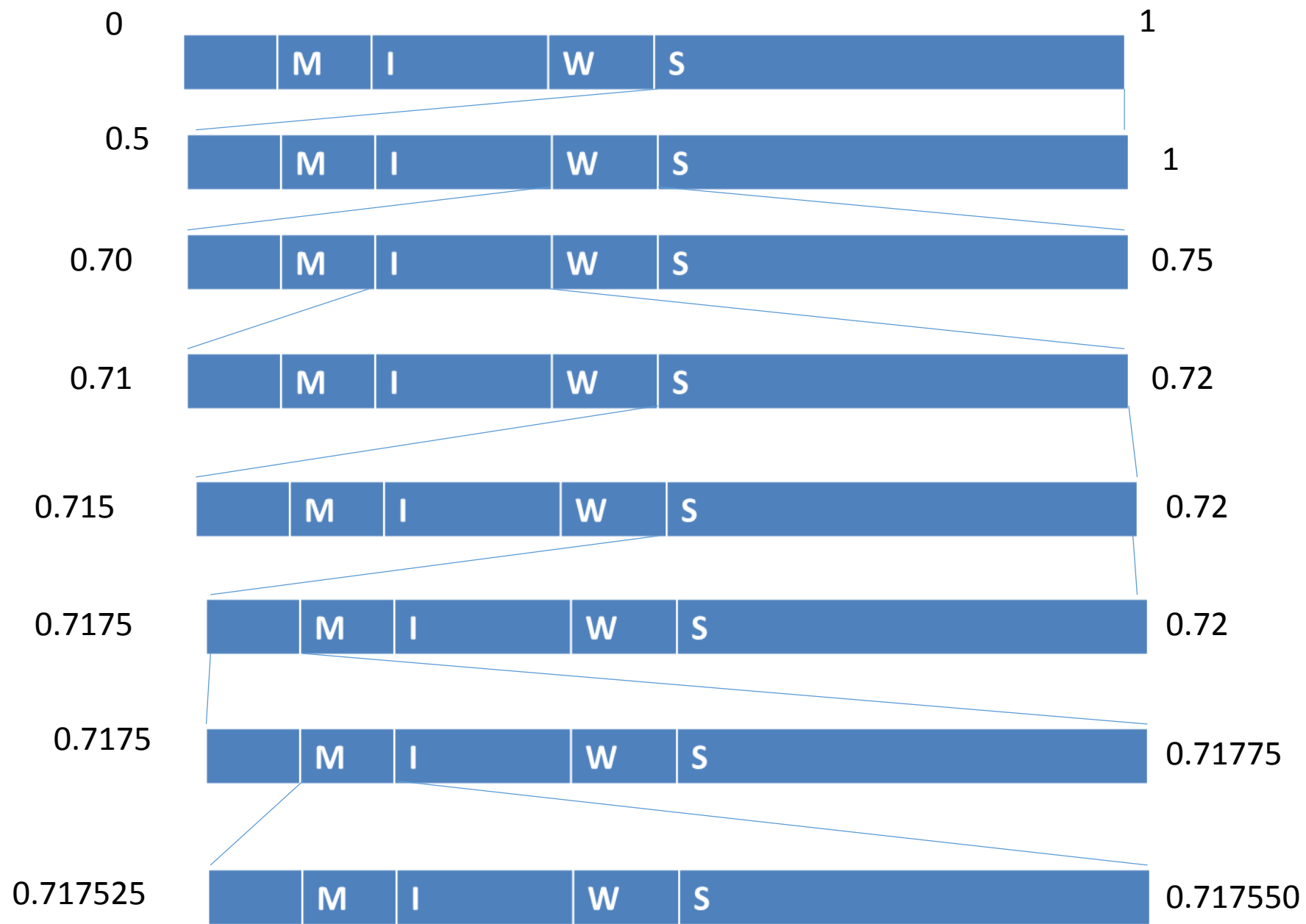
Table 5.42: Frequencies and Probabilities of Five Symbols.

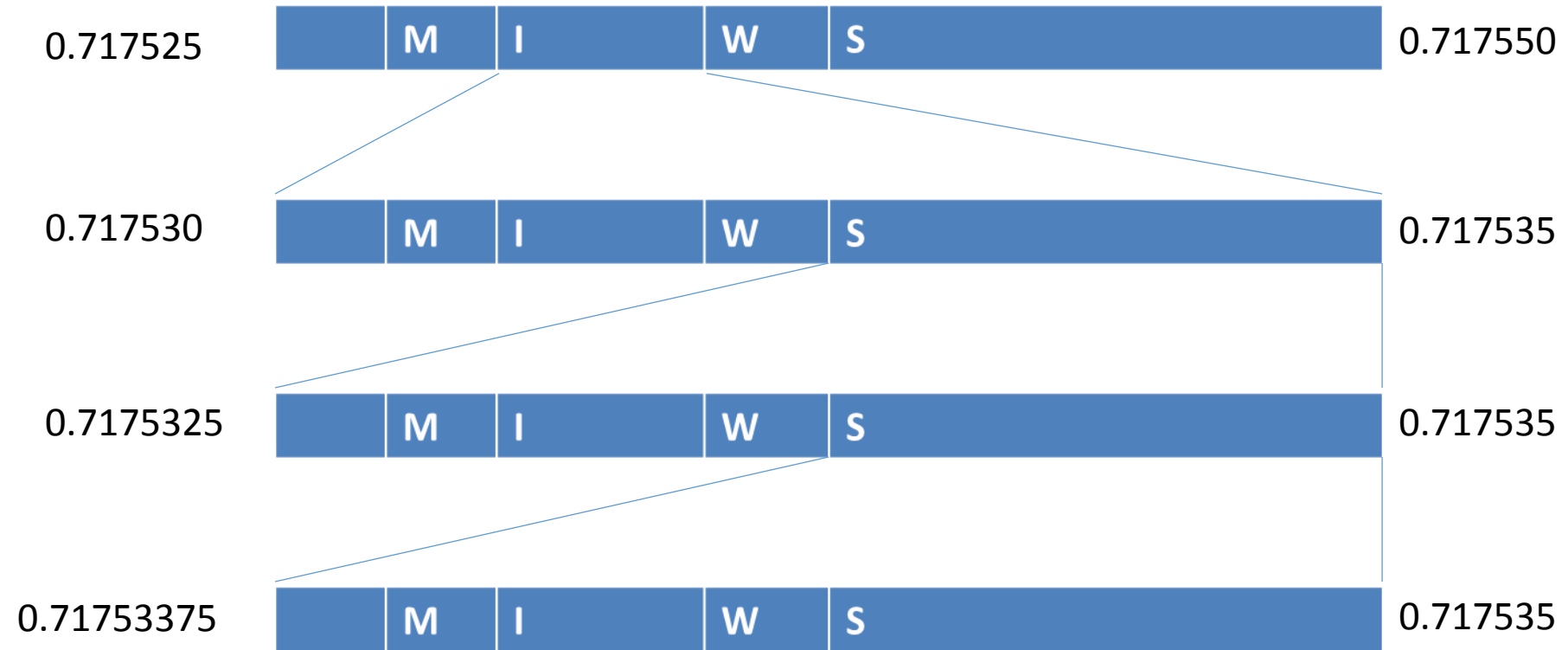
$\text{NewHigh} := \text{OldLow} + \text{Range} * \text{HighRange}(X);$

$\text{NewLow} := \text{OldLow} + \text{Range} * \text{LowRange}(X);$

$\text{Code} := (\text{Code} - \text{LowRange}(X)) / \text{Range};$

| Char. |   | The calculation of low and high                              |
|-------|---|--|
| S     | L | $0.0 + (1.0 - 0.0) \times 0.5 = 0.5$                         |
|       | H | $0.0 + (1.0 - 0.0) \times 1.0 = 1.0$                         |
| W     | L | $0.5 + (1.0 - 0.5) \times 0.4 = 0.70$                        |
|       | H | $0.5 + (1.0 - 0.5) \times 0.5 = 0.75$                        |
| I     | L | $0.7 + (0.75 - 0.70) \times 0.2 = 0.71$                      |
|       | H | $0.7 + (0.75 - 0.70) \times 0.4 = 0.72$                      |
| S     | L | $0.71 + (0.72 - 0.71) \times 0.5 = 0.715$                    |
|       | H | $0.71 + (0.72 - 0.71) \times 1.0 = 0.72$                     |
| S     | L | $0.715 + (0.72 - 0.715) \times 0.5 = 0.7175$                 |
|       | H | $0.715 + (0.72 - 0.715) \times 1.0 = 0.72$                   |
| □     | L | $0.7175 + (0.72 - 0.7175) \times 0.0 = 0.7175$               |
|       | H | $0.7175 + (0.72 - 0.7175) \times 0.1 = 0.71775$              |
| M     | L | $0.7175 + (0.71775 - 0.7175) \times 0.1 = 0.717525$          |
|       | H | $0.7175 + (0.71775 - 0.7175) \times 0.2 = 0.717550$          |
| I     | L | $0.717525 + (0.71755 - 0.717525) \times 0.2 = 0.717530$      |
|       | H | $0.717525 + (0.71755 - 0.717525) \times 0.4 = 0.717535$      |
| S     | L | $0.717530 + (0.717535 - 0.717530) \times 0.5 = 0.7175325$    |
|       | H | $0.717530 + (0.717535 - 0.717530) \times 1.0 = 0.717535$     |
| S     | L | $0.7175325 + (0.717535 - 0.7175325) \times 0.5 = 0.71753375$ |
|       | H | $0.7175325 + (0.717535 - 0.7175325) \times 1.0 = 0.717535$   |





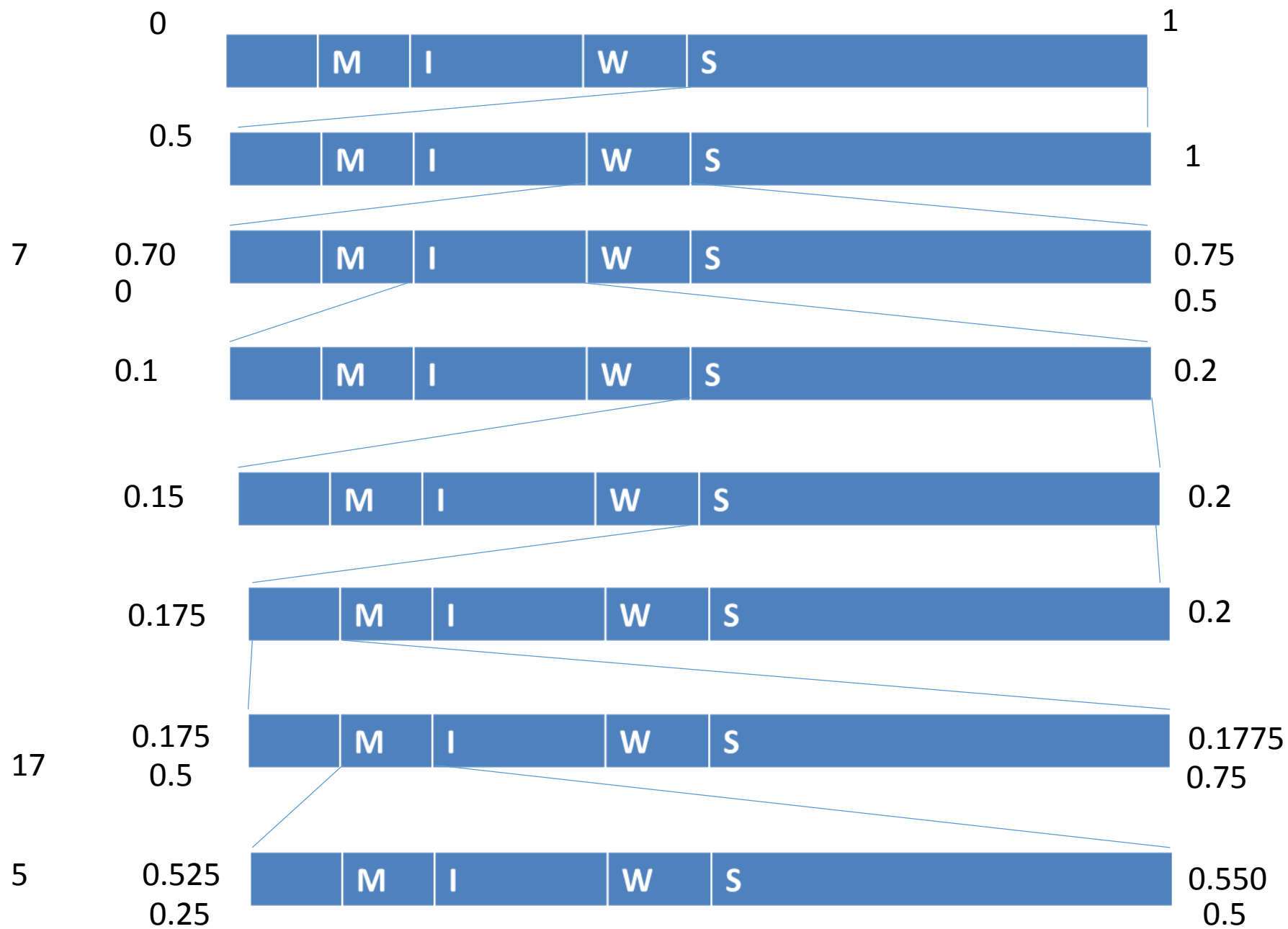


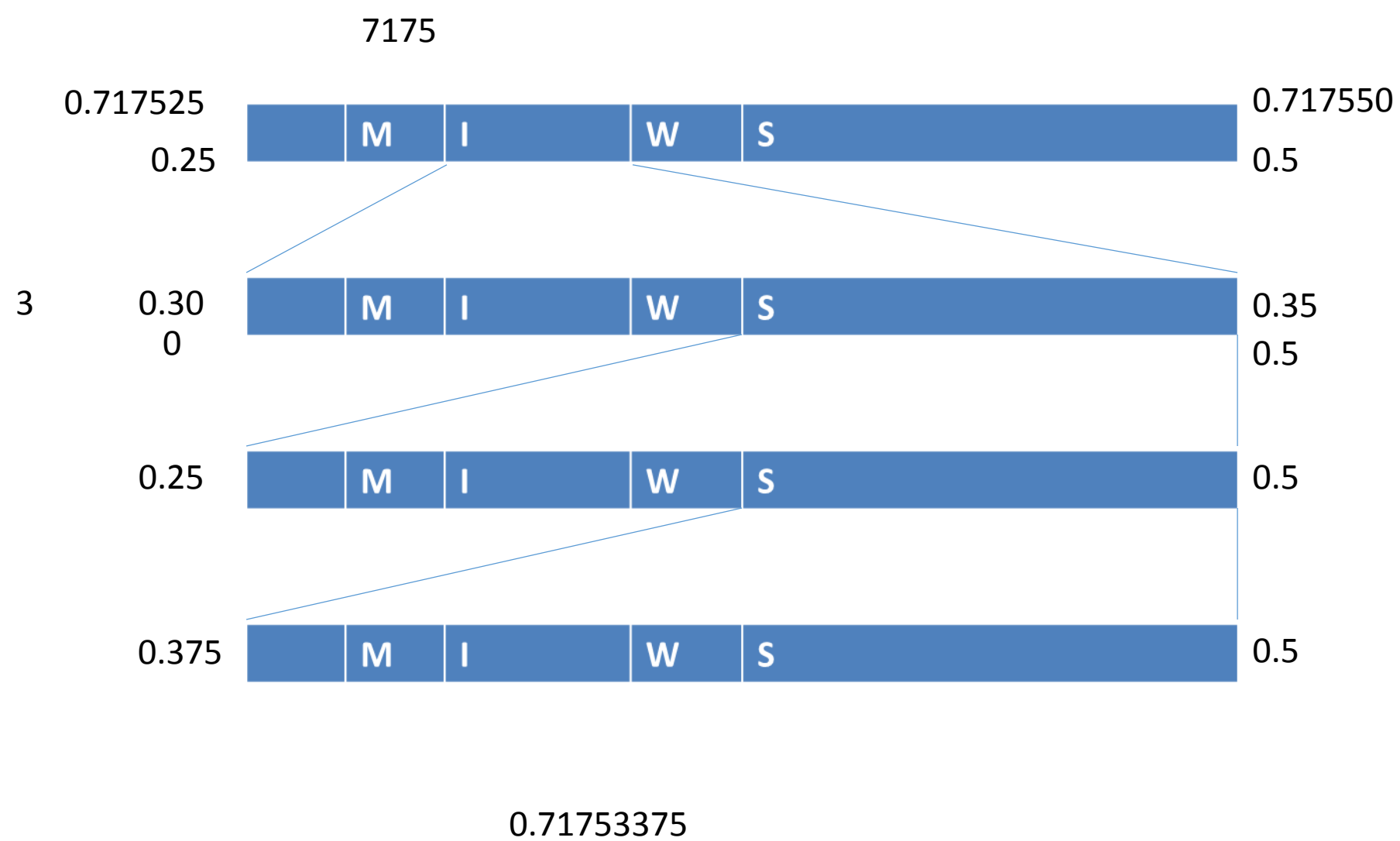
| Char. | Code-low                        | Range              |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| S     | $0.71753375 - 0.5 = 0.21753375$ | $/0.5 = 0.4350675$ |
| W     | $0.4350675 - 0.4 = 0.0350675$   | $/0.1 = 0.350675$  |
| I     | $0.350675 - 0.2 = 0.150675$     | $/0.2 = 0.753375$  |
| S     | $0.753375 - 0.5 = 0.253375$     | $/0.5 = 0.50675$   |
| S     | $0.50675 - 0.5 = 0.00675$       | $/0.5 = 0.0135$    |
| □     | $0.0135 - 0 = 0.0135$           | $/0.1 = 0.135$     |
| M     | $0.135 - 0.1 = 0.035$           | $/0.1 = 0.35$      |
| I     | $0.35 - 0.2 = 0.15$             | $/0.2 = 0.75$      |
| S     | $0.75 - 0.5 = 0.25$             | $/0.5 = 0.5$       |
| S     | $0.5 - 0.5 = 0$                 | $/0.5 = 0$         |

Table 5.45: The Process of Arithmetic Decoding.

| 1 | 2  | 3    | 4 | 5    |
|---|--|------|---|------|
| S | $L = 0+(1 - 0) \times 0.5 = 0.5$           | 5000 |   | 5000 |
|   | $H = 0+(1 - 0) \times 1.0 = 1.0$           | 9999 |   | 9999 |
| W | $L = 0.5+(1 - .5) \times 0.4 = 0.7$        | 7000 | 7 | 0000 |
|   | $H = 0.5+(1 - .5) \times 0.5 = 0.75$       | 7499 | 7 | 4999 |
| I | $L = 0+(0.5 - 0) \times 0.2 = 0.1$         | 1000 | 1 | 0000 |
|   | $H = 0+(0.5 - 0) \times 0.4 = 0.2$         | 1999 | 1 | 9999 |
| S | $L = 0+(1 - 0) \times 0.5 = 0.5$           | 5000 |   | 5000 |
|   | $H = 0+(1 - 0) \times 1.0 = 1.0$           | 9999 |   | 9999 |
| S | $L = 0.5+(1 - 0.5) \times 0.5 = 0.75$      | 7500 |   | 7500 |
|   | $H = 0.5+(1 - 0.5) \times 1.0 = 1.0$       | 9999 |   | 9999 |
| □ | $L = 0.75+(1 - 0.75) \times 0.0 = 0.75$    | 7500 | 7 | 5000 |
|   | $H = 0.75+(1 - 0.75) \times 0.1 = 0.775$   | 7749 | 7 | 7499 |
| M | $L = 0.5+(0.75 - 0.5) \times 0.1 = 0.525$  | 5250 | 5 | 2500 |
|   | $H = 0.5+(0.75 - 0.5) \times 0.2 = 0.55$   | 5499 | 5 | 4999 |
| I | $L = 0.25+(0.5 - 0.25) \times 0.2 = 0.3$   | 3000 | 3 | 0000 |
|   | $H = 0.25+(0.5 - 0.25) \times 0.4 = 0.35$  | 3499 | 3 | 4999 |
| S | $L = 0+(0.5 - 0) \times 0.5 = .25$         | 2500 |   | 2500 |
|   | $H = 0+(0.5 - 0) \times 1.0 = 0.5$         | 4999 |   | 4999 |
| S | $L = 0.25+(0.5 - 0.25) \times 0.5 = 0.375$ | 3750 |   | 3750 |
|   | $H = 0.25+(0.5 - 0.25) \times 1.0 = 0.5$   | 4999 |   | 4999 |

Table 5.51: Encoding SWISS<sub>□</sub>MISS by Shifting.





0. Initialize  $\text{Low}=0000$ ,  $\text{High}=9999$ , and  $\text{Code}=7175$ .

1.  $\text{index} = [(7175 - 0 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (9999 - 0 + 1) = 7.1759 \rightarrow 7$ . Symbol S is selected.  
 $\text{Low} = 0 + (9999 - 0 + 1) \times 5/10 = 5000$ .  $\text{High} = 0 + (9999 - 0 + 1) \times 10/10 - 1 = 9999$ .

2.  $\text{index} = [(7175 - 5000 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (9999 - 5000 + 1) = 4.3518 \rightarrow 4$ . Symbol W is selected.

$\text{Low} = 5000 + (9999 - 5000 + 1) \times 4/10 = 7000$ .  $\text{High} = 5000 + (9999 - 5000 + 1) \times 5/10 - 1 = 7499$ .

After the 7 is shifted out, we have  $\text{Low}=0000$ ,  $\text{High}=4999$ , and  $\text{Code}=1753$ .

3.  $\text{index} = [(1753 - 0 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (4999 - 0 + 1) = 3.5078 \rightarrow 3$ . Symbol I is selected.  
 $\text{Low} = 0 + (4999 - 0 + 1) \times 2/10 = 1000$ .  $\text{High} = 0 + (4999 - 0 + 1) \times 4/10 - 1 = 1999$ .

After the 1 is shifted out, we have  $\text{Low}=0000$ ,  $\text{High}=9999$ , and  $\text{Code}=7533$ .

4.  $\text{index} = [(7533 - 0 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (9999 - 0 + 1) = 7.5339 \rightarrow 7$ . Symbol S is selected.  
 $\text{Low} = 0 + (9999 - 0 + 1) \times 5/10 = 5000$ .  $\text{High} = 0 + (9999 - 0 + 1) \times 10/10 - 1 = 9999$ .

5.  $\text{index} = [(7533 - 5000 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (9999 - 5000 + 1) = 5.0678 \rightarrow 5$ . Symbol **S** is selected.

$\text{Low} = 5000 + (9999 - 5000 + 1) \times 5 / 10 = 7500$ .  $\text{High} = 5000 + (9999 - 5000 + 1) \times 10 / 10 - 1 = 9999$ .

6.  $\text{index} = [(7533 - 7500 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (9999 - 7500 + 1) = 0.1356 \rightarrow 0$ . Symbol **□** is selected.

$\text{Low} = 7500 + (9999 - 7500 + 1) \times 0 / 10 = 7500$ .  $\text{High} = 7500 + (9999 - 7500 + 1) \times 1 / 10 - 1 = 7749$ .

After the 7 is shifted out, we have  $\text{Low}=5000$ ,  $\text{High}=7499$ , and  $\text{Code}=5337$ .

7.  $\text{index} = [(5337 - 5000 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (7499 - 5000 + 1) = 1.3516 \rightarrow 1$ . Symbol **M** is selected.

$\text{Low} = 5000 + (7499 - 5000 + 1) \times 1 / 10 = 5250$ .  $\text{High} = 5000 + (7499 - 5000 + 1) \times 2 / 10 - 1 = 5499$ .

After the 5 is shifted out we have  $\text{Low}=2500$ ,  $\text{High}=4999$ , and  $\text{Code}=3375$ .

8.  $\text{index} = [(3375 - 2500 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (4999 - 2500 + 1) = 3.5036 \rightarrow 3$ . Symbol **I** is selected.

$\text{Low} = 2500 + (4999 - 2500 + 1) \times 2/10 = 3000$ .  $\text{High} = 2500 + (4999 - 2500 + 1) \times 4/10 - 1 = 3499$ .

After the 3 is shifted out we have  $\text{Low}=0000$ ,  $\text{High}=4999$ , and  $\text{Code}=3750$ .

9.  $\text{index} = [(3750 - 0 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (4999 - 0 + 1) = 7.5018 \rightarrow 7$ . Symbol **S** is selected.

$\text{Low} = 0 + (4999 - 0 + 1) \times 5/10 = 2500$ .  $\text{High} = 0 + (4999 - 0 + 1) \times 10/10 - 1 = 4999$ .

10.  $\text{index} = [(3750 - 2500 + 1) \times 10 - 1] / (4999 - 2500 + 1) = 5.0036 \rightarrow 5$ . Symbol **S** is selected.

$\text{Low} = 2500 + (4999 - 2500 + 1) \times 5/10 = 3750$ .  $\text{High} = 2500 + (4999 - 2500 + 1) \times 10/10 - 1 = 4999$ .

# Symbol Probability Estimation Using the Current Document

- Arithmetic coding assigns a codeword to each sequence of symbols based on probabilities of symbols.
- Each document may have its own personality.
- Use the processed part of the document to estimate the probabilities of the symbols.
  - Both encoder and decoder can do the same.
  - No probability table needs to be sent.



# Symbols in Context

- Part of the processed document may be used as the context to the next symbol.
- Under different context, a symbol may have different probabilities.
- To do adaptive coding, a count for each symbol and each context.
- May further reduce the entropy of data.
- Shorter codewords for documents with distinct personalities or repeated patterns.

# Bi-Level Image



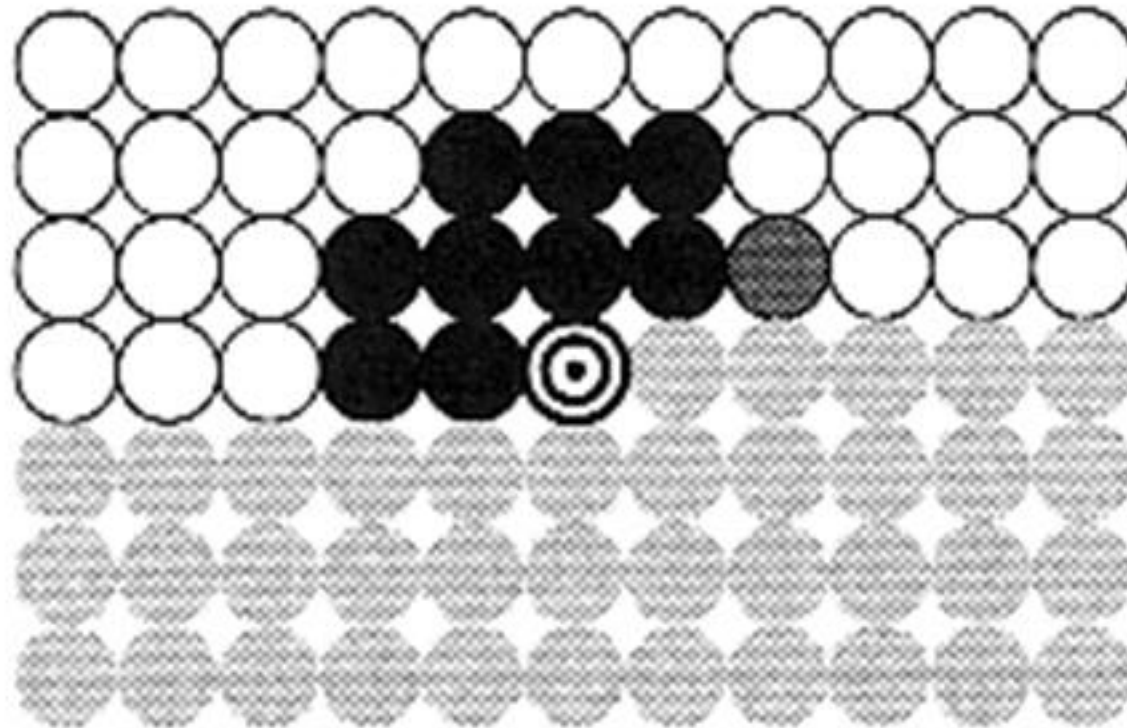
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# PBM Portable Bitmap Format

- A UNIX format (only deals with P4)
- P4\n // PBM identifier for binary bi-level
- 1024 896\n // width and height
- height \* (width / 8) bytes following
- One bit for each pixel
- Left to right
- Top to bottom
- Viewable with Photoshop or H7C.java

# Context in JBIG



# Adaptive Arithmetic Coding

```
public class H7A{

    static final int maxRange = 65536;  // 2 ** 16
    static final int half = 32768;
    static final int quarter = 16384;
    static final int threequarters = 49152;
    static final int numberOfContexts = 1024;
    int width = 0, height = 0, bytesPerRow = 0;
    // dimension of the image
    boolean[][] bitmap = null;

    int[][] count = new int[numberOfContexts][2];
    int low = 0; int high = maxRange; int follow = 0;
    int buf = 0; int position = 0;

    public static void main(String[] args){
        H7A h7 = new H7A();
        h7.readPBMHeader();
        h7.compress();
    }
```

```

void compress(){
    for (int i = 0; i < height; i++){
        int column = 2;
        for (int j = 0; j < bytesPerRow; j++){
            int b = getNextByte();
            for (int test = 0x80; test > 0; test >>= 1){
                int context = getContext(column);
                boolean one = ((test & b) != 0);
                update(context, one);
                incrementCount(context, one);
                bitmap[2][column++] = one;
            }
        }
        for (int j = 2; j < width + 2; j++){
            bitmap[0][j] = bitmap[1][j];  bitmap[1][j] = bitmap[2][j]; }
        }
        if (position > 0){  buf <<= (8 - position);
            System.out.write(buf); }
        System.out.flush();
    }
}

```

# getContext

```
int getContext(int column){  
    // column >= 2  
    int context = 0;  
    for (int k = -1; k < 2; k++){  
        context <<= 1;  
        if (bitmap[0][column + k]) context |= 1;  
    }  
    for (int k = -2; k < 3; k++){  
        context <<= 1;  
        if (bitmap[1][column + k]) context |= 1;  
    }  
    for (int k = -2; k < 0; k++){  
        context <<= 1;  
        if (bitmap[2][column + k]) context |= 1;  
    }  
    return context;  
}
```

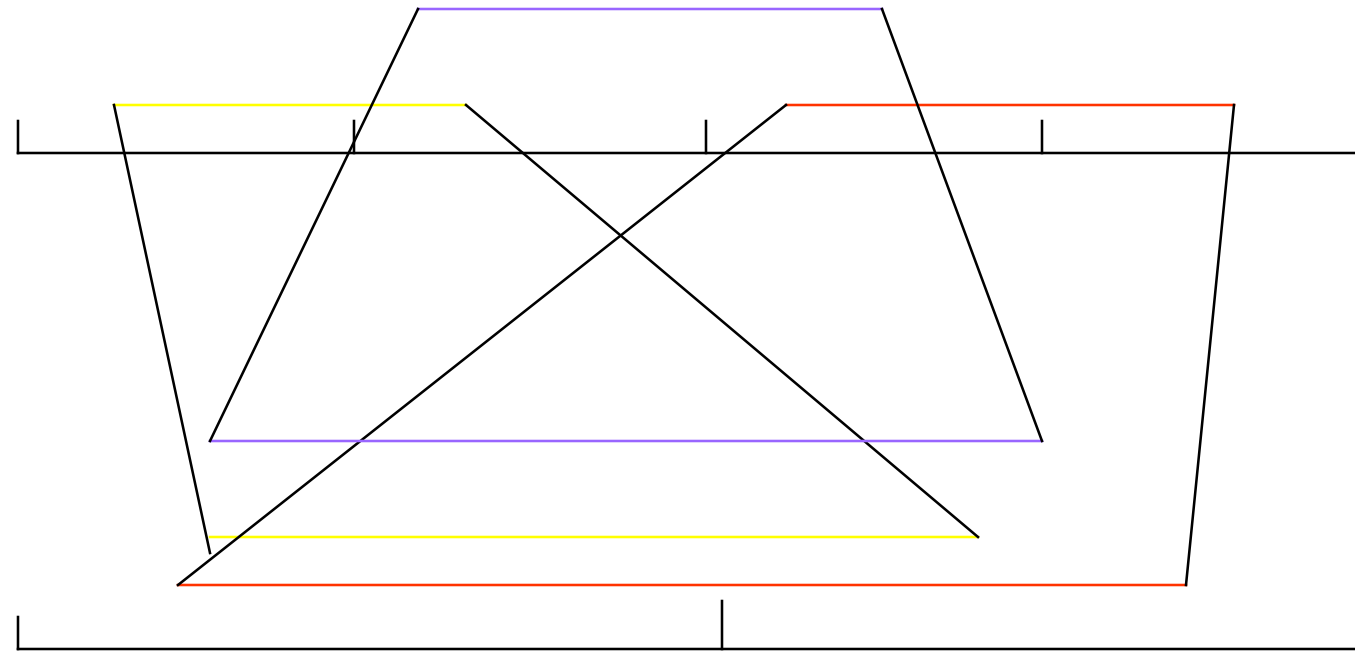


```

void update(int context, boolean one){
    int t = low + count[context][0] * (high - low) /
        (count[context][0] + count[context][1]);
    if (one) low = t; else high = t;
    for (;;){ // double until larger than quarter
        if (high < half){ // most significant bit is 0
            outputBit(0);
            for (int i = 0; i < follow; i++) outputBit(1);
            follow = 0;
            high *= 2;
            low *= 2;
        }else if (low >= half){ // most significant bit is 1
            outputBit(1);
            for (int i = 0; i < follow; i++) outputBit(0);
            follow = 0;
            high = (high * 2) - maxRange;
            low = (low * 2) - maxRange;
        }else if (low > quarter && high <= threequarters){
            follow++; // most significant bit unknown yet
            low = (low * 4 - maxRange) / 2;
            high = (high * 4 - maxRange) / 2;
        }else break;
    }
}

```

# Three Cases for Doubling the Current Interval



# incrementCount

```
void incrementCount(int context, boolean one){
    int v = one ? 1 : 0;
    if (++count[context][v] >= quarter){ // halve counts
        count[context][0] >>= 1; count[context][1] >>= 1;
        if (count[context][1 - v] == 0) count[context][1 - v] = 1;
    }
}

void outputBit(int bit){
    buf <<= 1;
    if (bit == 1) buf |= 1;
    position++;
    if (position == 8){
        position = 0;
        System.out.write(buf);
        buf = 0;
    }
}
```

# Decoder Program

- The same set of global variables except `follow` is replaced by `codeword`.
- Need a new procedure `int inputBit()`.
- Codeword initialized with the first (most significant) 16 bits of the full codeword.
- Codeword is always between low and high and goes through the same doubling as them followed by adding `inputBit()`.

# Adaptive Arithmetic Decoder

```
public class H7B{

    static final int maxRange = 65536; // 2 ** 16
    static final int half = 32768;
    static final int quarter = 16384;
    static final int threequarters = 49152;
    static final int numberOfContexts = 1024;
    int width = 0, height = 0, bytesPerRow = 0;
    boolean[][] bitmap = null;
    int[][] count = new int[numberOfContexts][2];
    int low = 0; int high = maxRange;
    int inBuf = 0; int inPosition = 0;
    int outBuf = 0; int outPosition = 0;
    int codeword = 0;

    public static void main(String[] args){
        H7B h7 = new H7B();
        h7.readPBMHeader();
        h7.uncompress();
    }
```

```
void uncompress(){
    for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++){
        codeword <<= 1;
        codeword |= inputBit();
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < height; i++){
        for (int j = 0; j < width; j++){
            int context = getContext(j + 2);
            boolean one = update(context);
            incrementCount(context, one);
            bitmap[2][j + 2] = one;
            outputBit(one);
        }
        for (int j = 2; j < width + 2; j++){
            bitmap[0][j] = bitmap[1][j];
            bitmap[1][j] = bitmap[2][j];
        }
    }
    System.out.flush();
}
```

```

boolean update(int context){
    int t = low + count[context][0] * (high - low) /
        (count[context][0] + count[context][1]);
    boolean ret = codeword >= t;
    if ( _____ ) low = t; else high = t;
    for (;;){ // double until larger than quarter
        if (high < half){
            high *= 2;
            low *= 2;
            codeword *= 2;
            if (inputBit() > 0) codeword |= 1;
        }else if (low >= half){
            high = (high * 2) - maxRange;
            low = (low * 2) - maxRange;
            // code for codeword
        }else if (low > quarter && high <= threequarters){
            low = (low * 4 - maxRange) / 2;
            high = (high * 4 - maxRange) / 2;
            // code for codeword
        }else break;
    }
    return ret;
}

```

# Homework 7: due 2-9-15

- Complete the update() function in the adaptive arithmetic decoding program H7B.java.
- An example PBM file hand.pbm can be used to test the encoding-decoding process.
- Decode test7 into a PBM bi-level image file and.
- Submit the code you write and an image of the uncompressed test7.