# CSL7320: Digital Image Analysis

**Image Compression** 

## Image Compression

- Much of the information is graphical or pictorial in nature, the storage and communication requirements are immense.
- ❖ Image compression addresses the problem of reducing the amount of data requirements to represent a digital image.
- Image compression is becoming an enabling technology: HDTV.
- \* Also it plays an important role in transmission, video conferencing, remote sensing, satellite TV, document and medical imaging.

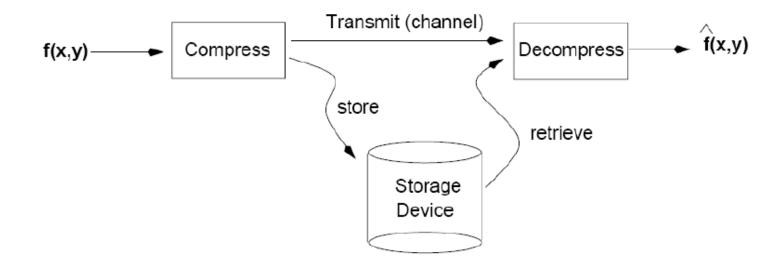
## Why do we need compression?

- **\***For STORAGE and TRANSMISSION
  - DVD
  - Remote sensing
  - Video conferencing
  - Control of remotely piloted vehicle
- \*The bit rate of uncompressed digital cinema

data exceeds 1 Gbps

## Goals of Image Compression

 The goal of image compression is to reduce the amount of data required to represent a digital image.



## Why do We Need Image Compression?

#### Standard definition (SD) television movie (raw data)

$$30 \frac{\text{frames}}{\text{sec}} \times (720 \times 480) \frac{\text{pixels}}{\text{frame}} \times 3 \frac{\text{bytes}}{\text{pixel}} = 31,104,000 \text{bytes/sec}$$

#### A two-hour movie

$$31,104,000 \frac{\text{bytes}}{\text{sec}} \times (60^2) \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{hour}} \times 2 \text{hours} \approx 224 \text{GB}$$

Need 27 8.5GB dual-layer DVDs!

High-definition (HD) television 1920x1080x24 bits/image!

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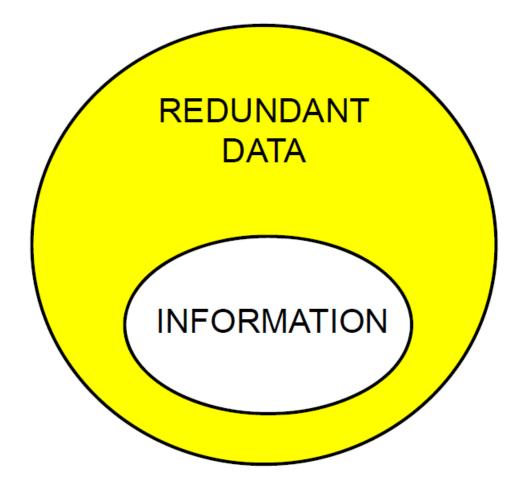
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	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bi	t_rate	See also Comparison of mobile phone standards



### Information vs Data

- □ The term data compression refers to the process of **reducing the amount of data** required to represent a given quantity of information
- Data ≠ Information
- Various amounts of data can be used to represent the same information
- Data might contain elements that provide no relevant information : data redundancy
- □ Data redundancy is a central issue in image compression.

## Information vs Data



DATA = INFORMATION + REDUNDANT DATA

### Data Redundancies

Data represent information – different ways

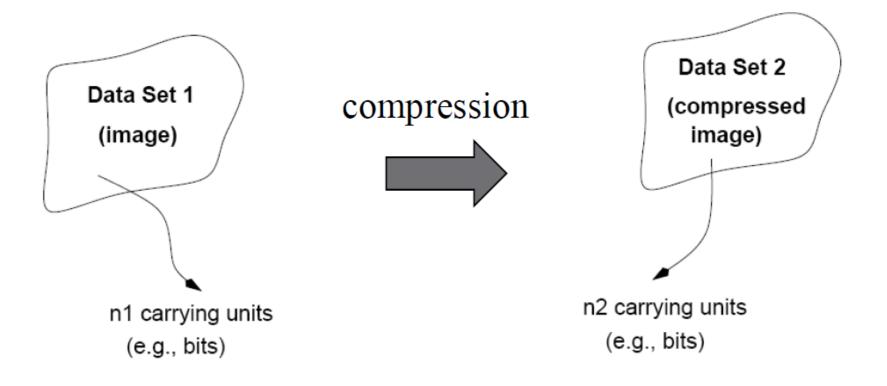
Representations that contain irrelevant or repeated information → contain redundant data

Two representations of the same information: b and b' bits, then the relative data redundancy

$$R = 1 - \frac{1}{C}$$
, where  $C = \frac{b}{b'}$  is called the compression ratio

In digital image processing, b is the # bits for the 2D array representation and b' is the compressed representation

## Definitions: Compression Ratio



Compression ratio: 
$$C_R = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

## Definitions: Data Redundancy

Relative data redundancy:

$$R_D = 1 - \frac{1}{C_R}$$

#### Example:

If 
$$C_R = \frac{10}{1}$$
, then  $R_D = 1 - \frac{1}{10} = 0.9$ 

if 
$$n_2 = n_1$$
, then  $C_R = 1$ ,  $R_D = 0$ 

(90% of the data in dataset 1 is redundant)

if 
$$n_2 \ll n_1$$
, then  $C_R \to \infty$ ,  $R_D \to 1$ 

## Measuring Information

- What is the information content of a message/image?
- What is the minimum amount of data that is sufficient to describe completely an image without loss of information?

## Modeling Information

- We assume that information generation is a probabilistic process.
- <u>Idea</u>: associate information with probability!

A random event E with probability P(E) contains:

$$I(E) = log(\frac{1}{P(E)}) = -log(P(E))$$
 units of information

Note: I(E)=0 when P(E)=1

## How much information does a pixel contain?

• Suppose that gray level values are generated by a random variable, then  $r_k$  contains:

$$I(r_k) = -log(P(r_k))$$
 units of information!

## How much information does a pixel contain?

Average information content of an image:

$$E = \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} I(r_k) \Pr(r_k)$$

using 
$$I(r_k) = -\log(P(r_k))$$

**Entropy:** 
$$H = -\sum_{k=0}^{L-1} P(r_k) log(P(r_k))$$
 units/pixel (e.g., bits/pixel)

It is not easy to estimate H reliably!

Gray Level	Count	Probability
21	12	3/8
95	4	1/8
169	4	1/8
243	12	3/8

• First order estimate of H:

$$H = -\sum_{k=0}^{3} P(r_k)log(P(r_k)) = 1.81 \text{ bits/pixel}$$

Total bits:  $4 \times 8 \times 1.81 = 58$  bits

- Second order estimate of H:
  - Use relative frequencies of <u>pixel blocks</u>:

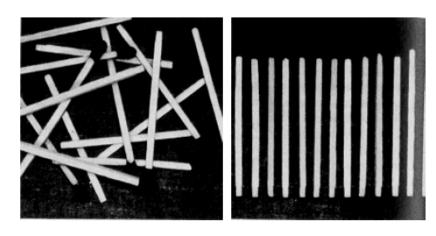
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Gray Level Pair	Count	Probability
(21, 21)	8	1/4
(21, 95)	4	1/8
(95, 169)	4	1/8
(169, 243)	4	1/8
(243, 243)	8	1/4
(243, 21)	4	1/8

$$H = 2.5/2 = 1.25$$
 bits/pixel

- The first-order estimate provides only a <u>lower-bound</u> on the compression that can be achieved.
- Differences between higher-order estimates of entropy and the first-order estimate indicate the presence of <u>inter-pixel redundancy</u>!.
- Inter-pixel redundancy implies that any pixel value can be reasonably predicted by its neighbors (i.e., correlated).



## Redundancy

• Redundancy:  $R = L_{avg} - H$ 

where: 
$$L_{avg} = E(l(r_k)) = \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} l(r_k)P(r_k)$$

and  $\mathbf{l(r_k)}$ : # of bits for  $\mathbf{r_k}$ 

<u>Note</u>: if  $L_{avg}$ = H, then R=0 (no redundancy)

## Redundancy

#### **Coding redundancy**

- Code/code book is a system to represent information
- Code length is the number of symbols in each code word
- Do we really need 8 bits to represent a gray-level pixel?

#### Spatial and temporal redundancy

- Neighboring (spatially or temporally) pixels usually have similar intensities!
- Do we need to represent every pixel?

#### Irrelevant information

Some image information can be ignored.

## Coding Redundancy

#### **Histogram**

$$p_r(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{MN}, \quad k = 0,1,2,...,L-1$$

Average # bits required to represent each pixel

$$L_{\text{avg}} = \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} l(r_k) p_r(r_k)$$



Number of bits representing each intensity level

Total bits  $\mathit{MNL}_{\mathrm{avg}}$ 

$r_k$	$p_r(r_k)$	Code 1	$l_I(\mathbf{r}_k)$	Code 2	$l_2(r_k)$
$r_{87} = 87$	0.25	01010111	8	01	2
$r_{128} = 128$	0.47	10000000	8	1	1
$r_{186} = 186$	0.25	11000100	8	000	3
$r_{255} = 255$	0.03	11111111	8	001	3
$r_k$ for $k \neq 87, 128, 186, 255$	0	_	8	_	0
		Fixed length		Variable length	

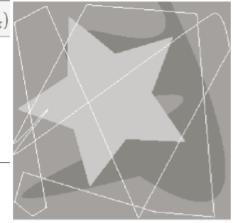
**TABLE 8.1** Example of variable-length coding.

 $L_{ava} = 2 * 0.25 + 0.47 * 1 + 0.25 * 3 + 0.03 * 3 = 1.8$ 

## Coding Redundancy

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#### C and R with variable length coding?

$$C = \frac{8}{1.81} = 4.42$$

$$R = 1 - \frac{1}{C} = 0.77$$

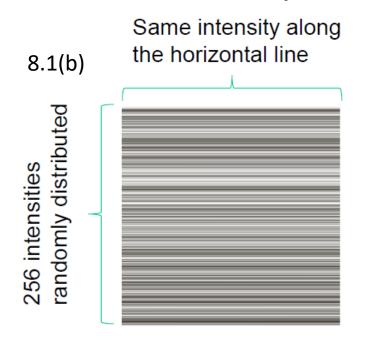
## Spatial and Temporal Redundancy

- Spatial redundancy
  - Neighboring pixels are not independent but correlated

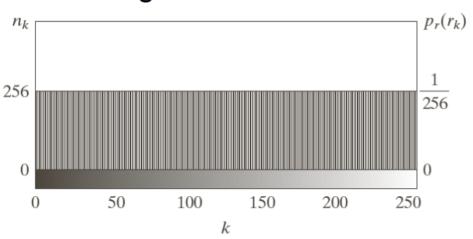


Temporal redundancy

## Spatial and Temporal Redundancy



#### The histogram is uniform.

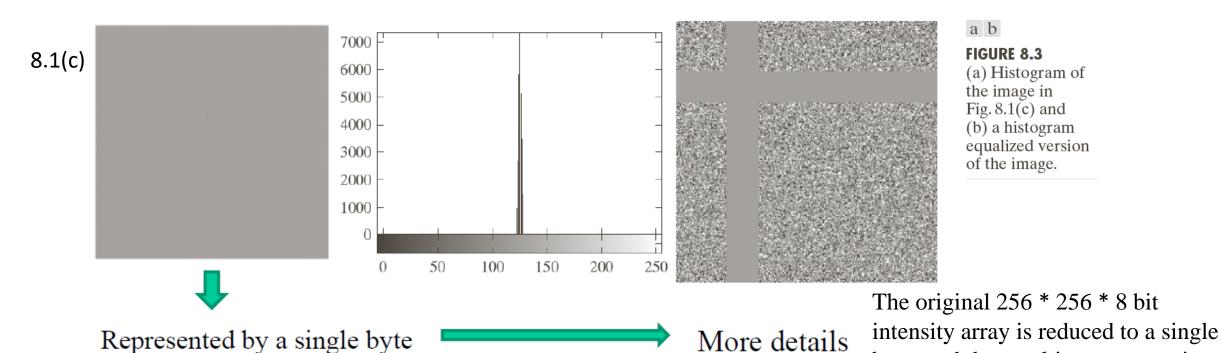


**FIGURE 8.2** The intensity histogram of the image in Fig. 8.1(b).

#### Compression by mapping:

- Run-length coding:
  - one word representing the intensity, and one word representing the length
  - C and R?
- Difference between two neighboring pixels

### Irrelevant Information



**Quantization – loss of quantitative information:** irreversible operation

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byte, and the resulting compression

is (256 \* 256 \* 8)/8 or 65,536:1.

## Summary: Measuring Image Information

Minimum amount of data without losing information?

A random event E with probability P(E) contains information

$$I = \log \frac{1}{P(E)} = -\log P(E)$$

**Entropy (average information per image intensity)** 

$$H = -\sum_{k=0}^{L-1} p_r(r_k) \log_2 p_r(r_k)$$

Shannon's first theorem (noiseless coding theorem)

$$L_{\text{avg}} \ge H$$

and the low-bound H can be achieved by a coding method

## Fidelity Criteria – Quantify the Loss

#### objective fidelity criteria

#### Root mean square error

$$e_{\text{rms}} = \left[ \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[ \hat{f}(x,y) - f(x,y) \right]^{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

#### Mean-square signal to noise ratio

$$SNR_{\text{ms}} = \frac{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}(x,y)^{2}}{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[\hat{f}(x,y) - f(x,y)\right]^{2}}$$

## Subjective Fidelity Criteria

Value	Rating	Description
1	Excellent	An image of extremely high quality, as good as you could desire.
2	Fine	An image of high quality, providing enjoyable viewing. Interference is not objectionable.
3	Passable	An image of acceptable quality. Interference is not objectionable.
4	Marginal	An image of poor quality; you wish you could improve it. Interference is somewhat objectionable.
5	Inferior	A very poor image, but you could watch it. Objectionable interference is definitely present.
6	Unusable	An image so bad that you could not watch it.

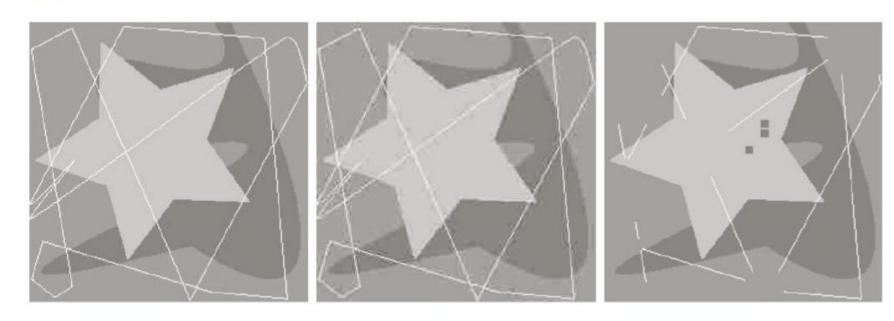
TABLE 8.2
Rating scale of the Television
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(Frendendall and Behrend.)

## Inconsistency between Objective and Subjective Fidelity Criteria

Objective: rms = 5.17

rms = 15.67

rms = 14.17



Subjective: Exce

Excellent

Passable

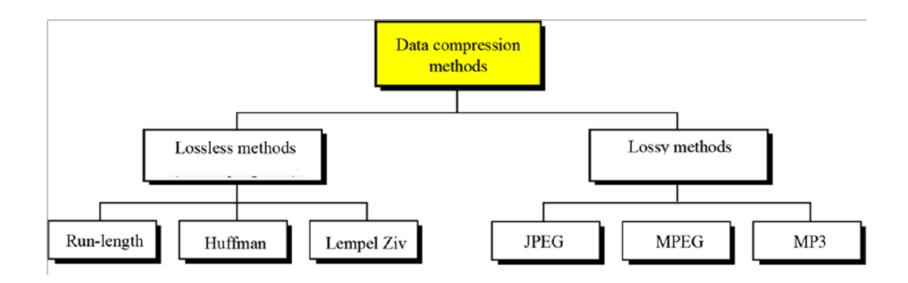
unusable

a b c

**FIGURE 8.4** Three approximations of the image in Fig. 8.1(a).

## Data Compression

- Data compression aims at sending or storing a smaller number of bits.
- Although many methods are used for this purpose, in general these methods can be divided into two broad categories: lossless and lossy methods.



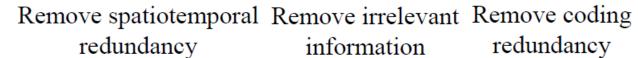
## Lossless Compression

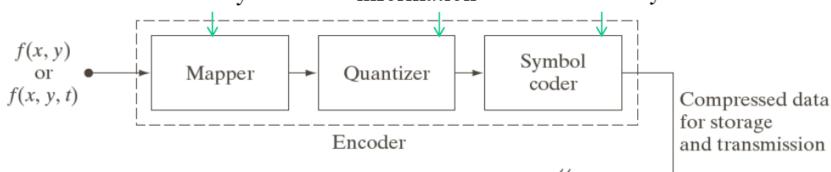
- ☐ In lossless data compression, the integrity of the data is preserved.
- ☐ The original data and the data after compression and decompression are exactly the same; as in these methods the compression and decompression algorithms are exact inverses of each other.
- ☐ No part of the data is lost in the process.
- ☐ Redundant data is removed in compression and added during decompression.
- ☐ Lossless compression methods are normally used when we cannot afford to lose any data.

## Lossy Compression

- Our eyes and ears cannot distinguish subtle changes.
- ☐ In such cases, we can use a lossy data compression method.
- These methods are cheaper—they take less time and space when it comes to sending millions of bits per second for images and video.
- Several methods have been developed using lossy compression techniques. JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) encoding is used to compress pictures and graphics, MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group) encoding is used to compress video, and MP3 (MPEG audio layer 3) for audio compression.

## Image-Compression Models





Error free, lossless system:

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = f(x,y)$$

Symbol decoder Inverse mapper  $\hat{f}(x, y)$  or  $\hat{f}(x, y, t)$ 

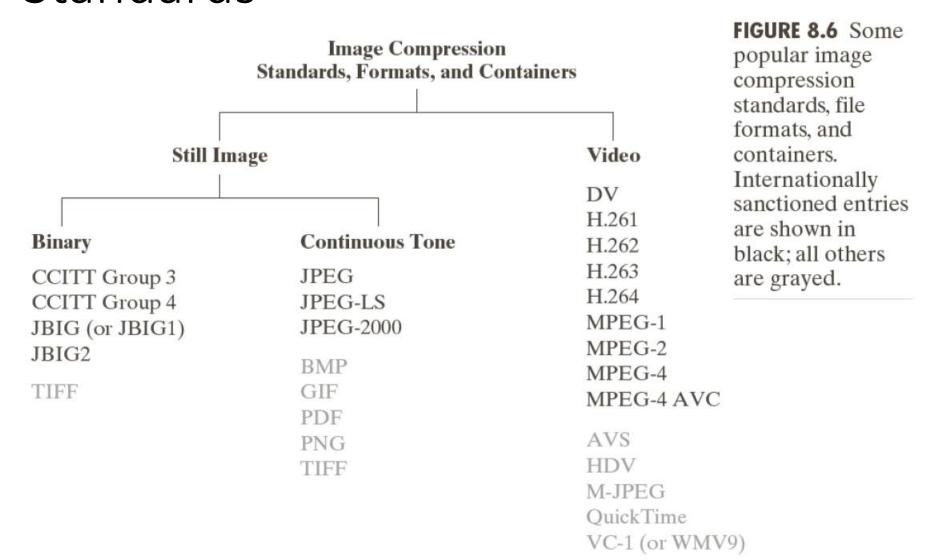
Lossy system:

$$\hat{f}(x,y) \neq f(x,y)$$

#### FIGURE 8.5

Functional block diagram of a general image compression system.

## Image Formats, Containers and Compression Standards



## Some Basic Compression Methods – Huffman Coding (Block Code)

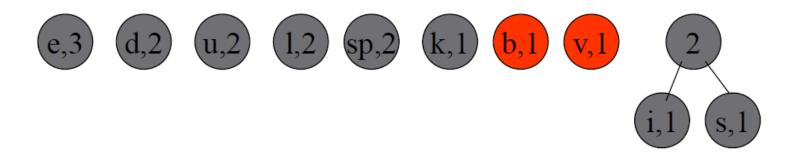
- ☐ Huffman codes can be used to compress information
  - ➤ Like WinZip although WinZip doesn't use the Huffman algorithm
  - > JPEGs do use Huffman as part of their compression process
- □ The basic idea is that instead of storing each character in a file as an 8-bit ASCII value, we will instead store the more frequently occurring characters using fewer bits and less frequently occurring characters using more bits
  - ➤ On average this should decrease the file size (usually ½)

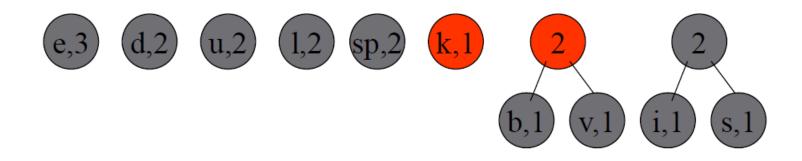
- □As an example, lets take the string: "duke blue devils"
- We first find the frequency count of the characters:
  - e:3, d:2, u:2, l:2, space:2, k:1, b:1, v:1, i:1, s:1
- Next we use a Greedy algorithm to build up a Huffman Tree
  - We start with nodes for each character

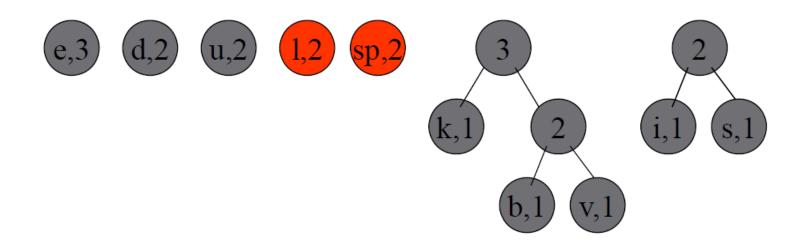


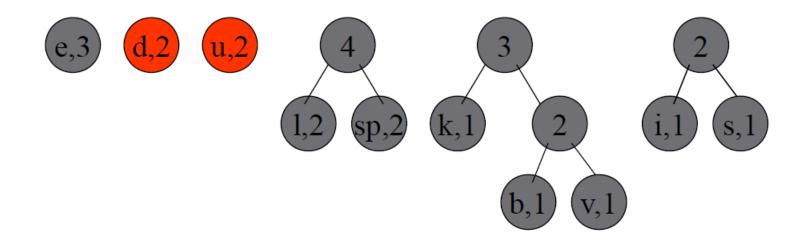
- ■We then pick the nodes with the smallest frequency and combine them together to form a new node
  - The selection of these nodes is the Greedy part
- □The two selected nodes are removed from the set, but replaced by the combined node
- □This continues until we have only 1 node left in the set

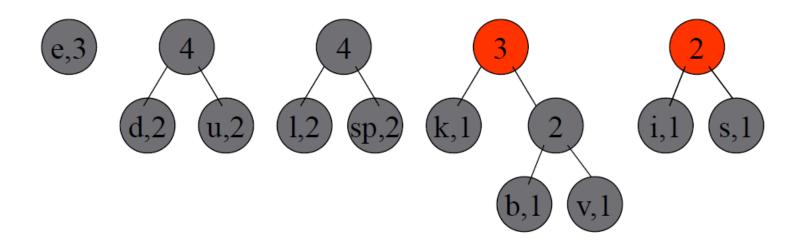


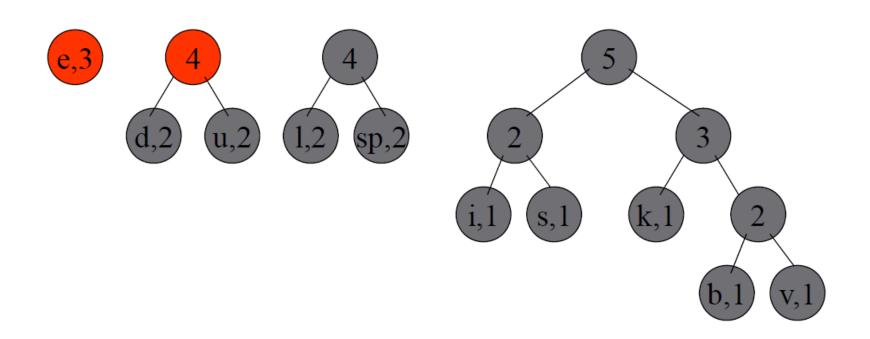


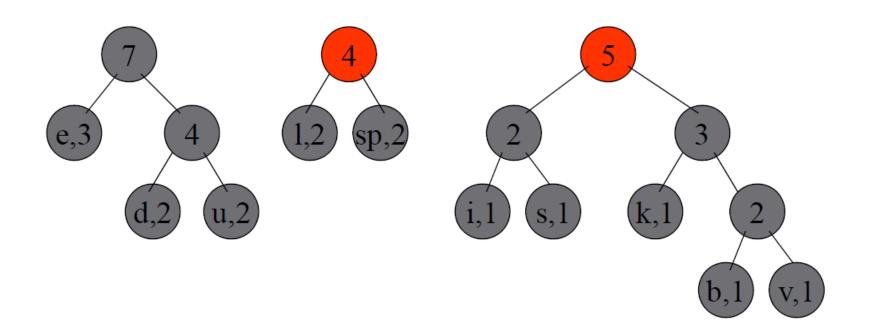


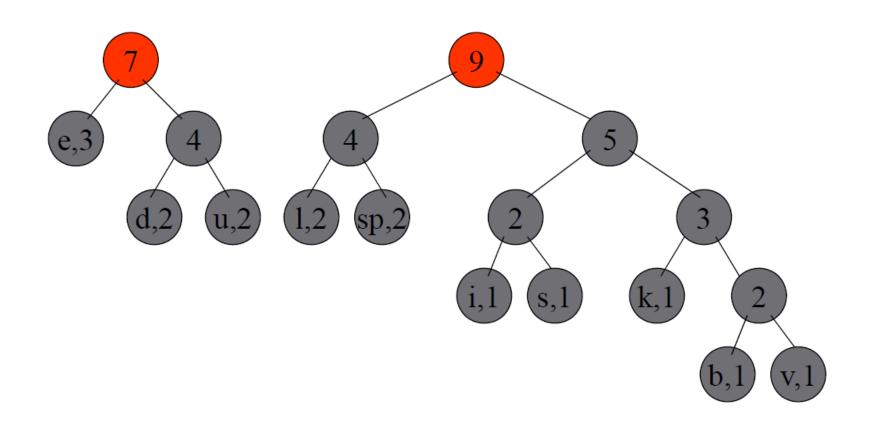


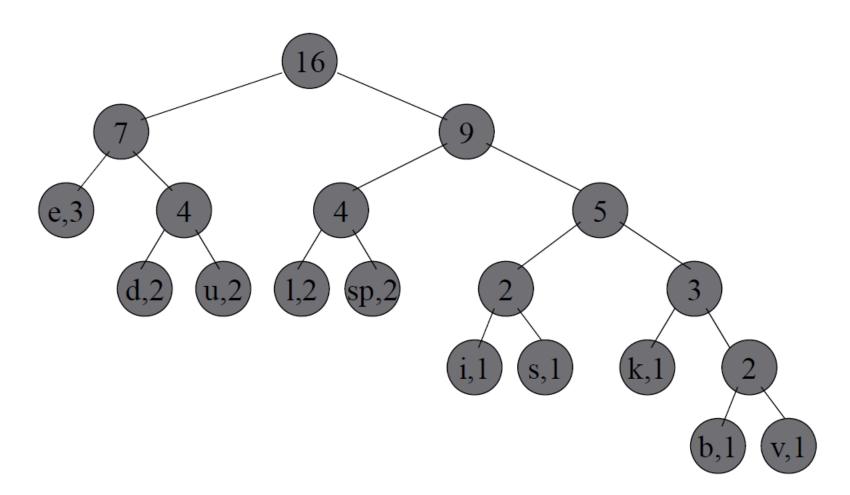




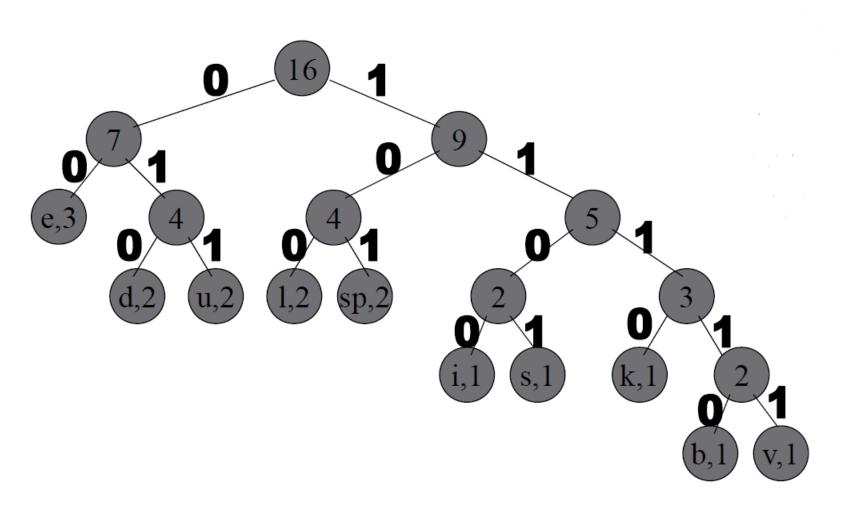








- Now we assign codes to the tree by placing a 0 on every left branch and a 1 on every right branch
- A traversal of the tree from root to leaf gives the Huffman code for that particular leaf character
- · Note that no code is the prefix of another code



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d	010
u	011
1	100
sp	101
i	1100
s	1101
k	1110
b	11110
V	11111

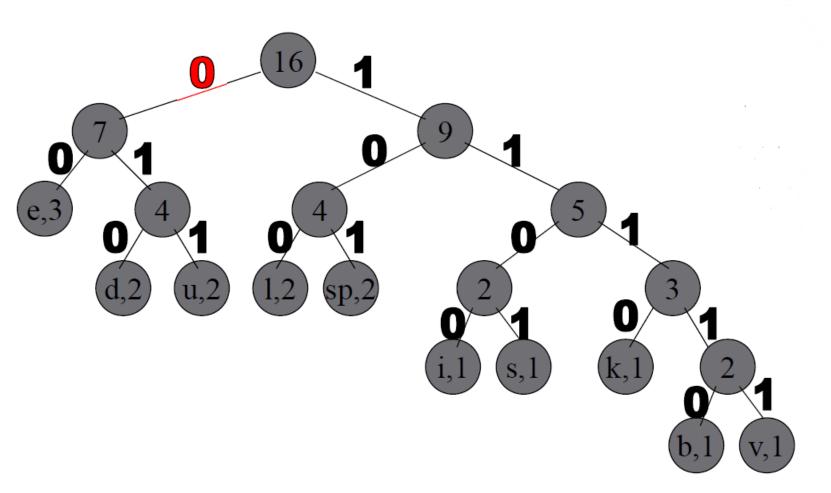
- These codes are then used to encode the string
- Thus, "duke blue devils" turns into:

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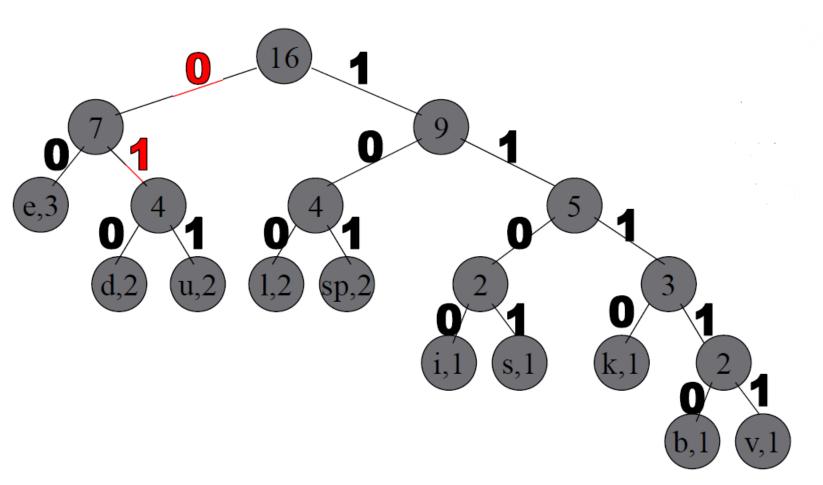
• When grouped into 8-bit bytes:

- Thus it takes 7 bytes of space compared to 16 characters \* 1 byte/char
  - = 16 bytes uncompressed

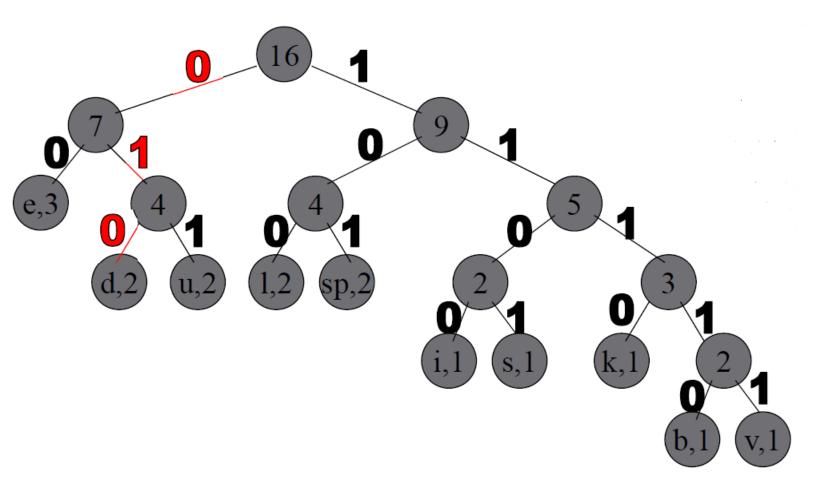
- Uncompressing works by reading in the file bit by bit
  - Start at the root of the tree
  - If a 0 is read, head left
  - If a 1 is read, head right
  - When a leaf is reached decode that character and start over again at the root of the tree
- Thus, we need to save Huffman table information as a header in the compressed file
  - Doesn't add a significant amount of size to the file for large files (which are the ones you want to compress anyway)
  - Or we could use a fixed universal set of codes/frequencies



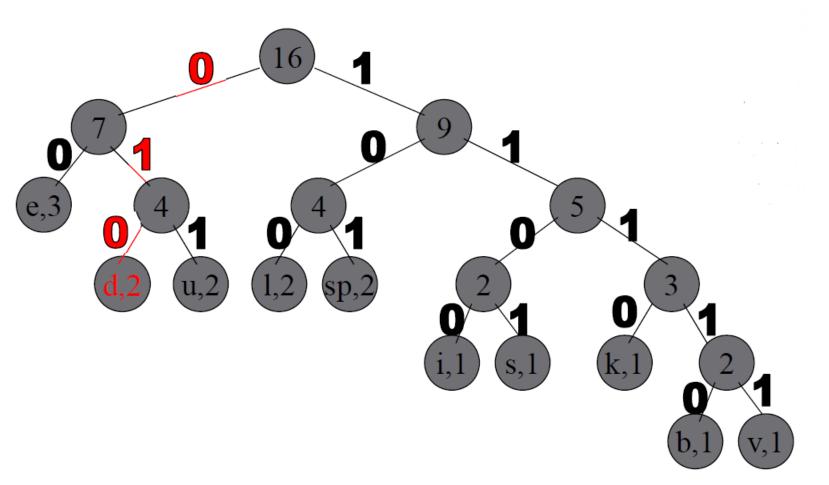
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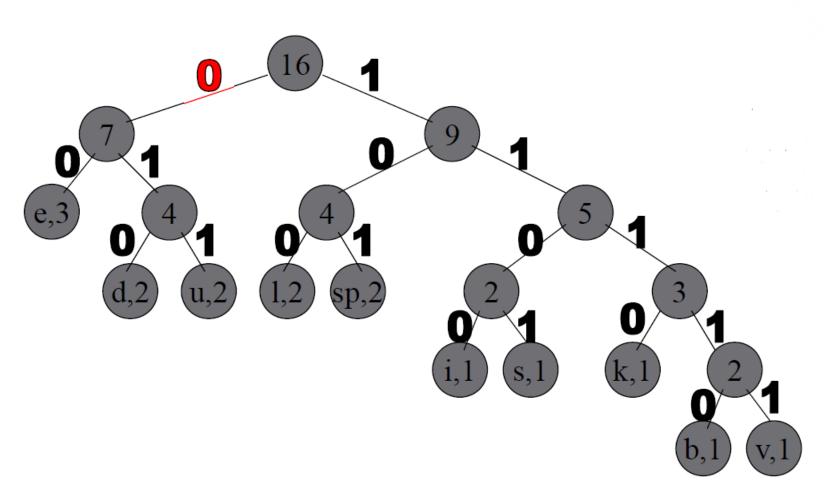
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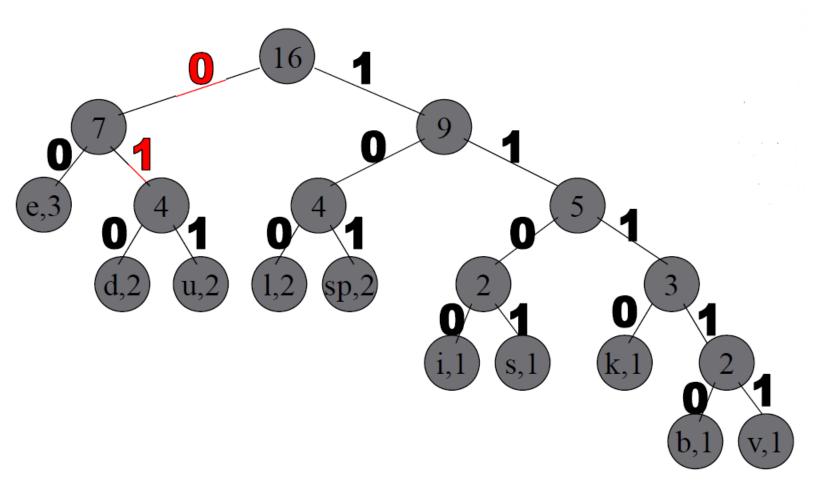
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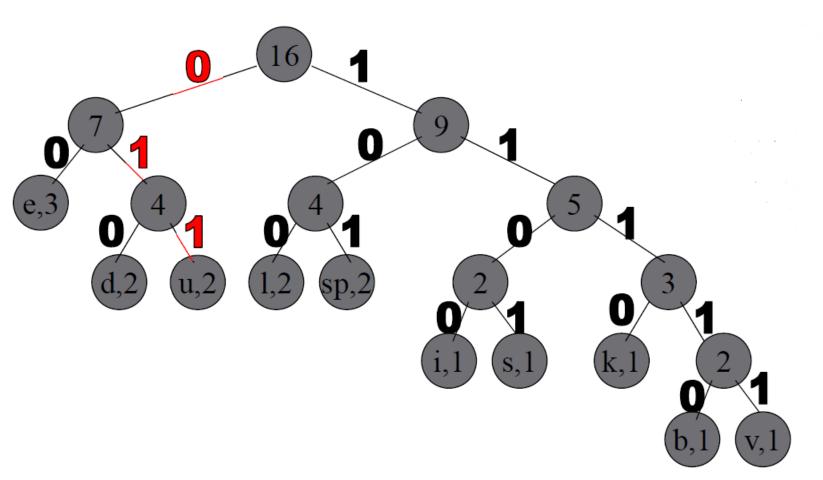
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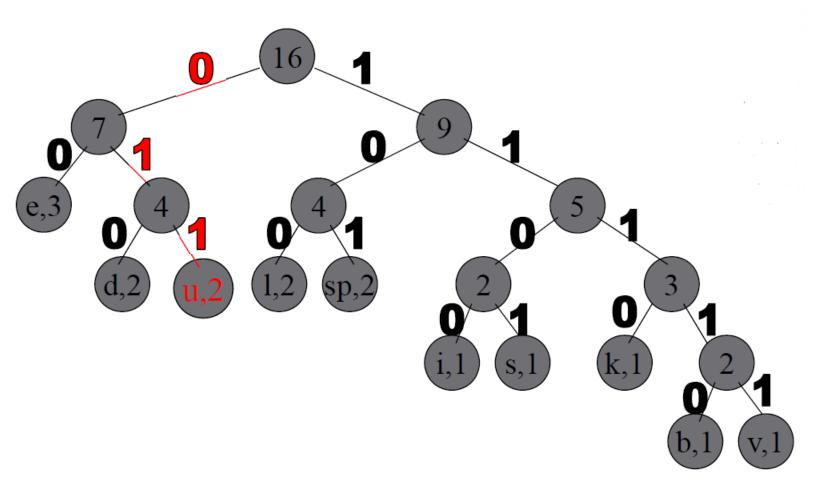
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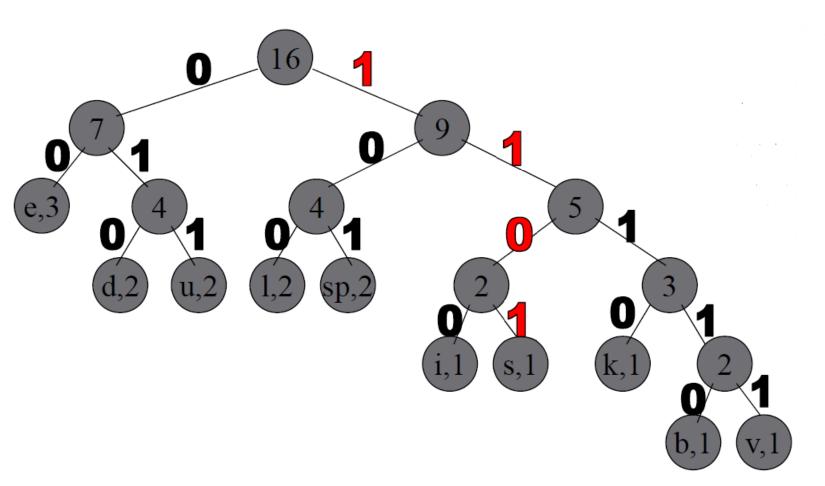
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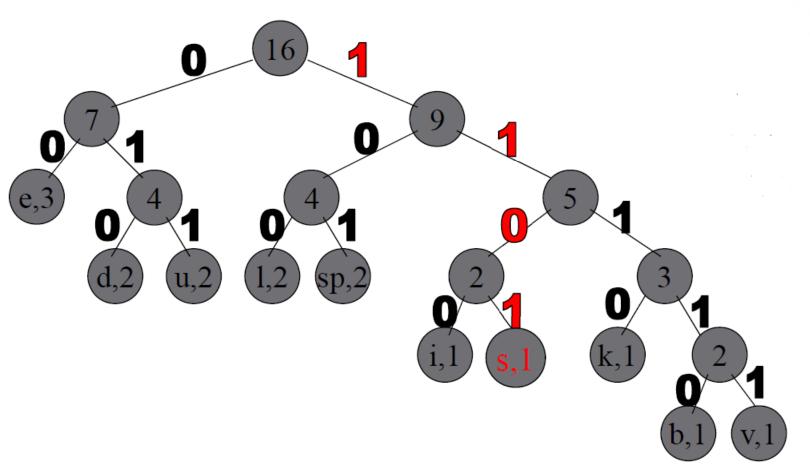


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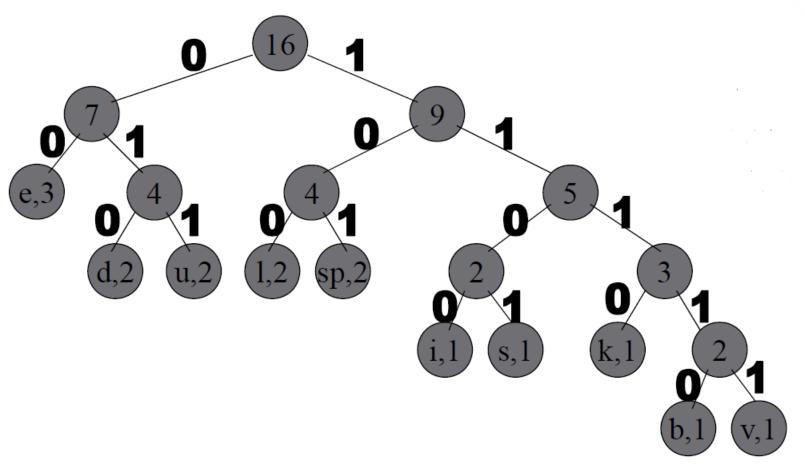
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d u k e b l u e d e v i l <u>1101</u>



e	00
d	010
u	011
1	100
sp	101
i	1100
S	1101
k	1110
b	11110
V	11111

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e	00
d	010
u	011
1	100
sp	101
i	1100
S	1101
k	1110
b	11110
V	11111

**0**10 011 1110 00 101 11110 100 011 00 101 010 00 11111 1100 100 1101



- Remove coding redundancy
- Used widely in CCITT group3, JBIG2, JPEG, and MPEG
- Create the optimal code for a set of symbols

Original source		Source reduction				
Symbol	Probability	1	2	3	4	
$a_2$	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	<b>→</b> 0.6	
$a_6$	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3 –	0.4	
$a_1$	0.1	0.1	<b>→</b> 0.2 ¬	→ 0.3 –		
$a_4$	0.1	0.1 –	0.1			
$a_3$	0.06	→ 0.1 –				
$a_5$	0.04				FIGII	

Huffman source reductions.

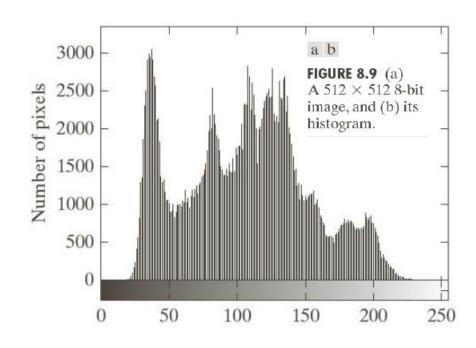
Original source			Source reduction							
Symbol	Probability	Code	1	L	2	2	3	3	4	4
$a_2$	0.4	1	0.4	1	0.4	1	0.4	1 _	-0.6	0
$a_6$	0.3	00	0.3	00	0.3	00	0.3	00 ◄	0.4	1
$a_1$	0.1	011	0.1	011	-0.2	010◀	-0.3	01 🕶		
$a_4$	0.1	0100	0.1	0100 ◄	0.1	011 ◄				
$a_3$	0.06	01010 ◀	0.1	0101 ◄						
$a_5$	0.04	01011 ◀								

FIGURE 8.8 Huffman code assignment procedure.

$$L_{\text{avg}} = (0.4)(1) + (0.3)(2) + (0.1)(3) +$$
  
 $(0.1)(4) + (0.06)(5) + (0.04)(5) = 2.2 \text{bits/pixel}$   
 $H = 2.14 \text{bits/pixel}$ 

- Block code: each source symbol is represented by a fixed code symbol
- Instantaneous: lookup table
- Uniquely decodable: extract symbols in a left-to-right manner



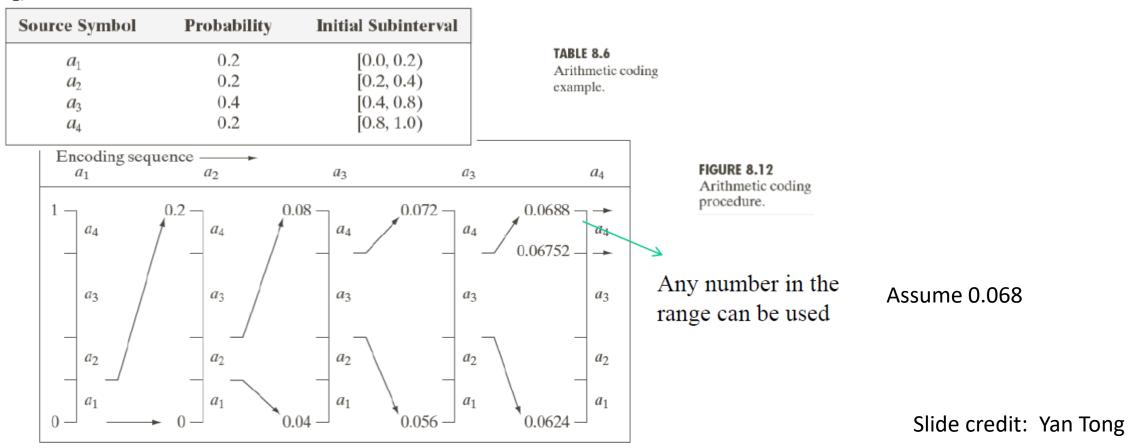




7.428 bits/pixel

In practice, a pre-computed Huffman coding table is used (e.g., JPEG and MPEG)

- Used in JBIG, JBIG2, JPEG2000, and MPEG4
- Non-block: the whole message is encoded into a single code word (real value in [0, 1])



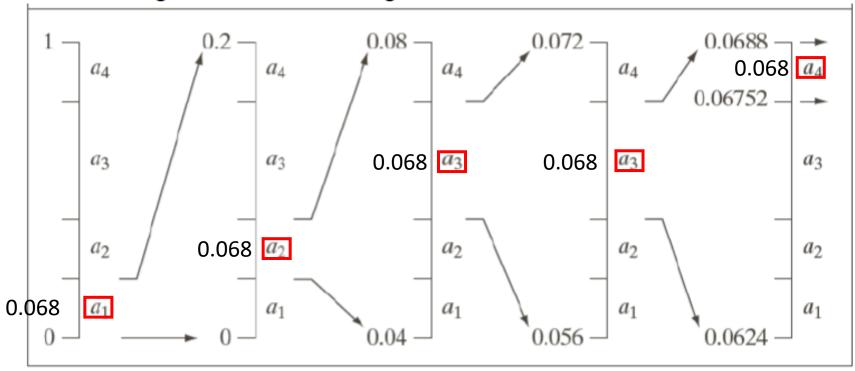
#### **Decoding**

- final value
- probabilities of the input symbols

#### Two decoding methods:

Straightforward decoding

Source Symbol	Probability	Initial Subinterval
$a_1$	0.2	[0.0, 0.2)
$a_2$	0.2	[0.2, 0.4)
$a_3$	0.4	[0.4, 0.8)
$a_4$	0.2	[0.8, 1.0)



#### **Decoding**

- final value
- probabilities of the input symbols

#### Two decoding methods:

- Straightforward decoding
- · An efficient method

Source Symbol	Probability	Initial Subinterval
$a_1$	0.2	[0.0, 0.2)
$a_2$	0.2	[0.2, 0.4)
$a_3$	0.4	[0.4, 0.8)
$a_4$	0.2	[0.8, 1.0)

Step0:  $v_t = v_0$ 

Repeat:

step1: find symbol  $S_t$  satisfying  $low(s_t) \le v_t \le up(s_t)$ 

step2:  $v_{t+1} = \frac{v_t - low(s_t)}{p(s_t)}$ 

Until:  $S_t$  is the end symbol

Require an end-of-message indicator

#### **Potential issues:**

- Decoding starts when all the message is received
- Sensitive to the noise during transmission
- Limited by the precision solved by scaling

#### Run Length Coding

- □ Run-length encoding is probably the simplest method of compression.
- ☐ It can be used to compress data made of any combination of symbols.
- ☐ It does not need to know the frequency of occurrence of symbols and can be very efficient if data is represented as 0s and 1s.
- ☐ The general idea behind this method is to replace consecutive repeating occurrences of a symbol by one occurrence of the symbol followed by the number of occurrences.
- ☐ The method can be even more efficient if the data uses only two symbols (for example 0 and 1) in its bit pattern and one symbol is more frequent than the other.

#### Run Length Coding: Example

- A scan line of a binary image is 00000 00000 00000
   00000 00010 00000 00000 01000 00000 00000
- Total of 50 bits
- However, strings of consecutive 0's or 1's can be represented
- More efficiently 0(23) 1(1) 0(12) 1(1) 0(13)
- If the counts can be represented using 5 bits, then we can reduce the amount of data to 5+5\*5=30 bits. A compression ratio of 40%

#### Run Length Coding: Example

