7.5 Dictionary-based Coding

- LZW uses fixed-length code words to represent variable-length strings of symbols/characters that commonly occur together, e.g., words in English text
 - LZW encoder and decoder build up the same dictionary dynamically while receiving the data
- LZW places longer and longer repeated entries into a dictionary, and then emits the code for an element, rather than the string itself, if the element has already been placed in the dictionary

LZW compression for string "ABABBABCABABBA"

The output codes are: 1 2 4 5 2 3 4 6 1. Instead of sending 14 characters, only 9 codes need to be sent (compression ratio = 14/9 = 1.56).

S	С	Output	Code	String
			1	Α
			2	В
			3	С
А	В	1	4	AB
В	А	2	5	BA
А	В			
AB	В	4	6	ABB
В	А			
BA	В	5	7	BAB
В	С	2	8	BC
С	А	3	9	CA
А	В			
AB	А	4	10	ABA
А	В			
AB	В			
ABB	А	6	11	ABBA
А	EOF	1		
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LZW decompression (1 2 4 5 2 3 4 6 1)

S	K	Entry/output	Code	String
			1	A
			2	В
			3	С
NIL	1	А		
А	2	В	4	AB
В	4	AB	5	BA
AB	5	BA	6	ABB
BA	2	В	7	BAB
В	3	С	8	BC
С	4	AB	9	CA
AB	6	ABB	10	ABA
ABB	1	А	11	ABBA
А	EOF			

ABABBABCABABBA

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LZW Coding (cont'd)

- In real applications, the code length *l* is kept in the range of [*l*₀, *l*_{max}]. The dictionary initially has a size of 2^{l0}. When it is filled up, the code length will be increased by 1; this is allowed to repeat until *l* = *l*_{max}
- When l_{max} is reached and the dictionary is filled up, it needs to be flushed (as in Unix compress, or to have the LRU (least recently used) entries removed

7.6 Arithmetic Coding

- Arithmetic coding is a more modern coding method that usually out-performs Huffman coding
- Huffman coding assigns each symbol a codeword which has an integral bit length. Arithmetic coding can treat the whole message as one unit
 - More details in the book

7.7 Lossless Image Compression

Due to spatial redundancy in normal images I, the difference image d will have a narrower histogram and hence a smaller entropy











			Lossless JPEG					
		 A special case of the JPEG image compression The Predictive method Forming a differential prediction: A predictor combines the values of up to three neighboring pixels as the predicted value for the current pixel 						
		С	В		Predictor	Prediction		
		A			P1	A		
					P2	В		
					P3	С		
					P4	A + B – C		
e					P5	A + (B – C) / 2		
FP		1			P6	B + (A – C) / 2		
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Performance: generally poor, 2-3

Compression Program	Compression Ratio			
	Lena	Football	F-18	Flowers
Lossless JPEG	1.45	1.54	2.29	1.26
Optimal Lossless JPEG	1.49	1.67	2.71	1.33
Compress (LZW)	0.86	1.24	2.21	0.87
Gzip (LZ77)	1.08	1.36	3.10	1.05
Gzip -9 (optimal LZ77)	1.08	1.36	3.13	1.05
Pack(Huffman coding)	1.02	1.12	1.19	1.00



Implementation details for VLC

Consider the code for HELLO: 10 110 0 0 111, how do you extract a bit? (decoding) union bitField { struct { Bit operators: & | unsigned int one:1; One = (0xb1 & 0x80)>>7; unsigned int two:1; unsigned int thr:1; unsigned int fou:1; unsigned int fiv:1; unsigned int six:1; unsigned int sev:1; unsigned int eig:1; } bit; unsigned char chr;

Chapter 8: Lossless compression

- Information is permanently lost in the compression process to achieve higher compression ratios
- Metrics: Mean square error, SNR, Peak SNR
- Primary loss mechanism: quantization to reduce the number of different levels in the input
- Three different forms of quantization
 - Uniform: midrise and midtread quantizers
 - Nonuniform: companded quantizer (u-law, A-law)
 - Vector Quantization

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
- Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

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

Graphical Illustration of 8 × 8 2D DCT basis



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Chapter 9: Image compression

- JPEG standard 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 ("spatial redundancy")
 - 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
 - spatial redundancy reduced by 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

JPEG encoder



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DCT on image blocks

- Image is divided into 8 × 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
- 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



Quantization

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

F(u, v) represents a DCT coefficient, Q(u, v) is a "quantization matrix" entry, and *F̂*(*u*,*v*) represents the quantized DCT coefficients which JPEG will use in the succeeding entropy coding

quantization step is the main source for loss in JPEG

- 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
- default Q(u, v) values obtained from psychophysical studies with the goal of maximizing the compression ratio while minimizing perceptual losses in JPEG images.

The Luminance Quantization Table

16 11 10 16 24 40 51 61 1212 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

The Chrominance Quantization Table

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200202189188189175175175200203198188189182178175203200200195200187185175200200200200197187187187200205200200195188187175200200200200200190187175205200199200191187187175210200200200188185187186

f(i, j)

515 65 -12 4 1 2 -8 5 -16 3 2 0 0 -11 -2 3 -12 6 11 -1 3 0 1 -2 -8 3 -4 2 -2 -3 -5 -2 0 -2 7 -5 4 0 -1 -4 0 -3 -1 0 4 1 -1 0 3 -2 -3 3 3 -1 -1 3 -2 5 -2 4 -2 2 -3 0 F(u, v)

6 -1 -1 -1-1 $\hat{F}(u, v)$

 $\widetilde{f}(i,j)$

512 66 -10 -12-14-14

$\widetilde{F}(u,v)$

-27 -3 -2 -1 -2 -3-1 -4 -1 -3-2 -5-2-5 -2-3-3-4 _1 5 -2 -2-1-1 -16 -2 -24 -6 -4-2-2

 $(i,j) = f(i,j) - \widetilde{f}(i,j)$

Run-length Coding on AC coefficients

To make it most likely to hit a long run of zeros: a zig-zag scan is used to turn the 8×8 matrix f(u,v) into a 64-vector



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DPCM on DC coefficients

- The DC coefficients are coded separately from the AC ones. Differential Pulse Code modulation (DPCM) is the coding method
- If the DC coefficients for the first 5 image blocks are 150, 155, 149, 152, 144, then the DPCM would produce 150, 5, -6, 3, -8, assuming d_i = DC_{i+1} – DC_i, and d₀ = DC₀
- AC components are Huffman coded

Four Commonly Used JPEG Modes

- Sequential Mode the default JPEG mode, each graylevel image or color image component is encoded in a single left-to-right, top-to-bottom scan
- Progressive Mode
- Hierarchical Mode
- Lossless Mode discussed in Chapter 7



Progressive Mode

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

- 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.

Progressive Mode (Cont'd)

- 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.