

# CSE 490 GZ Introduction to Data Compression Winter 2002

EBCOT  
JPEG 2000

## History

- Embedded Block Coding with Optimized Truncation (EBCOT)
  - Taubman – journal paper 2000
  - Algorithm goes back to 1998 or maybe earlier
  - Basis of JPEG 2000
- Embedded
  - Prefixes of the encoded bit stream are legal encodings at lower fidelity, like SPIHT and GTW
- Block coding
  - Entropy coding of blocks of bit planes, not block transform coding like JPEG.

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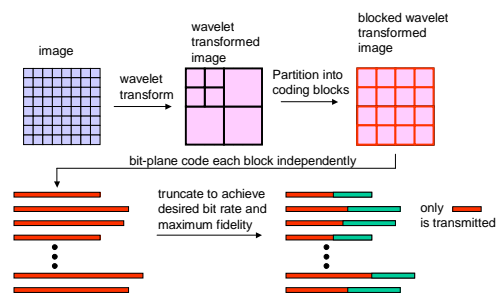
## Features at a High Level

- SNR scalability (Signal to Noise Ratio)
  - Embedded code - The compressed bit stream can be truncated to yield a smaller compressed image at lower fidelity
  - Layered code – The bit stream can be partitioned into a base layer and enhancement layers. Each enhancement layer improves the fidelity of the image
- Resolution scalability
  - The lowest subband can be transmitted first yielding a smaller image at high fidelity.
  - Successive subbands can be transmitted to yield larger and larger images

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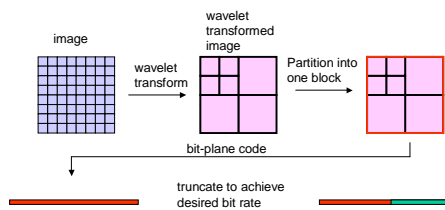
## Block Diagram of Encoder



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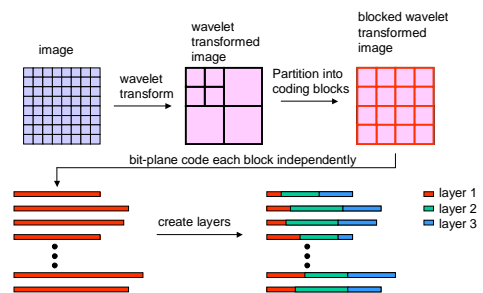
## Extreme Case is Normal



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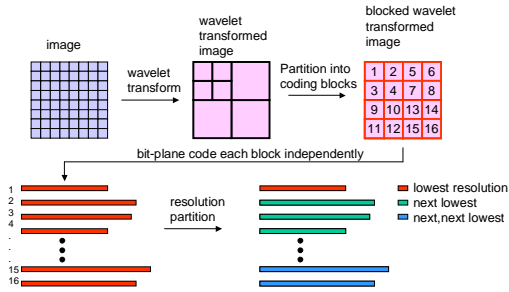
## Layering



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## Resolution Ordering



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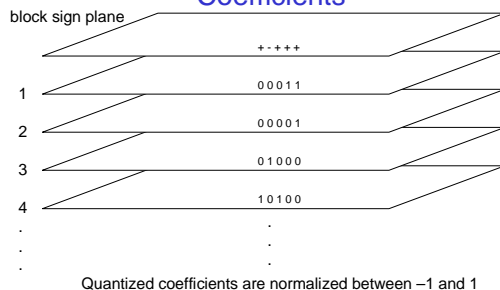
## Block Coding

- Assume we are in block  $k$ , and  $c(i,j)$  is a coefficient in block  $k$ .
- Divide  $c(i,j)$  into its sign  $s(i,j)$  and  $m(i,j)$  its magnitude.
- Quantize to  $v(i,j) = \lfloor m(i,j)/q_k \rfloor$  where  $q_k$  is the quantization step for block  $k$ .
- Example:  $c(i,j) = -10$ ,  $q_k = 3$ .
  - $s(i,j) = 0$
  - $v(i,j) = 3$

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## Bit Planes of Normalized Quantized Coefficients



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## Bit-Plane Coding of Blocks

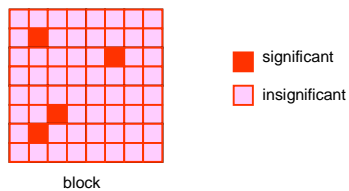
- Sub-block significance coding
  - Some sub-blocks are declared insignificant
  - Significant sub-blocks must be coded
- Contexts are defined based on the previous bit-plane significance.
  - Zero coding (ZC) – 8 contexts
  - Run length coding (RLC) – 1 context
  - Sign coding (SC) – 5 contexts
  - Magnitude refinement coding (MR) – 3 contexts
- Code block in raster order using arithmetic coding

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## Sub-Block Significance Coding

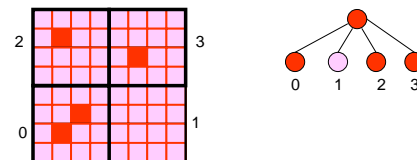
- Quad-tree organized group testing
- Block divided into 16x16 sub-blocks
- Identify in few bits the sub-blocks that are significant



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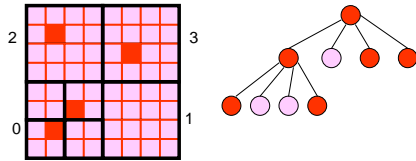
## Quad-Tree Subdivision



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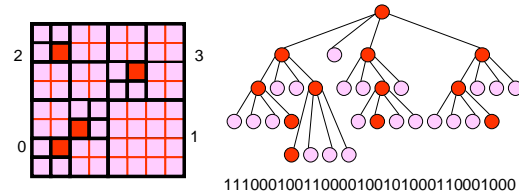
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## Quad-Tree Subdivision Coding

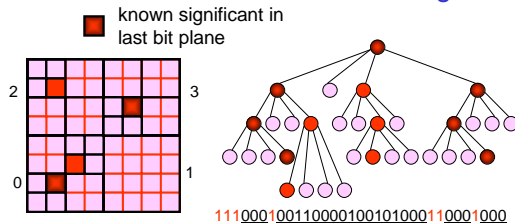


Depth-first code = 1 for significant  
0 for insignificant

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## Quad-Tree Subdivision Coding



Skip symbols that are already known:  
1. nodes significant in previous bit plane  
2. last child of significant parent of other children are insignificant

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## ZC – Zero Coding



- LH is transposed so that it can be treated the same as HL.  $(LH)^T$  has similar characteristics to HL.
- Each coefficient has its neighbors in the **same** subband



vertical neighbors  
horizontal neighbors  
diagonal neighbors

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## ZC Contexts

- $v$  = number of vertical neighbors significant in the previous bit-plane
- $h$  = number of horizontal neighbors significant in the previous bit-plane
- $d$  = number of diagonal neighbors significant in the previous bit-plane

label	HL	$(LH)^T$	LL	HH
0	h	v	d	h+v
1	0	0	1	0
2	0	0	>1	0
3	0	1	*	1
4	0	2	*	1
5	1	0	0	1
6	1	0	>0	2
7	1	>0	*	2
8	2	*	*	>2

$0 \leq h, v \leq 2$   
 $0 \leq d \leq 4$

higher labels mean more likely to be significant

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## Examples



h = 0  
v = 2  
d = 0

Context 4



h = 0  
v = 2  
d = 0

Context 2



h = 2  
v = 0  
d = 0

Context 8



h = 2  
v = 0  
d = 0

Context 2



h = 0  
v = 0  
d = 2

Context 2



h = 0  
v = 0  
d = 2

Context 6

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## RLC – Run Length Coding

- Looks for runs of 4 that are likely to be insignificant

?	?	?	?
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- If all insignificant then code as a single symbol
- Main purpose – to lighten the load on the arithmetic coder.

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## SC – Sign Coding

$$hs = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if horizontal neighbors are both insignificant or of opposite sign} \\ 1 & \text{if at least one horizontal neighbor is positive} \\ -1 & \text{if at least one horizontal neighbor is negative} \end{cases}$$

$$vs = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if vertical neighbors are both insignificant or of opposite sign} \\ 1 & \text{if at least one vertical neighbor is positive} \\ -1 & \text{if at least one vertical neighbor is negative} \end{cases}$$

	1	1	1	0	0	-1	-1
hs	1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0
vs	1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
sign prediction	4	3	2	1	0	1	2
label							

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## MR – Magnitude Refinement

- This is the refinement pass.
- Define  $t = 0$  if first refinement bit,  $t = 1$  otherwise.

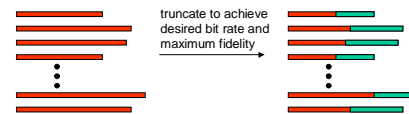
label	t	h + v
0	0	0
1	0	> 0
2	1	*

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## Bit Allocation

- How do we truncate the encoded blocks to achieve a desired bit rate and get maximum fidelity



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## Basic Set Up

- Encoded block  $k$  can be truncated to  $n_k$  bits.
- Total Bit Rate  $\sum_k n_k$

- Distortion attributable to block  $k$  is

$$D_k^{n_k} = w_k^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in B_k} (c^{n_k}(i,j) - c(i,j))^2$$

where  $w_k$  is the “weight” of the basis vectors for block  $k$  and  $c^{n_k}(i,j)$  is the recovered coefficients from  $n_k$  bits of block  $k$ .

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## Bit Allocation as an Optimization Problem

- Input: Given  $m$  embedded codes and a bit rate target  $R$
- Output: Find truncation values  $n_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , such that

$$D = \sum_k D_k^{n_k} \text{ is minimized and}$$

$$\sum_k n_k \leq R$$

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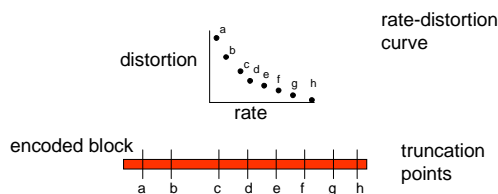
## Facts about Bit Allocation

- It is an NP-hard problem generally
- There are fast approximate algorithms that work well in practice
  - Lagrange multiplier method
  - Multiple choice knapsack method

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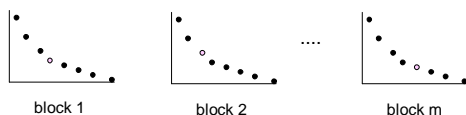
## Rate-Distortion Curve



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## Picture of Bit Allocation



Pick one point from each curve so that the sum of the x values is bounded by R and the sum of the y values is minimized.

Good approximate algorithms exist because the curves are almost convex.

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## Notes on EBCOT

- EBCOT is quite complicated with many features.
- JPEG 2000 based on EBCOT but differs to improve compression and decompression time.
- EBCOT has
  - resolution scalability
  - SNR scalability
  - quantization
  - bit allocation
  - arithmetic coding with context and adaptivity
  - group testing (quad trees)
  - sign and refinement bit contexts
  - lots of engineering

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## Notes on Wavelet Compression

- Wavelets appear to be excellent for image compression
  - No blocking artifacts
  - Wavelet coding techniques abound and are very effective
- Some of the wavelet coding techniques can apply to block transforms.
- Newest generation of image compressor use wavelets, JPEG 2000.

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