

# Video Compression

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## What is Compression?

• Compression is a process of converting data into a form requiring less space to store or less time to transmit, which permits the original data to be reconstructed with acceptable precision at a later time.

#### **Orange Juice Analogy!**

- Freshly squeezed orange juice (uncompressed)
- Remove water (redundancy), convert it to concentrate (encoding)
- Shipped, stored, and sold.
- Add water to concentrate (decoding), tastes like freshly squeezed!!!

#### Why is compression necessary?

- Storage space limitations
- Transmission bandwidth limitations.

#### Resolution

- QCIF: 180 x 144
- MPEG: 352 x 288
- VGA: 640 x 480
- NTSC 720x486
- Workstation 1280x1024
- HDTV: 1920 x 1080
- 35mm slide: 3072 x 2048

# Floppy Disk

- Floppy disk capacity = 1.44 MB
- A single 1280x1024x24 image= 3.9 MB
- A single 640x480x24=922kB
- Floppy disk holds only one VGA image!

#### CD-ROM

- Capacity=600 MB
- A 1280x1024x24 @30 fps=118MB/s
- CD-ROM would hold only about 5 sec of video!
- A 160x120x16 image @30 fps=1.15MB/sec
- CD-ROM now holds 8.7 minutes of video

## DVD-ROM

- Capacity 2.4 GB to 15.9 GB
- Single side/single layer→Double side/dual layers
- 4.4 to 25 times capacity of CD ROM
- 20 sec to 2 minutes of 1280x1024x24 @30 fps
- 3 hours of 160x120x16 image @30 fps



# Digital TV

- Networks started broadcasting limited DTV programs in Nov 98.
- All commercial stations are supposed to switch to DTV by 2002
- All stations are supposed to switch to DTV by 2003
- Govt wants broadcasters' NTSC channels returned by 2006 for auctioning!



# Digital TV

- CBS and NBC use 1080i (1920X1080), which is 995Mb/s at 30 fps
- ABC and Fox use 720p (1280X720), which is 424Mb/s at 30 fps
- 6 MHz channel assigned to each network can carry 19.4Mb/s
- Need 50:1 compression ratio!





- Some type of visual information is less important than others
- Goal is to throw away bits in psychovisually lossless manner
- We have been conditioned to accept imperfect reproduction
- Limitations of intended output devices





- No single algorithm can compress all possible data
- Random data cannot be compressed

#### Lossless Compression

- Needed when loss is unacceptable or highly undesirable
- Fixed compression ratio is hard to achieve
- Compression/decompression time varies with image

## Lossy Compression

- Used when loss is acceptable or inevitable
- Permits fixed compression ratios
- Better suited for fixed time decompression

#### **Compression Techniques**

- Subsampling
- Quantization
- Delta Coding
- Prediction
- Color space conversion
- Huffman coding
- Run-length encoding
- De-correlation
- Motion Compensation
- Model-based compression

## Other Techniques

- Fractals
- Wavelets
- Vector Quantization
- K-L Transform
- ...

# Compression using original source

- For best compression, get the original source material and try to *understand* its properties.
  - Email messages are far smaller than fax, voice mail or video mail.
  - A musical score is far more compact than a digitized recording

## Compression of Synthesized Image or Video

• For synthesized image or video clip it is far more efficient to transmit original source material and re-synthesized the image or clip at the receiver than to transmit the compressed image or video clip.

## How to Select Compression Scheme?

- High quality reproduction?
- Very high compression ratio?
- Fixed compression ratio?
- Real-time compression?
- Real-time decompression?
- Limited de-compression computer power?



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# JPEG Baseline Coding

- Divide image into blocks of size 8X8.
- Level shift all 64 pixels values in each block by subtracting 2<sup>n-1</sup>, (where 2<sup>n</sup> is the maximum number of gray levels).
- Compute 2D DCT of a block.
- Quantize DCT coefficients using quantization table.



- Zig-zag scan the quantized DCT coefficients to form 1-D sequence.
- Code 1-D sequence (AC and DC) using JPEG Huffman variable length codes.

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Example	(Decoding)
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- H.263
- MPEG-1
- MPEG-2
- MPEG-4
- MPEG-7 (Multimedia Content Description Interface)







## MPEG-1 & MPEG -2 Artifacts

• Blockiness

- poor motion estimation
- seen during dissolves and fades
- Mosquito Noises
  - edges of objects (high frequency DCT terms)
- Dirty Window
  - streaks or noise remain stationary while objects move



- Wavy Noise
  - seen during pans across crowds
  - coarsely quantized high frequency terms cause errors

#### Where MPEG-2 will fail?

- Motions which are not translation
  - zooms
  - rotations
  - non-rigid (smoke)
  - dissolves
- Others
  - shadows
  - scene cuts
  - changes in brightness

## Video Compression At Low Bitrate

- The quality of block-based coding video (MPEG-1 & MPEG-2) at low bitrate, e.g., 10 kbps is very poor.
  - Decompressed images suffer from blockiness artifacts
  - Block matching does not account for rotation, scaling and shear