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- Need approach that is simpler than vector quantization, but still efficient

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Structure of Transform Coding Systems



Effect of transform coding:

- Remove/reduce dependencies before scalar quantization
- Simple alternative to vector quantization
- Simple and most relevant case: Linear transforms

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Suitable for Quantization using Perceptual Criteria

- Speech & audio coding: Frequency bands might be used to simulate processing of human ear
- Image & video coding: Quantization in transform domain leads to subjective improvement
- → Removal of perceptually irrelevant signal components

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→ Interpretation: Vector of reconstructed samples s' is represented as a linear combination of column vectors {b_k} of the synthesis matrix B

$$\boldsymbol{s'} = u_0' \cdot \boldsymbol{b}_0 + u_1' \cdot \boldsymbol{b}_1 + u_2' \cdot \boldsymbol{b}_1 + \ldots + u_{N-1}' \cdot \boldsymbol{b}_{N-1}$$

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Example: Typical Basis Functions for 8×8 Image Blocks



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→ In Practice: Use linear transforms with $B = A^{-1}$

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Covariance matrix of transform coefficients (general case: complex values)

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- → Transform matrix A can be chosen in a way that (linear) statistical dependencies are reduced
- → Possible to increase efficiency of scalar quantization (if source contains linear statistical dependencies)

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→ Uneven distribution of transform coefficient variances: $\sigma_0^2 > \sigma_1^2$

→ Most signal energy is concentrated in first transform coefficient

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Example for Waveforms: Gauss-Markov with $\rho = 0.95$



Example for Images: 2x2 Block Transform (sorted Coefficients)





Example for Images: 4 x 4 Block Transform (sorted Coefficients)




Example for Images: 8x8 Block Transform (sorted Coefficients)





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• but rotated and aligned with the transform basis vectors



 \rightarrow On average: Value of second quantization index is reduced (for correlated sources)

→ Indicates improved coding efficiency for correlated sources (exploits memory advantage)

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High rate distortion-rate functions of component quantizers

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$$D_{1}(R) = \varepsilon^{2} \sigma_{s}^{2} (1-\varrho) 2^{-2R+\frac{1}{2}\log_{2}(\frac{1+\varrho}{1-\varrho})}$$

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• Transform coding gain for N = 2

$$G_{T} = \frac{\varepsilon^{2} \sigma_{5}^{2} 2^{-2R}}{\varepsilon^{2} \sigma_{5}^{2} \sqrt{1 - \varrho^{2}} 2^{-2R}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \varrho^{2}}}$$



Summary of Lecture

Transform Coding

- Linear unitary/orthogonal transform of block/vector of N consecutive samples
- Scalar quantization of resulting transform coefficients
- Inverse linear transform of reconstructed transform coefficients

Orthogonal Block Transforms

- Inverse transform matrix = Transpose of forward transform matrix
- → Coordinate axes remain orthogonal to each other (independent quantization)
- → MSE distortion: Same in transform domain and signal space

Bit Allocation

- Optimal bit allocation: Pareto condition (same slope for all $D_k(R_K)$)
- For high rates: Optimum bit allocation yields equal component distortions $D_k = D$

Summary of Lecture

High-Rate Approximations

Distortion-rate function of transform coding

$$D(R) = \tilde{\varepsilon}^2 \cdot \tilde{\sigma}^2 \cdot 2^{-2R}$$

Transform coding gain for Gaussian sources

$$G_{\mathcal{T}} = rac{ar{\sigma}^2}{ar{\sigma}^2} = rac{ ext{arithmetic mean of variances}}{ ext{geometric mean of variances}}$$

→ Goal of transform: Compaction of signal energy in few transform coefficients

Open Questions

- What is the optimal transform for a given sources?
- Practical aspects of transform coding

Exercise 1: Orthogonal Transforms of Size N = 2 (part I)

If we neglect possible reflections of coordinate axes, all orthogonal transforms for 2-d vectors can be specified by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

where α is an arbitrary rotation angle.

Consider a zero-mean Gaussian process with variance σ_{S}^{2} and the first-order correlation coefficient ϱ .

(a) Calculate the variances σ_0^2 and σ_1^2 of the resulting transform coefficients as function of ρ and α .

(b) Calculate the covariance σ_{01}^2 between the resulting transform coefficients as function of ρ and α .

(c) Consider an even rate distribution $R_0 = R_1 = R$ and determine the associated high-rate distortion-rate function. Does transform coding improve the coding efficiency relative to scalar quantization for this case?

Exercise 1: Orthogonal Transforms of Size N = 2 (part II)

- (d) Given is the overall rate $R = (R_0 + R_1)/2$. Determine the rate distribution (R_0, R_1) for which the overall distortion $D = (D_0 + D_1)/2$ is minimized (assume that the high rate approximation for scalar quantization of the transform coefficients is valid).
- (e) Determine the overall distortion-rate function for optimal rate allocation (and high rates).
- (f) Determine the high-rate transform coding gain, which is given by

$$G_{\mathcal{T}} = rac{D_{ ext{scalar quantization}}(R)}{D_{ ext{transform coding}}(R)}$$

(g) For what rotation angles is the high-rate transform coding gain maximized (or the distortion minimized)?

Does the optimal rotation angle depend on the correlation coefficient ϱ ?

Exercise 2: Implement a PSNR Tool for PPM Images

Implement a tool for measuring PSNRs between two PPM images

- Input to the tool shall be two images in PPM format (original and reconstructed)
- The tool should output the following four Peak-Signal-to-Noise Ratios (PSNR measures)
 - ➡ PSNR of red component, PSNR of green component, PSNR of blue component
 - → Average of the red, green, and blue PSNR

Test the tool by

- Coding one of our test images with JPEG (e.g., using "convert test.ppm test.jpg")
- Reconstructing the JPEG-coded image into the ppm format (e.g., using "convert test.jpg rec.ppm")
- Measuring the PSNRs between the original and reconstructed image using the implemented tool

The PSNR for a color component c[x, y] and its reconstruction c'[x, y] is defined as follows

$$\mathsf{PSNR} = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{255^2}{\mathsf{MSE}} \right) \qquad \text{with} \qquad \mathsf{MSE} = \frac{1}{\mathsf{width} \cdot \mathsf{height}} \; \sum_{x,y} \left(c'[x,y] - c[x,y] \right)^2$$