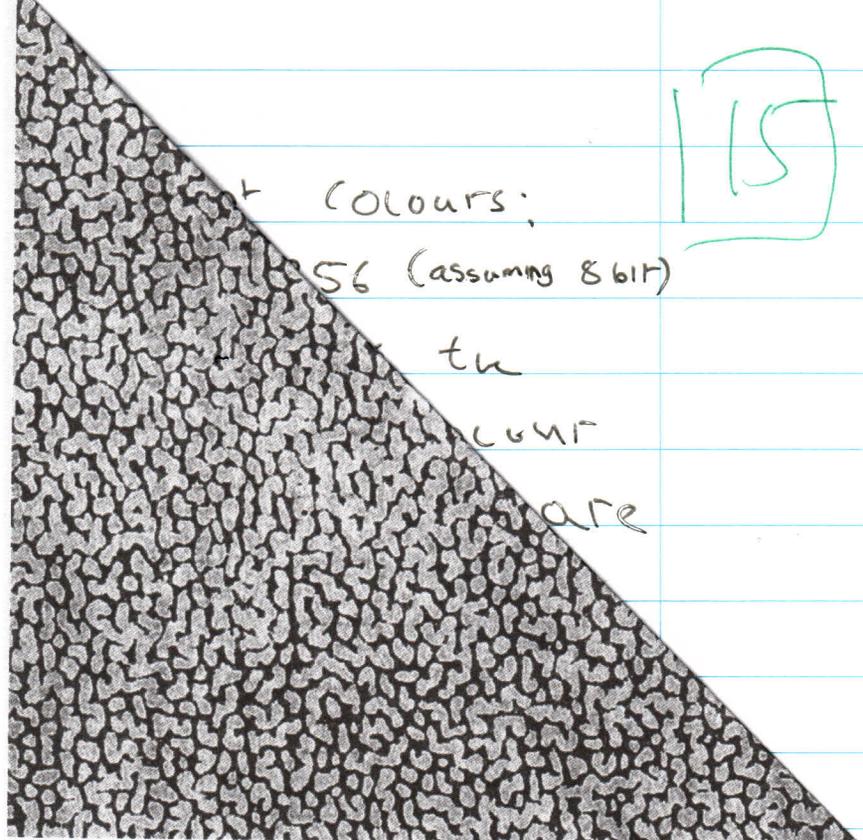


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Q1

A Calculate the  $N$  most frequent colours;

This is done by finding the 256 (assuming 8 bit)

most popular colours by counting the number of occurrences of each colour

Once the 256 most popular colours are

found the image is converted to use that colour set. A colour

that is one of the 256 in the

original image is that colour

in the output image. otherwise

we must find the closest colour

using the euclidian distance

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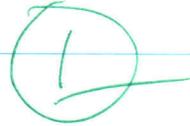
Q1A  
(ii)

It would NOT be effective in a number of scenarios where the image has more than 256 colours and the colours are distinct. Example a line art image most of the image is varying shades of Red and Blue. There is a little green. The green may get completely omitted if all the other colours are more popular than it.

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Q1

iii) A way of improving ... take  
the top colours out of each colour  
space. Example 256 - colours  
Allocate for example 64 colours  
to blue. 96 colours to Red and  
green. This way we are guaranteed  
that colours come from each zone  
of the colour space. The distribution  
is uneven as the eye is less sensitive  
to blue.



Q1  
BC1)

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RGB



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Colour space reduction



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YcbCr



CHROMA sub SAMPLING



④

DCT OF 16x16 blocks



⑤

Quantisation



⑥.1 AC

⑥.2 DC



⑦ Zig Zag

⑧.1 DIFFERENCE ENCODING

WITH OTHER DC OF



Other blocks

⑧ Run length encoding



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Image

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Qb

① All of the previous are lossless except

### Colour Space Reduction

It is typically lossless if there are less colours than the space we are reducing to. It is lossy otherwise as some of the colours will be lost.

### Chroma Sub Sampling

It is lossless when the ratio is 4:4:4. Otherwise we lose some of the chrominance values for red and blue.

### Quantisation

It is lossy as coefficients are essentially "rounded off" without the full value of the original coefficients. We can't take a full inverse DCT and the same wave will not appear back.

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Q1 MY.html

C ① <body> <div id="mask-me"><<div> </body>

MY.CSS

#mask-me {

mask-image my.png alpha

}

②

MY.Png

A PNG image with an ~~alpha~~  
channel

⑤ This masks the image onto the contents  
of the div in the body tag using  
alpha masking. The alpha values are  
got from the PNG

Q1

C11 - MY. HTML

```
<Canvas id = "1" ></Canvas>
```

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<Canvas id = "2" ></Canvas>
```

(MY. JS

```
loadImage ('1', MY.PNG);
```

```
loadImage ('2', MY-OTHER.PNG);
```

```
getDocById(1).setGlobalCompositeOperation(
```

```
// One of the composite OPS
```

```
// such as destination-in etc
```

```
)
```

```
getDocById(1).setImageData (
```

```
getDocById(2).get imageData
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);
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What this does is creates 2 canvas elements. loads 2 PNGs into them

using the canvas 1 canvas 2 is

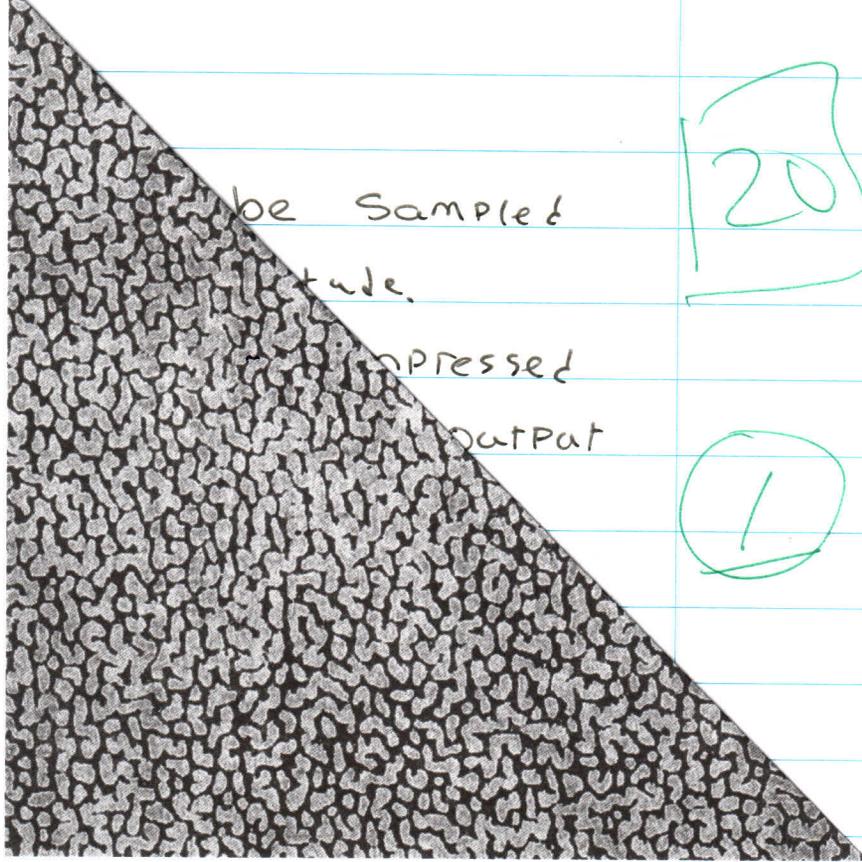
copied onto it using one of the composite operations

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Q2

A The Audio must First be Sampled  
at both time and magnitude.

Once sampled It can be Compressed  
and converted into one of the Output  
Formats,

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Q1

C After applying DCT we end up with

(1) a number of coefficients. These coefficients can be quantised and the coefficients that add little to the data be reduced to 0 then Run length and entropy encoding can be used on these coefficients as a lossless compression method

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Q1 (ii)

This approach is limited as it does not take into account the application of the sound we are compressing. For example we could reduce the input sounds to a narrower range by removing sounds outside the human range of hearing when compressing voice for speech. It also does not take into account other aspects of psychoacoustics such as loud sounds masking quieter ones.

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Q1

## D Motion Estimation

The motion of 1 MB from 1 frame to another need be estimated.

There are many options available here such as what is the range of our search space, what is the shape of our search space. When can we declare 2 macro blocks as a good enough match. These all need to be decided upon.

## Coding block preparation

Now that we've found the correct MB match what do we need to do to it before its an exact match. ie what pixels do we need to change. This is dependent on 2 thresholds. 1) If the Mean Squared Error is below a certain threshold we declare it as an exact match and make no changes, just send the Motion Vector. Another is if it is below a different threshold we determine the difference in the pixels and send that too.

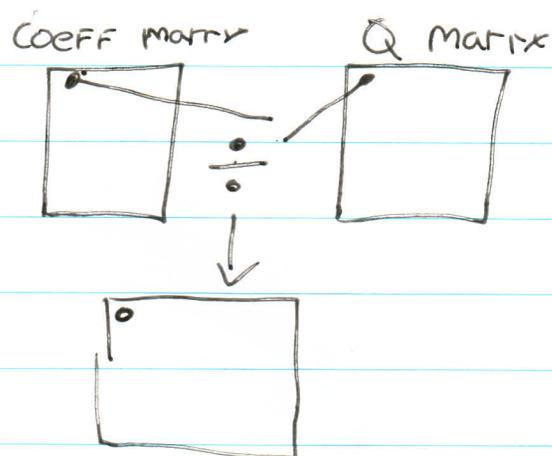
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# Discrete Cosine Transform

After applying the DCT we get a DC coefficient and a number of AC coefficients. There are no real options here

## Quantisation

Using the AC coefficients generated in the DCT step we quantise them using a quantisation matrix. This quantisation matrix describes for each coefficient in an  $8 \times 8$  image block how to quantise that coefficient. The quantisation process aims to reduce the entropy of the coefficients such that it is better suited to entropy encoding.



Entropy encoding is a lossless compression of the coefficients as they have been mapped into a less random range we can use something like Huffman encoding to encode the coefficients. We can use a predefined Huffman table or generate our own

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Q(1) I B B P B B P B B P B B P B P  
 ↓ ↙ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↙ ↘  
 I P B B P B B P B B P B B P B (2)

The anchor picture (P) must be encoded before the B pictures that rely on it

QE

(11)  $352 \times 288 = 101376$  pixels per frame  
 $16 \times 16 = 256$  pixels per MB  
 $101376 \div 256 = 396$  MB per frame

each MB has at most 1 MV if it is predicted. 0 if not  
 $\therefore 396$  Motion Vectors

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Qe  
(iii)

It is likely as not all blocks can be predicted. If a block cannot be predicted well it will not have a motion vector

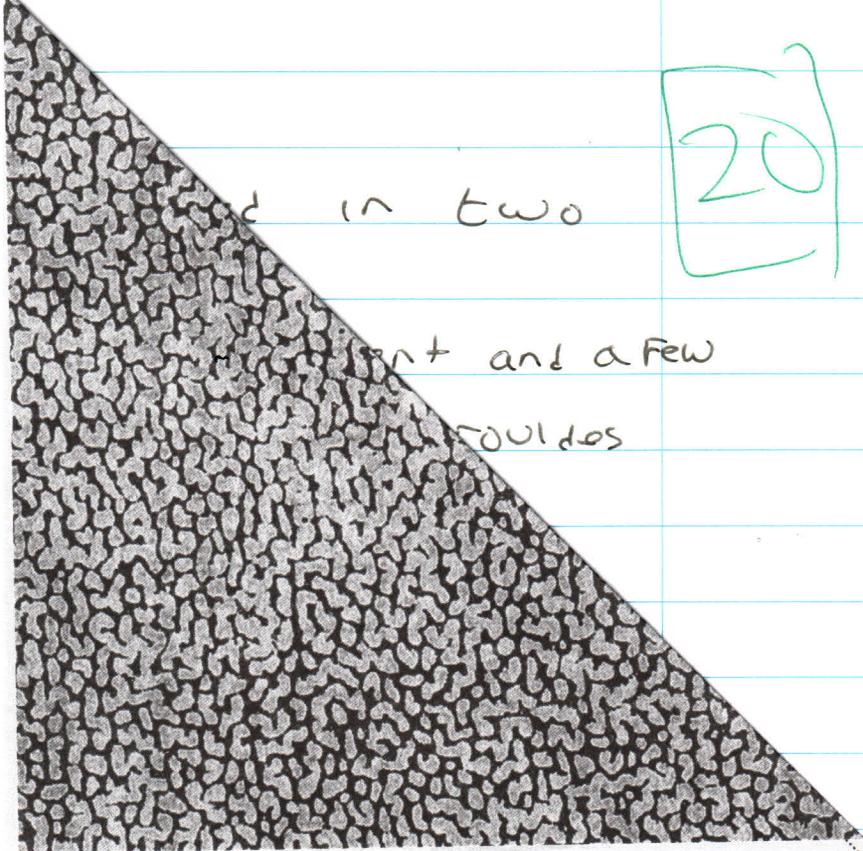
A block cannot be predicted well if the cost of encoding the MV and the corrections exceed (in bits) the cost of encoding that MB

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A It can be implemented in two ways.

OPTION 1 Send DC coefficient and a few AC coefficients. each enhancement provides more AC coefficients

OPTION 2 Send DC coefficient and start sending the MSB of all the AC coefficients and then the next most significant bit until all bits transferred

After each Refinement layer the image can be re-rendered

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Q3  
b

IF it is highly compressed 1 bit error in some of the image data can effect a large section of a frame.

Compressed video streams have to maintain SYNCHRONISATION between audio and video. IF the data controlling that is damaged the stream goes out OF SYNC

No redundancy in compressed image data as this was removed as part of a good compression algorithm.

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ran out of time!

Q3

C Audio

- high compressed stream at  
start of next frame

Interleaved storage of data

Video

Interpolation of missing blocks  
by scattering adjacent blocks  
throughout stream. Burst  
errors less likely to affect  
neighbouring blocks

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Q3

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Mobile devices with limited processing power and slow / varying connections caused a need for MPEG Dash  
Varying meaning connection speed can change during stream

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QD

- (11) An MPEG Dash S- ...  
An Intermediary CDN (Optional)  
An Client implementing DASH standards

Dash server publishes an MPD  
and makes streams of varying  
bitrate available

Dash client (using HTTP) reads  
the MPD and chooses the correct  
stream. Then uses ~~Partial~~ HTTP  
get requests, requests the correct  
stream for its bandwidth / processing  
power

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QD  
(iii)

It needs to keep its buffer full. At the same time it also needs to choose the best streamer it can handle bandwidth wise what it can do as it fetches each segment is count how long it took to fetch that segment. Using that and the size of the segment it can decide whether or not to start fetching a segment of better quality?

IF  $\frac{\text{Seg size}}{\text{SFT}} > 1 + \text{threshold}$  move to next segment

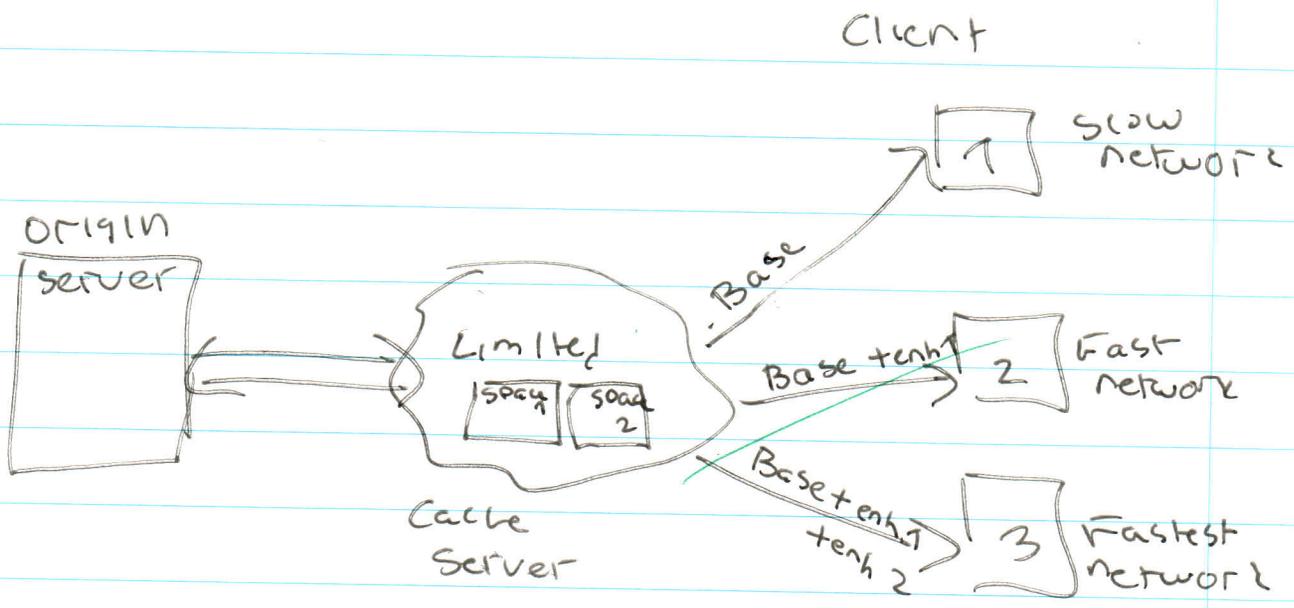
IF  $< \text{threshold}$  switch down to a lower quality segment

This does not take into account the fact that we may want to switch down to a lower quality segment before entire download of 1 segment (might want this if network slowed down dramatically)

It also does not do much to prevent constant switch up/down which harms perceived quality

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Potential advantage is that it increases cache efficiency. In the above example the cache server may only store 2 files.

It will store the Base + enhancement 1 as they are most requested.

Everyone but Client 3 will have 100% cache hit.

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