

Encoding and Decoding

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Review: Terminology

Rosen p. 407-413

A **permutation** of r elements from a set of n *distinct* objects is an **ordered** arrangement of them. There are

$$P(n,r) = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)$$

many of these.

A **combination** of r elements from a set of n distinct objects is an **unordered** selection of them. There are

$$C(n,r) = n! / (r! (n-r) !)$$

many of these.

Binomial coefficient
"n choose r"

$$\binom{n}{r}$$

Fixed-density Binary Strings

Rosen p. 413

How many length n binary strings contain k ones?

Density is number of ones

Objects: all strings made up of $0_1, 0_2, 1_1, 1_2, 1_3, 1_4$ $n!$

Categories: strings that agree except subscripts

Size of each category: $k!(n-k)!$

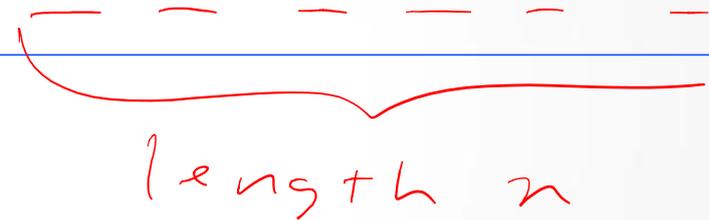
$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ categories} &= (\# \text{ objects}) / (\text{size of each category}) \\ &= n! / (k! (n-k)!) = \mathbf{C(n,k)} = \binom{n}{k} \end{aligned}$$

Encoding Fixed-density Binary Strings

Rosen p. 413

What's the **smallest** number of **bits** that we need to specify a binary string if we know it **has k ones and n-k zeros**?

- A. n
- B. k
- C. $\log_2(C(n,k))$
- D. ??



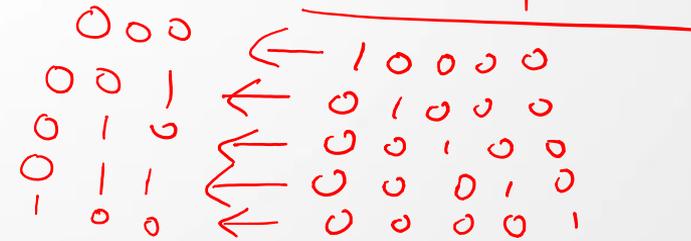
Counting: X objects

Storage:

$$\lceil \log_2(X) \rceil$$

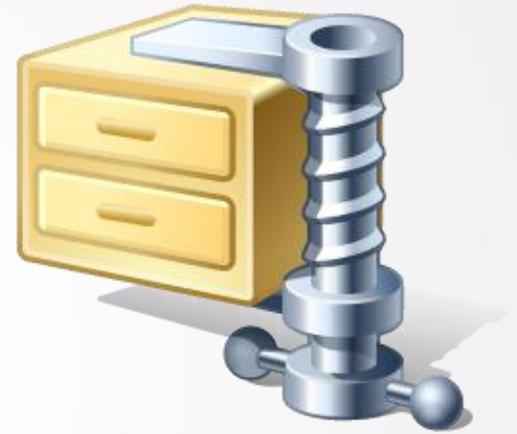
$$\frac{rx}{n}$$

$n = 5$
 $k = 1$



Data Compression

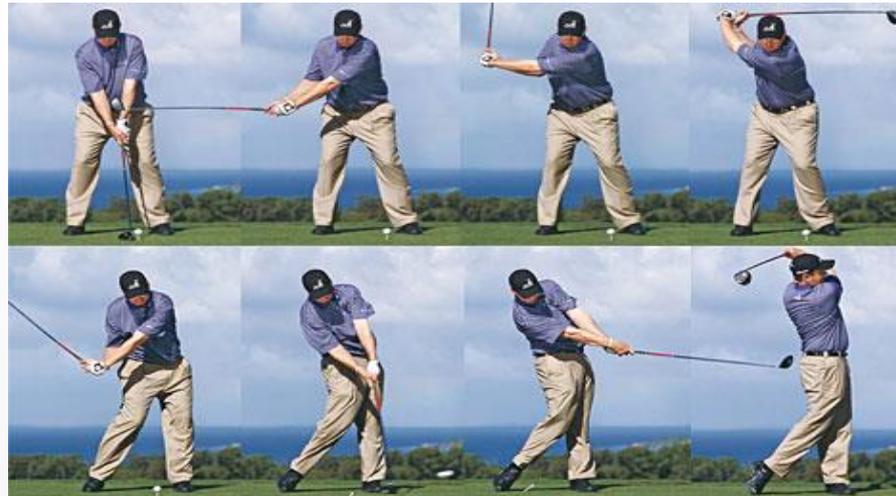
Store / transmit information in as little space as possible



Data Compression: Video

Video: stored as sequence of still frames.

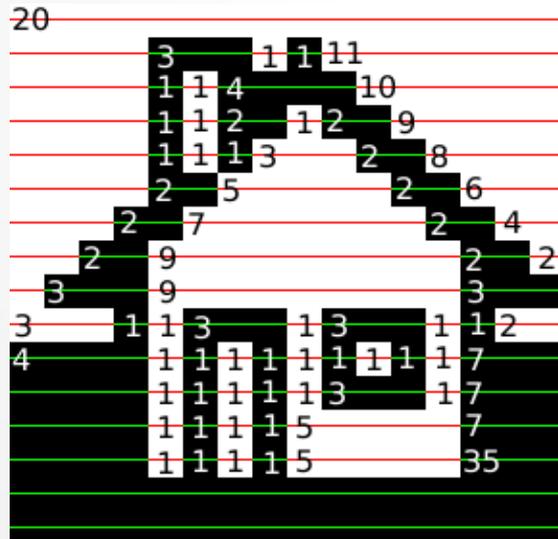
Idea: instead of storing each frame fully, record **change** from previous frame.



Data Compression: Run-Length Encoding

Image: described as grid of pixels, each with **RED**, **GREEN**, **BLUE** values.

Idea: instead of storing **RGB** value of each pixel, store **run-length** of run of same color.



*When is this a good coding mechanism?
Will there be any loss in this compression?*

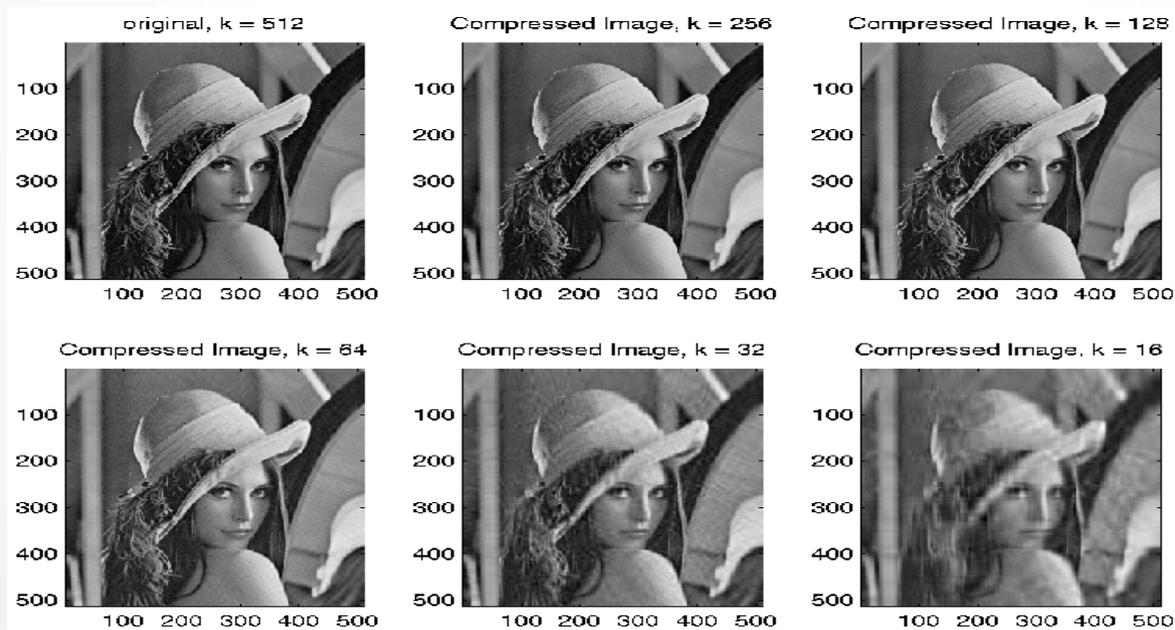
*lossless - don't lose
any information*

Lossy Compression: Singular Value Decomposition

lose some info

Image: described as grid of pixels, each with **RED**, **GREEN**, **BLUE** values.

Idea: use Linear Algebra to compress data to a fraction of its size, with minimal loss.



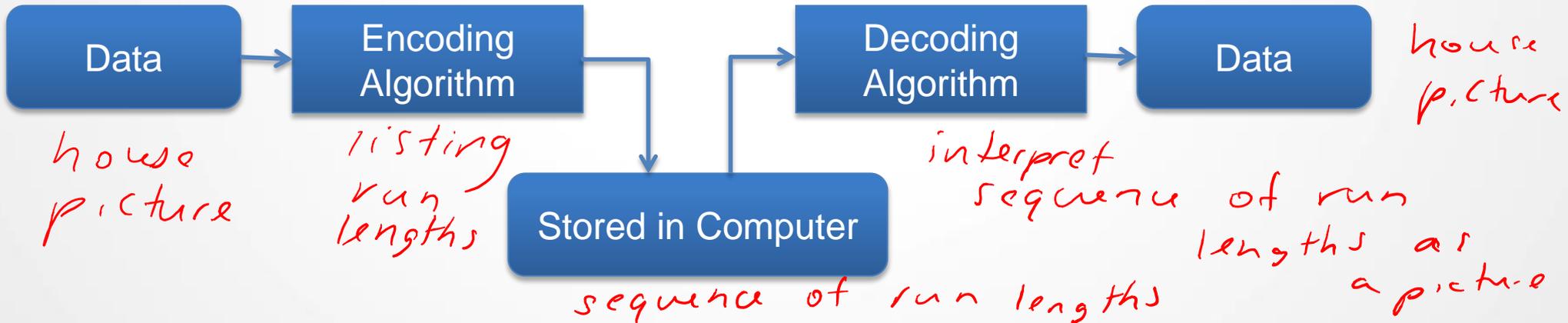
*Singular
value
decomposition*

Data Compression: Trade-off

Complicated compression scheme

... save storage space

... may take a long time to encode / decode



Encoding: Binary Palindromes

Palindrome: string that reads the same forward and backward.

Which of these are binary palindromes?

A. The empty string.

~~B. 0101.~~

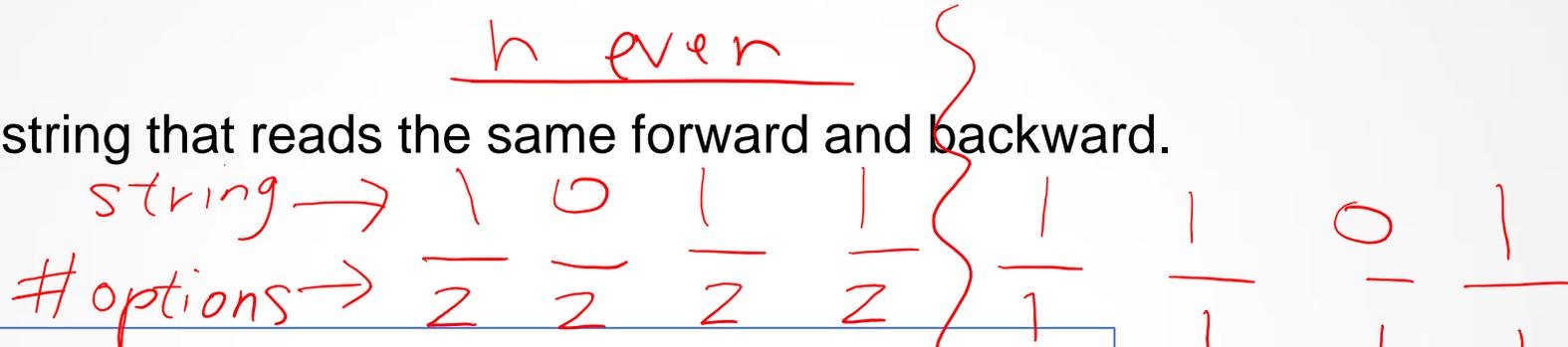
C. 0110.

D. 101.

E. All but one of the above.

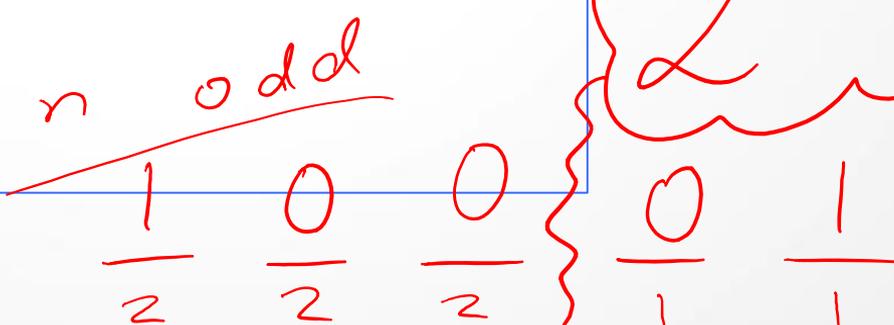
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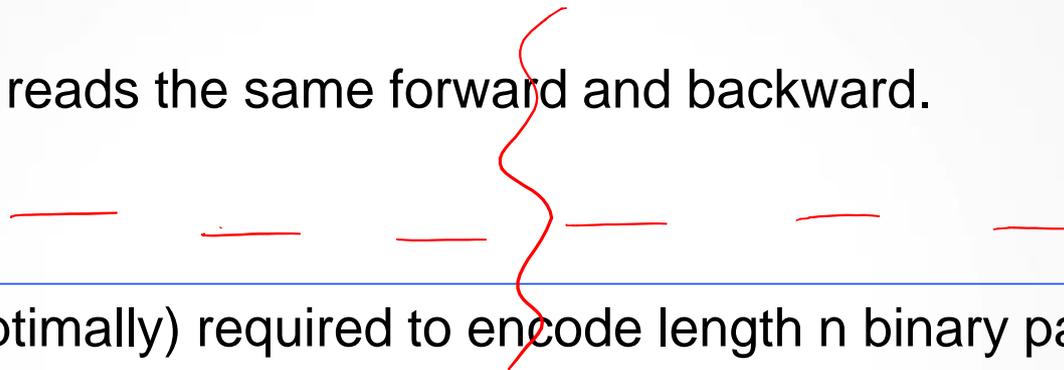
How many length n binary palindromes are there?

- A. 2^n \leftarrow too many (all strings)
- B. n
- C. $n/2$
- D. $\log_2 n$
- E. None of the above



Encoding: Binary Palindromes

Palindrome: string that reads the same forward and backward.



How many bits are (optimally) required to encode length n binary palindromes?

- A. n
- B. $n-1$
- C. $\lceil n/2 \rceil$
- D. $\log_2 n$
- E. None of the above.

yes, just

counting vs. storage

$$2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \Rightarrow \left\lceil \log_2 \left(2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \right) \right\rceil = \lceil n/2 \rceil$$

Is there an algorithm that achieves this?

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

Goal: encode a length n binary string that we know has k ones (and $n-k$ zeros).

How would you represent such a string with $n-1$ bits?

pos of 1's

ex.) $n=6$ $k=4$

0	1	1	0	1
0	1	2	3	4

(count the 1's)

$\frac{1}{5} \leftarrow$ must be a 1

given n, k

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How do we encode $s = \underline{011000000010}$?

0 1 2 3

Output:

There's a 1! What's its position?

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = \underline{011000000010}$?

There's a 1! What's its position?

Output: 01

*2-bits
for position (since window
size = 4)*

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01\underline{10000000}10$?

0 1 2 3

Output: 01

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01\underline{10000000}10$?

Output: 0100

There's a 1! What's its position?

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011\underline{0000}0010$?

Output: 0100

No 1s in this window.

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How do we encode $s = 011\underline{0000}0010$?

Output: 01000

No 1s in this window.

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 01000

There's a 1! What's its position?

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 01000**11**

There's a 1! What's its position?

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01100000001\underline{0}$?

Output: 0100011

No 1s in this window.

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01100000001\underline{0}$?

Output: 01000110.

No 1s in this window.

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: **01000110**.

Compressed to 8 bits!

But can we recover the original string? Decoding ...

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

With $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$. Output: 01000110

Can be parsed as the (intended) input: $s = 011000000010$?

But also:

01: one in position 1

0: no ones

00: one in position 0

11: one in position 3

0: no ones

$s' =$ 010000100010

Problem: two different inputs with same output. Can't uniquely decode.

Compression Algorithm

A **valid compression algorithm** must:

- Have outputs of shorter (or same) length as input.
- Be uniquely decodable.

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

Can we modify this algorithm to get unique decodability?

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = \underline{0110}00000010$?

Output:

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = \underline{011000000010}$?

Output:

What output corresponds to these first few bits?

- A. 0 C. 01 E. None of the above.
B. 1 D. 101

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = \underline{011000000010}$?

Output: **101**

Interpret next bits as position of 1; this position is 01

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01\underline{1000}000010$?

Output: 101

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01\underline{1000}000010$?

Output: 101**100**

Interpret next bits as position of 1; this position is 00

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Output: 101100

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011\underline{000}00010$?

Output: 101100**0**

No 1s in this window.

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 1011000

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 1011000 **111**

Interpret next bits as position of 1; this position is 11

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 1011000111

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 01100000001\underline{0}$?

Output: 1011000111**0**

No 1s in this window.

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

Idea: use **marker bit** to indicate when to interpret output as a position.

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Example $n=12, k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$. *known*

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: ~~10110001110~~

don't need

Compare to previous output: **01000110**

Output uses more bits than last time. Any redundancies?

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

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Example $n=12$, $k=3$, window size $n/k = 4$.

How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0

Output: 1011000111~~0~~

decode ↗

Compare to previous output: **01000110**

* After see the last 1, don't need to add 0s to indicate empty windows. *

Encoding: Fixed Density Strings

```
procedure WindowEncode (input:  $b_1b_2\dots b_n$ , with exactly  $k$  ones and  $n-k$  zeros)

1.  $w := \text{floor}(n/k)$ 
2.  $\text{count} := 0$ 
3.  $\text{location} := 1$ 
4. While  $\text{count} < k$ :
5.   If there is a 1 in the window starting at current location
6.     Output 1 as a marker, then output position of first 1 in window.
7.     Increment count.
8.     Update location to immediately after first 1 in this window.
9.   Else
10.    Output 0.
11.    Update location to next index after current window.
```

Uniquely decodable?

Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

```
procedure WindowDecode (input:  $x_1x_2\dots x_m$ , target is exactly  $k$  ones and  $n-k$  zeros)
  1.  $w := \text{floor} ( n/k )$ 
  2.  $b := \text{floor} ( \log_2(w) )$ 
  3.  $s := \text{empty string}$ 
  4.  $i := 0$ 
  5. While  $i < m$ 
  6.     If  $x_i = 0$ 
  7.          $s += 0\dots 0$  ( $j$  times)
  8.          $i += 1$ 
  9.     Else
 10.          $p := \text{decimal value of the bits } x_{i+1}\dots x_{i+b}$ 
 11.          $s += 0\dots 0$  ( $p$  times)
 12.          $s += 1$ 
 13.          $i := i+b+1$ 
 14. If  $\text{length}(s) < n$ 
 15.      $s += 0\dots 0$  ( $n-\text{length}(s)$  times )
 16. Output  $s$ .
```

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Correctness?

$E(s)$ = result of encoding string s of length n with k 1s, using `WindowEncode`.

$D(t)$ = result of decoding string t to create a string of length n with k 1s, using `WindowDecode`.

Well-defined functions?

Inverses?

Goal: For each s , $D(E(s)) = s$.

Strong Induction!

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

length n , k ones
window size = n/k

Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s.

How long is $E(s)$?

← output, encoded string

- A. $n-1$
- B. $\log_2(n/k)$
- C. Depends on where 1s are located in s

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s.

For which strings is $E(s)$ shortest?

- A. More 1s toward the beginning.
- B. More 1s toward the end.
- C. 1s spread evenly throughout.

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s.

Best case : 1s toward the beginning of the string. $E(s)$ has

- One bit for each 1 in s to indicate that next bits denote positions in window.
- $\log_2(n/k)$ bits for each 1 in s to specify position of that 1 in a window.
- k such ones.
- No bits representing 0s because all 0s are "caught" in windows with 1s or after the last 1.

$$\text{Total } |E(s)| = k \log_2(n/k) + k$$

position bits (under $k \log_2(n/k)$)
marker bits (under $+ k$)

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

Hint: How many windows are there in terms of n and k ?



Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s.

there are k windows

Worst case : 1s toward the end of the string. $E(s)$ has

- Some bits representing 0s since there are no 1s in first several windows.
- One bit for each 1 in s to indicate that next bits denote positions in window.
- $\log_2(n/k)$ bits for each 1 in s to specify position of that 1 in a window.
- k such ones.

length $n = 12$
 k ones = 3
 $n/k = \text{window size} = 4$

What's an upper bound on the number of these bits?

- A. n
- B. $n-k$
- C. k
- D. 1
- E. None of the above.

actually $k-1$

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s.

Worst case : 1s toward the end of the string. $E(s)$ has

- At most k bits representing 0s since there are no 1s in first several windows.
- One bit for each 1 in s to indicate that next bits denote positions in window.
- $\log_2(n/k)$ bits for each 1 in s to specify position of that 1 in a window.
- k such ones.

Total $|E(s)| \leq k \log_2(n/k) + 2k$

← exactly k more than best case for the empty windows

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s.

$$\underbrace{k \log_2(n/k) + k}_{\text{best case}} \leq |E(s)| \leq \underbrace{k \log_2(n/k) + 2k}_{\text{worst case}}$$

Using this inequality, there are at most _____ length n strings with k 1s.

- A. 2^n
- B. n
- C. $(n/k)^2$
- D. $(n/k)^k$
- E. None of the above.

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

Output size?

Assume n/k is a power of two. Consider s a binary string of length n with k 1s. Given $|E(s)| \leq k \log_2(n/k) + 2k$, we need at most $k \log_2(n/k) + 2k$ bits to represent all length n binary strings with k 1s. Hence, there are at most 2^{\dots} many such strings.

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Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

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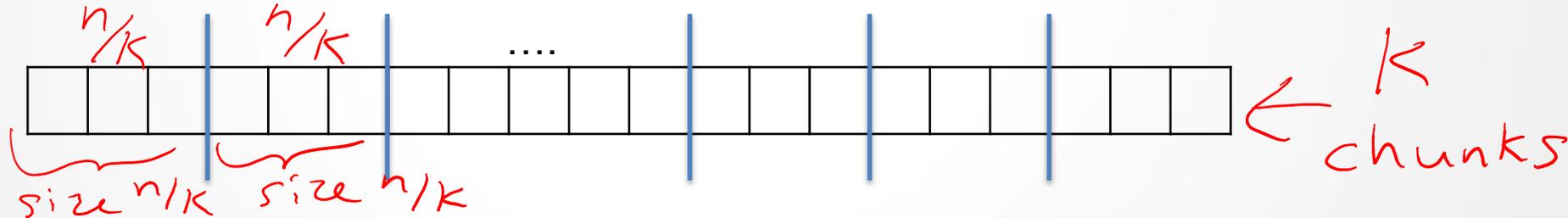
$$C(n,k) = \# \text{ Length } n \text{ binary strings with } k \text{ 1s} \leq (4n/k)^k$$

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Lower bound?

Idea: find a way to count a **subset** of the fixed density binary strings.



Some fixed density binary strings have one 1 in each of k chunks of size n/k.

How many such strings are there?

A. n^n

B. $k!$

C. $(n/k)^k$

D. $C(n,k)^k$

E. None of the above.

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Using evenly spread strings:

$$(n/k)^k \leq \binom{n}{k}$$

Counting helps us analyze our **compression algorithm**.

Compression algorithms help us **count**.

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Use lexicographic (dictionary) ordering ...

Lex Order

String a comes **before** string b if the **first time they differ**, a is smaller.

I.e.

$$a_1a_2\dots a_n <_{\text{lex}} b_1b_2\dots b_n$$

means there exists j such that

$$a_i=b_i \text{ for all } i < j \text{ AND } a_j < b_j$$

Which of these comes **last** in lex order?

A. 1001

C. 1101

E. 0000

B. 0011

D. 1010

Lex Order

E.g. Length $n=5$ binary strings with $k=3$ ones, listed in lex order:

Original string, s	Encoded string (i.e. position in this list)
00111	0 = 0000
01011	1 = 0001
01101	2 = 0010
01110	3 = 0011
10011	4 = 0100
10101	5 = 0101
10110	6 = 0110
11001	7 = 0111
11010	8 = 1000
11100	9 = 1001

Lex Order: Algorithm?

Need two algorithms, given specific n and k :

$$s \rightarrow E(s,n,k)$$

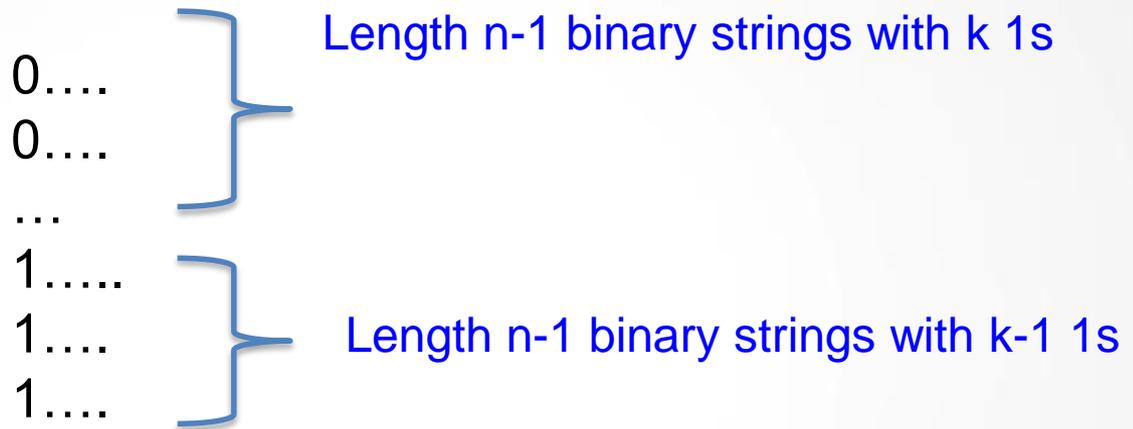
and

$$p \rightarrow D(p,n,k)$$

Idea: Use recursion (reduce & conquer).

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procedure lexEncode (b1b2...bn, n, k)
  1. If n = 1,
  2.   return 0.
  3. If s1 = 0,
  4.   return lexEncode (b2...bn, n-1, k)
  5. Else
  6.   return C(n-1, k) + lexEncode(b2...bn, n-1, k-1)
```

Lex Order: Algorithm?

For $D(s,n,k)$:

- Any position **before** $\binom{n-1}{k}$ must correspond to string that starts with 0.
- Any position **after** $\binom{n-1}{k}$ must correspond to string that starts with 1.

```
procedure lexDecode (p, n, k)
```

1. If $n = k$,
2. return `1111..1` //length n string of all 1s.
3. If $p < C(n-1,k)$,
4. return `"0" + lexDecode(p, n-1, k)`
5. Else
6. return `"1" + lexDecode(p-C(n-1,k), n-1, k-1)`

Victory!

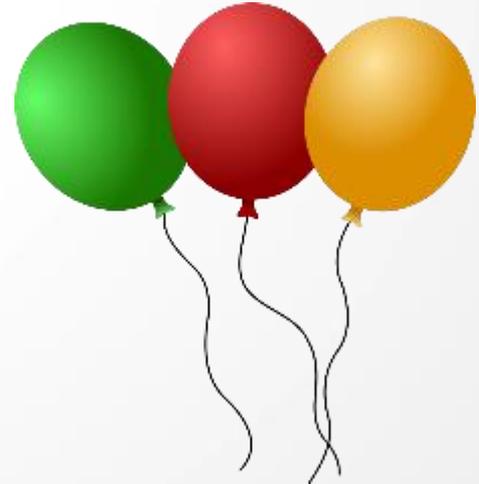
Using lexEncode, lexDecode,

we can represent any fixed density length n binary string with k 1s as a number in the range $1 \dots C(n,k)$.

So, it takes $\log_2(C(n,k))$ bits to store fixed-density binary strings using lex order.

Theoretical lower bound: $\log_2(C(n,k))$.

Same! So this encoding algorithm is optimal.



Reminders

HW 7 due **Friday 11:59pm** via **Gradescope**.