EECE5512 Networked XR Systems

Last Class - Recap

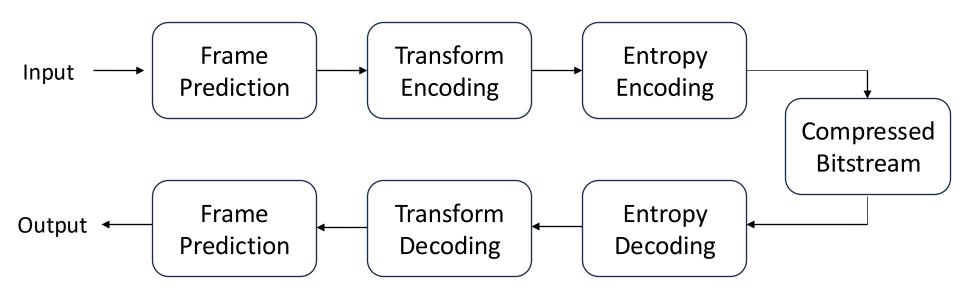
- Live 3D Capture
- Network Capacity vs. Requirements of Applications
- Compression Fundamentals
- 2D Video Compression

Lecture Outline for Today

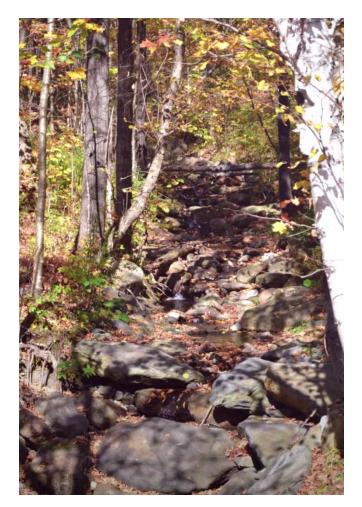
- 2D Video Compression
- Open3D
- Depth Map Compression

Compression Fundamentals

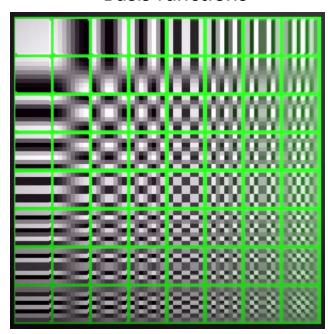
- Key steps involved in video compression pipeline
 - Color space or Chroma sub-sampling



- Transform encoding and quantization
 - Our eyes are bad at perceiving high frequency data
 - Throw away a lot of such data – negligible quality loss



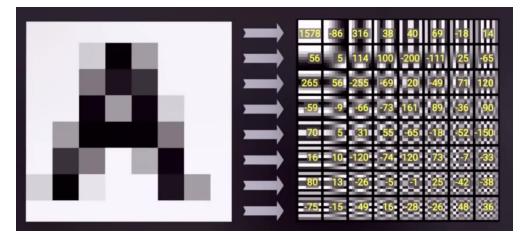
Basis functions



8x8 DCT Transform

Input image

DCT Coefficients

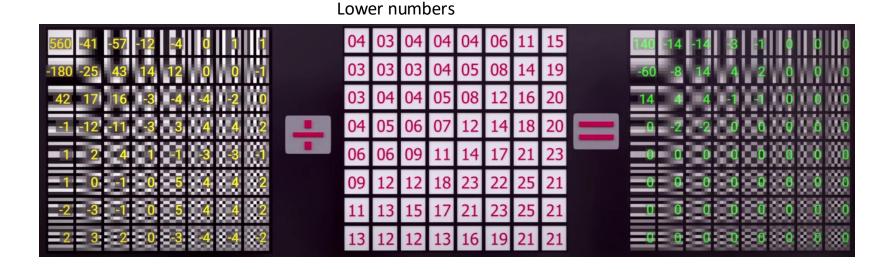


64 constants that represents how much of each base image is used

Transform encoding and quantization

DCT image

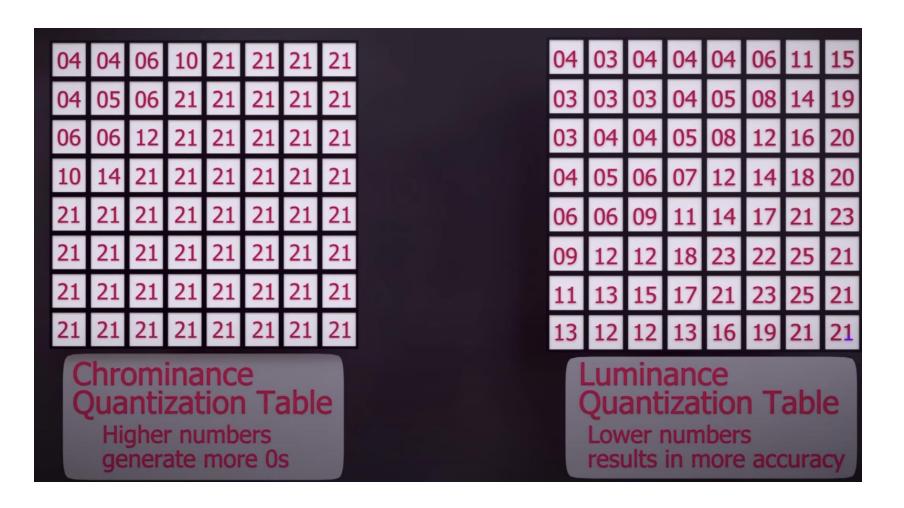
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Quantization table

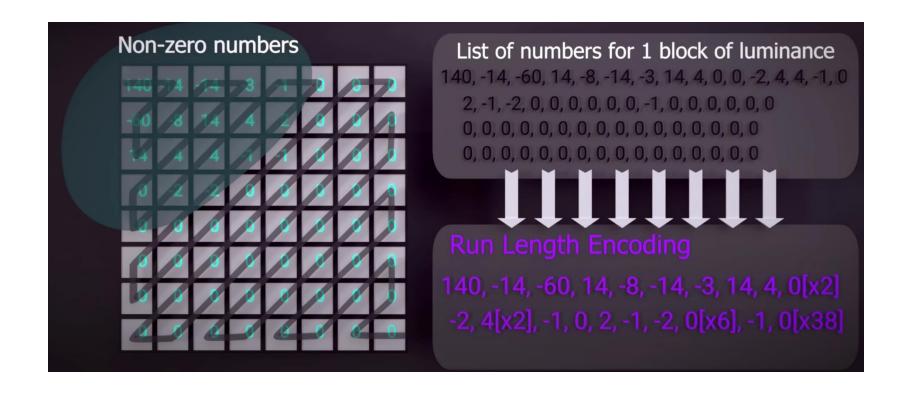
Compressed image

Source: vcodexer



Entropy Coding

Zigzag Encoding



Entropy Coding

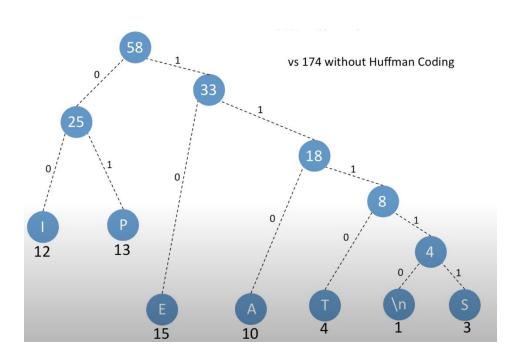
- Huffman coding
 - Based on the lengths of assigned codes on the frequency of data (prefix codes)

Character	Code	Frequency	Frequency Total Bits		
Α	000 Length = 3	10	30 Frequency x Bit Length		
E	001	15	45		
1	010	12	36		
S	011	3	12		
Т	100	4	12		
Р	101	13	39		
Newline	110	1	3		
		Total E	Bits Used: 174		

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Entropy coding

Huffman coding



Total Bits: 146

Char	Code	Freq	Total Bits	
Α	110	10	30	
Е	10	15	30	
I	00	12	24	
S	11111	3	15	
Т	1110	4	16	
Р	01	13	26	
\n	11110	1	5	

Compression Artifacts

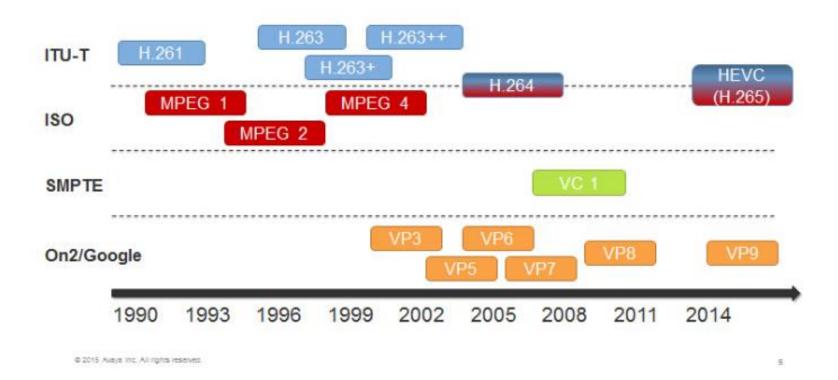
• 8x8 Blocks







Video Compression History



Popular Video Compression Algorithms

- MPEG Standards
 - MPEG H.26x series, H.266 is the most recent one
 - VP series from Google
 - AV1/AV2 this year

Lecture Outline for Today

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- Open3D
- Depth Map Compression

Open3D

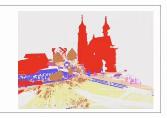
Applications

Scene reconstruction, color map optimization ...



Open3D-ML

Models: RandLaNet, KPConv, PointTransformer, ... Datasets: SemanticKITTI, Toronto3D, S3DIS, ...



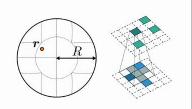
Visualization

Open3D viewer app, Scriptable GUI, Physically-based rendering, Web visualizer, TensorBoad integration.



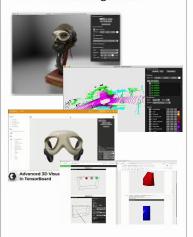
ML Ops

Continuous conv, Sparse conv, NMS, ...



.obi

.stl







Intel RealSense, Azure Kinect, ...
*.pcd, *.ply, *.stl, ...



.pcd

Compute core

Tensor, HashMap, NeighborSearch Optimized for CPU/GPU



CPU







GPU Tensor

HashMap

Device-agnostic computer cores

NeighborSearch

Open3D

- What will we use Open3D in this course for?
 - Loading and visualizing 3D models
 - Point clouds, Meshes
 - 3D Scene Reconstruction
 - Triangle Extraction
 - Texture Mapping
 - Mesh manipulation
 - Decimation
 - Normal estimation
 - Compression

Open3D Getting Started

Python quick start

```
# Install
pip install open3d  # or
pip install open3d-cpu  # Smaller CPU only wheel on x86_64 Linux (v0.17+)

# Verify installation
python -c "import open3d as o3d; print(o3d.__version__)"
```

Open3D Getting Started

• C++ quick start

Checkout the following links to get started with Open3D C++ API

- Download Open3D binary package: Release or latest development version
- Compiling Open3D from source
- Open3D C++ API

To use Open3D in your C++ project, checkout the following examples

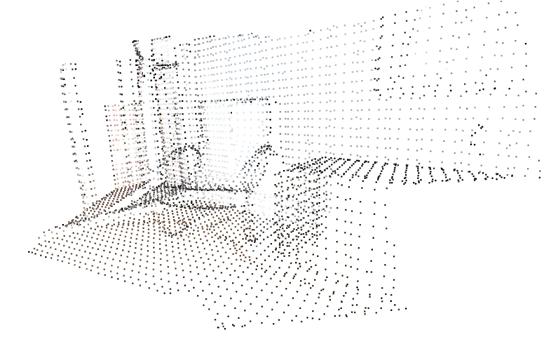
- Find Pre-Installed Open3D Package in CMake
- Use Open3D as a CMake External Project

Open3D Point Cloud Visualization

```
print("Load a ply point cloud, print it, and render it")
ply_point_cloud = o3d.data.PLYPointCloud()
pcd = o3d.io.read point cloud(ply point cloud.path)
print(pcd)
print(np.asarray(pcd.points))
o3d visualization draw geometries([pcd],
                                                zoom=0.3412
Load a ply point cloud, print it, and render it
PointCloud with 196133 points.
[[0.65234375 0.84686458 2.37890625]
                                                front=[0.4257, -0.2125, -0.8795],
[0.65234375 0.83984375 2.38430572]
[0.66737998 0.83984375 2.37890625]
[2.00839925 2.39453125 1.88671875]
                                                lookat=[2.6172, 2.0475, 1.532],
[2.00390625 2.39488506 1.88671875]
[2.00390625 2.39453125 1.88793314]]
                                                up = [-0.0694, -0.9768, 0.2024]
```

Open3D Point Cloud Visualization

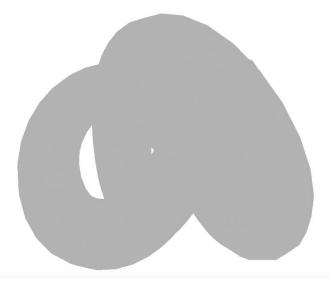
Downsample the point cloud with a voxel of 0.05



Down sampling

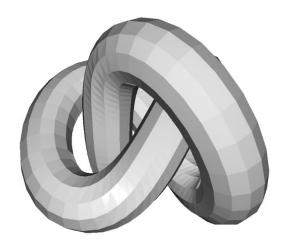
```
print("Testing mesh in Open3D...")
armadillo_mesh = o3d.data.ArmadilloMesh()
mesh = o3d.io.read_triangle_mesh(armadillo_mesh.path)
knot mesh = o3d.data.KnotMesh()
mesh = o3d.io.read_triangle_mesh(knot_mesh.path)
print(mesh)
print('Vertices:')
print(np.asarray(mesh.vertices))
print('Triangles:')
print(np.asarray(mesh.triangles))
Testing mesh in Open3D...
[Open3D INFO] Downloading https://github.com/isl-org/open3d_downloads/releases/download/
[Open3D INFO] Downloaded to /home/runner/open3d_data/download/KnotMesh/KnotMesh.ply
TriangleMesh with 1440 points and 2880 triangles.
Vertices:
[[ 4.51268387 28.68865967 -76.55680847]
[ 7.63622284 35.52046967 -69.78063965]
[ 6.21986008 44.22465134 -64.82303619]
 [-22.12651634 31.28466606 -87.37570953]
 [-13.91188431 25.4865818 -86.25827026]
 [ -5.27768707 23.36245346 -81.43279266]]
Triangles:
[ 0 12 13]
       13
             11
    1 13 141
 [1438 11 1439]
 [1439
        11
              01
 [1439
         0 1428]]
```

Try to render a mesh with normals (exist: False) and colors (exist: False)



```
print("Computing normal and rendering it.")
mesh.compute_vertex_normals()
print(np.asarray(mesh.triangle_normals))
o3d.visualization.draw_geometries([mesh])

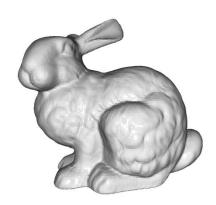
Computing normal and rendering it.
[[ 0.79164373 -0.53951444    0.28674793]
[ 0.8319824 -0.53303008    0.15389681]
[ 0.83488162 -0.09250101    0.54260136]
...
[ 0.16269924 -0.76215917 -0.6266118 ]
[ 0.52755226 -0.83707495 -0.14489352]
[ 0.56778973 -0.76467734 -0.30476777]]
```

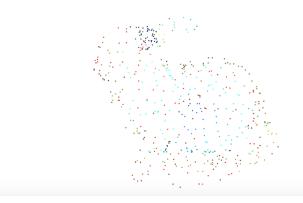


With Normals

```
bunny = o3d.data.BunnyMesh()
mesh = o3d.io.read_triangle_mesh(bunny.path)
mesh.compute_vertex_normals()

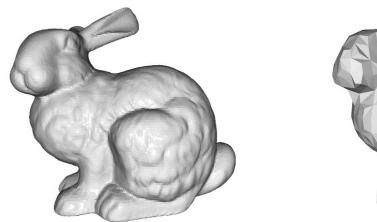
o3d.visualization.draw_geometries([mesh])
pcd = mesh.sample_points_uniformly(number_of_points=500)
o3d.visualization.draw_geometries([pcd])
```

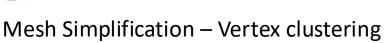




Sampling Point Clouds from Mesh

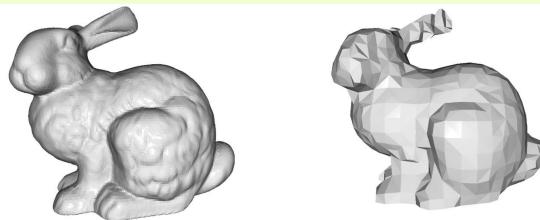
```
voxel_size = max(mesh_in.get_max_bound() - mesh_in.get_min_bound()) / 32
print(f'voxel_size = {voxel_size:e}')
mesh_smp = mesh_in.simplify_vertex_clustering(
    voxel_size=voxel_size,
    contraction=o3d.geometry.SimplificationContraction.Average)
print(
    f'Simplified mesh has {len(mesh_smp.vertices)} vertices and {len(mesh_smp.triangles)}
)
o3d.visualization.draw_geometries([mesh_smp])
```





```
mesh_smp = mesh_in.simplify_quadric_decimation(target_number_of_triangles=6500)
print(
    f'Simplified mesh has {len(mesh_smp.vertices)} vertices and {len(mesh_smp.triangles)})
o3d.visualization.draw_geometries([mesh_smp])

mesh_smp = mesh_in.simplify_quadric_decimation(target_number_of_triangles=1700)
print(
    f'Simplified mesh has {len(mesh_smp.vertices)} vertices and {len(mesh_smp.triangles)})
o3d.visualization.draw_geometries([mesh_smp])
```



Mesh Simplification – Decimation

Open3D Mesh Reconstruction

Read a point cloud or depth before this function

Open3D Load and Save Viewpoints

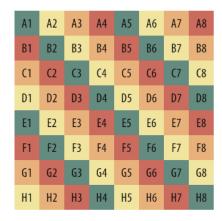
```
def save view point(pcd, filename):
    vis = o3d.visualization.Visualizer()
    vis.create window()
    vis.add geometry(pcd)
    vis.run() # user changes the view and press "q" to terminate
    param = vis.get_view_control().convert_to_pinhole_camera_parameters()
    o3d.io.write_pinhole_camera_parameters(filename, param)
    vis.destroy_window()
def load view point(pcd, filename):
    vis = o3d.visualization.Visualizer()
    vis.create window()
    ctr = vis.get_view_control()
    param = o3d.io.read_pinhole_camera_parameters(filename)
    vis.add geometry(pcd)
    ctr.convert_from_pinhole_camera_parameters(param)
    vis.run()
    vis.destroy_window()
```

Open3D UV Maps

```
import open3d as o3d
import open3d.visualization.rendering as rendering

material = rendering.MaterialRecord()
material.shader = 'defaultUnlit'
material.albedo_img = o3d.io.read_image('/Users/renes/Downloads/uv1.png')
```

Example Texture Map



Open3D UV Maps

Box (map uv to each face = false)

```
box = o3d.geometry.TriangleMesh.create_box(create_uv_map=True)
o3d.visualization.draw({'name': 'box', 'geometry': box, 'material': material})
```



A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
C1	øl	B	C4	C5	56	C7	C8
pl	D2	D3	04	DS	D6	D7	D8
E1	E2	E3	<u>5</u> 4	E5	E6	E7	E8
F1	F2	58	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8
G1	G2	63	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8
Н1	H2	НЗ	H4	H5	Н6	H7	Н8



Box (map uv to each face = true)

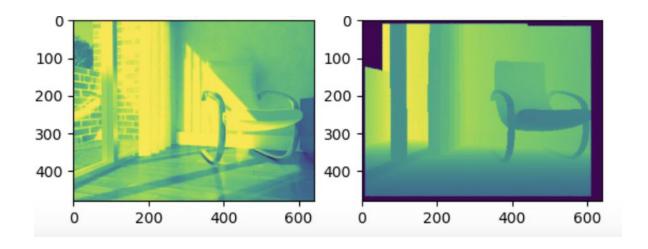
box = o3d.geometry.TriangleMesh.create_box(create_uv_map=True, map_texture_to_each_face=True
o3d.visualization.draw({'name': 'box', 'geometry': box, 'material': material})







Open3D Depth Map Viewer



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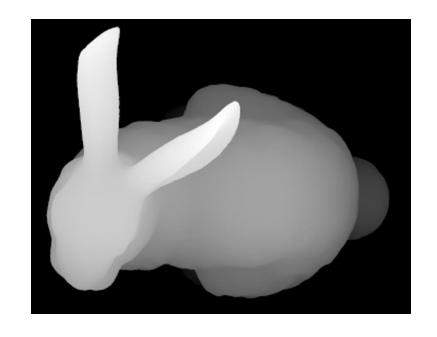
Depth Map Compression

- Why do we need depth compression?
 - For storage
 - For streaming over a network under lower bandwidths
 - For 3D scene reconstruction on client devices

 Compute the date rate for a depth video with a resolution of 1024x1024.

Depth Map Compression

- How to compress depth?
 - Can we use similar ideas that we discussed in case of 2D video codecs?
 - Frame prediction
 - Transform coding & quantization
 - Entropy coding



Depth Map Compression

- Why not just adopt standard video codecs?
 - They have been engineered for decades
 - Probably no need to reinvent similar algorithms if we can directly input the depth videos to color video codecs

Challenge

- Compression schemes for standard videos are highly tuned for color videos
- Considering human perception, e.g., by spending fewer bits on color than luminance information, and so forth.
- These insights do not apply to depth compression.

Challenge

- Bit-depth and channel inconsistency
- Depth videos are single channeled
- Bit-depth of depth videos is larger than color videos in general
- Example: 8-bit videos can only store coarse-grained depth or short range (trade-off), so typically you need 16-bit or 24-bit or 32-bit-detphs for depth videos

 Can we convert the single channel large bit-depths to three channel small bit-depth?





- Example: How do we pack a single 16 bit-depth depth map into a three channel 8 bit-depth depth map?
- Bit Multiplexing Method
 - Take a chunk of bits from 16 bits, insert them in each in 8-bit channel
 - E.g., first 6 MSB of 16-bits into first 6 MSB of first channel, subsequent 5 bits into first 5 MSB of second channel, last 5 bits into first 5 MSB of third channel
 - Pad with zeros for the remaining bits

Bit Packing

 Consider a 16-bit depth value D, which we split across the three 8-bit channels (R, G, B) using the multiplexing method.

Original Depth Value:

- 1. Suppose D = 1010101111001101 (binary) or 0xABCD in hexadecimal.
- 2. After packing, let's say we have:
 - **1.R Channel**: 10101000 (8 bits, representing the first 6 MSBs plus padding zeros)
 - **2.G Channel**: 11110000 (8 bits, representing the next 5 bits plus padding zeros)
 - **3.B Channel**: 01101000 (8 bits, representing the last 5 bits plus padding zeros)

Bit Packing

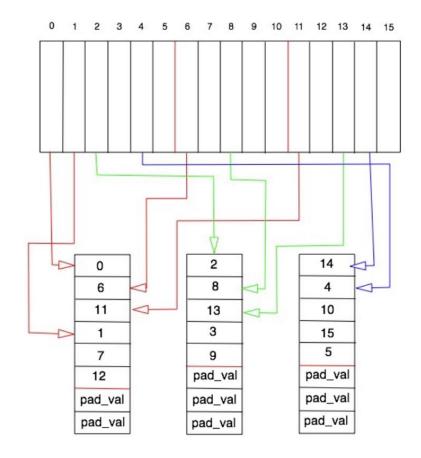
- Quantization During Encoding:
- When this packed representation is encoded using a lossy video codec, quantization occurs to reduce the data size.
- Imagine that, during quantization, the codec changes a single bit in the **R Channel** from 10101000 to 10100000. This represents a change in one of the most significant bits, dropping the value from 0xA8 to 0xA0.

Bit Packing

- Effect on Reconstructed Depth:
- After decoding, when you try to reconstruct the original 16-bit depth value from the modified R, G, and B channels, you would end up with a different depth value:
- Original R Channel: 10101000 (binary) → contributes heavily to the overall depth value.
- Modified R Channel: 10100000 (binary) → introduces a significant difference.
- Let's calculate the impact:
 - The original 6 MSBs were 101010, but after quantization, they became 101000.
 - This means the depth value decreased significantly because it is missing 2^5 units in magnitude due to this change.
 - In a depth map context, such a change can represent a substantial shift in the measured distance, potentially several meters if the depth values cover a wide range.

- Example: How do we pack a single 16 bit-depth depth map into a three channel 8 bit-depth depth map?
- Bit Multiplexing Method
 - Take a chunk of bits from 16 bits, insert them in each in 8-bit channel
 - Problems?
 - Loss in MSBs can cause large depth discontinuities

- Example: How do we pack a single 16 bit-depth depth map into a three channel 8 bit-depth depth map?
- Interleaved Bit Multiplexing
 - The first few bits (e.g., 0, 6, 11, etc.) go into one channel.
 - Another set of bits (e.g., 2, 8, 13, etc.) goes into a different channel.
 - A third set of bits (e.g., 14, 4, 10, etc.) goes into the final channel.



- Interleaved bit packing
 - Since each channel now carries a mix of different bit positions, the impact of compression artifacts is more evenly distributed, potentially making the entire packed value more resistant to the errors introduced by lossy compression.
 - This means that even if some bits are lost or altered, the chance of catastrophic errors affecting the entire depth value is reduced.

- General Limitations
 - Lossy
- Lossless entropy coding
 - Fast Lossless Depth Image Compression, ISS'17
 - Skips frame prediction, transform and quantization to avoid depth discontinuities
 - · Applies entropy coding
 - But only for images, not for video
 - Temporal RVL: A Depth Stream Compression Method, IEEE VR'20
 - For videos; computes deltas across frames

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