# Context-based Coding for VQ Indices

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In image compression using vector quantization, the compression rate of the index file produced from encoding image by the codebook could be improved by proceeding lossless compression. A simple and fast lossless compression design to encode the vector quantized indexes for 2-D images is proposed in this paper. Based on the connections in the index neighborhood, the context model of an index is first classified into one of seven classes. The index is coded with a context designed for that class. The index is compared with the previously encoded indices in a predefined search order to check whether the current index value can be found in the neighboring region or be in the memory array which records the n different indexes of previously encoded indexes. If the current index satisfies the conditions, it can be encoded by lesser bits and therefore yields a better compression. Otherwise, the current index is encoded by the prefix code and the original index. The computation complexity of the proposed method is quite low and its memory requirement is small. Experimental results show that the proposed scheme achieves better compression efficiency than lossless index coding scheme proposed by Chen and Yu in 2005. The newly proposed algorithm achieves significant reduction of bit rate.

Keywords: Image Compression; Lossless Compression; Vector Quantization; Index Coding

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