

Binomial Coefficients

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Fixed-density Binary Strings

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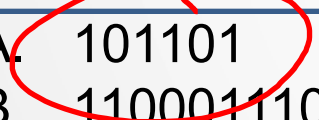
Density is number of ones



For example, $n=6$ $k=4$



Which of these strings matches this example?

- A. 101101
 - B. 1100011101
 - C. 111011
 - D. 1101
 - E. None of the above.
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Product rule: How many options for the first bit? the second? the third?

$0 \dots 0$
 $n-k$ k

$\frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!} = \binom{n}{k}$

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Tree diagram: *gets very big & is hard to generalize*

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Size of each category:

Subscripts so objects are distinct



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How many subscripted strings i.e. rearrangements of the symbols

$0_1, 0_2, 1_1, 1_2, 1_3, 1_4$

result in

101101

when the subscripts are removed?

- A. 6!
- B. 4!
- C. 2!
- D. 4!2!
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Categories: strings that agree except subscripts

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

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

Terminology

Universe of n objects

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

List of r distinct

$\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
many of these.

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n objects /



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Binomial coefficient
"n choose r"

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

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How to express this using the new terminology?

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- B. $C(n,n-k)$
- C. $P(n,k)$
- D. $P(n,n-k)$
- E. None of the above

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$
$$\binom{n}{n-k} = \binom{n}{k}$$

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- A. $C(n,k)$ $\{1,2,3..n\}$ is set of positions in string, choose k positions for 1s
- B. $C(n,n-k)$ $\{1,2,3..n\}$ is set of positions in string, choose $n-k$ positions for 0s
- C. $P(n,k)$
- D. $P(n,n-k)$
- E. None of the above

Ice cream! redux

An ice cream parlor has n different flavors available.

How many ice cream cones are there, if we count two cones as the same if they have the same two flavors (even if they're in opposite order)?

Objects: cones $n(n-1)$
Categories: flavor pairs (regardless of order)
Size of each category: 2

$$\# \text{ categories} = (n)(n-1)/2$$

$$P(n, 2)$$

$$\binom{n}{2}$$

Order doesn't matter so selecting a subset of size 2 of the n possible flavors:

$$C(n, 2) = n! / (2! (n-2)!) = n(n-1)/2$$

What's in a name?

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Binomial: sum of two terms, say x and y .

What do powers of binomials look like?

$$\begin{aligned}(x+y)^4 &= (x+y)(x+y)(x+y)(x+y) \\ &= (x^2+2xy+y^2)(x^2+2xy+y^2) \\ &= x^4+4x^3y+6x^2y^2+4xy^3+y^4\end{aligned}$$

In general, for $(x+y)^n$

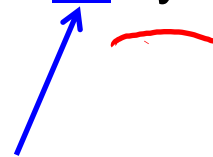
- A. All terms in the expansion are (some coefficient times) $x^k y^{n-k}$ for some k , $0 \leq k \leq n$.
- B. All coefficients in the expansion are integers between 1 and n .
- C. There is symmetry in the coefficients in the expansion.
- D. The coefficients of x^n and y^n are both 1.
- E. All of the above.

Binomial Theorem

$$(x+y)^n = (x+y)(x+y)\dots(x+y)$$

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$$= x^n + \underline{\quad} x^{n-1}y + \underline{\quad} x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + \underline{\quad} x^k y^{n-k} + \dots + \underline{\quad} x^2 y^{n-2} + \underline{\quad} x y^{n-1} + y^n$$


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$$= x^n + C(n,1) x^{n-1}y + \dots + C(n,k) x^k y^{n-k} + \dots + C(n,k-1) x y^{n-1} + y^n$$

$$\binom{n}{0} \quad \binom{n}{1} \quad \binom{n}{0} = \frac{n!}{0! n!} = 1$$

Binomial Coefficient Identities

What's an **identity** ?

An equation that is always true.

To prove

$$\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

- Use algebraic manipulations of formulas

OR

- Interpret each side as counting some collection of strings, and then prove a statements about those sets of strings

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*Can match up these two sets by pairing each string with another where 0s, 1s are flipped. This **bijection** means the two sets have the same size. So **LHS = RHS**.*

Pascal's Identity

if we do *if we don't*

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Theorem:

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$$

Proof 1: Use formula

1 n n+1

We either pick k-1 or

Proof 2: Combinatorial interpretation?

LHS counts number of binary strings ???

RHS counts number of binary strings ???

not
if we do
are pick k-1 from
if not, we pick k of n

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Theorem:
$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$$

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RHS counts number of binary strings ???



Length $n+1$ binary strings with k ones

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- B. $C(n, k)$
- C. $C(n, k+1)$
- D. $C(n, k-1)$
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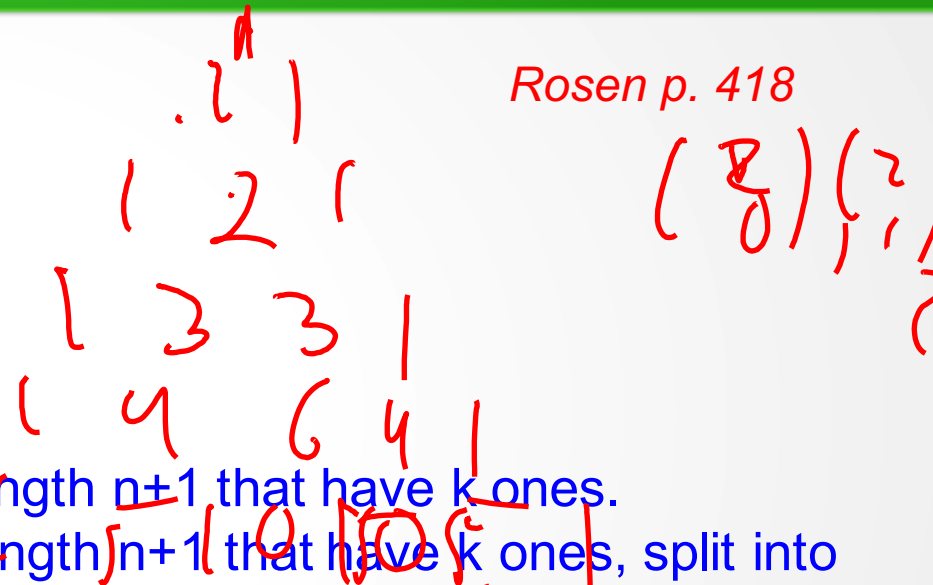
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RHS counts number of binary strings of length $n+1$ that have k ones, split into two.

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Sum Identity

Theorem: $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n = (1+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 1^k 1^{n-k}$

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What set does the **LHS** count?

- A. Binary strings of length n that have k ones.
- B. Binary strings of length n that start with 1.
- C. Binary strings of length n that have any number of ones.
- D. None of the above.

Sum Identity

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Theorem:
$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

Proof : Combinatorial interpretation?

LHS counts number of binary strings of length n that have any number of 1s.

By sum rule, we can break up the set of binary strings of length n into disjoint sets based on how many 1s they have, then add their sizes.

RHS counts number of binary strings of length n .

This is the same set so **LHS = RHS**.

Review: Terminology

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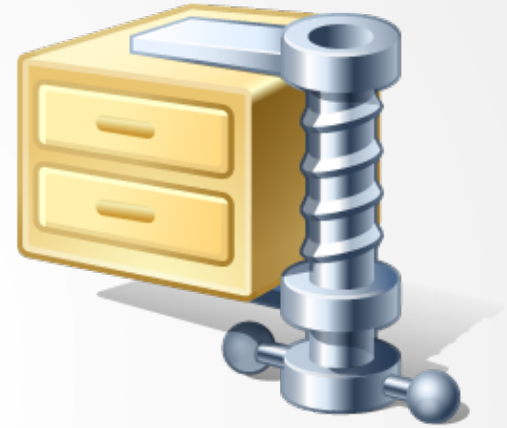
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What's the **smallest** number of **bits** that we need to specify a binary string if we know it **has k ones and n-k zeros**?

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

Data Compression

Store / transmit information in as little space as possible



Data Compression: Video

Video: stored as sequence of still frames.

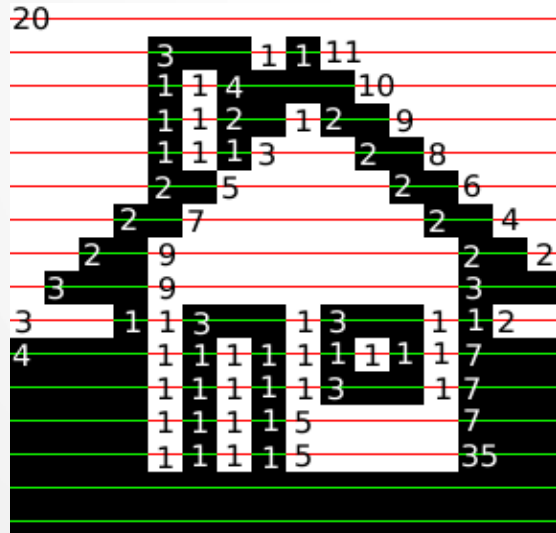
Idea: instead of storing each frame fully, record **change** from previous frame.



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.

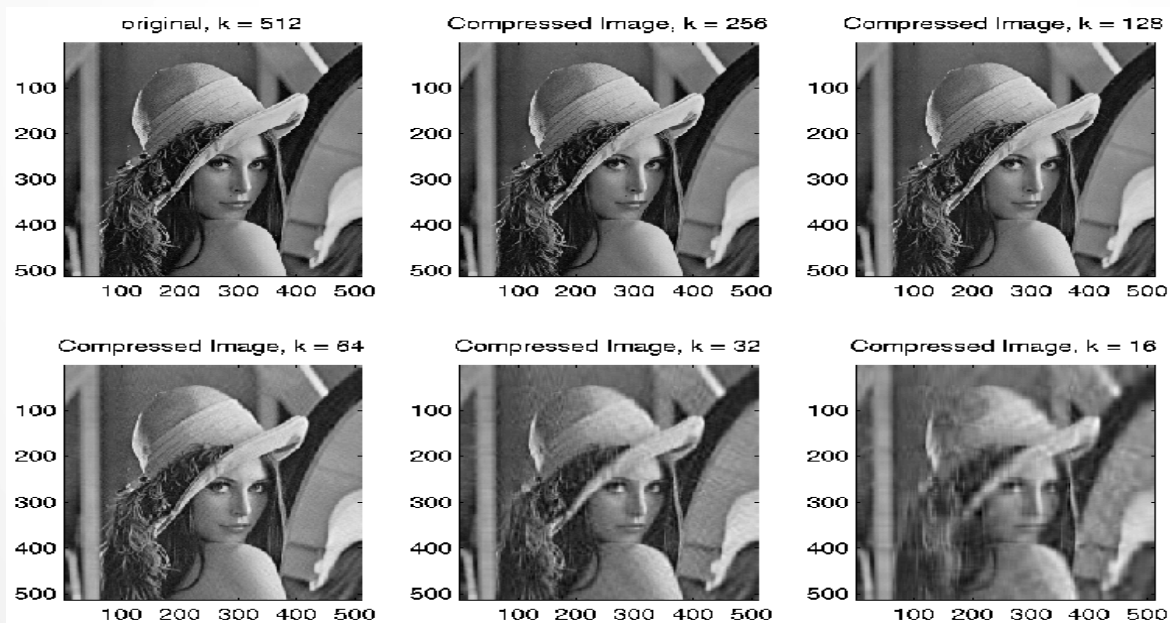


*When is this a good coding mechanism?
Will there be any loss in this compression?*

Lossy Compression: Singular Value Decomposition

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.

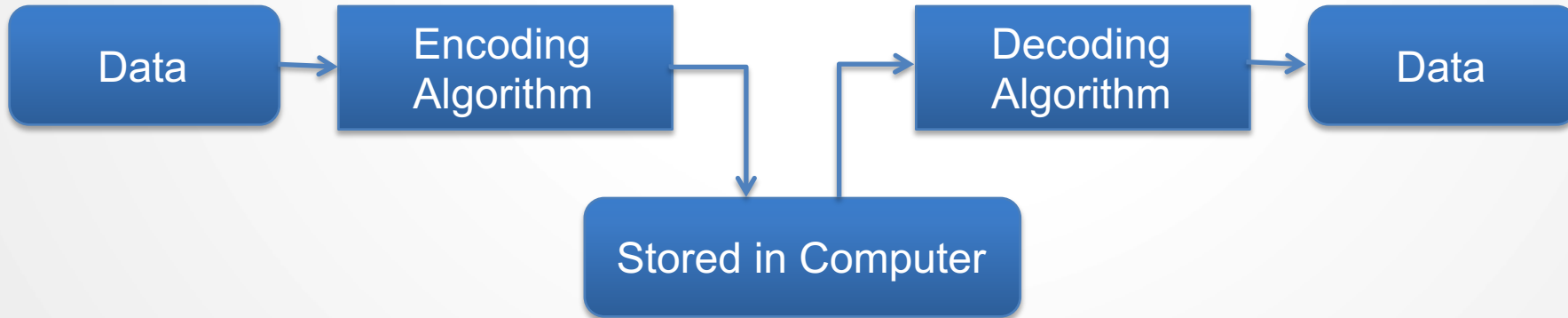


Data Compression: Trade-off

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.

Encoding: Binary Palindromes

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How many length n binary palindromes are there?

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

Encoding: Binary Palindromes

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

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

Is there an algorithm that achieves this?

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Output:

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

Output: 0100

No 1s in this window.

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Output: 01000

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Output: 01000**11**

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Output: 0100011

No 1s in this window.

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Output: 01000110.

No 1s in this window.

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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?

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

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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

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

Output: 101

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How do we encode $s = 01\underline{1}000000010$?

Output: $101\underline{1}00$

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

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How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 101100

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

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

Output: 101100**0**

No 1s in this window.

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How do we encode $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 1011000

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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

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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 $s = 011000000010$?

Output: 10110001110

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: **10110001110**

Compare to previous output: **01000110**

Output uses more bits than last time. Any redundancies?

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Output: **10110001110**

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

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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?

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

How long is $E(s)$?

- 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.

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

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

- 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.

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.

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

Encoding/Decoding: Fixed Density Strings

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

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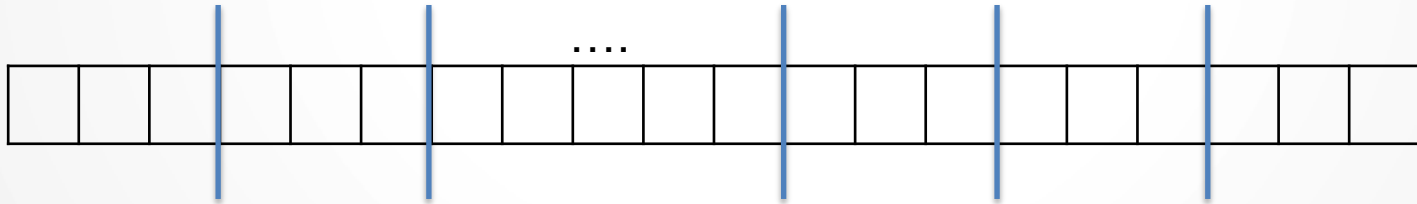
$$C(n,k) = \# \text{ Length } n \text{ binary strings with } k \text{ 1s} \leq (4n/k)^k$$

Bounds for Binomial Coefficients

Using `windowEncode()` : $\binom{n}{k} \leq (4n/k)^k$

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.

Bounds for Binomial Coefficients

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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**.