Encoding and modeling for set compression

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Metadata about this work

- Started as broad attack on *set compression*
- Contribute one algorithm + smaller points
- Not particularly about data structures or time complexity, but setting goals/ideals and finding potentials

Events, sequences, sets

Event ("circumstance") sequence $E_1, \ldots, E_n$

$$\Pr(E_i | E_1 \cap \cdots \cap E_{i-1})$$

$$\sum_i -\log_2 \Pr(E_i | E_1 \cap \cdots \cap E_{i-1}) \text{ bits}$$

Encoder decoder share premises for what E_i mean in terms of specifying message (data)

- Seqence: a certain character is at position *i*
- Set: a certain element is in the set (note: no *i*)
- Set, alt.: a certain number of elements have a certain property
- …

Fields of application/ previous work

- Component (e.g. ψ)
- Inverted index
- Dictionary
- Data mining (measuring ratio), web graphs, …

Universe?

Encoding a set (or many sets) S,
elements drawn from universe U

$$S \in U$$

$$|S| < |U|$$

Universe?

$$|S| \sim \frac{1}{c}|U|$$

small constant

$$|S| \ll |U| < \infty$$

- fixed-length strings?
- characters? patterns?
- probability distribution? (Reznik 2011, Varshney & Goyal)

$$|U| = \infty$$

e.g. re-pair dictionary

Narrow focus, for now:

- U may be much larger than S
- Dependencies between elements
- Elements:
  - Integers $\in [0, |U|)$
  - = bitstrings of length $\lceil \log_2 |U| \rceil$

Solved?

- Set: { 4, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21 }
- Gaps: { 4, 4, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2, 0 }
- Geometric distribution
  $\Pr(\text{gap size } k) = (1-p)^{k-1}p, \;\; p = \Pr(x \in S) = |S|/|U|$
  Optimal code: Golomb (or arithmetic)

Known (?) method 2: yes/no code

- Arithmetic code for binary source:
  for each element of U, encode whether in S
- Estimate $p_x = \Pr(x \in S)$
- Use probability ranges $[0, p_x), [p_x, 1)$

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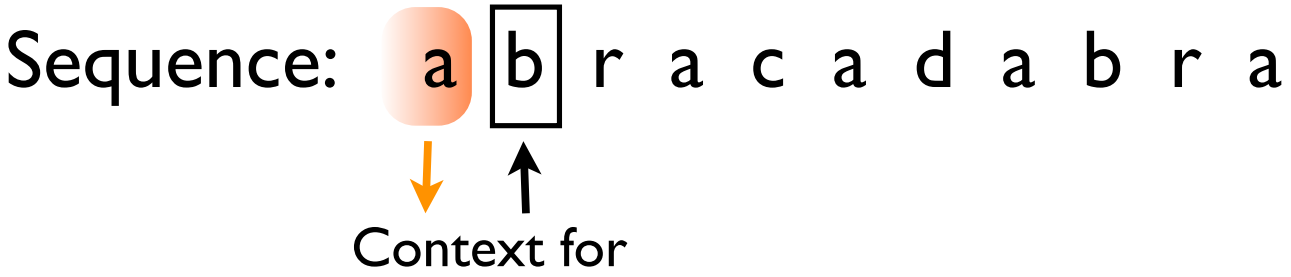

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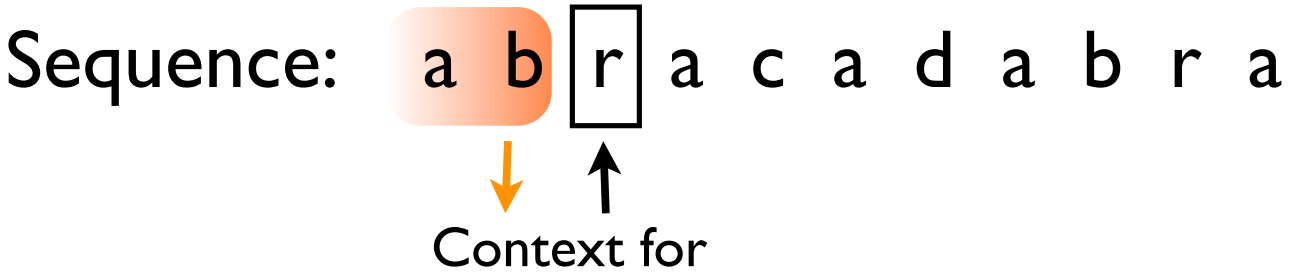

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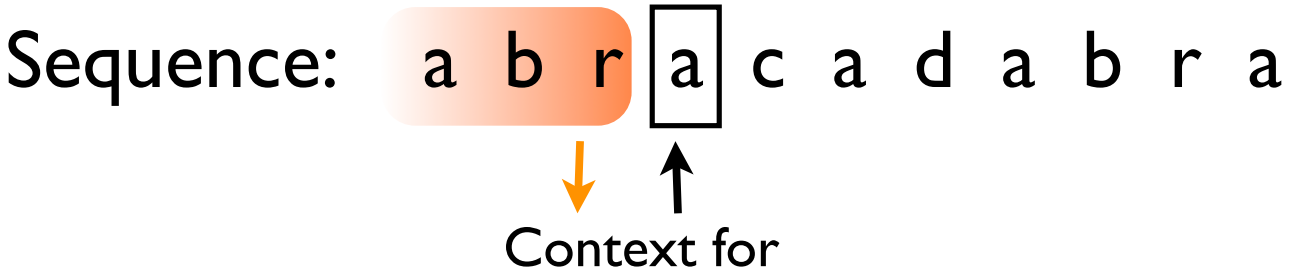

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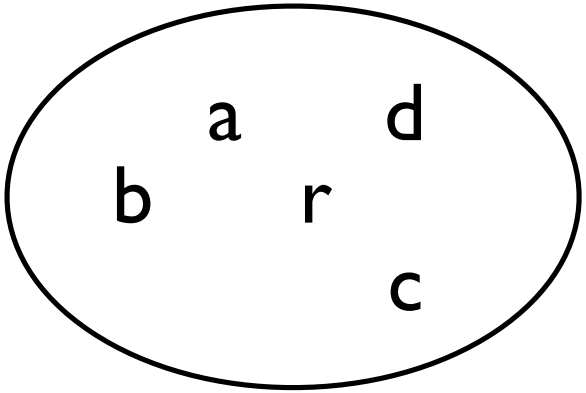

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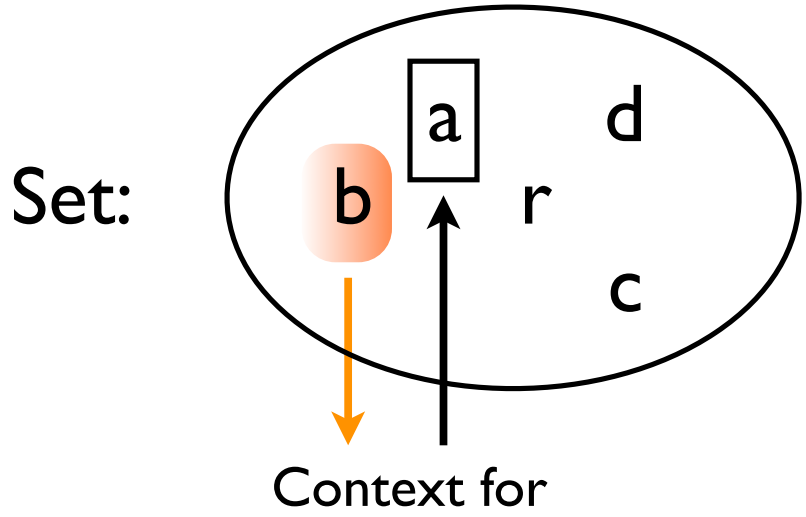

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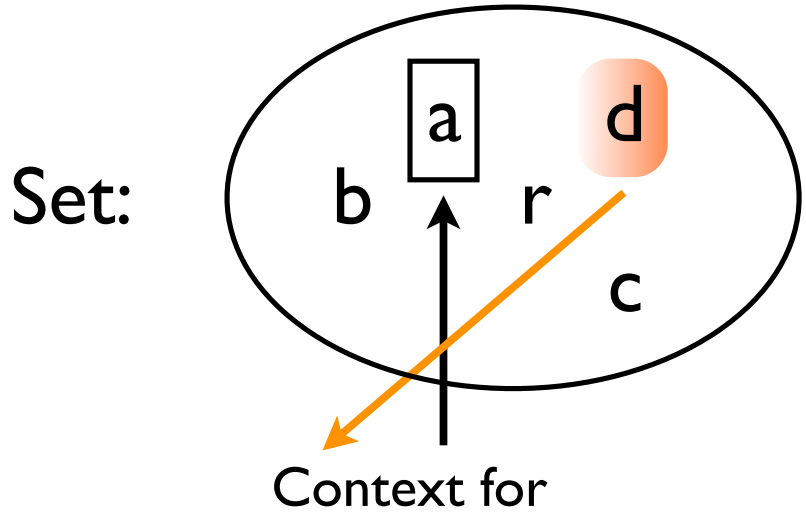

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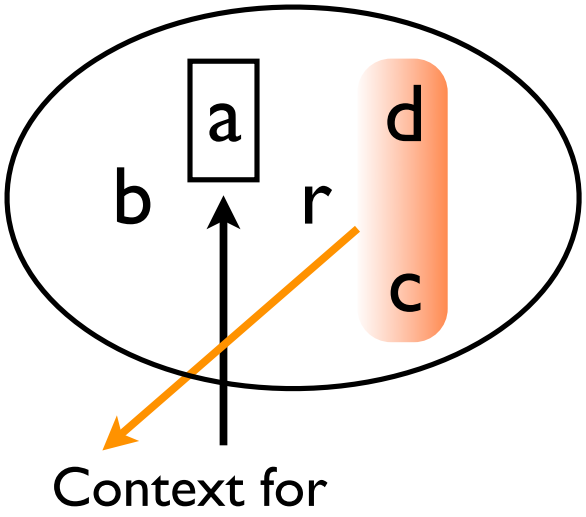

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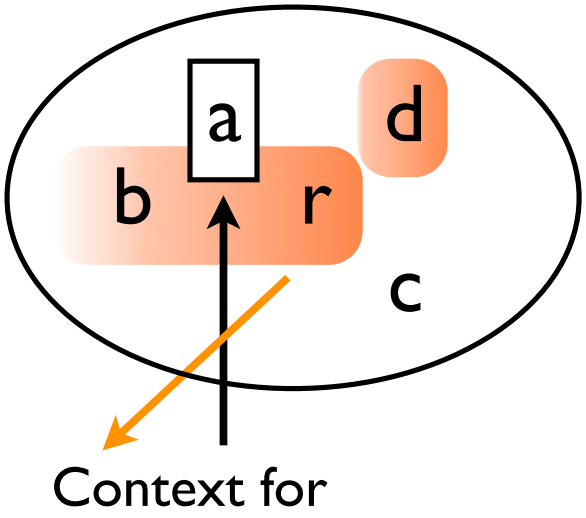

Hinting one path: context partitioning

- Partition into subsets for dependencies:
- … strong between subsets
- … weak between elements in same subset
- Condition probabilities on subsets encoded
- Order of subset transmission not important

Context in bitwise recursive algorithm

- Represent elements as bitstrings (rows)

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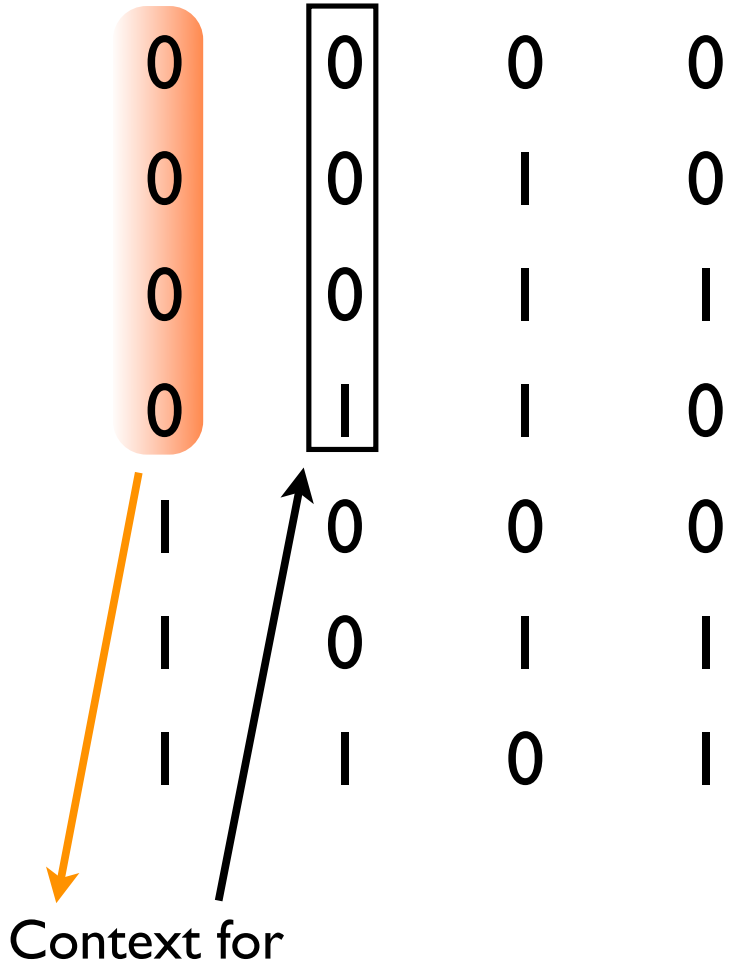

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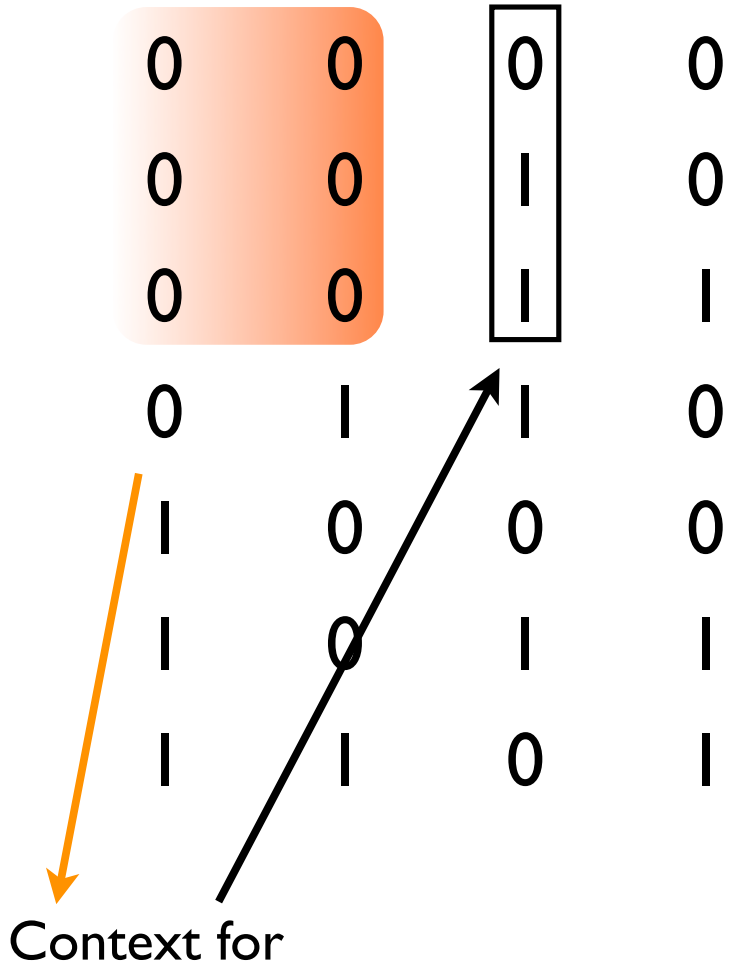

Known method 3: Interpolative coding

- Set: { 4, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21 }
- Encode 21 in range [0, |U|)
  14 in range [0, 21)
  9 in range [0, 14)
  4 in range [0, 9)
  11 in range (9, 14)
  17 in range (14, 21)
  16 in range (14, 17) *binary*
  20 in range (17, 21)

Moffat and Stuiver 2000

- (Simplified. Can also use known no of elements in range)

New method: recursive bitstring set encoding

Compress set: {1000, 0010, 0000, 1101, 0011, 1011, 0110}

First sort . . .

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0 0 0 0
0 0 1 0
0 0 1 1
0 1 1 0  . . .  count 0s in first position  . . .
1 0 0 0
1 0 1 1
1 1 0 1
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0 0 0 0
0 0 1 0
0 0 1 1
0 1 1 0  . . .  emit "4", continue recursively . . .
1 0 0 0  for next position
1 0 1 1
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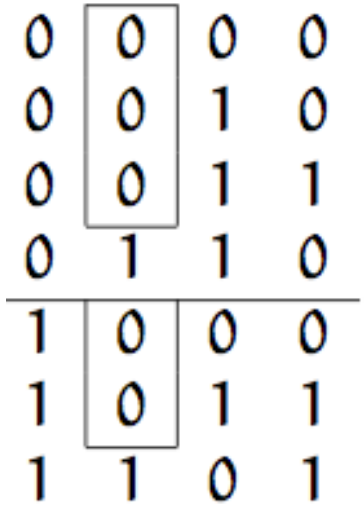

... emit "3", "2", ...
recurse

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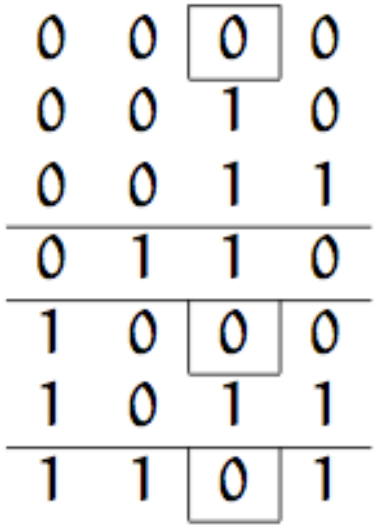

... emit "1", "0", "1", ... "1"

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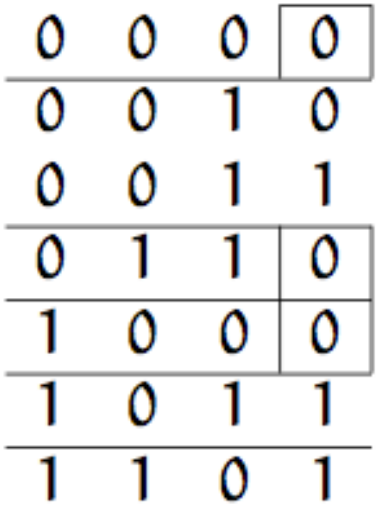


emit "1",
. . . "1", "1",
"0", "0".

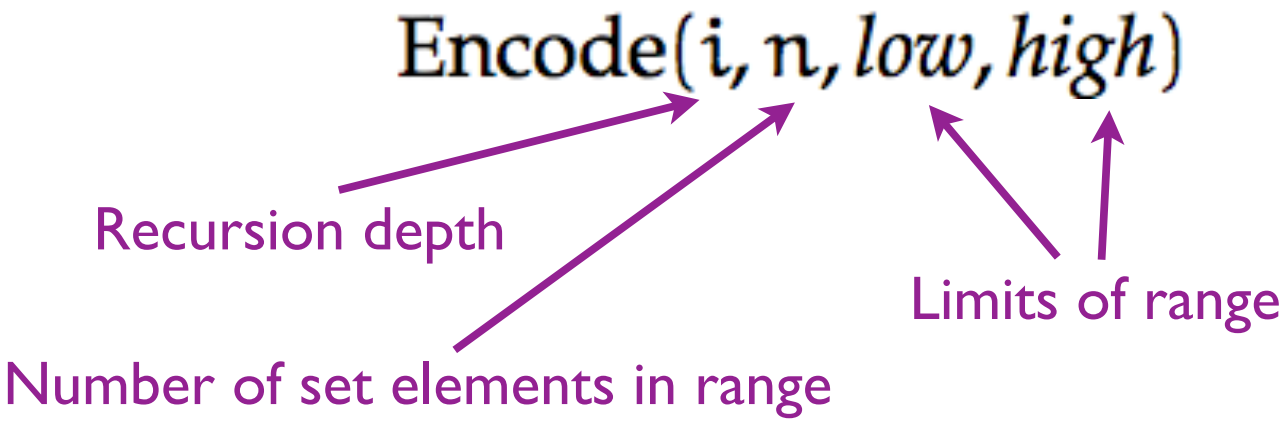
New method: recursive bitstring set encoding

Encode($i, n, low, high$):

1. If $n = 0$, no elements remain to encode, and we are done. If $n = high - low$, the elements to be encoded must be $low, \ldots, high - 1$, which does not need to be explicitly represented, and again we are done. Otherwise continue:
2. Let $b = \lceil \log_2(high - low) \rceil$.
3. Let m be the number of items among $a_i, \ldots, a_{i+n-1}$ whose bit $b-1$ is 0. Since these are the m lower elements of the subarray $a_i, \ldots, a_{i+n-1}$, m can be found using binary search.
4. Output the number m, using some integer encoding (discussed below).
5. Recursively invoke Encode$(i, m, low, low + 2^{b-1})$ and Encode$(i + m, n - m, low + 2^{b-1}, high)$.

Encoding step

Emit number in smaller range as recursion deepens (~ interpolative)



Base: $\text{Encode}(1, |S|, 0, |U|)$

Baseline: uniform element probabilities (no context)

$$s = 2^{\lceil \log_2(high-low) \rceil - 1}$$

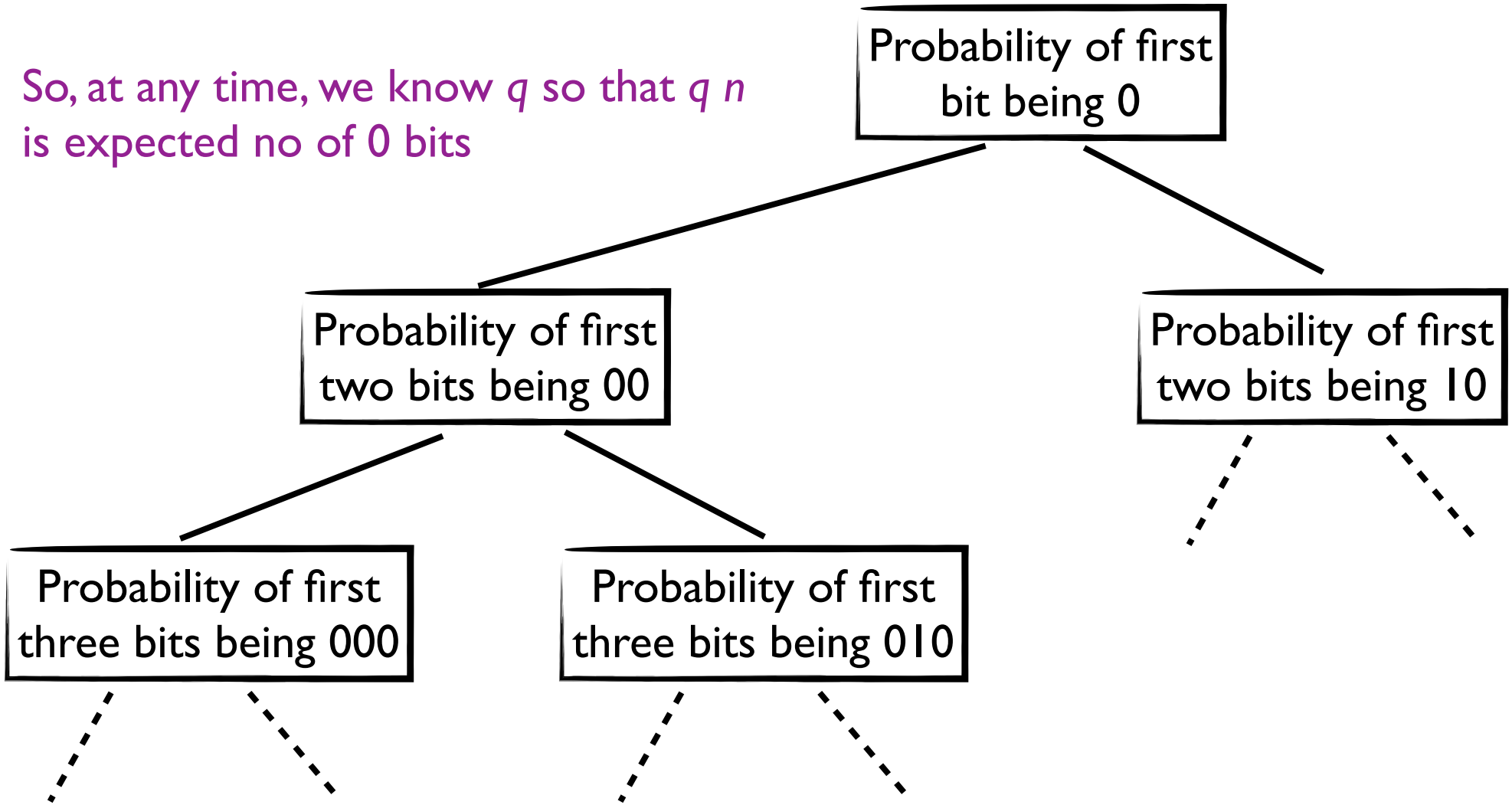
$$f = high - low - s$$

Hypergeometric distribution

$$\Pr(\text{elements starting with 0 is } m) = \frac{\binom{s}{m}\binom{f}{n-m}}{\binom{s+f}{n}}$$

Context

So, at any time, we know *q* so that *q n* is expected no of 0 bits



Binomial approximation

Estimate as if draw were *with replacement*,
close if *s*+*f* is large in relation to *n*.

Binomial distribution

$$\Pr(\text{elements starting with 0 is } m) = \binom{n}{m} q^m (1-q)^{n-m}$$

Case exclusion: getting rid of nonzero probability for $m > s$ and $m < n - f$

1. If $n > s$, reassign, in order, $d \leftarrow n - s$, $n \leftarrow s$, and $f \leftarrow f - d$.
2. Then, if $n > f$, reassign, in order, $d \leftarrow n - f$, $m \leftarrow m - d$, $n \leftarrow f$, and $s \leftarrow s - d$.

Hypergeometric rescaled

$$\frac{s}{s+f} = q$$

If $s/f \geq q/(1-q)$, reassign $f \leftarrow [s(1-q)/q]$

If $s/f < q/(1-q)$, reassign $s \leftarrow [fq/(1-q)]$

Non-central hypergeometric

- Introduce a weight $w = \frac{f}{s} \cdot \frac{q}{1-q}$

- Wallenius' non-central hypergeometric distribution

Results

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