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Clause 2

Add the following new references:

ISO/IEC 14496-5, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 5: Reference software*

ISO/IEC 14496-33, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 33: Internet video coding*

Clause 13

Add the following new clause:

13 Internet video coding

13.1 General

This clause specifies tests designed to verify whether bitstreams and decoders meet the normative requirements specified in ISO/IEC 14496-33.

Characteristics of coded bitstreams and decoders are defined in ISO/IEC 14496-33. An encoder can claim conformance to ISO/IEC 14496-33 if the bitstreams that it generates are conforming bitstreams. Decoder characteristics define the properties and capabilities of the applied decoding process. The capabilities of a decoder specify which bitstreams the decoder can decode and reconstruct. A bitstream can be decoded by a decoder if the characteristics of the bitstream are within the specified decoder capabilities.

Procedures are described for testing conformance of bitstreams and decoders to the requirements defined in ISO/IEC 14496-33. Given the set of characteristics claimed, the requirements that shall be met are fully determined by ISO/IEC 14496-33. This clause summarizes the requirements, cross references them to characteristics, and defines how conformance with them can be tested. This clause also gives guidelines on how to construct bitstream test suites to check or verify decoder conformance. In addition, a set of test bitstreams implemented according to those guidelines are provided at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/14496/-4/ed-2/amd/46/en.

13.2 Conformance for ISO/IEC 14496-33

13.2.1 Normative tests for verifying conformance

The following subclauses specify normative tests for verifying conformance of video bitstreams as well as decoders. These normative tests make use of test data (bitstream test suites) provided at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/14496/-4/ed-2/amd/46/en and the reference software decoder provided in ISO/IEC 14496-5 for ISO/IEC 14496-33 with source code included in ISO/IEC 14496-5 in electronic format.

13.2.2 Procedure to test bitstreams

A bitstream that claims conformance with ISO/IEC 14496-33 shall pass the following normative test.

The bitstream shall be decoded by processing it with the reference software decoder provided in ISO/IEC 14496-5 for ISO/IEC 14496-33. When processed by the reference software decoder, the bitstream shall not cause any error or non-conformance messages to be reported by the reference software decoder. This test should not be applied to bitstreams that are known to contain errors introduced by transmission.

Successfully passing the reference software decoder test provides only a strong presumption that the bitstream under test is conforming to the video coding specification, i.e. that it does indeed meet all the requirements for ISO/IEC 14496-33 that are tested by the reference software decoder.

Additional tests may be necessary to more thoroughly check that the bitstream properly meets all the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 14496-33. These complementary tests may be performed using other video bitstream verifiers that perform more complete tests than those implemented by the reference software decoder.

To check correctness of a bitstream, it is necessary to parse the entire bitstream and to extract all the syntactic elements and other values derived from those syntactic elements and used by the decoding process specified in ISO/IEC 14496-33.

A verifier may not necessarily perform all stages of the decoding process described in ISO/IEC 14496-33 in order to verify bitstream correctness. Many tests can be performed on syntax elements in a state prior to their use in some processing stages.

13.2.3 Procedure to test decoder conformance

13.2.3.1 Conformance bitstreams

Conformance bitstreams are available at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/14496/-4/ed-2/amd/46/en. The following information is included in a single zipped file for each such bitstream.

Bitstream

MD5 sum file (for each decoded frame)

The reference software decoder provided in ISO/IEC 14496-5 shall be used to generate the necessary reference decoded frames from the bitstream.

13.2.3.2 Requirements on output of the decoding process

It is a requirement that all of the decoded frames output by a conforming decoder shall be in the same order as output by the reference software decoder. It is a further requirement that all of the values of samples output by a conforming decoder, prior to post processing, shall be exactly equal to the values of the corresponding samples output by the reference software decoder.

13.2.4 Test bitstreams — IVC

13.2.4.1 Test bitstreams #TRANS_A

Specification: All slices are coded as I slices. Each frame contains only one slice. abt_enable is set to 1.

Functional stage: Test the reconstruction process of I slices with variable block-size transform and intra prediction.

Purpose: Check if decoder can correctly decode I slices with variable block-size transform and intra prediction.