

IMAGE DECODING METHOD, IMAGE CODING METHOD, IMAGE  
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IMAGE CODING AND DECODING APPARATUS

5 [ABSTRACT]

An image decoding method of decoding, on a per-block  
basis, a coded image included in a bitstream, includes:  
performing arithmetic decoding on a current block to be  
decoded (S101); determining whether or not the current block  
10 is at the end of a slice(S103); determining, when it is  
determined that the current block is not at the end of the  
slice, whether or not the current block is at the end of a sub-  
stream which is a structural unit of the image that is different  
from the slice (S105); and performing arithmetic decoding on  
15 a sub-last bit and performing arithmetic decoding termination,  
when it is determined that the current block is at the end of  
the sub-stream (S106).

Figure 8

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