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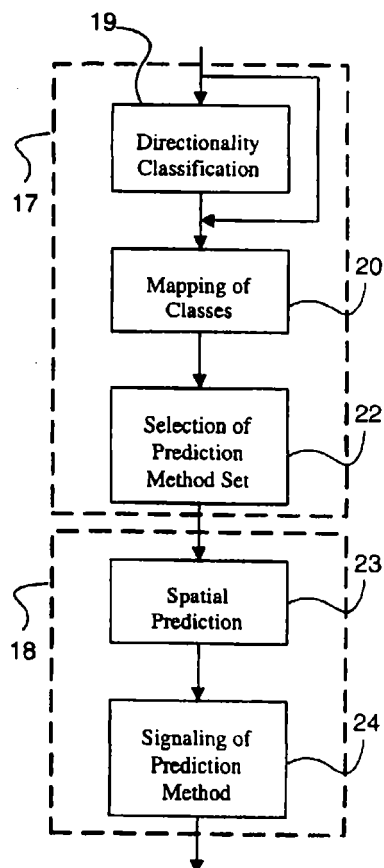
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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR ENCODING IMAGES, AND AN IMAGE CODER



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for encoding a digital image, in which method the digital image is divided into blocks (C, L, U, UL, UR). In the method a spatial prediction for a block (C) is performed to reduce the amount of information to be transmitted, wherein at least one prediction method (P1-P13) is defined. In the method a classification is determined for at least one neighbouring block (L, U) of said block (C) to be predicted according to the contents of said neighbouring block (L, U), and a prediction method (P1-P13) is selected for the current block (C) on the basis of at least one said classification.



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