

Information Theory and Coding Techniques

Qualify Examination

1. Let X be a discrete random variable and $g(x)$ is a function of x . please show that $H(g(x)) \leq H(x)$
2. A function $\rho(x,y)$ is a metric if for all x,y the following properties hold.
 (i) $\rho(x,y) \geq 0$, (ii) $\rho(x,y) = \rho(y,x)$, (iii) $\rho(x,y) = 0$ iff $x=y$, and
 (iv) $\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) \geq \rho(x,z)$. Please show that
 (a) $\rho(X,Y) = H(X|Y) + H(Y|X)$ is a metric if $X=Y$ (or there is a one-to-one function mapping from X to Y)
 (b) Verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(X,Y) &= H(X) + H(Y) - 2I(X;Y) \\ &= H(X,Y) - I(X;Y) \\ &= 2H(X,Y) - H(X) - H(Y) \end{aligned}$$

3. Let the random variable X have three possible outcomes $\{a, b, c\}$
 Consider two distributions on X :

symbo	p(x)	q(x)
a	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
b	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
c	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

4. For the source $X = \{ \begin{matrix} x_1, & x_2, & x_3, & x_4, & x_5, & x_6 \\ 0.25, & 0.25, & 0.2, & 0.1, & 0.1, & 0.1 \end{matrix} \}$

Please construct an optimal Ternary Huffman code for X and find the corresponding average codeword length.

5. Which of the following codes are
 (a) Uniquely decodable? $C_1 = \{00, 01, 0\}$
 $C_2 = \{00, 01, 100, 101, 11\}$
 (b) Instantaneous decodable? $C_3 = \{0, 10, 110, 1110, \dots\}$
 $C_4 = \{0, 00, 000, 0000\}$

6. Calculate the capacity of the following channels with probability transition matrices:

$$(a) X = Y = \{0, 1, 2\} \quad P(y|x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) X = Y = \{0, 1, 2\} \quad P(y|x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) X = Y = \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \quad P(y|x) = \begin{bmatrix} P & 1-P & 0 & 0 \\ 1-P & P & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q & 1-q \\ 0 & 0 & 1-q & q \end{bmatrix}$$

7. *Cascade of binary symmetric channels.* Show that a cascade of n identical independent binary symmetric channels,

$$X_0 \rightarrow \boxed{\text{BSC}} \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_{n-1} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{BSC}} \rightarrow X_n,$$

each with raw error probability p , is equivalent to a single BSC with error probability $\frac{1}{2}(1 - (1 - 2p)^n)$ and hence that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(X_0; X_n) = 0$ if $p \neq 0, 1$. No encoding or decoding takes place at the intermediate terminals X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} . Thus, the capacity of the cascade tends to zero.

8. Let $l(x)$ be the codeword lengths associated with the Shannon code and let $l'(x)$ be the codeword lengths associated with any other codes.

Please show that

$$P_r(l(x) \geq l'(x) + c) \leq \frac{1}{2^{c-1}}$$