INFORMATION THEORY & CODING

Week 6 : Source Coding 2

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Review Summary

- **Classes of codes**

  Prefix codes $\Rightarrow$ Uniquely decodable codes $\Rightarrow$ Nonsingular codes

- **Kraft inequality**

  Prefix codes $\Leftrightarrow \sum D^{-\ell_i} \leq 1$.

Outline

- **Extended Kraft inequality for prefix code**
- **Kraft inequality for uniquely decodable code**

  Uniquely decodable code does NOT provide more choices than prefix code

- **Bounds on optimal expected length**

  Entropy length is achievable when jointly encoding a random sequence.

Extended Kraft Inequality

Theorem 5.5.1 (Extended Kraft Inequality)

Kraft inequality holds also for all countably infinite set of codewords, i.e., the codeword lengths satisfy the extended Kraft inequality,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} D^{-\ell_i} \leq 1$$

Conversely, given any $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ldots$ satisfying the extended Kraft inequality, we can construct a prefix code with these codeword lengths.

Extended Kraft Inequality

Theorem 5.2.2 (Extended Kraft Inequality)

Kraft inequality holds also for all countably infinite set of codewords.

Proof.

Consider the ith codeword $y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{\ell_i}$. Let $0.y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{\ell_i}$ be the real number given by the D-ary expansion

$$0.y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{\ell_i} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} y_j D^{-j},$$

which corresponds to the interval

$$[0.y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{\ell_i}, 0.y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{\ell_i} + \frac{1}{D^{\ell_i}}).$$

$\square$

Extended Kraft Inequality

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Proof. (cont.)

By the prefix condition, these intervals are disjoint in the unit interval $[0, 1]$. Thus, the sum of their lengths is ≤ 1. This proves that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} D^{-\ell_i} \leq 1.$$

For converse, reorder indices in increasing order and assign intervals as we walk along the unit interval. $\square$

Kraft Inequaltiy for Uniquely Decodable Codes

Theorem 5.2.3 (McMillan)

The codeword lengths of any uniquely decodable D-ary code must satisfy the Kraft inequality

$$\sum D^{-\ell_i} \le 1.$$

Conversely, given a set of codeword lengths that satisfy this inequality, it is possible to construct a uniquely decodable code with these codeword lengths.

Proof.

Consider C^k, the k-th extension of the code by k repetitions. Let the codeword lengths of the symbols $x \in \mathcal{X}$ be $\ell(x)$. For the k-th extension code, we have

$$\ell(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k) = \sum_i^k \ell(x_i).$$

□

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Proof. (cont.)

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\sum_{x\in\mathcal{X}} D^{-\ell(x)}\right)^k &= \sum_{x_1\in\mathcal{X}}\sum_{x_2\in\mathcal{X}}\cdots\sum_{x_k\in\mathcal{X}} D^{-\ell(x_1)}D^{-\ell(x_2)}\dots D^{-\ell(x_k)}\\ &= \sum_{x_1,x_2,\cdots x_k\in\mathcal{X}^k} D^{-\ell(x_1)}D^{-\ell(x_2)}\dots D^{-\ell(x_k)}\\ &= \sum_{x^k\in\mathcal{X}^k} D^{-\ell(x^k)}\end{aligned}$$

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Proof. (cont.)

Let $\ell_{\max}$ be the maximum codeword length and $a(m)$ is the number of source sequences x^k mapping into codewords of length m. Unique decodability implies that $a(m) \leq D^m$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\Big(\sum_{x\in\mathcal{X}} D^{-\ell(x)}\Big)^k = \sum_{x^k\in\mathcal{X}^k} D^{-\ell(x^k)} &= \sum_{m=1}^{k\ell_{\max}} a(m)D^{-m} \\ &\leq \sum_{m=1}^{k\ell_{\max}} D^m D^{-m} \\ &= k\ell_{\max}\end{aligned}$$

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Proof. (cont.)

$$\left(\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} D^{-\ell(x)} \right)^k \leq k\ell_{\max}.$$

Hence,

$$\sum_j D^{-\ell_j} \leq (k\ell_{\max})^{1/k}$$

holds for all k. Since the RHS$\rightarrow 1$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we prove the Kraft inequality. For the converse part, we can construct a prefix code as in **Theorem 5.2.1**, which is also uniquely decodable. □

Optimal Codes

Problem To find the set of lengths $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ldots, \ell_m$ satisfying the Kraft inequality and whose expected length $L = \sum p_i \ell_i$ is minimized.

Optimization:

minimize $L = \sum p_i \ell_i$

subject to $\sum D^{-\ell_i} \leq 1$ and ℓ_i's are integers.

Optimal Codes

Theorem 5.3.1

The expected length L of any prefix D-ary code for a random variable X is no less than $H_D(X)$, i.e.,

$$L \geq H_D(X),$$

with equality iff $D^{-\ell_i} = p_i$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} L - H_D(X) &= \sum p_i \ell_i - \sum p_i \log_D \frac{1}{p_i} \\ &= -\sum p_i \log_D D^{-\ell_i} + \sum p_i \log_D p_i \\ &= \sum p_i \log_D \frac{p_i}{r_i} - \log_D c \\ &= D(\mathbf{p} \| \mathbf{r}) + \log_D \frac{1}{c} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

"=" holds if $c = 1$ and $r_i = p_i$.

where $r_i = D^{-\ell_i} / \sum_j D^{\ell_j}$ and $c = \sum D^{-\ell_i} \leq 1$. □

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Definition

A probability distribution is called D-adic if each of the probabilities is equal to D^{-n} for some n. Thus, we have equality in the theorem iff the distribution of X is D-adic.

Remark

$H_D(X)$ is a lower bound on the optimal code length. The equality holds iff p is D-adic.

Bound on the Optimal Code Length

Theorem 5.4.1 (Shannon Codes)

Let $\ell_1^*, \ell_2^*, \ldots, \ell_m^*$ be optimal codeword lengths for a source distribution $\mathbf{p}$ and a D-ary alphabet, and let L^* be the associated expected length of an optimal code ($L^* = \sum p_i \ell_i^*$). Then

$$H_D(X) \leq L^* < H_D(X) + 1.$$

Proof.

Take $\ell_i = \lceil -\log_D p_i \rceil$. Since

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{X}} D^{-\ell_i} \leq \sum p_i = 1,$$

these lengths satisfy Kraft inequality and we can create a prefix code. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} L^* &\leq \sum p_i \lceil -\log_D p_i \rceil \\ &< \sum p_i(-\log_D p_i + 1) \\ &= H_D(X) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

Bound on the Optimal Code Length

Theorem 5.4.2

Consider a system in which we send a sequence of n symbols from $\mathcal{X}$. The symbols are assumed to be i.i.d. according to $p(x)$. The minimum expected codeword length per symbol satisfies

$$\frac{H(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)}{n} \leq L_n^* < \frac{H(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)}{n} + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Proof.

First,

$$L_n = \frac{1}{n}\sum p(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)\ell(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n}E[\ell(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)]$$

We also have

$$H(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n) \leq E[\ell(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)] < H(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n) + 1.$$

Since $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ are i.i.d., $H(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n) = nH(X)$. $\square$

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