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SOURCE AND ERROR CONTROL CODING



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Measure of information
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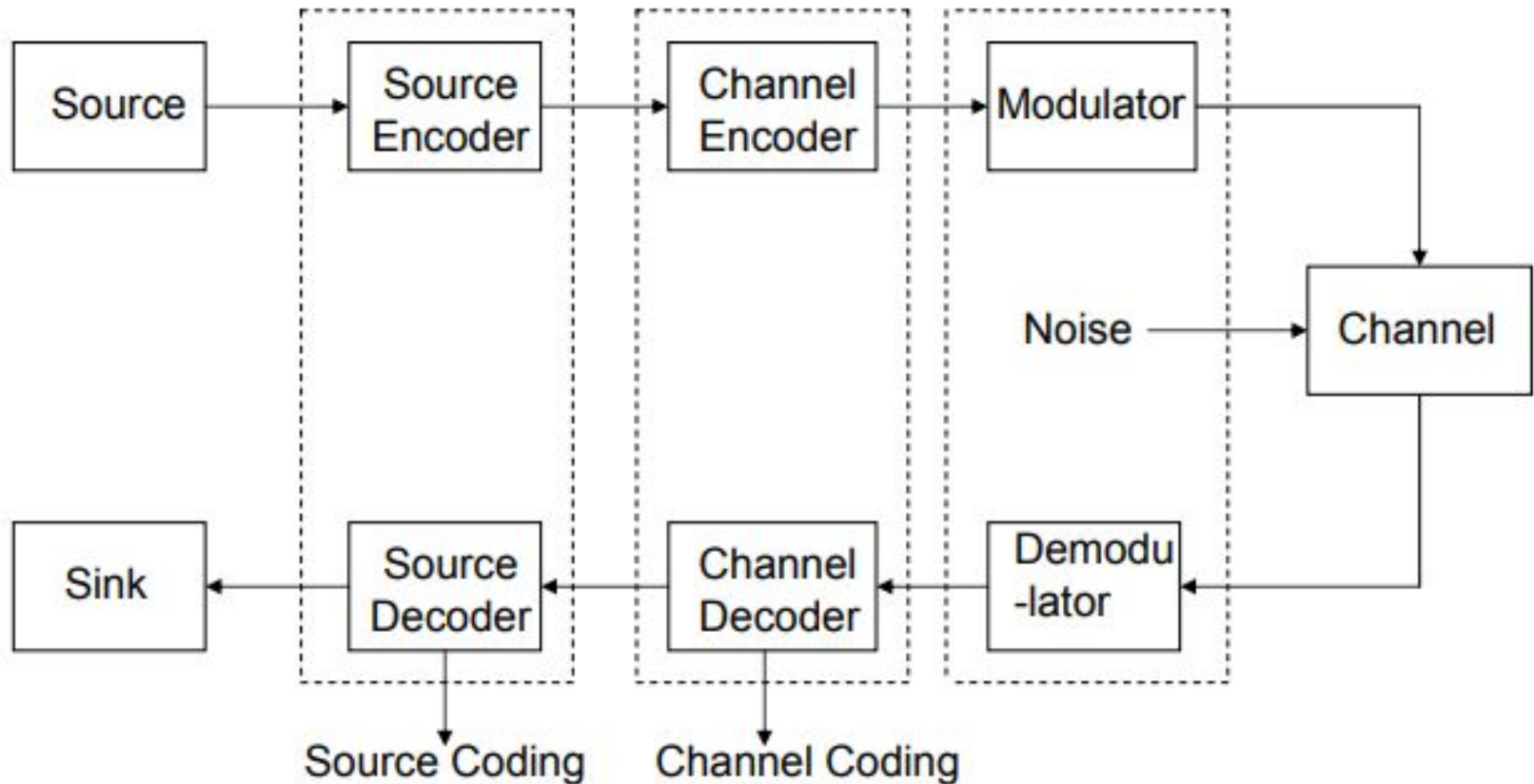
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Information Theory

- Information theory is concerned with the fundamental limits of communication.
- Source coding converts source output to bits. Source output can be voice, video, text, sensor output, etc.,
- Channel coding adds extra bits to data transmitted over the channel. This redundancy helps combat the errors introduced in transmitted bits due to channel noise.
- Sources can generate “information” in several formats like sequence of symbols such as letters from the English alphabet or binary symbols from a computer file or analog waveforms such as voice and video signals.

Communication System



Discrete Memoryless Source

- A source from which the data is being emitted at successive intervals, which is independent of previous values, can be termed as discrete memoryless source.
- This source is discrete as it is not considered for a continuous time interval, but at discrete time intervals.
- This source is memoryless as it is fresh at each instant of time, without considering the previous values.

Entropy

- Entropy is the measure of the average information content per symbol.
- Consider a Discrete Memoryless Source.
- The symbols emitted by the source is defined by the set

$$S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{K-1}\}$$

- Probability of the source emitting a symbol s_k is defined by p_k and hence the information contained by symbol s_k can be expressed as

$$I(s_k) = \log\left(\frac{1}{p_k}\right)$$

- Certain & Uncertain events – Example?

Properties of Entropy

❖ Property 1:

$$H(S) = 0 \text{ if and only if } p_k = 1$$

for any value of k and all other symbols have zero probability i.e., *no uncertainty*

❖ Property 2:

$$H(S) = \log_2 K \text{ if and only if } p_k = 1/K$$

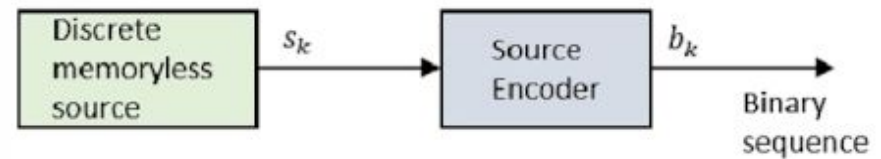
for all the symbols (equiprobable) in the set i.e., *maximum uncertainty*

Source Coding Theorem

Requirements:

- ❖ Binary codeword
- ❖ Uniquely decodable
- ❖ If l_k is the length of codeword corresponding to symbol s_k , then average codeword length is given by

$$\bar{L} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} p_k l_k$$



Theorem:

Given a discrete memoryless source of entropy $H(S)$, the average codeword length \bar{L} for any distortionless source coding is bounded as

$$\bar{L} \geq H(S)$$

$$\text{Coding Efficiency} = H(S) / \bar{L}$$

Conditional Entropy

The amount of uncertainty remaining about the channel input after observing the channel output, is called as Conditional Entropy. It is denoted by $H(x|y)$.

This parameter is essential to understand Mutual Information.

For $Y = y_k$, the conditional entropy is given by

$$H(x | y_k) = \sum_{j=0}^{j-1} p(x_j | y_k) \log_2 \left[\frac{1}{p(x_j | y_k)} \right]$$