

Problem 1 (2.11) Score: _____. Proof of the Kraft inequality for uniquely decodable codes.

- (a) Assume a uniquely decodable code has lengths l_1, \dots, l_M . In order to show that $\sum_j 2^{-l_j} \leq 1$, demonstrate the following identity for each integer $n \geq 1$:

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \right]^n = \sum_{j_1=1}^M \sum_{j_2=1}^M \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^M 2^{-(l_{j_1} + l_{j_2} + \dots + l_{j_n})}.$$

- (b) Show that there is one term on the right for each concatenation of n codewords (i.e. for the encoding of one n -tuple \mathbf{x}^n) where $l_{j_1} + l_{j_2} + \dots + l_{j_n}$ is the aggregate length of that concatenation.

- (c) Let A_i be the number of concatenations which have overall length i and show that

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \right]^n = \sum_{i=1}^{nl_{\max}} A_i 2^{-i}.$$

- (d) Using the unique decodability, upperbound each A_i and show that

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \right]^n \leq nl_{\max}.$$

- (e) By taking the n th root and letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, demonstrate the Kraft inequality.

Proof: (a)

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \right]^n = \left[\sum_{j_1=1}^M 2^{-l_{j_1}} \right] \left[\sum_{j_2=1}^M 2^{-l_{j_2}} \right] \dots \left[\sum_{j_n=1}^M 2^{-l_{j_n}} \right] = \sum_{j_1=1}^M \sum_{j_2=1}^M \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^M 2^{-(l_{j_1} + l_{j_2} + \dots + l_{j_n})}, \quad \forall n \geq 1. \quad (1)$$

- (b) For each concatenation of n codewords \mathbf{x}^n , the length of the k th codeword is l_{j_k} and there is n codewords in total ($1 \leq k \leq n$), so the aggregate length of the concatenation is $l_{j_1} + l_{j_2} + \dots + l_{j_n}$.

- (c) Using the conclusion we obtained in (b), we have

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \right]^n = \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n} e^{-(\text{length of } \mathbf{x}^n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{nl_{\max}} A_i 2^{-i}. \quad (2)$$

- (d) Because of unique decodability (i.e. each concatenation should be different),

$$A_i \leq 2^i, \quad \forall i. \quad (3)$$

Thus,

$$\left[\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \right]^n = \sum_{i=1}^{nl_{\max}} A_i 2^{-i} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{nl_{\max}} 2^i 2^{-i} = \sum_{i=1}^{nl_{\max}} 1 = nl_{\max}. \quad (4)$$

- (e) Taking the n th root of equation (4), we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \leq [nl_{\max}]^{1/n}. \quad (5)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^M 2^{-l_j} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [nl_{\max}]^{1/n} = 1, \quad (6)$$

which is the Kraft inequality.

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Problem 2 (2.12) Score: _____. A source with an alphabet size of $M = |\mathcal{X}| = 4$ has a symbol probabilities $\{1/3, 1/3, 2/9, 1/9\}$.

- Use the Huffman algorithm to find an optimal prefix-free code for this source.
- Use the Huffman algorithm to find another optimal prefix-free code with a different set of lengths.
- Find another prefix-free code that is optimal but cannot result from using the Huffman algorithm.

Solution: Suppose the four symbols corresponding to the probabilities $\{1/3, 1/3, 2/9, 1/9\}$ are a,b,c,d.

- An optimal prefix-free code for this source is shown in figure 1(a).
- Another optimal prefix-free code for this source is shown in figure 1(b).



- An optimal prefix-free code derived from the Huffman algorithm.
- Another optimal prefix-free code derived from the Huffman algorithm.

Figure 1: Two optimal prefix-free code scheme.

- Another prefix-free code that is optimal but cannot result from using the Huffman algorithm is shown in table 1.

Table 1: Another prefix-free code that is optimal but cannot result from using the Huffman algorithm

symbol	codeword
a	00
b	11
c	10
d	01

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Problem 3 (2.14) Score: _____. Consider a source with M equiprobable symbols.

- Let $k = \lceil \log M \rceil$. Show that, for a Huffman code, the only possible codeword lengths are k and $k - 1$.
- As a function of M , find how many codewords have length $k = \lceil \log M \rceil$. What is the expected codeword length \bar{L} in bits per source code?
- Define $y = M/2^k$. Express $\bar{L} - \log M$ as a function of y . Find the maximum value of this function over $1/2 < y \leq 1$. This illustrates that the entropy bound, $\bar{L} = H[X] + 1$, is rather loose in this equiprobable case.

Solution: (a) For a Huffman code, if M is a power of 2, say $M = 2^k$, then the Huffman tree should be a full binary tree and the length is $k = \log_2 M$ for all codewords. If M is not a power of 2, say $M = 2^{k-1} + k_0$ where $0 < k_0 \leq 2^{k-1}$, the Huffman tree should be a complete but not full binary tree. In this case, some codewords are at the bottom layer of the Huffman tree whose lengths are all $k = \lceil \log_2 M \rceil$, other codewords are at the bottom but one layer whose lengths are all $k - 1 = \lceil \log_2 M \rceil - 1$.

(b) Suppose the number of codewords with length k is x , then the number of codewords with length $k - 1$ is $M - x$. The number of node at the bottom but one layer of the Huffman tree should be

$$\frac{x}{2} + (M - x) = 2^{k-1}, \quad (7)$$

so the number of codeword with length k is

$$x = 2M - 2^k. \quad (8)$$

The expected code length per source code is

$$\bar{L} = \frac{k(2M - 2^k) + (k - 1)(2^k - M)}{M} = k + 1 - \frac{2^k}{M}. \quad (9)$$

(c) Using $k = \log_2 \frac{M}{y}$, we have

$$\bar{L} - \log_2 M = -\log_2 y + 1 - \frac{1}{y}. \quad (10)$$

The derivative of the above function is

$$\frac{d}{dy} = -\frac{1}{y \ln 2} + \frac{1}{y^2} \begin{cases} > 0, & \frac{1}{2} \leq y < \ln 2, \\ < 0, & \ln 2 < y < 1, \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

so the maximum value of the above function is

$$[\bar{L} - \log_2 M]_{\max} = [\bar{L} - \log_2 M]_{y=\ln 2} = -\log_2(\ln 2) + 1 - \frac{1}{\ln 2} = 0.086, \quad (12)$$

which means that

$$\bar{L} \leq \log_2 M + 0.086 \leq H(X) + 0.086. \quad (13)$$

Therefore, the entropy bound $\bar{L} = H(X) + 1$, is rather loose in this equiprobable case. □

Problem 4 (2.21) Score: _____. A discrete memoryless source emits iid random symbols X_1, X_2, \dots . Each random symbol X has the symbols $\{a, b, c\}$ with probabilities $\{0.5, 0.4, 0.1\}$, respectively.

- (a) Find the expected length \bar{L}_{\min} of the best variable-length prefix-free code for X .
- (b) Find the expected length $\bar{L}_{\min,2}$, normalized to bits per symbol, of the best variable-length prefix-free code for X^2 .
- (c) Is it true that for any DMS, $\bar{L}_{\min} \geq \bar{L}_{\min,2}$? Explain your answer.

Solution: (a) The best variable prefix-free code for X is shown in figure 2(a), whose expected length is

$$\bar{L}_{\min} = 0.5 \times 1 + 0.4 \times 2 + 0.1 \times 2 = 1.5 \quad . \quad (14)$$

- (b) The best variable prefix-free code for X^2 is shown in figure 2(b), whose expected length normalized to bits per symbol is

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{L}_{\min,2} &= \frac{1}{2}(0.25 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 2 + 0.16 \times 3 + 0.05 \times 5 + 0.05 \times 5 + 0.04 \times 5 + 0.04 \times 6 + 0.01 \times 6) \\ &= 1.39 \quad .\end{aligned}\tag{15}$$

- (c) It is true that for any DMS, $\bar{L}_{\min} \geq \bar{L}_{\min,2}$. One method for source coding of X^2 is to use the concatenation of two codewords of X as the codeword of X^2 , whose expected length per symbol equals L_{\min} . Because this method is not necessarily the best coding method, L_{\min} can not be less than $\bar{L}_{\min,2}$, which is the minimal expected length per symbol of X^2 .

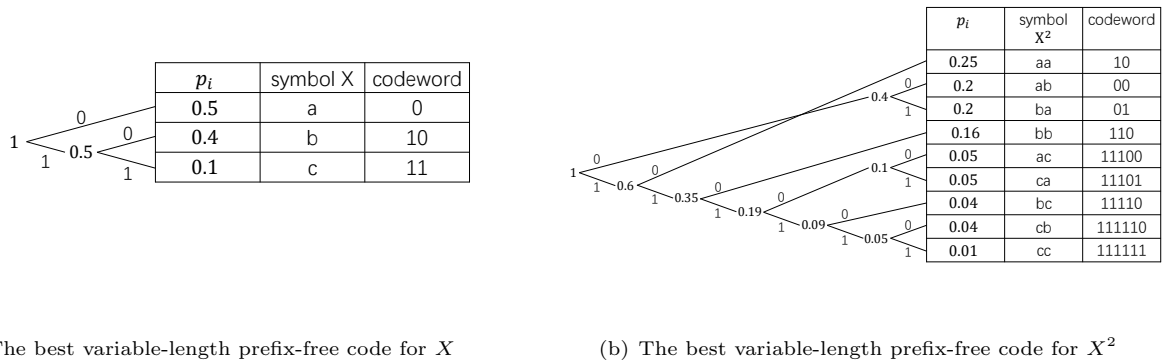


Figure 2: The best variable-length prefix-free code schemes.

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Problem 5 (2.33) Score: _____. Perform an LZ77 parsing of the string 000111010010101100. Assume a window of length $W = 8$; the initial window is underlined above. You should parse the rest of the string using the Lempel-Ziv algorithm.

Solution: The rest of the string can be parsed as

$$\underline{00011101} \quad \overbrace{001}^{u=7, n=3} \quad \overbrace{0101}^{u=2, n=4} \quad \overbrace{100}^{u=8, n=3} ,$$

whose corresponding encoded sequence is

$$011 \ 111 \ 00100 \ 010 \ 011 \ 000.$$

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Problem 6 (4.35 Aliasing) Score: _____. The following exercise is designed to illustrate the sampling of an approximately baseband waveform. To avoid messy computation, we look at a waveform baseband-limited to $3/2$ which is sampled at rate 1 (i.e. sampled at only $1/3$ the rate that it should be sampled at). In particular, let $u(t) = \text{sinc}(3t)$.

- (a) Sketch $\hat{u}(f)$. Sketch the function $\hat{v}_m(f) = \text{rect}(f - m)$ for each integer m such that $v_m(f) \neq 0$. Note that $\hat{u}(f) = \sum_m \hat{v}_m(f)$.
- (b) Sketch the inverse transforms $v_m(t)$ (real and imaginary parts if complex).

- (c) Verify directly from the equations that $u(t) = \sum v_m(t)$. [Hint. This is easier if you express the sine part of the sinc function as a sum of complex exponentials.]
- (d) Verify the sinc-weighted sinusoid expansion, (4.73). (There are only three nonzero terms in the expansion.)
- (e) For the approximation $s(t) = u(0) \text{sinc}(t)$, find the energy in the difference between $u(t)$ and $s(t)$ and interpret the terms.

Solution: (a) The fourier transforms of $u(t)$

$$\hat{u}(f) = \mathcal{F}[u(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{rect}\left(\frac{f}{3}\right), \quad (16)$$

as shown in figure 3.

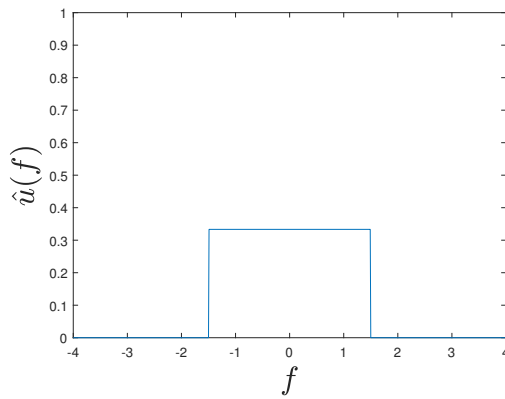


Figure 3: $\hat{u}(f)$

The segment functions are

$$\hat{v}_0(f) = \frac{1}{3} \text{rect}(f), \quad (17)$$

$$\hat{v}_1(f) = \frac{1}{3} \text{rect}(f - 1), \quad (18)$$

$$\hat{v}_{-1}(f) = \frac{1}{3} \text{rect}(f + 1), \quad (19)$$

as shown in figure 4.

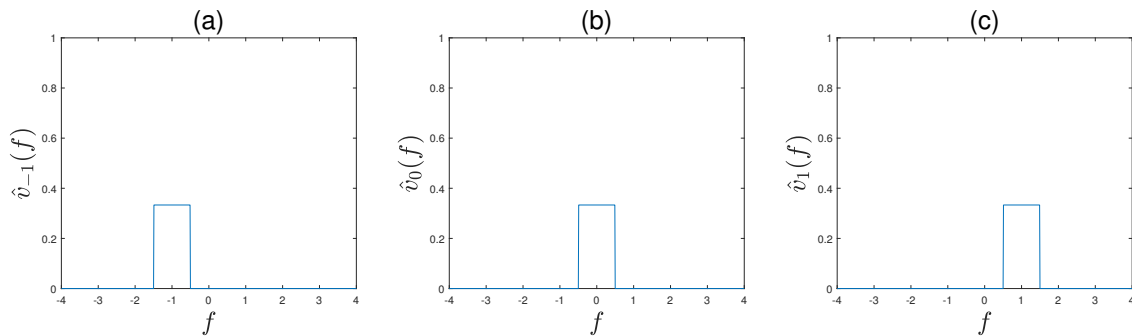


Figure 4: $\hat{v}_m(f)$ for $m = 0, \pm 1$.

(b) The inverse transform of $\hat{v}_0(f)$ is

$$v_0(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{v}_0(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t). \quad (20)$$

as shown in figure 5.

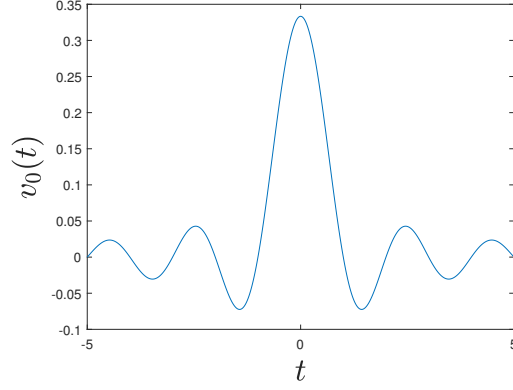


Figure 5: $v_0(t)$.

The inverse transform of $\hat{v}_1(f)$ is

$$v_1(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{v}_1(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) e^{2\pi i t}, \quad (21)$$

whose real part is

$$\text{Re}[v_1(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) \cos(2\pi t), \quad (22)$$

and imaginary part is

$$\text{Im}[v_1(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) \sin(2\pi t), \quad (23)$$

as shown in figure 6.

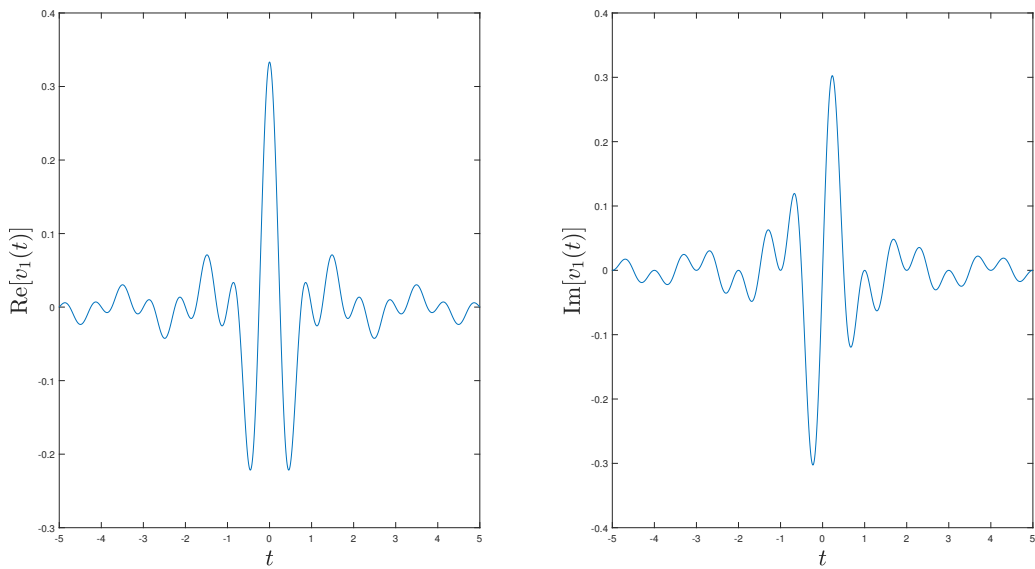


Figure 6: Real part and imaginary part of $v_1(t)$.

The inverse transform of $\hat{v}_{-1}(f)$ is

$$v_{-1}(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{v}_{-1}(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) e^{-2\pi i t}, \quad (24)$$

whose real part is

$$\text{Re}[v_{-1}(t)] = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) \cos(2\pi t), \quad (25)$$

and imaginary part is

$$\text{Im}[v_{-1}(t)] = -\frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) \sin(2\pi t), \quad (26)$$

as shown in figure 7.

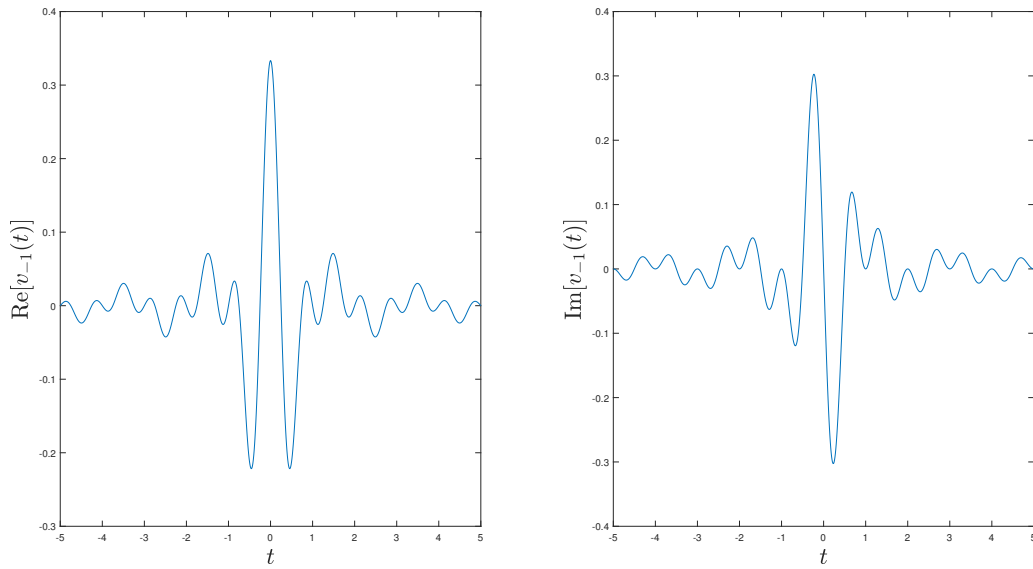


Figure 7: Real part and imaginary part of $v_{-1}(t)$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_m v_m(t) &= v_0(t) + v_1(t) + v_{-1}(t) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{\pi i t} - e^{-\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{\pi i t} - e^{-\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} e^{2\pi i t} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{\pi i t} - e^{-\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} e^{-2\pi i t} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{3\pi i t} - e^{-3\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} = \frac{\sin(3\pi t)}{3\pi t} = \text{sinc}(3t) = u(t) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

(d) Sampling period $T = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m,k} v_m(kT) \text{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{T} - k\right) e^{2\pi i m t/T} &= \sum_{m=0,\pm 1} v_m(0) \text{sinc}(t) e^{2\pi i m t} = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) + \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) e^{2\pi i t} + \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}(t) e^{-2\pi i t} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{\pi i t} - e^{-\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{\pi i t} - e^{-\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} e^{2\pi i t} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{\pi i t} - e^{-\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} e^{-2\pi i t} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^{3\pi i t} - e^{-3\pi i t}}{2\pi i t} = \frac{\sin(3\pi t)}{3\pi t} = \text{sinc}(3t) = u(t). \end{aligned}$$

(e) The approximation function

$$s(t) = u(0) \text{sinc}(t) = \text{sinc}(t). \quad (28)$$

Using Parseval's Theorem, the energy between $u(t)$ and $s(t)$ is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u(t) - s(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\hat{u}(f) - \hat{s}(f)|^2 df = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{1}{3} \text{rect} \left(\frac{f}{3} \right) - \text{rect}(f) \right|^2 df = \frac{2}{3}.$$

which shows that $s(t)$ is not a very good approximation of $u(t)$, i.e., $s(t)$ and $u(t)$ are not \mathcal{L}_2 equivalent.

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