

# COMP2610/COMP6261 Tutorial 3 Solutions\*

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1. (a) We know that  $X$  is a binomial with parameters  $n, p$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} p(X \geq n-1) &= p(X = n-1) + p(X = n) \\ &= n \cdot p^{n-1} \cdot (1-p) + p^n. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) By Markov's inequality,

$$p(X \geq n-1) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{n-1} = \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot p.$$

- (c) When  $n = 2$ ,

$$p(X \geq 1) = 2 \cdot p \cdot (1-p) + p^2 = p \cdot (2-p).$$

The bound from Markov's inequality is

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$$p(X \geq 1) \leq 2 \cdot p.$$

The difference

Thus, for the  $M$ , <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

2. (a) We need to code all sequences of length 100 with three or less 1's. There are 100 sequences with one 1 (one sequence for each position the 1 appears.) Similarly, there are  $\binom{100}{2}$  and  $\binom{100}{3}$  sequences with two and three 1's. In total, we have

$$1 + 100 + \binom{100}{2} + \binom{100}{3} = 166,751.$$

If we want a uniform code over this number of elements, we need  $\lceil \log_2(166,751) \rceil = 18$

- (b) We need to find the probability of observing more than 3 1's. Let  $K$  be the number of 1's observed. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(K > 3) &= 1 - P(K \leq 3) = 1 - P(K = 0) - P(K = 1) - P(K = 2) - P(K = 3) \\ &= 1 - 0.995^{100} + 100 \times 0.995^{99} \times 0.005 \\ &\quad + \binom{100}{2} \times 0.995^{98} \times 0.005^2 + \binom{100}{3} \times 0.995^{97} \times 0.005^3 \\ &= 0.00167 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The number of 1's,  $K$ , is a binomial random variable with probability of success 0.995. It has expectation  $\mathbb{E}[K] = 100 \times 0.005 = 0.5$  and variance  $\mathbb{V}[K] = 100 \times 0.995 \times 0.005 = 0.4975$ . By Chebyshev's inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(K \geq 4) &\leq P(|K - 0.5| \geq 3.5) = P(|K - \mathbb{E}[K]| \geq 3.5) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbb{V}[K]}{3.5^2} = \frac{0.4975}{3.5^2} = 0.0406 \end{aligned}$$

This is larger than the probability we found in part (b), it is off by a factor of around 20.

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3. (a) Using the definition of entropy

$$H(X) = 0.4 \times \log \frac{1}{0.4} + 0.6 \times \log \frac{1}{0.6} = 0.971$$

- (b) i. Recall that

$$T_{N\beta} := \{\mathbf{x} : | -\frac{1}{N} \log_2 P(\mathbf{x}) - H(X) | < \beta\}$$

so we are looking for  $k$  (the number of ones) such that

$$0.871 = H(X) - 0.1 < -\frac{1}{N} \log_2 P(k) < H(X) + 0.1 = 1.071.$$

Referring to the table we see this is the case for values of  $k$  ranging from 11 to 19. That is, the typical set consists of sequences with between 11 and 19 1s.

- ii. Summing the corresponding entries in the table (rows 11-19 in the second column) of the table we see

$$P(\mathbf{x} \in T_{N\beta}) = 0.043410 + 0.075967 + \dots + 0.044203 = 0.936247$$

- iii. The number of elements in the typical set is

$$4457400 + 5200300 + \dots + 177100 = 26,366,510.$$

- iv. By definition,  $S_\delta$  is the smallest set of sequences such that  $P(S_\delta) \geq 1 - \delta$ . In particular, you always want to throw in the highest probability elements in order to get the smallest set. The highest probability sequences are the ones with the most 1s. If we start adding up probabilities from the third column of the table starting from the bottom (more 1s), we see that  $P(K \geq 9) = 0.073564$  while  $P(K \geq 18) = 0.15355$  so we need to add  $\frac{(0.1 - 0.073564)}{0.079986} \approx 0.333$  of the row for  $K=18$  to reach  $1 - \delta = 0.9$ . This means we need  $480,700 \times 0.333 \approx 160,000$  elements with 18 ones.

elements in  $S_\delta$ .

- v. The essential bit content is simply  $\log_2 |S_\delta| = 1$ .

4. (a) This is incorrect. Certainly it is true that  $\frac{1}{N} H_\delta(X)$  is nonnegative. But this does not mean we can compress down to zero bits per outcome.  $\frac{1}{N} H_\delta(X^N) \leq \epsilon'$ , for arbitrary  $\epsilon'$ , on the other hand, we would be able to make such a statement. Of course, we cannot show such a thing, because we know that the asymptotic fraction converges to the entropy  $H(X)$ .
- (b) This is correct. The source coding theorem assumes that we are coding blocks created from extended ensembles. By definition this involves performing independent trials. When there is dependence amongst outcomes in a block, the theorem no longer holds.
5. (a) There are  $52 - 20 = 32$  cards left, but only 13 distinct values, namely,  $A_V = \{A, 2, 3, \dots, 10, J, K, Q\}$ . A uniform code over these 13 states takes  $\lceil \log_2 13 \rceil = 4$  bits to code.
- (b)  $P(V)$  is given by:

$$p(A) = \frac{1}{32} \text{ since all that remains is } A_{\clubsuit}$$

$$p(K) = \frac{1}{16} \text{ since all that remains is } K_{\heartsuit}, K_{\clubsuit}$$

$$p(2) = p(3) = p(4) = p(5) = \frac{1}{16} \text{ since all that remains are cards from } \clubsuit, \diamond$$

$$p(J) = p(Q) = p(6) = p(7) = p(8) = p(9) = p(10) = \frac{3}{32} \text{ since all that was removed were cards from } \spadesuit.$$

- (c) We remove a subset so that  $S_\delta$  is the smallest subset such that  $p(v \in S_\delta) \geq 1 - \delta$ :

$\delta$	$S_\delta$	$H_\delta$ (bits)
0	$S_0$	$\log_2 13 = 3.70$
1/16	$S_0 - \{A\}$	$\log_2 12 \approx 3.59$
1/2	$S_0 - \{A, K, 2, \dots, 5, J\}$	$\log_2 6 \approx 2.59$

Here,  $S_0$  is the set of all cards that we start with.

- (d) We are looking for all the elements such that:

$$T_{1,0.3} = \{v : |-\log_2 p(v) - H(V)| < 0.3\}.$$

The entropy can be computed as:

$$H(V) = -\sum p_i \log p_i,$$

where  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_{32}) = (1/32, 1/16, 1/16, 1/16, 1/16, 1/16, 3/32, \dots, 3/32)$ . Since  $H(V) \approx 3.65$ , this is equivalent to finding all  $v$  that satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} H(V) - 0.3 &< -\log_2 p(v) < H(V) + 0.3 \\ 2^{-H(V)-0.3} &< p(v) < 2^{-H(V)+0.3} \\ 2^{-3.95} &< p(v) < 2^{-3.35} \\ 0.0647 &< p(v) < 0.0981. \end{aligned}$$

From 1(b) we see that those elements having  $p(v) = 1/16 = 0.0625$  do not satisfy the above inequality, whereas those elements having  $p(v) = 3/32 \approx 0.0938$  do. Hence:

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- (e) No, it is not possible to do so. Using the source coding theorem (SCT), for large  $N$ , we see that  $H(V) - \delta < -\frac{1}{N} \log p(v) < H(V) + \delta$  for corresponding values we have:  $\frac{1}{N} H_\delta(V) < -\log_2 p(v) < \frac{1}{N} H_{-\delta}(V)$ .

- (f) Yes, the specified lengths are  $l_i = 1$ . For instance the three face cards ( $J, K, Q$ ) could be coded as 001, 010, 011 and the ten non-face cards ( $A, 2, 3, \dots, 10$ ) could be coded as 1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101, 11.

6. (a) The code  $C_1$  is not prefix (0 is a prefix to 01) nor uniquely decodable (0110101 or 0110101). The code  $C_2$  is prefix free and uniquely decodable (00 can be 00 or 0 0) and clearly not prefix free.  $C_3$  is not prefix free.
- (b)  $C'_1 = \{0, 10, 1110, 11110\}$ ,  $C'_2 = C_2$ . For  $C'_3$  we need a code with lengths 1, 1, 2, and 2. However, this cannot be done as the only codewords of length one are 0 and 1 and one of these will be a prefix to any other codeword.
- (c) No. The Kraft inequality tells us that for any prefix code

$$\sum_i 2^{-l_i} \leq 1$$

but for the given code lengths

$$\sum_i 2^{-l_i} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + 3 \times \frac{1}{16} = \frac{17}{16} > 1.$$

- (d) Yes, these lengths satisfy the Kraft inequality. For instance  $C = \{0, 100, 101, 1100, 1101, 1110\}$ .

7. (a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{4} - \frac{31}{128} \log \frac{31}{128} - \frac{1}{128} \log \frac{1}{128} \\ &= 1.55. \end{aligned}$$

(b) The expected code length is

$$L(C, X) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2 + \frac{31}{128} \times 3 + \frac{1}{128} \times 3 = \frac{7}{4}.$$

(c) The code lengths for  $X$  are

$$\lceil \log_2 \frac{1}{1/2} \rceil = 1, \lceil \log_2 \frac{1}{1/4} \rceil = 2, \lceil \log_2 \frac{31}{1/128} \rceil = 3, \text{ and } \lceil \log_2 \frac{1}{1/128} \rceil = 7.$$

An example of a prefix Shannon code for  $X$  would be:

$$C_S = \{0, 10, 110, 11100001\}$$

The expected code length would be

$$L(C_S, X) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2 + \frac{31}{128} \times 3 + \frac{1}{128} \times 7 = 1.78125.$$

(d) We have

$$q_1 = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}, q_2 = 2^{-2} = \frac{1}{4}, q_3 = 2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}, q_4 = 2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8},$$

(And  $Z = 1$ )

(e) By the definition of  $D(\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q})$  we have

$$D(\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 p_i \log \frac{p_i}{q_i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \log_2 \frac{1/2}{1/8} + \frac{1}{4} \times \log_2 \frac{1/4}{1/8} + \frac{31}{128} \times \log_2 \frac{31/128}{1/8} + \frac{1}{128} \times \log_2 \frac{1/128}{1/8} = 0.200.$$

So we have  $D(\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q}) = L(C_S, X) - H(X)$  as we would expect (i.e. the code is worse) than  $C$ .

(f) The steps of Huffman coding would be:

- from set of symbols  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$  with probabilities  $\{1/2, 1/4, 31/128, 1/128\}$ , merge the two least likely symbols  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ . The new meta-symbol  $x_3x_4$  has probability  $1/4$ .
- from set of symbols  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3x_4\}$  with probabilities  $\{1/2, 1/4, 1/4\}$ , merge the two least likely symbols  $x_2$  and  $x_3x_4$ . The new meta-symbol  $x_2x_3x_4$  has probability  $1/2$ .
- from set of symbols  $\{x_1, x_2x_3x_4\}$  with probabilities  $\{1/2, 1/2\}$ , merge the two least likely symbols  $x_1$  and  $x_2x_3x_4$ . The new meta-symbol  $x_1x_2x_3x_4$  has probability 1, so we stop.

We then assign a bit for each merge step above. This is summarised below. We then read off the resulting codes by tracing the path from the final meta-symbol to each original symbol. This gives the code  $C = \{0, 10, 110, 111\}$ . (Note, we could equally derive  $C = C_H$  depending on how we labelled the penultimate merge operation.)

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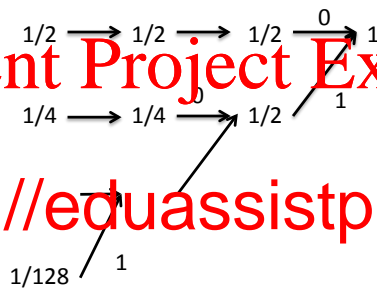


Figure 1. Huffman Co