

# ECE 231A HW 1

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## Problem 2

Since a uniquely decodable code is a instantaneous code we can use the Kraft Inequality. We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 D^{-l_i} \leq 1$$

The smallest  $D$  that satisfies this is  $D = 3$ , therefore a good lower bound on  $D$  would be  $\boxed{3}$ .

## Problem 3

(a)

The entropy of  $H(X)$  is

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2(p(x))$$

and we have that

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y) &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} p(y) H(X|Y = y) \\ &= \left( \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \right) H(X|Y = 1) + \left( \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \right) H(X|Y = 0) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y = 1) &= - \sum_{x \in S} p(x|Y = 1) \log_2(p(x|Y = 1)) \\ &= - \sum_{x \in S} \frac{p(x)}{\sum_{x \in S} p(x)} \log_2 \left( \frac{p(x)}{\sum_{x \in S} p(x)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

likewise we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y = 0) &= - \sum_{x \notin S} p(x|Y = 0) \log_2(p(x|Y = 0)) \\ &= - \sum_{x \notin S} \frac{p(x)}{\sum_{x \notin S} p(x)} \log_2 \left( \frac{p(x)}{\sum_{x \notin S} p(x)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y) &= - \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \left( \log_2(p(x)) - \log_2 \left( \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \right) \right) - \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \left( \log_2(p(x)) - \log_2 \left( \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \right) \right) \\ &= H(X) + \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \log_2 \left( \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \right) + \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \log_2 \left( \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$H(X) - H(X|Y) = \boxed{- \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \log_2 \left( \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \right) - \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \log_2 \left( \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) \right)}$$

(b)

$H(X) - H(X|Y)$  is maximized when  $\sum_{x \in S} p(x) = \sum_{x \notin S} p(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ , this is possible when  $S = \boxed{2, 5}$  or  $S = \boxed{1, 2, 4}$

## Problem 4

(a)

If a codeword is  $l_j$  long, but if it has to start with  $C(i)$ , then it would be effectively be concatenating  $C(i)$  with a code word from  $A_{j-i}$ , ie all the code words with length  $l_j - l_i$ . Therefore the total number of words of  $A_j$  would be the total combinations of  $A_{j-i}$ , ie  $2^{l_j-l_i}$

Likewise, if a codeword is  $l_j$  long, but if it has to end with  $C(i)$ , then it would be effectively be concatenating a code word from  $A_{j-i}$  with  $C(i)$ , ie all the code words with length  $l_j - l_i$ . Therefore the total number of words of  $A_j$  would be the total combinations of  $A_{j-i}$ , ie  $2^{l_j-l_i}$

(b)

If we assume that  $l_j > l_i$  we would have that the total number of words to remove from  $A_j$  would be the total number of words to remove that start with  $C(i)$  plus the total number of words that end with  $C(i)$ . Therefore we would have that the total number of words to remove would be  $2^{l_j-l_i+1}$ . And if  $l_j = l_i$  then we would only remove 1 word,  $C(i)$ .

(c)

We have that for any  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , in order for the algorithm to not fail, we must have that the number of initial codewords, is greater than the number of removed code words, in otherwords we must have that

$$2^{l_j} > \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 2^{l_j-l_i+1}$$

Since,  $\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 2^{l_j-l_i+1} < \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{l_j-l_i+1}$ , we can assure the above inequality will be satisfied by the following inequality:

$$2^{l_j} \geq \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{l_j-l_i+1}$$

This can be generalized to

$$2^{l_k} \geq \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{l_k-l_i+1}$$

Since for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{l_k} &\geq \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{l_k-l_i+1} \\ 2^{l_k} 2^{l_j-l_k} &\geq 2^{l_j-l_k} \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{l_k-l_i+1} \\ 2^{l_j} &\geq \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{l_j-l_i+1} \geq \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{l_j-l_i+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we could rearrange the inequality to

$$1 \geq \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{-l_i+1}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^j 2^{-l_i+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

**(d)**

Let  $E[\text{length}(C(U))] = L$ , we want to minimize

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i l_i$$

given

$$\sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-l_i} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Using a langrange multipler, we get

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i l_i + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-l_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial l_i} = p_i - \lambda 2^{-l_i} \ln(2)$$

Therefore we get that

$$2^{-l_i} = \frac{p_i}{\lambda \ln(2)}$$

Plugging this into  $\sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-l_i} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , we get

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{\ln(2)}$$

Therefore we get that

$$2^{-l_i} = \frac{p_i}{2}$$

And thus the optimal code length is

$$l_i^* = -\log_2 p_i + \log_2(2)$$

But since  $l_i$  must be an integer we have

$$-\log_2(p_i) \leq l_i^* \leq -\log_2(p_i) + 2$$

Therefore we have that

$$-\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \log_2(p_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k p_i l_i \leq \left( -\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \log_2(p_i) \right) + 2$$

Or in other words:

$$H(U) \leq E[\text{length}(C(U))] \leq H(U) + 2$$

## Problem 5

(a)

We have that

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i \in \chi_1} (1 - \gamma)p(i) \log_2((1 - \gamma)p(i)) - \sum_{i \in \chi_2} \gamma q(i) \log_2(\gamma q(i))$$

Likewise for  $H(X, Y)$  we have

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_{y \in \{1, 2\}} \sum_{x \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}} P(x, y) \log_2(P(x, y))$$

we have that

$$p(x, 1) = \begin{cases} (1 - \gamma)p(x) & \text{if } x \in \chi_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \chi_1 \end{cases}$$
$$p(x, 2) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \chi_1 \\ \gamma q(x) & \text{if } x \notin \chi_1 \end{cases}$$

Therefore we have

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_{i \in \chi_1} (1 - \gamma)p(i) \log_2((1 - \gamma)p(i)) - \sum_{i \in \chi_2} \gamma q(i) \log_2(\gamma q(i))$$

And thus we have

$$\boxed{H(X, Y) = H(X)}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X) &= - \sum_{i \in \chi_1} (1 - \gamma) p(i) \log_2((1 - \gamma) p(i)) - \sum_{i \in \chi_2} \gamma q(i) \log_2(\gamma q(i)) \\
&= -(1 - \gamma) \sum_{i \in \chi_1} p(i) (\log_2(p(i)) + \log_2(1 - \gamma)) - \gamma \sum_{i \in \chi_2} q(i) (\log_2(q(i)) + \log_2(\gamma)) \\
&= -(1 - \gamma) \left( \log_2(1 - \gamma) + \sum_{i \in \chi_1} p(i) \log_2(p(i)) \right) - \gamma \left( \log_2(\gamma) + \sum_{i \in \chi_2} q(i) \log_2(q(i)) \right) \\
&= -(1 - \gamma) (\log_2(1 - \gamma) - H(X_1)) - \gamma (\log_2(\gamma) - H(X_2)) \\
&= \boxed{(1 - \gamma) (H(X_1) - \log_2(1 - \gamma)) + \gamma (H(X_2) - \log_2(\gamma))}
\end{aligned}$$

(c)

Assuming  $H(X_1)$  and  $H(X_2)$  are in units of shannons we have, that to maximize  $H(x)$  with take the derivative of  $H(X)$  with respect to  $\gamma$  we get

$$\frac{\partial H(X)}{\partial \gamma} = (\log_2(1 - \gamma) - H(X_1)) + (H(X_2) - \log_2(\gamma))$$

This is maximized when

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial H(X)}{\partial \gamma} &= 0 \\
(\log_2(1 - \gamma) - H(X_1)) + (H(X_2) - \log_2(\gamma)) &= 0 \\
H(X_2) - H(X_1) &= \log_2(\gamma) - \log_2(1 - \gamma) \\
e^{H(X_2) - H(X_1)} &= \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma} \\
1 - \gamma e^{H(X_2) - H(X_1)} &= \gamma \\
\gamma &= \boxed{\frac{2^{H(X_2) - H(X_1)}}{1 + 2^{H(X_2) - H(X_1)}}}
\end{aligned}$$

## Problem 6

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} 1, 2H(x) &= - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2(p(x)) \\ &= p(A) \log_2(p(A)) + p(B) \log_2(p(B)) + p(C) \log_2(p(C)) \\ &\quad + p(D) \log_2(p(D)) + p(E) \log_2(p(E)) + p(F) \log_2(p(F)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log_2(8) + \frac{3}{16} \log_2\left(\frac{16}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{16} \log_2(16) \\ &= \boxed{2.2452 \text{ shannons}} \end{aligned}$$