

## Lecture Notes 6: Review of information theoretic quantities

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## 6.1 Data processing inequality

If  $X - Y - Z$  forms a Markov chain,

- $I(X; Y) \geq I(X; Z)$
- $I(Y; Z) \geq I(X; Z)$
- $Pr_{Z|X,Y}(z|x, y) = Pr_{Z|Y}(z, y)$
- $Pr_{X|Y,Z}(x|y, z) = Pr_{X|Y}(x|y)$

## 6.2 Chain rule of entropy

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$$H(X; Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X) \quad (6.1)$$

$$= H(Y) + H(X|Y) \quad (6.2)$$

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$$H(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1}) \quad (6.3)$$

## 6.3 Chain rule of mutual information

- $I(X_1, X_2; Y) = I(X_1; Y) + I(X_2; Y|X_1)$

## 6.4 Degraded Channels

$\mathbf{q}_{Y|X}$  is stochastically degraded w.r.t.  $\mathbf{p}_{Z|X}$  if we can find  $\mathbf{r}_{Y|Z}$  such that,

$$\mathbf{q}_{Y|X}(y|x) = \sum_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{r}_{Y|Z}(y|z) \mathbf{p}_{Z|X}(z|x)$$

If  $C_{DMC1} \geq C_{DMC2} \implies$  channel 2 is degraded wrt channel 1.

**HW** If  $I(X; Z) \geq I(X; Y)$ , show that  $C_{DMC1} \geq C_{DMC2}$

**Solution:**

$$C = \max_{\mathbf{p}_x} I(X; Y) \quad (6.4)$$

$$\implies \max_{\mathbf{p}_x} I(X; Z) \geq \max_{\mathbf{p}_x} I(X; Y) \quad (6.5)$$

$$\implies C_{DMC1} \geq C_{DMC2} \quad (6.6)$$

### 6.4.1 Capacity of channels

- $C_{BSC}(p) = 1 - H_2(p)$
- $C_{BEC}(p) = 1 - p$
- $C_{AWGN}(p, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{p}{\sigma^2})$

### 6.4.2 Examples

**Problem 1.** Can BSC(0.1) be degraded wrt BSC(0.2)

**Solution**

$$C_{BSC(0.1)} \geq C_{BSC(0.2)}$$

Therefore, BSC(0.2) is degraded wrt BSC(0.1)

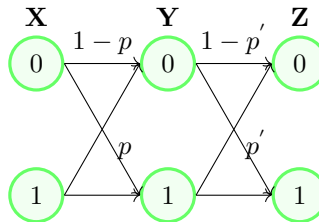


Figure 6.1: Combination of two BSC's

We can write the combination of two BSCs as one BSC( $p * p'$ ).

$$p * p' = p(1 - p') + p'(1 - p) \quad (6.7)$$

$$\implies 0.1 = p'(1 - 0.2) + (1 - p')0.2 \quad (6.8)$$

$$\implies p' = 0.125 \quad (6.9)$$

Therefore we can say that, BSC(0.2) is concatenation of BSC(0.1) and BSC(0.125).

**Problem 2.** BEC(0.1) vs BEC(0.2)

**Solution**

$$C_{BEC(0.1)} \geq C_{BEC(0.2)}$$

Therefore, BEC(0.2) is degraded wrt BEC(0.1)

$$p'' = (1 - p)p' + p \quad (6.10)$$

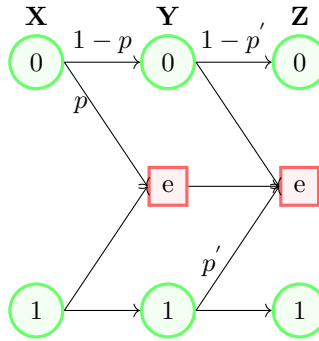


Figure 6.2: Combination of two BEC's

$$0.2 = (1 - 0.1)p' + 0.1 \quad (6.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow p' = \frac{1}{9} \quad (6.12)$$

**Problem 3.** BSC(0.1) vs BEC(0.1)

**Solution**

$$C_{BEC(0.1)} = 0.9 \quad (6.13)$$

$$C_{BSC(0.1)} = 0.53 \quad (6.14)$$

Therefore, BSC(0.1) is degraded wrt BEC(0.1).

**Problem 4.** BSC(0.01) vs BEC(0.5)

**Solution**

$$C_{BEC(0.5)} = 0.5 \quad (6.15)$$

$$C_{BSC(0.01)} \approx 1 \quad (6.16)$$

Therefore, BEC(0.5) is degraded wrt BSC(0.01).

### 6.4.3 AWGN channels

**Let  $\sigma_1^2 \geq \sigma_2^2$ , then  $C_1 \geq C_2$ . Therefore channel 2 is degraded wrt channel 1.**  
There exist some  $\sigma_3^2$  such that,

$$\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 \quad (6.17)$$

### 6.4.4 Uniform channels

**Let  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2$ , then  $C_2 \geq C_1$ . Therefore channel 1 is degraded wrt channel 2.**  
There exist some  $\alpha_3$  such that,

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \quad (6.18)$$