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INFORMATION THEORY

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Time allowed: 3;00 hours

There are FOUR questions on this paper.

Answer ALL questions.

All questions carry equal marks

Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.

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Information for students

Notation:

(a) Random variables are shown in Tahoma font. x, $\mathbf{\mathsf{x}}$, $\mathbf{\mathsf{X}}$ denote a random scalar, vector and matrix respectively.

(b) The size of a set A is denoted by $|A|$.

(c) By default, the logarithm is to the base 2.

(d) $\oplus$ denotes the exclusive-or operation, or modulo-2 addition.

(e) "i.i.d." means "independent identically distributed".

(f) $H(\cdot)$ is the entropy function.

(g) $C(x) = \frac{1}{2}\log_2(1+x)$ is the capacity function for the Gaussian channel in bits/channel use.

The Questions

1. Basics of information theory.

a) Let the joint distribution of two random variables X and Y be given by

$p(X,Y)$	$Y=0$	$Y=1$
$X=0$	1/4	1/4
$X=1$	1/4	1/4

Compute the following quantities:

i) $H(X)$, $H(Y)$

ii) $H(X|Y)$, $H(Y|X)$

iii) $H(X,Y)$

iv) $I(X,Y)$

v) Draw a Venn diagram for the above quantities.

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b) Let X_i ($i = 1, 2$) be i.i.d. Bernoulli ($p = 1/4$) and $Y_1 = X_2$ and $Y_2 = X_1$. Calculate $I(X_i; Y_i)$ and $I(X_{1,2}; Y_{1,2})$.

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c) Given two binary distributions $\mathbf{p} = \{p, 1-p\}$ and $\mathbf{q} = \{r, 1-r\}$. Calculate relative entropies $D(\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q})$ and $D(\mathbf{q}||\mathbf{p})$ for $p = \frac{1}{4}$ and $r = \frac{1}{2}$.

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2. Gaussian sources and channels.

a) Rate-distortion of Gaussian sources. Assume $X \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$ and $E(X-\hat{X})^2 \le D$. Justify each step of the following derivations.

i) Lower bound on mutual information.

$$I(X;\hat{X}) \overset{(1)}{=} h(X) - h(X \mid \hat{X}) \overset{(2)}{=} \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e\sigma^2 - h(X-\hat{X} \mid \hat{X})$$

$$\overset{(3)}{\ge} \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e\sigma^2 - h(X-\hat{X}) \overset{(4)}{\ge} \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e\sigma^2 - \tfrac{1}{2}\log\left(2\pi e\operatorname{Var}\left(X-\hat{X}\right)\right)$$

$$\overset{(5)}{\ge} \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e\sigma^2 - \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e D$$

$$\overset{(6)}{\Rightarrow} I(X;\hat{X}) \ge \max\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\log\frac{\sigma^2}{D}, 0\right)$$

ii) Achievability. To show that we can find a distribution $p(\hat{x}, x)$ that achieves the lower bound, we construct a test channel that introduces distortion $D<\sigma^2$ shown in Fig. 2.1.

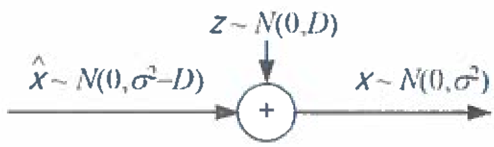

Fig. 2.1. Test channel.

$$I(X;\hat{X}) = h(X) - h(X \mid \hat{X}) = \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e\sigma^2 - h(X-\hat{X} \mid \hat{X})$$

$$\overset{(7)}{=} \tfrac{1}{2}\log 2\pi e\sigma^2 - h(Z \mid \hat{X}) \overset{(8)}{=} \tfrac{1}{2}\log\frac{\sigma^2}{D}$$

$$\overset{(9)}{\Rightarrow} I(X;\hat{X}) = \max\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\log\frac{\sigma^2}{D}, 0\right)$$

$$\overset{(10)}{\Rightarrow} D(R) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2^{2R}}$$

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b) Waterfilling. Consider three parallel Gaussian channels, i.e.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \\ Z_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \\ Z_3 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

and there is a power constraint $E(X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2) \le 3P$. Assume that $\sigma_1^2 \ge \sigma_2^2 \ge \sigma_3^2$. At what power does the channel behaves like

i) a single channel with noise variance σ_3^2? Find the channel capacity in this case.

ii) a pair of channels with noise variances σ_3^2 and σ_2^2? Find the channel capacity in this case.

iii) three channels with noise variances σ_3^2, σ_2^2, and σ_1^2? Find the channel capacity in this case.

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c) Denote by $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ a multivariate Gaussian distribution with zero-mean and covariance matrix $\mathbf{K}$. Given any continuous probability density $f(\mathbf{x})$ with the same mean and covariance matrix, prove that their relative entropy is given by

$$D(f||\phi) = h_\phi(\mathbf{x}) - h_f(\mathbf{x})$$

where $h_\phi(\mathbf{x})$ and $h_f(\mathbf{x})$ are their differential entropies, respectively.

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3. Channel capacity.

a) The transition matrix $\mathbf{Q}$ of a *weakly symmetric channel* has the following properties: all columns of $\mathbf{Q}$ have the same sum $= |\mathrm{X}||\mathrm{Y}|^{-1}$, and all rows are permutations of each other. Justify each step of the following derivations.

$$H(y\mid x)\overset{(1)}{=}\sum_{x\in\mathrm{X}}p(x)H(y\mid X=x)\overset{(2)}{=}H(\mathbf{Q}_{1,:})\sum_{x\in\mathrm{X}}p(x)\overset{(3)}{=}H(\mathbf{Q}_{1,:})$$

where $\mathbf{Q}_{1,:}$ is the entropy of the first row of the $\mathbf{Q}$ matrix. Thus

$$I(x;y)\overset{(4)}{=}H(y)-H(y\mid x)\overset{(5)}{=}H(y)-H(Q_{1,:})\overset{(6)}{\leq}\log|\mathrm{Y}|-H(Q_{1,:})$$

$$\Rightarrow C\overset{(7)}{=}\log|\mathrm{Y}|-H(Q_{1,:})$$

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b) In fact, the property that the uniform input distribution achieves the capacity of weakly symmetric channels can be extended to *generally symmetric channels* (to be proved in part c). In these channels, the set of outputs can be partitioned into subsets in a way, for each subset of the transition matrix: all rows are permutations of each other, and all columns are permutations of each other (similar to symmetric channels).

i) Show that the binary erasure channel is a generally symmetric channel, but is not a weakly symmetric channel.

ii) Which one of the following two channels is generally symmetric? Compute the capacity of the generally symmetric channel.

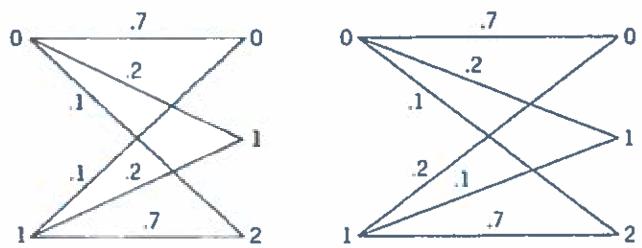

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Fig. 3.1. Transition probabilities of two discrete memoryless channels (DMC).

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c) Now, let us prove the uniform input distribution achieves the capacity of *generally symmetric channels*, in two steps.

i) Firstly, using the method of Lagrange multipliers, show that for any DMC, if there is an input distribution $Q(x) > 0$ for all x, such that

$$I(x;Y) = C \qquad \text{for all } x \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$I(x;Y) = \sum_y P(y|x)\log\frac{P(y|x)}{\sum_x Q(x)P(y|x)},$$

then C is the channel capacity.

ii) Show that Equation (3.1) holds for generally symmetric channels if the input distribution is uniform.

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4. Network information theory.

a) Multi-access channel.

i) Describe the capacity region of a two-user multiple access Gaussian channel. Interpret the corner points (i.e., why can one of the users achieve the full capacity of a single-user channel as if the other user were absent?)

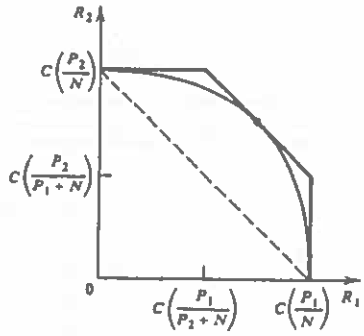

Fig. 4.1. Capacity region of multiple access channel.

ii) Verify the following equality for the corner point:

$$C\left(\frac{P_1}{N}\right)+C\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1+N}\right)=C\left(\frac{P_1+P_2}{N}\right)$$

where $C(x) = (\log(1+x))/2$ is the capacity function for the Gaussian channel.

iii) Now consider a multi-access channel of m users, each user with the same power P. Define the degrees of freedom (DoF) as

$$d = \lim_{P\to\infty} \frac{C(\frac{mP}{N})}{C(\frac{P}{N})}$$

Calculate the DoF for fixed m. Discuss the DoF per user as m increases.

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b) Slepian-Wolf coding. Let (X, Y) have the joint probability mass function

$p(x,y)$	0	1
0	½	¼
1	0	¼

Calculate and sketch the Slepian-Wolf rate region for this source pair.

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