

# Code Theory

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## 1. Memoryless resources

### 1.1. Sources and average word length

**Definition 1:** a **source** is a finite set  $\mathcal{S}$  together with a set of random variables  $(X_1, X_2, \dots)$  whose range is  $\mathcal{S}$ .

If  $P(X_n = S_i)$  only depends on  $i$  and not on  $n$  then we say the source is **stationary** and if the  $X_n$  are independent then it's **memoryless**.

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**Definition 2:** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a finite set called **alphabet**. A map  $\mathfrak{C} : \mathbb{S} \longrightarrow \mathbb{U}_{n \geq 1} T^n$  is called a **code**.

If  $|\mathcal{T}| = r$  then  $\mathfrak{C}$  is a  **$r$ -ary code**.

A code extends from  $\mathbb{S}$  to  $T \cup T^2 \cup \dots$  to  $\mathbb{S} \cup \mathbb{S}^2 \cup \dots$  to  $T \cup T^2 \cup \dots$  in obvious way.

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**Definition 3:** The **average word-length** of a code  $\mathfrak{C}$  is  $L(\mathfrak{C}) := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i l_i$  where  $l_i$  is the length of the image of the symbol of  $\mathbb{S}$ , which is emitted with probability  $p_i$ .

For now, we write  $\mathfrak{C}$  to be the image of  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

### 1.2. Uniquely decodeable codes

**Definition 4:** If for any sequences  $u_1 \dots u_n = v_1 \dots v_m$  in  $\mathfrak{C}$  implies  $m = n$  and  $u_i = v_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  then we say that  $\mathfrak{C}$  is **uniquely decodeable**.

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Let  $\mathfrak{C}_0 = \mathfrak{C}$ :

- $\mathfrak{C}_n := \{\omega \in T \cup T^2 \cup \dots \mid u\omega = v \text{ for some } u \in \mathfrak{C}_{n-1}, v \in \mathfrak{C} \text{ or } u\omega = v \text{ for some } u \in \mathfrak{C}, v \in \mathfrak{C}_{n-1}\}$
- $\mathfrak{C}_\infty := \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \mathfrak{C}_k$

Since everything is finite either  $\mathfrak{C}_m = \emptyset$  for some  $m$  and then  $\mathfrak{C}_n = \emptyset$  for  $n \geq m$  or it will be periodic and start repeating.

**Theorem 1:**  $\mathfrak{C}$  is uniquely decodeable  $\iff \mathfrak{C} \cap \mathfrak{C}_\infty = \emptyset$ .

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**Definition 5:** A code is a **prefix-code** if no codeword is prefix of another (ie.  $\mathfrak{C}_1 = \emptyset$ ).

A prefix code is uniquely decodeable.

**Theorem 2: (Kraft's inequality)**  $\exists r$ -ary prefix code with word lengths  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_q \iff$

$$\sum_{i=1}^q r^{-l_i} \leq 1$$

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**Theorem 3: (McMillan's inequality)**  $\exists r$ -ary uniquely decodeable code with word lengths  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_q \iff$

$$\sum_{i=1}^q r^{-l_i} \leq 1$$

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### 1.3. Optimal codes

Let be  $\mathcal{S}$  a source with symbols  $s_1, \dots, s_q$  emitted with probabilities  $p_1, \dots, p_q$  and  $\mathfrak{C}$  is a code which encodes  $s_i$  with a codeword length  $l_i$ . Recall  $L(\mathfrak{C}) = \sum_{i=1}^q p_i l_i$ .

**Definition 6:** An **optimal code** for  $\mathcal{S}$  is an uniquely decodeable code  $\mathfrak{D}$  such that  $L(\mathfrak{C}) \geq L(\mathfrak{D})$  for all unique decodeable code  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

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**Definition 7:** A code constructed in this way is called a **Huffman code**.

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Construct the  $r$ -arg Huffman code we sum together (at each step) the  $r$  smallest probabilities.

For this to work we need  $q \equiv 1(r-1)$ . Recall  $q$  is the number of symbols in the source. If not, then we add symbols with probabilities zero so that it is.

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**Lemma 1:** Every source  $\mathcal{S}$  has an optimal binary code  $\mathfrak{D}$  in which two of the longest codewords are **siblings**, ie.  $\exists x$  (a string) such that  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathfrak{D}$ .

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**Theorem 4:** The Huffman code is an optimal code.

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## 1.4. Extension of sources

Given a source  $\mathcal{S}$  we define  $\mathcal{S}^n$  the source with  $|\mathcal{S}|^n$  symbols, typically  $s_1, \dots, s_n$ , emitted with  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  probabilities.

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## 2. Information and entropy

### 2.1. Definitions

**Definition 1:** the **information** conveyed by a source is a function  $I : S \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  where  $S$  is a **source**<sup>1</sup> with the properties:

- $I(s_i)$  is a decreasing function of the propability  $p_i$ , with  $I(s_i) = 0$  if  $p_i = 1$ .
- $I(s_i s_j) = I(s_i) + I(s_j)$ , ie. the information gained by two symbols is the sum of the information obtained from each where the source has symbols  $s_1, \dots, s_q$  emitted with probabilities  $p_1, \dots, p_q$ .

**Lemma 1:**  $I(s_i) = -\log_r p_i$  for some  $r$ .

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**Definition 2:** The  $r$ -ary **entropy**  $H_r(S)$  of a source  $S$  is the average information conveyed by  $S$ .

$$H_r(S) := - \sum_{i=1}^q p_i \log_r p_i$$

, by convection  $x \log_r x$  evaluated at 0 is 0.

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### 2.2. Properties of the entropy funcion

**Theorem 1:**  $H_r(S) \leq \log_r q$  with equality if and only iff  $S$  is the source where each symbol is emitted with probability  $1/q$ .

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**Theorem 2:**  $H_r(S) \leq L(C)$  for unique decodeable code  $C$ .

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### 2.3. Shannon-Fano Code

Let  $S$  be the source with symbols  $s_i$  and probabilities  $p_i$ . Let  $l_i := \lceil \log_r 1/p_i \rceil$ .

Then:  $\sum_{i=1}^q r^{-l_i} \leq \sum r^{-\log_r 1/p_i} = \sum p_i = 1$

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<sup>1</sup>A **source** is a finite set  $S$  together with a sequence of random variables  $X_i$  whose range is  $S$

**Definition 3:** by Kraft exists a prefix code with word length  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_1$ . This code is called **Shannon-Fano code**.

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**Lemma 2:** For the Shannon-Fano code  $C$ :  $H_r(S) \leq L(C) < H_r(S) + 1$ .

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## 2.4. Product of sources

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two memoryless sources,  $S$  with symbols  $s_i$  and probabilities  $p_i$  and  $T$  with symbols  $t_j$  and probabilities  $q_j$ .

**Definition 4:** The **product source**  $S \times T$  is a source with symbols  $s_i t_j$  and probabilities  $p_i q_j$ .

**Theorem 3:**  $H_r(S \times T) = H_r(S) + H_r(T)$ .

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**Corollary 1:**  $H_r(S^n) = nH_r(S)$ .

**Theorem 4: Noiseless Coding** The average word length  $L_n$  of an optimal code of  $S^n$  satisfies:

$$\frac{L_n}{n} \rightarrow H_r(S), n \rightarrow \infty$$

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## 2.5. Markov Chains

**Definition 4:** A **Markov Chain** is a sequence of random variables where  $X_{n+1}$  depends only for  $X_n$ .

$$P(X_{n+1} = s_j | X_n = s_i) = p_{i,j}$$

This can be represented in a direct graph and also by a matrix  $P := (p)_{i,j}$ .

Suppose  $u_0$  is the vector which describes the initial distribution, ie. the  $i$ -th coordinate of  $u_0$  is probability we start at  $s_i$ . Probability of being in the  $i$ -th state after  $r$  steps is the  $i$ -th coordinate of  $u_0 P^r$ .

**Theorem 5:** if  $\exists r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $P^r$  has no zero entries, then  $u_0 P^r \rightarrow u$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .



**Definition 5:** This vector  $u$  is called the **stationary distribution**. It is normalised eigenvector of  $P^t$  with eigenvalue 1, ie.  $u_j = \sum_i p_{i,j} u_i$  and  $\sum_j u_j = 1$ .

**Definition 6:** If  $P$  is the matrix of a Markov Chain and  $\exists r$  such that  $P^r$  has non zero entries then we say that the Markov Chain is **regular**.

## 2.6. Sources with memory

Suppose  $S$  is a Markov Chain source with random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  such that

$$P(X_{n+1} = s_j | X_n = s_j) = p_{i,j}$$

**Definition 7:**  $S$  is **not memoryless**, but it is stationary.

**Theorem 6:** suppose  $S$  is a regular Markov Chain source with stationary distribution  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ . Let  $S'$  be the stationary memoryless source with the same source elements as  $S$  (where  $s_i$  is emitted with probability  $w_i$ ). Then:

$$H_r(S) \leq H_r(S')$$

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### 3. Information channels

#### 3.1. Channel matrix

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a stationary memoryless source with random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  where  $P(X_n = a_i) = p_i$  for  $a_i \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Suppose we transmit  $\mathcal{A}$  through a channel  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a source with random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  where  $P(Y_n = b_j) = q_j$

For  $b_j$  emerging from the channel:

$$\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathcal{B}$$

**Definition 1:** The **channel** is defined by a matrix  $(p_{ij})$  where  $p_{ij} = P(X_n = b_j | X_n = a_i)$  the probability we receive  $b_j$  given that  $a_i$  was sent,  **$p_{ij}$ -forward probabilities**. The **backwards probabilities** are  $q_{ij} = P(X_n = a_i | Y_n = b_j)$  and **joint probabilities**  $r_{ij} = P(X_n = a_i, Y_n = b_j)$

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#### 3.2. System Entropies and mutual information

**Definition 2:** We define the **input entropy** as:

$$H(\mathcal{A}) := - \sum_i p_i \log(p_i)$$

**Definition 3:** We define the **output entropy** as:

$$H(\mathcal{B}) := - \sum_j q_j \log(q_j)$$

We suppress the  $r$  (base) in the  $\log_r$  but it's always the same for every one.

Given that we have received  $b_j \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $H(\mathcal{A} | Y_n = b_j) = - \sum_i q_{ij} \log(q_{ij})$ .

This is telling us the average information of  $\mathcal{A}$  knowing that  $Y_n = b_j$ .

If  $H(\mathcal{A} | Y_n = b_j) = 0$  then  $\exists m$  such that  $q_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq m$  and  $q_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = m$ , ie.  $P(X_n = a_m | Y_n = b_j) = 1$ , ie. if we receive  $b_j$  then we know that  $a_m$  was sent.

If  $H(\mathcal{A} | Y_n = b_j) = H(\mathcal{A})$  then we learn nothing about  $\mathcal{A}$  when we receive  $b_j$  and this occurs when  $q_{ij} = P(X_n = a_i | Y_n = b_j) = P(X_n = a_i) = p_i$ .

**Definition 4:** Averaging over  $b_j \in \mathcal{B}$  we get the **condicional entropy**:

$$H(\mathcal{A} | \mathcal{B}) := - \sum_j P(Y_n = b_j) H(\mathcal{A} | Y_n = b_j) = - \sum_{i,j} q_j q_{ij} \log q_{ij}$$

Similary:

$$H(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{A}) := - \sum_{i,j} p_i p_{ij} \log p_{ij}$$

**Definition 5:** The **joint entropy**:

$$H(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) := - \sum_{i,j} r_{ij} \log r_{ij}$$

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**Theorem 1:** For sources  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ :

$$H(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = H(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B}) + H(\mathcal{B}) = H(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{A}) + H(\mathcal{A})$$

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**Definition 6:** We define the **mutual information** as the amount of information about  $\mathcal{A}$  we have learnt from  $\mathcal{B}$  and vice-versa:

$$I(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) := H(\mathcal{B}) - H(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{A}) = H(\mathcal{A}) - H(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B})$$

If  $H(\mathcal{A}) = H(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B})$  then  $\mathcal{B}$  tells us nothing about  $\mathcal{A}$ , so  $I(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = 0$ . This is an unrialiable channel and useless as a mean of communication.

If  $H(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B}) = 0$  then knowing  $\mathcal{B}$  we know everythin about  $\mathcal{A}$ , so  $I(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = H(\mathcal{A})$ . This is the perfect situation because when we recive something, we know exactly what was sent.

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### 3.3. Extension of noiseless coding theorem to information channels

We have proved that given a source  $\mathcal{A}$  we can find an encoding of  $\mathcal{A}^n$  such that the average word lenglht  $L_n$  satisfies  $\frac{L_n}{n} \rightarrow H(\mathcal{A})$ .

$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ , imagine we know  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma 1:**  $H(\mathcal{A}^n|\mathcal{B}^n) = nH(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B})$

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**Theorem 2:** if  $\mathcal{B}$  is know then we can find encodings of  $\mathcal{A}^n$  such that the average word length  $L_n$  satisfies  $\frac{L_n}{n} \rightarrow H(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B})$ .

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### 3.4. Decision rules

$$\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathcal{B}$$

Where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the **input**,  $\mathcal{B}$  is the **output** and  $\Gamma$  is the **channel**.

The channel is given by a matrix  $(p_{ij})$ ,  $p_{ij} = P(Y_n = b_j | X_n = a_i)$ . We defined  $r_{ij} = P(X_n = a_i | X_n = b_j)$ .

So if we recive  $b_j$  we should “decode”  $b_j$  as  $a_{j*}$  where  $r_{j*j} \geq r_{ij}$  for all  $i$ .

**Definition 7:** We would define our decision  $\Delta : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  as  $\Delta(b_j) := a_{j*}$ , this is called the **ideal observer rule**.

Howecer, most likely we only know  $p_{ij}$ ’s.

**Definition 8:** In **maximun likelihood decoding** we use the decision rule  $\Delta(b_j) := a_{j*}$ , where  $p_{j*j} \geq p_{ij}$  for all  $i$ .

**Definition 9:** The **average probability of a correct decoding** is:

$$P_{cor} := \sum_j q_j q_{j*j} - \sum_j r_{j*j}$$

Remind  $q_{ij} = P(X_n = a_i | Y_n = b_j)$ . Given that we received  $b_j$  if we dcode it as  $a_{j*}$  then the probability we have decoded correctly is  $P(X_n = a_{j*} | Y_n = b_j) = q_{j*j}$

### 3.5. Improving reliability

Suposse  $\Gamma$  is the binary symmetrical channel  $\begin{pmatrix} \phi & 1-\phi \\ 1-\phi & \phi \end{pmatrix}$  (and assume  $\phi > \frac{1}{2}$ ).

If we extends the source  $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 1\}$  to  $\{000, 001\}$  then the outpout source if  $\{000, 001, 010, 100, 110, 101, 011, 111\}$ . Now we have the channel matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi^3 & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & (1-\phi)^3 \\ (1-\phi)^3 & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^2(1-\phi) & \phi^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

if we decode  $\Delta(000) = \Delta(001) = \Delta(010) = \Delta(100) = 0$  and  $\Delta(111) = \Delta(110) = \Delta(101) = \Delta(011) = 1$ .

effectively we have the channel:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi^3 + 3\phi^2(1-\phi) & 3\phi^2(1-\phi) + (1-\phi)^3 \\ 3\phi^2(1-\phi) + (1-\phi)^3 & \phi^3 + 3\phi^2(1-\phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

since  $\phi > 1 - \phi$  we have  $\phi^3 + 3\phi^2(1 - \phi) > \phi$ .

So we have proved the reliability of the channel, because  $P_{cor} = \sum_j r_{j*j} = p(\phi^3 + 3\phi^2(1 - \phi)) + (1 - p)(\phi^3 + 3\phi^2(1 - \phi)) = \phi^3 + 3\phi^2(1 - \phi)$ .

Observe if we do not extend the sorce  $P_{cor} = \phi$ .

### 3.6. Rates of transmission and Hamming distance

noindent Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a source with  $r$  symbols. By extending the source, consider  $\mathcal{C}$  to be a subset of  $\mathcal{A}^n$ .

**Definition 10:** The **(transmission) rate of  $\mathcal{C}$**  is:

$$R := \frac{\log_r |\mathcal{C}|}{n}$$

By increasing  $n$  in the previous exercise we can make  $P_{cor} \rightarrow 1$ . However  $R \rightarrow 0$  since  $|\mathcal{C}| = \frac{\log_2 2}{n} \rightarrow 0$ .

**Definition 11:** The **capacity of a channel  $\Gamma$**  is:

$$\Lambda = \max_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}} I(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$$

Maximising over  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  means we can vary  $p_i$ 's and  $q_j$ 's.

Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{A}^n$  the rate tell us how many bits of information we can send in  $n$  bits (it is  $Rn$ ).

**Lemma 2:** The capacity of a binary symmetric channel  $\begin{pmatrix} \phi & 1-\phi \\ 1-\phi & \phi \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\Lambda = 1 + \phi \log_2 \phi + (1-\phi) \log_2 (1-\phi)$ .

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**Definition 12:** For any  $u, v \in \mathcal{A}^n$ , the **Hamming distance** is  $d(u, v) :=$  number of coordinates where  $u$  and  $v$  differ.

**Lemma 3:** The Hamming distance satisfies the triangle inequality  $d(u, v) \leq d(u, w) + d(w, v)$

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**Lemma 4:** For the binary symmetric channel, maximum likelihood decoding is  $\Delta(v) = u$ , where  $u$  is the closest element of  $\mathcal{C}$  with respect to the Hamming distance.

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**Definition 13:** in general this decoding is called **nearest neighbour decoding**.

**Lemma 5:** For  $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\lambda n} \binom{n}{i} \leq 2^{n(-\lambda \log(\lambda) - (1-\lambda) \log(1-\lambda))}$$

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**Theorem 2: (Shannon)** Let  $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$ . For all sufficiently large  $n$  there is a code of length  $n$  and rate  $R$  satisfying  $\Lambda - \varepsilon < R < \Lambda$  together with a decision rule  $\Delta$  such that  $P_{cor} \rightarrow 1 - \delta$ .

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**Lemma 6:** For an input source  $\mathcal{A}$  and output source  $\mathcal{B}$  and decision rule  $\Delta(b_j) = a_{j*}$ .

$$H(\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B}) \leq -P_{cor} \log(P_{cor}) - (1 - P_{cor}) \log(1 - P_{cor}) + (1 - P_{cor})(\log |\mathcal{C}| - 1)$$

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the set of input source elements emitted with non zero probability.

**Theorem 3:** If  $\Lambda' > \Lambda$  and we fix the input probability distribution is uniform then there is no sequence of codes  $C_n$  of rate  $R$  satisfying  $\Lambda' - \varepsilon < R < \Lambda'$  such that  $P_{cor} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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## 4. Finite fields

### 4.1. Basic definitions

**Definition 1:** A **field** is a commutable ring in which every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse.

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**Notation 1:** We denote as  $(f)$  with  $f \in \mathbb{F}_p[X]$ , the **ideal consisiting of all multiples of f**.

**Theorem 1:** if  $f$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree  $h$  then  $\mathbb{F}_p[X]/(f)$  is a finite field with  $p^h$  elements.

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Exercise : construct a field wih 9 elements.

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field. Let  $n$  minimal such that adding 1  $n$  times gives 0.

Since  $\overbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}^n = \overbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}^r \overbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}^{n/r} = 0$  minimaliy implies that  $n = p$  is prime.

**Definition 2:** In this situation, we say that  $\mathbb{F}$  has **characteristic**  $p$ . If no such  $p$  exists then we say that  $\mathbb{F}$  has **characteristic zero**, in which case  $\mathbb{F} \supset \mathbb{Z}$  and so  $\mathbb{F} \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$ .

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### 4.2. Propierties of finite fields

**Theorem 2:** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field with  $q$  elements. For all  $x \in \mathbb{F}$ .  $x^q = x$ .

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The finite field with  $q$  elements is unique since it is the splitting field of the polynomial  $x^q - x \in \mathbb{F}_p[X]$ .

Considerer the map  $x \mapsto x^p$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  ( $q = p^h$ ).

$$(x + y)^p = \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p}{j} x^j y^{p-j} = x^p + y^p$$

Observe that  $\binom{p}{j} = 0$  (modulo  $p$ ) for  $j = 1, \dots, p-1$ .

$$(x * y)^p = x^p y^p$$

So this map is partially an automorphism of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  since it preserves addition and multiplication.

**Definition 3:** This is called the **Frobenius automorphism**.

$$x \mapsto x^p \mapsto x^{p^2} \mapsto x^{p^3} \mapsto \dots \mapsto x^{p^{h-1}} \mapsto x$$

### 4.3. Factorization of polynomials

Let  $\mathbb{F}_p$  denote the unique finite field with  $q$  elements ( $q = p^h$ ).

**Lemma 1:** The polynomial  $x^{q-1} - 1$  factories into distinct linear factors in  $\mathbb{F}_q[X]$ .

*proof:* Insert proof here

**Lemma 2:** The polynomial  $x^q - 1$  factories into distinct irreducible factors whose degree divides  $h$ .

*proof:* Insert proof here

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**Observation 1:** if  $q$  is odd  $x^{q-1} - 1 = (x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} - 1)(x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} + 1)$  the zeros of the first factor are on the non-zeros squares in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and vice-versa ( $x = y^2$  then  $x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = y^{q-1} = 1$ ).

**Observation 2:** if  $q^1 = q^r$  then  $x^n - 1 = (x^{n/q'} - 1)^{q'}$  so if we want to factorise  $x^n - 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$  we can assume  $(n, p) = 1$ .

To factorise  $x^n - 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[X]$ , we find an extension field in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  which contains  $n$ -th roots of 1, ie. find  $h$  such that  $n$  divides  $q^h - 1$  since then  $x^{q^n-1} - 1$  is divisible by  $x^n - 1$ , ie.  $q^n = 1 \pmod{1}$ , ie.  $h$  is the multiplicative order of  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

If we let  $\varepsilon$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of 1 in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$  then  $(x - \varepsilon)(x - \varepsilon^q)(x - \varepsilon^{q^2})\dots(x - \varepsilon^{q^{h-1}})$  is a polynomial whose coefficients are in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  since  $(x - \varepsilon)(x - \varepsilon^q)(x - \varepsilon^{q^2})\dots(x - \varepsilon^{q^h})$ .



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## 5. Block codes

### 5.1. Minimum distance

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite set (an alphabet).

**Definition 1:** A **block code**  $\mathfrak{C}$  of length  $n$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{A}^n$ .

**Definition 2:** The **minimum distance of  $\mathfrak{C}$**  is the minimum Hamming distance between any 2 codewords (elements of  $\mathfrak{C}$ ).

We are going to use nearest neighbour decoding so we want  $d$  as large as possible. We also can't  $|\mathfrak{C}|$  to be as large as possible.

**Lemma 1:** A block code of minimum distance  $d$  can correct up to  $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  errors using nearest neighbour decoding.

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**Definition 3:** Let  $\mathfrak{C}$  be a binary code of length  $n$ . The **extended code**  $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}$  is the code of length  $n+1$  defined by:

$$\overline{\mathfrak{C}} := \{(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) : u \in \mathfrak{C} \text{ where } u_{n+1} = u_1 + \dots + u_n \pmod{2}\}$$

**Theorem 1:** if the minimum distance  $d$  of a binary code is odd then the minimum distance of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{C}}$  is  $d+1$ .

*proof:* Insert proof here

### 5.2. Bounds on block codes

Let  $\mathcal{A}_r(n, d)$  denote the maximum  $|\mathfrak{C}|$ , such that exists a block code  $\mathfrak{C}$  of length  $n$ , minimum distance  $d$  over an alphabet with  $r$ -elements.

**Theorem 1: (Gilbert-Varshamov Bound)**

$$\mathcal{A}_r(n, d) \left( 1 + \binom{n}{1}(r-1) + \dots + \binom{n}{d}(r-1)^d \right) \geq r^n$$

*proof:* Insert proof here

**Recall 1:** we defined the binary entropy function as  $h(p) = -p \log p - (1-p) \log (1-p)$ .

**Corollary 1:** in the case  $r = 2$ :

$$\frac{1}{n} \log_2 \mathcal{A}_2(n, d) \geq 1 - h(\delta), \text{ where } \delta = \frac{d}{n}$$

**Definition 4:**  $\delta = \frac{d}{n}$  is called **relative minimum distance**.

*proof:* Insert proof here

**Theorem 2: (Sphere packing bound)**

$$\mathcal{A}_r(n, d) \left( 1 + \binom{n}{d}(r-1) + \dots + \binom{n}{t}(r-1)^t \right) \leq r^n \text{ where } t = \left\lceil \frac{d-1}{2} \right\rceil$$

### 5.3. Asymptotically good codes

## **6. Linear codes**

### **6.1. Basics**

### **6.2. Syndrom decoding**

### **6.3. Dual code and Mc Williams identities**

### **6.4. The Griesmer bound**

## 7. Cyclic codes

### 7.1. Introduction

### 7.2. Quadratic residue codes

### 7.3. BCH Codes

Decision problem, yes/no problem

## 8. Maximun distance separable codes

### 8.1. Syngleton bound

### 8.2. Linear MDS codes

## 9. Alternant codes

## 10. Low density parity check codes

### 10.1. Bipartite graphs with the expander property

### 10.2. Low density parity check (LDPC) codes

### 10.3. Belief propagation



## 11. P-adic codes

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### 11.1. P-adic numbers

### 11.2. Polynomials over $\mathbb{Q}_p$