

## Expected code length

- ▶ Fix the message length  $T$
- ▶ Suppose the message is **generated** at random according to the distribution  $p(c_1, \dots, c_T)$
- ▶ Then the expected code length is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{c_1, \dots, c_T} p(c_1, \dots, c_T) \lceil -\log_2 p(c_1, \dots, c_T) \rceil \\ & \leq 1 - \sum_{c_1, \dots, c_T} p(c_1, \dots, c_T) \log_2 p(c_1, \dots, c_T) \end{aligned}$$