

- 1.a) Per bit error rate = probability of a bit being in error
 $= 10^{-8}$

Now, for a binary channel, we define

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i\text{th is in error} \\ 0, & \text{if it is not} \end{cases}$$

Note that for a chain of length $B = 1000$

$$\text{number of total erroneous bits in the chain} = \sum_{i=1}^{1000} \{X_i = 1\}$$

$$\therefore E[N] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{1000} X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{1000} E(X_i)$$

$$E[X_i] = 1 \cdot P(X_i = 1) + 0 \cdot P(X_i = 0) = 10^{-8}$$

$$\therefore E[N] = 1000 \times 10^{-8} = 10^{-5} = 0.00001$$

- 1b) The Markov Inequality states that for any non-negative random variable X and any $a > 0$,

$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$$

In this case, we are looking for an upper bound on the probability that a block of 1000 bits has 10 or more erroneous bits. Therefore, X is the number of erroneous bits in a block of 1000 bits, and $a = 10$.

Plugging in the values

$$P(X \geq 10) \leq \frac{10^{-5}}{10}$$

$$\therefore P(X \geq 10) \leq 10^{-6}$$

So, using the Markov inequality, we find that the upper bound on the probability that a block of 1000 bits has 10 or more erroneous bits is 10^{-6} .

- 2) We have a random variable X which takes values 1 and -1 with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ each, and noise Z which is uniformly distributed in the range $[-2, 2]$. The sum of X and Z is observed as another random variable Y , such that $Y = X + Z$

2 a. Conditional PMF $P_{X|Y}(x|y)$

Using Bayes' Theorem, we have

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{P_{Y|X}(y|x) P_X(x)}{P_Y(y)}$$

Given X , $Y = X + Z$, so $Z = Y - X$. Given a value for x , the distribution of Z is uniform over $[-2, 2]$, so the conditional pdf $P_{Y|X}(y|x)$ is:

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ for } y-x \in [-2, 2] \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$P_X(x) \text{ is } \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } x = 1 \text{ or } x = -1$$

$$\text{for } P_Y(y) = \sum_x P_{Y|X}(y|x) P_X(x)$$

$$P_Y(y) = \frac{1}{4} (1_{[-3, 1]}(y) + 1_{[-1, 3]}(y))$$

$$P_Y(y) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ for } y \in [-3, 3] \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

$$\text{So } P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{P_{Y|X}(y|x) P_X(x)}{P_Y(y)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for the appropriate}$$

ranges of y given x .

MMSE of X given Y and its MSE

The MMSE estimator is given by:

$$\hat{X}_{\text{MMSE}} = E[X|Y=y] = \sum_x x \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

The MMSE is 0, which means we would always estimate X to be 0 given any Y . This is not a valid value for X , but it minimizes the mean square error.

To find the MSE, we compute:

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{mmse}} = E[(X - \hat{x}_{\text{mmse}})^2] = E[X^2] = \left[\frac{1}{2}(1^2 + (-1)^2)\right] = \frac{1}{2} //$$

(2b) MAP Decoder and its Probability of Error

The MAP decision rule is:
$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P_{x|y}(1|y) > P_{x|y}(-1|y) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Since $P_{x|y}(1|y)$ and $P_{x|y}(-1|y)$ are both $\frac{1}{2}$, the MAP decoder can be based on whether y is closer to 1 or -1. If $y > 0$, decide $X=1$ if $y < 0$, decide $X=-1$.

The probability of error is when $Y > 0$ but $X = -1$, or when $Y < 0$ but $X = 1$. Each of these happens with probability $\frac{1}{4}$. So the total probability of error is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Comparing MAP decoder's MSE to the minimum MSE

The MAP decoder's MSE is given by:

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{map}} = E[(X - \hat{x}_{\text{map}})^2]$$

Given our decision rule, we have $\hat{x}_{\text{map}} = \text{sign}(Y)$, so

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{map}} = E[(X - \text{sign}(Y))^2]$$

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{map}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-3}^0 (1+1)^2 \frac{1}{4} dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^3 (1-1)^2 \frac{1}{4} dy = \frac{1}{2}$$

The MSE of the MAP decoder is the same as the minimum MSE, which is $\frac{1}{2}$.