

Exercise 1

To Show: Elias-Gamma and Elias-Delta are prefix free.

Proof:

Elias-Gamma Encoding

By definition, Elias-Gamma is constructed through placing $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ zeroes in front of the binary representation of the number n . Therefore we have a code where the first x bits are zeros and the next $x+1$ bits are the binary representation of the number.

Obvious, this is prefix free because we can construct a decoder which reads and counts the first bits as long as they are zeros ($= x$). When he reaches the first '1' he knows, that the following $x+1$ bits are the binary code for that particular number.

We can construct a deterministic pushdown automaton who accepts our code, and therefore we have a context-free language (which is prefix free).

Elias-Delta Encoding

We can do the same with the Elias-Delta code, but the decoder has to read the first n zero bits and the following $n+1$ bits to get the number (here: the prefix) which is decoded by Elias-Gamma. With those n and $n+1$ bits he computes the number j and knows, that the following $\lfloor \log_2 j \rfloor + 1$ bits is the binary representation of the decoded number.

Also, with Kraft's inequality, we can see (ex.2) that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(2 \cdot \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1)} \leq 1$, and therefore our encoding is prefix free.

Exercise 2

As the Elias-Gamma code is constructed through the binary representation of a number n (which takes $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ bits) and the prepended zeros (which take $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ bits), we get:

$$l_i = 2 \cdot \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(2 \cdot \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor}} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 0}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 1}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 1}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 2}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 2}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 2}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 2}} + \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 3}} + \dots \right) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 1}} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 2}} + 8 \cdot \frac{1}{2^{2 \cdot 3}} + \dots \right) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2^1}{2^{2 \cdot 1}} + \frac{2^2}{2^{2 \cdot 2}} + \frac{2^3}{2^{2 \cdot 3}} + \dots \right) \quad (5)$$

$$(6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots\right) \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 + 1) \quad (8)$$

$$= 1 \quad (9)$$

Exercise 3

To Show: \nexists universal encoding scheme with $l_1 = 1$ to the number 1 and $l_i \leq 2 \cdot \log_2 i$ \forall integers $i \geq 2$

If we try to build a code with $l_i \leq 2 \cdot \log_2 i$ and $l_i = 1$ we have to take '1' for the number 1 (wlog). Therefor all numbers ≥ 2 will have a series of '0' as a prefix.

If we want to get a code below $2 \cdot \log_2 i$, we have to build a tree like in the lecture on slide 16. With that method we have to code our numbers with a scheme like to stay prefix free:

$$n \cdot "0" + ((n-1) \cdot "0" + 1)$$

With this method, we'll be $\geq 2 \cdot \log_2 i$, and we can't do better because i.e. to achive $l_5 \leq 4.64\dots$, we have to map $5 = "0000"$ as all other prefixes are taken. This would break the possible code for $l_6 \leq 5.17\dots$ as all prefixes are taken.

Krafts Inequality $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(2 \cdot \log_2 i)} \approx 1.644 \geq 1$ shows us that this can't be prefix free.

$\implies \nexists$ universal encoding scheme \dots

It doesn't contradict to the result of ex.2 because the sum of $2 \cdot \log_2 i$ is overall smaller than $2 \cdot \lfloor \log_2 i \rfloor + 1$.