

1. For each of the following, explain the difference between the two quantities listed. Do not just give the definitions, but explain, in words, **why** they represent different concepts.

(a) (**5 pts.**)  $H(X, Y)$  and  $I(X; Y)$

(b) (**5 pts.**)  $H(X)$  and  $h(X)$

(c) (**6 pts.**)  $C$  and  $C^{(I)}$

2. Let  $q_0(x)$  and  $q_1(x)$  be two different distributions on alphabet  $\mathcal{X}$ , and let  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Consider random variables  $X, Z$  where  $Z \sim \text{Bern}(\lambda)$  and

$$p(x|z) = q_z(x) \text{ for } z = 0, 1.$$

- (a) (**8 pts.**) Write  $H(X|Z)$  and  $H(X)$  in terms of  $q_0$ ,  $q_1$ , and  $\lambda$ .  
(b) (**8 pts.**) Use the fact that conditioning reduces entropy to prove that the entropy function is concave.

3. (**14 pts.**) Consider the channel with discrete input  $X \in \{1, 2\}$ , and real-valued output  $Y$ , where  $Y$  is distributed uniformly on the interval  $[0, X]$ . That is, if  $X = 1$ , then  $Y$  is uniform on  $[0, 1]$ , and if  $X = 2$ , then  $Y$  is uniform on  $[0, 2]$ .
- (a) (**7 pts.**) Let  $q = \Pr(X = 2)$ . Find the mutual information  $I(X; Y)$  in terms of  $q$ .
- (b) (**7 pts.**) Maximize the mutual information over  $q$  to find the capacity of this channel.

4. Each of the following gives a rate-distortion problem. For each one, find the extreme points of the rate-distortion function. That is, find (i) the smallest achievable distortion with zero rate, and (ii) the smallest achievable rate for zero distortion. You do **not** need to compute the entire rate-distortion function.

(a) (**6 pts.**) Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with probabilities  $(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)$  where  $p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \dots \geq p_k$ . The distortion function is the Hamming distortion.

(b) (**5 pts.**) Let  $X$  be uniform on the set  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . The reconstruction alphabet is also  $\hat{\mathcal{X}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and the distortion function is

$$d(x, \hat{x}) = \begin{cases} 0, & x - \hat{x} \text{ is even} \\ 1, & x - \hat{x} \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

(c) (**5 pts.**) Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable uniformly distributed on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . The distortion function is the squared error distortion  $d(x, \hat{x}) = (x - \hat{x})^2$ .

5. Consider 3 parallel Gaussian channels with noise variances  $N_1 = 5$ ,  $N_2 = 8$ ,  $N_3 = 10$ , and total power  $P$ . Calculate the capacity when:

(a) (**5 pts.**)  $P = 2$

(b) (**5 pts.**)  $P = 5$

(c) (**6 pts.**)  $P = 13$

6. (14 pts.)

(a) (**7 pts.**) Let  $P$  be a distribution on the ternary alphabet  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with  $P(1) \geq \frac{2}{3}$ . Show that  $H(P) \leq H(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6})$ .

(b) (**7 pts.**) Let  $A$  be the set of sequences in  $\mathcal{X}^n$  where at least  $2/3$  of the elements are 1s. Use part (a) and the method of types to show that

$$|A| \leq (n+1)^3 2^{nH(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6})}.$$

7. Consider the hypothesis test between two i.i.d. distributions

$$H_0 : X^n \sim P_0^n$$

$$H_1 : X^n \sim P_1^n$$

where  $P_0$  and  $P_1$  are distributions on the alphabet  $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$  given by

$$P_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1/3, & x = \mathbf{a} \\ 1/3, & x = \mathbf{b} \\ 1/3, & x = \mathbf{c} \end{cases} \quad P_1(x) = \begin{cases} 2/3, & x = \mathbf{a} \\ 1/3, & x = \mathbf{b} \\ 0, & x = \mathbf{c} \end{cases}$$

The following test based on the type of  $x^n$  has been suggested to decide between  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ :

$$g(x^n) = \begin{cases} 1, & P_{x^n}(\mathbf{a}) > 1/2 \\ 0, & P_{x^n}(\mathbf{a}) \leq 1/2. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\alpha_n = P_1^n(g(X^n) = 0)$  and  $\beta_n = P_0^n(g(X^n) = 1)$  be the two error probabilities for this test.

- (a) **(6 pts.)** The Neyman-Pearson lemma states that all optimal tests are likelihood ratio tests. Is  $g$  a likelihood ratio test?
- (b) **(5 pts.)** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{n} \log \alpha_n$ .
- (c) **(5 pts.)** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{n} \log \beta_n$ .

8. Consider the discrete memoryless channel with input and output alphabets  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and the following channel transition matrix (rows correspond to  $X$ , columns to  $Y$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (**5 pts.**) Find the capacity of this channel.  
(b) (**5 pts.**) Now we impose the following channel cost:

$$b(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1 \\ 1, & x = 2. \end{cases}$$

Recall that the capacity-cost function is given by

$$C(B) = \max_{p(x): \mathbb{E}b(X) \leq B} I(X; Y).$$

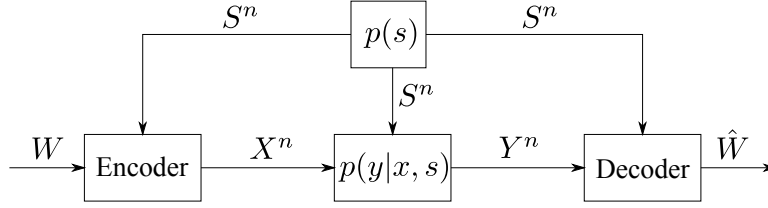
Find  $C(0)$  for this channel.

- (c) (**6 pts.**) Find  $C(B)$  for all  $B \geq 0$ .



9. Consider a channel with input  $X$  and output  $Y$ . Assume that the channel inputs are binary taking on the values 0 or 1. Let  $Z$  be a continuous random variable that is uniform on the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . Assuming that  $Z$  is independent of  $X$ .
- (a) What is the capacity of this channel if the input-output relationship is given by  $Y = X + Z$ .
  - (b) What is the capacity of this channel if the input-output relationship is given by  $Y = XZ$ .

10. (24 pts.) Consider the variation on channel coding diagrammed below:



The variable  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  is called the *channel state*: it determines which of several different channel transition probabilities occur (i.e. the channel given by  $p(y|x, S = 1)$  is different from  $p(y|x, S = 2)$ ). The state sequence  $S^n$  is drawn i.i.d. from  $p(s)$  (independently from the choice of message), and then it is revealed to both the encoder and the decoder. For the  $i$ th channel use, the encoder chooses  $X_i$ , and then  $Y_i$  is drawn from  $p(y|x, s)$  conditioned on  $X_i$  and  $S_i$ . In this problem, you will show that the capacity of this channel is

$$C = \max_{p(x|s)} I(X; Y|S).$$

In above expression, the conditional mutual information is with respect to the distribution  $p(s)p(x|s)p(y|x, s)$ , where  $p(s)$  and  $p(y|x, s)$  are given in the problem description, and  $p(x|s)$  is chosen by the maximization.

**This problem has 4 parts. Be sure to attempt them all.**

- (a) (5 pts.) For each  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , let  $C_s$  be the usual channel capacity of the channel from  $X$  to  $Y$  with fixed  $S = s$ . That is

$$C_s = \max_{p(x)} I(X; Y|S = s).$$

Show that

$$\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} p(s) C_s = C$$

where  $C$  is defined above.

- (b) (5 pts.) Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left( N(s|S^n) \geq n(1 - \epsilon)p(s) \text{ for all } s \in \mathcal{S} \right) = 1$ .
- (c) (9 pts.) For each  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , assume the existence of a standard channel code for channel  $p(y|x, S = s)$  with blocklength  $n(1 - \epsilon)p(s)$ , rate  $C_s$ , and probability of error  $\epsilon$ . Using parts (a) and (b), show that for sufficiently large  $n$ , there exists a code with rate  $(1 - \epsilon)C$  and probability of error  $\epsilon'$  where  $\epsilon' \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .
- (d) (5 pts.) Given a sequence of codes with rate  $R$  and probability of error  $P_e^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$ , prove the converse by justifying each of the following steps ( $\mathcal{E}_n$  is a sequence decreasing to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} nR &\stackrel{(i)}{=} I(W; Y^n | S^n) + H(W | Y^n, S^n) \\ &\stackrel{(ii)}{\leq} I(W; Y^n | S^n) + n\mathcal{E}_n \\ &\stackrel{(iii)}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ H(Y_i | S^n, Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}) - H(Y_i | S^n, W, Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}) \right] + n\mathcal{E}_n \\ &\stackrel{(iv)}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ H(Y_i | S_i) - H(Y_i | X_i, S_i) \right] + n\mathcal{E}_n \\ &\stackrel{(v)}{\leq} nC + n\mathcal{E}_n. \end{aligned}$$