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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Electrocardiography (ECG) is a widely used diagnostic tool that measures and records the electrical activity of the heart. The ECG signal provides valuable insights into cardiac health, helping in the detection of various heart conditions such as arrhythmias, ischemia, and other abnormalities. However, ECG signals can generate a large amount of data, especially in long-term monitoring or high-resolution applications. Efficient compression of ECG signals is essential to reduce data storage, transmission bandwidth, and computational overhead without compromising the diagnostic quality of the signal. One popular approach for data compression is the use of entropy-based encoding methods, such as the Shannon-Fano algorithm. The Shannon-Fano method is a lossless compression technique that efficiently encodes data based on the probability distribution of the source symbols. The method works by assigning shorter codes to more frequent symbols and longer codes to less frequent symbols, thereby achieving compression.

In this project, we explore the application of the Shannon-Fano encoding algorithm to ECG signals. The goal is to compress the ECG data in a manner that preserves critical information required for accurate diagnosis while significantly reducing the file size. This is particularly important in telemedicine, where ECG data needs to be transmitted over limited-bandwidth channels or stored for extended periods. The implementation of the Shannon-Fano algorithm in ECG signal encoding involves several key steps, including preprocessing the ECG signal, determining the symbol probability distribution, constructing the Shannon-Fano code tree, and evaluating the compression efficiency. By comparing the compression ratio and signal fidelity, this project aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of Shannon-Fano encoding in ECG data compression and provide insights into its potential use in medical applications.

In summary, this project seeks to address the challenges associated with ECG signal compression by leveraging the Shannon-Fano encoding technique, offering a balance between compression efficiency and the preservation of clinically relevant information.

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PROBLEM STATEMENT & GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

• Problem Statement

Electrocardiogram (ECG) signals are critical for diagnosing heart conditions, capturing complex and often subtle patterns like P waves, QRS complexes, and T waves that must be represented with high precision. ECG data is typically generated in large volumes, making efficient storage and transmission a challenge, especially in telemedicine and wearable health monitoring devices. At the same time, any data compression technique must preserve the precision of the signal to ensure that important medical information, such as indications of arrhythmia or ischemia, is not lost.

Shannon-Fano coding, an entropy-based lossless data compression technique, can reduce the size of ECG data by assigning variable-length binary codes to signal values based on their frequency of occurrence. However, the inherent complexity and variability of ECG signals require a compression method that can handle the precision needed for accurate diagnosis while maintaining efficiency.

Objectives:

Input Data: Process a digitized ECG signal with high precision (e.g., millivolts sampled at regular intervals) to retain diagnostically critical features.

Symbol Construction: Divide the ECG signal into discrete value ranges (symbols) and compute their respective frequencies, maintaining a high degree of precision.

Code Generation: Implement the Shannon-Fano coding algorithm to assign binary codes to each symbol based on its frequency of occurrence, ensuring that precise values are accurately represented.

Encoding: Use the generated codes to compress the ECG signal without losing critical diagnostic details.

Performance Evaluation: Analyze the trade-off between compression efficiency and the retention of signal precision, ensuring that the compressed ECG data can still be used for accurate medical diagnosis.

• Graphical Abstract

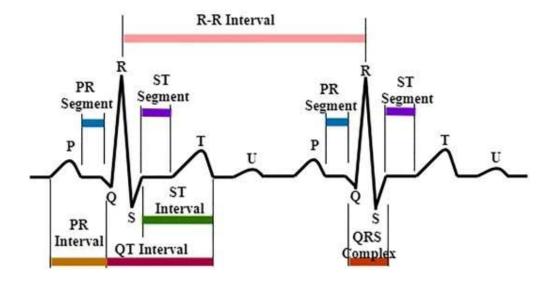


Fig: Makeup of a ECG signal

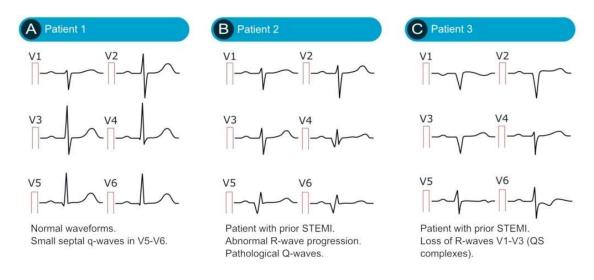


Fig: Normal and abnormal ECG signals

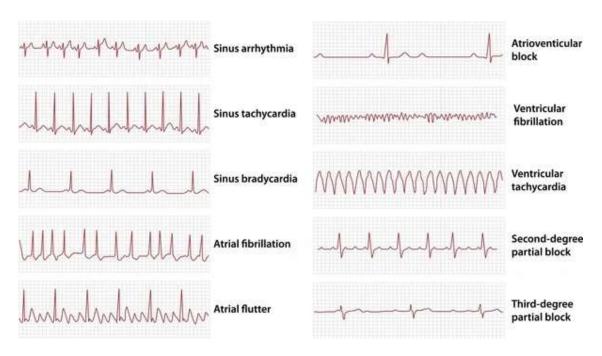


Fig: Different types of abnormalities and its characteristics in an ECG signal

Inference:

Minute variations indicate different types of abnormalities in a ECG signal hence the preservation of data is key while compressing the signal.

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METHODOLOGY FOR SHANNON FANO IMPLEMENTATION

The objective of this project is to implement a Python-based solution to compress ECG (Electrocardiogram) signals using the Shannon-Fano encoding algorithm. ECG signals are critical in monitoring heart activity, but the large volume of data they generate can be challenging to store and transmit efficiently. The Shannon-Fano method, a lossless entropy-based compression technique, provides an effective way to reduce the size of the data without compromising the integrity of the signal, which is crucial for accurate medical diagnostics.

ECG Signal Acquisition:

The project will begin by acquiring ECG signal. 20 peoples real world filtered ECG signals from PhysioNet. <u>LW: .../1.0.0/Person_01/rec_1 (physionet.org)</u> which is already quantized by a 12 bit ADC having a clock frequency of 500 ticks per sec, I tick per sample 200 ADU/mV, zero at 0, base line at zero.

Implementation of Shannon-Fano Encoding:

1. Load ECG Data:

Load the ADC-converted ECG signal data from PhysioNet, with a total sample size of 147,499, representing combined data from 20 people.

2. Probability Calculation:

Count the occurrences of each unique ADC value in the dataset.

Calculate the probability of each ADC value by dividing its occurrence by the total number of samples.

3. Sort Probabilities:

Sort the ADC values in descending order based on their probabilities.

4. Recursive Shannon-Fano Partition:

Split the sorted list of ADC values into two groups such that the cumulative probabilities of each group are as equal as possible. Assign binary codes: '0' to values in the first group and '1' to values in the second group.

5. Assign Binary Codes:

Recursively divide the groups, assigning '0' and '1' until every ADC value has a unique binary code.

6. Encode the ECG Signals:

Replace each ADC value in the dataset with its corresponding Shannon-Fano code.

7. Store Encoded Data:

Store the encoded ECG signals in an Excel file, with each row representing the encoded signals for each sample.

8. Calculate Compression Metrics:

- > Entropy (H)
- ➤ Average Code Word Length
- Efficiency (η)
- \triangleright Variance of Code Lengths (σ^2)

9. Analyse Metrics as Number of People Increases:

Start with the ECG data of 1 person and incrementally add more people to the dataset. At each step, calculate the metrics: entropy, average code word length, efficiency, and variance. Record the metrics for 1 person, 2 people, and so on, up to 20 people.

10. Generate Graphical Results:

Plot the following graphs:

- > Entropy vs. number of people.
- Average code word length vs. number of people.
- > Efficiency vs. number of people.
- ➤ Variance of code word lengths vs. number of people.

11.Store Results in Excel:

Save the calculated metrics and graphical results in an Excel file for further analysis. Then loaded the values in mv of filtered ecg signal to a excel sheet then loaded them into Spyder Python IDE.

Tools and Libraries:

- 1) Python: The primary programming language for the project.
- 2) NumPy: For handling numerical operations and signal processing.
- 3) Matplotlib: For visualizing ECG signals and compression results.
- 4) Counter class from the collections module: For counting the occurrences of elements in a collection, such as lists or strings.
- 5) Pandas: For data handling and managing ECG datasets.
- 6) Custom Shannon-Fano Code Implementation: For encoding the signal.

Expected Outcome:

The project will result in an effective Python implementation of the Shannon-Fano algorithm for compressing ECG signals. The method will demonstrate significant data reduction while maintaining the diagnostic quality of the ECG signal, providing a balance between compression efficiency and clinical accuracy. The project also serves as a foundation for future developments in ECG signal processing, data transmission, and storage in healthcare applications.

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KEY CONCEPTS INVOLVED

To understand the encoding of ECG signals using the Shannon-Fano method, several key concepts from signal processing, information theory, and data compression must be considered. Below are the primary concepts involved in this project:

1. Electrocardiogram (ECG) Signal

An ECG signal is a graphical representation of the electrical activity of the heart over time. It is recorded through electrodes placed on the skin, and the waveform consists of key components such as the P wave, QRS complex, and T wave.

<u>Significance</u>: The shape and timing of these components are used to diagnose various heart conditions. Thus, preserving the integrity of the ECG signal during compression is critical.

<u>Characteristics:</u> ECG signals are continuous, time-varying signals that may contain noise, baseline wander, and varying amplitudes.

2. Signal Preprocessing

<u>Noise Filtering</u>: ECG signals may contain high-frequency noise, power line interference, and baseline drift. Filtering techniques such as low-pass or high-pass filtering can be applied to clean the signal before compression.

<u>Segmentation</u>: The signal may be divided into segments (or symbols) that will be compressed. These symbols can be individual samples or blocks of data.

Normalization: Scaling the signal to a consistent range to simplify encoding.

3. Shannon-Fano Algorithm

Entropy Encoding: Shannon-Fano is an entropy-based compression algorithm that encodes data by constructing variable-length codes based on the probability distribution of symbols.

<u>Symbols</u>: In the context of ECG signals, a symbol can be a sample value or a set of consecutive samples.

Steps in Shannon-Fano Encoding:

Frequency Analysis: Calculate the probability of occurrence of each unique symbol in the ECG data.

Symbol Sorting: Sort symbols based on their probabilities (higher frequency symbols first).

Recursive Code Assignment: Recursively divide the sorted list into two groups of nearly equal probability and assign binary digits (0 or 1) to each division. Repeat until every symbol has a unique binary code.

Encoding: Replace each symbol in the signal with its corresponding binary code to achieve compression.

Efficiency: More frequent symbols are assigned shorter codes, while less frequent symbols get longer codes, leading to effective compression.

4. Information Theory

<u>Entropy:</u> In information theory, entropy represents the average amount of information produced by a source of data. It is a measure of the unpredictability or randomness of the data.

<u>Shannon Entropy</u>: Defines the minimum number of bits required to encode a source of data based on the probability distribution of its symbols. The Shannon-

Fano method leverages this concept to assign variable-length codes to symbols, minimizing the average number of bits used.

<u>Redundancy</u>: Redundancy in the ECG signal refers to repeated or predictable patterns in the data. The Shannon-Fano method removes this redundancy by encoding only the essential information.

5. Lossless Compression

A compression technique in which the original data can be perfectly reconstructed from the compressed data. This is crucial for medical applications like ECG signal analysis, where any loss of information may lead to misdiagnosis.

<u>Shannon-Fano as Lossless</u>: The Shannon-Fano algorithm is a lossless encoding method because it maps symbols to binary codes without altering the original signal content.

6. Compression Ratio

A metric used to evaluate the efficiency of a compression algorithm, typically defined as the ratio of the size of the compressed data to the size of the original data.

<u>Importance in ECG:</u> A high compression ratio is desired to reduce storage requirements, but it must be balanced with the need to preserve the clinical quality of the signal.

7. Python Programming

- 1. Libraries for ECG Processing.
- 2. NumPy for numerical computations.
- 3. Matplotlib for visualizing ECG signals.
- 4. Pandas for handling ECG datasets.

<u>Custom Shannon-Fano Implementation</u>: Python will be used to implement the Shannon-Fano algorithm from scratch, allowing full control over the encoding and decoding processes for ECG data.

8. Application in Healthcare and Telemedicine

<u>Data Storage</u>: Efficient ECG compression is essential for storing large amounts of patient data, especially in long-term monitoring.

<u>Transmission in Telemedicine</u>: Compressed ECG signals can be transmitted over networks with limited bandwidth, allowing real-time monitoring and remote diagnostics in telemedicine systems.

<u>Wearable Devices</u>: Efficient ECG compression is vital for battery-powered wearable devices that continuously monitor heart activity, as it reduces the data that needs to be transmitted or stored locally.

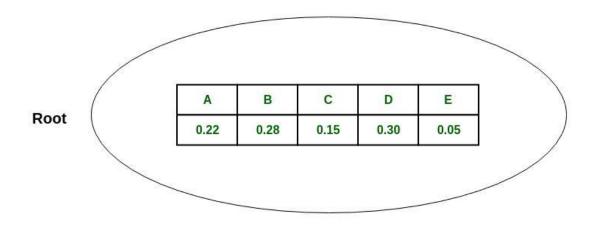
CHAPTER-5 DESIGN & MATHEMATICAL MODEL

SHANNON-FANO TREE

SYMBOL	Α	В	С	D	E
PROBABILITY OR FRQUENCY	0.22	0.28	0.15	0.30	0.05

THE SYMBOLS AND THEIR PROBABILITY / FREQUENCY ARE TAKEN AS INPUTS.

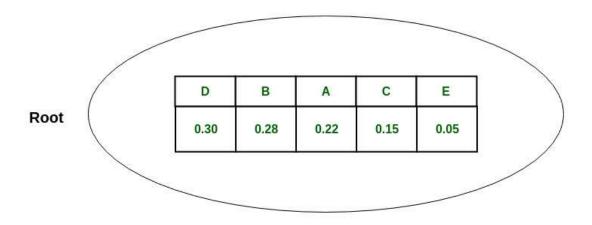
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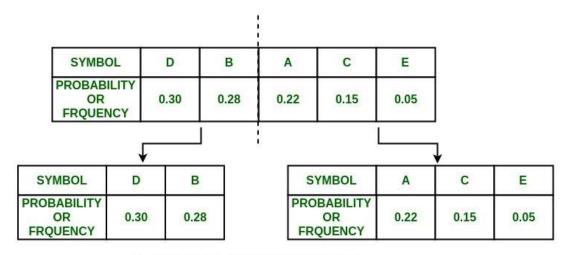
TREE AFTER STEP 1

SYMBOL	D	В	Α	С	E
PROBABILITY OR FRQUENCY	0.30	0.28	0.22	0.15	0.05

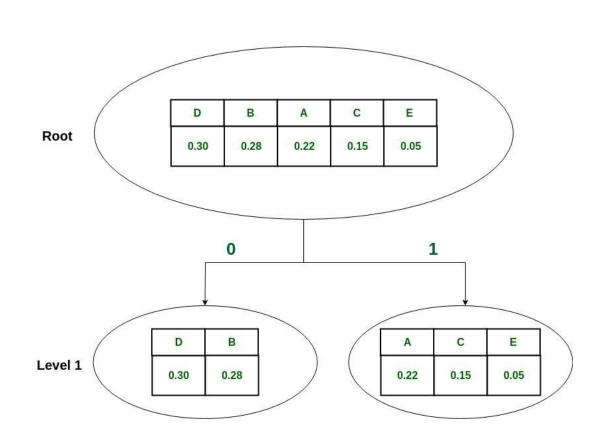
INPUTS ARE SORTED ACCORDING TO THEIR PROBABILITY / FREQUENCY (Here they are sorted according to their probability)



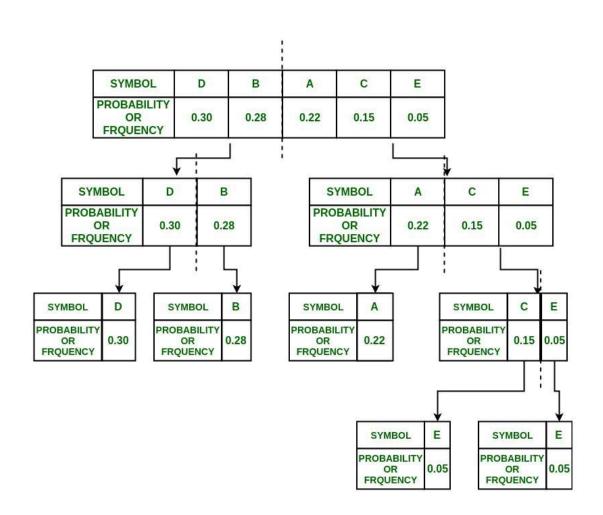
TREE AFTER STEP 2



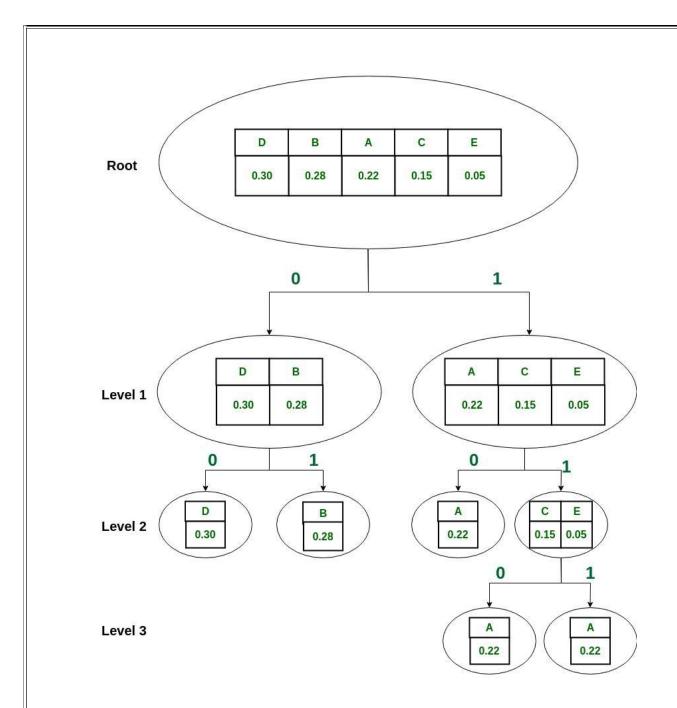
THE SYMBOLS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO SUCH THAT THE TOTAL PROBABILITY / FREQUENCY OF LEFT SIDE ALMOST SAME AS THAT OF RIGHT SIDE



TREE AFTER STEP 3



THE SYMBOLS ARE CONTINUED TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO TILL EACH SYMBOL BECOME SEPARATED



TREE AFTER STEP 4

The correct table should be:

SYMBOL	А	В	С	D	E
PROBABILITY	0.22	0.28	0.15	.30	.05
SHANNON CODE:	10	01	110	00	111

MATHEMATICAL MODEL

1. The average length of the Shannon-fano code is:

$$Lavg = \sum_{i=0}^{k} Pi Li$$

Where: Pi = Probability

 $Li = Length of the i^{th} code word$

2. Efficiency of the Shannon-Fano code is:

$$\eta = \frac{\textit{Entropy}(\textit{H})}{\textit{Average code word length(Lavg)}}$$

Where H =
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} Pi \log_2 \frac{1}{Pi}$$

3. Variance, $\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{k} [Pi (Li - Lav)^2]$

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BLOCK DIAGRAM / FLOW CHART

Step No:1

For a given list of symbols, develop a corresponding list of probabilities a frequency counts so that each symbols relative frequency of occurrence is known



Step No:2

Sort the lists of symbols according to frequency, with the most frequently occurring symbols at the left and the least common at the right.



Step No:3

Divide the list into two parts, with the total frequency counts of the left part being as close to the total of the right as possible.



Step No:4

The left part of the list is assigned to the binary digit 0 and the right part is assigned to the digit 1. This means that the codes for the symbols in the first part with all start with 0 and the codes in the second part will all start with 1.



Step No:5

Recursively apply the step 3 and 4 to each of the two halves, sub dividing groups and adding bits to the codes until each symbol has become a corresponding code leaf on the tree.

CHAPTER-7 PYTHON CODE

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Shanon-Fano code:
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from collections import Counter
# Function to implement the Shannon-Fano algorithm
def shannon_fano(data, prefix=""):
  if len(data) == 1:
    return {data[0][0]: prefix}
  total weight = sum([item[1] for item in data])
  split_point = 0
  for i in range(len(data)):
    if sum([item[1] for item in data[:i+1]]) >= total weight / 2:
       split_point = i + 1
       break
  left = shannon fano(data[:split point], prefix + "0")
  right = shannon fano(data[split point:], prefix + "1")
  left.update(right)
  return left
# Load data from an Excel sheet
def load_data_from_excel(file_path, sheet_name):
  df = pd.read excel(file path, sheet name=sheet name)
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values = df.values.flatten().tolist() # Convert to a flat list
  return values
# Main function to apply Shannon-Fano coding and calculate metrics
def apply shannon fano(file path, sheet name):
  values = load_data_from_excel(file_path, sheet_name)
  # Calculate the frequency of each unique value
  frequency_dict = Counter(values)
  data = list(frequency dict.items()) # Convert to list of (value, frequency) pairs
  # Sort data by frequency in descending order
  data.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
  # Generate Shannon-Fano code
  shannon fano code = shannon fano(data)
  # Convert the data and the corresponding code into a DataFrame
  coded_data = pd.DataFrame(list(shannon_fano_code.items()), columns=["Value", "Shannon-
Fano Code"])
  # Create frequency DataFrame
  freq_df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=['Value', 'Frequency'])
  # Merge coded data and freq df
  merged data = pd.merge(coded data, freq df, on='Value')
  # Compute total frequency
  total frequency = merged data['Frequency'].sum()
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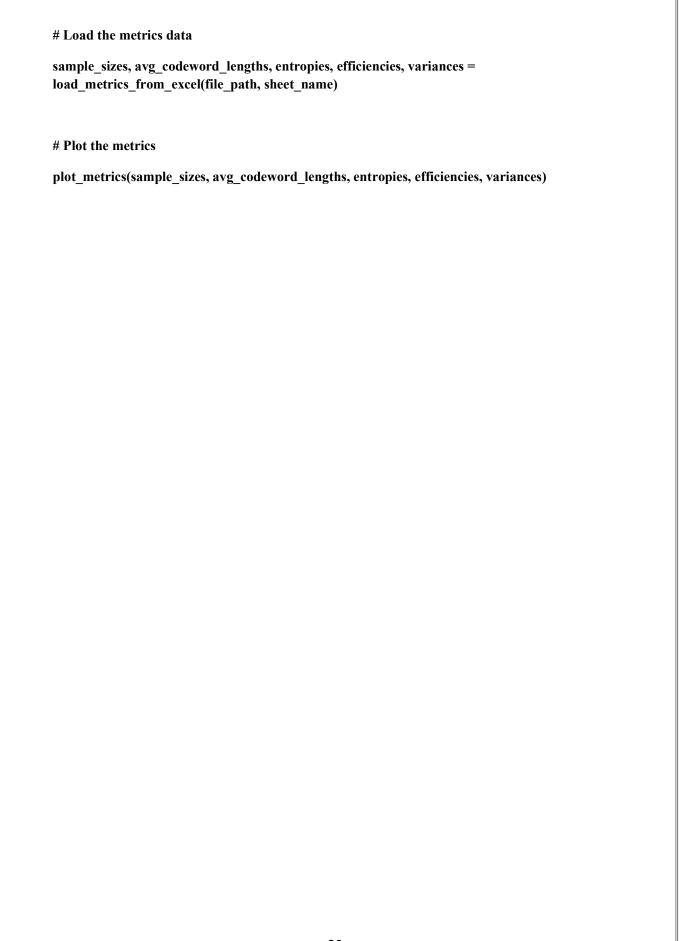
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# Compute probabilities
  merged_data['Probability'] = merged_data['Frequency'] / total_frequency
  # Compute codeword lengths
  merged data['Codeword Length'] = merged data['Shannon-Fano Code'].apply(len)
  # Compute average codeword length
  avg codeword length = (merged data['Probability'] * merged data['Codeword
Length']).sum()
  # Compute entropy
  merged_data['Entropy Term'] = merged_data['Probability'] *
np.log2(merged data['Probability'])
  entropy = -merged data['Entropy Term'].sum()
  # Compute efficiency
  efficiency = entropy / avg codeword length
  # Compute variance of codeword lengths
  merged data['Variance Term'] = merged data['Probability'] * (merged data['Codeword
Length'] - avg codeword length) ** 2
  variance = merged data['Variance Term'].sum()
  # Print the calculated values
  print(f"Average Codeword Length: {avg_codeword_length}")
  print(f"Entropy: {entropy}")
  print(f"Efficiency: {efficiency}")
  print(f"Variance of Codeword Lengths: {variance}")
  # Return the merged data and metrics
```

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return merged data[['Value', 'Frequency', 'Probability', 'Shannon-Fano Code', 'Codeword
Length']], avg codeword length, entropy, efficiency, variance
# Save data to CSV, including the calculated metrics
def save_to_csv(file_path, shannon_fano_data, avg_length, entropy, efficiency, variance):
  # Save the Shannon-Fano coded data to a CSV file
  shannon_fano_data.to_csv(file_path + '_shannon_fano_coded_data.csv', index=False)
  # Create a DataFrame for the metrics
  metrics df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Metric': ['Average Codeword Length', 'Entropy', 'Efficiency', 'Variance'],
    'Value': [avg_length, entropy, efficiency, variance]
  })
  # Save the metrics to another CSV file
  metrics_df.to_csv(file_path + '_shannon_fano_metrics.csv', index=False)
# Main code
file path = r"C:\shannon fano project\data20"
sheet name = 'Sheet1'
# Apply Shannon-Fano coding and get metrics
shannon fano data, avg length, entropy, efficiency, variance = apply shannon fano(file path +
".xlsx", sheet name)
# Save the data and metrics to CSV
save_to_csv(file_path, shannon_fano_data, avg_length, entropy, efficiency, variance)
# Print some of the coded data and metrics for reference
print(shannon fano data.head()) # First few rows of the Shannon-Fano coded data
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Graphical parameters code:

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Function to load the data from the Excel sheet
def load metrics from excel(file path, sheet name):
  # Load data from the Excel file
  df = pd.read_excel(file_path, sheet_name=sheet_name)
  # Assuming the metrics are in the first few columns
  # Adjust these columns depending on where your metrics are stored
  sample sizes = df.iloc[1:21, 0].values # First column: Sample size (rows 2 to 16)
  avg codeword lengths = df.iloc[1:21, 1].values # Second column: Avg Codeword Length
  entropies = df.iloc[1:21, 2].values # Third column: Entropy
  efficiencies = df.iloc[1:21, 3].values # Fourth column: Efficiency
  variances = df.iloc[1:21, 4].values # Fifth column: Variance
  return sample sizes, avg codeword lengths, entropies, efficiencies, variances
# Function to plot the metrics
def plot metrics(sample sizes, avg codeword lengths, entropies, efficiencies, variances):
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
  # Plot Average Codeword Length
  plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
  plt.plot(sample sizes, avg codeword lengths, marker='o', label="Avg Codeword Length")
  plt.xlabel('Sample Size')
  plt.ylabel('Avg Codeword Length')
  plt.title('Average Codeword Length vs Sample Size')
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```
# Plot Entropy
  plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
  plt.plot(sample_sizes, entropies, marker='o', label="Entropy")
  plt.xlabel('Sample Size')
  plt.ylabel('Entropy')
  plt.title('Entropy vs Sample Size')
  # Plot Efficiency
  plt.subplot(2, 2, 3)
  plt.plot(sample_sizes, efficiencies, marker='o', label="Efficiency")
  plt.xlabel('Sample Size')
  plt.ylabel('Efficiency')
  plt.title('Efficiency vs Sample Size')
  # Plot Variance
  plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
  plt.plot(sample_sizes, variances, marker='o', label="Variance")
  plt.xlabel('Sample Size')
  plt.ylabel('Variance')
  plt.title('Variance vs Sample Size')
  plt.tight_layout()
  plt.show()
# File path and sheet name details
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sheet name = 'overall shannon fano metrics'
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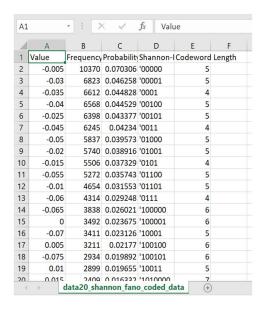
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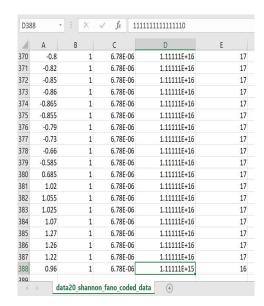
RESULT WITH GRAPH

Sampled and filtered data sets of 20 people (147499 samples)



Shannon-Fano coded data (388 code words)

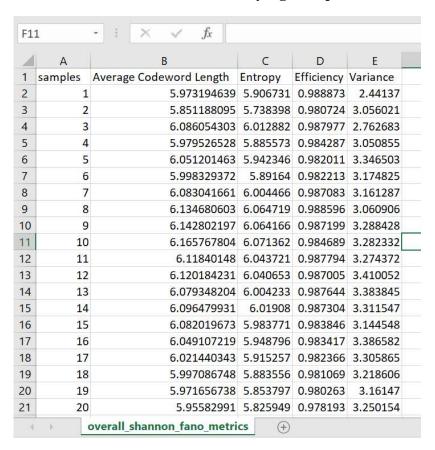




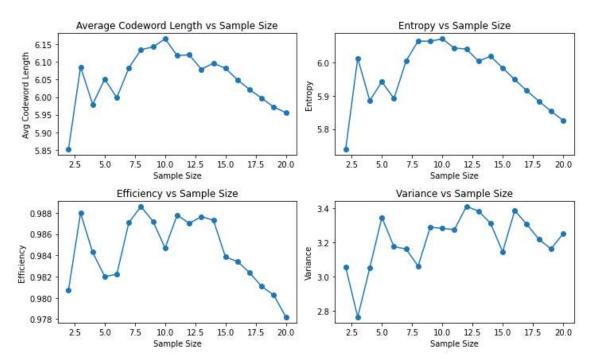
Shannon-Fano Metrics (20 People Dataset):

Average Codeword Length: 5.955829909558097						
Entropy: 5.825948515	051288					
Efficiency: 0.978192	5614936768					
Variance of Codeword	Lengths: 3.2	250154116400026				
Value Frequency	Probability	Shannon-Fano Code	Codeword Length			
0 -0.005 10370	0.070306	00000	5			
1 -0.030 6823	0.046258	00001	5			
2 -0.035 6612	0.044828	0001	4			
3 -0.040 6568	0.044529	00100	5			
4 -0.025 6398	0.043377	00101	5			
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Shannon Fano Metrics with Varying Sample Size



Graphical Plot:



CHAPTER 9

CONCLUSION

In this project, we successfully implemented Shannon-Fano coding to compress ECG signals from a dataset comprising 147,499 samples collected from 20 individuals. The coding process generated 388 unique code words, leading to notable metrics that highlight the efficiency and effectiveness of the compression. The average codeword length was approximately 5.96 bits, while the entropy of the encoded data was calculated to be around 5.83 bits, indicating a high degree of information representation with minimal redundancy. The achieved efficiency of 0.98 underscores the effectiveness of the Shannon-Fano coding technique in this context, and the variance in codeword lengths, measured at approximately 3.25, reflects the diversity in signal characteristics across different ECG readings.

Looking ahead, potential improvements could include exploring adaptive coding techniques or integrating machine learning algorithms to enhance the compression process further. Additionally, extending the dataset to include a wider variety of ECG signals from diverse demographics could improve the model's robustness.

The applications of this work in healthcare are significant, particularly in telemedicine and remote patient monitoring systems. Efficient compression of ECG signals can facilitate faster transmission of vital health data over limited bandwidths, enabling timely diagnosis and monitoring of patients' cardiac health. Ultimately, advancements in data compression techniques like Shannon-Fano coding will contribute to the development of more efficient and effective healthcare technologies, improving patient outcomes and optimizing resource utilization.

CHAPTER 10

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