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ELL714 - Programming Assignment on Joint-Typicality based Decoding

This is a programming assignment which requires you to encode and decode binary message bits using a random codebook at the source and a joint-typicality decoder at the destination

Objective:

• To familiarize yourself with decoding based on joint-typicality.

Channel:

• You are given a binary symmetric channel (BSC) with transition probability q = 0.4.

Computing Environment:

Matlab

Tasks:

- 1) Compute the channel capacity C of the above BSC.
- 2) Pick a non-zero rate R of your choice for some R < C

Experiment

- 1) For each $n \in \{10, 100, 500, 1000, \ldots\}$, obtain a random codebook \mathcal{C}_n containing $\lceil 2^{nR} \rceil$ codewords. You have to independently generate binary numbers using an underlying probability mass function p(x) of your choice.
- 2) Using \mathcal{C}_n , transmit codewords with uniform distribution over the channel.
- 3) At the receiver side, observe the binary sequences and then decode the input message using a decoder based on joint typicality. Pick $\epsilon > 0$ of your choice when defining joint typicality.
- 4) Through simulations, compute the average probability of error of the decoder. Also, compute how many times the decoder is unable to decode the message?
- 5) Plot the average probability of error of the decoder against different values of n.
- 6) How does the above plot change when you vary the value of ϵ