

Homework Set No. 1

Problems 1 (see below), and Chapter 1: 1.6, 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9

Problems 1: Consider the binary communication channel depicted below. The input at the transmitter is binary and it is either 0 or 1 with equal probabilities. Assume the channel is symmetric and transmission errors occur with probability p .

- What is the probability of error (bit-error rate)?
- Now assume we use coder and decoder as modelled in the Figure below and the encoder in the Figure below repeats each three times the input bits (i.e., $0 \rightarrow 000$ and $1 \rightarrow 111$) and the decoder makes a decision on the information bit by taking a majority vote of the three bits output. What is the improvement in the probability of error?

