

## Problem 5

First, we sum the probabilities

$$p_n = \frac{0.1}{n}$$

for  $n \in [0, 12367] \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$  to ensure the result is normal (*close to 1*)

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In [1]: probSumNow = 0
        for i in range(12367):
            probSumNow += 0.1 / (i + 1)

        print(probSumNow)

1.0000043008275796
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Since the sum of the probabilities is reasonably close to 1, we proceed to calculate the entropies using

$$H(x) = - \sum_{n=1}^{12367} \left\{ \frac{0.1}{n} \log_2 \left[ \frac{0.1}{n} \right] \right\}$$

to obtain

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In [2]: import math

        entropySumNow = 0
        for i in range(12367):
            entropySumNow += - (0.1 / (i + 1)) * math.log2(0.1 / (i + 1))

        print(entropySumNow)

9.71625847652071
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Based on this result and the results in **Problem 1 (parts A and B)**, the entropy of words is bounded above by the entropy of Bi-Grams and below by the entropy of single characters. This would seem to imply that using at most two letters for determining frequencies for Huffman encoding is probably ideal.