

CS258: Information Theory

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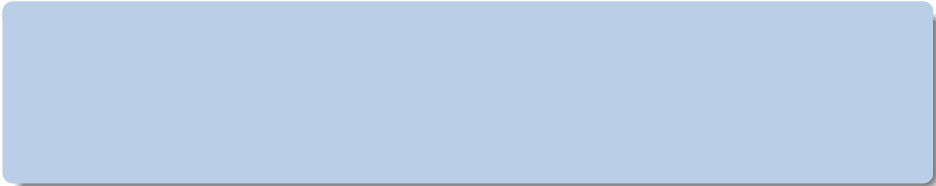
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Recap: Huffman Coding

- Symbol code
- Unique decodeability and suffix code
- Kraft inequality and its proof
- Huffman coding

Lecture 6: Noisy Channel Coding

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- Useful model channels
- Channel coding theorem



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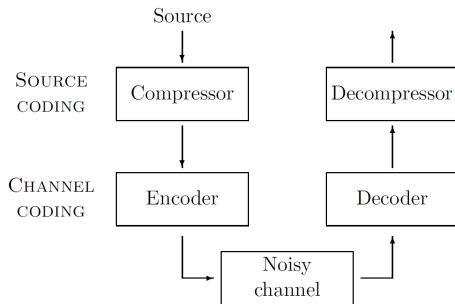
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Channel: fixed $P(Y|X)$

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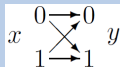
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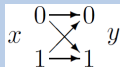
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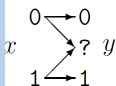
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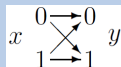
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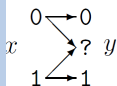
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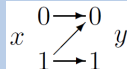
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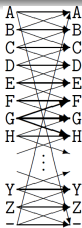




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 P(y=F \mid x=G) &= 1/3; \\
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The capacity of a channel Q is:

$$C(Q) = \max_{\mathcal{P}_X} I(X; Y).$$

The distribution \mathcal{P}_X that achieves the maximum is called the optimal input distribution, denoted by \mathcal{P}_X^* . [There may be multiple optimal input distributions achieving the same value of $I(X; Y)$.]

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Gaussian Channel

The Gaussian channel has a real input x and a real output y . The conditional distribution of y given x is a Gaussian distribution:

$$P(y|x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp(-(y-x)^2/2\sigma^2)$$

This channel is sometimes called the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) channel.

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Entropy Power inequality (Shannon 1948) For any independent random variables X and Y

$$e^{2h(X+Y)} \geq e^{2h(X)} + e^{2h(Y)}$$

Equality holds iff X, Y are gaussian.

Reading: Ch. 8, Ch. 9, Ch. 10, Ch. 11 (David MacKay)

Exercise

8.5, 8.7, 9.2, 9.4, 9.15, 9.17, 10.8, 10.9, 10.12