

Signal transmission

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Overview

Mission

- Transmission of information/messages over
space (from place to place)
time (storage)
- in the most efficient way

Fields of application

- Network (LAN, WLAN, mobile communication)
- IT systems (computer, smartphones, etc.)
- Storage media (CD, DVD, Blu-ray disk, HDDs)
⇒ Almost **everywhere**

Signal transmission

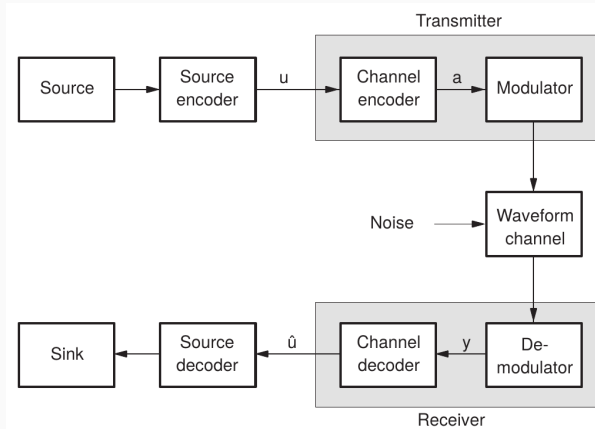


Figure 1: Overview signal transmission [2]

What is a signal?

- Representation of messages/information by a physical process
- e.g. voltage/current versus time, sound pressure over time

Types of signals

- Analog signals vs. digital signals
- Deterministic (known) vs. random (unknown)

- Adaptation of the source signal to the transmission medium
- Reduction of redundancy + irrelevance for efficient use of the transmission channel (source coding)
- Redundancy insertion to secure the message against interference and falsification (channel coding)
- Efficient use of available transmission power and signal bandwidth

What is a channel?

- Wire, air, storage device
- Determined by the physical properties of the transmission medium

What does it do?

- Carriage of the transmitted signal to the receiver
- Channel attenuates the transmit signal, causes distortion
- Interruptions (noise, interference) overlap

- Recovery of the source signal from the received signal
- Extraction of as much information as possible about the source signal contained in the received signal
- Adaptation of the received signal to sink

What is a coding?

A mapping rule that uniquely assigns a character or string to each character of a source word.

$$\underbrace{(a \ b \ c)}_{\text{source alphabet}} = \underbrace{(0 \ 1)}_{\text{target alphabet}}$$

Mapping: $(a \mapsto 0, b \mapsto 01, c \mapsto 011)$

Example

Source word: acabc

$$\underbrace{(acabc)}_{\text{source word}} = \underbrace{(0 \ 011 \ 0 \ 01 \ 011)}_{\text{code word}}$$

Source coding

Recap: Signal transmission

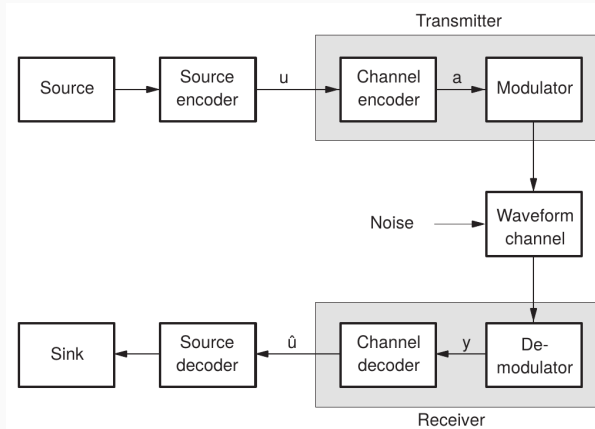


Figure 2: Overview signal transmission [2]

What is it?

- Removal of redundant information
- Data compression

How is it achieved?

- Mapping of source words with high probability to short code words

Source coding: Example I - Huffman coding

Assumption:

$$Pr\{A\} = 0,8$$

$$Pr\{B\} = 0,2$$

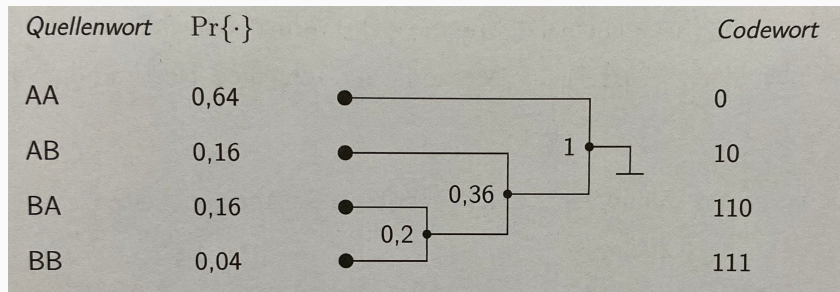


Figure 3: Example I Huffman coding [3]

Source coding: Example II - Huffman coding

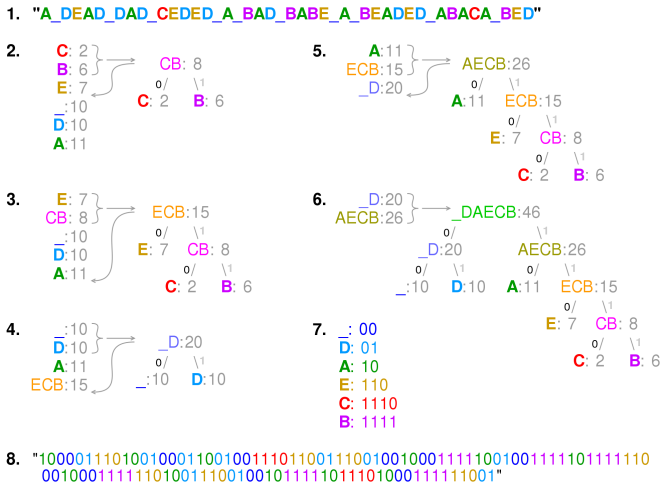


Figure 4: Example II Huffman coding [1]

Channel coding

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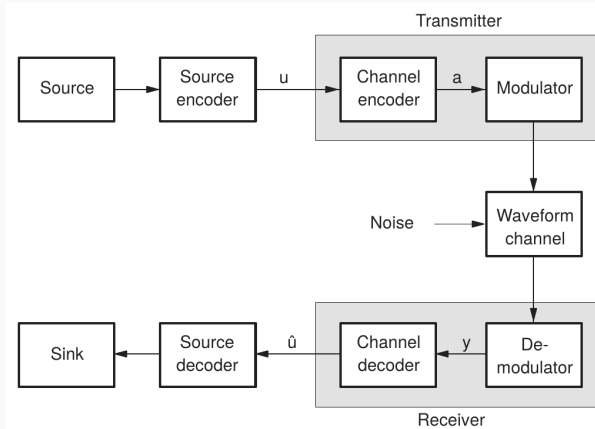


Figure 5: Overview signal transmission [2]

Channel coding: What is it?

- When transmitting and storing data, **errors** must be expected
- Securing the message against errors
⇒ Adding **redundancy** on the transmitting side
- Receiver uses this redundancy to detect + correct errors
- **Task:** **error detection** and if necessary **error correction** based on redundancy

Channel coding: Example

- International Standard Book Number (ISBN)



Figure 6: A 10-digit ISBN and the corresponding EAN-13 [4]

Summary

Summary

- Signal transmission is almost everywhere
 - ⇒ Processing of the signal is necessary
- Data compression (source coding)
- Securing the message against errors (channel coding)
 - ⇒ **redundancy**

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