MA4261 Information and Coding
Theory
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E[Y] = E[E[Y|X]]

Var(Y) = E[Var(Y|X)] + Var(E[Y|X])

Union bound  $\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i)$ 

# 1 Probability

Markov chain 
$$X-Y-Z$$
 has 
$$P_{XYZ}(x,y,z) = P_X(x)P_{Y|X}(y|x)P_{Z|Y}(z|y)$$
 
$$P_{XZ|Y}(x,z|y) = P_{X|Y}(x|y)P_{Z|Y}(z|y)$$
 Markov's inequality  $\Pr(X>a) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{a}$  Chebyshev's  $\Pr(|X-\mu|>a\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{a^2}$  WLLN  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \Pr\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right|>\epsilon\right) = 0$  
$$\mathcal{N}(x;\mu,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}$$
 CDF  $\Phi(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \mathcal{N}(x;0,1)\mathrm{d}x$  CLT  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \Pr\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i < a\right) = \Phi(a)$  Jensen's inequality  $\mathbb{E}[f(X)] \geq f(\mathbb{E}[X])$ 

# 2 Information Quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{X}) &= \sum_{x \in \mathscr{X}} p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)} \text{ bits for R.V. } X \\ 0 &\leq H(X) = \mathbb{E} \left[ 1/\log p_X(X) \right] \leq \log |\mathscr{X}| \\ H(X,Y) &= \mathbb{E}_{P_{X,Y}} \left[ \log \frac{1}{p_{X,Y}(X,Y)} \right] \\ H(Y|X) &= \sum p(x)H(Y|X=x) \\ H(Y|X) &= \mathbb{E}_{P_{X,Y}} \left[ \log \frac{1}{p_{Y|X}(Y|X)} \right] \\ H(Y|X &= x) &= -\sum_{y} p(y|x) \log p(y|x) \\ H(X,Y) &= H(X) + H(Y|X) \\ H(X,Y|Z) &= H(X|Z) + H(Y|X,Z) \\ \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{p} \parallel \mathbf{q}) &= \sum p(x) \log[p(x)/q(x)] \\ \text{with } 0 \log \frac{0}{0} &= 0 \log \frac{0}{q} = 0, p \log \frac{p}{0} = +\infty \\ \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{Y}) &= D(p_{X,Y} \parallel p_X p_Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) \end{aligned}$$

# 2.1 Chain Rule(s)

$$H(X_1, ...X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i|X_1, ...X_{i-1})$$

$$I(X_1, ..., X_n; Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i; Y|X_1, ..., X_{i-1})$$

$$D(p_{X,Y} \parallel q_{X,Y}) = D(p_X \parallel q_X) + D(p_{X|Y} \parallel q_{X|Y}|p_X)$$

$$D(p_{Y|X} \parallel q_{Y|X}|p_X) = \sum_{i=1}^n p(x)D(p_{Y|X} \parallel q_{Y|X})$$

 $D(p || q) \ge 0, I(X; Y) > 0$ 

 $H(X_1,...,X_n) \leq \sum H(X_i)$  with equality

when  $X_i$ 's are mutually independent

### 2.2 Information Inequalities

Log-sum inequality for non-negative 
$$a_i, b_i$$
 
$$\sum \left(a_i \log \frac{a_i}{b_i}\right) \geq a \log \frac{a}{b} = \left(\sum a_i\right) \log \frac{\sum a_i}{\sum b_i}$$
 
$$D(\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2 \parallel \lambda q_1 + (1-\lambda)q_2)$$
 
$$\leq \lambda D(p_1 \parallel q_1) + (1-\lambda)D(p_2 \parallel q_2) \text{ convex}$$
 
$$H(\lambda p + (1-\lambda)q) \geq \lambda H(p) + (1-\lambda)H(q) \text{ concave}$$
 Fix  $p_{Y|X}, p_X \to I(p_X, p_{Y|X})$  is concave Fix  $p_X, p_{Y|X} \to I(p_X, p_{Y|X})$  is convex

### 2.2.1 Data Processing Ineq. for M.I.

If 
$$X - Y - Z$$
, then  $I(X;Y) \ge I(X;Z)$  with  $= \inf X - Z - Y$ , i.e.  $I(X;Y) \ge I(X;g(Y))$ 

 $H_b(P_e) + P_e \log |\mathcal{X}| > H(X|\hat{X}) > H(X|Y)$ 

## 2.2.2 Fano's Inequality

$$P_{e} = \Pr(\hat{X} \neq X) \geq \frac{H(X|Y) - 1}{\log |\mathcal{X}|}$$
Han's:  $H(X^{n}) \leq \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} H(X^{n \setminus i})$   
Shearer's: If  $S \subseteq [n]$  is random following a distribution  $\forall i \in [n], \Pr(i \in S) \geq \mu$ , then
$$E_{S}[H(X_{S})] \geq \mu H(X^{n}), X_{S} = \{X_{i} : i \in S\}$$
3 Asymptotic Equipartition Prop

 $\epsilon\text{-weakly typical set of }X\sim p(x)$  is  $A^{(n)}_{\epsilon}(X) = \left\{x^n: \left|\frac{1}{n}\log\frac{1}{p(x^n)} - H(X)\right| < \epsilon\right\}$   $2^{-n(H(X)+\epsilon)} \leq p(x^n) \leq 2^{-n(H(X)-\epsilon)}$   $\Pr(X^n \in A^{(n)}_{\epsilon}(X)) \geq 1 - \epsilon \text{ for suff large } n$ 

 $(1 - \epsilon)2^{n(H(X) - \epsilon)} < |A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}| < 2^{n(H(X) + \epsilon)}$ 

# 4 Source Coding

If  $R^*(x) = \inf\{R \geq 0 : R \text{ is achievable}\}$ , then  $R^*(X) = H(X)$ . Prove that  $R^*(X) \leq H(X)$  using AEP, prove that  $R^*(X) \geq H(X)$  using Fano's inequality.

#### 4.1 Han Verdu Lemma

Fix  $(n, 2^{nR})$ -code, then  $P_e = \Pr(X^n \neq \hat{X}^n)$ 

$$P_e \ge \sup_{\gamma > 0} \left\{ \Pr\left(\frac{1}{n} \log \frac{1}{p(X^n)} \ge R + \gamma\right) - 2^{-n\gamma} \right\}$$

## 5 Stochastic Processes

Stationary means  $\Pr(X_1^n) = \Pr(X_{1+l}^{n+l})$ Markov  $\Pr(X_{n+1}|X_1^n) = \Pr(X_{n+1}|X_n)$ Time invariant  $p(x_{n+1}|x_n)$  indep of n. Irreducible: possible to go from any state to any other state in a finite number of steps Aperiodic: GCD of the lengths of the paths from a state to itself is 1 Entropy rate of stochastic process is

$$H(X) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} H(X_1, ..., X_n)$$

$$H'(X) = \lim_{n \to \infty} H(X_n | X_1^{n-1})$$

For stationary process, H(X) = H'(X)For stationary ergodic process,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} -\frac{1}{n} \log p(X_1, ..., X_n) = H(X)$$

For Markov chain.

$$H(X) = H(X_2|X_1) = \sum_{i,j} -\mu_i P_{ij} \log P_{ij}$$

Hidden Markov Model is has  $Y_i$  fn of  $X_i$  with  $X_i$ 's forming a Markov chain.

$$H(Y_n|Y_1^{n-1}, X_1) \le H'(Y) \le H(Y_n|Y_1^{n-1})$$

with convergence as  $n \to \infty$ .

## 6 Fixed-to-variable

Non-singular if each x mapped to a diff CW Extension  $C^*$  of a code C is the map  $C^*(x_1 \cdots x_n) = C(x_1) \cdots C(x_n)$ 

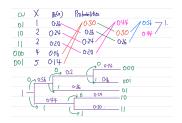
Code is uniquely decodable if its extension is non-singular

Code is prefix-free if no codeword is a prefix of any other codeword

Kraft's inequality  $\sum 2^{-l_i} \le 1$ Expected codeword length  $L^* \ge H(X)$ Shannon code sets  $l_i = \lceil \log \frac{1}{p_i} \rceil$ , obtains  $H(X) < L^* < H(X) + 1$ 

## 6.1 Huffman Codes

Given  $p_1 \geq p_2 \geq p_3 \geq \cdots p_M$ ,  $p_i > p_j \Rightarrow l_i \leq l_j$ , and exists some optimal code where C(M-1) and C(M) are siblings, same length and differ only in last bit



# 7 Channels

 $M=2^{nR}$  is max number of distinguishable messages reliably sent through the channel rate R, the max rate C is channel capacity Discrete channel has  $(\mathcal{X},\mathcal{Y},p_{Y|X})$ , (finite) input & output alphabet, and transition probabilities

Memoryless chan  $\Pr(y^n|x^n) = \prod p(y_i|x_i)$   $C = C(p_{Y|X}) = \max_{p_x} I(X;Y)$ Noiseless BC  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \{0,1\}, \ p = I_2$ Noisy Typewriter  $C = \log 13$  use alternate  $p(i|i) = 1/2, p(i+1(mod\ 26)|i) = 1/2$ BSC flips bits with prob  $p, C = 1 - H_b(p)$   $p_{Y|X}(y|x) = p$  if  $y \neq x$  else 1 - pBinary erasure channel,  $\{0,1\} \rightarrow \{0,e,1\}$ 

$$p_{Y|X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \alpha & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 1 - \alpha \end{bmatrix}, C = 1 - \alpha$$

Symmetric channels if rows and columns are permutations of each other

Weakly symmetric channels if column sums are same and rows are permutations  $C = \log |\mathcal{Y}| - H(\underline{r})$ 

## 7.1 Channel Coding

(M,n)-code for DMC  $(\mathcal{X},p_{Y|X},\mathcal{Y})$  consists of message set [m], encoder set  $f:[m]\to\mathcal{X}^n$  and decoder  $\varphi:\mathcal{Y}^n\to[m]$ . M is size, n is block length.

$$\lambda_w = \Pr(\varphi(Y^n) \neq w | X^n = x^n(w))$$
$$= \sum_{y^n} p(y^n | x^n(w)) \mathbb{1}[\varphi(y^n) \neq w]$$

$$P_e^{(n)} = \lambda_{ave}^{(n)} = \frac{\sum_{w \in [M]} \lambda_w}{M}, \lambda_{max}^{(n)} = \max_{w \in [M]} \lambda_w$$

## 7.2 Jointly Typical Sequences

$$A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}\subseteq\{(x^n,y^n)\in\mathscr{X}^n\times\mathscr{Y}^n\}$$
 such that

$$\left| -\frac{\log p(x^n)}{n} - H(X) \right| < \epsilon, \left| -\frac{\log p(y^n)}{n} - H(Y) \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\left| -\log p(x^n, y^n) / n - H(X, Y) \right| < \epsilon$$
where  $p(x^n, y^n) = \prod p(x_i, y_i)$ 

$$\exists N : \forall n > N, \Pr((X^n, Y^n) \notin A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}) < \epsilon$$

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$$|A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}| \le 2^{n(H(X,Y) + \epsilon)}$$

If  $\tilde{X}^n \perp \!\!\! \perp \tilde{Y}^n$ ,

$$\Pr((\tilde{X}^n, \tilde{Y}^n) \in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(X, Y)) \le 2^{-n(I(X; Y) - 3\epsilon)}$$

$$\Pr((\tilde{X}^n, \tilde{Y}^n) \in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(X, Y)) \ge (1 - \epsilon)2^{-n(I(X; Y) + 3\epsilon)}$$

# 7.3 Proof of Achievability

Fix p(x), generate codebook

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(1) & \cdots & x_n(1) \\ x_1(2) & \cdots & x_n(2) \\ & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_1(2^{nR}) & \cdots & x_n(2^{nR}) \end{bmatrix} \sim p_X(x)$$

Encoder: given w, send  $x^n(w)$ 

Decoder: given  $y^n$ , declare  $\hat{w}$  is sent if  $(x^n(\hat{w}), y^n) \in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}$  and no other  $w' \in [2^{nR}]$  satisfies  $(x^n(w'), y^n) \in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}$ 

Given w=1 was sent, the error scenarios are either the received  $(x^n(1),y^n)\notin A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}$ , or that other  $(x^n(i),y^n)\in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}$  for  $i\geq 2$ .  $E_w=\{(X^n(w),Y^n)\in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)})\}$ 

$$\Pr(E|W_1) \le \Pr(E_1^c|W_1) + \sum_{w=2}^{2^{nR}} \Pr(E_w|W_1)$$

$$\Pr(E_1^c|W_1) = \Pr((X^n(1), Y^n) \notin A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}) < \frac{\epsilon}{4}$$

$$\Pr(E_w|W_1) = \Pr((\tilde{X}^n, \tilde{Y}^n) \in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}) \le 2^{-n(I-3\epsilon)}$$

$$\Pr(E|W_1) \le \frac{\epsilon}{4} + 2^{nR} 2^{-n(I-3\epsilon)} = \frac{\epsilon}{4} + 2^{-n(I-R-3\epsilon)}$$

Take  $p_X$  that maximizes I(X;Y), and take  $R < C - 3\epsilon$  so that  $2^{-n(I(X;Y)-R-3\epsilon)} < \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ , so  $\Pr(E|W=1) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

 $\implies \exists$  a code  $C^*$  with rate R and average error prob  $< \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ 

$$E_C[\lambda_{ave}^{(n)}(C)] < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \implies \exists C^* : \lambda_{ave}^{(n)}(C^*) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

To get bound on  $\lambda_{max}$ , take only the better half of the codebook, new size of  $\tilde{C}^* = \frac{2^{nR}}{2} = 2^{n(R-\frac{1}{n})}$  and  $\max_w \lambda_w(\tilde{C}^*) < \epsilon$   $\implies \exists$  a code  $\tilde{C}^*$  of rate  $R - \frac{1}{n}$  with max error prob  $< \epsilon$ .

#### 7.4 Proof of Converse

$$\Pr(W \neq \hat{W}) \ge \frac{H(W|\hat{W}) - 1}{\log|W|}$$

$$\implies H(W|\hat{W}) \le P_e^{(n)} \cdot nR + 1$$

$$nR = H(W) = I(W; \hat{W}) + H(W|\hat{W})$$

$$\leq I(X^n; Y^n) + P_e^{(n)} nR + 1$$

$$= nC + nRP_e^{(n)} + 1$$

$$R \leq \frac{1}{1 - P_e^{(n)}} C + \frac{1}{n}$$

As 
$$n \to \infty$$
,  $P_e^{(n)} \to 0$ ,  $R \le C$ .

# 8 Differential Entropy

$$\begin{split} h(X) &= -\int_S f(x) \log f(x) \, dx \\ \text{For } X \sim \text{Uniform}(0,a), \, h(X) &= \log a \\ \text{For } X \sim \phi(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}), \\ h(\phi) &= \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e\sigma^2) \text{ bits} \\ \max_{EX^2 = \alpha} h(X) &= \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e\alpha) \end{split}$$

# 9 Gaussian Channels

$$Y_i = X_i + Z_i, \ Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, N)$$

Require  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 \le P$ .

$$C = \max_{E[X^2] \le P} I(X;Y) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{P}{N})$$

achieving max when  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, P)$ For parallel guassian channels each with  $N_j$ , Water filling theorem,  $P_i = (v - N_i)^+, \sum (v - N_i)^+ = P$ 

## 10 Finite Fields

Group has elements G and op  $\oplus$  satisfying closure, associativity, identity and inverse. Alternatively, satisfy associativity, identity and permutation property  $a \oplus G$  is a permutation of G

Fields is a set  $\mathbb{F}$  of  $\geq 2$  elements with operations  $\oplus$  and \* such that  $\mathbb{F}$  forms an abelian group under  $\oplus$  and  $\mathbb{F}\setminus\{0\}$  forms an abelian group under \* and  $(a\oplus b)*c=(a*c)\oplus(b*c)$   $\forall$  prime  $p,R_p=\{0,\cdots,p-1\}$  forms a field under mod-p addition and multiplication Polynomial g(x) divides f(x) if f(x)=q(x)g(x) for some polynomial q(x). g(x) is a factor of f(x) if g(x) is monic and a nontrivial divisor of f(x)

Irreducible polynomials have no factors. A monic irreducible polynomial is a prime polynomial.

To construct field with  $p^m$  elements, take  $\mathbb{F}_{g(x)} = \{r_0 + r_1 x + \dots + r_{m-1} x^{m-1} : r_i \in \mathbb{F}_p\}$  with polynomial addition and multiplication mod-g(x) where  $\deg(g(x)) = m$  and g(x) is a prime polynomial.

## 11 Codes

(n,M,d)-code, codewords  $C\subset \mathbb{F}_q^n, |C|=M, d=\min_{c\neq c'\in C}d(c,c'), R=\frac{\log_q M}{n}$  [n,k,d]-linear code has codewords forming a vector space with dim  $k,M=q^k,R=\frac{k}{N}$  Dual code of C is  $C^\perp=\{x:\langle x,c\rangle=0\}$  Hamming weight  $wt(x)=d(x,0), wt(C)=\min_{c\in C,c\neq 0}wt(c)$  Generator Matrix  $G\in \mathbb{F}^{k\times n}$  for linear code has rows formed by basis for C, standard form  $[I_k]\mathbb{F}_q^{k\times (n-k)}]$ , every codeword expressed as some vG Parity-check Matrix  $H\in \mathbb{F}^{(n-k)\times n}$  is generator matrix for  $C^\perp$ , standard form  $[\mathbb{F}_q^{(n-k)\times k}|I_k], HG^T=0$   $d(C)\geq d$  iff  $\forall$  subsets d-1 cols of H are LI d(C)< d iff  $\exists$  a subset of d cols that is L.D.

#### 11.1 Performance Bounds

Relative dist  $\delta(C) = (d-1)/n$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} A_q(n,d) = \max\{M: \exists (n,M,d)\text{-code}\} \\ B_q(n,d) = \max\{q^k: \exists [n,k,d]\text{-LC over }\mathbb{F}_q\} \\ \text{Sphere volume } V_q^n(r) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (q-1)^i \text{ if } \\ 0 \leq r \leq n \text{ else } q^n \text{ if } r > n \\ \text{Gilbert-Varshamov sphere-covering lower bound } A_q(n,d) \geq \frac{q^n}{V_q^n(d-1)} \\ \text{Sphere-packing upper bound Hamming bound } A_q(n,d) \leq \frac{q^n}{V_q^n(\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor)} \\ \text{Perfect code achieves hamming bound } \\ \text{Singleton bound } A_q(n,d) \leq q^{n-d+1} \text{ or } k \leq n-d+1 \\ \end{array}$ 

MDS codes achieve singleton bound

#### 11.2 Reed-Solomon Codes

Choose n eval points  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}_q$ Message  $m = (m_0, \dots, m_{k-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^k$ Define polynomial  $C_m(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} m_i x^i$ Encode  $RS(m) = (C_m(\alpha_1), \dots, C_m(\alpha_n))$ For  $m \neq m'$ , at most k-1 evaluation points where  $C_m(\alpha_i) = C_{m'}(\alpha_i)$ Thus  $d(RS(m), RS(m')) \leq n - (k-1)$ Decoding using Berlekamp-Welch algorithm  $\lfloor \frac{n-k}{2} \rfloor$  errors