

Discussion 1

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Question:

In the achievability part of the BSC coding theorem, we choose the random codebook ensemble $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{C}}$ such that entries of \mathbb{C} are i.i.d $\text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})$.

It turns out the achievable rate is optimal by the converse part.

But suppose you could not prove the converse and wonder if i.i.d $\text{Ber}(q)$ can be better, q may not be $\frac{1}{2}$. Repeat the analysis and find achievable rate as the function of (p, q) .