

UNIT 3 Exercises: Information Theory

**3.1**

Given  $p(x,y)$  with  $p(0,0)=p(0,1)=p(1,1)=1/3$  y  $p(1,0)=0$ , find

- a)  $H(X)$  and  $H(Y)$
- b)  $H(X|Y)$  and  $H(Y|X)$
- c)  $H(X,Y)$
- d)  $I(X;Y)$  and  $I(Y;X)$

a)  $p(x) = \sum_y p(x,y) \Rightarrow p(X=0)=p(Y=1)=2/3, p(X=1)=p(Y=0)=1/3$

$$H(X) = - \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) = 2/3 \log_2 3/2 + 1/3 \log_2 3 = 0.918 \text{ bits} = H(Y)$$

b)  $H(X|Y) = \sum_y p(y) H(X|Y=y) = \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 \frac{1}{3} \log 1 \right) + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \log 2 \right) = 0.666 \text{ bits} = H(X|Y)$

c)  $H(X,Y) = \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log \frac{1}{p(x,y)} = 3 \frac{1}{3} \log 3 = \log 3 = 1.585 \text{ bits}$

d)  $I(X;Y)=I(Y;X)=H(Y)-H(Y|X) = 0.918 - 0.66 = 0.25 \text{ bits}$

**3.2.**

For each of the sentences below, reason if it possible that  $H(Y|X) = 0$  or that  $H(Y) = 0$

- i. The nucleotides composing the genome of an organism are being transmitted through a digital communication system. The actual data transmitted (X) are four numbers corresponding to the 4 possible nucleotides (A=0, C=1, G=2, T=3) and due to errors in the transmission the data received is  $Y=X-3$ .
- ii. The previous signal X is transmitted but now the signal received is  $Y = EX$  where E is a random variable that can take the values 1 or -1 with 1/2 probability.
- iii. The temperature in a laboratory (X) is transmitted wirelessly. The signal received is  $Y = (X - 27^\circ)^2$ . Assume that the laboratory can have a malfunction in the air conditioning or heating systems, so that it can be very cold or very hot.

i. Knowing the value of X enables us to obtain the value of Y, thus, there is no surprise and  $H(Y|X)=0$

On the other hand, the entropy of X ( $H(X)$ ) is clearly not zero, since we can assume that each symbol (the nucleotides) has a probability different to zero. Since X=0 always produces Y=-3, X=1  $\rightarrow$  Y=-2, X=2  $\rightarrow$  Y=-1, and X=3  $\rightarrow$  Y=0, the probabilities of the 4 symbol of Y are the same as the probabilities of X, thus  $H(Y)=H(X)$  NOT ZERO

ii. Now, knowing X can give a clue about the value of Y, but there will be still a 50% change of guessing the sing of the value. For instance, if X=2, we know that Y could be -2 or 2. So still there is some surprise, leading to  $H(Y|X) \neq 0$ .

The only way that  $H(Y)=0$  is that it has only one possible value, and this is not the case. So  $H(Y) \neq 0$ .

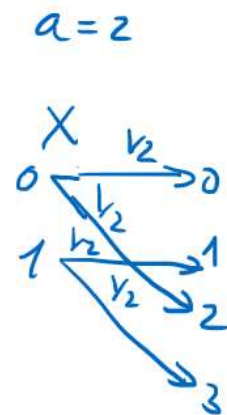
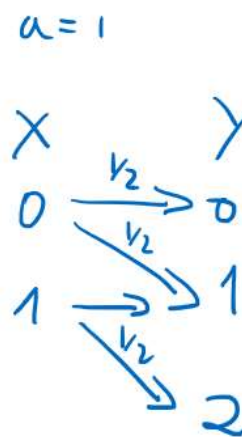
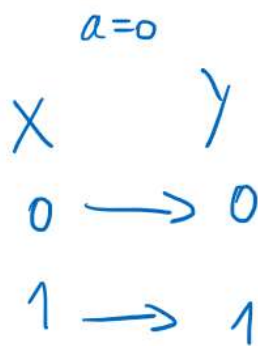
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iii. If we know the value of  $X$  there is no surprise in  $Y$ , so  $H(Y|X)=0$ . The comment about the fluctuations of the temperature implies that  $H(X) \neq 0$ . The only way that  $H(Y)=0$  is that it has only one possible value, and this is not the case. So  $H(Y) \neq 0$ .

**3.3.**

Given a channel with additive noise. When the symbols  $\{0,1\}$  from an information source  $X$  are transmitted, the symbols received are  $Y=X+Z$ , where  $Z$  is a binary random variable with equally probable values  $\{0, a\}$ ,  $a$  is an integer number.

Find the capacity of the channels for  $a=0$ ,  $a=1$  and  $a=2$ .



**$a=0$**

$Y=X \Rightarrow C=1$  bit

**$a=1$**

$X=0 \rightarrow Y=0$  or  $Y=1$

$X=1 \rightarrow Y=1$  or  $Y=2$

This is the erasure channel. After computing the capacity we get that  $C=0.5$  bits

**$a=2$**



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$$C = 1 \quad C = \max_{P(X,Y)} I(Y; X)$$

$$I(Y; X) = \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$P(X=0) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(X=1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(Y=0|X=0) = P(Y=1|X=0) = P(Y=1|X=1) = P(Y=2|X=1) = P(Y=2|X=2) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow P(0|2) = P(2|0) = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(Y=0) &= \sum_x p(x,0) = \sum_x \underbrace{p(Y=0|X)}_{\frac{1}{2}} p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ P(Y=1) &= \sum_x p(x,1) = \sum_x \underbrace{p(Y=1|X)}_{\frac{1}{2}} p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} \\ P(Y=2) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned} \right\} \sum_y P(y) = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(0,0) &= P(Y=0|X=0)P(X=0) = \frac{1}{4} = P(0,1) \\ P(1,1) &= P(Y=1|X=1)P(X=1) = \frac{1}{4} = P(1,2) \end{aligned} \right\} \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) = 1$$

$$P(0,2) = P(1,0) = 0$$

$$I(Y; X) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1/2}{1/4 \cdot 1/2}}_{(0,0)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1/2}{1/4 \cdot 1/2}}_{(0,1)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \log \frac{(1-1/2)/2}{(1/2) \cdot 1/2}}_{(1,1)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \log \frac{(1-1/2)/2}{(1/2) \cdot (1-1/2)/2}}_{(1,2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{1/4} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{1/4} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{1/4} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{1/4} \right] = \frac{H(1/2)}{2}$$

$$C = \max_{P(X,Y)} \frac{H(1/2)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ bits}$$

### 3.4

Find the capacity in bits of an error-free channel used to transmit 30 symbols.

In an error-free channel  $H(X)=H(Y)$ , so  $I(Y;X)=H(X)$  and, eventually,  $C=\max I(Y;X)=\max H(X)=\log \#X$   
So  $C=\log_2 30 = 4.9$  bits

### 3.5

Given a discrete r.v.  $X \in \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6\}$  with the following probabilities:

$$P(X=x_1)=0.04$$

$$P(X=x_2)=0.3$$

$$P(X=x_3)=0.1$$

$$P(X=x_4)=0.1$$

$$P(X=x_5)=0.06$$

$$P(X=x_6)=0.4$$

- 1) Compute its entropy
- 2) Find a binary Huffman code for X
- 3) Compute the average length of the resulting code for X

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| X              | P(x) |
|----------------|------|
| X <sub>1</sub> | 0.04 |
| X <sub>2</sub> | 0.3  |
| X <sub>3</sub> | 0.1  |
| X <sub>4</sub> | 0.1  |
| X <sub>5</sub> | 0.06 |
| X <sub>6</sub> | 0.4  |

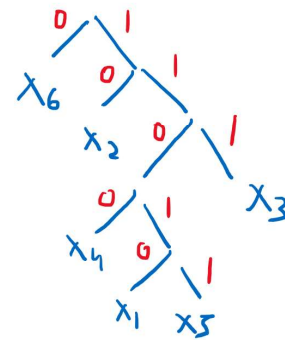
| X              | P(x) |
|----------------|------|
| X <sub>6</sub> | 0.4  |
| X <sub>2</sub> | 0.3  |
| X <sub>3</sub> | 0.1  |
| X <sub>4</sub> | 0.1  |
| X <sub>1</sub> | 0.04 |
| X <sub>5</sub> | 0.06 |

| X                                  | P(x) |
|------------------------------------|------|
| X <sub>6</sub>                     | 0.4  |
| X <sub>2</sub>                     | 0.3  |
| X <sub>3</sub>                     | 0.1  |
| X <sub>4</sub>                     | 0.1  |
| (X <sub>1</sub> , X <sub>5</sub> ) | 0.1  |

| X   | P(x) |
|---|------|
| X <sub>6</sub>                                    | 0.4  |
| X <sub>2</sub>                                    | 0.3  |
| X <sub>4</sub> (X <sub>1</sub> , X <sub>5</sub> ) | 0.2  |
| X <sub>3</sub>                                    | 0.1  |

| X   | P(x) |
|---|------|
| X <sub>6</sub>  | 0.4  |
| X <sub>2</sub>  | 0.3  |
| [X <sub>4</sub> (X <sub>1</sub> , X <sub>5</sub> )]X <sub>3</sub> |      |

$$X_6 \left( X_2 \left( [X_4 (X_1, X_5)] X_3 \right) \right)$$



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| X     | P(x) | C(x)  | $l_i$ |
|-------|------|-------|-------|
| $x_6$ | 0.4  | 0     | 1     |
| $x_2$ | 0.3  | 10    | 2     |
| $x_3$ | 0.1  | 111   | 3     |
| $x_4$ | 0.1  | 1100  | 4     |
| $x_1$ | 0.04 | 11010 | 5     |
| $x_5$ | 0.06 | 11011 | 5     |

$$H(X) = -\sum_x p(x) \lg(x) \approx 2.14 \text{ bits}$$

$$L = \sum_i l_i P(x_i) \approx 2.2 \text{ bits}$$

$$H(X) \leq L \leq \lg 6$$

$\downarrow$   
2.14

$\downarrow$   
2.2

$\downarrow$   
2.58

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**3.6**

Given a discrete r.v.  $Y \in \{Y_1, Y_2\}$  with the following probabilities:

$$P(Y=y_1)=0.7$$

$$P(Y=y_2)=0.3$$

- 1) Compute  $H(Y)$
- 2) Find a binary Huffman code for  $Y$
- 3) Compute the average length of the resulting code for  $Y$
- 4) Apply questions 1, 2 and 3 to a new r.v.  $Z$  that includes all possible couples of symbols from  $Y$
- 5) Using the Huffman code for  $Z$ , reason if the average length per  $Y$ 's symbol is better in contrast with question 3

1, 2, 3

| $Y$   | $P(Y)$ | $C(Y)$ | $L(C(Y))$ |
|-------|--------|--------|-----------|
| $y_1$ | 0.7    | 0      | 1         |
| $y_2$ | 0.3    | 1      | 1         |

$$H(Y) = -0.7 \log_2 0.7 - 0.3 \log_2 0.3 = 0.88 \text{ bits}$$

$$L = E[L(C(Y))] = 0.7 \cdot 1 + 0.3 \cdot 1 = 1 \text{ bit}$$

$$\log_2 \#Y = \log_2 2 = 1 \text{ bit}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} H(Y) \leq L \leq \log_2 \#Y \\ \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\ 0.88 \quad \quad 1 \quad \quad 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

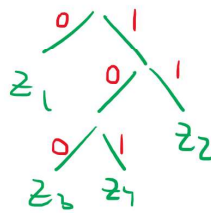
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| Z               | P(Z)                   |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| $z_1 = y_1 y_1$ | $0.3^2 = 0.09$         |
| $z_2 = y_1 y_2$ | $0.3 \cdot 0.3 = 0.09$ |
| $z_3 = y_2 y_1$ | $0.21$                 |
| $z_4 = y_2 y_2$ | $0.09$                 |

| Z         | P(Z) |
|-----------|------|
| $z_1$     | 0.49 |
| $z_3 z_4$ | 0.3  |
| $z_2$     | 0.21 |

$z_1[(z_3 z_4) z_2]$



| Z     | P(Z) | C(Z) | $\ell_i$ |
|-------|------|------|----------|
| $z_1$ | 0.49 | 0    | 1        |
| $z_2$ | 0.21 | 11   | 2        |
| $z_3$ | 0.21 | 100  | 3        |
| $z_4$ | 0.09 | 101  | 3        |

$$H(Z) = 1.76 \text{ bits}$$

$$L_z = 1.81 \text{ bits} \rightarrow \frac{L_z}{2} \approx 0.9 < L_y$$

$$\log_2 4 = 2 \text{ bits}$$

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The average length of Z must be divided by two in order to compare it with the average length of Y, since each symbol from Z involves two symbols from Y.  $L_z/2$  is smaller than  $L_y$ , so the Huffman code for Z is more efficient than the one for Y.

Also, it is important to stress that Z is related to Y. We are using Z to encode Y in a more efficient way. Z and Y are not independent random variables.