

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 $Y = (X - 27)^\circ$. 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 $Y=-3, X=1 \rightarrow Y=-2, X=2 \rightarrow Y=-1, \text{ and } X=3 \rightarrow Y=0$, the probabilities of the 4 symbol of Y are the same as the probabilities of X , thus $H(Y)=H(X)$ NOT ZERO



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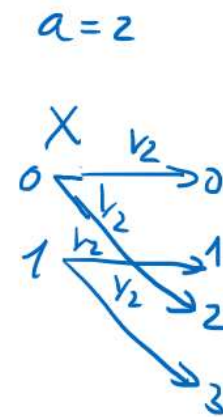
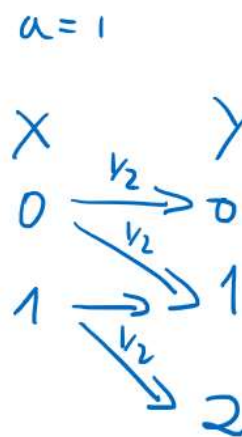
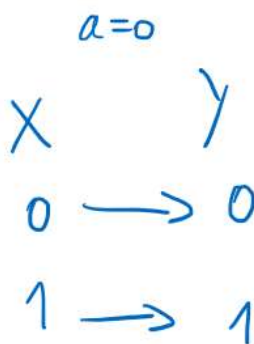
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iii. If we know the value of X there is no surprise in Y , so $H(Y|X)=0$. The comment about the fluctuations of the temperature implies that $H(X) \neq 0$. The only way that $H(Y)=0$ is that it has only one possible value, and this is not the case. 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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$$C = 1 \quad C = \max_{P(x,y)} I(Y; X)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$C = \max_{P(x,y)} \frac{H(\frac{1}{2})}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ bits}$$

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:

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

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

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

$$\dots$$

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X	P(x)
X ₁	0.04
X ₂	0.3
X ₃	0.1
X ₄	0.1
X ₅	0.06
X ₆	0.4

X	P(x)
X ₆	0.4
X ₂	0.3
X ₃	0.1
X ₄	0.1
X ₁	0.04
X ₅	0.06

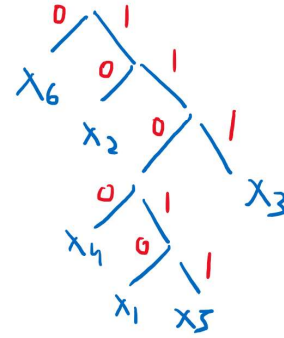
] 0.1

X	P(x)
X ₆	0.4
X ₂	0.3
X ₃	0.1
X ₄	0.1
(X ₁ , X ₅)	0.1

X	P(x)
X ₆	0.4
X ₂	0.3
X ₄ (X ₁ , X ₅)	0.2
X ₃	0.1

X	P(x)
X ₆	0.4
X ₂	0.3
[X ₄ (X ₁ , X ₅)] X ₃	

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



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X	P(x)	C(x)	li
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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

$H(Y) \leq L \leq \log_2 \#Y$
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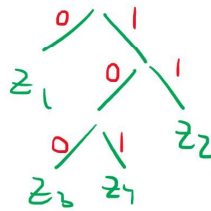
Z	P(Z)
$z_1 = y_1 y_1$	$0.7^2 = 0.49$
$z_2 = y_1 y_2$	$0.7 \cdot 0.3 = 0.21$
$z_3 = y_2 y_1$	0.21
$z_4 = y_2 y_2$	0.09

} 0.3

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

} 0.51

$z_1 [(z_3 z_4) z_2]$



Z	P(Z)	C(Z)	l_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

$H(Z) = 1.76$ bits

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

$\log_2 4 = 2$ 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.

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