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EEE 546: INFORMATION THEORY AND CODING

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INSTRUCTION

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) A compact disc (CD) records audio signals digitally using PCM. The audio baseband signal's bandwidth is 15 kHz.
- If the Nyquist samples taken from this audio signal are uniformly quantized into $L = 65,536$ levels and then binary-coded; determine the number of binary digits (bits) n required to encode a sample. (3 marks)
 - If the audio signal has an average power of 0.125 watt and a peak voltage of 1 volt. Find the resulting ratio of signal-to-quantization (SQNR) of the uniform quantizer output in part (i). (3 marks)
 - Determine the number of binary digits per second (bps) required to encode and transmit the audio signal. (2 marks)
 - In practice CD music is actually sampled at 44,100 samples/second, which is well above the Nyquist rate. Still retaining the number of levels L to be 65,536 levels, determine the bit rate needed to support this higher sampling rate. What is the minimum bandwidth needed to support this higher data rate. (2 marks)

- b) From observing a random variable X that takes its values from the discrete set $\Omega_X = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_K\}$, write down an expression for the information obtained from a particular observation a_m . (2 marks)
- c) Determine the entropy of the English text alphabet shown below. (4 marks)

Source Symbol a_i	Probability p_i
Space	0.186
A	0.064
B	0.013
C	0.022
D	0.032
E	0.103
F	0.021
G	0.015
H	0.047
I	0.058
J	0.001
K	0.005
L	0.032
M	0.020
N	0.057
O	0.063
P	0.015
Q	0.001
R	0.048
S	0.051
T	0.080
U	0.023
V	0.008
W	0.017
X	0.001
Y	0.016
Z	0.001

- d) Given that (X_1, X_2) take on the values $(0, 0)$, $(1, 1)$, $(1, 0)$. Compute the conditional entropy assuming that all the three data sets are equally likely. (6 marks)
- e) Show that for the data sets below, the entropy is the same. (3 marks)

$$U \in \left\{ \underbrace{1}_{\text{with prob. } \frac{1}{2}}, \underbrace{2}_{\text{with prob. } \frac{1}{3}}, \underbrace{3}_{\text{with prob. } \frac{1}{6}} \right\}$$

$$V \in \left\{ \underbrace{34}_{\text{with prob. } \frac{1}{2}}, \underbrace{512}_{\text{with prob. } \frac{1}{3}}, \underbrace{981}_{\text{with prob. } \frac{1}{6}} \right\}$$

- f) State the Shannon-Hartley Theorem with an explanation of its significance. Show that, according to this theorem, arbitrarily low bit-error rates cannot be achieved from a digital channel if E_b/N_0 is less than about -1.6 dB where E_b is the average energy per bit and $N_0/2$ is the two-sided power spectral density of additive white Gaussian noise. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Given that:

$$X \sim U[a, b]$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h(x) = \log(b - a)$$

Show that the differential entropy is given by:

$$\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2 e)$$

For:

$$X \sim N(0, \sigma^2), f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

(4 marks)

- b) A particular medium transmits information using a bandwidth of 0.1 GHz. If the data rate desired is 0.5 Gbps;
- Does a signal to noise ratio of 1000 meet this requirement? (3 marks)
 - Compute the signal to noise ratio needed for transmission at exactly 0.5 Gbps. (3 marks)
- c) Given that X, Y, Z are three random variables that satisfy $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y)$ and $H(Y, Z) = H(Z) + H(Y)$, is the following also true: $H(X, Y, Z) = H(X) + H(Y) + H(Z)$. Give mathematical proof to back your answer. (4 marks)

d) Given that:

$Y \backslash X$	0	1
0	$1/2$	$1/4$
1	$1/8$	$1/8$

- Determine the joint entropy between the two variables X and Y.
- Determine the entropy for each variable.
- Compute $H(X/Y)$. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Given,

(x_1, x_2)	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)
$p(x_1, x_2)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

And;

$$X_1, X_2 \in \{0, 1\}$$

Determine the following: $(X_1|X_2 = 0)$, $(X_1|X_2 = 1)$, $(X_1|X_2)$, $(X_2|X_1)$. (8 marks)

- b) Given a communication channel whose channel matrix is shown below, if the input source alphabet is $X = \{0, 1\}$ and the two source bits have equal probability of being sent, and the output alphabet is $Y = \{0, 1\}$;

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \epsilon & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 1 - \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

- What is the entropy of the source, $H(X)$? (2 marks)
- What is the probability distribution of the outputs, $p(Y)$, and the entropy of this output distribution, $H(Y)$? (2 marks)
- What is the joint probability distribution for the source and the output, $p(X, Y)$, and what is the joint entropy, $H(X, Y)$? (2 marks)

- iv. What is the mutual information of this channel, $I(X; Y)$? (2 marks)
- v. How many values are there for ϵ for which the mutual information of this channel is maximal? What are those values, and what then is the capacity of such a channel in bits? (2 marks)
- vi. For what value of ϵ is the capacity of this channel minimal? What is the channel capacity in that case? (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20MKS)

- a) Given two bit words $\mathbf{c}_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0]$ and $\mathbf{c}_2 = [0, 1, 0, 1]$. Determine the Hamming distance between the two codes. Assuming binary modulation with alphabet $\{+a, -a\}$, the corresponding symbol words or signal vectors are $\mathbf{s}_1 = [+a, -a, -a, -a]$ and $\mathbf{s}_2 = [-a, +a, -a, +a]$; determine the Euclidian distance based on this and derive an expression relating the Hamming distance with the Euclidian distance based on the binary modulation assumption. (6 marks)
- b) Suppose data is to be transmitted at the rate of 0.2 Mbps through a certain transmission medium, whose bandwidth is 25KHz, what is the condition that must be met in this case as per the Nyquist capacity theorem. (5 marks)
- c) Determine which of the following codes are linear. (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1 &= \{00, 01, 10, 11\} \\
 C_2 &= \{000, 011, 101, 110\} \\
 C_3 &= \{00000, 11110, 10011, 01101\} \\
 C_4 &= \{101, 111, 011\} \\
 C_5 &= \{000, 001, 010, 011\} \\
 C_6 &= \{0000, 1001, 0110, 1110\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- d) Determine the differential entropy given: (6 marks)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda \exp(-\lambda|x|)$$

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine the differential entropy given: (5 marks)

$$f(x) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x), x \geq 0$$

- b) Consider a (6,3) linear block-code that is generated by a generator matrix:

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is the code systematic? Write down the check-bit equations and tabulate the code words and their weights. Find the parity check matrix $\mathbf{H}$ for this code. What is the minimum distance? How many errors can be:

- i. Corrected
- ii. Detected

with this code in hard decoding? How would you do the actual error correction detection? (9 marks)

- c) Given the message sequences $m=00,01,10,11$, determine the code sequences using the generator matrix $\mathbf{G}$ below. Determine the Hamming weight of the code sequences also. (6 marks)

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$