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## Information Theory



OR
symbol1
symbol3
AND
messagel=symbol1, symbol2
message2=symbol3, symbol5
Information source selects a
desired message from a set of possible messages OR
selects a sequence of symbols from a set of symbols
to represent a message.

## Transition Matrix

The first number has a $20 \%$ chance of being $1,40 \%$ of being 2 , and $40 \%$ of being 3
Starting from 1, the next number will be $1(20 \%), 2(80 \%), 3(0 \%)$ Starting from 2, the next number will be $1(40 \%), 2(0 \%), 3(60 \%)$ Starting from 3, the next number will be 1 ( $50 \%$ ), $2(50 \%), 3(0 \%)$


## Digram probabilities

What are the relative frequencies of the combination of symbols $\mathrm{ij}=11,12,13 \ldots$ (digram) after one time step?

$$
\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j})=\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{i}) \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{j})
$$

| i | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{i})$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1 | 0.2 |
| 2 | 0.4 |
| 3 | 0.4 |


| $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{j})$ |  | j ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| i | 1 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0 |
|  | 2 | 0.4 | o | 0.6 |
|  | 3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | o |

What about in steady state?

What is the probability distribution in the steady state?

|  | $\begin{gathered} v_{s s} P=v_{s s} \\ v_{x}+v_{y}+v_{z}+\ldots=1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v_{s s}=\left[v_{x} v_{y} v_{z} \ldots\right] \\ & n+1 \text { equations } \\ & \text { n unknowns } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{ss}} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{ss}} \\ {\left[\begin{array}{lll} v_{x} & v_{y} & v_{z} \end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0.2 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0 & 0.6 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{lll} v_{x} & v_{y} & v_{z} \end{array}\right]} \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 v_{x}+0.4 v_{y}+0.5 v_{z}=v_{x} \\ & 0.8 v_{x}+0 v_{y}+0.5 v_{z}=v_{y} \\ & 0 v_{x}+0.6 v_{y}+0 v_{z}=v_{z} \\ & v_{x}+v_{y}+v_{z}=1 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| mymarkovs.m | $\left[\begin{array}{lll}v_{x} & v_{y} & v_{z}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{lll}0.354 & 0.404 & 0.242\end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 35.4 \% \\ 2 & 40.4 \% \\ 3 & 24.2 \% \end{array}$ |

In the homework, the initial and steady state probability distributions are the same.

## Entropy

Average information/symbol called Entropy H

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H=-\sum_{i} p_{i} \log \left(p_{i}\right) \\
& \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{X})+\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Y}) \quad \begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{H} \text { also obeys additive property } \\
\text { if events are independent. }
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

For unfair coin, $p_{H}=p, p_{T}=(1-p)$


The average information per symbol is greatest when the symbols equiprobable.

## Steady State Digram probabilities

What are the steady state relative frequencies of the combination of symbols $\mathrm{ij}=11,12,13, \ldots$ (digram)?

|  |  |  |  |  | j |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | i | p(i) |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| $135.4 \%$ |  |  |  | 1 | 0.2 | 0.8 | o |
| 2 40.4\% | 1 | 0.354 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| $324.2 \%$ | 2 | 0.404 | i | 2 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.6 |
|  | 3 | 0.242 |  | 3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 |

Step in steady state

| $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j})$ |  | j |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| i | 1 | 0.0708 | 0.2832 | 0 |
|  | 2 | 0.1616 | o | 0.2424 |
|  | 3 | 0.121 | 0.121 | o |

11 7\%
12 28\%
13 0\%
21 16\%
21 16\%
$220 \%$
22 0\%
23 24\%
23 24\%
31 12\%
$32 \quad 12 \%$
$330 \%$
mymarkovss2.m
$\mathrm{H}=-(0.708) \log 2(0.708)-(0.2832) * \log 2(0.2832)-0-(0.1616) \log 2(0.1616)-(0.2424) \log 2(0.2424)-(0.121) \log 2(0.121)$ $=2.526 \mathrm{bits} /($ symbol combo $)$

## Information Theory


$H$ is the average number of bits/symbol to represent the information. If you encode using more bits/symbol, then the extra bits are redundant. Compression removes the redundancy. You can't compress more after the redundancy is gone; all you are left with is information.

The entropy gives us a lower limit on the number of bits per symbol we can achieve.
"Quinn's interpretation"
When sending straight binary code, if some letters are more common than others, 0's and 1 's won't be equally probable in the ( $0 / 1$ ) stream. Using encoding, we can try to make the ( $0 / 1$ ) stream have equiprobable 0 's and 1 's.

Shannon-Fano coding splits the symbol frequency chart 50/50, then repeats for each branch. Each ( $0 / 1$ ) stream will be answering "is the symbol you want to send in the upper branch or lower branch?" and there's a (close to) equiprobable chance it will be either.

So, the amount of information in the ( $0 / 1$ ) stream is increased using the compression coding over the simple binary coding. Using more complicated compression coding, you can come closer to the ( $0 / 1$ ) stream having equiprobable 0 's and 1 's.

## Compression

| Shannon Fano <br> ZIP implosion algorithm uses |  | Split symbols so probabilities halved |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck" 31 char |  |  |  |
| ASCII 7bits/character, so 217 bits |  |  |  |
| Freq | ncy chart | $H=-\sum p_{i} \log \left(p_{i}\right)$ |  |
| o | 0.194 |  |  |
| c | 0.161 |  |  |
| h | 0.129 | $\mathrm{H}=-\left(0.194 \log _{2} 0.194+0.161 \log _{2} 0.161+\ldots\right)$ |  |
| w | 0.129 | $\mathrm{H}=2.706 \mathrm{bits} /$ symbol, so 83.7 bits for sentence |  |
| u | 0.129 |  |  |
| d | 0.097 |  |  |
| k | 0.065 | o has $-\log _{2} 0.194=2.37$ bits of information |  |
| m | 0.032 |  |  |
| a | 0.032 | 1 has $-\log _{2} 0.032=4.97$ bits of information |  |
| 1 | 0.032 | The rare letters carry more inform | tion |

## Compression

Shannon Fano Split symbols so probabilities halved
Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck" 31 characters

| Frequency chart |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| o | 0.194 | 11 | 101 |  |  |  |
| c | 0.161 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| h | $0.129^{1}$ |  | 100 |  |  |  |
| w | 0.1290 |  | 011 |  |  |  |
| u | 0.129 | 01 | 010 |  |  |  |
| d | 0.097 | 00 | 001 |  |  |  |
| k | 0.065 |  | 000 | 0001 | 00001 |  |
| m | 0.032 |  |  | 0000 |  | 000001 |
| a | 0.032 |  |  |  | 00000 |  |
| 1 | 0.032 |  |  |  |  | 000000 |

## Compression

Shannon Fano
Split symbols so probabilities halved (or as close as possible)
Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck" 31 characters

Frequency chart

| o | 0.194 |  | 0.194 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c | 0.161 |  | 0.29 | 0.161 |  |  |  |
| h | 0.129 | 0.484 |  | 0.129 |  |  |  |
| w | 0.129 | 0.516 |  | 0.129 |  |  |  |
| u | 0.129 |  | 0.258 | 0.129 |  |  |  |
| d | 0.097 |  | 0.258 | 0.097 |  |  |  |
| k | 0.065 |  |  | 0.161 | 0.065 |  |  |
| m | 0.032 |  |  |  | 0.096 | 0.032 |  |
| a | 0.032 |  |  |  |  | 0.064 | 0.032 |
| 1 | 0.032 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.032 |

## Compression

Shannon Fano Split symbols so probabilities halved
Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck" 31 characters
"Prefix free - one code is never the start of another code"
Frequency chart
chart

| 11 | O | 0.194 |  | 11 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | c | 0.161 |  | 10 | 101 |  |  |  |
| 100 | h | 0.129 | 1 | 10 | 100 |  |  |  |
| 011 | w | 0.129 | 0 |  | 011 |  |  |  |
| 010 | u | 0.129 |  | 01 | 010 |  |  |  |
| 001 | d | 0.097 |  | 00 | 001 |  |  |  |
| 0001 | k | 0.065 |  |  | 000 | 0001 |  |  |
| 00001 | m | 0.032 |  |  |  | 0000 | 00001 |  |
| 000001 | a | 0.032 |  |  |  |  | 00000 | 000001 |
| 000000 | 1 | 0.032 |  |  |  |  |  | 000000 |

## Compression

Shannon Fano
Split symbols so probabilities halved

Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck" 31 characters

| Encoding chart |  |  |  | p |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | o | 0.194 | 6 |  |
| 101 | c | 0.161 | 5 | $6(2)+5(3)+4(3)+4(3)+4(3)+$ |
| 100 | h | 0.129 | 4 | $3(3)+2(4)+1(5)+1(6)+1(6)$ |
| 011 | w | 0.129 | 4 | $=97$ bits |
| 010 | u | 0.129 | 4 |  |
| 001 | d | 0.097 | 3 | $97 \mathrm{bits} / 31$ characters |
| 0001 | k | 0.065 | 2 | $=3.129$ bits/character |
| 00001 | m | 0.032 | 1 |  |
| 000001 | a | 0.032 | 1 | $\mathrm{H}=2.706$ bits/symbol |
| 000000 | l | 0.032 | 1 |  |

## Huffman Coding

Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck"


## Huffman Coding

Add two lowest probabilities
group symbols

## Resort

Repeat
Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck"
Frequency chart

| O | 0.149 | O | 0.149 | 0 | 0.149 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c | 0.161 | c | 0.161 | c | 0.161 |
| h | 0.129 | h | 0.129 | almk | 0.161 |
| W | 0.129 | W | 0.129 | h | 0.129 |
| u | 0.129 | u | 0.129 | w | 0.129 |
| d | 0.097 | d | 0.097 | u | 0.129 |
| k | 0.065 | alm | 0.096 | d | 0.097 |
| $\overbrace{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{al}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.064 \\ & 0.032 \end{aligned}$ |  | 0.065 |  |  |

Huffman Coding
Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck"


## Huffman Coding

Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck"


Huffman's algorithm is a method for building an extended $^{\text {a }}$ binary tree of with a minimum weighted path length from a set of given weights.

## Huffman



Frequencies*(edges to root)= weighted path length

## Huffman Coding

Ex. "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck"
Huffman

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| o | 00 | 6 |
| c | 111 | 5 |
| h | 100 | 4 |
| w | 101 | 4 |
| u | 011 | 4 |
| d | 010 | 3 |
| k | 1100 | 2 |
| m | 11010 | 1 |
| a | 110111 | 1 |
| l | 110110 | 1 |


| $6(2)+5(3)+4(3)+4(3)+4(3)+$ | Shanon Fano |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 11 |
| $3(3)+2(4)+1(5)+1(6)+1(6)$ | 101 |
| $=97$ bits | 100 011 |
|  | 010 u |
|  | 001 |
| 97bits/31 characters | $\begin{array}{ll}0001 & \mathrm{k} \\ 00001 & \mathrm{~m}\end{array}$ |
| =3.129 bits/character | 000001 a |
|  |  |
|  | 97bits/31 characters $=3.129 \mathrm{bits} /$ character |

Notice o has 2 bits; a,l have 6 bits
$\mathrm{H}=2.706$ bits $/$ symbol

Huffman's algorithm is a method for building an extended binary tree of with a minimum weighted path length from a set of given weights.

Huffman


Each branch adds a bit. Minimize (\#branches * frequency) Least frequent symbol further away. More frequency, closer.

## Huffman

Huffman coding is used in the final step of creating an MP3 file. The MP3 format uses frames of 1152 sample values. If the sample rate is 44.1 kHz , the time that each frame represents is $\sim 26 \mathrm{~ms}$. The spectrum of this 1152 -sample frame is spectrally analyzed and the frequencies are grouped in 32 channels (critical bands). The masking effects within a band are analyzed based on a psycho-acoustical model. This model determines the tone-like or noise-like nature of the masking in each channel and then decides the effect of each channel on its neighboring bands. The masking information for all of the channels in the frame is recombined into a time varying signal. This signal is numerically different from the original signal but the difference is hardly noticeable aurally. The signal for the frame is then Huffman coded. A sequence of these frames makes up an MP3 file.
http://webphysics.davidson.edu/faculty/dmb/py115/huffman_coding.htm

## Noisy Channel

A binary communication system contains a pair of error-prone wireless channels, as shown below


Assume that in each channel it is equally likely that a 0 will be turned into a 1 or that a 1 into a 0 . Assume also that in the first channel the probability of an error in any particular bit is $1 / 6$, and in the second channel it is $1 / 12$.

Compute the four probabilities:
0 sent 0 received

- 0 sent 1 received
- 1 sent 0 received
- 1 sent 1 received

$\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{x})-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{y}}(\mathrm{x}) \quad$ Actual info transmission rate is the info source entropy minus the noise source entropy
$\mathrm{C}=\max \{\mathrm{R}\}$ over all possible information sources
$\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{x})$ then you can encode to get $\varepsilon$ errors (error correction codes $->$ use redundancy)


$\underset{\text { sender1 }}{\xrightarrow[\text { error rate }]{1 / 6}}$| receiver1/ <br> sender2 |
| :---: |
| error rate |$\xrightarrow[\text { receiver2 }]{1 / 12} \xrightarrow{ }$



Channel symmetric
So $p(0->0)=p(1->1)$, etc.


Compute the four probabilities:

- 0 sent 0 received: $p(000)+p(010)$
- 0 sent 1 received: $p(001)+p(011)$
- 1 sent 0 received: $p(100)+p(110)$
- 1 sent 1 received: $p(101)+p(111)$


## Error Correction: Repeat Code

A binary communication system contains a pair of error-prone wireless channels, as shown below


Repeat code: a 0 is transmitted as three successive 0 's and a 1 as three successive 1's. At the decoder, a majority decision rule is used: if a group of three bits has more 0 's than 1 's (e.g. $000,001,010,100$ ), it's assumed that a 0 was meant, and if more 1's than 0 's that a 1 was meant.

If the original source message has an equal likelihood of 1 's and 0 's, what is the probability that a decoded bit will be incorrect?


hannel symmetric
So $p(0->0)=p(1->1)$, etc.

$p(100):(1 / 6)^{*}(11 / 12)=11 / 72$ $\mathrm{p}(101):(1 / 6)^{*}(1 / 12)=1 / 72$
$\mathrm{p}(110):(5 / 6)^{*}(1 / 12)=5 / 72$ $\mathrm{p}(111):(5 / 6) *(11 / 12)=55 / 72$

Compute the four probabilities

- 0 sent 0 received: $p(000)+p(010)=55 / 72+1 / 72=56 / 72 \approx 0.778$
- 0 sent 1 received: $p(001)+p(011)=5 / 72+11 / 72=16 / 72 \approx 0.222$
- 1 sent 0 received: $p(100)+p(110)=11 / 72+5 / 72=16 / 72 \approx 0.222$


## Error Correction: Repeat Code

A binary communication system contains a pair of error-prone wireless channels, as shown below.

| sender1 |  | receiver1/ <br> sender2 | $\xrightarrow[\text { error rate }]{1 / 12}$ | receiver2 | - 0 sent 1 received: $\approx 0.222$ <br> - 1 sent 0 received: $\approx 0.222$ <br> - 1 sent 1 received: $\approx 0.778$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Repeat code: a 0 is transmitted as three successive 0 's and a 1 as three successive
1 's. At the decoder, a majority decision rule is used. What is the probability that a decoded bit will be incorrect?

| send | sender1 |  |  | bits | p | 0 bits flipped$0.778 * 0.778 * 0.778=0.471$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | receiver2 | decision | flipped |  |  |
|  |  | 000 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  | 001 | 0 | 1 |  |  |
|  | 000 | 010 | 0 | 1 |  | 1 bits flipped |
| 0 |  | 011 | 1 | 2 |  | $0.222 * 0.778 * 0.778=0.134$ |
|  |  | 100 | 0 | 1 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text { bits flipped } \\ & 0.222 * 0.222 * 0.778=0.038 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 101 | 1 | 2 |  |  |
|  |  | 110 | 1 | 2 |  | 3 bits flipped |
|  |  | 111 | 1 | 3 |  | $0.222 * 0.222 * 0.222=0.011$ |

## Error Correction: Repeat Code

A binary communication system contains a pair of error-prone wireless channels, as shown below.


Repeat code: a 0 is transmitted as three successive 0 's and a 1 as three successive
's. At the decoder, a majority decision rule is used. What is the probability that a decoded bit will be incorrect?
$\left.\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { send } & \text { sender1 } & \text { receiver2 } & \text { decision } & \begin{array}{c}\text { bits } \\ \text { flipped }\end{array} & \mathrm{p} \\ & & 000 & 0 & 0 & 0.471\end{array}\right]$ decoded bit incorrect

Check using Matlab simulation

## Compression

You are given a data file that has been compressed to a length of 100,000 bits, and told that it is result of running an "ideal" entropy coder on a sequence of data. You are also told that the original data are samples of a continuous waveform, quantized to two bits per sample. The probabilities of the uncompressed values are
$\mathrm{s} \quad \mathrm{p}(\mathrm{s}) \quad \mathrm{s} \mid \mathrm{p}(\mathrm{s})$

| 00 | $1 / 2$ | 10 | $1 / 16$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 01 | $3 / 8$ | 11 | $1 / 16$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

What (approximately) was the length of the uncompressed file, in bits?

| compressed file | uncompressed fi |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\mathrm{H}=-\left(0.5 \log _{2} 0.5\right)-\ldots=\mathrm{h}$ bits/sample | 2 bits $/ \mathrm{sample}$ |

## 100,000 bits

$$
\frac{x \text { bits }}{100000 \text { bits }}=\frac{2 \text { bits } / \text { sample }}{h \text { bits } / \text { sample }}
$$

## Error Correction: Hamming Code (7,4)

$$
\left(2^{\mathrm{m}}-1,2^{\mathrm{m}}-\mathrm{m}-1\right), \mathrm{m}=3
$$

The number of (two-bit) samples in the uncompressed file is half the value you computed in part a). You are told that the continuous waveform was sampled at the minimum possible rate such that the waveform could be reconstructed exactly from the samples (at least before they were quantized), and you are told that the file represents 10 seconds of data. What is the highest frequency present in the continuous signal?
uncompressed file

| 2 bits/sample | s | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{s})$ | s | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{s})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| x bits | 00 | $1 / 2$ | 10 | $1 / 16$ |
|  | 01 | $3 / 8$ | 11 | $1 / 16$ |

Compute number of samples
y sample = x bits / (2 bits/sample)

Compute sampling rate
sampling rate $=\mathrm{y}$ samples $/ \mathrm{t}$ seconds
Use Shannon Sampling Theorem
Max frequency $($ Nyquist rate $)=$ sampling rate $/ 2$



Error Correction: Hamming Code $(7,4)$


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