

As in the rest of the course, \log denotes the binary logarithm function. We note H_2 the binary entropy function defined by $H_2(x) := -x \log x - (1-x) \log(1-x)$. The two exercises are independent. The exam is marked out of a total of 100 points (50 points for each exercise).

A) Binary Asymmetric Channel (50 points)

Let X be a binary random variable and p_0, p_1 two real numbers in $[0;1]$. We consider the binary asymmetric channel $\text{BAC}(p_0, p_1)$ that, given input X , defines a binary random variable output Y by

$$\begin{cases} \Pr(Y = 1 \mid X = 0) = p_0; \\ \Pr(Y = 0 \mid X = 1) = p_1. \end{cases}$$

1. (4 points) Draw the transition diagram for $\text{BAC}(p_0, p_1)$.
2. (4 points) We let $\alpha = \Pr(X = 0)$. Express $H(Y)$ in terms of the binary entropy function H_2 , α , p_0 , and p_1 .
3. (5 points) Compute $I(X; Y)$.
4. (5 points) What is the value of $I(X; Y)$ when $p_0 + p_1 = 1$? Explain the intuition behind this result.
5. (12 points) From now on, we assume $p_0 + p_1 < 1$. Let $z = 2^{\frac{H_2(p_0) - H_2(p_1)}{1 - p_0 - p_1}}$. Compute $\frac{dI(X; Y)}{d\alpha}$, the derivative of $I(X; Y)$ with respect to α , and express it in terms of z .
6. (12 points) Show that the capacity $C_{\text{BAC}}(p_0, p_1)$ of the binary asymmetric channel is: $C_{\text{BAC}}(p_0, p_1) = \log(1+z) - \log z + p_1 \log z - H_2(p_1)$. Verify that you obtain the capacity of the binary symmetric channel when $p_0 = p_1$.
7. (8 points) Alice is sending a secret key to Bob over a perfect, noiseless channel. Her message is thus a sequence of n i.i.d. uniformly distributed bits. Alice and Bob are not aware that Eve has access to secret information, through a binary asymmetric noisy channel $\text{BAC}(p_0, p_1)$. We assume $p_0 < \frac{1}{2}$, $p_1 < \frac{1}{2}$. What proportion of the message between Alice and Bob can Eve expect to correctly guess?

B) TinyLang and Unexpectedness (50 points)

In this exercise, we will consider a minimal imperative programming language TINYLANG built using the 16 following symbols (keywords **if**, **while**, **output** are seen as one symbol each):

$\emptyset \ 1 \ \vee \ \{ \} \ (\) \ + \ * \ = \ \neq \ \leftarrow \ \mathbf{if} \ \mathbf{while} \ \mathbf{output} \ ;$

1. (4 points) Assuming a uniform prior on the symbols, propose an optimal uniquely decodable binary symbol code C for the symbols of TINYLANG.

The programming language TINYLANG is built using the following constructs:

- A test construct “**if** *Expression* { *Instructions* }” that executes a sequence of *Instructions* if the *Expression* evaluates to a non-zero value.
- A loop construct “**while** *Expression* { *Instructions* }” that executes a sequence of *Instructions* as long as *Expression* evaluates to a non-zero value.
- An *Instruction* is either a test construct, a loop construct, an assignment of the form “*Variable* \leftarrow *Expression*”, or an output instruction “**output** *Expression*”. Within a sequence, *Instructions* are separated by a semicolon (“;”) and are executed sequentially.

- An expression is a well-formed arithmetic expression on integers built using the “+” and “*” arithmetic operators, the “=” and “≠” comparison operators, *Variable* names, *Integer* constants, and parentheses “(”, “)”. The “=” operator returns 1 if both operands are equal, 0 otherwise, and vice versa for “≠”.
- *Integer* constants are arbitrary nonnegative integers in binary, with no leading “0” except for the constant “0”.
- *Variable* names are written as the letter “v” followed by an arbitrary nonnegative integer in binary, with no leading “0” except for the variable name “v0”.

A program is a sequence of *Instructions*. The output of the program is the sequence of nonnegative integers produced by the **output** instructions, in the order they were produced. One assumes that all operations on integers are executed at an arbitrary precision, without any possible overflow.

As an illustration, here is a TINYLANG program $P_{12!}$ computing the factorial of twelve:

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v0←1;v1←1;whilev0≠1101{v1←v1*v0;v0←v0+1;}outputv1
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or, with spaces just for readability:

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v0 ← 1;
v1 ← 1;
while v0≠1101 {
  v1 ← v1*v0;
  v0 ← v0+1;
}
output v1
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- (4 points) We extend C into a code on programs of TINYLANG by concatenating the codes of each symbol. What are the first 40 bits of $C(P_{12!})$?
- (10 points) Let n be an arbitrary nonnegative integer n . Write a TINYLANG program $P_{1\dots n}$ that generates the sequence $(1, 2, \dots, n)$; this program should be as short as possible for large n . What is the size of $C(P_{1\dots n})$ in bits in terms of n ?
- (8 points) For a sequence of positive integers $S = (s_1 \dots s_n)$, we define the TINYLANG *Kolmogorov complexity* of S , $K_{\text{TINYLANG}}(S)$, as the minimum size of the encoding $C(P)$ of a TINYLANG program P with output the sequence S . Show that $K_{\text{TINYLANG}}(S) \leq 12n + 4 \log \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$.
- (24 points) We consider a lottery where k numbers are drawn among n possible numbers $1 \dots n$, the same number not being drawn twice (for example, disregarding the additional number, the Singaporean Toto lottery has $k = 6$ and $n = 49$). Order is irrelevant. This defines a random variable $X_{k,n}$ where each event is a draw (i.e., a set of k distinct numbers).
 - (6 points) What is the entropy $H(X_{k,n})$ of $X_{k,n}$? Using Stirling’s formula, $n! \sim \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}$, show that $H(X_{k,n}) \sim -n \log \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) + k \log \left(\frac{n}{k} - 1\right)$.
 - (18 points) One defines an *unexpected* lottery draw as a sequence of k distinct integers among $1 \dots n$ such that $K_{\text{TINYLANG}}(S) \ll H(X_{k,n})$ (“ \ll ” is read “significantly smaller than”).
 - (5 points) Give an example of unexpected sequence for some k, n .
 - (8 points) We now establish an upper bound on the probability for a sequence to be unexpected. Show that $\Pr(K_{\text{TINYLANG}}(S) \leq H(X_{k,n})/\gamma) \leq 2\binom{n}{k}^{-1+\frac{1}{\gamma}}$ for any constant $\gamma > 1$. What do you conclude?
 - (5 points) Discuss the intuitive interpretation of *unexpectedness*.

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