

Review of prob notation (assuming discrete random variables)

Capital $X Y Z$: random variable

small $x y z$: deterministic values

$P_X(x) = \text{Prob}(X=x)$ is a number / or
a function w.r.t. x

$P_X(\cdot) : S_X \mapsto [0,1]$ is a function

$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \text{Prob}(Y=y | X=x)$ is a
number

$P_{Y|X}(\cdot | \cdot) : S_Y \times S_X \mapsto [0,1]$

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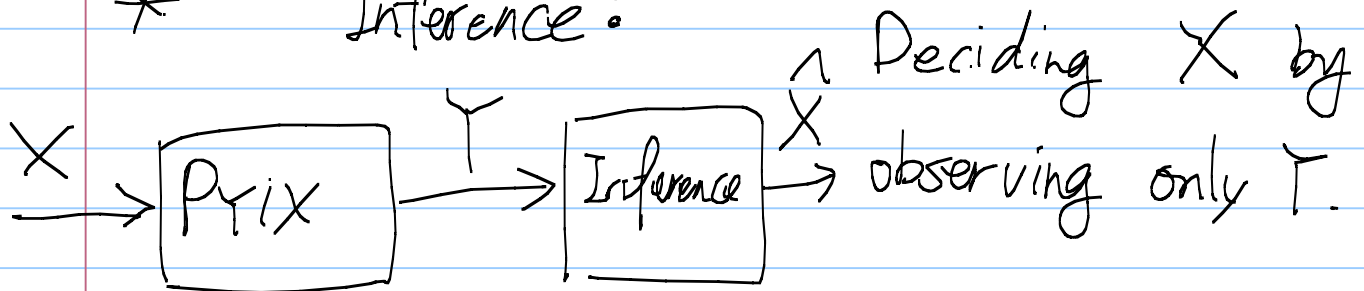
ECE 639: ECC

ECE 642: Info theory

ECE 645: Estimation theory

Inference Method for codes on graphs

* Inference:



① Also known as detection and estimation, hypothesis testing.

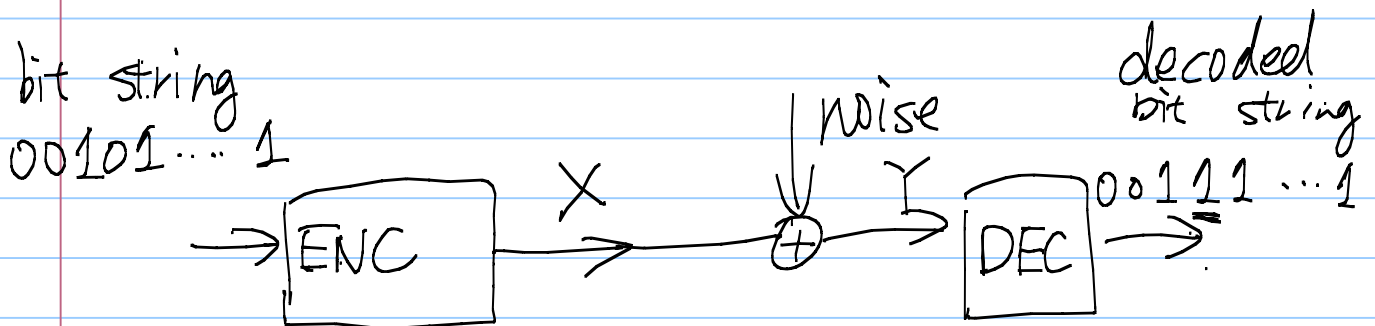
② Different structure of X decide the difficulty level of inference.

X: Transmitted Signal
Y: Received Signal

X: The movement/position of an object
Y: The pixel image of a camera

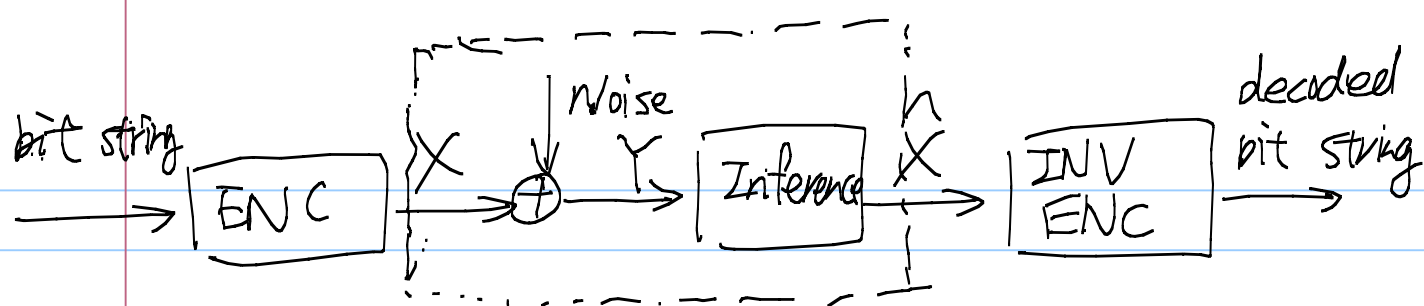
X: The network congestion level
Y: The reception status of a given session

* Error control codes:



① When there is no noise, DEC is simply the inverse of ENC. ✓

② When there is noise, the DEC can be decomposed as two parts



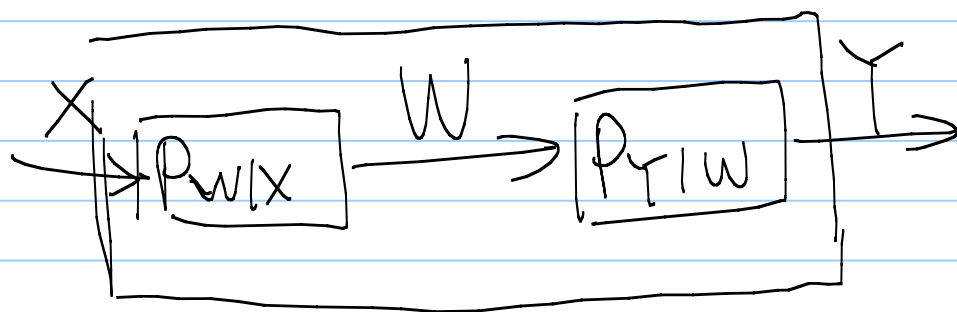
③ Studying new inference methods improves decoding

The difference between Error Control Coding & pure inference is that one can design the structure of X by designing ENC

* Graphical models

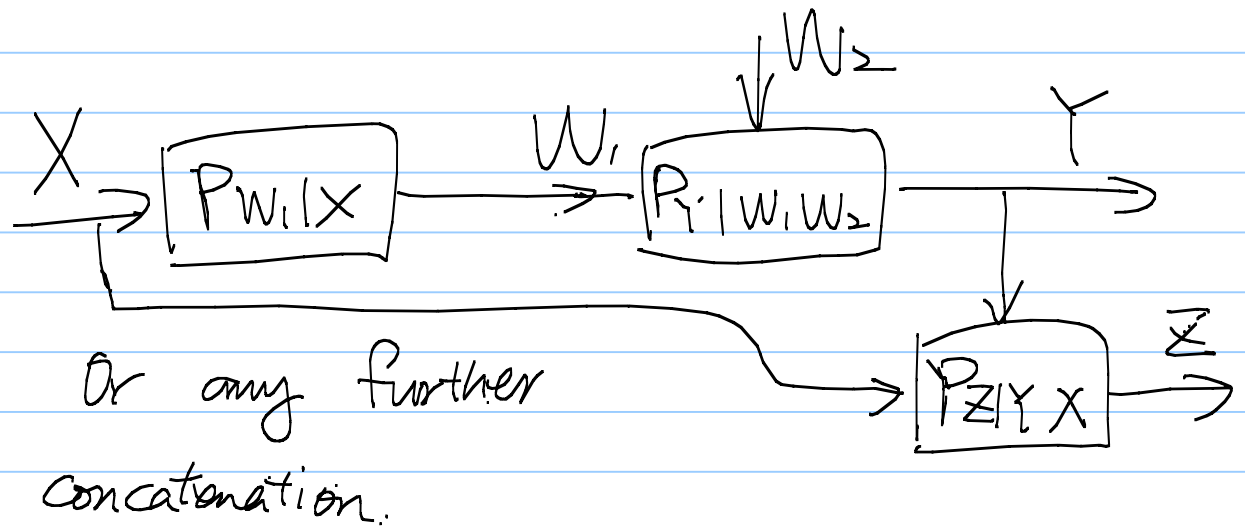
For many inference problems the relationship of X, Y follows some graphical structure.

Example: The Markov chain

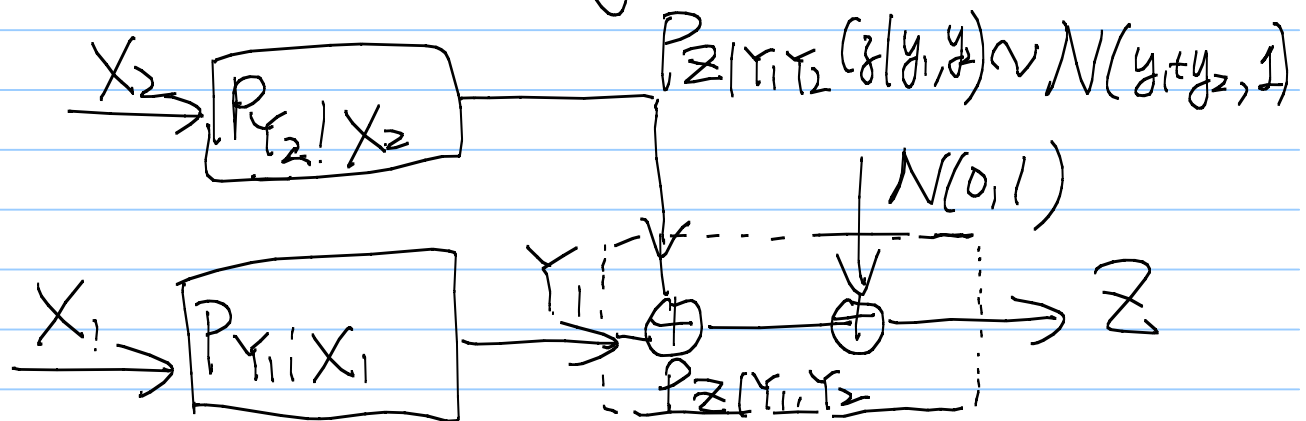


Knowing the underlying structure enables more efficient algorithms.

A popular model is the Markov Inference Networks



For example we may have



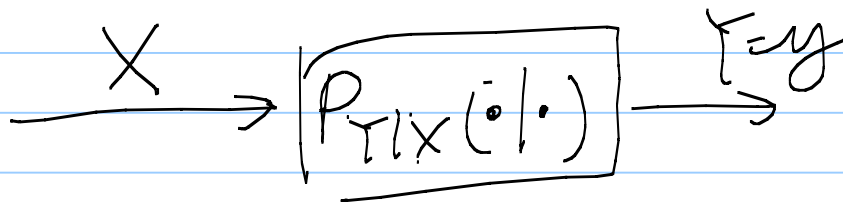
which is a multiple access channel.

Computer Networks are another example, which is easily modelled as graphs.

Topic 1: From inference to mutual information
to channel capacity.

An Inference Problem:

Given $P_{Y|X}(\cdot|\cdot)$, $P_X(\cdot)$ and
the observation $Y=y$



Find \hat{X} as a function of y .
Or find $P_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$

Ex: X is the 4PAM signal.

Y is the output of additive
white Gaussian channel.

Then P_X is uniform on $\{-3, -1, 1, 3\}$

$$P_{Y|X} \sim N(x, \sigma^2)$$

A special case of the inference prob
is the "hypothesis testing"

Two hypotheses.

$$H_0: Y \sim P_Y$$

$$H_1: Y \sim Q_Y$$

$$P(H_0 \text{ is true}) = p_0 \quad P(H_1 \text{ is true}) = 1 - p_0$$

observe $Y=y$. Find $P(H_0 \text{ is true} | Y=y)$

It is indeed an inference problem

$$X=0 \text{ or } 1.$$

$$P_Y: P_{Y|X}(\cdot | 0) \quad P(H_1 \text{ is true})$$

$$Q_Y: P_{Y|X}(\cdot | 1) \quad = P(X=1)$$

Solution of the HT:

The maximum a posteriori prob (MAP) detector:

$$\hat{X}_{\text{MAP}}(y) = \max_{X=0,1} P(X=X | Y=y)$$

$$\text{By Bayes' Rule} \quad P(X=0 | Y=y) = \frac{P(X=0, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)}$$

$$= \frac{P(Y=y | X=0) P(X=0)}{P(Y=y | X=0) P(X=0) + P(Y=y | X=1) P(X=1)}$$

By symmetry

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \frac{P_{Y|X}(0|y)}{P_{Y|X}(1|y)} = \frac{P_{Y|X}(y|0) \cdot P_X(0)}{P_{Y|X}(y|1) \cdot P_X(1)} \stackrel{\geq 1}{\leq 1}$$

we choose $\hat{X}_{\text{MAP}}(y) = \begin{matrix} 0 & \text{or} \\ & 1 \end{matrix}$

An equivalent form of the MAP detector is the likelihood ratio test.

Likelihood ratio

$$L(y) = \frac{P_{Y|X}(y|0)}{P_{Y|X}(y|1)}$$

$$\hat{X}_{\text{MAP}}(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & > \\ 0 \text{ or } 1 & \text{if } L(y) = \frac{P(X=1)}{P(X=0)} = \gamma \\ 1 & < \end{cases}$$

① The likelihood ratio test can be converted to the log likelihood ratio test by taking the logarithm

$$\log\left(\frac{P_{Y|X}(y|0)}{P_{Y|X}(y|1)}\right) \text{ vs. } \log\left(\frac{P(X=1)}{P(X=0)}\right)$$

② When we set $\gamma = 1$, & compare

$L(y) \stackrel{>}{<} 1$, it becomes a maximum likelihood (ML) detector.

* The MAP & ML detectors with 3 competing hypotheses

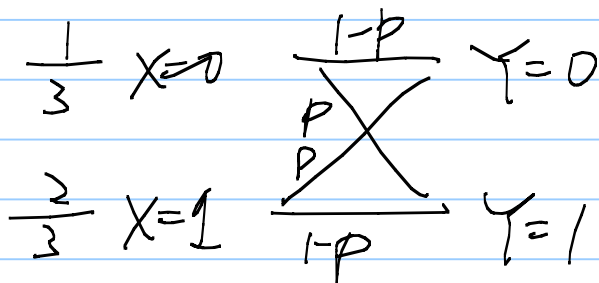
$$x = 0, 1, 2$$

$$\hat{x}_{\text{MAP}}(y) = \operatorname{argmax} P_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

$$\hat{x}_{\text{ML}}(y) = \operatorname{argmax} P_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

$$\hat{x}_{\text{MAP}}(\cdot) = \hat{x}_{\text{ML}}(\cdot) \quad \text{when } P(X=0) = P(X=1) = P(X=2) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Example: A binary symmetric channel with non-uniform prior distribution



Q: Find the $\hat{x}_{\text{MAP}}(y)$.

Ans: We need to determine $\hat{X}_{MAP}(y)$
 as a function of y .

When $Y=0$

$$P_{X|Y}(x|0) = \begin{cases} \frac{\frac{1}{3}(1-p)}{\frac{2}{3}p + \frac{1}{3}(1-p)} = \frac{1-p}{1+p} & x=0 \\ \frac{2p}{1+p} & x=1 \end{cases}$$

When $Y=1$

$$P_{X|Y}(x|1) = \begin{cases} \frac{p}{2-p} & x=0 \\ \frac{2-2p}{2-p} & x=1 \end{cases}$$

Case I The $\hat{X}_{MAP}(y) = \begin{cases} ? & \text{if } y=0 \\ ? & \text{if } y=1 \end{cases}$
 if $p < \frac{1}{3}$ We have three cases.

$$\hat{X}_{MAP}(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y=0 \\ 1 & \text{if } y=1 \end{cases}$$

Case II

if $\frac{1}{3} < p < \frac{2}{3}$

$$\hat{X}_{MAP}(y) = 1 \quad \text{for } y=0, 1$$

Case III

if $\frac{2}{3} < p < 1$

$$\hat{X}_{MAP}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y=1 \end{cases}$$