

**ECE 639, Homework #2 (CRN: 25576)**  
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*Question 6:* Consider the following inference problem:

$$P_X(0) = 1/3, P_X(1) = 2/3,$$

$$P_{Y|X}(\cdot|x) \sim \text{Gsn}(0, x + \sigma^2).$$

Find the divergence  $D(P_0||P_1)$  between  $P_0 = P_{Y|X}(\cdot|0)$  and  $P_1 = P_{Y|X}(\cdot|1)$ .

*Question 7:* Consider the following inference problem specified by the joint probability mass function of  $X$  and  $Y$ :

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$
$Y = 0$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{5}{18}$
$Y = 1$	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{36}{1}$
$Y = 2$	$\frac{48}{1}$	$\frac{16}{1}$
$Y = 3$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{48}$

1. What is the corresponding  $p_e$  error probability of a MAP detector?
2. If we define  $b = E(\sqrt{\frac{P_{X|Y}((1-X)|Y)}{P_{X|Y}(X|Y)}})$ , find out the  $b$  value for this problem. Hint: you should first decide the function  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{P_{X|Y}(1-x|y)}{P_{X|Y}(x|y)}}$ , and then evaluate the  $E(f(X, Y))$ . In communications, this  $b$  is termed the Bhattacharyya noise parameter for a given channel.
3. Consider the following hypothesis testing problem.  $H_0$ : A sequence of  $n$  1s ( $111 \dots, 1$ ) is transmitted over the above binary-input/quaternary-output channel.  $H_1$ : A sequence of  $n$  0s ( $000 \dots, 0$ ) is transmitted over the above binary-input/ternary-output channel and  $Y_1$  to  $Y_n$  are the corresponding output.

Use the Chernoff bound to bound the average error probability of a MAP detector. Verify that the Chernoff bound is indeed the Bhattacharyya noise parameter.

4. [Optional] You might notice that  $2p_e \leq b$ . Prove that for any given table,

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$
$Y = 0$	$p_{0,1}$	$p_{1,1}$
$Y = 1$	$p_{0,2}$	$p_{1,2}$
$Y = 2$	$p_{0,3}$	$p_{1,3}$

$2p_e \leq b$  always holds.

5. [Optional] You might notice that  $b \leq 2\sqrt{p_e(1-p_e)}$ . Prove that for any given table,

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$
$Y = 0$	$p_{0,0}$	$p_{1,0}$
$Y = 1$	$p_{0,1}$	$p_{1,1}$
$Y = 2$	$p_{0,2}$	$p_{1,2}$

$b \leq 2\sqrt{p_e(1-p_e)}$  always holds. Hint: Note that  $f(p) = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$  is a concave function with respect to  $p$ .

*Question 8:* Show that entropy  $H(X) = E_X \left\{ \log\left(\frac{1}{P_X(X)}\right) \right\}$  is a concave function. Hint: You can use the convexity of the divergence.

*Question 9:* Consider a special binary erasure channel as follows. Given a bit string of length  $n$ , at most  $\epsilon n$  bits will be completely erased. For example: for  $n = 6$ ,  $\epsilon = 1/3$ , if one sends 6 bits 010010, then at most 2 bits are erased. One possible received bit string is 01\*0\*0.

If we are allowed to use the channel exactly  $n$  times, design three binary codes that can achieve *error-free* transmission for the following three difference scenarios, respectively.

1.  $n = 2$ ,  $\epsilon = 1/2$ .
2.  $n = 3$ ,  $\epsilon = 1/3$ .
3.  $n = 4$ ,  $\epsilon = 1/2$ .

In your schemes, how many codewords can you pack into the space. The code rate of yours is then defined as

$$\frac{\log_2(\text{the number of codewords})}{n}. \tag{1}$$

Hint: the  $X$  vector takes values in  $\{0, 1\}^n$ , while the observation  $Y$  vector takes values in  $\{0, 1, *\}^n$ .