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Problem 1 ***Source Coding for Bernoulli Sources***

The pairs $(X_1, Y_1), \ldots, (X_n, Y_n)$ are independent and identically distributed. We denote by X, Y, and Z the random variables that describe a single outcome of the source. From the distributed source coding theorem we know that the rate region is the region of all pairs (R_X, R_Y) satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} R_X &\geq H(X|Y), \\ R_Y &\geq H(Y|X), \\ R_X + R_Y &\geq H(X,Y). \end{aligned}$$

(Rate pairs in the interior of this region are achievable, i.e., for such rate pairs, $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ and $Y_1, \ldots, Y_n$ can be recovered with probability of error tending to zero as n tends to infinity. Rate pairs outside this region are not achievable, i.e., for such rate pairs, the probability of error does not tend to zero as n tends to infinity.)
Note that although X and Z are independent, X and Y are not independent in general (if for example $p = \frac{1}{2}$ and $r = 0$, then $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2)$ and $Y = X$). We have

$$H(X,Y) \overset{\text{(i)}}{=} H(X,Z) \overset{\text{(ii)}}{=} H(X) + H(Z) = H_\text{b}(p) + H_\text{b}(r),$$

where (i) holds because the pair (X, Y) is an injective function of the pair (X, Z); and (ii) holds because X and Z are independent. Furthermore,

$$H(Y|X) \overset{\text{(iii)}}{=} H(X,Y) - H(X) = H_\text{b}(p) + H_\text{b}(r) - H_\text{b}(p) = H_\text{b}(r),$$

where (iii) follows from the chain rule. Since Y is zero if and only if $X = Z = 0$ or $X = Z = 1$, we have

$$\Pr[Y = 0] = \Pr[X = 0, Z = 0] + \Pr[X = 1, Z = 1] = (1-p)(1-r) + pr,$$

and therefore

$$H(X|Y) = H(X,Y) - H(Y) = H_\text{b}(p) + H_\text{b}(r) - H_\text{b}\bigl((1-p)(1-r) + pr\bigr).$$

The rate region is thus the region of all pairs (R_X, R_Y) satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} R_X &\geq H_\text{b}(p) + H_\text{b}(r) - H_\text{b}\bigl((1-p)(1-r) + pr\bigr), \\ R_Y &\geq H_\text{b}(r), \\ R_X + R_Y &\geq H_\text{b}(p) + H_\text{b}(r). \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 2 — ***Slepian–Wolf***

a) We compute

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X,Y) &= -\sum_{x,y} p(x,y)\log p(x,y)\\
&= -3\alpha\log\alpha - 6\beta\log\beta\\
&= -3\alpha\log\alpha - (1-3\alpha)\log\left(\frac{1}{6}-\frac{\alpha}{2}\right);\\
H(X) &= -\sum_{x} p(x)\log p(x)\\
&= -3(\alpha+2\beta)\log(\alpha+2\beta)\\
&= \log 3;\\
H(Y|X) &= H(X,Y) - H(X)\\
&= -3\alpha\log\alpha - (1-3\alpha)\log\left(\frac{1}{6}-\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - \log 3.
\end{aligned}$$

By symmetry, $H(Y) = H(X)$ and $H(X|Y) = H(Y|X)$. Hence, the rate region looks as shown in Figure 1.

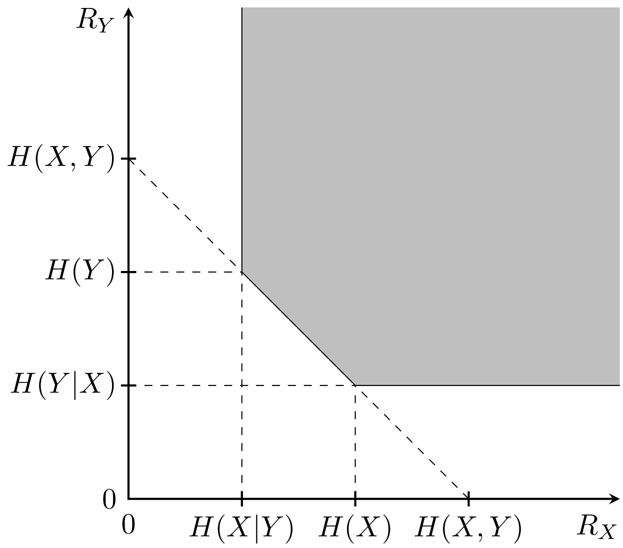

Figure 1: Rate region for general α.

b) This can be easily computed from $p(x,y)$:

$$\Pr[X=Y] = \sum_x p(x,x) = 3\alpha.$$

c) If $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X,Y) &= \log 3;\\
H(X) &= \log 3;\\
H(X|Y) &= H(Y|X) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

This corresponds to the case where $X = Y$, which can also can be seen from the result in Part b). The rate region is shown in Figure 2.

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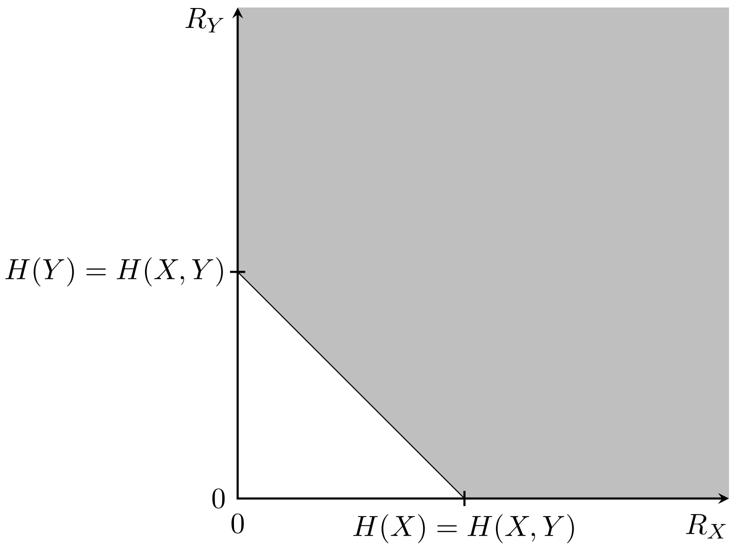

Figure 2: Rate region for $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$.

d) If $\alpha = \frac{1}{9}$, then we get

$$H(X,Y) = 2\log 3;$$
$$H(X) = \log 3;$$
$$H(X|Y) = \log 3.$$

This corresponds to the case where X and Y are independent. The rate region is shown in Figure 3.

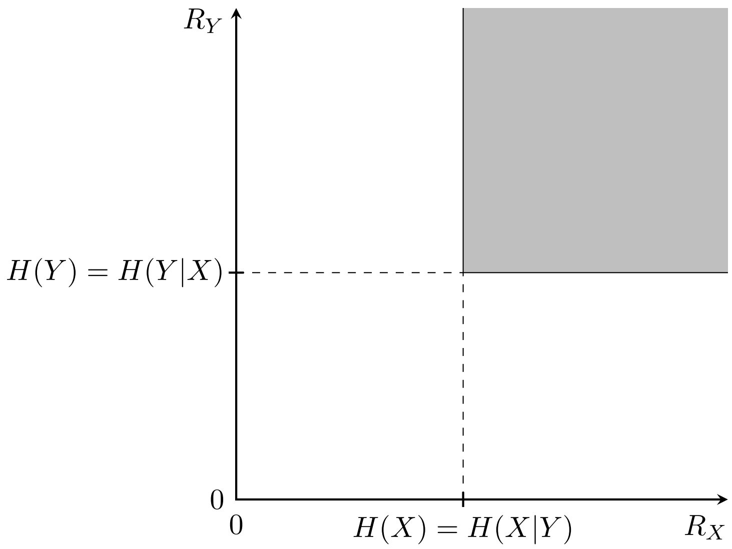

Figure 3: Rate region for $\alpha = \frac{1}{9}$.

Problem 3 ***Slepian–Wolf***

We need to compute some entropies:

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X) &= -\left(\alpha + (m-1)\cdot\frac{\beta}{m-1}\right)\log\left(\alpha + (m-1)\cdot\frac{\beta}{m-1}\right) - (m-1)\cdot\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\log\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\\
&= -(\alpha+\beta)\log(\alpha+\beta) - \gamma\log\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\\
&= -(1-\gamma)\log(1-\gamma) - \gamma\log\gamma + \gamma\log(m-1)\\
&= H_{\mathrm{b}}(\gamma) + \gamma\log(m-1),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H(Y) &= -\left(\alpha + (m-1)\cdot\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\right)\log\left(\alpha + (m-1)\cdot\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\right) - (m-1)\cdot\frac{\beta}{m-1}\log\frac{\beta}{m-1}\\
&= -(\alpha+\gamma)\log(\alpha+\gamma) - \beta\log\frac{\beta}{m-1}\\
&= -(1-\beta)\log(1-\beta) - \beta\log\beta + \beta\log(m-1)\\
&= H_{\mathrm{b}}(\beta) + \beta\log(m-1),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X,Y) &= -\alpha\log\alpha - (m-1)\cdot\frac{\beta}{m-1}\log\frac{\beta}{m-1} - (m-1)\cdot\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\log\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\\
&= -\alpha\log\alpha - \beta\log\frac{\beta}{m-1} - \gamma\log\frac{\gamma}{m-1}\\
&= -\alpha\log\alpha - \beta\log\beta - \gamma\log\gamma + (\beta+\gamma)\log(m-1),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X|Y) &= H(X,Y) - H(Y)\\
&= -\alpha\log\alpha - \beta\log\beta - \gamma\log\gamma + (\beta+\gamma)\log(m-1) - H_{\mathrm{b}}(\beta) - \beta\log(m-1)\\
&= -\alpha\log\alpha + (1-\beta)\log(1-\beta) - \gamma\log\gamma + \gamma\log(m-1),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H(Y|X) &= H(X,Y) - H(X)\\
&= -\alpha\log\alpha - \beta\log\beta - \gamma\log\gamma + (\beta+\gamma)\log(m-1) - H_{\mathrm{b}}(\gamma) - \gamma\log(m-1)\\
&= -\alpha\log\alpha - \beta\log\beta + (1-\gamma)\log(1-\gamma) + \beta\log(m-1).
\end{aligned}$$

The rate region is now given by

$$\begin{aligned}
R_X &\geq H(X|Y),\\
R_Y &\geq H(Y|X),\\
R_X + R_Y &\geq H(X,Y).
\end{aligned}$$