

Data Compression = Modeling + Coding

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uniform codes

0	00	000	0000
			0001
		001	0010
		0011	
	01	010	0100
			0101
011		0110	
		0111	
1	10	100	1000
			1001
		101	1010
		1011	
	11	110	1100
			1101
111		1110	
		1111	

Symbol codes

i	a_i	p_i
1	a	0.0575
2	b	0.0128
3	c	0.0263
4	d	0.0285
5	e	0.0913
6	f	0.0173
7	g	0.0133
8	h	0.0313
9	i	0.0599
10	j	0.0006
11	k	0.0084
12	l	0.0335
13	m	0.0235
14	n	0.0596
15	o	0.0689
16	p	0.0192
17	q	0.0008
18	r	0.0508
19	s	0.0567
20	t	0.0706
21	u	0.0334
22	v	0.0069
23	w	0.0119
24	x	0.0073
25	y	0.0164
26	z	0.0007
27	-	0.1928



Some definitions

Definition

A *code (source code)* C for a random variable X is a mapping from $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ to \mathcal{D}^* the set of finite-length strings of symbols from an alphabet of length D .

Note:

- $C(x)$ the **codeword** of x
- $l(x)$ the length of codeword $C(x)$

Definition

The expectation length $L(C)$ of a source code $C(X)$ for a random variable X with probability mass function $p(x)$ is given by:

$$L(C) = \sum_{x_i} p(x_i)l(x_i) = \sum_i p_i l_i$$

source code examples

Example

Unary codes

ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
codes

- 96 printable keyboard characters
- $\log(96)$??

Morse code

- special stop symbol

Definition

A code is called a *prefix code* or *instantaneous code* (*prefix-free code*) if no codeword is a prefix of any other codeword.

Kraft-McMillan Inequality.

Theorem

For any *uniquely decodable code* C

$$\sum_{x \in C} 2^{-l(x)} \leq 1,$$

where $l(x)$ is the length of the codeword. Also,
for any set of lengths L such that: $\sum_{l \in L} 2^{-l} \leq 1$, there is a prefix
code C of the same size such that $l(x) = l_{i, i \in [1, \dots, |L|]}$

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UTF-8, 16, 32

Bits of code point	First code point	Last code point	Bytes in sequence	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6
7	U+0000	U+007F	1	0xxxxxxx					
11	U+0080	U+07FF	2	110xxxxx	10xxxxxx				
16	U+0800	U+FFFF	3	1110xxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx			
21	U+10000	U+1FFFFF	4	11110xxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx		
26	U+200000	U+3FFFFFFF	5	111110xx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	
31	U+4000000	U+7FFFFFFF	6	1111110x	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx

Source Coding Theorem

Theorem

There exists a variable-length encoding C of an ensemble X such that the average length of an encoded symbol $L(C, X)$ satisfy:

$$H(X) \leq L(C, X) < H(X) + 1.$$

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- Generated from a set of probabilities
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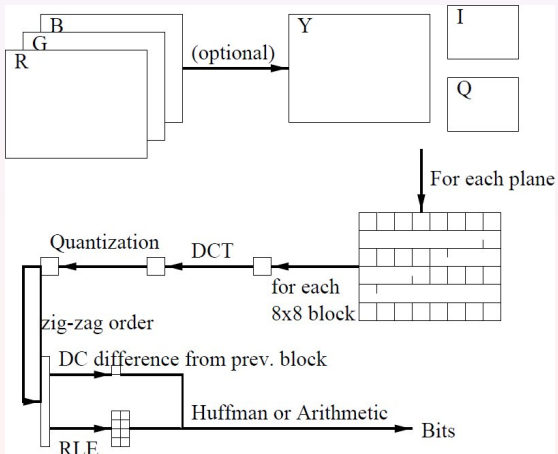
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How it generates the prefix-code tree.

- Start with a forest of trees, one for each message. Each tree contains a single vertex with weight $w_i = p_i$
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Adaptive Huffman coding

- Involves calculating the probabilities dynamically
- It is used rarely in practice because of the cost of updating the tree