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Message Identification for Future Communication Systems

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Overview

1. Shannon's Channel Coding
2. Deterministic Identification
3. Randomized Identification
4. Gaussian Channels
5. Feedback as a Resource for Randomness
6. Further Research

Shannon's Channel Coding



- Alice has to transmit a message $m \in \mathcal{M} = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$ to Bob
- Alice uses a block code $\mathcal{X}^n = \{0, 1, \dots, q - 1\}^n$
- $W = \{W(y|x) : x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$ is a stochastic matrix.
- The probability for a sequence $y \in \mathcal{Y}^n$ to be received if $x^n \in \mathcal{X}^n$:

$$W^n(y^n|x^n) = \prod_{t=1}^n W(y_t|x_t)$$

- Bob receives a word in \mathcal{Y}^n .

Goal: Bob has to decode the correct message with a small decoding error

\implies Finding the correct answer to: “What was Alice’s message?”

Shannon's Channel Coding

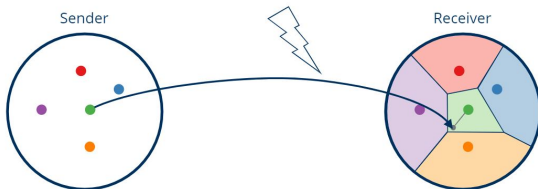
Definition

A (deterministic) (n, M, λ) code for W is a set of pairs $\{(u_i, \mathcal{D}_i) : i \in \mathcal{M}\}$

$$u_i \in \mathcal{X}^n, \mathcal{D}_i \subset \mathcal{Y}^n \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathcal{M} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_i \cap \mathcal{D}_j = \emptyset \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j \quad (2)$$

$$W^n(\mathcal{D}_i | u_i) \geq 1 - \lambda \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{M} \quad (3)$$



Bob decided that message i was sent if he received a word in \mathcal{D}_i .

Which triples (n, M, λ) are possible?

- We require, that a certain number $M(n)$ of messages can be transmitted over the channel. It is reasonable to set them exponential in n ($M(n) = e^{R \cdot n}$), since in the noiseless case ($w(y|x) = 0$ for $y \neq x$) $|\mathcal{X}|^n$ messages are possible. R is denoted as the rate of the code. Let $\lambda(R, n)$ be the smallest error probability for (n, e^{Rn}) codes and define the largest error exponent as $E(R) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \lambda(R, n)$.
- We require that $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is fixed. Let $M(n, \lambda)$ denote the maximum number of messages that can be transmitted over the channel for given word length n and probability of error λ .

Shannon's Channel Coding

In his Fundamental Theorem Shannon proved that $M(n, \lambda)$ grows exponentially in n . More exactly, he proved that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(n, \lambda)}{n}$$

exists and does not depend on $\lambda \in (0, 1)$. Shannon defined this limit as the capacity of the channel.

Transmission and local randomness

Definition

A randomized (n, M, λ) for a DMC W transmission code is a family of pairs

$$\{(Q_i, D_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, M\} \text{ with}$$

$$Q_i \in \Pr(\mathcal{X}^n), \quad D_i \subset \mathcal{Y}^n \forall i = 1, \dots, M \quad (4)$$

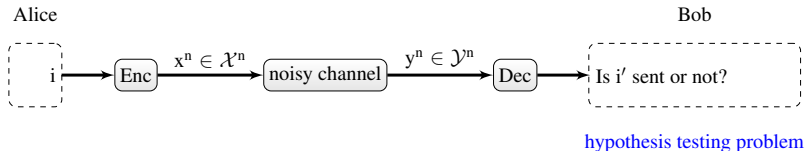
$$D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset \forall i \neq j \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{x^n \in \mathcal{X}^n} Q_i(x^n) W^n(D_i | x^n) \geq 1 - \lambda \forall i = 1, \dots, M \quad (6)$$

Lemma

Let W be a DMC. A deterministic (n, M, λ) transmission code for W exists if and only if a randomised (n, M, λ) transmission code exists.

Post-Shannon: Identification (ID)



Ahlswede/Dueck Picture 1989¹

¹R. Ahlswede and G. Dueck, "Identification via channels," in IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, vol. 35, no. 1, pp. 15-29, Jan. 1989, doi: 10.1109/18.42172.

Complexity of Communication and Identification

Model:

- Alice chooses $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2^m\}$.
- Bob chooses $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2^m\}$.
- Goal: Bob want to calculate $f(i, j)$ with small error.
- Alice and Bob are connected via a channel.

In message identification one consider:

$$f = (i, j) \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Deterministic Identification (DI) over DMCs

Definition

An $(M, n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ -DI code for DMC \mathcal{W} is a system $\{(u_i, \mathcal{D}_i)\}_{i \in [1:L(n,R)]}$ subject to

1. Code size: $M = 2^{nR}$
2. Code-word: $u_i \in \mathcal{X}^n$, decoding regions: $\mathcal{D}_i \subset \mathcal{Y}^n$
3. Input constraint: $n^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \phi(u_{i,t}) \leq A$ with $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$
4. Error requirement type I: $W^n(\mathcal{D}_i | u_i) > 1 - \lambda_1$
5. Error requirement type II: $W^n(\mathcal{D}_i | u_j) \underset{i \neq j}{<} \lambda_2$

DI Capacity of DMC

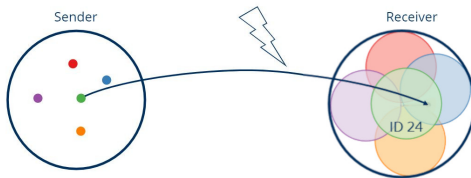
Theorem

Let \mathcal{W} be a DMC with distinct rows in channel matrix. Then the DI capacity with exponential code size and under input constraint is given by

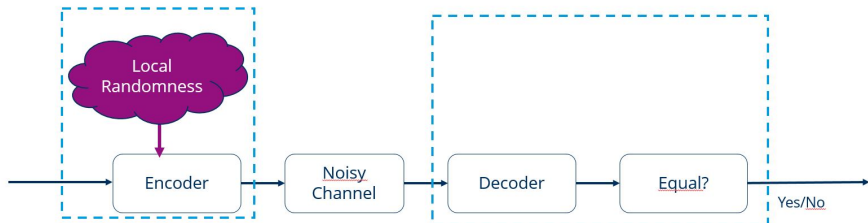
$$C_{\text{DI}}(\mathcal{W}) = \max_{p_X : \mathbb{E}\{\phi(X)\} \leq A} H(X)$$

M. J. Salariseddigh, U. Pereg, H. Boche, and C. Deppe, "Deterministic identification over channels with power constraints," IEEE Int'l Conf. Commun. (ICC), 2021

Deterministic Identification



Randomized Identification ¹



- Originally introduced by Ahlswede and Dueck (1989)
- Capacity was established with randomness at encoder

¹R. Ahlswede and G. Dueck, "Identification via Channels", IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, 1989

Randomized Identification (ID)-Code

Randomized ID-code

A randomized $(n, N, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ ID-code for a discrete memoryless channel (DMC) W is a family of pairs $\{(Q_i, \mathcal{D}_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$ with $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$:

- $Q_i \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}^n)$, $\mathcal{D}_i \subseteq \mathcal{Y}^n$
- $\sum_{x^n \in \mathcal{X}^n} Q_i(x^n) W^n(\mathcal{D}_i^c \mid x^n) \leq \lambda_1 \iff$ channel noise
- $\sum_{x^n \in \mathcal{X}^n} Q_j(x^n) W^n(\mathcal{D}_i \mid x^n) \leq \lambda_2 \iff$ ID-code

\Rightarrow Randomization is crucial to establish capacity!

ID Coding Theorem^{1 2}

Theorem

Let W be a **finite DMC** and $N(n, \lambda)$ the maximal number s.t. an $(n, N, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ ID-code for W exists with $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq \lambda$ then:

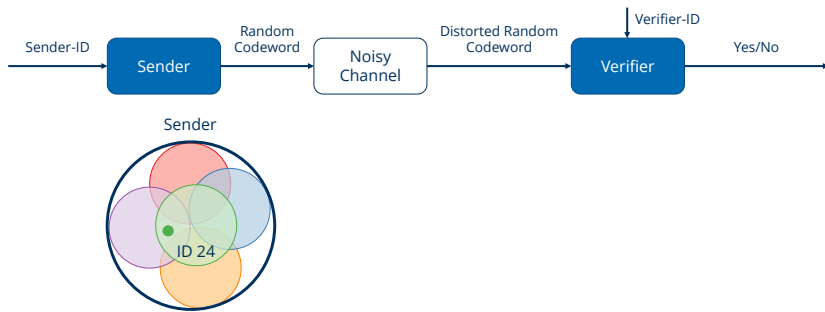
$$C_{\text{ID}}(W) = C(W), \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2}),$$

where $C(W)$ denotes the Shannon transmission capacity of W ,
 $C_{\text{ID}}(W) \triangleq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \log N(n, \lambda)$

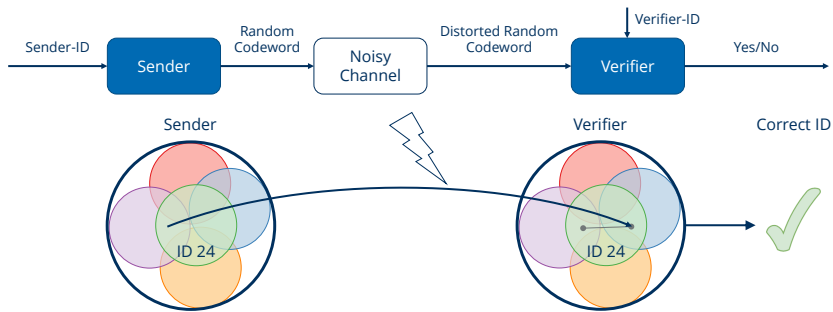
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Identification Codes



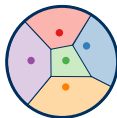
Identification Codes



Each ID has set of codewords, one is picked **randomly**
Codeword sets **overlap** and don't have to be convex
Sender and verifier are identical → **ID doesn't require decoding**, only encoding

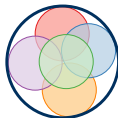
Identification Capacity

Transmission: $N = 2^{nR}$



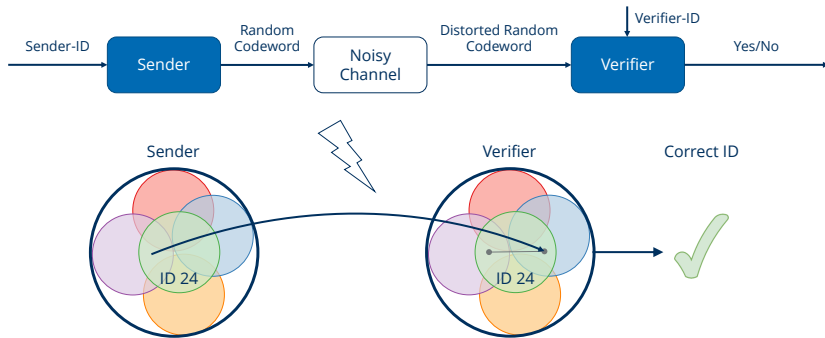
Discrete Memoryless Channel (DMC):
 N number of entities
 n number of bits
 R rate (0.0-1.0)

ID: $N = 2^{2^{nR}}$

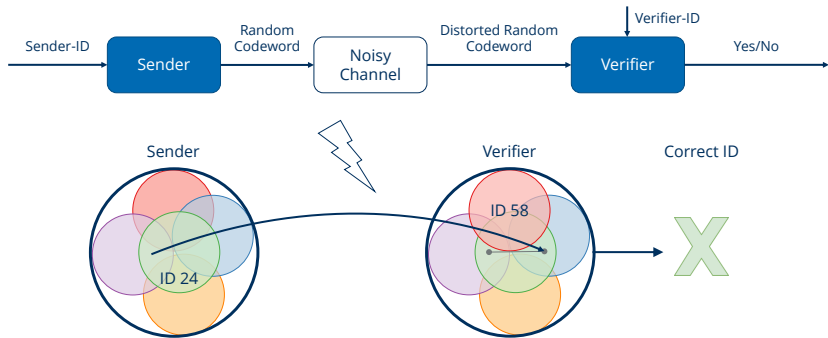


→ The number of identifiable entities **grows double exponentially** in block size, at the cost of a **new kind of error**

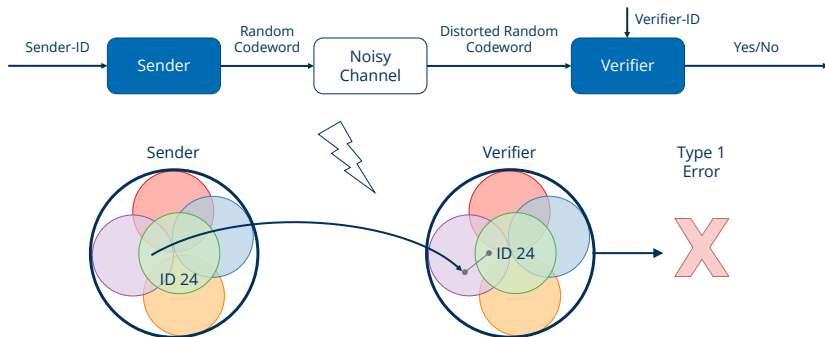
Identification - Correct Positive



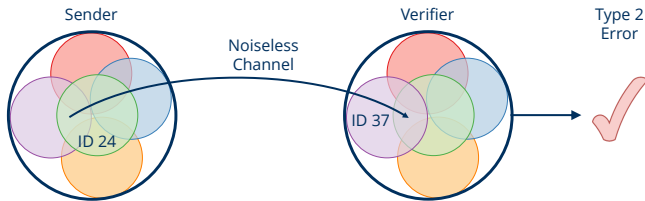
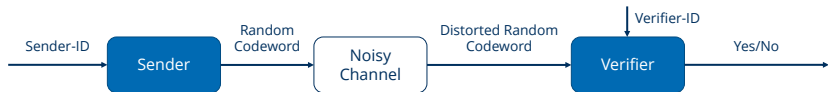
Identification - Correct Negative



Identification - False Negative



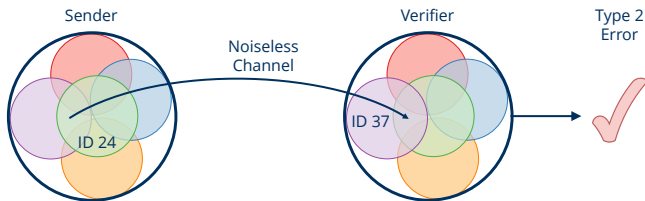
Identification - False Positive



→ Hypothesis testing of {maybe, no}

Identification - Error Types

| | Caused by | Reduced by | Removed by |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Type 1 errors | Noisy channel | Shannon channel coding | Shannon channel coding |
| Type 2 errors | Overlapping codeword sets | Identification codes | - |



Achievability with functions

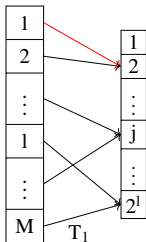
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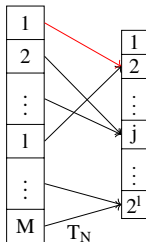
$$T_i: \{1, \dots, M\} \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, 2^l\}$$

$$: \underbrace{1}_{\text{coloring number}} \mapsto \underbrace{T_i(1)}_{\text{color, depend on } f_i}$$

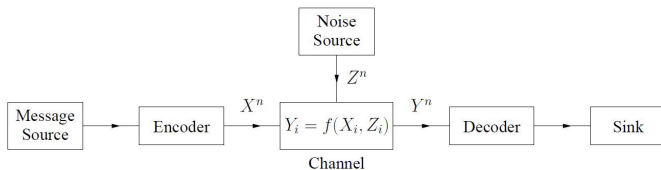


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$$T_1(1) = T_N(1) = 2$$



The Gaussian Channel



- We consider the AWGN (additive white Gaussian noise) channel.
- The signal at the receiver contains, in addition to the useful signal, additive noise, which represents a realization of a white Gaussian process.
- "Power" constraint: For a codeword (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) transmitted through the channel, we have:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \leq P.$$

Transmission Capacity of the Gaussian Channel

The channel capacity for the power-constrained channel is given by:

$$C(G) = \max \{I(X; Y) : f \text{ s.t. } E(X^2) \leq P\} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(1 + \frac{P}{N} \right)$$

RI Coding Theorem ¹

Theorem

For the AWGN holds

$$C_{\text{ID}}(\mathbf{G}) = C(\mathbf{G}), \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2}).$$

¹Labidi, W., Deppe, C., Boche, H. (2020). Secure identification for Gaussian channels and identification for multi-antenna gaussian channels. arXiv preprint arXiv:2011.06443.

DI Capacity of the Gaussian Channel

Theorem

The DI capacity of the Gaussian channel \mathcal{G} is given by

$$C_{\text{DI}}(\mathcal{G}) = \infty . \quad (7)$$

Proof Sketch (Achievability)

Codebook construction: Choose codewords in spheres such that the distance is "big enough" and that the power constraint is fulfilled!

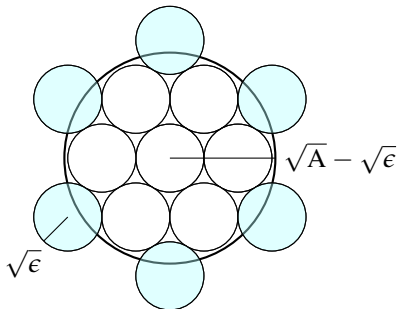


Illustration of a sphere packing, where small spheres of radius $r_0 = \sqrt{\epsilon}$ cover a bigger sphere of radius $r_1 = \sqrt{A} - \sqrt{\epsilon}$. The small spheres are disjoint from each other and have a non-empty intersection with the big sphere.

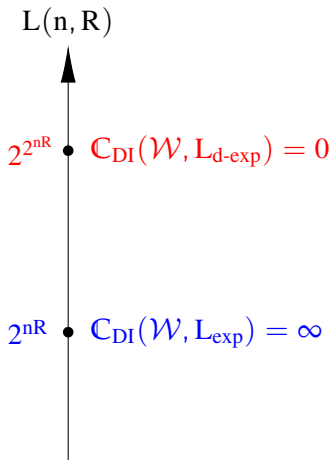
Proof Sketch (Achievability)

Encoding Given a message $i \in \llbracket 2^{nR} \rrbracket$, transmit $\bar{x} = \bar{u}_i$.

Decoding Let $\delta > 0$. To identify whether a message $j \in \mathcal{M}$ was sent, the decoder checks whether the channel output y belongs to the following decoding set,

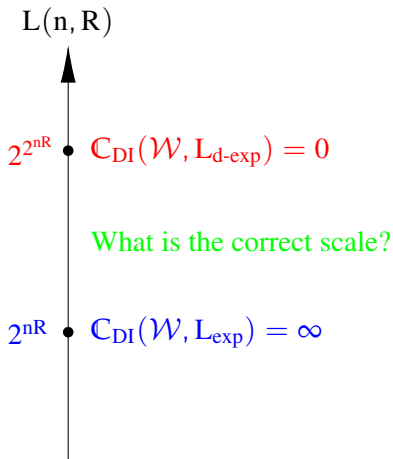
$$\mathcal{D}_j = \left\{ \bar{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\bar{y} - \bar{u}_j\| \leq \sqrt{\sigma_Z^2 + \delta} \right\}. \quad (8)$$

Coding Scale: Deterministic Identification



S., Pereg, Boche & Deppe, ICC 2021

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DI Capacity of the Gaussian Channel

Theorem

The DI capacity of the Gaussian channel \mathcal{G} in the $2^{n \log(n)}$ -scale, i.e., for $L(n, R) = 2^{(n \log n)R}$ is bounded by

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq \mathbb{C}_{\text{DI}}(\mathcal{G}, L) \leq 1. \quad (9)$$

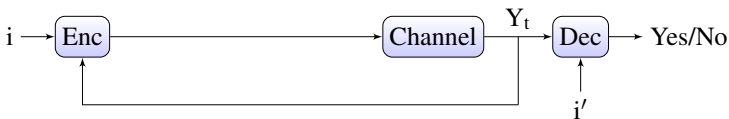
Hence, the DI capacity is infinite in the exponential scale and zero in the double-exponential, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{C}_{\text{DI}}(\mathcal{G}, L) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{for } L(n, R) = 2^{nR}, \\ 0 & \text{for } L(n, R) = 2^{2^{nR}}. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The Power of Randomness

If we have no direct access to randomness, can we use resources to get randomness?

DI with Noiseless Feedback



- Ahlswede and Dueck considered channels with discrete alphabets
- The results is extended to the Gaussian channel

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DIF Capacity of a DMC

Theorem

Let $C_{\text{DIF}}(\mathcal{W})$ and $C(\mathcal{W})$ be the DIF capacity and the Shannon capacity of the DMC \mathcal{W} , respectively. Then the deterministic identification capacity with feedback is given by

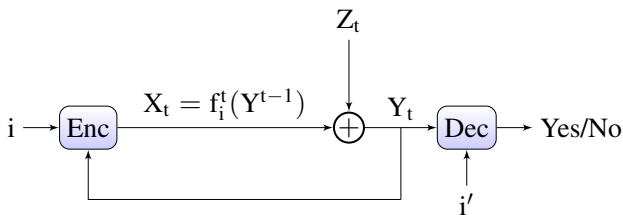
$$C_{\text{DIF}}(\mathcal{W}) = \begin{cases} \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} H(\mathcal{W}(\cdot|x)) & \text{if } C(\mathcal{W}) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{iff } \mathcal{W} \text{ is noiseless or } C(\mathcal{W}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Feedback allows a **double exponential growth** of the identities
- Noise can **increase** the identification feedback capacity

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Theory, 1989

DIF Over Gaussian Channels: System Model



- $Z_t, t = 1, \dots, n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
- The channel is denoted by W_{σ^2}

DIF code for Gaussian channels under average power constraint

A $(L(n, R), n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ -DIF code for W_{σ^2} with $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 < 1$ is a system $\{(f_i, \mathcal{D}_i)\}_{i \in [1:L(n,R)]}$ subject to

1. Code size: $L(n, R)$
 2. Feedback strategy: $f_i = [f_i^1, f_i^2, \dots, f_i^n] \in \mathcal{F}_n$,
decoding region: $\mathcal{D}_i \subset \mathcal{Y}^n$
 3. $\sum_{t=1}^n (f_i^t)^2 \leq n \cdot P_{\text{tot}}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$
 4. Error requirement type I: $W^n(\mathcal{D}_i | u_i) > 1 - \lambda_1$
 5. Error requirement type II: $W^n(\mathcal{D}_i | u_j) \underset{i \neq j}{<} \lambda_2$
- \mathcal{F}_n is set of all encoding functions f_i , where $f_i^1 \in \mathcal{X}$ and $f_i^t : \mathcal{Y}^{t-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ for $t > 1$

DIF Capacity of Gaussian Channel

Theorem

Let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $\sigma^2 \geq 0$ and $\mathbf{P}_{\text{tot}} > 0$. Then for all $R > 0$, there exists a blocklength n_0 such that for every $n \geq n_0$ there exists a deterministic identification feedback code $(L(n, R), n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ for W_{σ^2} of blocklength n with $L(n, R) = 2^{2^{nR}}$ identities and with $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq \lambda$, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{C}_{\text{DIF}}(\sigma^2, \mathbf{P}_{\text{tot}}) = +\infty$$

- Change the scaling? Choose higher scaling?
- Without feedback, code size growth $\sim 2^{(n \log n)R}$

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Infinite DIF Capacity regardless of the Scaling

Theorem

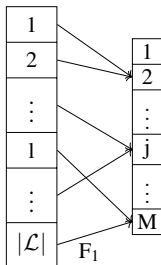
Let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $\sigma^2 \geq 0$ and $P_{\text{tot}} > 0$. Then there exists a blocklength n_s such that for every positive integer $L(n, R)$ and every $n \geq n_s$ there exists a deterministic identification feedback code $(L(n, R), n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ for W_{σ^2} of blocklength n with $L(n, R)$ identities and with $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq \lambda$

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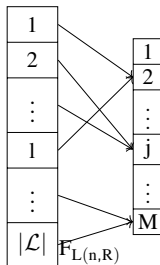
Proof Sketch ($\sigma^2 > 0$)

1. To send a message i , we prepare a set of coloring functions $\{F_i, i = 1, \dots, L(n, R)\}$ known by the sender and the receiver

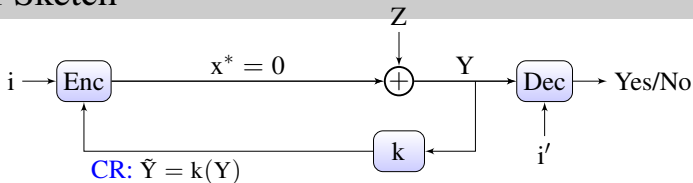
$$F_i: \{1, \dots, |\mathcal{L}|\} \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, M\}$$
$$: \underbrace{1}_{\text{coloring}} \mapsto \underbrace{F_i(1)}_{\text{color}}$$



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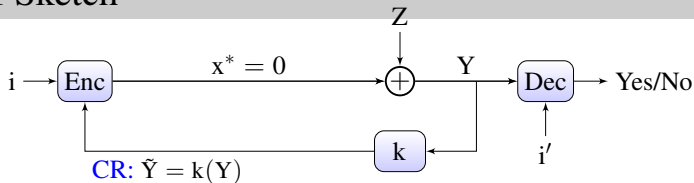


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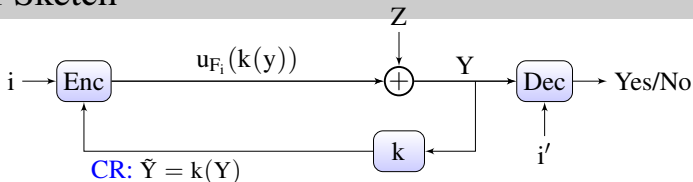
2. We send one symbol $x^* = 0$ over the forward channel

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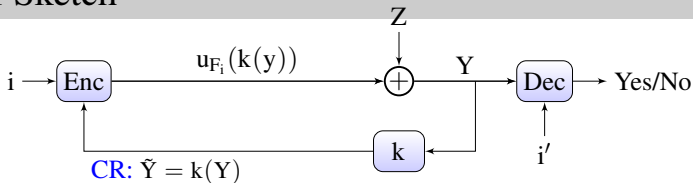
3. We generate the RV $\tilde{Y} = k(Y) \sim \text{Unif}(\mathcal{L})$, $|\mathcal{L}|$ determines the growth of $L(n, R)$

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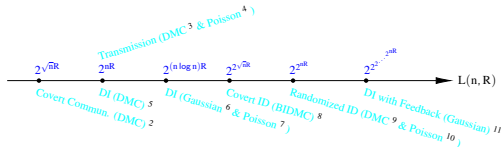
4. $\mathcal{C} = \{(u_j, \mathcal{D}_j), j = 1, \dots, M\}$ is an $(m, M, 2^{-m\delta})$ transmission code, we send $u_{F_i}(k(y))$, $k(y) \in \mathcal{L} \implies (n, L(n, R), \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ DIF code with $n = 1 + m$

Proof Sketch



5. If $F_i(k(y)) = F_{i'}(k(y))$, then $i = i'$

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I did not talk about

- K-Identification
- Construction of RI-Codes
- Construction of DI-Codes
- Joint Identification and Sensing
- Molecular Communication and Identification
- Quantum Communication and Identification
- Source Identification
- PUFs and Identification
- Function Compression and Identification
- Security and Identification
- Covert Communication and Identification
- Common Randomness Capacity and Identification
- Resolvability and Identification

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