

In the Name of God
Digital Communications
Assignment #3
Source Coding

1.

Huffman coding. Consider the random variable

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_7 \\ 0.49 & 0.26 & 0.12 & 0.04 & 0.04 & 0.03 & 0.02 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find a binary Huffman code for X .
- (b) Find the expected code length for this encoding.
- (c) Find a ternary Huffman code for X .

2.

More Huffman codes. Find the binary Huffman code for the source with probabilities $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{15}, \frac{2}{15})$. Argue that this code is also optimal for the source with probabilities $(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5})$.

3.

Bad codes. Which of these codes cannot be Huffman codes for any probability assignment?

- (a) $\{0, 10, 11\}$
- (b) $\{00, 01, 10, 110\}$
- (c) $\{01, 10\}$

4.

Huffman code. Find the **(a)** *binary* and **(b)** *ternary* Huffman codes for the random variable X with probabilities

$$p = \left(\frac{1}{21}, \frac{2}{21}, \frac{3}{21}, \frac{4}{21}, \frac{5}{21}, \frac{6}{21} \right).$$

(c) Calculate $L = \sum p_i l_i$ in each case.