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Data compression subject to a fidelity criterion

(Rate Distortion Theory)

Quantization:

- Scalar Quantization
- Vector Quantization

Definition: A fidelity criterion or a distortion measure is a function $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ from $\mathcal{X} \times \hat{\mathcal{X}}$ to \mathbb{R}^+ , where \mathcal{X} and $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$ are the source and reproduction alphabets respectively.
examples: Hamming (Prob. of error)

distance

$$d(x, \hat{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = \hat{x} \\ 1 & x \neq \hat{x} \end{cases}$$

$$E[d(x, \hat{x})] = P(x \neq \hat{x}) = P_e(\mathcal{E})$$

- squared error distortion

$$d(x, \hat{x}) = (x - \hat{x})^2$$

- absolute error distortion

$$d(x, \hat{x}) = |x - \hat{x}|$$

Definition: A single letter fidelity criterion is a distortion measure from $\mathcal{X}^n \times \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ such that:

$$d(X^n, \hat{X}^n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i, \hat{x}_i)$$

example of a fidelity criterion that is not single letter is l^∞ distortion measure:

$$d(X^n, \hat{X}^n) = \max |x_i - \hat{x}_i|$$

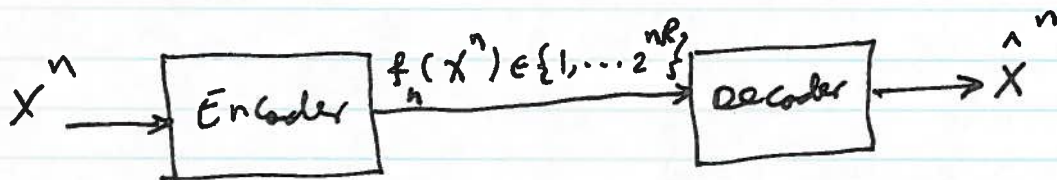
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A source encoding (data compression) system: (a  $(2^{nR}, n)$  code)  
Consists of:

1) Encoder

$$f_n(X^n) : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2^{nR}\}$$

2) Decoder

$$g_n(\cdot) : \{1, 2, \dots, 2^{nR}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^n$$



The distortion associated with the  $(2^{nR}, n)$  Code is

$$D = E d(X^n, g_n(f_n(X^n)))$$

where

$$D = \sum_{x^n} p(x^n) d(x^n, g_n(f_n(x^n)))$$

Definition: A rate distortion pair  $(R, D)$  is said to be achievable if there exists a ~~code~~ sequence  $(2^{nR}, n)$  of data compression codes  $(f_n, g_n)$  with  $\lim E d(X^n, g_n(X^n, f_n(X^n))) \leq D$ .

Definition: The Rate-Distortion,  $R(D)$ , is the infimum of rates  $R$  such that  $(R, D)$  is achievable for a given  $D$ .

Definition: The information rate-distortion function  $R^I(D)$  for a source  $X$  with distortion measure  $d(x, \hat{x})$  is:

$$R^I(D) = \min I(X; \hat{X})$$

$$P(\hat{X}|X): \sum_{x, \hat{x}} p(x) p(\hat{x}|x) d(x, \hat{x}) \leq D$$

The Source Coding Theorem and its converse show that the rate-distortion function  $R(D)$  and the information rate-distortion function  $R^I(D)$  are the same. So, we will use the term rate-distortion function for both and denote them both by  $R(D)$ . Before trying to prove source coding theorem, we discuss ~~the way~~ how to find  $R(D)$ .

Example: Memoryless Binary Source.

Assume that the output of a source is a binary Bernoulli ( $p$ ) process. The rate-distortion function for the Hamming distortion measure

$$R(D) = \begin{cases} H(p) - H(D) & 0 \leq D \leq \min(p, 1-p) \\ 0 & D > \min(p, 1-p) \end{cases}$$

$$R(D) = \min_{P(\hat{x}|x): E[d(x, \hat{x})] \leq D} I(x; \hat{x})$$

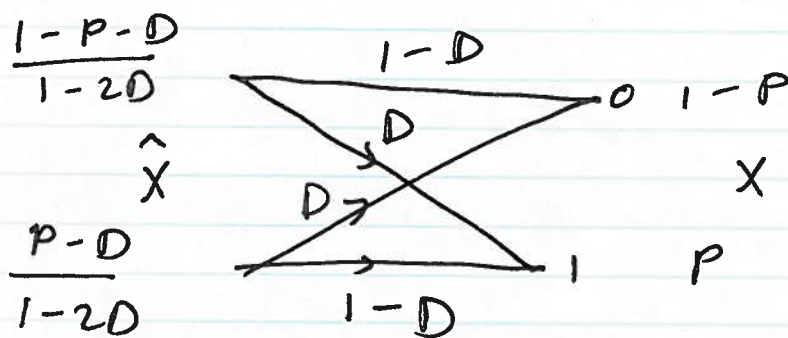
$$\begin{aligned} I(x; \hat{x}) &= H(x) - H(x|\hat{x}) \\ &= H(p) - H(x \oplus \hat{x} | \hat{x}) \\ &\geq H(p) - H(x \oplus \hat{x}) \\ &\geq H(p) - H(D) \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality is due to the fact that  $P_r(X \neq \hat{X}) \leq D$  and  $H(D)$  increases with  $D$  for  $D \leq 1/2$ . So:

$$R(D) \geq H(p) - H(D).$$

Now, we choose  $\hat{x}$  such that  $p(\hat{x}|x)$  results in  $P_r(X \neq \hat{X}) = D$  and  $I(X; \hat{X}) = H(p) - H(D)$

let a reverse channel connect  $\hat{X}$  to  $X$  in the following way



Then,

$$I(X; \hat{X}) = H(X) - H(X|\hat{X}) = H(p) - H(D)$$

and

$$P_r(X \neq \hat{X}) = D$$

If  $D \geq p$ , we can achieve  $R(D) = 0$  by letting  $\hat{x} = 0$  with probability 1. This way, we have  $I(X; \hat{X}) = 0$  and  $D = p$ . Similarly we can get

$R(D) = 0$  by letting  $\hat{X} = 1$  and having  $D = 1 - \rho$ .

$R(D)$  for a Gaussian source

Theorem: The rate-distortion function for a  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  source with squared-error distortion

is

$$R(D) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D} & 0 \leq D \leq \sigma^2 \\ 0 & D \geq \sigma^2 \end{cases}$$

Proof:

by definition

$$R(D) = \min_{\hat{x}(x): E[(x-\hat{x})^2] \leq D} I(x; \hat{x})$$

$$I(x; \hat{x}) = h(x) - h(\hat{x}|x) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - h(x-\hat{x}|x)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - h(x-\hat{x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - h(Z)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - h(Z_g)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi E[(x-\hat{x})^2]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi D$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D}$$

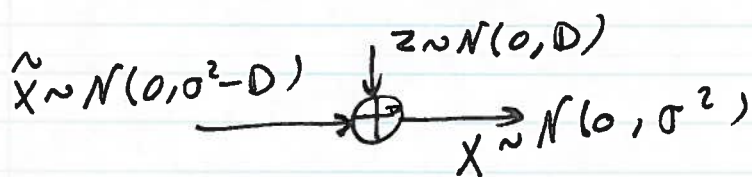
where  $Z = x - \hat{x}$   
where  $Z_g$  is a no  
zero-mean r.v.  
with variance  
 $E[(x-\hat{x})^2]$

So,

$$R(D) \geq \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D}$$

Now, we show that this ~~is~~ lower bound can be achieved by using a test channel, relating  $\hat{X}$  to  $X$  so that  $I(X; \hat{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D}$

Let  $X = \hat{X} + Z$  where  $\hat{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 - D)$ ,  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, D)$  i.e., we take  $\hat{X}$  as a normal zero-mean r.v. with ~~the~~ variance  $\sigma^2 - D$ .



This is possible if  $\sigma^2 - D \geq 0$  or  $D \leq \sigma^2$

$$I(X; \hat{X}) = h(X) - h(X|\hat{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D}$$

$$= h(X) - h(\hat{X} + Z|\hat{X})$$

$$= h(X) - h(Z|\hat{X})$$

$$= h(X) - h(Z) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D}$$

also  $E[(X - \hat{X})^2] = D$ .

So

$$R(D) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D} & 0 \leq D \leq \sigma^2 \\ 0 & D > \sigma^2 \end{cases} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D} \right)^+$$

This can be written as

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{D} = 2^{+2R}$$

where  $\frac{\sigma^2}{D}$  is the Signal-to-Quantization-Noise Ratio

Changing into decibel, we get

$$SQNR = 10 \log \frac{\sigma^2}{D} = 10 \log 2^{+2R} = +20R \log 2$$

$$SQNR = +6R \text{ dB}$$

This means that for each 1 bit increase in resolution, we gain 6 dB (4 times improvement) in SQNR.

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Simultaneous Quantization (Description) of Independent Gaussian Random variables:

Take normal sources  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  where  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_i^2)$ . We would like to find

$$R(D) = \min_{\{\hat{x}^m | x^m\}: E d(x^m, \hat{x}^m) \leq D} I(X^m; \hat{x}^m)$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} I(X^m; \hat{x}^m) &= h(X^m) - h(X^m | \hat{x}^m) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m h(X_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m h(X_i | X_{1:i-1}, \hat{x}^m) \\ (a) \quad &\geq \sum_{i=1}^m h(X_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m h(X_i | \hat{x}_i) \end{aligned}$$