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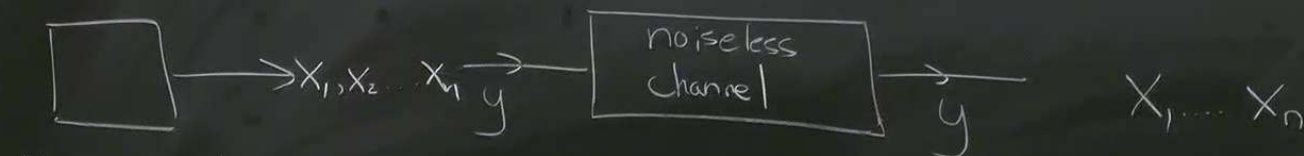
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Lecture 5 - Entropy and its properties

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"classical source"

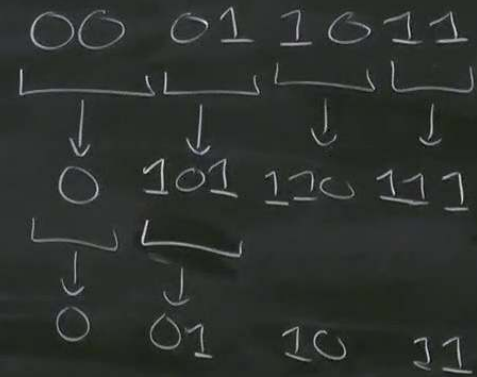
$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$P_x = (p_0, p_1)$$

$$\text{rate} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\text{channel uses}}{\text{source uses}} \right)$$

message	encoded message	channel
00	0	→
01	(1)01	→
10	(1)10	→
11	(1)11	→

$$P_0 = 3/4, P_2 = 1/4$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \text{ (channel uses)} &= \frac{1}{2} (p_{00} \cdot 1 + p_{01} \cdot 3 + p_{10} \cdot 3 + p_{11} \cdot 3) \\
 &= \sum_m p(m) \ell(m) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} \cdot 1 + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \times 3 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \times 3 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \right) \\
 &= \frac{15}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{Z} \times (\text{channel use to send } Z \text{ bits})}{n}$$

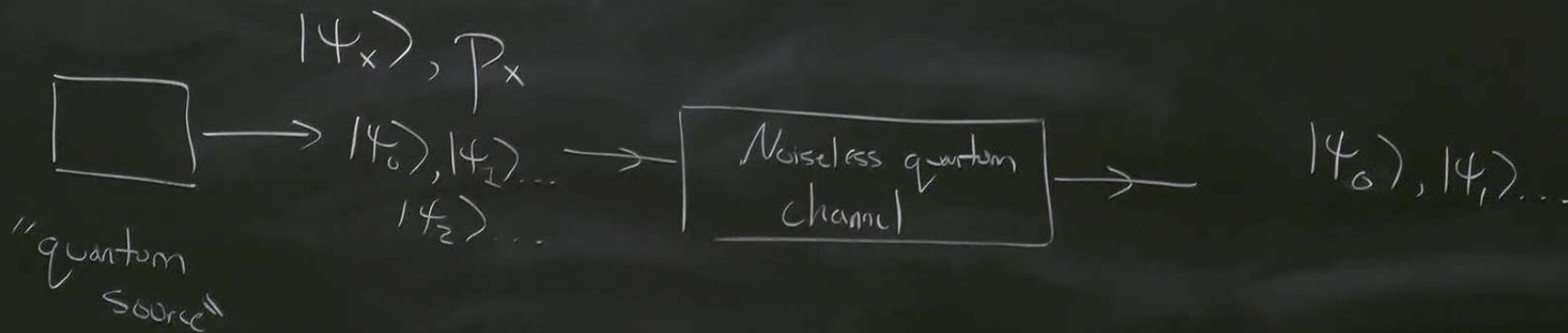
Thm The optimal (noiseless) rate is.

$$H(X) = - \sum_x p_x \log_2 p_x$$

"Shannon entropy"

Quantum (von Neumann) entropy

Alice



Example.

Source: 10 , 11 , $1+$, $1-$
 $1/4$, $1/4$, $1/4$, $1/4$

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= - \sum_{x=1}^4 \frac{1}{4} \log\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &= - \log(1/4) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Thm | The optimal quantum rate
for source $\{(p_x, |\psi_x\rangle)\}$ is

$$P_A = \sum_x p_x |\psi_x\rangle\langle\psi_x|$$

$$S(A)_p = -\text{tr}(p \log p)$$

"Von Neumann
entropy"

Example:

source: $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |+\rangle, |-\rangle$
 $1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4$

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x=1}^4 \frac{1}{4} \log\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$
$$= - \log(1/4) = 2$$

$\sim n p_0$
 $n p_1$

$$P = \frac{1}{4} |0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{4} |1\rangle\langle 1| + \frac{1}{4} |+\rangle\langle +| + \frac{1}{4} |-\rangle\langle -|$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} |0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle\langle 1|}_{\mathbb{I}/2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} |+\rangle\langle +| + \frac{1}{2} |-\rangle\langle -| \right)$$
$$= \mathbb{I}/2$$

Thm The optimal quantum rate
for source $\{(p_x, |\psi_x\rangle)\}$ is

$$\rho_A = \sum_x p_x |\psi_x\rangle\langle\psi_x|$$

$$S(A)_\rho \equiv -\text{tr}(\rho \log \rho)$$

$$\rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

$$S(A)_\rho = -\sum_i \lambda_i \log \lambda_i$$

"Von Neumann
entropy"

$$S(A)_\rho = -$$

properties

$$1) S(A)_p \geq 0 \quad \sum_i \lambda_i (-\log \lambda_i) \quad , \quad \sum_i \lambda_i = 1$$

$$2) S(A)_p \leq \log d_A$$

$$3) S(AB)_{p_A \otimes p_B} = S(A)_{p_A} + S(B)_{p_B} \quad \log(p_A \otimes p_B) = (\log p_A) \otimes \mathbb{I}_B + \mathbb{I}_A \otimes \log p_B$$

$$4) S(A)_{\text{uniform}}$$

$$4) S(A)_{4 \times 4} = 0$$

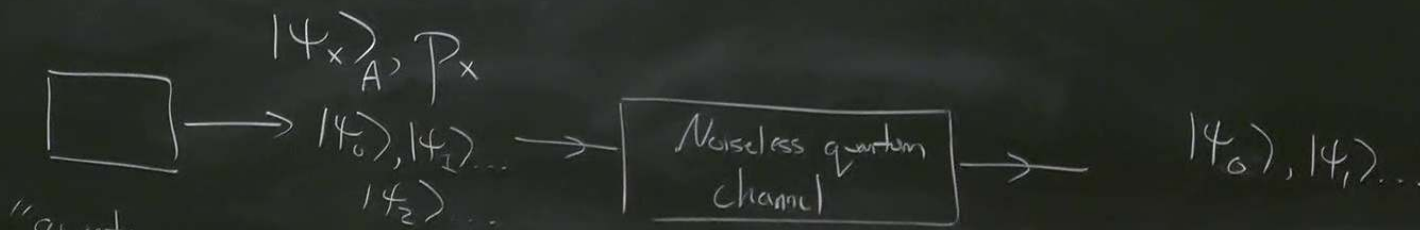
$$= -\text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \log \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\log \left(\sum \lambda_i |X_i| \right) \\ = \sum \log \lambda_i |X_i|$$

Quantum (von Neumann) entropy

Alice



"quantum source"

$$|\psi_x\rangle, P_x$$

$$|\psi_0\rangle, |\psi_1\rangle, \dots, |\psi_z\rangle, \dots$$

$$\log_2 d_A$$

Noiseless quantum channel

$$|\psi_0\rangle, |\psi_1\rangle, \dots$$

$$P = \sum P_x |\psi_x\rangle\langle\psi_x|$$

Example:

source

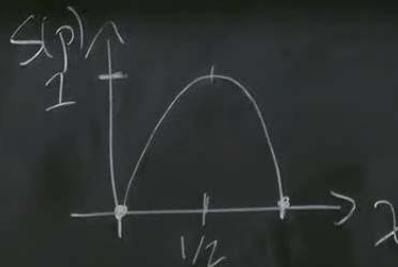
$$H(X)$$

$$\sim n p_0$$

$$n p_1$$

$$4) S(A)_{4 \times 4} = 0$$

$$5) P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-2 \end{pmatrix}$$



6) Strong subadditivity:

$$S(AB)_p + S(BC)_p \geq S(B)_p + S(ABC)_p$$

$\frac{13}{16}$

Relative entropy.

$$D(p||\sigma) = \begin{cases} \text{tr}(p \log p) - \text{tr}(p \log \sigma) & \text{ker } \sigma \subseteq \text{ker } p \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

1) $D(p||\sigma) \geq 0$

2) $D(p||\sigma) \geq D(U_p||U_\sigma)$