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COURSE CODE: ICT 319

TITLE: COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION THEORY

UNITS: 3

DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (15 MARKS)

(A) Define the following:

i. Communication (2mrks)

ii. Information theory (2mrks)

iii. Entropy (H) (2mrks)

(B) (i) Discuss the properties of Entropy in Information Theory (3mrks)

(ii) Describe the basic principles of wave transmission (6mrks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

(A) (i) Describe a general communication system. Explain the functions of each component (5mrks)

(ii) What is Self Information (I)? (2mrks)

(iii) Discuss the properties of Self Information (3mrks)

(B) (i) According to Shannon's Noisy-Channel Coding Theorem, under what conditions is error-free transmission possible? (2mrks)

(ii) Consider a pack of 32 playing cards, one of which is drawn at random. Calculate the amount of uncertainty of the event $E = \{\text{the card drawn is the king of hearts}\}$. Interpret the result. (3mrks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

(A) (i) What is mutual information $I(X;Y)$? (3mrks)

(ii) Identify the properties of mutual information (4mrks)

(iii) Describe with an illustrated diagram the relations between entropy, conditional entropy, joint entropy, and mutual information (3mrks)

(B) Let $p(x, y)$ be given by:

$Y \backslash X$	0	1
0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$

(i) $H(X), H(Y)$

(ii) $H(X|Y), H(Y|X)$

(iii) $H(X;Y)$

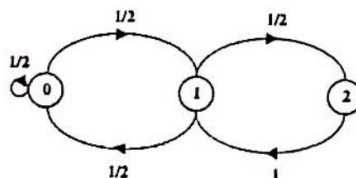
(iv) $H(Y)-H(Y|X)$

(v) $I(X;Y)$

(5mrks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

(A) (i) Given a Markov chain U taking on values in $\{0, 1, 2\}$ whose transition graph is sketched below:



Derive the transition Matrix and obtain the entropy per symbol of source $U, H_\infty(U)$.

(B) (i) Consider $C = \{10, 11, 000, 101, 111, 1100, 1101\}$. Show that the code satisfies Kraft's inequality (5mrks)

(ii) Obtain the prefix code for C (in B (i)) above. (2mrks)

(iii) What is the chain rule for entropy? (4mrks)

(iv) Define Relative Entropy (2mrks)

(2mrks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- (A) Considering a 27 symbol alphabet (26 letters and the space), Shannon studied different models of the English language. Discuss his simulations for an information source which delivers symbols or letters from this alphabet. (7mrks)
- (B) (i) What is Noise in communication? Discuss the types of Noise that can occur (4mrks)
- (ii) Define the following, obtaining expressions where necessary:
- Noise Factor (2mrks)
 - Antenna Gain (2mrks)

QUESTION SIX (15 MARKS)

- (A) Given U as a memoryless source taking values in:
{A,B,C,D,E,F,G}, with the probabilities {0.4, 0.2, 0.15, 0.1, 0.05, 0.05, 0.05} respectively.
- (i) What is the entropy of source U? (3mrks)
- (ii) Show how the data can be compressed using both Shannon-Fano and Huffman algorithms. (8mrks)
- (B) Discuss Transmission impairments in communication (4mrks)

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