Capacity of Noisy Permutation Channels

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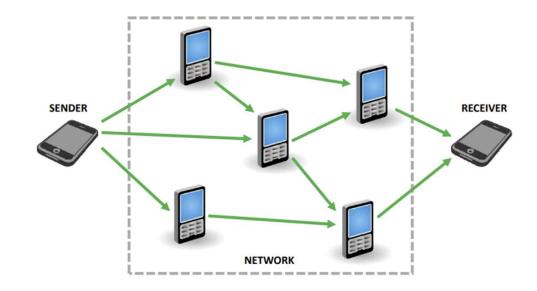
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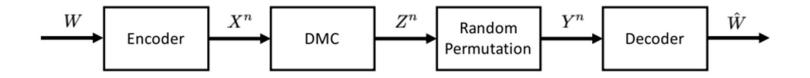
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- Some channels do not preserve order (abc \rightarrow cba)
 - DNA storage
 - Packets in a network

<u>Note</u>: while mentioned in literature, these applications are not very compelling





- A DMC with an extra random permutation step
 - Draw one of the many possible permutations of n symbols uniformly
- The order of the received symbols is uninformative
 - Instead of sequences into/out of a channel, we care about types
 - A type tells us everything about a sequence except the ordering

Definitions: Channel

- Message $W \in \{1, 2, ..., M\}$
- Encoded into codeword $X^n = f_n(W)$ where $X \in \mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, ..., q\}$
- DMC channel input X^n yields output Z^n , $Z \in \mathcal{Y} = \{1, 2, ..., k\}$
- Random permutation yields $Y^n \in \mathcal{Y}^n$
- Decoded into output $\widehat{W} = g_n(Y^n)$
- $P_{\text{error}}^{(n)} = \Pr\{W \neq \widehat{W}\}\$

Rate is $R = \frac{\log M}{\log n}$ to account for loss of information from random permutation

- The number of distinguishable types is polynomial in n
- The number of distinguishable sequences is exponential in n

Definitions (continued): General

• Probability simplex:

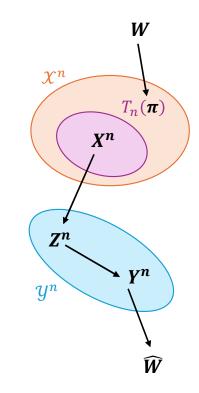
$$\Delta_{q-1} = \left\{ (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_n) : \sum_{i=1}^q \pi_i = \right\}$$

• Method of Types

$$\mathcal{P}_{n} = \left\{ P \in \Delta_{k-1} : P = \left(\frac{a_{1}}{n}, \frac{a_{2}}{n}, \dots, \frac{a_{2}}{n}\right) \text{ where } a_{1}, a_{2}, \dots, a_{n} \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \right\}$$
$$T_{n}(P) = \left\{ x^{n} \in \mathcal{X}^{n} : P = \left(\frac{N(a_{1}|x)}{n}, \frac{N(a_{2}|x)}{n}, \dots, \frac{N(a_{n}|x)}{n}\right) \right\}$$

Definitions (continued): Channel Distributions

- $P_{Z|X}$ is a $q \times k$ DMC matrix
 - $(P_{Z|X})_{b,j} = P_{Z|X}(j|b) = p_{bj}$ for $b \in \mathcal{X}$ and $j \in \mathcal{Y}$
 - Rows sum to 1
 - $P_{Z|X}$ s.p. (strictly positive) when $p_{bj} > 0 \ \forall b \in \mathcal{X}, j \in \mathcal{Y}$
- $P_{Y^n|\pi} = P_{Y|X}^n \circ U$ is the distribution under fixed type $\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n$
 - Where we draw U uniformly from $T_n(\pi)$ (A)
 - Then pass independently through the DMC $P_{Y|X}$
 - Note that $P_{Z|X}$ and $P_{Y|X}$ are interchangeable
- Marginal P_Y for any $Y_t \in Y^n \sim P_{Y^n|\pi}$
 - Marginal is independent of index t due to (A)



Definitions (continued): Other Distributions:

- Q_Y is any distribution over Y
- $Q_Y^n(y^n) = \prod_{i=1}^n Q_Y(y_i)$ is the product distribution
- Categorical distribution $Q_{Y|\mu}$ with $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k) \in \Delta_{k-1}$ with $Q_{Y|\mu}(j) = \mu_j$
- Multinomial $Q_{Y|\mu}^n$ has no direct relevance to a noisy permutation, but simplifies analysis

Nats are used, not bits

Theorem 1: Main result

For s.p. (strictly positive) $P_{Y|X}$, the capacity of the noisy permutation channel is

$$C_{\text{perm}}(P_{Z|X}) = \frac{\operatorname{rank}(P_{Z|X}) - 1}{2}$$

From [Makur, 2020] we know that (for s.p. $P_{Y|X}$)

$$C_{\text{perm}}(P_{Z|X}) \ge \frac{\operatorname{rank}(P_{Z|X}) - 1}{2}$$

Thus, we seek a converse (upper) bound to prove theorem 1

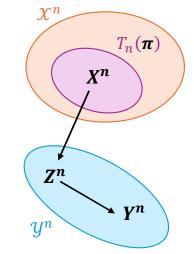
Markov chain is

$$\pi \to X^n \to Z^n \to Y^n$$

for some n-type $\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n$ chosen by the encoder. Thus, should find the upper bound of $I(\pi; Y^n)$ to get capacity.

Further, we know

 $I(\pi; Y^n) \le \max_{\pi} D(P_{Y^n|\pi} \| Q_{Y^n})$



Proposition 1: Covering for Noisy Permutation Channel

For a noisy permutation channel with DMC $P_{Y|X}$ and any n-type $\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n$, we **assume** that

$$D(P_{Y^n|\pi} \| Q_{Y|\overline{\mu}}^n) \le nD(P_Y \| Q_Y) + f(n)$$

for any distribution Q_{Y^n} . Then,

$$C_{\text{perm}}(P_{Z|X}) \le \frac{\operatorname{rank}(P_{Z|X}) - 1}{2} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{\log n}$$

Covering a space of distributions

Consider the space of possible marginals P_Y

$$\mathcal{L}(P_{Y|X}) = \bigcup_{\pi \in \Delta_{k-1}} \left[\left(\sum_{i} \pi_{i} p_{i1}, \sum_{i} \pi_{i} p_{i2}, \dots, \sum_{i} \pi_{i} p_{ik} \right) \right]$$

with dimension $l = \frac{\operatorname{rank}(P_{Z|X})}{\operatorname{DMC}} \left[-1 \right]$
 DMC Probability vec $\mathbb{R}^{q} \longrightarrow P_{Z|X} \longrightarrow S: \dim(S) = \operatorname{rank}(P_{Z|X}) - 1$

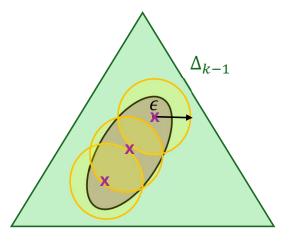
Background: ϵ -net covering are a popular tool in CS

Covering a space of distributions (continued)

Define the ϵ -net covering of $\mathcal{L}(P_{Y|X})$ as N_n (also, let $\epsilon = 1/n$)

 N_n is a set of "covering centers" $\bar{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, ..., \mu_k) \in \Delta_{k-1}$, and not necessarily $\bar{\mu} \in \mathcal{L}(P_{Y|X})$

Idea: use a few vectors to describe a space of vectors



1. Every point π in space $\mathcal{L}(P_{Y|X})$ is ϵ -close to some center $\overline{\mu}$, in terms of KLD

$$\max_{\pi \in \mathcal{L}(P_{Y|X})} \min_{\overline{\mu} \in N_n} D(Q_{Y|\mu} \parallel Q_{Y|\overline{\mu}}) \le \epsilon = \frac{1}{n}$$

Covering a space of distributions (continued)

2. Cardinality of covering has convenient form

$$|N_n| \le C(q, l)(nl)^{l/2}$$
 Theorem 4

- C(q, l) is given in the text, but is independent of n and will be made to vanish
- Reminder: $\epsilon = 1/n$

Why bother with coverings?

 $I(\pi; Y^n) \le \log|N_n| + \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n} \min_{\overline{\mu} \in N_n} D\left(P_{Y^n|\pi} \parallel Q_{Y|\overline{\mu}}^n\right)$ [Yang 1999]

$$\begin{split} I(\pi;Y^n) &\leq \log|N_n| + \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n} \min_{\overline{\mu} \in N_n} D\left(P_{Y^n|\pi} \parallel Q_{Y|\overline{\mu}}^n\right) \qquad [Yang 1999] \\ &\leq \log|N_n| + \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n} \min_{\overline{\mu} \in N_n} nD(P_Y \parallel Q_Y) + f(n) \qquad \text{Assume (for now)} \\ &\leq \log|N_n| + f(n) + \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}_n} \min_{\overline{\mu} \in N_n} nD(P_Y \parallel Q_Y) \\ &\leq \log|N_n| + f(n) + n\frac{1}{n} \qquad \text{By covering} \\ &\leq \log(C(q,l)(nl)^{l/2}) + f(n) + n\frac{1}{n} \qquad \text{By covering} \\ &\leq \log C(q,l) + \frac{l}{2}(\log l + \log n) + f(n)) + n\frac{1}{n} \\ &\leq \frac{l}{2}\log n + c' + f(n) \qquad c' \text{ contains all terms not depending on } n \end{split}$$

Proof of proposition 1

 $\log M \le I(\pi; Y^n) \le \frac{l}{2} \log n + c' + f(n)$

By
$$R = \frac{\log M}{\log}$$
 we have
 $R \le \frac{l}{2} + \frac{c'}{\log n} + \frac{f(n)}{\log n}$
 $\lim_{n \to \infty} R = \frac{l}{2} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{\log n}$

Thus

$$C_{\text{perm}}(P_{Z|X}) \le \frac{\operatorname{rank}(P_{Z|X}) - 1}{2} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{\log n}$$

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 $nD(P_Y \parallel Q_Y) \le D(P_{Y\mid X}^n \circ U \parallel Q_Y^n) \le nD(P_Y \parallel Q_Y) + c$ Final goal

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Proof (1/2):
• with: $(P_{Y|X}^{n} \circ U)(y^{n}) = P[Y^{n} = y^{n} | A = 1];$
• $D(P_{Y|X}^{n} \circ U || Q_{Y}^{n})$

$$= \sum_{y^{n}} P[Y^{n} = y^{n} | A = 1] \cdot \log \frac{P[Y^{n} = y^{n} | A = 1]}{Q_{Y}^{n}(y^{n})} - \dots$$
 KL-Divergence

$$= \sum_{y^{n}} P[Y^{n} = y^{n} | A = 1] \cdot \log \frac{P[A = 1 | Y^{n} = y^{n}]P(Y^{n} = y^{n})}{P(A = 1)Q_{Y}^{n}(y^{n})} - \dots$$
 Baye's Theorem

$$= E\left[\log \frac{P_{Y}^{n}(Y^{n})}{Q_{Y}^{n}(Y^{n})} | A = 1 \right] + E\left[\log \frac{P[\widetilde{A} = 1 | \widetilde{Y}^{n} = Y^{n}]}{P(\widetilde{A} = 1)} | A = 1 \right]$$

• **Proposition 3**: Consider $(X, Y)^n \sim (P \times P_{Y|X})$ in i.i.d, with $A = 1\{X^n \in T_n(P)\}$: $D(P_{Y|X}^{n} \circ U || Q_{Y}^{n}) = nD(P_{Y} || Q_{Y}) + \sum_{y^{n} \in Y^{n}} P[Y^{n} = y^{n} | A = 1] \cdot \log \frac{P[A = 1 | Y^{n} = y^{n}]}{P(A = 1)}$ • Proof (2/2): (2) $E \left| \log \frac{P_Y^n(Y^n)}{Q_-^n(Y^n)} \right| A = 1$ $= \sum_{y^n} P[Y^n = y^n | A = 1] \log \frac{P_Y^n(Y^n)}{O_Y^n(Y^n)}$ Expectation $=\sum_{y^{n}} P[Y^{n} = y^{n} | A = 1] \sum_{a} n \frac{|\{t : y_{t} = a\}|}{n} \log \frac{P_{Y}(a)}{O_{Y}(a)}$ $\log \frac{P_Y^n(Y^n)}{O_Y^n(Y^n)} \stackrel{iid}{=} \sum_{x} |\{t: y_t = a\}| \log \frac{P_Y(a)}{O_Y(a)}|$ $y_1, y_2 \cdots y_n$ $= n \sum_{a} P_{Y}(a) \log \frac{P_{Y}(a)}{Q_{Y}(a)}$ alphabet: $a_1, a_2 \cdots a_k$ $= nD(P_y \parallel Q_y)$

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• What's next?

• Equals to proof:

$$0 \le \sum_{y^n \in Y^n} P\left[Y^n = y^n \mid A = 1\right] \cdot \log \frac{P\left[A = 1 \mid Y^n = y^n\right]}{P(A = 1)} \le c$$
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• Let's **prove** the <u>lower bound</u>:

• We only need to prove the upper bound for remaining part.

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- The lower bound has been proved in previous slides:
- To prove the <u>upper bound</u>:

$$E\left[\log\frac{P\left[\widetilde{A}=1 \mid \widetilde{Y}^{n}=y^{n}\right]}{P(\widetilde{A}=1)} \mid A=1\right] = E\left[\log P\left[\widetilde{A}=1 \mid \widetilde{Y}^{n}=y^{n}\right] \mid \widetilde{A}=1\right] - \log P\left[A=1\right]$$
(1)

• Lemma 2: Let
$$(X,Y)^{n} \sim (P \times P_{Y|X})$$
 in i.i.d, with $A = 1\{X^{n} \in T_{n}(P)\}$, and $P = (p_{1}, \dots p_{q}) \in \mathcal{P}_{n}$:

$$\boxed{\log \frac{1}{P(A=1)} \leq -\frac{1}{2} \log n + \sum_{i:p_{i}>0} \frac{1}{2} \log p_{i}n + \frac{q-1}{2} \log 2\pi + \frac{1}{12n}}$$
• Proof (1/1):
• Stirling approximation: $\sqrt{2n\pi} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^{n} e^{\frac{1}{12n+1}} \leq n! \leq \sqrt{2n\pi} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^{n} e^{\frac{1}{12n}}$;
 $-\log P(A=1)$
 $= -\log \left[\left(\frac{n}{p_{1}n, \dots p_{q}n}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{q} p_{i}^{p_{i}n} \right]$
 $= -\log \left[\left(\frac{n!}{n^{n}}\right) - \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^{q} \frac{(p_{i}n)^{p_{i}n}}{(p_{i}n)!}\right) \right]$
 $\leq n - \frac{1}{2} \log n - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + \sum_{i=1}^{q} (-p_{i}n + \frac{1}{2} \log p_{i}n + \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + \frac{q}{12n})$
Stirling approx.

• Recap equalized **Theorem 2**: When $P_{Y|X}$ is s.p. (stricyly positive), $\exists c = c(P_{Y|X}), \forall P \in \mathcal{P}_n$, with $U \sim T_n(P)$ in uniform, $\forall Q_Y$:

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• From Lemma 2 which we have proved:

$$\log \frac{1}{P(A=1)} \le -\frac{1}{2}\log n + \sum_{i:p_i>0} \frac{1}{2}\log p_i n + \frac{q-1}{2}\log 2\pi + \frac{1}{12n}$$

• We can get:

$$c = E\left[\log \frac{P\left[\widetilde{A} = 1 \mid \widetilde{Y}^{n} = Y^{n}\right]}{P(\widetilde{A} = 1)} \mid A = 1\right]$$

$$\leq \frac{q-1}{2}\log n + c' + E\left[\log P\left[\widetilde{A} = 1 \mid \widetilde{Y}^{n} = Y^{n}\right] \mid A = 1\right]$$

$$\leq \frac{q-1}{2}\log n + c'$$

$$(2)$$

• Theorem 5 (Petrov 2012): When $P(W_i - a_i \le -\lambda_i/2) \ge b_i$, $P(W_i - a_i \ge \lambda_i/2) \ge b_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n, \exists \alpha$:

$$Q(S_n;\lambda) = \sup_{z} P[z \le S_n \le z + \lambda] \le \alpha \lambda \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 b_i\right)^{-1}$$

• This provides us a conclusion: Let $W_i \sim Bernoulli(p_i)$, $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i$,

$$P[S_n = z] \le Q(S_n; 1/2) \le \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \min\{p_i, 1-p_i\}}} \qquad n = 5 \text{ balls}$$

• Lemma 3: Independently throw *n* balls into one of *q* bins, we get:

$$P[N_1 = n\pi_1, \cdots, N_q = n\pi_q] \le \frac{\alpha^{q-1}}{n^{(q-1)/2}\sqrt{B}}$$

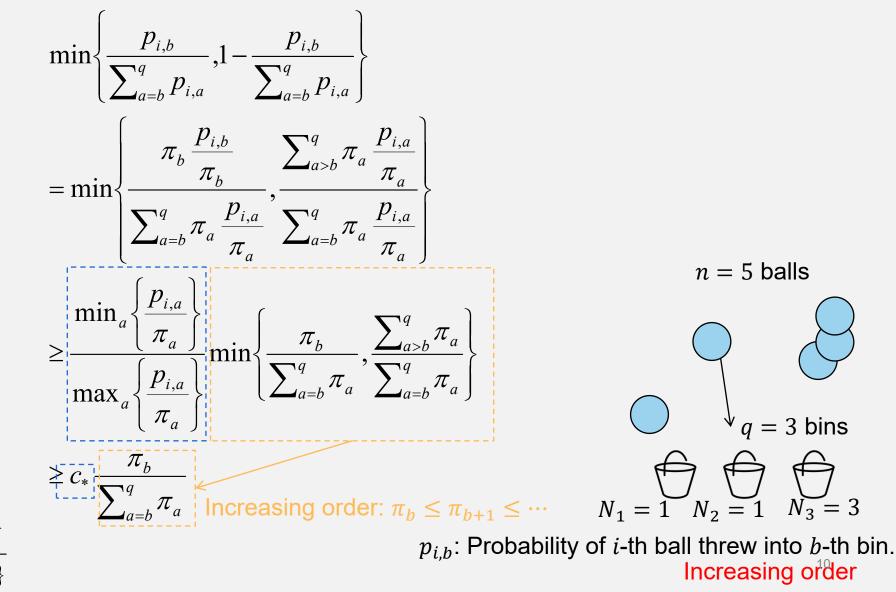
$$= c_*^{q-1} \frac{\prod_b \pi_b}{\pi_{\max}} \ c_* = \min_i \frac{c_-(i)}{c_+(i)} = \min_i \frac{\min_b \{p_{i,b} / \pi_b\}}{\max_b \{p_{i,b} / \pi_b\}}$$

 $p_{i,b}$: Probability of *i*-th ball threw into *b*-th bin. Increasing order

 $N_1 = 1$ $N_2 = 1$ $N_3 = 3$

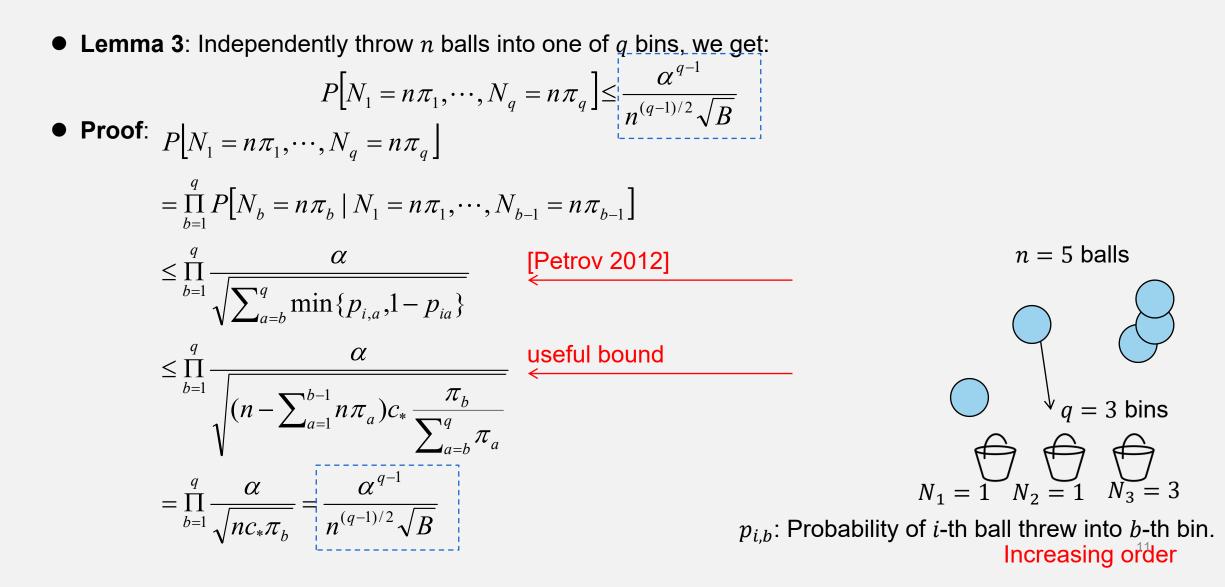
3 bins

- 3. Divergence under Fixed Types
 - A useful bound:

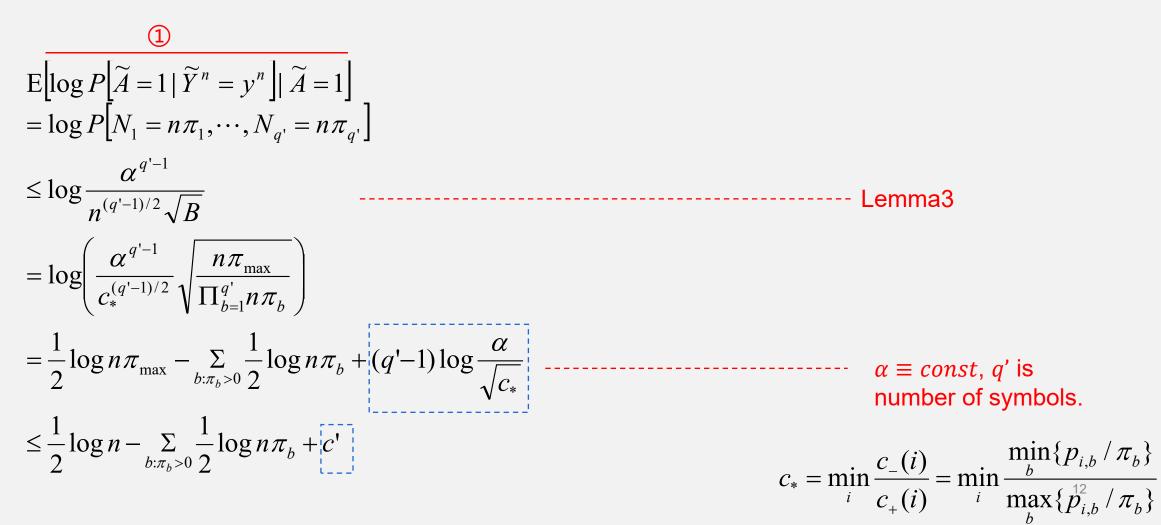


 $c_* = \min_{i} \frac{c_{-}(i)}{c_{+}(i)} = \min_{i} \frac{\min_{b} \{p_{i,b} / \pi_b\}}{\max_{b} \{p_{i,b} / \pi_b\}}$

$$B = c_*^{q-1} \frac{\prod_b \pi_b}{\pi_{\max}} \quad c_* = \min_i \frac{c_-(i)}{c_+(i)} = \min_i \frac{\min_b \{p_{i,b} / \pi_b\}}{\max_b \{p_{i,b} / \pi_b\}}$$



• To prove the <u>upper bound</u>:



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$$C_{perm}(P_{Y|X}) \leq \frac{rank(P_{Y|X}) - 1}{2} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{\log n}$$

• Recap [Makur 2020], that:

$$C_{perm}(P_{Y|X}) \ge \frac{rank(P_{Y|X}) - 1}{2}$$

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• Combine them, we get the main result Theorem 1:

$$C_{perm}\left(P_{Y|X}\right) = \frac{rank(P_{Y|X}) - 1}{2}$$

Thank you for your attention!