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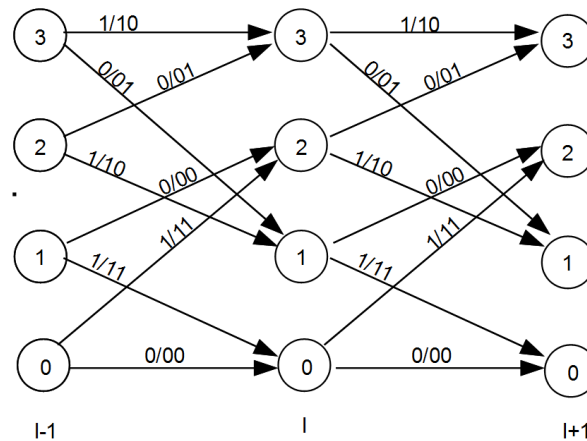
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### Assignment-4

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed. **Due on 2016-04-12, 23:55 IST.**

#### Submitted assignment

1) Given below is a trellis diagram of (2,1,2) convolutional encoder. What is the correct expression for forward recursion, alpha calculation? **1 point**  
All the notations are same as used in the lectures.



- $\alpha_l(0) = \gamma_{l-1}(0, 0) * \alpha_{l-1}(0) + \gamma_{l-1}(1, 0) * \alpha_{l-1}(1)$
- $\alpha_l(0) = \gamma_{l-1}(0, 2) * \alpha_{l-1}(2) + \gamma_{l-1}(0, 0) * \alpha_{l-1}(0)$
- $\alpha_l(0) = \max^*(\gamma_{l-1}(0, 2) * \alpha_{l-1}(2), \gamma_{l-1}(0, 0) * \alpha_{l-1}(0))$
- None of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$\alpha_l(0) = \gamma_{l-1}(0, 0) * \alpha_{l-1}(0) + \gamma_{l-1}(1, 0) * \alpha_{l-1}(1)$$

2) For the same encoder given in previous question, what is the correct expression for beta calculation? **1 point**  
All the notations are same as used in the lectures.

- $\beta_l(0) = \gamma_l(0, 1) * \beta_{l+1}(1) + \gamma_l(0, 0) * \beta_{l+1}(0)$
- $\beta_l(0) = \gamma_l(0, 2) * \beta_{l+1}(2) + \gamma_l(0, 0) * \beta_{l+1}(0)$
- $\beta_l(0) = \max^*(\gamma_l(0, 1) * \beta_{l+1}(1), \gamma_l(0, 0) * \beta_{l+1}(0))$

None of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$\beta_l(0) = \gamma_l(0, 2) * \beta_{l+1}(2) + \gamma_l(0, 0) * \beta_{l+1}(0)$$

3) What is the value of  $\max^*(0.3, 0.5, 0.6)$ ? All the notations are same as used in the lectures. **1 point**

- 0.6  
 1.1  
 1.4  
 1.6

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

1.6

4) A tail-biting convolutional encoder has the same initial state as the final state. For a tail biting **1 point**  $(n, 1, m)$  convolutional encoder, what are the correct initial values for forward recursion? All the notations are same as used in the lectures.

- $\alpha_0(s) = \frac{1}{2^m}$  for all states  
  
 $\alpha_0(s) = \frac{1}{m}$  for all states  
  
 $\alpha_0(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 None of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$\alpha_0(s) = \frac{1}{2^m} \text{ for all states}$$

5) For a tail-biting  $(n, 1, m)$  convolutional encoder of length  $N$ , what are the initial values for backward recursion? All the notations are same as used in the lectures. **1 point**

- $\beta_N(s) = \frac{1}{2^m}$  for all states  
  
 $\beta_N(s) = \frac{1}{m}$  for all states  
  
 $\beta_N(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 None of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$\beta_N(s) = \frac{1}{2^m} \text{ for all states}$$

6) For a rate  $R = \frac{1}{3}$  turbo code, what is the correct expression for computation of extrinsic information at the output of decoder 1? All the notations are same as used in the lectures. **1 point**

- $L^{(1)}(u_l)$   
  
 $L^1(u_l) - L_c r_l^{(0)}$

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- $$L^{(1)}(u_l) - L_c r_l^{(0)} - L_c r_l^{(1)}$$
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- $$L^{(1)}(u_l) - L_c r_l^{(0)} - L_a^{(1)}(u_l)$$

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$L^{(1)}(u_l) - L_c r_l^{(0)} - L_a^{(1)}(u_l)$$

7) Which of the following statements is incorrect about measures of convergence for turbo codes? **1 point**

- tenBrink's EXIT chart is based on mutual information.
- Measure of convergence accurately predicts the performance of small to moderate block length turbo codes in the waterfall region.
- Divsalar's density evolution method is based on tracking the actual density of extrinsic and a-priori information.
- Convergence threshold of rate  $R=1/2$  turbo codes is more than 0 dB (Shannon capacity limit).

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*Measure of convergence accurately predicts the performance of small to moderate block length turbo codes in the waterfall region.*

8) For a (2,1,3) convolutional encoder, which of the following is feasible value for  $d_{free}$ ? **1 point**

- $\infty$
- 8
- 7
- 6

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

6

9) Which of the following statement is incorrect? **1 point**

- GSM standard uses convolutional code for error control coding.
- Convolutional coding is mandatory for WiMAX standard.
- Galileo deep space mission to Jupiter used convolutional coding and BCJR decoding.
- Trellis coded modulation that combines coding with modulation found its application in analog telephone modems.

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*Galileo deep space mission to Jupiter used convolutional coding and BCJR decoding.*

10) For reliable communication in presence of Gaussian noise, what is the minimum signal to noise ratio  $E_b/N_0$  required if we are using a rate  $R = 4/5$  code? **1 point**

- 2.35 dB
- 1.0368 dB
- $\infty$
- 0 dB

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

1.0368 dB

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