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A SYNCHRONIZATION FOR COMPOSED CHANNELS  
BY MEANS OF A RANDOM CODING

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to prove that the total ergodicity of channels, required in the earlier papers [2], [3], [4], yielding a solution of the synchronization problem (cf. [5]), is not necessary to obtain a solution of this problem. In this paper a solution of the problem for a class of composed (i.e. nonergodic) channels is given.

We have chosen to follow the terminology and notation employed in [5]; it is assumed that the reader is familiar with [5].

Throughout the paper we shall assume that the alphabets  $A, B, C$  are a finite non-empty abstract sets.

Two memoryless channels (cf. Sec. 6 of [5])  $v^1, v^2$  are said to be different ( $v^1 \neq v^2$ ) if there is  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $E \in \mathfrak{B}$  such that  $v^1(E | \alpha) \neq v^2(E | \alpha)$ .

By saying "composed channel  $v$ " we shall understand the following two elements:

(I) A set of positive numbers  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m\}$ , where  $m \in I^+, m > 1$ , and

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i = 1.$$

(II) A set of mutually different memoryless channels  $\{v^1, v^2, \dots, v^m\}$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad v(E | \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i v^i(E | \alpha) \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, E \in \mathfrak{B}.$$

It is easy to see that both memoryless and composed channels are stationary, i.e. satisfy the condition

$$(1.3) \quad v(T^j E | T^j \alpha) = v(E | \alpha) \quad \text{for every } j \in I, E \in \mathfrak{B}, \alpha \in \mathfrak{A},$$

and satisfy also the zero-past-history condition

$$(1.4) \quad v(\{\mathfrak{b} : (\mathfrak{b})_i^j = \mathfrak{b}\} | \alpha^1) = v(\{\mathfrak{b} : (\mathfrak{b})_i^j = \mathfrak{b}\} | \alpha^2),$$

for every  $n \in I^+$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in B^n$ , and  $\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2 \in \mathfrak{A}$ , if the equality  $(\mathbf{a}^1)_i^j = (\mathbf{a}^2)_i^j$  holds.

The source  $\mu$  is said to be  $n$ -ergodic for  $n \in I^+$ , if the measure  $\mu$  is ergodic in the usual sense with respect to the transformation  $T^n$ , i.e. if the following two conditions are satisfied:

$$(I) \mu(T^n E) = \mu(E) \text{ for every } E \in \mathcal{C}.$$

$$(II) \text{ If } E \in \mathcal{C}, T^n E = E, \mu(E) > 0, \text{ then } \mu(E) = 1.$$

Instead of “1-ergodic” we shall say simply “ergodic”.

For every memoryless or composed channel  $\nu$ , for every  $n \in I^+$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \in A^n$ , and  $\mathbf{b} \in B^n$  we define a number  $\nu_n(\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{a})$  by

$$(1.5) \quad \nu_n(\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{a}) = \nu(\{\mathbf{b} : (\mathbf{b})_1^n = \mathbf{b} \} | \mathbf{a}), \quad \text{where } \mathbf{a} \in \mathfrak{A}, (\mathbf{a})_1^n = \mathbf{a} \text{ (cf. (1.4)).}$$

For every ergodic source  $\mu$  and  $n \in I^+$  we define

$$(1.6) \quad \mu_n(\mathbf{c}) = \mu(\{\mathbf{c} : (\mathbf{c})_1^n = \mathbf{c}\}) \text{ for every } \mathbf{c} \in C^n.$$

It was verified earlier (cf. Conclusion of [3]) that memoryless channels are  $n$ -ergodic for all  $n \in I^+$ , i.e. that for every probability measure  $\vartheta$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , for every memoryless channel  $\nu$ , and  $n \in I^+$ , the probability measure  $\omega$  defined on  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  by

$$(1.7) \quad \omega(E) = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} \nu(\{\mathbf{b} : (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \in E\} | \mathbf{a}) d\vartheta(\mathbf{a}), \quad E \in \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B},$$

is ergodic with respect to the transformation  $T^n$  of the space  $\mathfrak{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$  into itself. (Cf. (2.3) of [5]).

If  $\nu$  is a memoryless channel, then we define the capacity  $\mathbf{C}^*(\nu)$  by

$$\mathbf{C}^*(\nu) = \sup \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in A \\ \mathbf{b} \in B}} \log \frac{\nu_1(\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{a})}{p(\mathbf{a}) q(\mathbf{b})} \quad (\text{cf. (1.5)}),$$

where the supremum is taken over the set of all probability measures  $p$  on the finite space  $A$ , and where

$$q(\cdot) = \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in A} \nu_1(\cdot | \mathbf{a}) p(\mathbf{a})$$

is a probability measure on  $B$ .

It follows from [1] that a capacity of the composed channel  $\nu$  can be defined in several different ways. We define the capacity  $\mathbf{C}(\nu)$  as the supremum of entropy rates of all ergodic sources  $\mu$  such that, for every  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists  $n \in I^+$  and  $(n, n)$ -encoder  $\varphi$  such that

$$(1.8) \quad e(\varphi, \mu, \nu) < \lambda \quad (\text{cf. (4.7) of [5]}).$$

Up to the end of the paper the following convention is used: If  $n, p \in I^+$  and  $\varphi$  is an  $(n, p)$ -encoder, then  $\varphi$  is said to be a random  $(n, p)$ -encoder or  $(n, p)$ -encoder according as  $\mathcal{Y}_* \neq \{\emptyset, Y\}$  or  $\mathcal{Y} = \{\emptyset, Y\}$  (cf. [5]). The intuitive motivation of this terminology is obvious.

**Remark.** It is easily verified that the value of  $\mathbf{C}(v)$ , for any composed channel  $v$ , does not depend on whether “ $(n, n)$ -encoder” or “random  $(n, n)$ -encoder” in its definition is used.

In the literature a source  $\mu$  satisfying the condition (1.8) for every  $\lambda > 0$  is usually called transmissible over the channel  $v$ . It can be shown by a simple reasoning that, for every composed channel  $v$ , the set of all transmissible (over  $v$ ) sources is non-empty. Hence, the definition of  $\mathbf{C}(v)$  above has always a logical meaning.

**Lemma.** *If  $v$  is a composed channel with positive capacity  $\mathbf{C}(v)$ , then for every  $a \in A$  there are  $a_i \in A, b_i \in B$  such that*

$$(1.9) \quad v_1^i(b_i | a_i) \neq v_1^i(b_i | a) \quad \text{for every } i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (\text{cf. (1.2)}).$$

**Proof.** By Sec. 8 of [3], by Theorem 4 of [6], and by Theorem 2 of [1], the inequality  $\mathbf{C}(v) \leq \mathbf{C}^*(v^i)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and for every composed channel  $v$ , can be proved. Therefore the assumption  $\mathbf{C}(v) > 0$  implies that

$$(1.10) \quad \mathbf{C}^*(v^i) > 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

In view of Lemma in [4] and (1.10), it follows that there are  $a_i \in A, b_i \in B$  such that

$$v_1^i(b_i | a_i) > v_1^i(b_i | a) \quad \text{for every } i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

which completes the proof.

## 2. EXISTENCE OF SYNCHRONIZING RANDOM ENCODERS

**Theorem 1.** *If  $v$  is a composed channel with positive capacity  $\mathbf{C}(v)$  and  $\mu$  is an ergodic source with positive entropy rate, then for every  $n, p \in I^+$  and for every  $(n, p)$ -encoder  $\varphi$ , there is a random  $(n, p + 1)$ -encoder  $\Phi$  synchronizing with respect to  $\mu$  and  $v$  and such that*

$$(2.1) \quad e(\Phi, \mu, v) \leq e(\varphi, \mu, v) + \lambda(n, \mu),$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(n, \mu) = 0.$$

If  $\mu$  is moreover an independent source, then

$$(2.3) \quad \lambda(n, \mu) < \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n.$$

Remark. If  $E(n, \mu)$  is a minimum  $n$ -dimensional positive set relative to  $\mu$  (cf. Lemma 2, [3]) and if we put  $Y = \{1, 2, \dots, m + 1\}$  then, for an appropriate choice of a probability measure  $\eta$  on  $\mathscr{A}_*$ , we shall prove that the random  $(n, p + 1)$ -encoder  $\Phi$  defined by

$$(2.4) \quad \Phi(\mathbf{c}, y) = (a, \varphi(\mathbf{c})) \in A^{p+1} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{c} \in C^n - E(n, \mu), \quad y \in Y,$$

$$(2.5) \quad \Phi(\mathbf{c}, y) = (a, a_y, a_y, \dots, a_y) \in A^{p+1} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{c} \in E(n, \mu), \quad y = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where  $a_y$  for  $y = 1, 2, \dots, m$  is defined in Lemma,

$$(2.6) \quad \Phi(\mathbf{c}, m + 1) = (a, a, \dots, a) \in A^{p+1} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{c} \in E(n, \mu),$$

is synchronizing with respect to  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  and satisfies (2.1), (2.2), (2.3).

Proof. Let  $\Phi$  be defined as in Remark, let  $\eta$  be an arbitrary probability measure on  $Y$ , and let

$$(2.7) \quad \vartheta = (\mu \otimes \tilde{\eta}) \Phi^{-1}$$

be a probability measure on  $\mathscr{A}$ , defined by (2.4) and (2.6) of [5] for  $\eta$  and  $\Phi$  given above. By Lemma 2 of [2], there is  $s \in I^+$ , probability measures  $\mu^j$  on  $\mathscr{C}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  and positive numbers  $\alpha_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , such that

$$\vartheta = \sum_{j=1}^s \alpha_j \vartheta^j \quad \text{for } \vartheta^j = (\mu^j \otimes \tilde{\eta}) \Phi^{-1},$$

where  $\mu^j$  are  $n$ -ergodic and  $\vartheta^j$  are  $(p + 1)$ -ergodic measures (cf. (4.11) in [5]). If we define

$$(2.9) \quad \gamma(E) = \int_{\mathscr{A}} \nu(E | \mathbf{a}) d\vartheta(\mathbf{a}) \quad \text{for } \vartheta \text{ defined in (2.8)}, \quad E \in \mathscr{B},$$

$$(2.10) \quad \gamma^{ij}(E) = \int_{\mathscr{A}} \nu^i(E | \mathbf{a}) d\vartheta^j(\mathbf{a}) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, s, \quad E \in \mathscr{B},$$

then it is easy to see that  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma^{ij}$  are probability measures on  $\mathscr{B}$  and, moreover, that

$$(2.11) \quad \gamma T^k = \sum_{i,j} \beta_{i,j} \gamma^{ij} T^k \quad \text{for every } k = 0, 1, \dots, p \quad \text{(cf. (1.2))},$$

where  $\gamma^{ij} T^k$  are for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, p$ ,  $(p + 1)$ -ergodic measures (cf. Sec. 8 of [3]).

Define on  $\mathscr{B}$  a set of  $\mathscr{B}$ -measurable functions

$$f_r(\mathbf{b}) = \chi_{E_r}(\mathbf{b}); \quad E_r = \{\mathbf{b} : (\mathbf{b})_1 = b_r\}; \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where  $\chi$  is a characteristic function and  $b_r$  are defined in Lemma. It is easily verified that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{ij}^{rk} &= \int_{\mathfrak{B}} f_r d\gamma^{ij} T^k(\mathbf{b}) = \int_Y \int_{\mathfrak{C}} v_1^i(b_r | (\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{c}, y))_k) d\mu^j(\mathbf{c}) d\eta(y) = \\ &= \sum_{y \in Y} \int_{\mathfrak{C}} v_1^i(b_r | (\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{c}, y))_k) \eta(y) d\mu^j(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in C^n} v_1^i(b_r | (\Phi(\mathbf{c}, y))_k) \eta(y) \mu_n^j(\mathbf{c}) = \\ &= \sum_{C^n - E(n, \mu)} v_1^i(b_r | (\Phi(\mathbf{c}, \cdot))_k) \mu_n^j(\mathbf{c}) + \\ &\quad + \mu_n^j(E(n, \mu)) [v_1^i(b_r | a) + \sum_{y=1}^m \eta(y) (v_1^i(b_r | a_y) - v_1^i(b_r | a))], \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality holds for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Using (2.4) and (2.5) we obtain that  $\alpha_{ij}^{r0} = v_1^i(b_r | a)$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ; hence we may write  $\alpha_i^r$  instead of  $\alpha_{ij}^{r0}$ . Let us denote for  $i, l = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ;  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,

$$\beta_{ij}^{kl} = \frac{1}{\mu_n^j(E(n, \mu))} [\alpha_i^l - \sum_{C^n - E(n, \mu)} v_1^i(b_i | (\Phi(\mathbf{c}, \cdot))_k) \mu_n^j(\mathbf{c})] - \gamma_1^i(b_i | a)$$

( $\mu_n^j(E(n, \mu)) > 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). If there are  $i, j, k, l$  such that  $\beta_{ij}^{kl} \neq 0$ , then define a number  $\delta$  by the condition:

$$0 < \delta < \min_{i,j,k,l} |\beta_{ij}^{kl} \neq 0|$$

If  $\beta_{ij}^{kl} = 0$  for all  $i, j, k, l$ , then put  $\delta = 1$ . In view of (1.10), there exist numbers  $\eta(y)$ ,  $y = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \eta(y) < \frac{1}{m} \\ 0 < \left| \sum_{y=1}^m \eta(y) (v_1^i(b_i | a_y) - v_1^i(b_i | a)) \right| < \delta, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

and, consequently, such that

$$\eta(m+1) = 1 - \sum_{y=1}^m \eta(y) > 0.$$

If the distribution  $\eta$  on  $Y$  satisfies this conditions it is easily verified that

$$(2.12) \quad \alpha_{ij}^{ik} \neq \alpha_i^l \quad \text{for all } i, l = 1, \dots, m; \quad k = 1, \dots, p; \quad j = 1, \dots, s.$$

We shall prove that the random encoder  $\Phi$  is synchronizing with respect to  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  provided that (2.12) holds. Define  $E_{ij}^{rk}, E_i^r \in \mathfrak{B}$  by

$$E_{ij}^{rk} = \left\{ \mathbf{b} : \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{q=0}^{N-1} f_r(T^{(j+1)q} \mathbf{b}) = \alpha_{ij}^{rk} \right\},$$

for every  $i, j, k, r$  under consideration,

$$E_i^r = \left\{ \mathfrak{b} : \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{q=0}^{N-1} f_r(T^{(p+1)q} \mathfrak{b}) = \alpha_i^r \right\}, \quad i, r = 1, \dots, m,$$

and put

$$E = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \bigcap_{r=1}^m E_i^r.$$

In view of Theorem 1 of [5], to prove that  $\Phi$  is synchronizing with respect to  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , it suffices to prove that

$$(2.13) \quad \gamma(E) = 1,$$

$$(2.14) \quad \gamma(T^k E) = 0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, p \quad (\text{cf. (2.7), (2.9)})$$

or, in view of (2.11) that

$$\gamma(E) = 1,$$

$$\gamma^{ij}(T^k E) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, m; \quad j = 1, \dots, s; \quad k = 1, \dots, p.$$

By the definition of  $E_{i,r}^{ij}$ ,  $E_i^r$  and by the ergodicity of the measures  $\gamma^{ij} T^k$  proved above, we can write

$$\gamma^{ij}(E_i^r) = 1,$$

$$\gamma^{ij}(T^k E_{i,r}^{rk}) = 1 \quad \text{for all } r = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and, consequently,  $\gamma(E) = 1$  as well as

$$\gamma^{ij}(T^k \bigcap_{r=1}^m E_{i,r}^{rk}) = 1$$

for all  $i, j, k$  under consideration. To finish the proof it suffices to show that

$$E \cap \left( \bigcap_{r=1}^m E_{i,r}^{rk} \right) = \emptyset$$

for all  $i, j, k$  under consideration. To prove the latter equality one can use (2.12) to obtain

$$E_l^l \cap E_{i,j}^{ik} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } l = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

or, consequently,

$$\bigcup_{l=1}^m E_l^l \cap E_{i,j}^{ik} = \emptyset \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, m; \quad j = 1, \dots, s; \quad k = 1, \dots, p$$

and then to use the following relations:

$$E \subset \bigcup_{l=1}^m E_l^l, \quad \bigcap_{r=1}^m E_{i,r}^{rk} \subset E_{i,j}^{ik}$$

that evidently holds for all  $i, j, k$  under consideration.

Next we prove that (2.1) holds for  $\lambda(n, \mu) = \mu_n(E(n, \mu))$ . Let  $\psi$  be an arbitrary  $(p, n)$ -decoder (i.e. according to [5], let a measure space  $(Z, \mathcal{Z}, \zeta)$  and a transformation  $\psi(\mathbf{b}, z)$  of  $B^p \otimes Z$  into  $C^n$  be given). Define a  $(p + 1, n)$ -decoder  $\Psi$  by

$$(2.14) \quad \Psi(\mathbf{b}, z) = \psi(\mathbf{b}_2^{p+1}, z) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{b} \in B^{p+1}, \quad z \in Z.$$

In view of the definition of  $e(\Phi, \mu, \nu)$  in [5] and in view of (1.4), it follows that

$$(2.15) \quad e(\Phi, \mu, \nu) \leq \sum_{C^n} G(\mathbf{c}) \mu_n(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{C^n - E(n, \mu)} G(\mathbf{c}) \mu_n(\mathbf{c}) + \sum_{E(n, \mu)} G(\mathbf{c}) \mu_n(\mathbf{c}),$$

where

$$G(\mathbf{c}) = 1 - \int_Z \int_Y \nu_{p+1}(\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{c}, z) | \Phi(\mathbf{c}, y)) d\eta(y) d\zeta(z)$$

(cf. (2.9), (2.10), (2.11), (4.7) in [5]). Since by (2.4), for every  $\mathbf{c} \in C^n - E(n, \mu)$ ,  $\Phi(\mathbf{c}, y) = (a, \varphi(\mathbf{c}))$  for every  $y \in Y$ , we obtain using (2.14) that  $G(\mathbf{c}) = G_\psi(\mathbf{c})$  for all  $\mathbf{c} \in C^n - E(n, \mu)$ , where

$$G_\psi(\mathbf{c}) = 1 - \int_Z \int_Y \nu_p(\psi^{-1}(\mathbf{c}, z) | \varphi(\mathbf{c}, y)) d\eta(y) d\zeta(z)$$

Hence, by an evident inequality  $0 \leq G(\mathbf{c}) \leq 1$  and by (2.15), we can write

$$(2.16) \quad e(\Phi, \mu, \nu) \leq \sum_{C^n - E(n, \mu)} G_\psi(\mathbf{c}) \mu_n(\mathbf{c}) + \mu_n(E(n, \mu))$$

for every  $(p, n)$ -decoder  $\psi$ . By the definition of  $e(\varphi, \mu, \nu)$ , for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $(p, n)$ -decoder  $\psi$  such that

$$\sum_{C^n} G_\psi(\mathbf{c}) \mu_n(\mathbf{c}) \leq e(\varphi, \mu, \nu) + \varepsilon$$

and hence, such that

$$\sum_{C^n - E(n, \mu)} G_\psi(\mathbf{c}) \mu_n(\mathbf{c}) \leq e(\varphi, \mu, \nu) + \varepsilon.$$

Because of that  $\varepsilon$  may be arbitrary and in view of (2.16), it follows the desired result (2.1).

The statements (2.2) and (2.3) were proved in Lemma 2 of [3].

### 3. CAPACITY OF UNSYNCHRONIZED COMPOSED CHANNEL

Denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the class of all ergodic sources  $\mu$  for which, for every  $\lambda > 0$ , there is a random  $(n, n)$ -encoder  $\varphi$ , synchronizing with respect to  $\mu$  and to a composed channel  $\nu$ , such that  $e(\varphi, \mu, \nu) < \lambda$ . If  $\mathcal{M} = \emptyset$ , then we define the capacity  $C^\circ(\nu)$  of the unsynchronized channel  $\nu$  equal to zero and, if  $\mathcal{M} \neq \emptyset$ , then we define

$$C^\circ(\nu) = \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}} H(\mu)$$



where  $H(\mu)$  is entropy rate of the source  $\mu$ . The following inequality follows immediately from the definition:

$$(3.1) \quad C^\circ(v) \leq C(v)$$

The aim of this section is to prove that

$$(3.2) \quad C^\circ(v) = C(v)$$

holds, for every composed channel  $v$ .

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\mu$  is an ergodic source with positive entropy rate  $H(\mu)$  and if  $v$  is a composed channel with  $H(\mu) < C(v)$ , then for every  $\lambda > 0$  there is a positive integer  $n_0$  such that, for every  $n > n_0$ , there exists a random  $(n, n)$ -encoder  $\Phi$  synchronizing with respect to  $\mu$  and  $v$  and such that  $e(\Phi, \mu, v) < \lambda$ .*

*Proof.* In view of Theorems 3.2 and 3.4 of [7] and according to the McMillan's asymptotic equipartition property, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an integer  $n_1 = n_1(\varepsilon) \in I^+$  such that, for every  $n > n_1$ , there are subsets  $L_n \subset C^n$ ,  $S_{n-1} \subset A^{n-1}$ , such that  $\mu_n(L_n) > 1 - \varepsilon$ ,  $v_{n-1}(B_i | a^i) > 1 - \varepsilon$ ,  $a^i \in S_{n-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , for at least one disjoint decomposition

$$B^{n-1} = \bigcup_{i=1}^r B_i,$$

where  $r = \text{card}(S_{n-1}) > \text{card}(L_n)$ ,  $\text{card}$  denotes the cardinal number.

Let  $\lambda > 0$  be an arbitrary fixed number. If we denote by  $n_2 = n_2(\lambda)$  the least element of  $I^+$  such that, for every  $n > n_2$ , the inequality  $\lambda(n, \mu) < \lambda$  holds (cf. Theorem 1), and if we put  $n_0 = \max\{n_1(\lambda/4), n_2(\lambda/2)\}$ , then it is obvious that for every  $n > n_0$  there exists an  $(n, n - 1)$ -encoder  $\varphi$  such that  $e(\varphi, \mu, v) < \lambda/2$ . To prove Theorem 2 it remains to apply Theorem 1.

**Corollary.** For every composed channel the equality (3.2) holds.

*Proof.* If  $C(v) = 0$ , then (3.2) follows immediately from (3.1). If  $C(v) > 0$ , then it is sufficient to use Theorem 2 together with the well-known fact that for every non-negative number  $\alpha$  there is an ergodic source  $\mu$  with the entropy rate  $H(\mu) = \alpha$ .

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## Souhrn

### SYNCHRONIZACE SLOŽENÝCH KANÁLŮ POMOCÍ NÁHODNÉHO KÓDOVÁNÍ

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Složený sdělovací kanál je definován jako konečný soubor diskrétních stacionárních kanálů bez paměti s zadanými pravděpodobnostmi připojení jednotlivých kanálů na zdroj informace [1]. V práci se studují možnosti sdělování informace složeným kanálem pomocí blokových kódů za předpokladu, že výstup kanálu je synchronizován se vstupem a posteriori na základě přijaté zprávy. V práci je ukázána univerzální metoda, umožňující libovolný blokový  $(n, p)$ -kód, tj. libovolné zobrazení úseků délky  $n$  zprávy ze stacionárního ergodického zdroje v úseky délky  $p$  vstupní zprávy kanálu modifikovat v synchronizační náhodný  $(n, p + 1)$ -kód tj. v náhodné zobrazení úseků délky  $n$  původní zprávy v úseky délky  $p + 1$  vstupní zprávy kanálu, které umožňuje dostatečně dlouhou přijatou zprávu rozdělit v bloky délky  $p + 1$ , které by „časově“ odpovídaly vstupním blokům s libovolně malou pravděpodobností chyby. Nepatrné zvýšení pravděpodobnosti nesprávného dekódování uvažovaných úseků délky  $n$  původní zprávy přitom konverguje k nule, jestliže  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Na základě této metody se v práci dále dokazuje, že supremum rychlostí entropie všech ergodických zdrojů, které jsou přenesitelné složeným kanálem s libovolně malou pravděpodobností chyby pomocí blokových (náhodných i deterministických)  $(n, n)$ -kódů se rovná supremu rychlostí entropie všech ergodických zdrojů, které jsou ve stejném smyslu přenesitelné pomocí synchronizačních blokových  $(n, n)$ -kódů. Kapacita složeného kanálu se tedy zachová, jestliže výstup kanálu není a priori synchronizován se vstupem. Jestliže uvážíme, že složený kanál není ergodický, pak z tohoto výsledku plyne, že ergodicita kanálů, předpokládaná ve všech dřívějších pracích zabývajících se otázkami synchronizace, není nutnou podmínkou pro existenci synchronizačních kódů ani pro zachování kapacity.

## Резюме

### СИНХРОНИЗАЦИЯ СОСТАВНЫХ КАНАЛОВ СВЯЗИ ПРИ ПОМОЩИ СЛУЧАЙНОГО КОДИРОВАНИЯ

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Составный канал связи задается конечным набором дискретных каналов без памяти и набором соответствующих вероятностей включения каналов в систему передачи сообщений [1]. В работе изучаются возможности передачи сообщений по составным каналам при помощи блочных кодов в случае, когда на выходе канала неизвестен момент начала передачи, т.е. когда вход и выход синхронизируются апостериори на основе принятого сообщения. Предлагается универсальный метод, позволяющий любой блочный  $(n, p)$ -код, т.е. любое отображение блоков длины  $n$  сообщения из стационарного и эргодического источника в блоки длины  $p$  входного сообщения канала трансформировать в случайный синхронизирующий  $(n, p + 1)$ -код, т.е. в случайное отображение соответствующих блоков длины  $n$  в блоки длины  $p + 1$ , которое позволяет достаточно длинную выходную последовательность разбить на блоки длины  $p + 1$ , которые „временно“ соответствуют входным блокам с произвольно малой вероятностью ошибки. Некоторое увеличение вероятности ошибочного декодирования соответствующих блоков длины  $n$  при этом стремится к нулю, если  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . С помощью этого метода в статье доказывается, что пропускная способность составного канала сохраняется, если выход канала не является априори синхронизированным с входом.

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