
Information Theory

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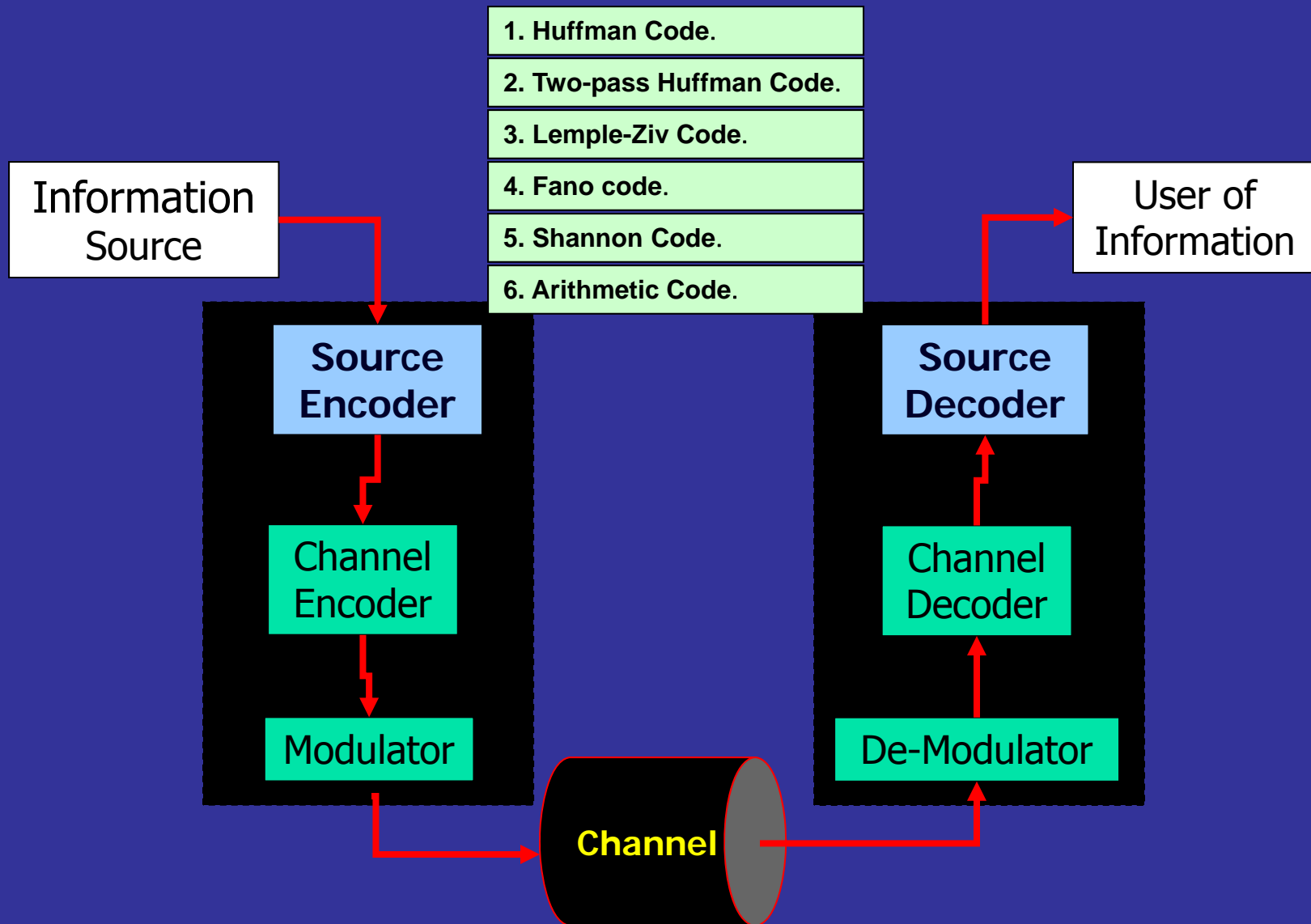
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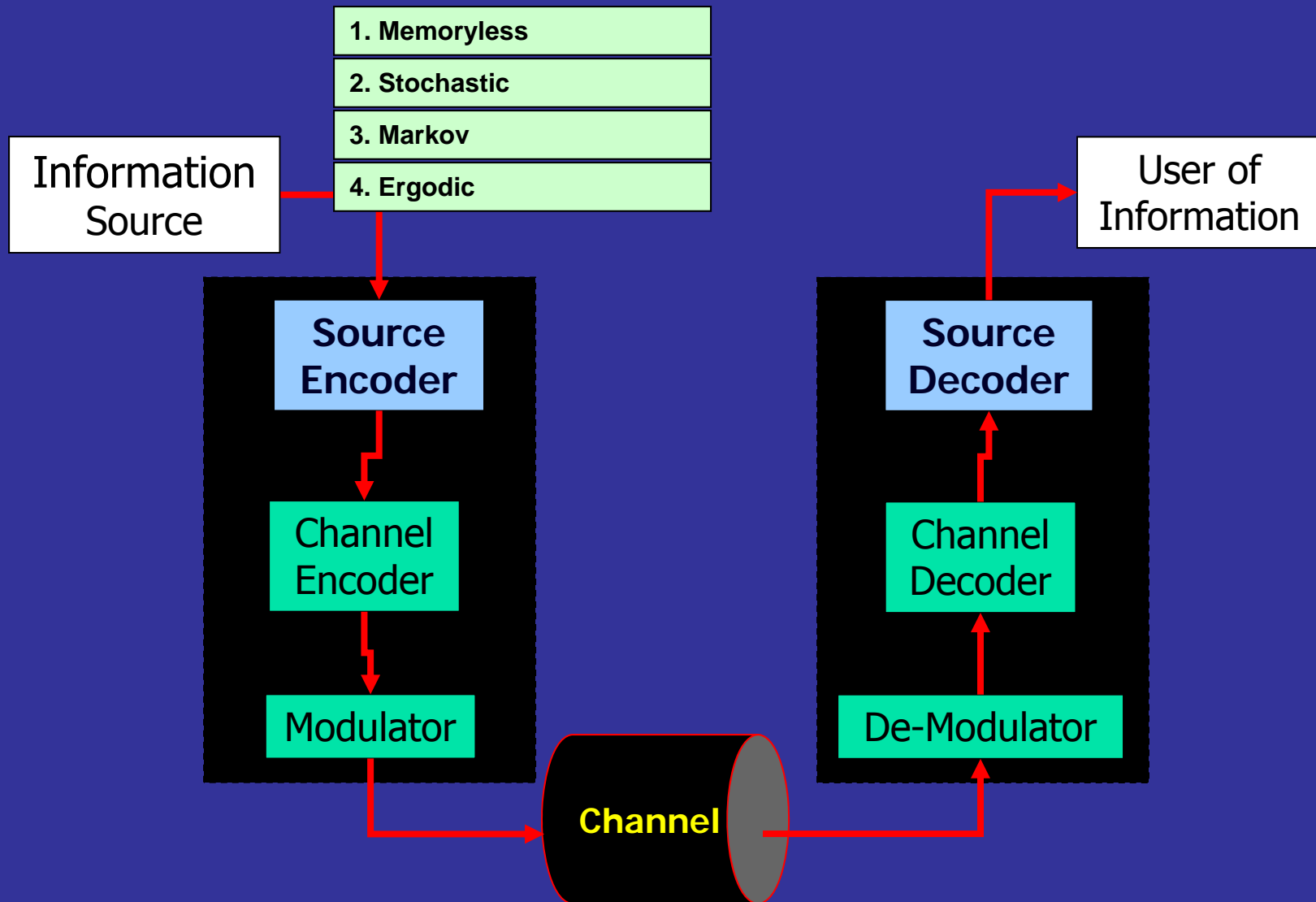
Today's Topics

- **Channel Coding/Decoding**
- **Hamming Method:**
 - **Hamming Distance**
 - **Hamming Weight**
- **Hamming (4, 7)**

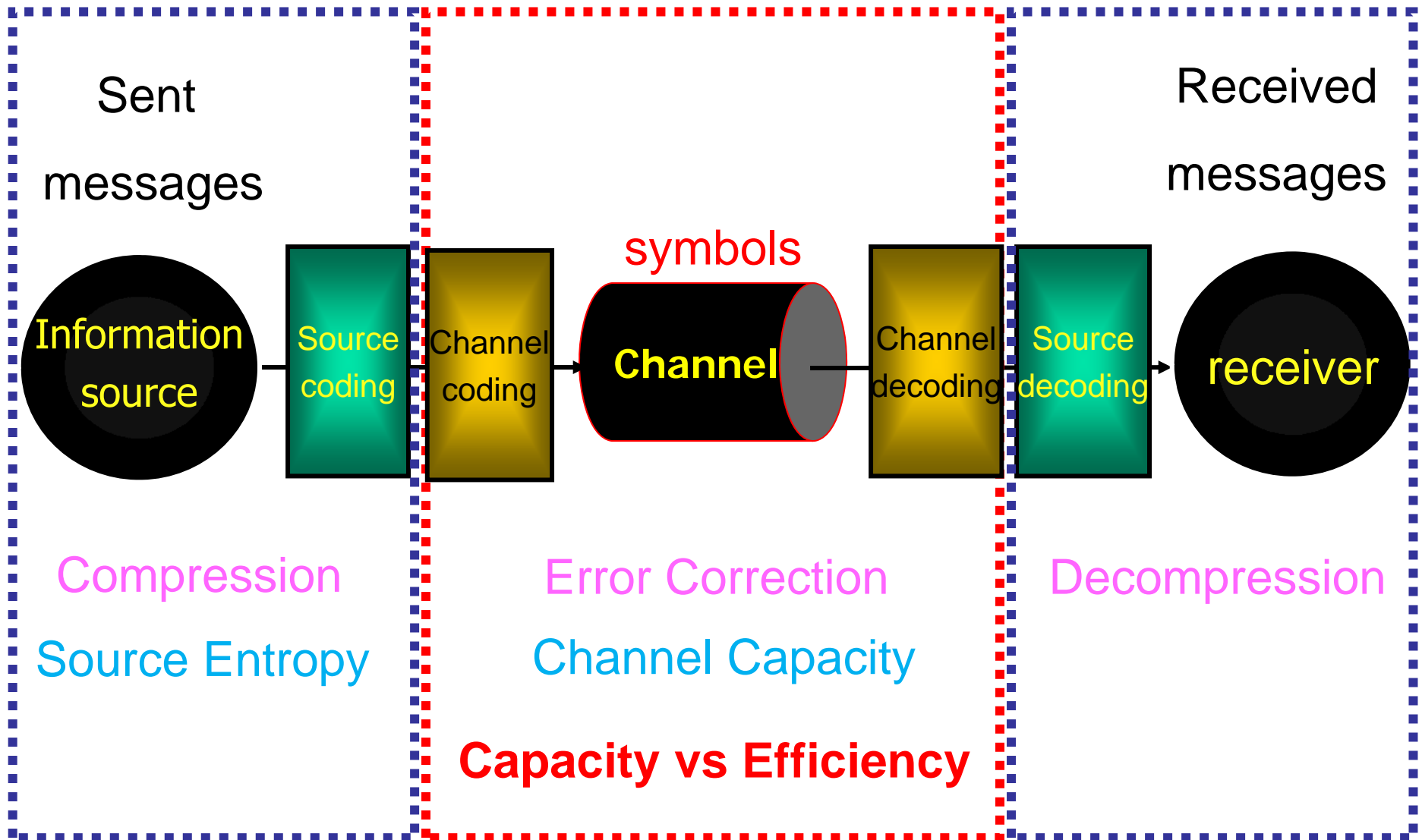
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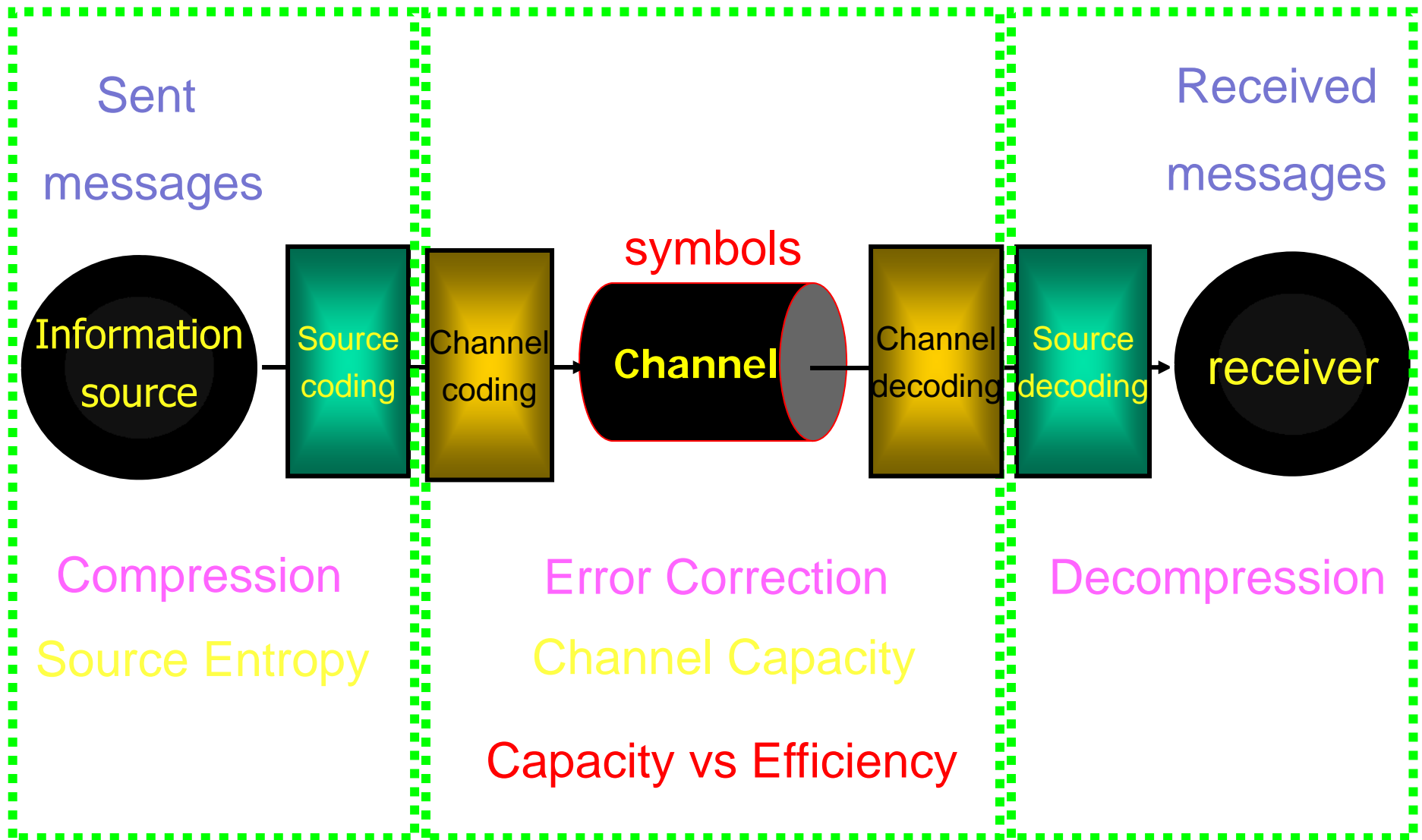
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Channel Coding/Decoding

Hamming Method

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Channel Coding/Decoding

The purpose of channel coding/decoding is to **detect** and **correct** errors in noisy channels

Error correction in our life



Cell phone

$10^{-5}-10^{-6}$



Hard disk

10^{-14}



Optical disk

10^{-12}



Fiber

10^{-12}

Channel Coding/Decoding

Error detection and correction

In a noisy channel errors may occur during the transmission of data from information source to destination, so we need a method to detect these errors and then correct them.

Channel Coding/Decoding

Hamming Method

- It was the first complete error-detecting and error-correcting procedure.
- It represents one of the simplest and most common method for the transmission of information (in the presence of noise).
- It assumes that the source transmits binary messages (i.e. The information source alphabet is { 0, 1 })
- It uses the parity checker method to detect an error
- It assumes that the channel is a *binary symmetric channel (BSC)*

Hamming Codes

- (4,7) Hamming Code detects all one- and two-bit errors
- Corrects all 1-bit errors
- Magic: Any two different codewords differ in at least 3 places!

0000000	0001011	0010111	0011100
0100110	0101101	0110001	0111010
1000101	1001110	1010010	1011001
1100011	1101000	1110100	1111111

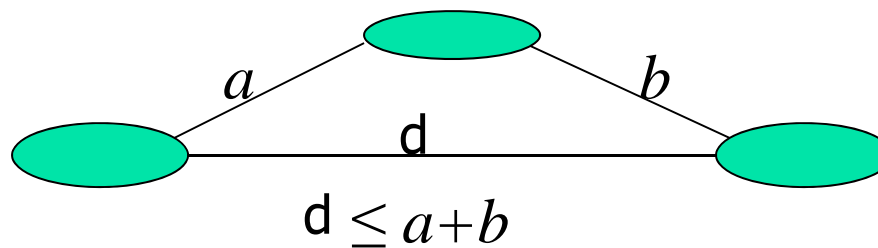
Hamming Distance

- Number of places in which two bit strings differ

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

 = Hamming distance 3

- Acts like a distance:



Definitions

- Hamming distance between \underline{x} and \underline{y} is
 $d_H := d(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$ is the # of positions where $x_i \neq y_i$
- The minimum distance of a code C is
 - $d_{\min} = \min \{ d(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \mid \underline{x} \in C, \underline{y} \in C, \underline{x} \neq \underline{y} \}$
- Hamming weight of a vector \underline{x} is
 - $w(\underline{x}) := d(\underline{x}, \underline{0})$ is the # of positions where $x_i \neq 0$

Example

- *Hamming distance* $d(1001, 0111) = 3$
- *Minimum distance* $(101, 011, 110) = 2$
- *Hamming weight* $w(0110101) = 4$

Performance

A code with minimum distance d_{\min} is capable of correcting t errors if

$$d_{\min} \geq 2t + 1.$$

Proof: If $\leq t$ errors occur, then since $d_{\min} \geq 2t + 1$ an incorrect code word has at least $t+1$ differences with the received word.

Hamming codes

We assume that the sequence of symbols generated by the information source is divided up into blocks of **K** symbols.

- Minimum distance 3
- Construction

- $G = \left(\begin{array}{c} I_m \\ \text{All } k\text{-tuples of Hamming weight } > 1 \end{array} \right)$

- where $m = 2^k - k - 1$

I_m is identity matrix

Example: Hamming (7, 4) codes

We assume that the sequence of symbols generated by the information source is divided up into blocks of **4** symbols.

- Generating matrix

$$\bullet G = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{I}_4 & \mathbf{P} \end{array} \right)$$

$$C_1 = u_2 + u_3 + u_4$$

P is a 4x3 matrix determined by: $C_2 = u_1 + u_3 + u_4$

$$C_3 = u_1 + u_2 + u_4$$

Where + is modulo 2:

$$0+0=1+1=0 \text{ and}$$

$$1+0=0+1=1$$

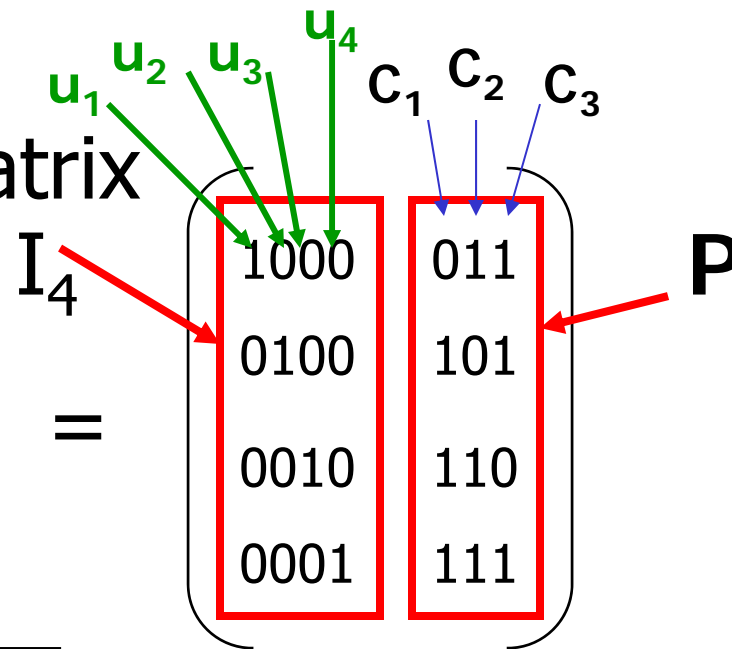
and u_i are \mathbf{I}_4 elements

Example: Hamming (7, 4) codes

We assume that the sequence of symbols generated by the information source is divided up into blocks of 4 symbols. Codewords have length 7

- Generating matrix

$$\bullet G = \left[I_4 \quad P \right] =$$



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Hamming (7, 4) Syndrome decoding

H is the **parity check** matrix

H^T is the **Transpose** matrix of **H**

P^T is the **Transpose** matrix of **P**

$$\text{Let } G = [I_k \ P]$$

For Hamming(7, 4) code: n=7 and k=4

$$\text{Step 1. construct } H = \begin{pmatrix} P^T & I_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 2. Arrange the columns of H in order of increasing binary values

Step 3. Determine the syndrome $S = y \cdot H^T$ (y is the received message)

Step 4. If $S=0$ then no error occurs during transmission of information

Step 5. If $S \neq 0$ then S gives a binary representation of the error position
(we assume only one error occurred)

Example: Suppose that $y=(1111011)$ is received

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & \mathbf{P} \\ 1000 & 011 \\ 0100 & 101 \\ 0010 & 110 \\ 0001 & 111 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Step 1}} H = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^T & \mathbf{I}_{n-k} \\ 0111 & 100 \\ 1011 & 010 \\ 1101 & 001 \end{pmatrix} \quad n=7 \text{ and } k=4$$

$$\text{Step 2} \xrightarrow{\quad} H = \begin{pmatrix} 0001111 \\ 0110011 \\ 1010101 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Step 3}} S = y \cdot H^T = (101) = (5)_{10}$$

Step 5

→ An error had occurred at position 5 in the received message
 $y = (1111\mathbf{0}11)$

→ The correct sent message is then = $(1111\mathbf{1}11)$