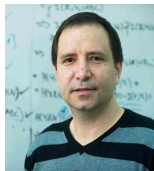


# Capacity of Continuous Channels with Memory via Directed Information Neural Estimator

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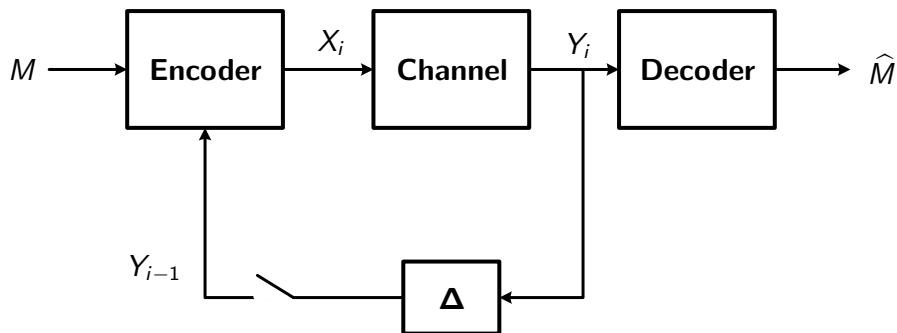


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# Communication Channel



- Continuous alphabet
- Time invariant channel with memory
- channel is unknown

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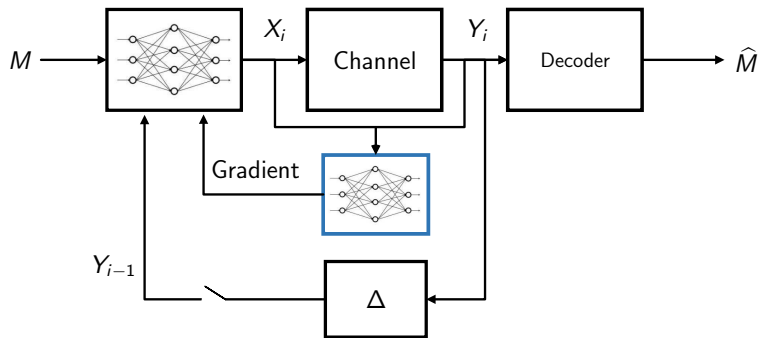
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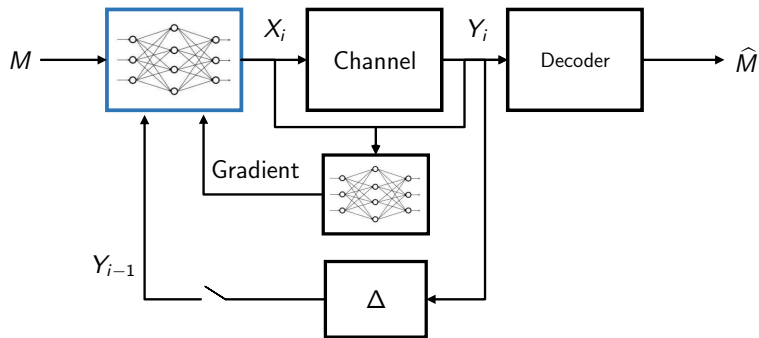
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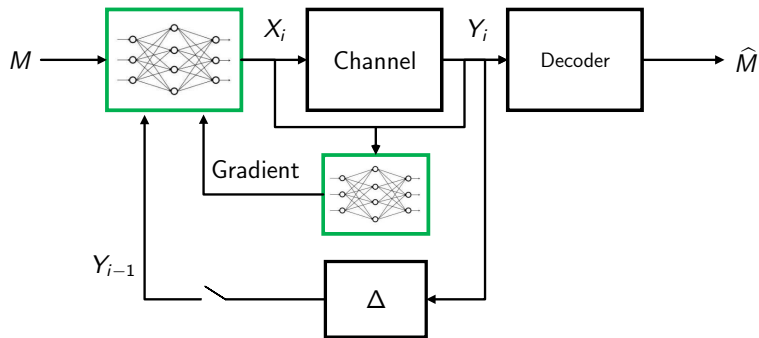
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## Theorem (Donsker-Varadhan Representation)

*The KL-divergence between the probability measures  $P$  and  $Q$ , can be represented by*

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P\|Q) = \sup_{T:\Omega\rightarrow\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}_P [T] - \log \mathbb{E}_Q [e^T]$$

*where,  $T$  is measurable and expectations are finite.*

- For mutual information:

$$I(X; Y) = \sup_{T:\Omega\rightarrow\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}_{P_{XY}} [T] - \log \mathbb{E}_{P_X P_Y} [e^T]$$



## Mutual Information Neural Estimator:

Given  $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$

- Approximation

$$\hat{I}(X; Y) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E}_{P_{XY}} [T_{\theta}] - \log \mathbb{E}_{P_X P_Y} [e^{T_{\theta}}]$$

- Estimation

$$\hat{I}_n(X, Y) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_{\theta}(x_i, y_i) - \log \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{T_{\theta}(x_i, \tilde{y}_i)}$$

# Estimator Derivation

- DI as entropies difference

$$I(X^n \rightarrow Y^n) = h(Y^n) - h(Y^n \| X^n)$$

where  $h(Y^n \| X^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n h(Y_i | X^i, Y^{i-1})$

- Using an reference measure:

$$I(X^n \rightarrow Y^n) = I(X^{n-1} \rightarrow Y^{n-1}) + \underbrace{D_{\text{KL}}(P_{Y^n \| X^n} \| P_{Y^{n-1} \| X^{n-1}} \otimes P_{\tilde{Y}} | P_{X^n})}_{D_{Y \| X}^{(n)}} - \underbrace{D_{\text{KL}}(P_{Y^n} \| P_{Y^{n-1}} \otimes P_{\tilde{Y}})}_{D_Y^{(n)}}$$

$P_{\tilde{Y}}$  is some uniform i.i.d reference measure of the dataset.

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- **The goal:**

Estimate  $D_{Y\|X}^{(n)}, D_Y^{(n)}$

# Directed Information Neural Estimator

- Apply DV formula on  $D_{Y||X}^{(n)}, D_Y^{(n)}$ :

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where the optimal solution is  $T^* = \log \frac{P_{Y^n|Y^{n-1}}}{P_{\tilde{Y}}}$

# Directed Information Neural Estimator

- Approximate  $T$  with a recurrent neural network (RNN)

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### Sketch of proof:

- Represent the solution  $T^*$  by a dynamic system.
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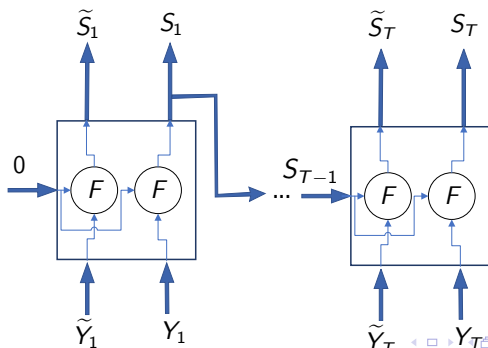
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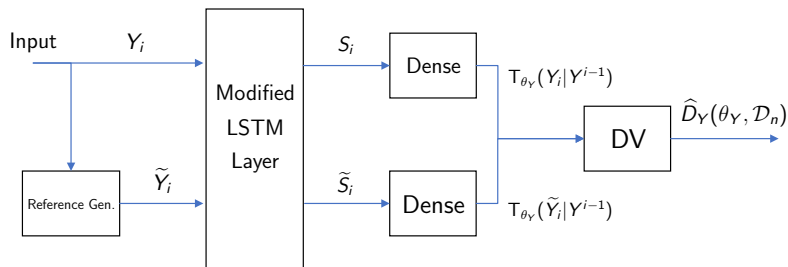
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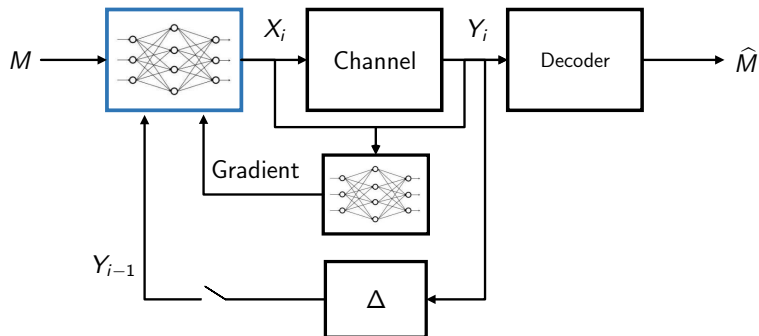


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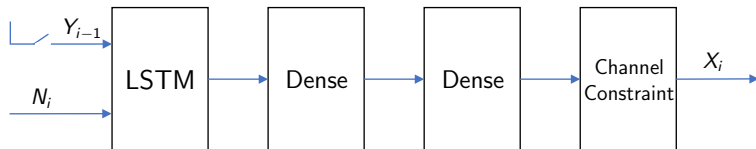
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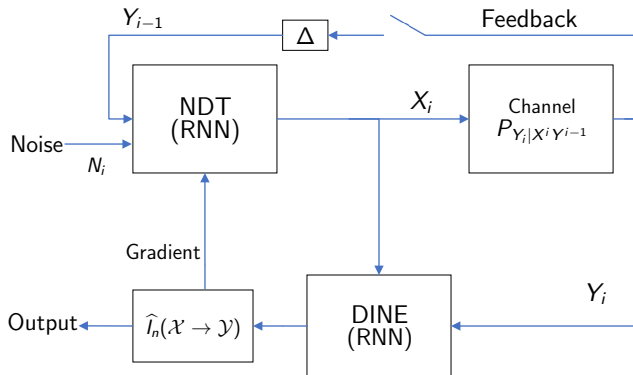
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# Capacity Estimation

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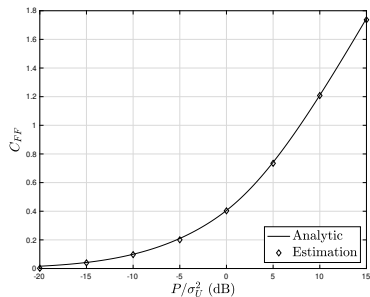
$$Z_i = \alpha U_{i-1} + U_i$$

$$Y_i = X_i + Z_i$$

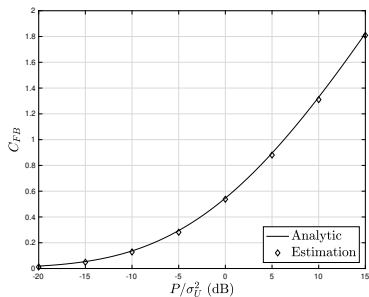
where,  $U_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $X_i$  is the channel input sequence bound to the power constraint  $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] \leq P$ , and  $Y_i$  is the channel output.

# MA(1) AGN Results

## Estimation performance



(a) Feed-forward Capacity



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