

* Golomb Code \Rightarrow

\hookrightarrow The Golomb Rice codes belong to a family of codes designed to encode integers with the assumption that the larger an integer, the lower its probability of occurrence.

\hookrightarrow The simplest code for this situation is the unary code.

\hookrightarrow The unary code for a positive integer n is simply n 1's followed by a 0.

\hookrightarrow Thus the code for 4 is 11110 and the code for 7 is 1111110.

\hookrightarrow The unary code is the same as the Huffman code for the semi-infinite alphabet $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ with probability model, or:

$$P[k] = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

\hookrightarrow Because the Huffman code is optimal, the unary code is also optimal for this

probability model.

↳ The Golomb code is actually a family of codes parameterized by an integer $m > 0$.

↳ In the Golomb code with parameter m , we represent an integer $n > 0$ using two numbers q and r , where

$$q = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor$$

and

$$r = n - qm$$

↳ $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the integer part of x .

↳ The quotient q can take on values $0, 1, 2, \dots$ and is represented by the unary code q 1's.

↳ The remainder r can take on the values $0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$.

↳ If m is a power of two, we could still use $\lceil \log_2 m \rceil$ bits, where $\lceil x \rceil$ is the smallest integer greater than or equal to x .

* Tunstall Codes \Rightarrow

\hookrightarrow Most of the variable-length codes that we look encode letters from the source alphabet using codewords with varying numbers of bits:

Codewords with fewer bits for letters that occur more frequently and codewords with more bits for letters that occur less frequently.

\hookrightarrow The Tunstall code is an important exception.

\hookrightarrow In the Tunstall code, all codewords are of equal length.

\hookrightarrow However, each codeword represent a different numbers of letters.

\hookrightarrow Example \Rightarrow 2 bit Tunstall code for an alphabet $A = \{A, B\}$ is shown in Table below

Sequence	Codeword
AAA	00
AAB	01
AB	10
B	11

2-bit Tunstall Code

* Advantage \Rightarrow Advantage of a Tunstall codes is that errors in codewords do not propagate, unlike other variable-length codes, such as Huffman codes, in which an error in one codeword will cause a series of errors to occur.