

ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE

School of Computer and Communication Sciences

Handout 1

General Course Information

Information Theory and Coding

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INFORMATION THEORY AND CODING

Time and location:

Mondays, 13–15, ELA1 (lecture)
Tuesdays, 13–15, ELA2 (lecture)
Tuesdays, 15–17, ELA2 (exercise)

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Prerequisites:

Probability and Statistics (I and II) or
Stochastic processes for communications

Web page: <http://ipg.epfl.ch/>

Textbook: T. M. Cover and J. A. Thomas, *Elements of Information Theory*, Wiley, 1991.

Course mechanics:

Weekly assignments, (one of the weeks will be graded; 10%)
Midterm quiz (40%),
Final exam during finals period (50%).

Approximate Outline:

Properties of information measures (4–5 lectures)
Source coding (7–8 lectures)
Capacity and the channel coding theorem (5–6 lectures)
Coding techniques for reliable communication (4–5)
Multi-user channels (4–5 lectures)
Additional topics (1–2 lectures)

Reference Material:

1. R. G. Gallager, *Information Theory and Reliable Communication*, Wiley, 1968.
2. C. E. Shannon (with W. Weaver) *The Mathematical Theory of Communication*, U. of Illinois Press, 1963. (see also the course webpage)
3. J. M. Wozencraft and I. M. Jacobs, *Principles of Communication Engineering*, Wiley 1965 (also, Waveland, 1990).