



# Encoding for Input-Symmetric Degraded Broadcast Channels

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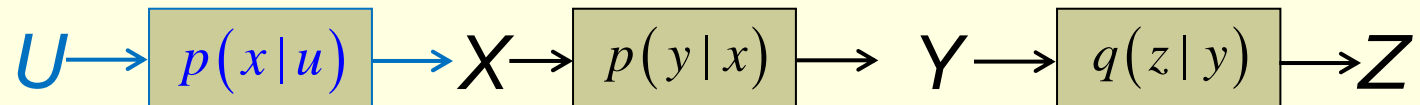
# Outline

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- The big question
- $F^*$  function and the region  $C_q^*$
- Input-Symmetric DBCs
- Payoff: Permutation Encoding Approach

# Degraded Broadcast Channels

- Capacity Region [Cover72][Bergmans73][Gallager74]



- The capacity region is the convex hull of the closure of all rate pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$  satisfying

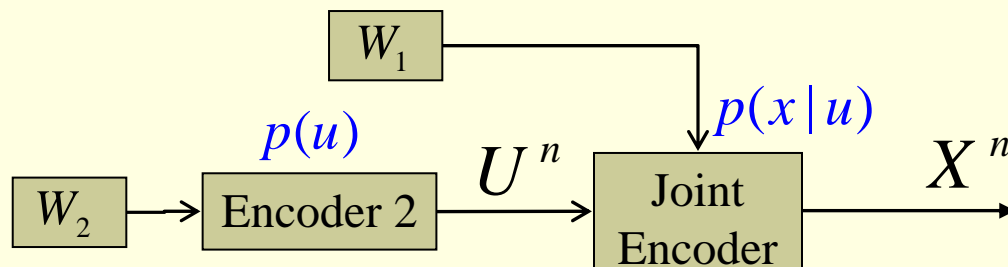
$$R_1 \leq I(X; Y | U),$$

$$R_2 \leq I(U; Z),$$

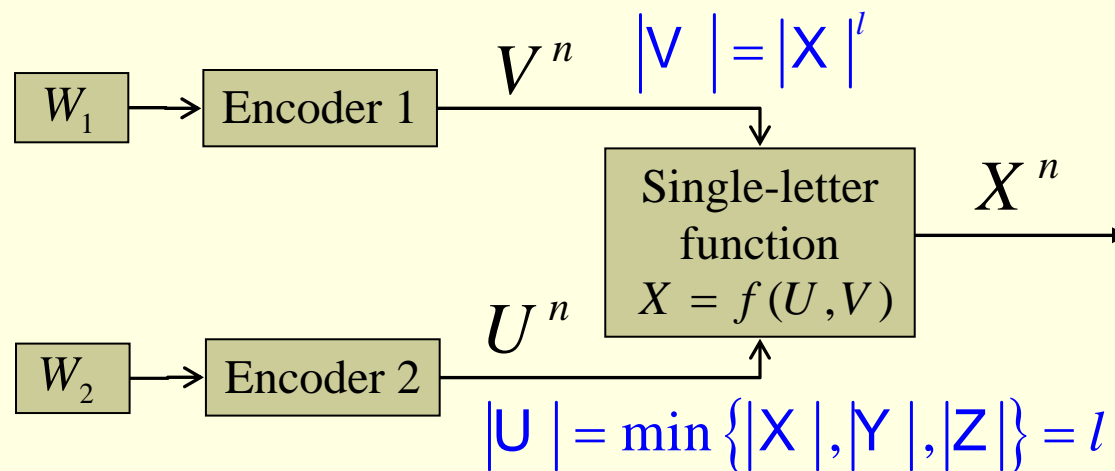
for some joint distribution  $p(u)p(x|u)p(y, z|x)$ , where the auxiliary random variable  $U$  has cardinality bounded by  $|U| \leq \min\{|X|, |Y|, |Z|\}$ .

# Finding simple single-letter functions.

## ■ Joint Encoding



## ■ Independent Encoding



# Known cases of simple single-letter functions

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- Broadcast Gaussian channel [Bergmans74]
- Broadcast binary-symmetric channel [Wyner73]  
[Witsenhausen74]
- Broadcast Z channel [Xie08]
- Discrete additive degraded broadcast channels [Benzel79]
- Our approach is inspired by [Witsenhausen74] and [Witsenhausen & Wyner 75], which are also seminal to [Benzel79] and [Liu&Ulukus07].

# Introduce $s$ and $F^*(\mathbf{q}, s)$ to optimize $(R_1, R_2)$

- Given an input distribution  $X \sim \mathbf{q}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &\leq I(X; Y | U) \\ &= H(Y | U) - H(Y | X, U) \\ &= H(Y | U) - H(Y | X) \\ &= \textcircled{s} - H(Y | X), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 &\leq I(U; Z) \\ &= H(Z) - H(Z | U) \\ &= H(Z) - \textcircled{F^*(\mathbf{q}, s)}. \end{aligned}$$

# Defining $F^*$ and $C_q^*$

- Definition of  $F^*$

$$F^*(\mathbf{q}, s) = \min H(Z | U),$$

s.t.  $H(Y | U) = s,$

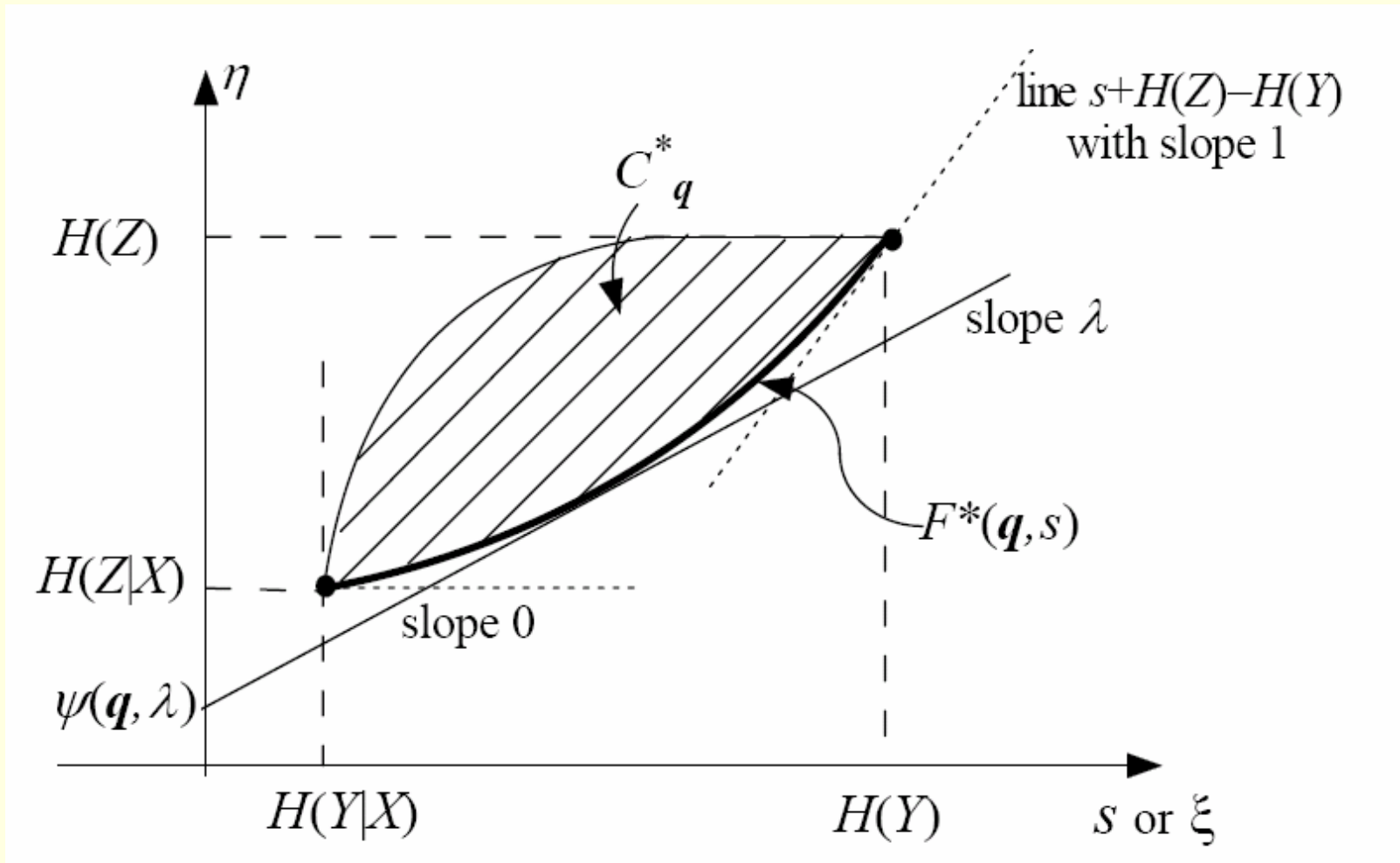
$$X \sim \mathbf{q}.$$

- $F^*$  is increasing in  $s$  for any fixed  $\mathbf{q}$ .
- $F^*$  is jointly convex in  $(\mathbf{q}, s)$ .
- Definition of  $C_q^*$

$$C_q^* = \{(s, \eta) \mid s = H(Y | U), \eta = H(Z | U), X \sim \mathbf{q}\}.$$

- $C_q^*$  is a convex set.

$F^*$  is the lower (optimal) boundary of  $C_q^*$



# Input Symmetry

- The  $n$ -input  $m$ -output channel  $X \rightarrow Y$  with probability transition matrix  $T_{YX}$  is input-symmetric if

$$\Sigma_{T_{YX}} = \left\{ \mathbf{G} \in \Phi_n \mid \exists \mathbf{H} \in \Phi_m \text{ s.t. } T_{YX} \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{H} T_{YX} \right\}$$

is transitive, i.e., each element in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  can be mapped to each element in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  by some permutation matrices in  $\Sigma_{T_{YX}}$ . [Witsenhouse&Wyner75]

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- Binary-Erasure Channel

$$T_{YX} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - p_1 & 0 \\ p_1 & p_1 \\ 0 & 1 - p_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example of a G (Binary Erasure Channel)

- Binary-Erasure Channel permuted on the right by G
- (G permutes the columns)

$$\begin{aligned} T_{YX} G &= \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_1 & 0 \\ p_1 & p_1 \\ 0 & 1-p_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1-p_1 \\ p_1 & p_1 \\ 1-p_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$G$

# Example of a G (Binary Erasure Channel)

- Binary-Erasure Channel permuted on the left by H

$$\begin{aligned} HT_{YX} &= \begin{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_1 & 0 \\ p_1 & p_1 \\ 0 & 1-p_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{matrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ & & & & \end{matrix} \\ & H \end{matrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1-p_1 \\ p_1 & p_1 \\ 1-p_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= T_{YX} G \end{aligned}$$

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- For the degraded broadcast channel  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  with probability transition matrices  $T_{YX}$  and  $T_{ZX}$  we define the DBC to be input-symmetric if

$$\Sigma_{T_{YX}, T_{ZX}} = \Sigma_{T_{YX}} \cap \Sigma_{T_{ZX}}$$

is transitive.

# Examples

- Broadcast Binary-Symmetric Channel

$$T_{YX} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_1 & p_1 \\ p_1 & 1-p_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad T_{ZX} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p_2 & p_2 \\ p_2 & 1-p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{T_{YX}, T_{ZX}} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is transitive.}$$

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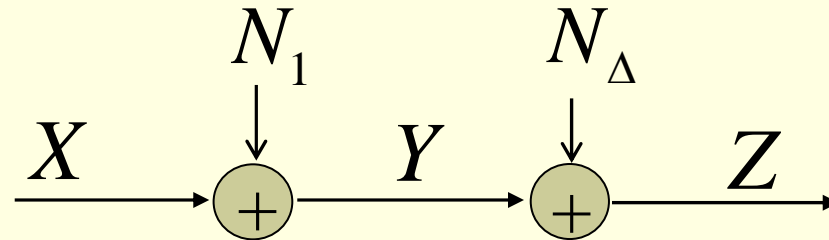
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# Examples

- Group-Additive Degraded Broadcast Channel



$$N_1 \sim (\alpha_1, L, \alpha_n), \quad N_2 \sim N_1 \oplus N_\Delta \sim (\beta_1, L, \beta_n)$$

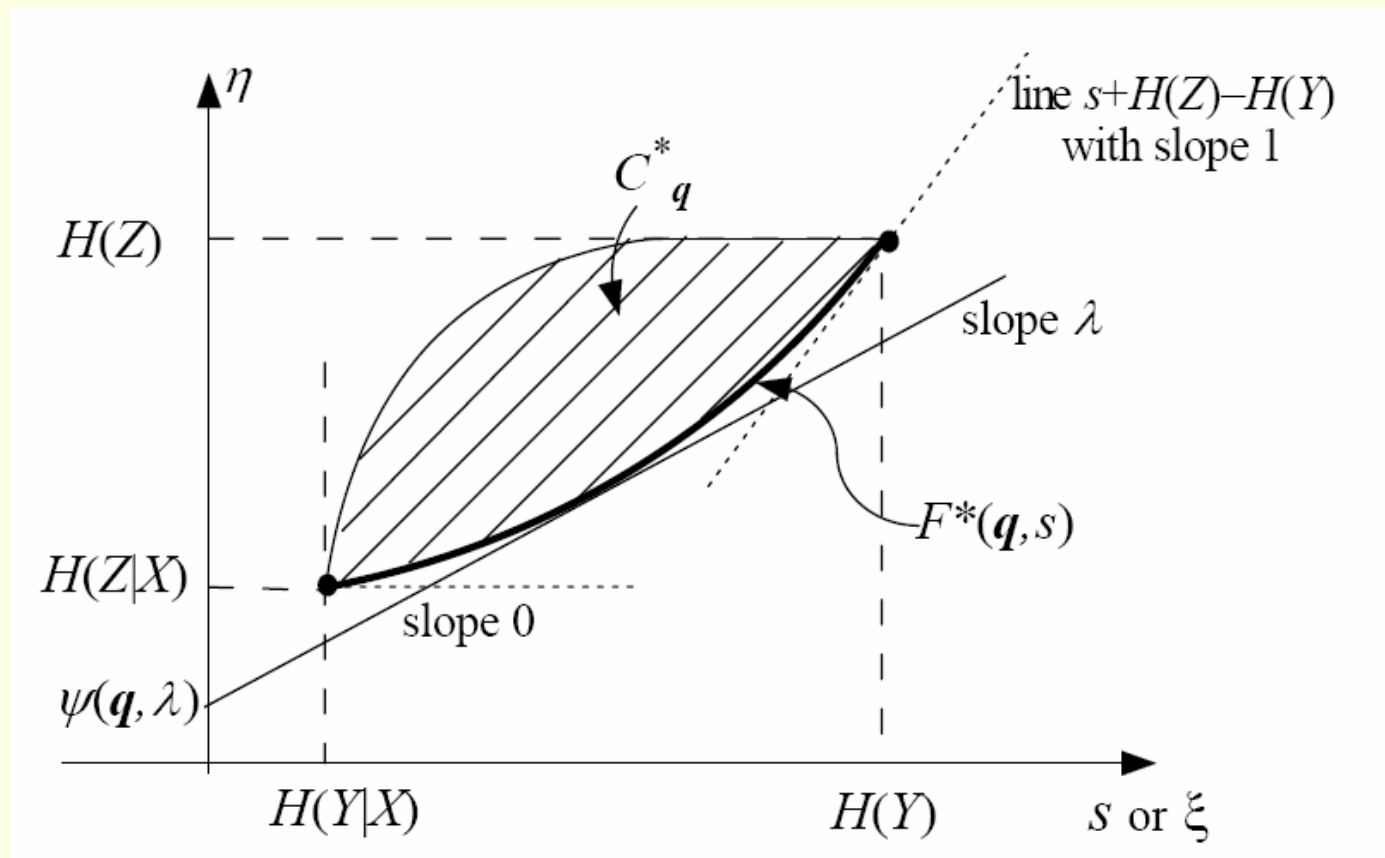
$$G_x(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \oplus x = i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x, i, j = 1, L, n.$$

$$T_{YX} = \sum_{x=1}^n \alpha_x G_x \quad T_{ZX} = \sum_{x=1}^n \beta_x G_x$$

$$\Sigma_{T_{YX}, T_{ZX}} \supseteq \{G_1, L, G_n\} \text{ is transitive.}$$

# Key Result: $C_q^* \stackrel{\text{TM}}{=} C_u^*$

- For an input-symmetric DBC, a uniform distribution on  $X$  can achieve the entire capacity region. A single  $C_q^*$  tells all.



# Permutation Encoding Approach

- A  $k$ -input,  $n, m$ -output input-symmetric degraded broadcast channel  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  with transitive set

$$\Sigma_{T_{YX}, T_{ZX}} = \{G_1, L, G_l\}.$$

- Permutation function  $g(u, v)$

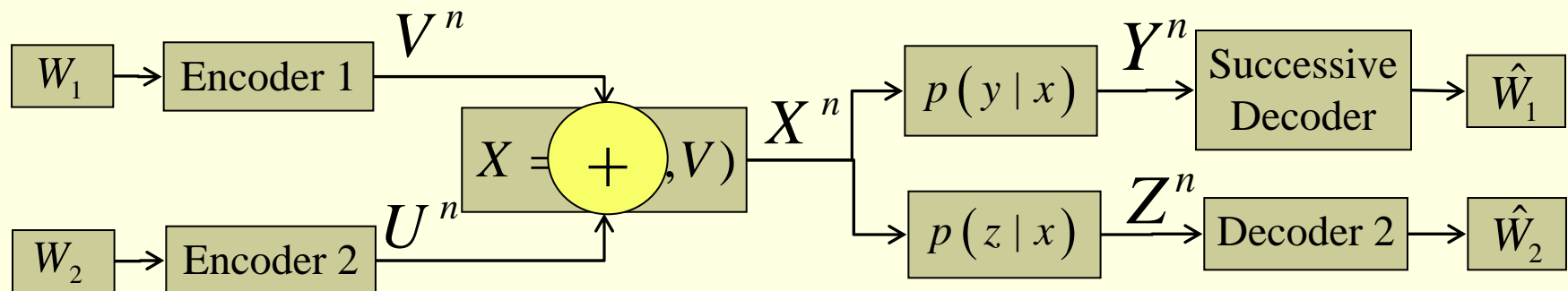
$$g(u, v) = x \text{ iff } G_u(v, x) = 1$$

for  $u = 1, L, l$ , and  $v, x = 1, L, k$ .

- The permutation function  $g(u, v) = x$  if the permutation matrix  $G_u$  maps the  $v^{\text{th}}$  column to the  $x^{\text{th}}$  column.

# Permutation Encoding Approach

## System Structure



- $l$ -ary R.V.  $U$  is uniformly distributed.
- $V$  has distribution  $\mathbf{p} \in \Delta_k$ .
- The achievable region is

$$\overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{\mathbf{p} \in \Delta_k} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{p}) - h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{e}_1) \\ R_2 \leq h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{u}) - h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{p}) \end{array} \right\} \right].$$

# Permutation Encoding Approach

- It achieves the boundary of the capacity region for input-symmetric degraded broadcast channels.
- The achievable region of permutation encoding approach is the capacity region.
- Thus, the capacity region is

$$\overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{\mathbf{p} \in \Delta_k} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{p}) - h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{e}_1) \\ R_2 \leq h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{u}) - h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{p}) \end{array} \right\} \right].$$

# The rest of the story...

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- Optimal simple encoding scheme for discrete OR degraded broadcast channels. [Trans IT September 2008]
- Optimal simple encoding scheme for discrete multiplicative degraded broadcast channels. [accepted ISIT 2009]
- Optimal simple encoding schemes for several classes of degraded broadcast channels. [almost submitted to IEEE Trans. Inform. Theory]

Thank you.

# Proof of Converse

- Represent the capacity region with  $F^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{p(u)p(x|u)} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq I(X; Y | U) \\ R_2 \leq I(U; Z) \end{array} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{p(u)p(x|u)} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq H(Y | U) - H(Y | X) \\ R_2 \leq H(Z) - H(Z | U) \end{array} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{X \sim \mathbf{q}} \left\{ \bigcup_{\substack{p(u)p(x|u) \\ \text{with } X \sim \mathbf{q}}} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq H(Y | U) - H(Y | X) \\ R_2 \leq H(Z) - H(Z | U) \end{array} \right\} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{X \sim \mathbf{q}} \left\{ \bigcup_{H(Y|X) \leq s \leq H(Y)} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq s - H(Y | X) \\ R_2 \leq H(Z) - F^*(\mathbf{q}, s) \end{array} \right\} \right\} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

# Proof of Converse

- Uniformly distributed  $X$  is optimal.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{X \sim \mathbf{q}} \left\{ \bigcup_s \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq s - H(Y | X) \\ R_2 \leq H(Z) - F^*(\mathbf{q}, s) \end{array} \right\} \right\} \right] \\
 & \subseteq \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{X \sim \mathbf{q}} \left\{ \bigcup_s \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq s - h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{e}_1) \\ R_2 \leq h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{u}) - F^*(\mathbf{u}, s) \end{array} \right\} \right\} \right] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

# Proof of Converse

- Define  $\tilde{F}(s) = \inf h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{p})$ ,  
s.t.  $h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{p}) = s$ .

- We can show  $\underline{\text{env}} \tilde{F}(s) \leq F^*(\mathbf{u}, s)$ .
- The converse is proved by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_{\mathbf{p} \in \Delta_k} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{p}) - h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{e}_1) \\ R_2 \leq h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{u}) - h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{p}) \end{array} \right\} \right] \\
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 &\supseteq \overline{\text{co}} \left[ \bigcup_s \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq s - h_n(T_{YX} \mathbf{e}_1) \\ R_2 \leq h_m(T_{ZX} \mathbf{u}) - F^*(\mathbf{u}, s) \end{array} \right\} \right].
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