

## Why Do Restriction Enzymes Prefer 4 and 6 Base DNA Sequences?

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which transmit at this maximum rate are discussed. The equivalent number of binary digits per second for certain information sources is calculated.
I. Introduction

A general communications system is shown schemati cally in Fig. 1. It consists essentially of five elements. 1) An Information Source: The source selects one mes the receiving a possible messages to be transmitted tpes; for exale, a sequace of ters or oubers in telegraphy or teletype or a continuous function of time $f(t)$, as in radio or telephony.
2) The Transmitter: This operates on the message some way and produces a signal suitable for transmissio the recerving point over the channel. In telephony, this operation consists of merely changing sound pressure int a proportional electrical current. In telegraphy, we have a encoding operation which produces a sequence of dots, dashes, and spaces corresponding to the letters of the multiplex PCM telephony the different speech fuctions must be sampled compressed quantized and encoded and nust be sampled, compressed, quantized and encoded, finally interleaved properly to construct the signal.
3) The Channel: This is merely the medium used to transmit the signal from the transmitting to the receiving point. It may be a pair of wires, a coaxial cable, a band of radio frequencies, etc. During transmission, or at the receiving terminal, the signal may be perturbed by noise or distortion. Noise and distortion may be differentiated on the basis that distortion is a fixed operation applied to the signal, while noise involves statistical and unpredictabl This paper is reprinted from me PROCEBDNGS of The RE, vol. 37 , no
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perturbations. Distortion can, in principle, be corrected by pplying the inverse operation, while a perturbation due to oise cannot always be removed, since the signal does not ways undergo the same change during transmission
4) The Receiver: This operates on the received signa and attempts to reproduce, from it, the orignal message. Ordinarily it will perform approximately the mathematical nverse of the operations of the transmitter, although they ay differ somewhat with best design in order to comb 5)
estination: This is the person or thing for whom he message is intended.
Following Nyquist ${ }^{1}$ and Hartley ${ }^{2}$ it is convenient to use a logarithmic measure of information. If a device has possible positions it can, by definition, store $\log _{,} n$ units of nformation. The choice of the base $b$ amounts to a choic of unit, since $\log _{b} n=\log _{b} c \log _{c} n$. We will use the bas and call the resultang units binary digits or bits. A group of $m$ relays or flip-flop circuits has $2^{m}$ possible sets positions, and can therefore store $\log _{2} 2^{m}=m$ bits If it is possible to distinguish reliably $M$ different signa hans of duration $Y$ on a channel, we can say that ansmission is then $\log _{2} M / T$. More precisely the channel capacity may be defined as

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\begin{equation*}
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Tom's Model of Muscle Mechanism


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A beautifully symmetrical equation!

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$\bullet 3.42$ bits $\times 2=6.83$ dimensions

Restriction Enzyme Coding Space Dimensionality


3802 restriction enzymes from Rich Roberts' Restriction Enzyme Database, REBASE

## Restriction Enzyme Dimensionalities

Number of Restriction Enzymes


Packing in 2 Dimensions

Square Packing

$\pi r^{2} /(2 \times r)^{2}=79 \%$
of the plane filled

Hexagonal Packing

$\pi / \sqrt{12}=91 \%$
of the plane filled

Packing in 3 Dimensions

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more spheres show square packing

Higher Dimensional Sphere Packing?


What happens in higher dimensions?

## Discovery of the Leech Lattice

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