

- what's information Theory

→ The central problem in information Theory is efficient and reliable Transmission of data from a source to a destination.

→ The Father of information Theory «Claude Shannon»

• Shannon's information Theory deals with limits on data Compression «source coding» and reliable data Transmission «channel coding»

- How much can data be compressed? «The best possible compression that can be achieved»

- How fast can data be reliably Transmitted over a noisy channel?

Note: For a noisy channel; The best possible error correction that can be achieved.

⇒ Two basic «point-to-point» communication Theorems.

- Source coding Theorem: The minimum rate at which data can be compressed losslessly is the entropy rate of the source.

2. channel coding Theorem: The maximum rate at which data can be reliably Transmitted is The channel capacity of The channel.

Applications:

- Data compression.
- Transmission and modulation.
- Error correcting coding.
- Information security.

→ What's information?

• A sequence of symbols That can be interpreted as a message.

• Information resolves ^{«عدم اليقين»} uncertainty. Information is what you get when your uncertainty about something is reduced.

■ Fair Coin example:

• when you flip a fair coin, you are uncertain of whether it will land on heads or Tails, you have uncertainty.

• when it lands, your uncertainty is gone.

• Loss of uncertainty = Gain in information.

- Unfair or biased coin example :
 - A coin that always lands on heads and never lands on Tails.
 - when you know in advance that it will land on heads
 - when it lands on heads, you aren't getting any information because your uncertainty hasn't been reduced.
- The more uncertain an event, the more information is required to resolve uncertainty of that event.

⇒ Amount of information

• By calculating the amount of uncertainty we have about an information source, we are also calculating the amount of information that will receive when we lose that uncertainty.

- Let x be an information source with M possible outcomes. The amount of information $I(x)$ is given by:

$$I(x) = \log(M)$$

The information received from an information source equals the logarithm of the number of possible outcomes.

The unit used to measure $I(x)$ depends on the base of the logarithm.

→ Amount of information:

The base of logarithm used in this course is base.

The amount of information is measured in bits.

Example: Fair Coin

$$I(x) = \log_2 (2) = 1 \text{ bit}$$

base

Note For a fair coin with two possible outcomes, we have one bit of uncertainty. When it lands we lose the uncertainty and one bit of information.

$$* I(x) = \log_2 1 = 0 \text{ bit}$$

- For an unfair coin that always lands on heads, it has only one possible outcome.

→ A dice has six possible outcomes.

$$I(x) = \log_2 6 = 2.585 \text{ bit}$$

since the last example has more outcomes, the amount of uncertainty increases, therefore, the amount of information is bigger than that of the coin.

$$\log_2 a = \frac{\log a}{\log 2} = 3.32 \times \log a$$

note → For simplicity, we will use «log» instead of (\log_2) , while we actually mean (\log_2) .

- In all the previous examples, the outcomes are equally likely.

→ what if the outcomes are not equally likely?

- Let symbols $= \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ be the possible outcomes of an information source, the probabilities associated with these symbols be $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m\}$, the amount of information that we receive when you get a specific symbol a_j is:

$$I(a_j) = -\log\left(\frac{1}{p_j}\right)$$

Example :

A fair coin with a set of two probabilities $\{0.5, 0.5\}$ where the first probability is the probability of getting head and the second one is the probability of getting Tail.

$$I(a_1) = \log\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) = \log\left(\frac{1}{0.5}\right) = \underline{\underline{1 \text{ bit}}}$$

Example :2

→ An unfair coin that always comes up as heads, the probabilities are $\{1, 0\}$

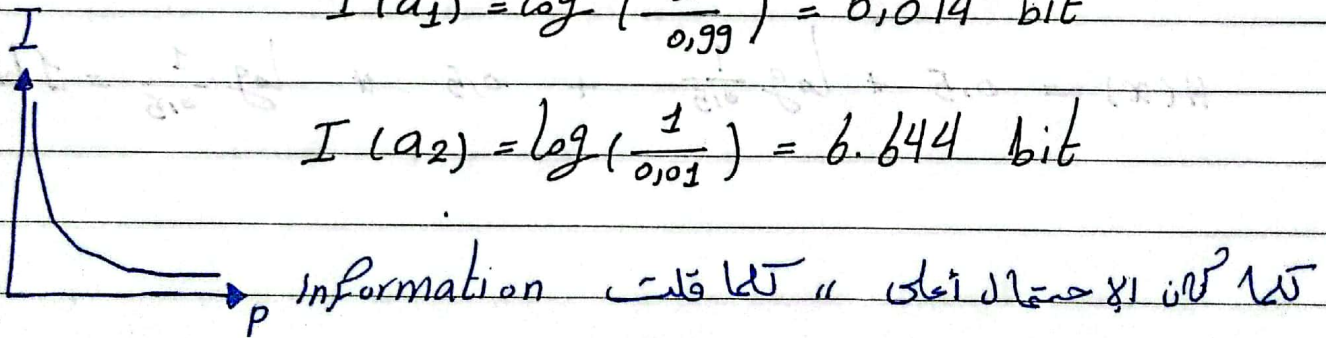
$$I(a_1) = \log\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = 0 \text{ bit.}$$

Example :3

A biased coin with probabilities of $\{0.99, 0.01\}$

$$I(a_1) = \log\left(\frac{1}{0.99}\right) = 0.014 \text{ bit}$$

$$I(a_2) = \log\left(\frac{1}{0.01}\right) = 6.644 \text{ bit}$$



The outcomes that are less common give us more information and vice versa.

→ Entropy.

what if we want to measure the average uncertainty for an information source?

The name for this measurement is entropy.

The entropy of an information source (X) is called $H(X)$.

$$H(X) = \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \log\left(\frac{1}{p_i}\right) = - \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \log(p_i)$$

Entropy is the average number of bit required to represent an information source.

Example

1. Fair coin with probabilities of $\{0.5, 0.5\}$

$$H(X) = 0.5 * \log \frac{1}{0.5} + 0.5 * \log \frac{1}{0.5} = 1 \text{ bit}$$

Example

2- Based coin with probabilities of $\{0,75, 0,25\}$

$$H(X) = 0,75 * \log\left(\frac{1}{0,75}\right) + 0,25 * \log\left(\frac{1}{0,25}\right) = \underline{0,811} \text{ bits}$$

- For every time we flip this based coin, we will get an average of 0,811 bits of information.

3- Unbalanced dice with probabilities of $\{0,1, 0,1, 0,1, 0,5, 0,1, 0,1\}$

$$H(X) = 5 * \left(\log\left(\frac{1}{0,1}\right) * 0,1\right) + 0,5 * \log\left(\frac{1}{0,5}\right) = 2,161 \text{ bits}$$