

HW 1: 信息与比特

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Problem 1.

Proof the following atatements are true for a 0-1 Boolean algebra.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad a \cdot (a + (b \cdot c)) &= a \cdot a + a \cdot (b \cdot c) \\
 &= a + a \cdot (b \cdot c) \\
 &= a(1 + b \cdot c) \\
 &= a
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad (a \cdot b) + (\bar{a} + \bar{b}) &= (a \cdot b) + \overline{(a \cdot b)} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.

Coin flips. A fair coin is flipped until the first head occurs. Let X denote the number of flips required. Find the entropy $H(X)$ in bits.

Solution. Suppose the probability distribution of random variable X is $P(X)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X = 1) &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 P(X = 2) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\
 P(X = 3) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \\
 P(X = 4) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \\
 &\dots \\
 P(X = n) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n
 \end{aligned}$$

According to the definition of entropy, we can get the following results:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(X) &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(x) \log_2 p(x) \\
 &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \\
 &= \frac{1/2}{(1 - 1/2)^2} \\
 &= 2(\text{bits})
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(a, b) &= \bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{ab} & P(a, b) &= \bar{a}b + a\bar{b} \\
 m(a, a) &= \bar{a} & m(\bar{a}, b) &= \overline{(\bar{a}b)} & m(a, \bar{b}) &= \overline{(a\bar{b})} \\
 m(\overline{(\bar{a}b)}, \overline{(a\bar{b})}) &= \bar{a}b + a\bar{b} = P(a, b)
 \end{aligned}$$

