

Homework 1: Fundamentals of Information Science

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This lecture's notes illustrate some uses of various L^AT_EX macros. Take a look at this and imitate.

1.1 Summarize what you learned from the videos about Claude Shannon and Alan Turing:

- 香农被称为是“信息论之父”，香农是数字电路和信息论的创始人，人们尊崇香农为信息论及数字通信时代的奠基之父，其提出的“香农”信息论从概率论的角度解释了信息的不确定性定义，他证明了‘与’、‘或’和‘非’等简单的连接器。香农创造的信息论广泛应用于各种学科，如编码学、集成电路、人工智能、密码学与密码分析学、数据传输、压缩甚至政治学。小到电话、调制解调器，大到人造卫星都离不开香农创造的信息论。并且香农的信息论还激发了后来发明设计移动电话和计算机的人，可见香农的信息论是多么的伟大。
- 而图灵被称作“人工智能之父”，图灵在科学、特别在数理逻辑和计算机科学方面，构成了现代计算机技术的基础。令我印象最深刻的是图灵进行的图灵测试，指测试者与被测试者（一个人和一台机器）隔开的情况下，通过一些装置（如键盘）向被测试者随意提问。进行多次测试后，如果机器让平均每个参与者做出超过百分之三十的误判，那么这台机器就通过了测试，并被认为具有人类智能。图灵能够在那个时代提出人工智能、“机器人能思考吗”这样的问题，是一个划时代之作。

1.2 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.:

$$\because H(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore H(X) &= 0.5 \times \log_2 2 + 0.5^2 \times \log_2 4 + 0.5^3 \times \log_2 8 + \dots \\ &= 0.5 + 2 \times 0.5^2 + 2 \times 0.5^3 + \dots \\ &= \frac{0.5}{0.5^2} \\ &= 2(\text{bits}) \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Entropy of a sum. Let X and Y be random variables that take on values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s , respectively. Let $Z = X + Y$.

- Show that $H(Z|X) = H(Y|X)$. Argue that if X, Y are independent, then $H(Y) \leq H(Z)$ and $H(X) \leq H(Z)$. Thus, the addition of independent random variables adds uncertainty.

$$\begin{aligned} H(Z|X) &= E\left[\log_2 \frac{1}{p(Z|X)}\right] \\ &= E\left[\log_2 \frac{1}{p(Y|X)}\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\because H(Y|X) = E\left[\log_2 \frac{1}{p(Y|X)}\right]$$

$$\therefore H(Z|X) = H(Y|X)$$

$$I(X; Z) = H(Z) - H(Z|X)$$

$$\because H(Z|X) = H(Y|X)$$

$$X, Y \text{ are independent}$$

$$\therefore H(Y|X) = H(Y)$$

$$\therefore I(X; Z) = H(Z) - H(Y)$$

$$\because I(X; Z) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore H(Z) \geq H(Y)$$

$$\therefore H(Z) \geq H(X)$$

- Give an example of (necessarily dependent) random variables in which $H(X) > H(Z)$ and $H(Y) > H(Z)$.

$$\text{if } X = -Y = \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad p=0.5 \\ 0 & , \quad p=0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{then } H(X) = 0.5 \times \log_2 2 + 0.5 \times \log_2 2 = 1(\text{bits})$$

$$H(Y) = 1(\text{bits})$$

$$H(Z) = 1 \times \log_2 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore H(X) > H(Z)$$

$$H(Y) > H(Z)$$

- Under what conditions does $H(Z) = H(X) + H(Y)$?

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= H(X, Z) - H(Z|X) \\ &= H(X, Z) - H(Y|X) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Z) &= H(X, Z) - H(X|Z) \\ &= H(Y, Z) - H(Y|Z) \end{aligned}$$

$$H(Y) = H(Y, Z) - H(Z|Y)$$

if

$$\begin{aligned} H(Z) &= H(X) + H(Y) \\ \therefore H(Z|X) &= H(Y|X) \\ H(Z|Y) &= H(X|Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) + H(Y) &= H(X, Z) - H(Y|X) + H(Y, Z) - H(X|Y) \\ &= H(X) + H(Z|X) + H(Y) + H(Z|Y) - H(Y|X) - H(X|Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore H(X) - H(X|Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore H(X) + H(Y) &= H(Z|X) + H(Z|Y) \\ &= H(Y|X) + H(X|Y) \\ &= H(X, Y) - H(X) + H(X, Y) - H(Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore H(X) + H(Y) = H(X, Y)$$

then if

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Z) = H(Z) \quad \text{and} \quad X, Y \quad \text{are independent} \\ H(Z) = H(X) + H(Y) \end{aligned}$$