

Digital Image Processing

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Lecture Structure



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- The goal of this lecture is to give you the fundamentals of digital image processing and understanding of mathematical principles.
- This lecture is a total of 4 SWS with a total of sixty (60) hours.
- There are two (2) assignments for this course
 - 1st will be a pre-defined work which is individual based.
 - 2nd will be group based.

You are to come up with a project that uses DIP using Python.

- You will work with a group of up to three (3) or two (2).
- You are to come up with a group and decide on your topic.



- The individual assignment focuses on understanding DIP principles.
- The assignment is uploaded to SAKAI for you to work on along with what is required of you for submission.
 - The assignment contains questions where applications of DIP will be needed.
- The deadline is the end day of **last lecture before presentations**.

A Help in Colour

Due to the nature of the topic, some aspects are to be presented in a colour spectrum some student may not be able to perceive. In situations like this, please let me know if there are some diagrams or some colour choices making the lecture illegible via mail and I will send you a colour correct version based on the condition.



- For your project use Python.
- Some possible project ideas:
 - License plate detection,
 - Handwriting detection,
 - Signature verification,
 - Face detection,
 - Image to text conversion,
 - Barcode detection,
 - Convert sudoku drawings to computer code.
 - Book detection.

The use of AI/ML is allowed as long as clear explanation is given and its process is understood.



- The last three (3) appointments are reserved for group presentations.
- You will do a presentation in front of the class for 20 mins.
- The next 20 mins following your presentation will be the Q&A.
- The Q&A will involve two (2) questions from your relevant work.
- You are also to submit a report with your project detailing the work.

Each student needs to declare the part the student worked on.

- i.e., Student A has done the writing, edge detection
- i.e., Student B has done the data analysis, figure generation.
- You are to submit your reports and all relevant resources to SAKAI no later than 2 weeks before your assigned presentation.



Assessment Type	Overall Points	Breakdown	%
Homework	40		
		Report	20
		Solution(s)	60
		Code Analysis	20
Group Project	60		
		Report	40
		Presentation	40
		Q & A	20

Table 1: Assessment Grade breakdown for the lecture.



Covered Topic	Appointment
Mathematical Fundamentals	1
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Table 2: Distribution of materials across the semester.



Mathematical Fundamentals

- 2D Convolution,
- Discrete Fourier Transform,
- Sampling Theorem





Perception

- Colour Blindness,
- Colour Standards,
- Colour Models





Cameras

- Used sensors,
- Lenses,
- Sensitivity





Displays

- Dithering,
- Interlacing,
- Display Technologies





Noise

- Types of noises,
- Modelling Noises,
- Random Noise generation





Histogram Operations

- Colour Channels,
- Masking,
- Dynamic Range





Morphological Operations

- Opening,
- Closing,
- Erosion,
- Dilation.





Blurring Filters

- Gaussian Blurring,
- Multivariate Distribution,
- Bilinear Filtering





Feature Analysis

- ORB Feature Extractor,
- Adaptive Threshold,
- Scale Invariant Feature Transform.





Edge Detection

- Defining an Edge to the computer,
- Types of Kernels,
- Canny Edge Detection.





Neural Networks for Image Processing

- Defining ANNs,
- OCR,
- ResNet.





Books

- Forsyth, Ponce "*Computer Vision: A Modern Approach*" Prentice-Hall, 2003.
- Young I. "*Fundamentals of Image Processing*" Delft 1998.
- Szeliski R. "*Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications*" Springer 2022.
- Nixon M. et. al "*Feature Extraction and Image Processing for Computer Vision*" Academic press 2019.
- Gonzalez R. "*Digital Image Processing*" Pearson 2009



White Papers

- Luminera "*Getting it Right: Selecting a Lens for a Vision System*",
- Luminera "*The Complete Guide to Industrial Camera Lenses*",
- Fowler B, et. al, *Read Noise Distribution Modeling for CMOS Image Sensors*.
- Oxford Instruments *Understanding Read Noise in sCMOS Cameras*.



Lecture Notes

- Applied Multi-variable Statistical Analysis "*Lesson 4: Multivariate Normal Distribution*",
- Statistical Theory and Methods I "*Chapter 3: Multivariate Distributions*", Stephen M. Stigler
- The Discrete Fourier Transform "*Signal Processing & Filter Design*", Stephen Roberts.
- Procedural Generation: 2D Perlin Noise *Game Programming*, Mount .E, Eastman R.
- Foundations of computer vision: Lecture notes, Carreira-Perpinan M.
- Computer Vision, CMU School of Computer Science
- Computer Vision, University of Cambridge
- Computer Vision, NYU Computer Science



Web Resources

- Scikit-image documentation
- OpenCV documentation
- Pillow (fork of PIL) documentation

Mathematical Fundamentals



Learning Outcomes

Convolution

Introduction

2D Convolution Example

Signal Sampling

Nyquist Sampling Theorem

Statistical Properties

Information Theory

Information and Entropy



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$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau.$$

In layman's terms convolution is just fancy multiplication.



Example

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Solution

The answer is a quick multiplication:

$$\text{Plan} \times \text{Patients} = \text{Daily Usage}$$

$$3 \times [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] = [3, 6, 9, 12, 15]$$

Multiplying the plan by the patient list gives usage for upcoming days:

$$[3, 6, 9, 12, 15]$$

Everyday multiplication of (3×4) means using the plan with a single day of patients:

$$[3] \times [4] = [12]$$



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Plan: [3, 2, 1]

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Solution

An idea worth considering is to **reverse the order** of the patient list:

New Patient List: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

Next, imagine we have 3 separate rooms where we apply the proper dose:

Rooms: [3, 2, 1]

On your first day, you walk into the first room and get 3 units of medicine. The next day, you walk into room #2 and get 2 units. On the last day, you walk into room #3 and get 1 unit. There's no rooms afterwards, and your treatment is done.



Solution

To calculate the total medicine usage, line up the patients and walk them through the rooms:

```
Monday
-----
Rooms           3 2 1
Patients      5 4 3 2 1
Usage                3
```

On Monday (our first day), we have a single patient in the first room. A gets 3 units, for a total usage of 3.

Makes sense, right?



Solution

On Tuesday, everyone takes a step forward:

Tuesday

```
-----  
Rooms           3 2 1  
Patients ->     5 4 3 2 1  
  
Usage           6 2      = 8
```

The first patient is now in the second room, and there's 2 new patients in the first room. We multiply each room's dose by the patient count, then combine.



Solution

Wednesday

```
-----  
Rooms           3 2 1  
Patients ->     5 4 3 2 1  
Usage           9 4 1    = 14
```

Thursday

```
-----  
Rooms           3 2 1  
Patients ->     5 4 3 2 1  
Usage           12 6 2    = 20
```

Friday

```
-----  
Rooms           3 2 1  
Patients ->     5 4 3 2 1  
Usage           15 8 3    = 26
```



Solution

It's intricate, but we figured it out, right? We can find the usage for any day by reversing the list, sliding it to the desired day, and combining the doses.

The total day-by-day usage looks like this (don't forget Sat and Sun, since some patients began on Friday):

```
Plan      * Patient List  = Total Daily Usage
[3 2 1]   * [1 2 3 4 5]  = [3 8 14 20 26 14 5]
           M T W T F      M T W T F S S
```

This calculation is the convolution of the plan and patient list. It's a fancy multiplication between a list of input numbers and a "program".



Example

Write a script which does convolution of the following two (2) arrays:

$$A = [1, 1, 2, 2, 1]$$

$$B = [1, 1, 1, 3]$$



Solution

```
import numpy as np
def convolve_1d(signal, kernel):
    kernel = kernel[::-1]
    k = len(kernel)
    s = len(signal)
    signal = [0]*(k-1)+signal+[0]*(k-1)
    n = s+(k-1)
    res = []
    for i in range(s+k-1):
        res.append(np.dot(signal[i:i+k], kernel))
    return res
```

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A = [1,1,2,2,1]
B = [1,1,1,3]

print(convolve_1d(A, B))
```



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Figure 1: A visual representation of how convolution works in 2D.



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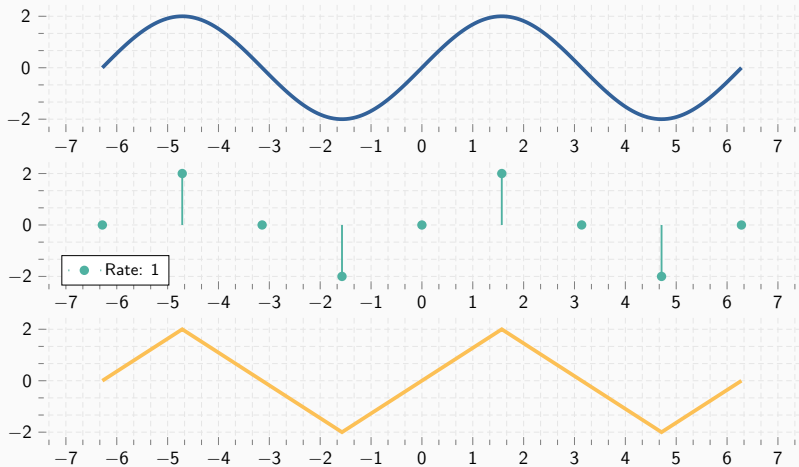


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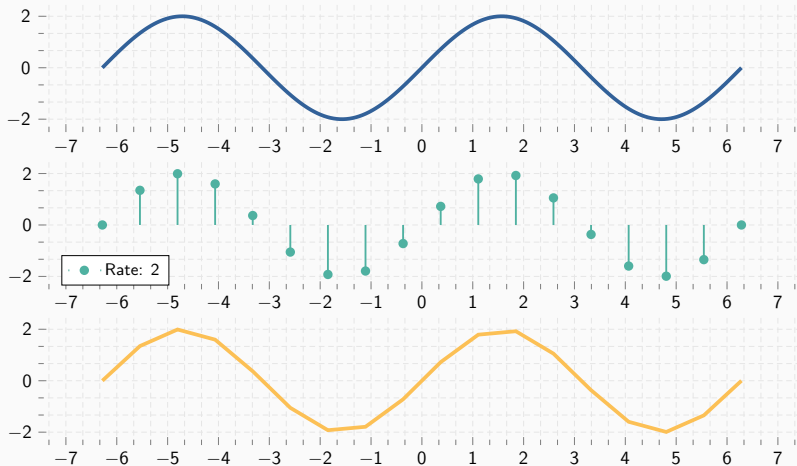


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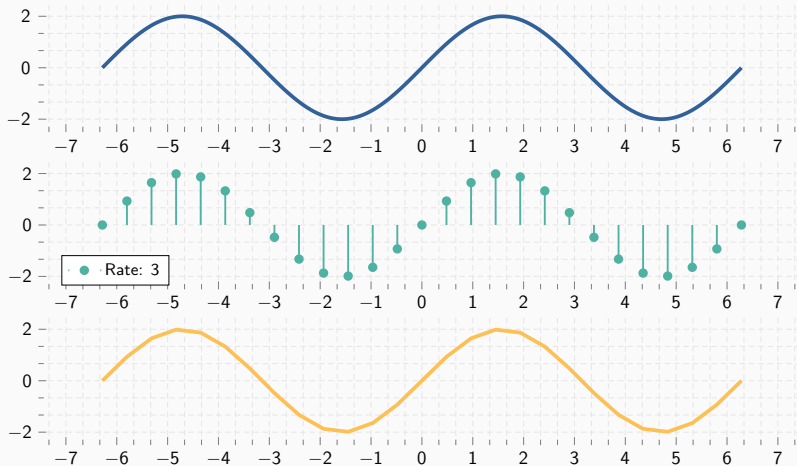


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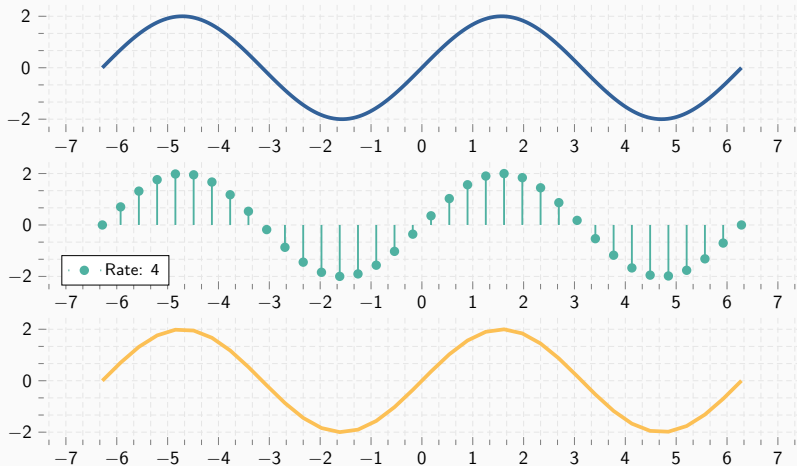


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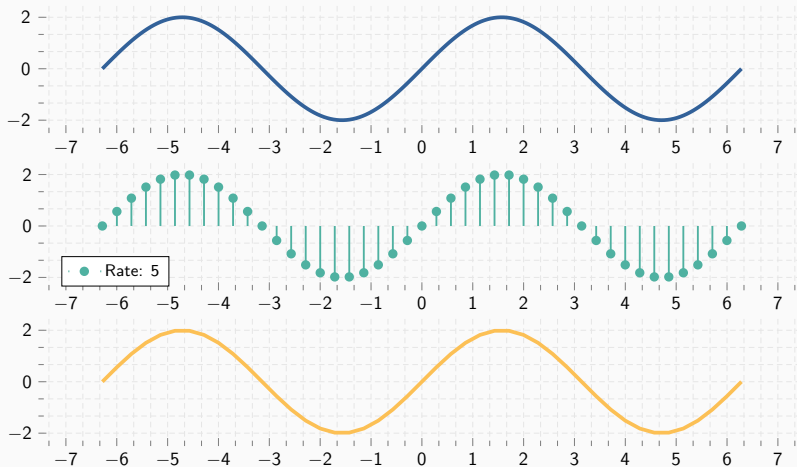


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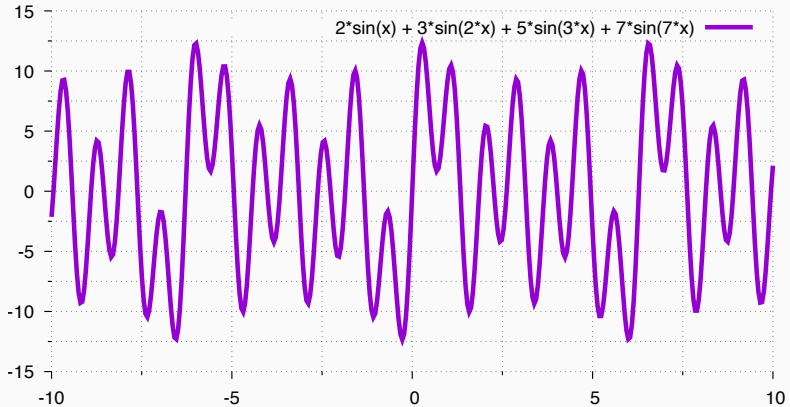


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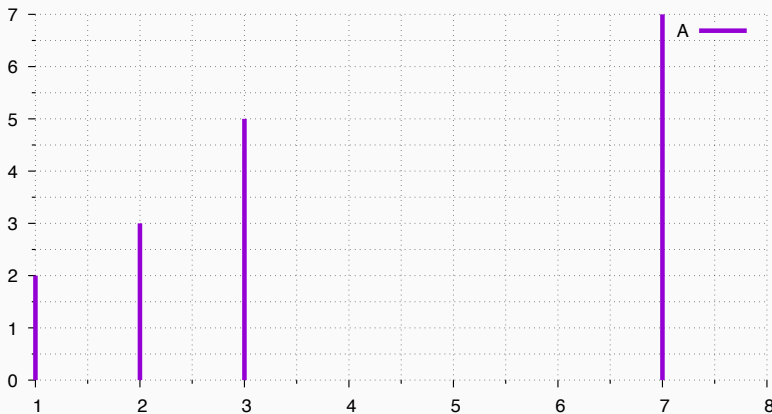


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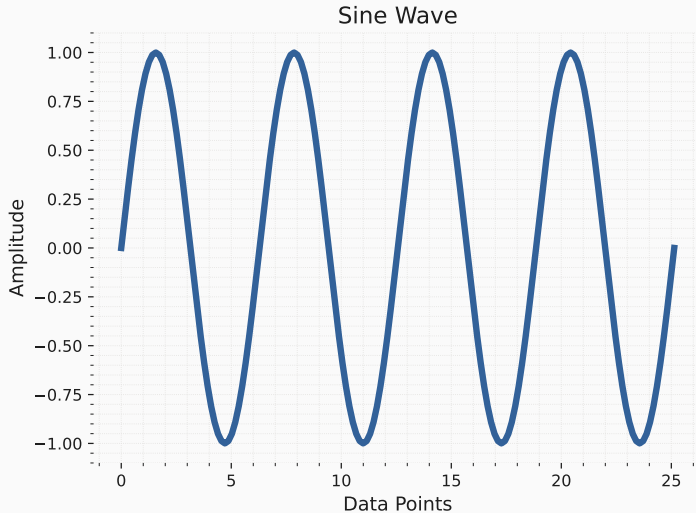


Figure 10: An example of a sine wave with four (4) complete cycles. **Nyquist Sampling Theorem**



- Computing the discrete power spectrum gives:

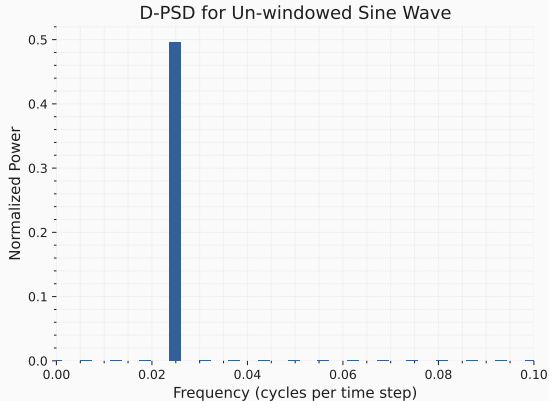


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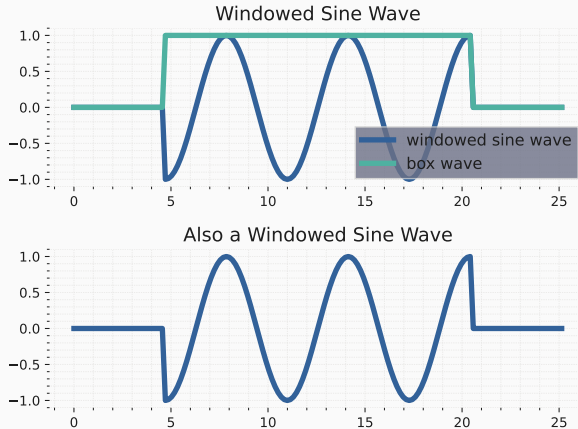


Figure 12: Windowed sine wave.



- To demonstrate what spectral leakage is, we will now compute the discrete power spectrum of the windowed sine wave to see what happens.

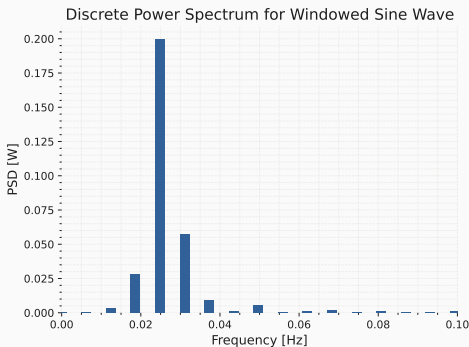


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Example

Below is a signal with 1 Hz, Amplitude of 1 and 8 Sampling points.

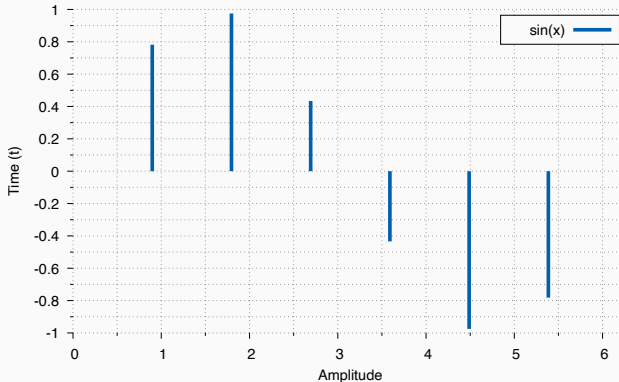


Figure 14: A Sampled Sine wave.



Solution

As it is a single sine function with 1 Hz, we expect a single value of 1 in the frequency domain (at 1 Hz).

The sampling points will sample the signal and retrieve the following data points as shown in the array below:

$$x_k = [0, 0.707, 1, 0.707, 0, -0.707, -1, -0.707]$$

Once we have these sampling points (x_n), we can turn our attention to the DFT formula:

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cdot e^{-j2\pi kn} / N$$

where X_k is the k^{th} frequency bin.



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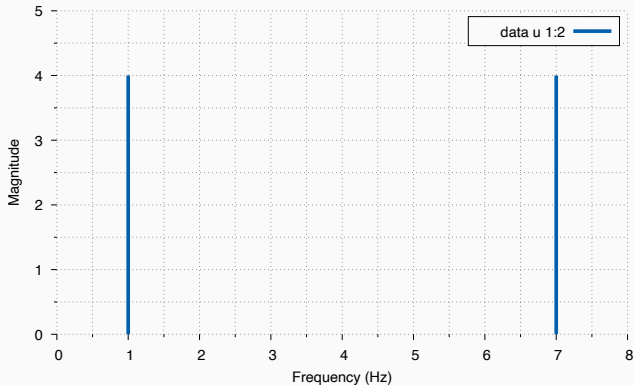


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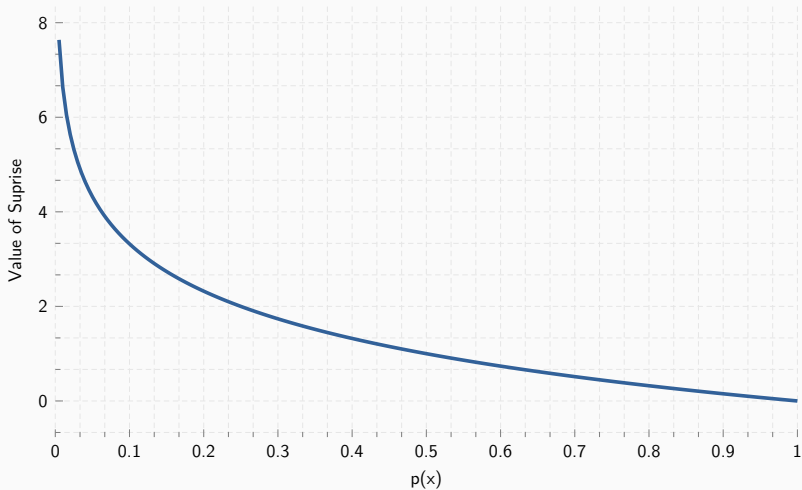


Figure 16: The quantifiable surprise with respect to increasing probability.



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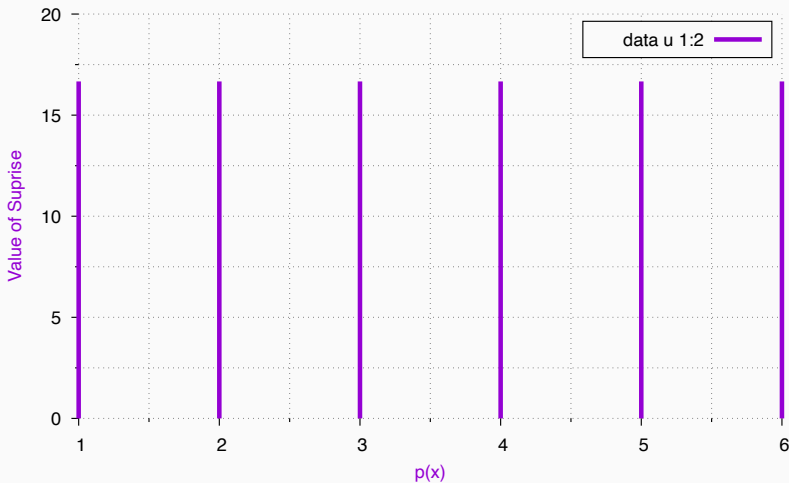


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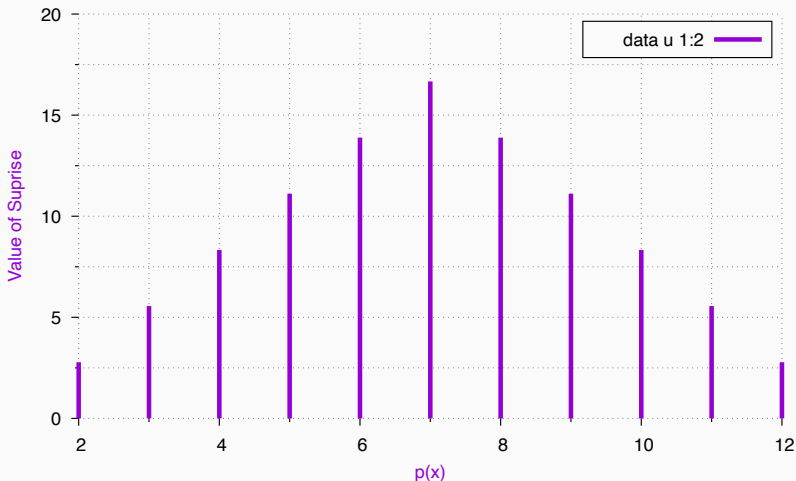


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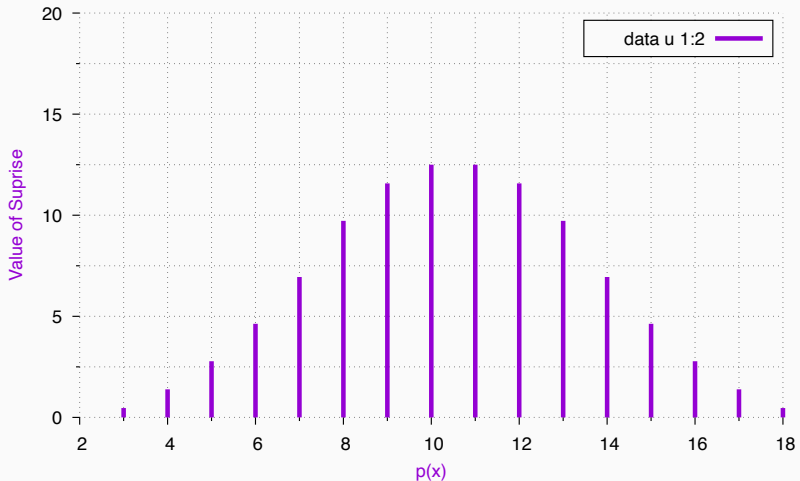


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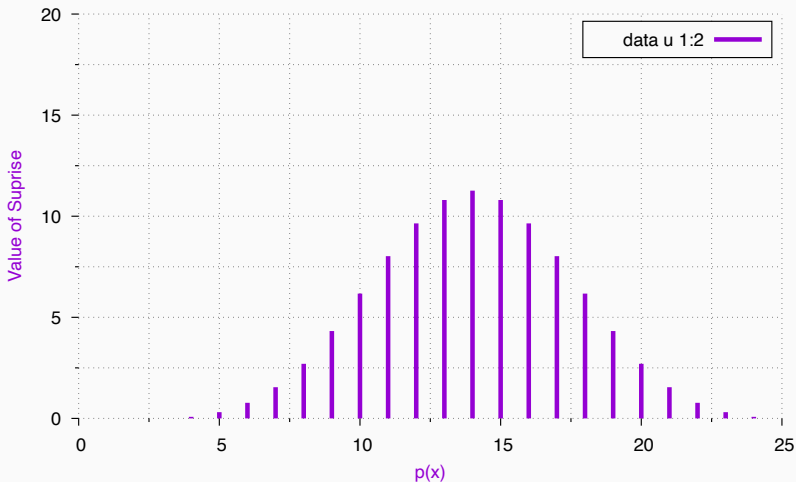


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