"Information is the resolution of uncertainty."

Shannon

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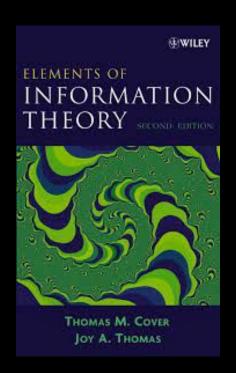
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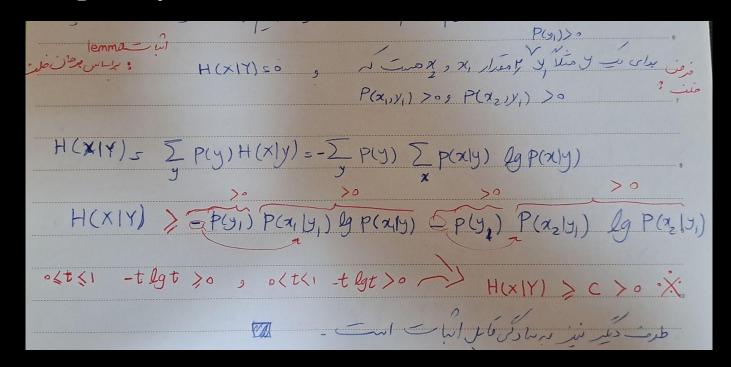




Session 4

Fano Inequality,
Weak Law of Large Numbers,
AEP

- Two correlated random variable X, Y.
- Y is known. We wish to guess the value of X.
- $\bullet \quad P_e = \Pr \{X_hat != X\}$
- $X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow X_{\text{hat}}$ is a markov chain.
- When P e is zero?
- When X is a function of Y. (for every y p(y) > 0 there is only one x p(x,y) > 0)
- $H(X \mid Y) = 0 \longleftrightarrow X \text{ is a function of } Y$



• What we can say when $H(X \mid Y) > 0$, and its relation to P_e?

Theorem 2.10.1 (Fano's Inequality) For any estimator
$$\hat{X}$$
 such that $X \to Y \to \hat{X}$, with $P_e = \Pr(X \neq \hat{X})$, we have
$$\frac{P(P_e) + P_e \log |\mathcal{X}| \geq H(X|\hat{X}) \geq H(X|Y)}{2}. \qquad (2.130)$$
This inequality can be weakened to
$$1 + P_e \log |\mathcal{X}| \geq H(X|Y) \qquad (2.131)$$
or
$$P_e \geq \frac{H(X|Y) - 1}{\log |\mathcal{X}|}. \qquad (2.132)$$

$$E = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{X} \neq X, \\ 0 & \text{if } \hat{X} = X. \end{cases}$$

$$H(E, X|\hat{X}) = H(X|\hat{X}) + \underbrace{H(E|X, \hat{X})}_{=0}$$

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$$H(X|E, \hat{X}) = \Pr(E = 0)H(X|\hat{X}, E = 0) + \Pr(E = 1)H(X|\hat{X}, E = 1)$$

$$\leq (1 - P_e)0 + P_e \log |\mathcal{X}|, \qquad H(P_e) + P_e \log |\mathcal{X}| \geq H(X|\hat{X}).$$

- $X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow X_{hat}$, by data processing inequality $I(X ; X_{hat}) = < I(X;Y)$ => $H(X|X_{hat}) > = H(X|Y)$
- Fano inequality is sharp.

Lemma

Lemma 2.10.1 If X and X' are i.i.d. with entropy H(X),

$$\Pr(X = X') \ge 2^{-H(X)},$$

with equality if and only if X has a uniform distribution.



Proof: Suppose that $X \sim p(x)$. By Jensen's inequality, we have

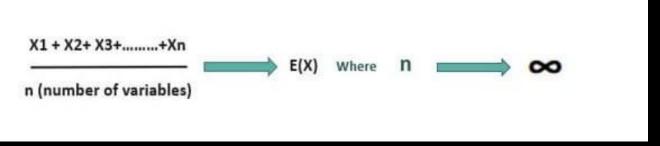
$$f = 2^Y, Y = \log p(X)$$
 $2^{E \log p(X)} \le E 2^{\log p(X)},$ (2.147)

which implies that

$$2^{-H(X)} = 2^{\sum p(x)\log p(x)} \le \sum p(x)2^{\log p(x)} = \sum p^2(x). \quad \Box \quad (2.148)$$

Weak Law of Large Number





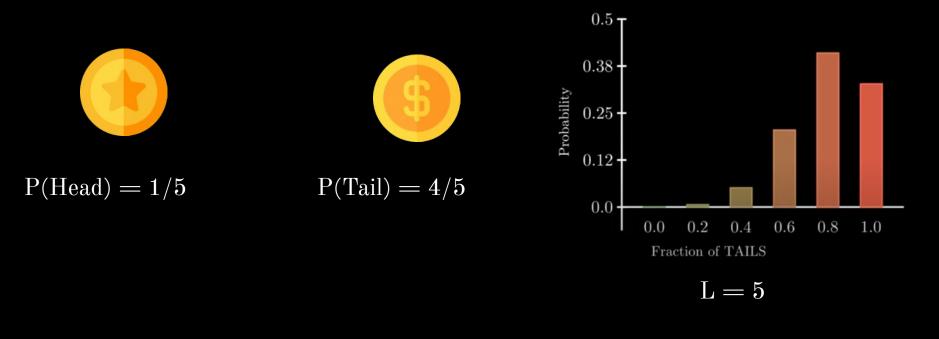
Theorem 3.1.1 (AEP) If
$$X_1, X_2, ...$$
 are i.i.d. $\sim p(x)$, then
$$-\frac{1}{n}\log p(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n) \to H(X) \qquad \text{in probability.}$$
Proof: Functions of independent random variables are also independent random variables. Thus, since the X_i are i.i.d., so are $\log p(X_i)$. Hence, by the weak law of large numbers,
$$-\frac{1}{n}\log p(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n) = -\frac{1}{n}\sum_i \log p(X_i) \qquad (3.3)$$

$$\to -E\log p(X) \qquad \text{in probability} \qquad (3.4)$$

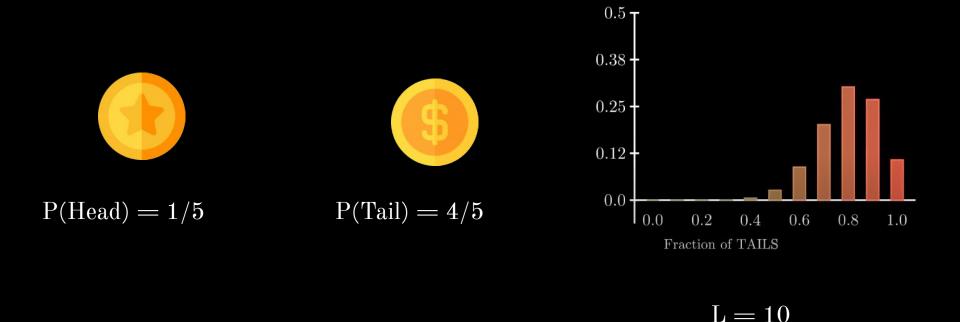
$$= H(X), \qquad (3.5)$$
which proves the theorem.

Imagine you throw n dices. (n >> 1) what is the probability of one specific realization?

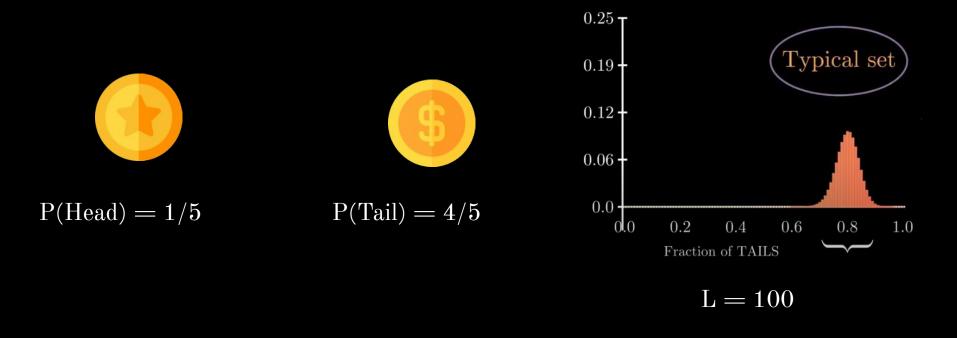
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Typical Set

Definition The *typical set* $A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}$ with respect to p(x) is the set of sequences $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{X}^n$ with the property

$$2^{-n(H(X)+\epsilon)} \le p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \le 2^{-n(H(X)-\epsilon)}.$$
 (3.6)

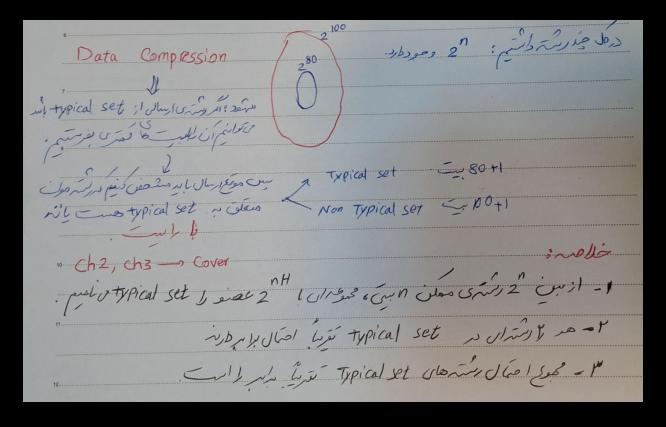
Typical Set

Theorem 3.1.2

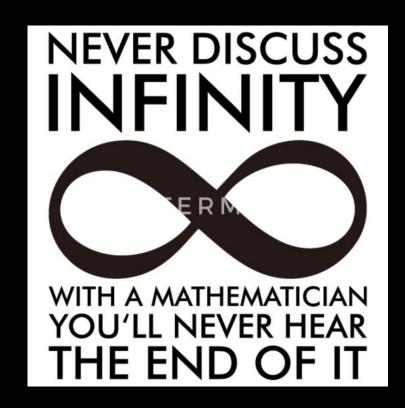
- 1. If $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}$, then $H(X) \epsilon \le -\frac{1}{n} \log p(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \le H(X) + \epsilon$.
- 2. $\Pr\{A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}\} > 1 \epsilon$ for n sufficiently large.
- 3. $|A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}| \leq 2^{n(H(X)+\epsilon)}$, where |A| denotes the number of elements in the set A.
- 4. $|A_{\epsilon}^{(n)}| \geq (1 \epsilon)2^{n(H(X) \epsilon)}$ for n sufficiently large.

Thus, the typical set has probability nearly 1, all elements of the typical set are nearly equiprobable, and the number of elements in the typical set is nearly 2^{nH} .

Typical Set



Infinity



Everything is nothing



with a twist.



~Kurt Vonnegut



Thanks for your attention

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