Information Theory

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IT4592E

Focus and Goal

• This course focuses on definitions and implications of information, entropy, the source coding and the channel coding

Goals in details

Gain knowledge:

- Information measures (definition of amount of information and entropy)
- Information rate: amount of information that source generate in one unit of time
- Capacity of information channel: maximum average amount of information so that channel can transmit in one unit of time
- Source Coding (information compression): using finite set of symbols to represent information of source by minimum number of symbols
- Channel Coding: information coding for reliable communication (communication without errors)

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Course descriptions

- Information theory explores the fundamental limits of the representation and transmission of information.
- This course will mathematically focus on the definition and implications of information entropy, the source coding theorem, and the channel coding theorem.
- These concepts provide a vital background in the areas of data compression, signal processing, controls, and pattern recognition.

Duty of students

- Reading the provided materials before class, print/ photo lectures, prepare questions
- Attend the full class according to the university rules, active in the classroom
- Do homework

Pre-courses recommendation

- Mathematics
- Probability

References

- Class Slides: https://users.soict.hust.edu.vn/linhdt/it4592e/
- Information Theory and Coding, N. Abramson, McGraw-Hill Book Co.
- Fundamentals of Information Theory and Coding Design, R. Togneri, C. deSilva, CRC Press Co.
- A Mathematical Theory of Communications, Shannon 1948
- Elements of Information Theory, Cover and Thomas, Wiley
- Probability, Random Variables and Stochastic Processes, A. Papoulis, McGraw-Hill
- Information Theory and Reliable Communications, R. G. Gallager, Wiley, 1968
- Cryptography Theory and Practice, E. Stinson, CRC Press Co.

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Course information

- Information theory
- 15 weeks, 2 lessons per week
- Evaluation:
 - Continuous Assessment (30%)
 - Attendance
 - Midterm Exam
 - Final Exam (70%)

Lecturer

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Question?

