

Cachin paper:

Let P_X be a probability mass function with support χ , where X is a discrete random variable taking the values in χ . The *entropy* of X is

$$H(X) = E(-\lg P_X),$$

where $E(\cdot)$ is the expected value (weighted average) function; that is,

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in \chi} P_X(x) \lg P_X(x). \quad (1)$$

Intuitively, the entropy of X is a measure of the number of bits of uncertainty in X . For example, suppose χ is the set of all n -bit strings, and $P_X(x) = 1/2^n$ for any $x \in \chi$; that is, every n -bit string is equally likely to be pulled from P_X . This would represent a distribution of maximum uncertainty, and it is straightforward to show that Eqn. (1) evaluates to n in this case. In fact, $H(X) = \lg|\chi|$ is an upper bound for H , where $|\chi|$ denotes the cardinality of χ .

The *minimum entropy* of a distribution P_X is defined as

$$H_\infty(X) = \min_{x \in \chi} \{-\lg P_X(x)\} \quad (2)$$

This can be understood as a measure of uncertainty for the “most probable” element in χ according to P_X . For example, if there is some element x_0 with $P_X(x_0) = 1$, then $H_\infty(X) = 0$ (there is no uncertainty in X). Suppose the most probable element x_0 has probability $P_X(x_0) = 1/2$. Intuitively, the uncertainty is unity; that is, we can guess that the next value of X will be x_0 to within a single coin flip. Indeed, evaluating Eqn. (2) for such a distribution shows that $H_\infty(X) = 1$.

Hopper paper:

Give the warden W access to $M(h)$, which returns draws from \mathcal{C}_h^b , and an oracle \mathcal{O} . The oracle \mathcal{O} is either SE_k or a function $O(\cdot, \cdot)$, where $O(m, h)$ simply returns draws from $\mathcal{C}_h^{|\text{SE}_k(m, h)|}$. The warden also has access to randomness r . The warden’s advantage against the steganographic secrecy under chosen hiddentext attack for channel \mathcal{C} of stegosystem S is defined by Hopper et. al to be

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{S, \mathcal{C}}^{\text{ss-cha-}\mathcal{C}}(W) = \left| \Pr_{k, r, M, \text{SE}} \left[W_r^{M, \text{SE}_k(\cdot, \cdot)} \text{ accepts} \right] - \Pr_{r, M, O} \left[W_r^{M, O(\cdot, \cdot)} \text{ accepts} \right] \right|.$$

A stegosystem S is $(t, q, \ell, \varepsilon)$ -*steganographically secret under chosen hiddentext attack* for channel \mathcal{C} (SS-CHA- \mathcal{C}) if, for any warden W making at most q queries totaling at most ℓ bits of hiddentext, and running in time at most t ,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{S, \mathcal{C}}^{\text{ss-cha-}\mathcal{C}}(W) \leq \varepsilon;$$

that is, the stegosystem S is insecure if the warden W can (with high probability) distinguish between the output of $\text{SE}_k(m, h)$ and draws from $\mathcal{C}_h^{|\text{SE}_k(m, h)|}$, even when given access to \mathcal{C}_h^b through M .

A stegosystem S is $(t, q, \ell, \varepsilon)$ -universsally steganographically secret under chosen *hiddenttext* attack for channel \mathcal{C} (USS-CHA- \mathcal{C}) if it is $(t, q, \ell, \varepsilon)$ -SS-CHA- \mathcal{C} for any channel \mathcal{C} that satisfies $H_\infty(\mathcal{C}_h^b) > 1 \forall h$ drawn from \mathcal{C} .