

Define self information

It is defined as the amount of information that gives knowledge about outcome of a certain event, adds to someone's overall knowledge. The amount of self information is expressed in the unit of information a bit and is represented by symbol I.

The smaller is the probability of an event larger is the self information associated with receiving the information that the event indeed occurred.

The self information  $I(w_n)$  associated with the outcome  $w_n$  is

$$I(w_n) = \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{P_I(w_n)} \right) = -\log_2 (P_I(w_n))$$

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## Problems

1. The binary symbols '0' & '1' are transmitted with probabilities  $y_4$  &  $\frac{3}{4}$  respectively. find the corresponding self information.

Soln:- Self information in a '0' =  $I_0 = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_0} = \log_2 \frac{1}{y_4} = 2$  bits

Self information in a '1' =  $I_1 = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_1} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{3}{4}} = 0.415$  bits

2. Prove that the independent symbols are transmitted, the total self information must be equal to the sum of individual self-information

Soln:- To prove this statement, let us take 2 independent symbol  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are transmitted with probabilities  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  respectively

$$I_1 = \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{P_1} \right) \text{ & } I_2 = \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{P_2} \right)$$

Total information is addition of 2 information then the total information obtained when both statements are made in additive i.e.  $I_1 + I_2$

$$I = \log \frac{1}{P(P_1 \text{ and } P_2)} = \log \frac{1}{P(P_1)P(P_2)} = \log \frac{1}{P_1 \cdot P_2}$$

$$\therefore I = \log \left( \frac{1}{P_1} \right) + \log \left( \frac{1}{P_2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{I = I_1 + I_2}$$

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3. A source port puts out one of five possible messages during each message interval. The probability of these messages are

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{2}, P_2 = \frac{1}{4}, P_3 = \frac{1}{8}, P_4 = \frac{1}{16}, P_5 = \frac{1}{16}$$

Sol:- Self information of each message.

$$I(m_1) = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_1} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \log_2 2 = 1 \text{ bit}$$

$$I(m_2) = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_2} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} = \log_2 4 = 2 \text{ bit}$$

$$I(m_3) = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_3} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{8}} = \log_2 8 = 3 \text{ bit}$$

$$I(m_4) = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_4} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{16}} = \log_2 16 = 4 \text{ bit}$$

$$I(m_5) = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_5} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{16}} = \log_2 16 = 4 \text{ bit}$$

Q) Consider a source  $S = \{S_1, S_2, S_3\}$  with  $P = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$   
find self-information of each message

To find self-information  $I_k = \log_2 \frac{1}{P_k}$

$$S_1 \rightarrow I_1 = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \log_2 2 = 1 \text{ bit}$$

$$S_2 \rightarrow I_2 = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} = \log_2 4 = 2 \text{ bits}$$

$$S_3 \rightarrow I_3 = \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} = \log_2 4 = 2 \text{ bits}$$

5] A card is selected at random from a deck of playing cards - if you have been told that it is red in colour. How much information you have received. How much more info you need to completely specify the card.

$$\rightarrow \text{Total no of cards} = 52$$

$$\text{Total no of cards in red} = 26$$

$$\text{Probability of getting a red card} = \frac{26}{52} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Amount of Information contained } I = \log_2 \frac{1}{P}$$

$$= \log_2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

$$I = \log_2 2 = 1 \text{ bit.}$$

For 1 unique card = 1

$$I = \log_2 52 = 5.7 \text{ bits}$$

$$\text{Mixed needed} \Rightarrow 5.7 - 1 \text{ bit} = 4.7 \text{ bits.}$$

b) Given 4 symbols  $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4$ , w/ 4th probab. values given below to show that entropy is highest when all symbols have same probability.

- a)  $P = \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4\}$
- b)  $P = \{0.2, 0.3, 0.3, 0.2\}$
- c)  $P = \{0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25\}$

Entropy is calculated using formula -

$$H = p_1 * \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_1} \right) + p_2 * \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_2} \right) + p_3 * \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_3} \right)$$

$$p_4 * \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_4} \right)$$

$$\therefore P = \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A_1) &= 0.1 & P(A_2) &= 0.2 \\ P(A_3) &= 0.3 & P(A_4) &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

From above formula -

$$H(A) = 0.1 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.1} + 0.2 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.2} + 0.3 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.1(3.32) + 0.2(2.32) + 0.3(1.74) \\ &\quad + 0.4(1.32) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore H(A) = 0.332 + 0.464 + 0.522 + 0.528$$

$$H(A) = 1.846 \text{ bits/symbol} \quad \rightarrow (i)$$

$$(ii) P = \{0.2, 0.3, 0.3, 0.2\}$$

$$P(A_1) = 0.2 \quad P(A_2) = 0.3$$

$$P(A_3) = 0.3 \quad P(A_4) = 0.2$$

From the above formula,

$$H(A) = 0.2 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.2} + 0.3 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.3} + 0.3 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.3}$$

$$+ 0.2 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.2}$$

$$= 0.464 + 0.822 + 0.822 + 0.464$$

$$H(A) = 1.972 \text{ bits/symbol} \quad \rightarrow (ii)$$

$$(iii) P = \{0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25\}$$

$$P(A_1) = P(A_2) = P(A_3) = P(A_4) = 0.25$$

From the above formula.

$$H(A) = 0.25 \log_2 \frac{1}{0.25} \times 4 = \log_2 \frac{1}{0.25} = 2$$

$$H(A) = 2 \text{ bits/symbol} \quad \rightarrow (iii)$$

From (i), (ii), (iii) we observe that  $P(A)$  of (iii) is highest when all events have equal probability.

(7) A pair of dice are tossed simultaneously. The outcome of first die is recorded as  $x_1$  and that of second die as  $x_2$ . Three events are defined as follows:

$A = \{(x_1, x_2) \text{ such that } (x_1 + x_2) \text{ is divisible by 4}\}$

$B = \{(x_1, x_2) \text{ such that } 6 \leq (x_1 + x_2) \leq 8\}$

$C = \{(x_1, x_2) \text{ such that } x_1 x_2 \text{ is divisible by 3}\}$

which event conveys max info?

→ When a pair of dice are tossed simultaneously, the sample space  $S$  consists of 36 combinations of  $(x_1, x_2)$  given by

|         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| $(1,1)$ | $(1,2)$ | $(1,3)$ | $(1,4)$ | $(1,5)$ | $(1,6)$ |
| $(2,1)$ | $(2,2)$ | $(2,3)$ | $(2,4)$ | $(2,5)$ | $(2,6)$ |
| $(3,1)$ | $(3,2)$ | $(3,3)$ | $(3,4)$ | $(3,5)$ | $(3,6)$ |
| $(4,1)$ | $(4,2)$ | $(4,3)$ | $(4,4)$ | $(4,5)$ | $(4,6)$ |
| $(5,1)$ | $(5,2)$ | $(5,3)$ | $(5,4)$ | $(5,5)$ | $(5,6)$ |
| $(6,1)$ | $(6,2)$ | $(6,3)$ | $(6,4)$ | $(6,5)$ | $(6,6)$ |

The event A contains the pairs given by

$$A = \{(1,3), (2,2), (2,6), (3,1), (3,5), (4,4), (5,3), (6,2), (6,6)\}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{9}{36} = 0.25$$

The event - B containing

$$B = \{(1,5), (1,6), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (5,1), (5,2), (5,3), (6,1), (6,2)\}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{16}{36} = 0.444$$

The event - C contains

$$C = \{(1,3), (1,6), (2,3), (2,6), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (3,6), (4,3), (4,6), (5,1), (5,6), (6,1), (6,2), (6,3), (6,4), (6,5), (6,6)\}$$

$$P(C) = \frac{20}{36} = 0.556$$

$\therefore$  Self Information of  $A = I_A = \log \frac{1}{0.25} = 2$  bits.

Self Information of  $B = I_B = \log \frac{1}{0.444} = 1.17$  bits

Self Information of  $C = I_C = \log \frac{1}{0.556} = 0.848$  bits