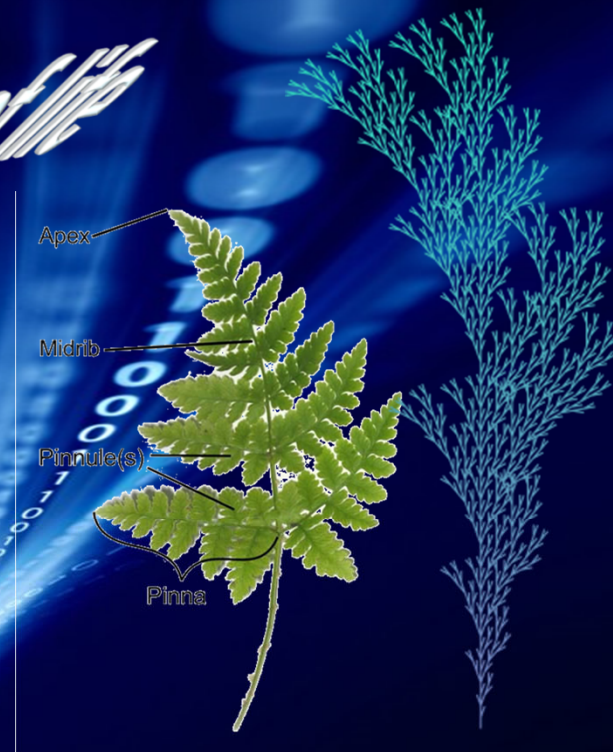


uncertainty-based Information and the logic and organization of life



Apex
Midrib
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Pinna

evolutionary systems and biologically-inspired computing

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key events coming up

- **Labs: 35% (ISE-483)**
 - Complete 5 (best 4 graded) assignments based on algorithms presented in class
 - Lab 0 : January 29th
 - *Introduction to Python* (No Assignment)
 - Delivered by SSIE583 Group 2
 - Lab 1 : February 5th
 - *Measuring Information* (Assignment 1)
 - Delivered by SSIE583 Group 3
- **SSIE – 583 -Presentation and Discussion: 25%**
 - Present and lead the discussion of an article related to the class materials
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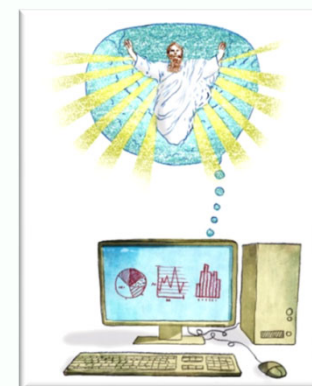
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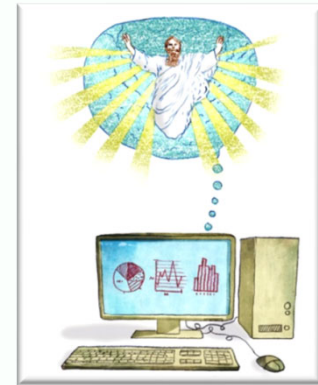
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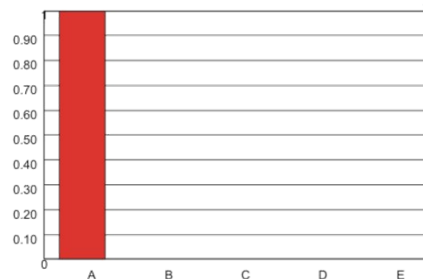
uncertainty, about outcome. How much information is gained when symbol is known

- **on average**, how many *yes-no* questions need to be asked to establish what the symbol is
- “structure” of uncertainty in situations

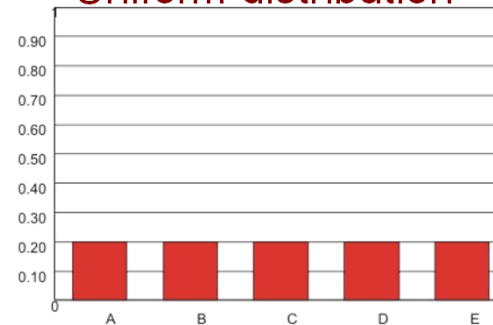
$$H_S \in = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2(p(x_i))$$

$$H_S \in [0, \log_2 |X|]$$

For one alternative



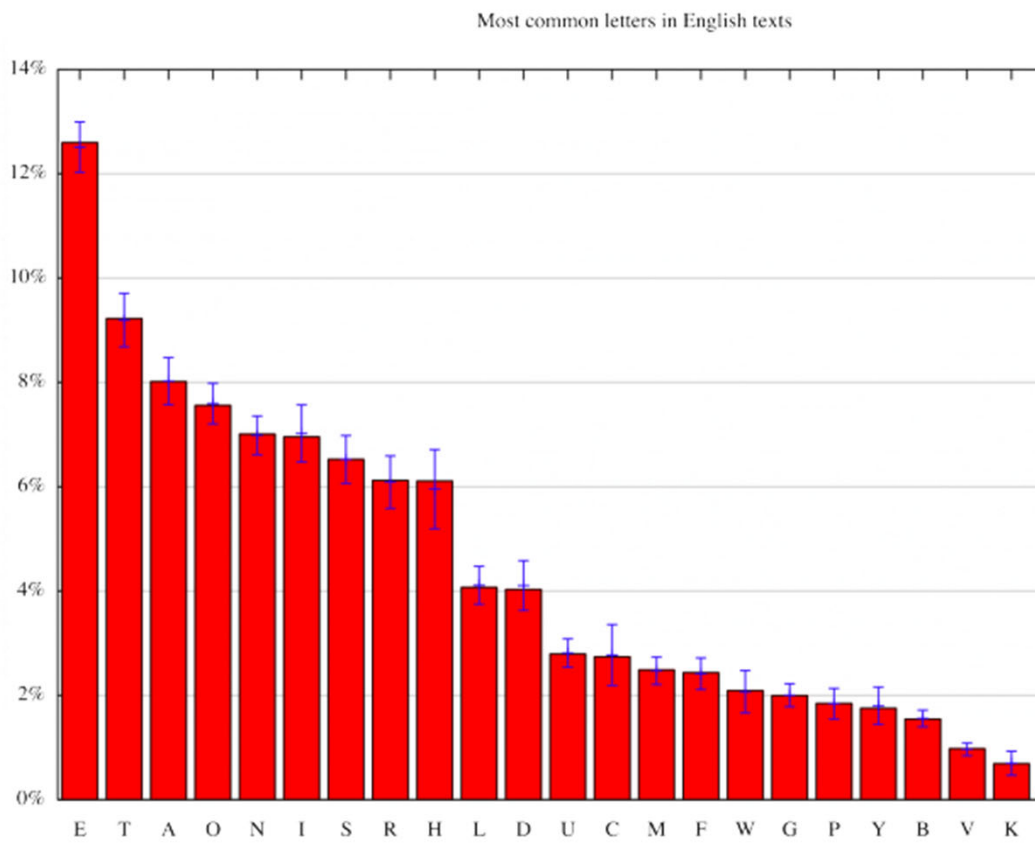
Uniform distribution



english entropy (rate)

from letter frequency

	$p(x)$	$\log_2(p(x))$	$-p(x) \cdot \log_2(p(x))$
e	0.124167	-3.0096463	0.373698752
t	0.096923	-3.3670246	0.326340439
a	0.082001	-3.6082129	0.295877429
i	0.076805	-3.7026522	0.284382943
n	0.076406	-3.7101797	0.283478135
o	0.07141	-3.8077402	0.271908822
s	0.070677	-3.8226195	0.270170512
r	0.066813	-3.903723	0.260820228
l	0.044831	-4.4793659	0.200813559
d	0.036371	-4.7810716	0.173891876
h	0.035039	-4.8349111	0.169408515
c	0.034439	-4.8598087	0.167367439
u	0.028777	-5.11894	0.147307736
m	0.028	-5.1458854	0.147094755
f	0.023	-5.4262953	0.1220629
p	0.020517	-5.6211617	0.114205704
y	0.018918	-5.7240814	0.108289316
g	0.018119	-5.7863688	0.104842059
w	0.013523	-6.2084943	0.083954364
v	0.012457	-6.3269343	0.078812722
b	0.010658	-6.5519059	0.069830868
k	0.00393	-7.9911852	0.031406876
x	0.002198	-8.8294354	0.019409218
j	0.001998	-8.9669389	0.017919531
q	0.000933	-10.066609	0.009387113
z	0.000599	-10.705156	0.006412389
	Entropy		4.14225193



	$p(x)$	$\log_2(p(x))$	$-p(x) \cdot \log_2(p(x))$
Space	0.18288	-2.4509943	0.448249175
E	0.10267	-3.2839625	0.337152952
T	0.07517	-3.7336995	0.280662128
A	0.06532	-3.9362945	0.257125332
O	0.06160	-4.0210249	0.247678132
N	0.05712	-4.1298574	0.235897914
I	0.05668	-4.1409036	0.234724772
S	0.05317	-4.2332423	0.225081718
R	0.04988	-4.3254212	0.215748053
H	0.04979	-4.3281265	0.215478547
L	0.04483	-4.4793659	0.200813559
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C	0.02234	-5.4844363	0.122504535
M	0.02027	-5.6248177	0.113990747
F	0.01983	-5.6561227	0.112164711
W	0.01704	-5.8750208	0.100104113
G	0.01625	-5.9435013	0.096576215
P	0.01504	-6.0547406	0.091082933
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B	0.01259	-6.3117146	0.079456959
V	0.00796	-6.9728048	0.055511646
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X	0.00141	-9.4709063	0.013346416
J	0.00098	-10.001987	0.009754119
Q	0.00084	-10.222907	0.008554069
Z	0.00051	-10.929184	0.005604998
	Entropy		4.0849451

Hartley Measure
 $H(|27|) 4.7548875$

http://www.macfreak.nl/memory/Letter_Distribution



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- entropy quantifies information (surprise), but it does not consider information content
 - semantic aspects of information are irrelevant to the engineering problem in Shannon's conception

We were good, we were gold
Kinda dream that can't be sold
We were right 'til we weren't
Built a home and watched it burn

Mm, I didn't wanna leave you
I didn't wanna lie
Started to cry, but then remembered I
I can buy myself flowers
Write my name in the sand
Talk to myself for hours
Say things you don't understand
I can take myself dancing
And I can hold my own hand
Yeah, I can love me better than you can



$$H_S \in = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2(p(x_i))$$



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entropy according to probabilistic model

0th order model: equiprobable symbols

$$H(A) = \log_2 |A|$$

Hartley Measure
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XFOML RXKHRJFFJUJ ZLPWCFWKCYJ FFJEYVKCQSGXYD QPAAMKBZAACIBZLHJQD

1st order model: frequency of symbols

$$H_S(A) = -\sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2(p(x_i))$$

H_S = 4.08

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2nd order model: frequency of digrams

Most common *digrams*: th, he, in, en, nt, re, er, an, ti, es, on, at, se, nd, or, ar, al, te, co, de, to, ra, et, ed, it, sa, em, ro.

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3rd order model: frequency of trigrams

Most common *trigrams*: the, and, tha, ent, ing, ion, tio, for, nde, has, nce, edt, tis, oft, sth, men

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4th order model: frequency of tetragrams

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other measures to infer structure and organization in nature and society

- **Mutual Information**
 - Amount of information about one variable that can be gained (uncertainty reduced) by observing another variable
- **Information Gain (Kullback-Leibler Divergence)**
 - Difference between two probability distributions p and q ,
 - average number of bits per data point needed in order to represent q (model approximation) as it deviates from p (“true” or theoretical distribution)
- **Transfer Entropy**
 - transfer of information between two random processes in time
 - Amount of information (in bits) gained, or uncertainty lost, in knowing future values of Y , knowing the past values of X and Y .

$$I(X; Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{p(x_i, y_j)}{p(x_i)p(y_j)}$$

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$$IG(p(X), q(X)) = \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2 \frac{p(x_i)}{q(x_i)}$$

$$T_{X \rightarrow Y} = H(Y_t | Y_{t-1:t-L}) - H(Y_t | Y_{t-1:t-L}, X_{t-1:t-L})$$

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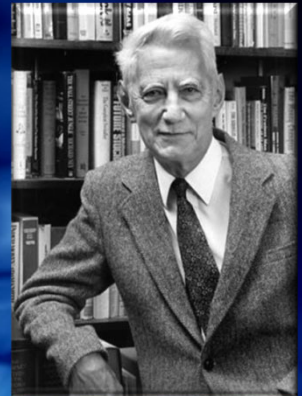
Measured in bits

Number of Choices

Hartley, R.V.L., "Transmission of Information", *Bell System Technical Journal*, July 1928, p.535.

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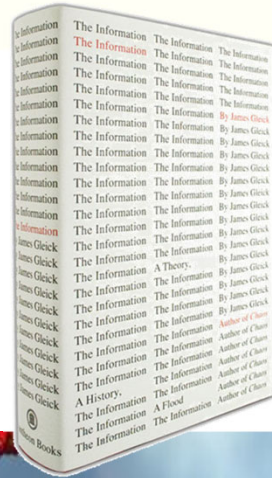
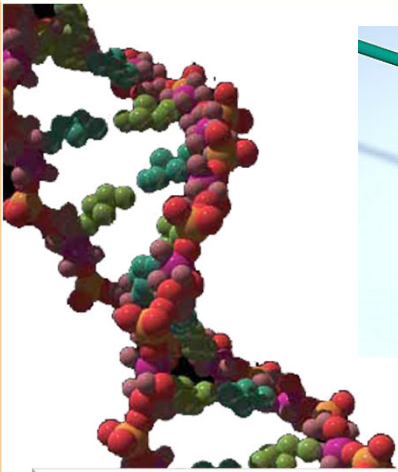
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Probability of alternative

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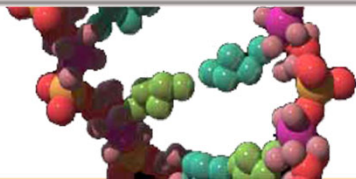
rate of removing uncertainty of each symbol



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Holdin' me back
Gravity's holdin' me back
I want you to hold out the palm of your hand
Why don't we leave it at that?
Nothin' to say
When everything gets in the way
Seems you cannot be replaced
And I'm the one who will stay, oh

“syntactic” surprise But
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