

$3333333 \dots 3 \leftarrow$
 $31415926525 \leftarrow \pi$
 $\rightarrow 84377293152 \leftarrow \text{random?}$

$\log n$
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 n

Kolmogorov complexity

- Solomonoff ≈ 56
- Chaitin

Why is something non-random.

- predictable
- easy to describe \approx

String \rightarrow complexity

$\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

string \rightarrow "length of its description"

$f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^* \dots \text{language}$
 description string

$f \dots$ is partially computable
 $\dots \exists$ an algorithm for f .
 which might not halt
 on some descriptions

$$f(d) = x$$

Def: Kolmogorov complexity of string $x \in \{0,1\}^*$
 relative to f is

$$C_f(x) = \min_{d \in \{0,1\}^*} \{ |d| \mid f(d) = x \}$$

Thm: \exists universal partially computable $u: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$
 \forall p.r.f $f \exists c_f \in \mathbb{N} \forall x \in \{0,1\}^*$

$$C_u(x) \leq C_f(x) + c_f$$

Pf:

$\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \dots$

\uparrow
 description of a TM

program for f
 \rightarrow its index

pairing fcn $\langle , \rangle : \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$

$$i, x \in \{0,1\}^* \quad \langle i, x \rangle = \underline{0^{i|1} 1 i x}$$

- u on input w separates w into i & d
s.t. $w = \langle i, d \rangle$

run $\phi_i(d)$ & output whatever $\varphi_i(d)$ outputs.

P: def
 $f = \phi_j$ for some j .

$$c_f = 2|j| + 1$$

$$\forall x \in \{0,1\}^*$$

d

$$f(d) = x$$

$$u(\langle j, d \rangle) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow c_u(x) \leq 2|j| + 1 + c_f(x)$$

□

Fix universal p.r.f. u

and we define $c(x) = c_u(x)$.

Ex: 1) $c(x) \leq |x| + O(1)$

$$f(x) = x \quad \dots \text{identity}$$

$$c_f(x) \leq |x|$$

$$2) c(0^n) \leq \lg n + O(1)$$

$$c(0^n) \stackrel{=} {\leq} c(\bar{n}) + O(1)$$

\uparrow
binary encoding of n .

$$3) c(\pi_{1..n}) = c(0^n) + O(1)$$

4)

$$\forall n \exists x \in \{0,1\}^n \quad c(x) \geq |x| = n$$

$$\forall n \exists x \in \{0,1\}^n$$

$$C(x) = n - 1$$

$$2^i$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = 2^n - 1$$

$$2^n = |\{0,1\}^n|$$

↳ # of descriptions of length $\leq n-1$.

- cannot find those strings algorithmically
- cannot compute $C(x)$ by an algorithm.
- many such strings.

$x \quad C(x) \geq |x| \quad \dots \quad x$ is Kolmogorov random.

$C(x)$... "the length of shortest program to print out x ".

→ measures amount of "algorithmic" information in an individual string.

$$H(x)$$

Conditional Kolmogorov complexity

$$x, y \in \{0,1\}^* \quad \text{p.r.f. } f$$

$$C_f(x|y) = \min \{ |d|; d \in \{0,1\}^*, f(\langle d, y \rangle) = x \}$$

Then: $\exists U; \forall \text{ p.r.f. } f \quad \exists C_f \quad \forall x, y \in \{0,1\}^*$

$$C_n(x|y) \leq C_f(x|y) + C_f$$

Pr: the same as above \square

Fix U ; $C(x) \equiv C(x|\epsilon)$
 \uparrow empty string

$$C(x,y) \equiv C(\langle x,y \rangle)$$

Thm: $\forall x,y \quad C(x,y) \leq C(x) + C(y|x) + \underbrace{O(\log C(x))}_{\uparrow}$

Pr: need to describe $\langle x,y \rangle$

$$\underbrace{d_x}_{|d_x| = C(x)} + d_{y|x} + \text{description of length of } d_x$$

Thm: $\forall x,y \quad C(x,y) \geq C(x) + C(y|x) - \underbrace{O(\log C(x,y))}_{\square}$

true, but we will not prove it.

Kolmogorov information (of y about x)

$$I_c(x:y) = C(x) - C(x|y)$$

Symmetric: $I_c(x:y) = I_c(y:x) + \underbrace{O(\log C(x,y))}_{\square}$

Ex: $\forall n \exists x \in \{0,1\}^n \quad C(x|n) \geq n$
 $C(n) \geq kn \quad C(n) \geq n \times$

$$I(x:n) = C(x) - C(x|n) = O(1)$$

$$I(n:x) = \frac{C(n)}{\geq \lg n} - \frac{C(n|x)}{O(1)} \geq O(\lg n)$$

X r.v. $\{0,1\}^n$

$$H(X) = E[C(X)]$$

$$\underline{H(X) \approx E[C(X)]}$$

kolm. random x $\Pr[X=x] = 1$ false ↗

Thm: r.v.'s X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots (computable sequence)
 X_n on $\{0,1\}^n$

$$\forall n \quad H(X_n) - O(\lg n) \leq E[C(X_n)] \leq H(X_n) + O(\lg n)$$

Computable sequence $\equiv n, x \in \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \Pr[X_n=x]$

Pf: $E[\underline{C(X_n)}] \leq H(X_n) + O(\lg n)$ ↖

goal: make $E[C(X_n)] \leq H(X_n) + \dots$

by designing descriptions for strings in X_n

$$X_n \rightarrow \underline{\text{Shannon Code}} \quad dx$$

$$\underline{x \in X_n} \quad l(x) \quad E[l(x)] \leq H(X_n) + 1$$

, f

description for x w.r.t. some p.r.f. f

alg
for f } $d'_x = \langle \underline{n}, d_x \rangle$... calculate X_n
build the Shannon code for X_n
output x correspondingly to d_x .

$$\begin{aligned} E[C_f(X_n)] &\leq E[O(\lg n) + \underline{\underline{l(X_n)}}] \\ &\leq E[l(X_n)] + O(\lg n) \\ &\leq H(X_n) + O(\lg n). \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$H(X_n) \leq E[C(X_n)] + O(\lg n)$$

↑
Pbl. 4 in HW.

