### introduction to systems science



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#### towards extraction of multiscale factors







social media data pipelines for biomedicine



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integrating and analyzing multiomic electronic health records with network science to predict comorbidity & drug interaction networks, disease factors & interventions









## what about you?



## introduction to systems science

#### course materials





# Lecture slides and notes

- See course web page and brightspace
- Web links and general materials
  - Blog (sciber.blogspot.com) and brightspace
- Class Book
  - Klir, G.J. [2001]. Facets of systems science. Springer.
    - Available in electronic format for SUNY students.
- Various literature for discussion
  - Course web site and brightspace



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Overview and aims



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### introduction to informatics

#### evaluation Participation and Discussion: 15%. class discussion, everybody reads and discusses every paper engagement in class Lead Discussions: 25% Students are assigned to papers as lead discussants all students are supposed to read and participate in discussion of every paper. Lead discussant prepares short summary of assigned paper (10 minutes) no formal presentations or PowerPoint unless figures are indispensable. Summary should: 1) Identify the key goals of the paper (not go in detail over every section) 2) What discussant liked and did not like 3) What authors achieved and did not 4) Any other relevant connections to other class readings and beyond. Class discussion is opened to all lead discussant ensures we important paper contributions and failures are addressed Python Homework: 25% From Python workshop (3<sup>rd</sup> Session Prof. Sayama) Term Paper/Project proposal: 35% • A paper with an overview of the topics and literature covered, or a proposal for a project that uses complex systems thinking in your domain of expertise rocha@binghamton.edu BINGHAMTON casci.binghamton.edu/academics/ssie501m UNIVERSIT

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lecture 1: information and a tour on the garden of forking paths from Borges to Shannon



### the library of Babel

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Personal path in the garden of forking paths





### the library of Babel

### Jorge Luis Borges (1899 – 1986)

"The universe (which others call the Library) is composed of an indefinite and perhaps infinite number of hexagonal galleries, with vast air shafts between, surrounded by very low railings."

".....all the books, no matter how diverse they might be, are made up of the same elements: the space, the period, the comma, the twenty-two letters of the alphabet He also alleged a fact which travelers have confirmed: In the vast Library there are no two identical books."

"... Everything: the minutely detailed history of the future, the archangels' autobiographies, the faithful catalogues of the Library, thousands and thousands of false catalogues, the demonstration of the fallacy of those catalogues, the demonstration of the fallacy of the true catalogue, [...] the true story of your death, the translation of every book in all languages ... ".

"I have wandered in search of a book, perhaps the catalogue of catalogues'

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Poetic essays on information and memory (1941)



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### the library of Babel

#### numbers





What to do in such information spaces to avoid becoming a Quixotic wanderer?

Are there principles of organization?



### information basics

### observer and choice

- Information is defined as "a measure of the freedom from <u>choice</u> with which a message is selected from the set of all possible messages"
- Bit (short for *binary digit*) is the most elementary **<u>choice</u>** one can make
  - Between two items: "0' and "1", "heads" or "tails", "true" or "false", etc.
  - Bit is equivalent to the choice between two equally likely alternatives
    - Example, if we know that a coin is to be tossed, but are unable to see it as it falls, a message telling whether the coin came up heads or tails gives us one bit of information



### Fathers of uncertainty-based information



Hartley, R.V.L., "Transmission of Information", *Bell System Technical Journal*, July 1928, p.535.  Information is transmitted through noisy communication channels

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 Ralph Hartley and Claude Shannon (at Bell Labs), the fathers of Information Theory, worked on the problem of efficiently transmitting information; i. e. *decreasing the uncertainty* in the transmission of information.

C. E. Shannon [1948], "A mathematical theory of communication". *Bell System Technical Journal*, **27**:379-423 and 623-656

C. E. Shannon, "A Symbolic analysis of relay and switching circuits" *.MS Thesis*, (unpublished) MIT, 1937.

C. E. Shannon, "An algebra for theoretical genetics." *Phd Dissertation*, MIT, 1940.

### Multiplication Principle

- "If some choice can be made in M different ways, and some subsequent choice can be made in N different ways, then there are M x N different ways these choices can be made in succession" [Paulos]
  - 3 shirts and 4 pants = 3 x 4 = 12 outfit choices



### Hartley uncertainty

## Nonspecificity

- Hartley measure
  - The amount of uncertainty associated with a set of alternatives (e.g. messages) is measured by the amount of information needed to remove the uncertainty

Quantifies how many yes-no questions need to be asked to establish what the correct alternative is

Elementary Choice is between 2 alternatives: 1 bit

$$H(B) = \log_2(2) = 1$$

$$\log_2(4) = 2$$
  $2^2 = 4$ 



### Hartley Uncertainty



## entropy

### uncertainty-based information



Shannon's measure



• The *average* amount of uncertainty associated with a set of *weighted* alternatives (e.g. messages) is measured by the *average* amount of information needed to remove the uncertainty



### entropy of a message

alphabet examples



### example

### 5-letter "english"

- Given a symbol set {A,B,C,D,E}
  - And occurrence probabilities P<sub>A</sub>, P<sub>B</sub>, P<sub>C</sub>, P<sub>D</sub>, P<sub>E</sub>,

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- The Shannon entropy is
  - The average minimum number of bits needed to represent a symbol

$$H_{S} = -(p_{A} \log_{2}(p_{A}) + p_{B} \log_{2}(p_{B}) + p_{C} \log_{2}(p_{C}) + p_{D} \log_{2}(p_{D}) + p_{E} \log_{2}(p_{E}))$$

$$H_{S} = -(1.\log_{2}(1) + 0.\log_{2}(0) + 0.\log_{2}(0) + 0.\log_{2}(0) + 0.\log_{2}(0)) = -\log_{2}(1)$$

$$H_{S} = -5.\left(\frac{1}{5}\right).\log_{2}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = -(\log_{2}(1) - \log_{2}(5)) = \log_{2}(5)$$
$$H_{S} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}.\log_{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{5}.\log_{2}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + 3.\left(\frac{1}{10}\right).\log_{2}\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)\right)$$



#### what it measures



## english entropy (rate)

## from letter frequency

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### entropy and meaning

### what's (not) in it?

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

Something's got a hold of me lately No, I don't know myself anymore Feels like the walls are all closin' in And the devil's knockin' at my door, whoa

Out of my mind, how many times Did I tell you I'm no good at bein' alone? Yeah, it's takin' a toll on me, tryin' my best to keep From tearin' the skin off my bones, don't you know

#### I lose control

When you're not next to me (when you're not here with me) I'm fallin' apart right in front of you, can't you see? I lose control When you're not next to me, mm-hm Yeah, you're breakin' my heart, baby You make a mess of me



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

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#### predicting english

### entropy according to probabilistic model

Oth order model, equiprehable evrebale	$H(A) = \log_{2} A $	Hartley Measure
off order model: equiprobable symbols		H( 27 ) 4.7548875

XFOML RXKHRJFFJUJ ZLPWCFWKCYJ FFJEYVKCQSGXYD QPAAMKBZAACIBZLHJQD

1<sup>st</sup> order model: frequency of symbols  $H_s(A) = -\sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i)\log_2(p(x_i))$  H<sub>S</sub> =4.08

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3<sup>rd</sup> order model: frequency of trigrams

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

including more structure reduces surprise



### uncertainty

### other measures to infer structure and organization in nature and society



$$I(X;Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p(x_{i},y_{j}) \log_{2} \frac{p(x_{i},y_{j})}{p(x_{i})p(y_{j})}$$

$$IG(p(X),q(X)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p(x_{i}) \log_{2} \frac{p(x_{i})}{q(x_{i})}$$

$$I(X;Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X,Y)$$

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#### uncertainty-based information

information as decrease in uncertainty.



#### information of sequential messages

