Information Theory

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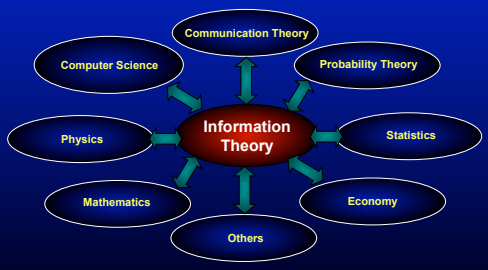
Today's Topics

- Overview of Information Theory
- Digital Communication
- History
- What is Information Theory

OVERVIEW OF INFORMATION THEORY FRAMEWORK



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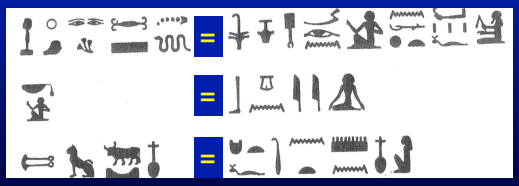
History

EGYPTIAN

Cryptography, ca. 1900BC



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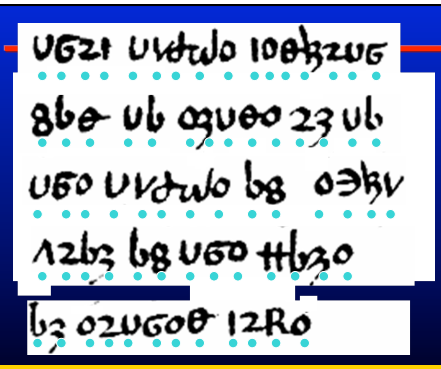

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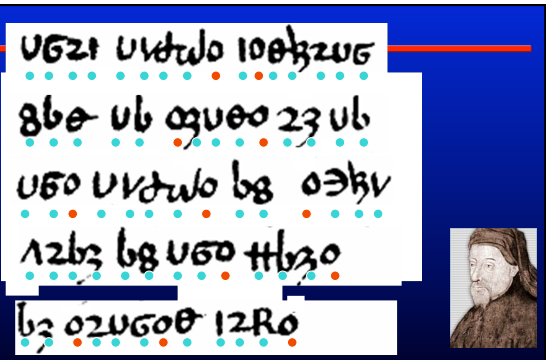

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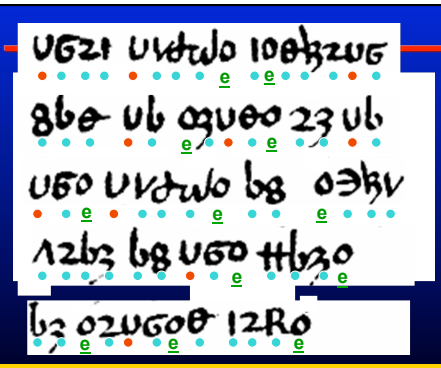

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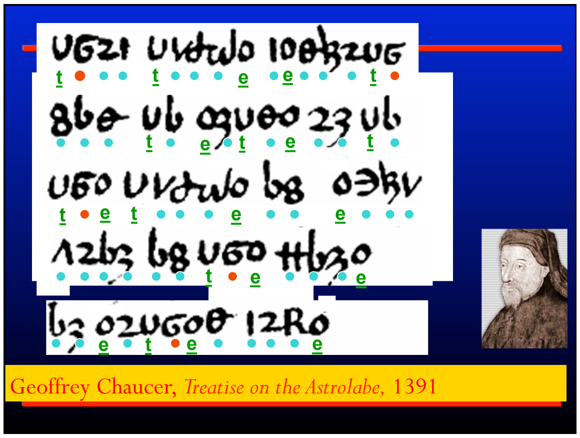
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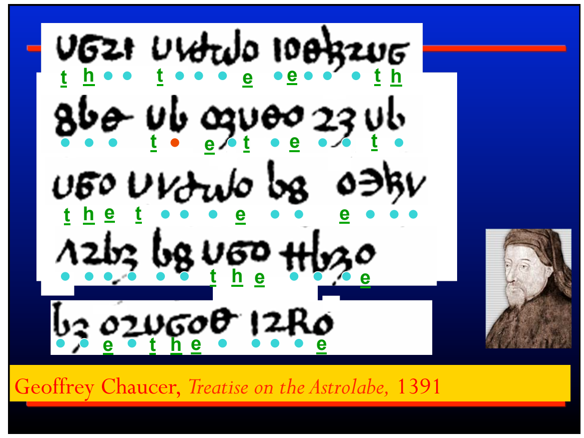
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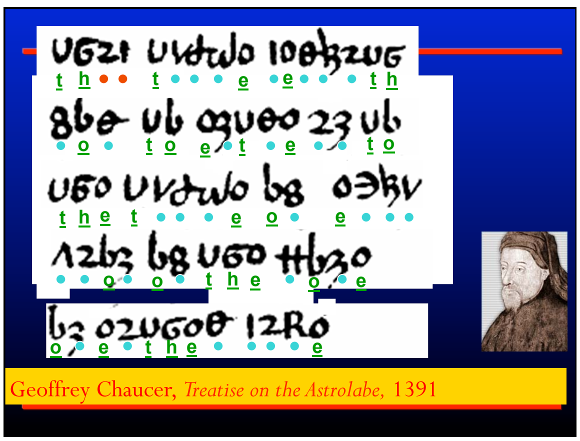
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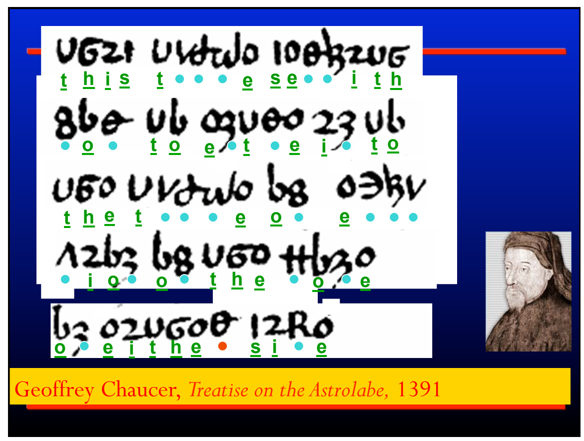
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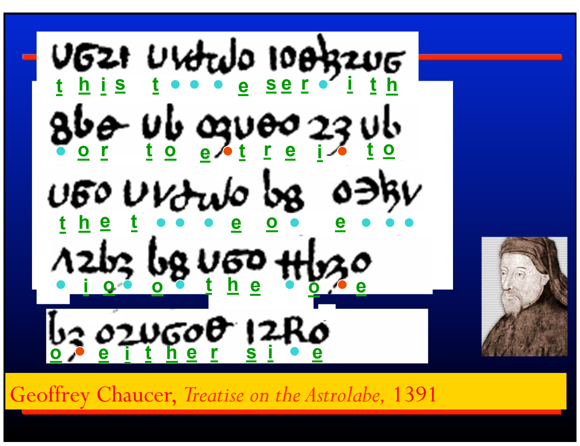
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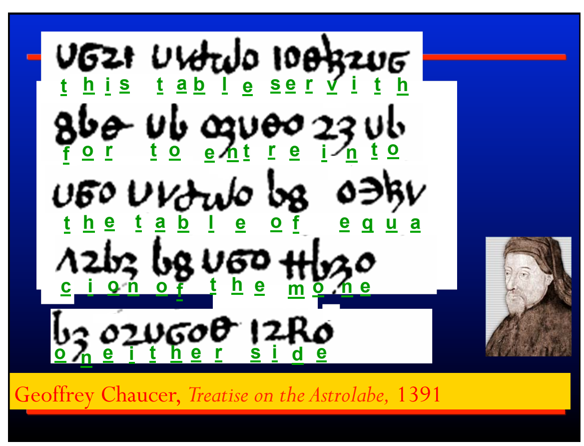
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Solving simple substitution ciphers

- Frequency analysis has been known since the 9th century.
- Al Kindi's *Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages*

Yaqub Ibn Ishaq al-Kindi (801-873)

- Throughout history, people continued to use insecure encryption methods –long after some methods have been broken – because of ignorance, laziness or force of habit.
- Today also, people use insecure encryption (or no encryption at all). Many technology companies market encryption products that use methods that are insecure, or outright bogus.

Caesar cipher

- Replace each letter by the letter that comes some fixed distance before or after it in the alphabet.

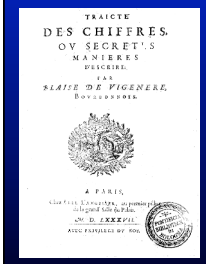
Shift = 3

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W

Omnia Gallia in tres partes divisa est

LJKF XDXI IFXF KQOB PMXO QBPA FSFP XBPQ

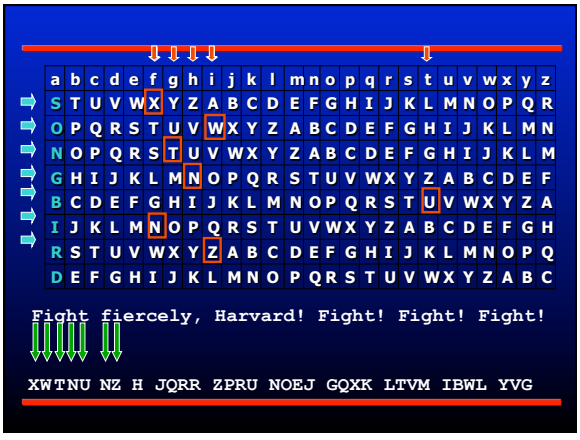
Vigenère Encryption



Blaise de Vigenère (1523-1596)

Leon Battista Alberti (1404-1472)

- Use several Caesar substitutions and cycle through them
- Sequence of substitutions determined by a secret key



Morse Code (1838)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
.-	-...	-.-.	-..	.	..-.	--.	....	..	.---	-.-	.-..	--
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
-.	---	.--.	--.-	.-.	...	-	..-	...-	.--	-..-	-.--	--..

Morse Code (1838)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
.08	.01	.03	.04	.12	.02	.02	.06	.07	.00	.01	.04	.02
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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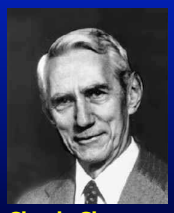
OVERVIEW OF INFORMATION THEORY HISTORY

"Claude Shannon's creation in the 1940's of the subject of information theory is arguably one of the great intellectual achievements of the twentieth century"

Bell Labs
Computing and Mathematical Sciences Research

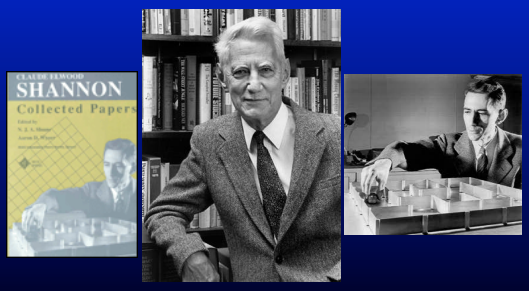
http://cm.bell-labs.com/cm/ms/what/shannonday/work.html



Claude Shannon

Father of Digital Communications

Shannon (1948) , Information theory, The Mathematical theory of Communication

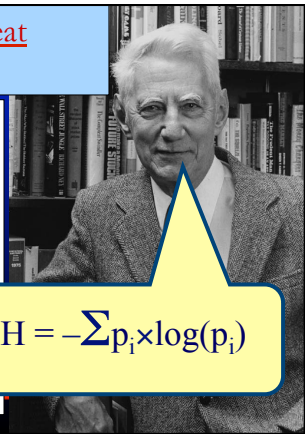


Claude Elwood Shannon, April 30, 1916 - February 24, 2001

Information, not Heat

Shannon *(1948)*

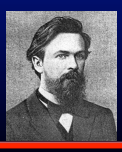
- ***"No one really knows what entropy is, so in a debate you will always have the advantage"***
- *J von Neumann to Claude Shannon*



$$H = -\sum p_i \times \log(p_i)$$

Andrei Andreyevich Markov

Markov is particularly remembered for his study of Markov chains, sequences of random variables in which the future variable is determined by the present variable but is independent of the way in which the present state arose from its predecessors. This work launched the theory of stochastic processes.



Born: 14 June 1856 in Ryazan, Russia
Died: 20 July 1922 in Petrograd (now St Petersburg), Russia

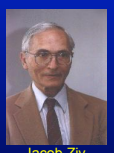
David A. Huffman

In 1951 David A. Huffman and his classmates in an electrical engineering graduate course on information theory were given the choice of a term paper or a final exam. For the term paper, Huffman's professor, Robert M. Fano, had assigned what at first appeared to be a simple problem. Students were asked to find the most efficient method of representing numbers, letters or other symbols using a binary code. Besides being a nimble intellectual exercise, finding such a code would enable information to be compressed for transmission over a computer network or for storage in a computer's memory.

Huffman worked on the problem for months, developing a number of approaches, but none that he could prove to be the most efficient. Finally, he despaired of ever reaching a solution and decided to start studying for the final. Just as he was throwing his notes in the garbage, the solution came to him.
"It was the most singular moment of my life," Huffman says.
"There was the absolute lightning of sudden realization."

The inventors


Abraham Lempel


Jacob Ziv

LZW (Lempel-Ziv-Welch) is an implementation of a lossless data compression algorithm created by Lempel and Ziv. It was published by Terry Welch in 1984 as an improved version of the LZ78 dictionary coding algorithm developed by Abraham Lempel and Jacob Ziv.

Fano

Shannon showed that it is possible to compress information. He produced examples of such codes which are now known as Shannon-Fano codes.

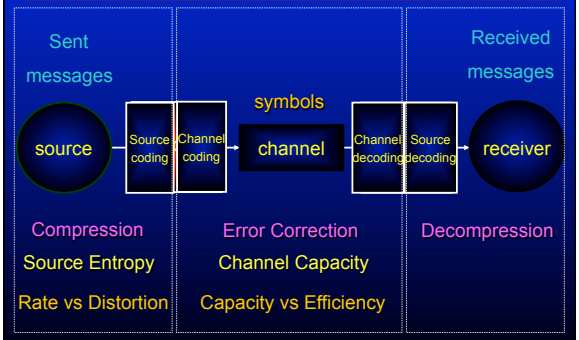
Robert Fano was an electrical engineer at MIT (the son of G. Fano, the Italian mathematician who pioneered the development of finite geometries and for whom the Fano Plane is named).

Low and High Information Content Messages

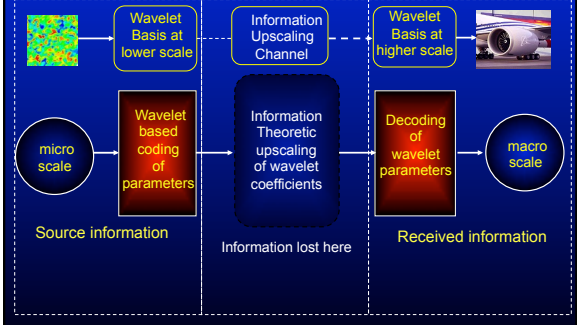
- The more frequent a message is, the less information it conveys when it occurs
- Two weather forecast messages:
- Bos:
- LA:

- In LA "Sunny" is a low information message and "cloudy" is a high information message

INFORMATION TRANSFER ACROSS CHANNELS

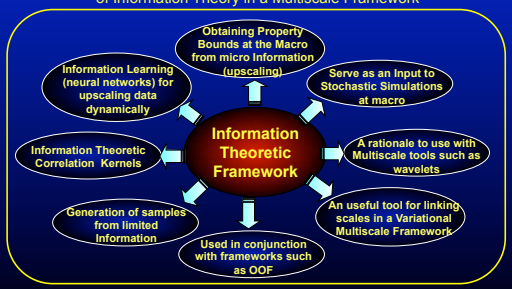


AN INTERESTING ANALOGY



Applications of information theory with multiscale methods

Some currently ongoing and envisaged applications of Information Theory in a Multiscale Framework



- What is Information theory ?

What is Information theory about ?

Information: knowledge that can be used

Communication: exchange of Information

Our goal: efficient; reliable; secure

Express everything in 0 and 1

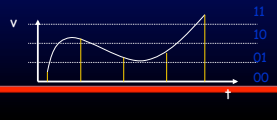
Discrete ensemble:

a,b,c,d ⇒ 00, 01, 10, 11

in general: k binary digits specify 2^k messages

Analogue signal:

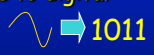
1) sample and 2) represent sample value binary



Output
00, 10, 01, 01, 11

Shannon's contributions

Modeling: how to go from analogue to digital
- fundamental communication models



Bounds: how far can we go?
- achievability
- impossibility

Constructions: constructive communication methods
- with optimum performance

and many more!!!

efficient: general problem statement

remove redundancy — exact, no errors !!

remove irrelevance — distortion !!

Topics: how ? how good ?
how fast ? how complex ?
+ + +

efficient: text

represent every symbol with 8 bit

→ ***1 book: 8 * (500 pages) * 1000 symbols = 4 Mbit ≈ 1 book***

→ compression possible to 1 Mbit (1:4)

efficient: speech

sampling speed 8000 samples/sec; accuracy 8 bits/ sample;

speed 64 kBit/s;

→ 45 minutes lecture = 45*60*64k =180Mbit ▪ 45 books

→ compression possible to 4.8 kBit/s (1:10)

efficient: CD music

sampling speed 44.1 k samples/sec; accuracy 16 bits/sample

→ storage capacity for one hour stereo: 5 Gbit ▪ 1250 books

→ compression possible to 4 bits/sample (1:4)

efficient: digital pictures

300 x 400 pixels x 3 colors x 8 bit/sample

→ 2.9 Mbit/picture; for 25 images/second we need 75 Mb/s

2 hour pictures need 540 Gbit ▪ 130.000 books

→ compression needed (1:100)

efficient: summary

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efficient: general idea

- represent likely symbols with short length binary words where likely is derived from

- **prediction** of next symbol in source output

  q qu q-ue, q-ua, q-ui, q-uo

- **context** between the source symbols

  words sounds context in pictures

efficient: applications

- Text: Zip; GIF etc.
- Music: MP3
- Pictures: JPEG, MPEG

Contributors in data reduction/compression:

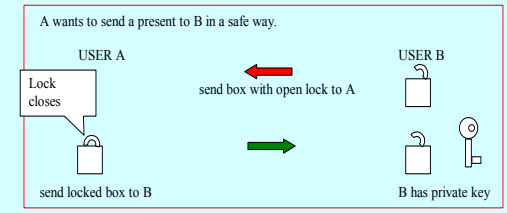
Information theorists: A. Lempel and Jacob Ziv

: Huffman a.m.m.

efficient: example JPEG

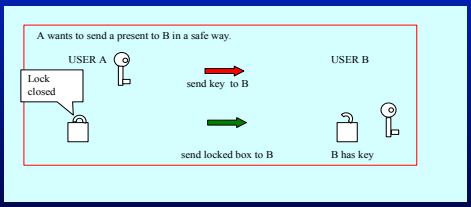
15.817MB 4.566MB 3.267MB 2.351MB

Secure: example 1



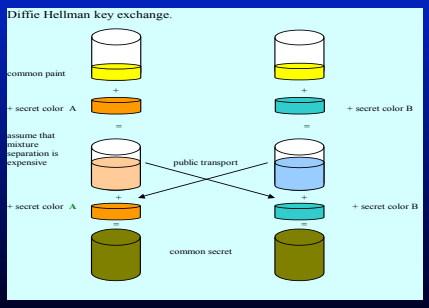
Problem: Is B the owner of the open lock?

Secure: classical



Problem: Is the key present at B?

Secure: example 2



Reliable:

Transmit Receive

0 or 1 → 0 or 1

0 →	0	correct
0 →	1	in - correct
1 →	1	correct
1 →	0	in - correct

What can we do about it ?

Reliable: 2 examples

Transmit Receive

A: = 0 0 → 0 0 or 1 1 OK

B: = 1 1 → 0 1 or 1 0 NOK

1 error detected!

A: = 0 0 0 → 000, 001, 010, 100 ⇒ A

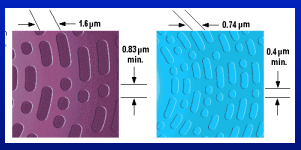
B: = 1 1 1 → 111, 110, 101, 011 ⇒ B

1 error corrected!

Error Sensitivity: Illustration

Error sensitivity: 0.0001=0.01% Error sensitivity: 0.0005=0.05%

Optical Storage



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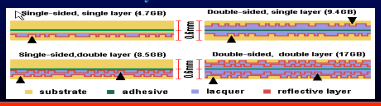
•The data structure was made more efficient by using a better, more efficient error correction code system.



Errors in networking