

Lecture for 9-15-2016

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Conditional Probability

Suppose you study how weather in the morning compare to weather in the afternoon, you find that the frequency of event occurring are :

Morning	sunny	rainy	snowy
Afternoon			
sunny	1/5	1/10	0
rainy	1/10	1/5	1/10
snowy	0	1/10	1/10

Today: Rainy this morning, what is the probability it will be sunny this afternoon?

$$P(\text{sunny this afternoon} | \text{rainy this morning}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(\text{rainy in morning}) = \frac{4}{10}$$

$$P(\text{rainy morning and sunny afternoon}) = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{Thus } P(A|B) = \frac{\frac{1}{10}}{\frac{4}{10}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Perfect Secrecy

A system has perfect secrecy if for any message m and any key k , $P(\text{original message was } m | \text{ ciphertext Eve capture is } C) = P(\text{original message was } m)$

Suppose that Alice and Bob are exchanging messages that are either a or b and they have 3 possible keys k_1, k_2 and k_3 . All 3 keys are equally likely of the time Bob sends a of the time Bob sends b

Encryption system

	K_1	K_2	K_3
a	1	2	3
b	2	3	4

Suppose Eve intercepts the ciphertext $C=2$ Eve wants to compute: $P(m = a | C = 2)$ Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P(m = a \text{ and } c = 2)}{P(c = 2)} &= \frac{P(\text{key was } k_2 \text{ and the message was } a)}{P(\text{key is } k_1 \text{ and } m = b) + P(\text{key is } k_2 \text{ and } m = a)} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{key was } k_2) \times P(m = a)}{P(\text{key was } k_1) \times P(m = b) + P(\text{key was } k_2) \times P(m = a)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{3}{12} + \frac{1}{12}} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{4}{12}} = \frac{1}{4} = P(m = a) \end{aligned}$$

Eve didn't learn anything

Suppose Eve intercepts the cipher text $C=1$ $P(m=a|C=1)$:

$$\frac{P(m = a \text{ and } C = 1)}{P(C = 1)} = \frac{P(m = a) \times P(\text{key was } k_1)}{P(m = a) \times P(\text{key was } k_1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3}} = 1 \neq P(m = a).$$

Thus Eve learned something about the message so the system doesn't have perfect secrecy.

Theorem: the one time pad has perfect secrecy

Key to proof: Any message can be encoded to any ciphertext by exactly one key. Issue with one time pad: Need to transmit a key. Impractical since keys can only be used once.

Facts from number theory

How do you compute GCDs? Greatest common divisor $\text{GCD}(4,26) =$ Factor both numbers and use that to find the greatest factor

$\text{GCD}(1317, 56) =$ Try dividing both numbers by things until you find something

Euclidean Algorithm:

- compute $\text{GCD}(1317,56)$
- Do division with remainder $\text{GCD}(1317,56) = \text{GCD}(56,29) = \text{GCD}(29,27) = \text{GCD}(27,2) = \text{GCD}(2,1) = 1$

Idea: Keep doing division with remainder until the first time we get a remainder 0.

If $\text{GCD}(a,b) = d$ then there exist x,y such that $xa+yb = d$

$$29 = 1317 - 23(56) \quad 27 = 56 - 1(29) \quad 1 = 27 - 13(2)$$

$$1 = 27 - 13(2) = 27 - 13(29 - 27) = -12(29) + 27(13) = \dots = 645(56) - 27(1317)$$

(work backward)