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Information Lattices and Randomness Measures



Abstract: Several lattice structures and corresponding entropic measures of information are presented for various purposes in computer science. First, based on the relatively unknown "lattice theory of information" of Shannon, where the lattice order is defined as a deterministic functional dependence, we present some preliminary considerations on the general problems of missing/complementary information and perfect reconstruction. These problems are solved for discrete variables with necessary and sufficient conditions, using Gács-Körner communication classes and geometric considerations based on Rajski's metric. Then, we extend the deterministic lattice structure using majorization theory which characterizes how the notion of randomness of any discrete random variable can be measured. This encompasses all known informational measures such as Shannon/Rényi entropies, guessing entropies, probability of error, etc.In another direction, when the deterministic functional relationships are randomized, we obtain the general definition of a communication channel (Markov kernel). In general, this is incompatible with the majorization lattice, except in the important case of a bistochastic (unital) channel which characterizes the majorization lattice order for both classical and quantum computation.

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