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Communication:

all manners: music, tv, oral, human behaviors

Problems





info source = brain person listening = destination speaker's vocal system transmitter listener's ears/nerve = receiver

Questions

1. amount of info?

- 2. capacity of communication channel?
- 3. efficient coding process?
- 4. noise affect accuracy?
- 5. continuous signal affect problem?

Information

measure of freedom of choice in sending message applies to whole situation, not individualized

message option A: **0** message option B: 1 closed circuit open circuit

unit of info = "bit"

ex) 16 messages to pick: 16=2⁴

- : log₂16=4
- : 4 bits of info

Probabiliities

depend on preceding choices

stochastic process: sequence of symbols according to probabilities

Markoff process: probabilities depend on prior events

egodic process: sequence of symbols with statistical regularity



Entropy: getting to certain stages in process of forming messages and probability that there, certain symbols will come out



language must have at least 50% real freedom/relative entropy



characterizing statistical nature of all messages which given source can and will produce = info realized

Capacity of channel

info it transmits per second: bits per second as unit

Codina

best transmitter = codes messages so signal has optimum statistic and best suited to channel, maximizing signial entropy

Noise

no noise = no uncertainty of message with known signal noise = info is uncertain after signal known

Continuous messages

continuous message comprised of simple harmonic elements NOT all frequencies