

## AVERAGE INFORMATION, ENTROPY AND INFORMATION RATE



- Information is the source of a communication system, whether it is analog or digital. **Information theory** is a mathematical approach to the study of coding of information along with the quantification, storage, and communication of information.
- **p**<sub>i</sub> is the probability of the occurrence of character number **i** from a given stream of characters and **b** is the base of the algorithm used. Hence, this is also called as **Shannon's Entropy**.
- Information Rate: A formula for measuring the amount of information received by multiplying the amount of information content for each character by the number of characters that are being transmitted every second.