

# Calculating Entropy

Recall that the entropy formula is given by

$$H(S) = \sum_{i=1}^c -p_i \log_2 p_i.$$

For the 12 restaurant examples, where  $c = 2$  and  $p = n = 6$ , we compute to see that the entropy  $H(S)$  is 1:

$$H(S) = \left(-\frac{6}{12} \log_2 \frac{6}{12}\right) + \left(-\frac{6}{12} \log_2 \frac{6}{12}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2} \times (-1)\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \times (-1)\right) = 1,$$

where we have used the fact that  $6/12 = 1/2$  and  $\log_2(6/12) = \log_2(2^{-1}) = -1$ .