

Introduction to Quantum Information Processing

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1 Mutual Information - Solution

1. We expand the expression to get:

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) = - \sum_x p(x) \log_2 p(x) + \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x|y)$$

We know that a probability distribution of variable X can be computed from the mutual probability of X and Y by summing all the values in range for Y :

$$p(x) = \sum_y p(x,y)$$

Plugging this into the previous equation, we get:

$$I(X; Y) = \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x|y) - \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log_2 p(x) = \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log_2 \left(\frac{p(x|y)}{p(x)} \right)$$

From logarithm rules and conditional probability definition:

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{p(x|y)}{p(x)} \right) = - \log_2 \left(\frac{p(x)p(y)}{p(x,y)} \right)$$

Plugging it, we get:

$$I(X; Y) = - \sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log_2 \left(\frac{p(x)p(y)}{p(x,y)} \right)$$

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