PadhAl: Information Theory and Cross Entropy

One Fourth Labs

Entropy

What is Entropy

1. First, a quick recap of the concepts we've studied so far

Random Variable: X	Probability Distribution: P(X=?)	Information Content: IC(X=?)	Expectation E(Gain)
А	P(X=A)	-log ₂ P(X=A)	
В	P(X=B)	-log ₂ P(X=B)	$\sum_{i \in \{A,B,C,D\}} P(X=i) * Gain(X=i)$
С	P(X=C)	-log ₂ P(X=C)	
D	P(X=D)	-log ₂ P(X=D)	

- 2. Based on these four concepts, we can talk about Entropy
- 3. Entropy H(X) is the Expected Information Content of a Random Variable
- 4. $H(X) = -\sum_{i \in \{A,B,C,D\}} P(X=i) * log_2 P(X=i)$
- 5. Basically, substitute Gain for Information Content in the