

EE 568: Information Theory  
Fall 2022 Schmid  
Homework Assignment 5  
Distributed: Saturday, November 19, 2022  
Due: Thursday, December 8, 2022

Reference Material:

1. class notes
2. T. M. Cover and J. A. Thomas, 2006, *Elements of Information Theory*, Chs. 5-11.

General Comments: This is the last homework assignment. Solutions for this homework assignment are due on December 8.

Problems: Three of the following problems will be selected at random for grading and should be turned in on the due date.

**Problem 5.1** (Based on Problem 8.1, pp. 256-257, CT'06) *Differential Entropy*.

Evaluate the differential entropy  $h(X) = -\int f \ln f$  of the following:

- (a) The exponential density,  $f(x) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x)$ ,  $x \geq 0$ .
- (b) The Laplace density,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \exp(-\lambda |x|)$ .
- (c) The sum of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent normal random variables with mean  $\mu_i$  and variances  $\sigma_i^2$ ,  $i=1,2$ .

**Problem 5.2** *Mutual Information for correlated normal*. Find the mutual information  $I(X;Y)$  where

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 \\ \rho\sigma^2 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Evaluate  $I(X;Y)$  for  $\rho=1$ ,  $\rho=0$ ,  $\rho=-1$ , and comment.

**Problem 5.3** (Based on Problem 10.1, CT'06) *One-bit quantization of a single Gaussian RV*.

Let  $X$  be  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  and let the distortion measure be squared error. Here we do not allow block descriptions. Show that the optimum reproduction points for one-bit quantization are  $\pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sigma$ , and that the expected distortion for one-bit quantization is  $\frac{\pi-2}{\pi} \sigma^2$ . Compare this with the distortion rate bound  $D = \sigma^2 2^{-2R}$  for  $R = 1$ .

**Problem 5.4** (based on Problem 6.3, Blahut'88)

Suppose a binary equiprobable source is to be compressed. The distortion matrix is

$$d = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is, it is twice as serious to reproduce a “0” by a “1” as it is reproduce a “1” by a “0.” Find  $R(D)$ .

**Problem 5.5** (based on Problem 11.1, C&T’06) *Chernoff-Stein lemma*

Consider the two-hypothesis test

$$H_1 : f = f_1 \text{ vs. } H_2 : f = f_2$$

Find  $D(f_1 || f_2)$  if

- (a)  $f_i(x) = N(0, \sigma_i^2)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (b)  $f_i(x) = \lambda_i \exp(-\lambda_i x)$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (c)  $f_1$  is uniform on  $(0,1)$  and  $f_2$  is uniform on  $(a, a + 1)$ , where  $0 < a < 1$ .
- (d)  $f_1$  corresponds to a fair coin and  $f_2$  corresponds to a two-headed coin.

**Problem 5.6** (based on Problem 11.16, C&T’06) *Hypothesis testing*

Let  $\{X_i\}$  be i.i.d.  $\sim p(x)$ ,  $x \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ . Consider two hypotheses,  $H_0 : p(x) = p_0(x)$  vs.  $H_1 : p(x) = p_1(x)$ , where  $p_0(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$  and  $p_1(x) = qp^{x-1}$ ,  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- (a) Find  $D(p_0 || p_1)$ .
- (b) Let  $\Pr\{H_0\} = 1/2$ . Find the minimum probability of error test for  $H_0$  vs.  $H_1$  given data  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim p(x)$ .

**Problem 5.7** (based on Problem 11.14, C&T’06) *Sanov’s theorem*

Let  $X_i$  be i.i.d.  $\sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

- (a) Find the exponent in the behavior of  $\Pr\left\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \geq \alpha^2\right\}$ . This can be done by using Sanov’s Theorem.
- (b) What do the data look like if  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \geq \alpha$ ? That is, what is the  $P^*$  that minimizes  $D(P || Q)$ ?