Assignment 2 + Information Theory

(SNLP Tutorial 3)

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- Exercise 1: Perplexity Calculation
- Exercise 2: Formulating n-gram models
- Exercise 3: Perplexity Calculation for n-grams
- Bonus: Alternative metric to perplexity

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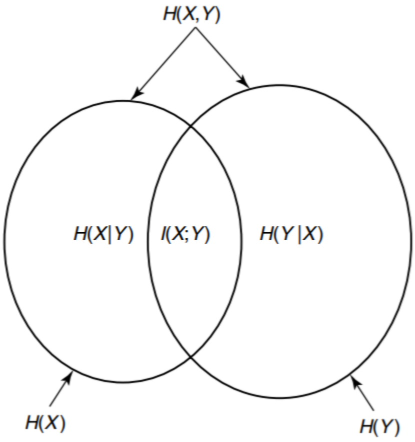
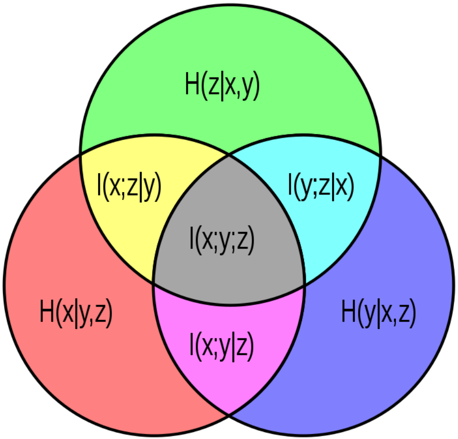


Source: https://syncedreview.com/2020/11/30/synced-tradition-and-machine-learning-series-part-1-entropy/



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_diagram

Example - Entropy calculation

X \ Y	0	1
0	1/2	1/6
1	1/3	0

Find

- $H(X), H(Y)$
- $H(X, Y)$
- $H(X|Y), H(Y|X)$
- $I(X; Y)$
- $I(X; Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$

Example - Entropy of functions

What is the (in)equality relationship between H(X) and H(Y) when

- $y = f(x)$ (general case)
- $y = 2^x$
- $y = sin(x)$

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Applications of KL Divergence:

- Bayesian inference
- Compression techniques
- Variational autoencoders

Assignment 3

- Exercise 1: Understanding entropy in languages
- Exercise 2: Entropy as a measure of uncertainty
- Exercise 3: KL Divergence properties
- Bonus: Computation of KL Divergence

Resources

1. http://csustan.csustan.edu/~tom/sfi-csss/info-theory/info-lec.pdf
2. https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~odonnell/toolkit13/lecture20.pdf
3. https://syncedreview.com/2020/11/30/synced-tradition-and-machine-learning-series-part-1-entropy/