

Homework 5

TA: Heng-Chien Liou*

1. (Information divergence) [10]

Consider two probability density functions $f(\cdot)$ and $g(\cdot)$. Let μ_1 and μ_2 denote the mean of f and g respectively. Let σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 denote the variance of f and g respectively.

- Compute $D(f\|g)$ in the following cases: (1) both f and g are Gaussian; (2) both f and g are Laplace. [6]
- If $\mu_1 = \mu_2$, which of the above cases gives the largest/smallest KL divergence? Your answer may depend on σ_1, σ_2 . [2]
- If $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$, which of the above cases gives the largest/smallest KL divergence? Your answer may depend on μ_1, μ_2 . [2]

Solution:

- a) For f and g both being Gaussian, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(f\|g) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \log \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} dx \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \left(\frac{(x - \mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2} \log e - \frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \log e + \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \right) dx \\
 &= \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} - \frac{1}{2} \log e + \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \frac{(x - \mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2} \log e dx \\
 &= \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} - \frac{1}{2} \log e + \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} (\sigma_1^2 + \mu_1^2 - 2\mu_1\mu_2 + \mu_2^2) \log e \\
 &= \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 + (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2} \log e
 \end{aligned}$$

For f and g both being Laplace, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(f\|g) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \log \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} dx \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}|x - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} \log e - \frac{\sqrt{2}|x - \mu_1|}{\sigma_1} \log e + \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \right) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

*with contribution by Chen-Hao Hsiao and Wen-Shao Ho

$$= \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} - \log e + \log e \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \frac{\sqrt{2}|x - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} dx$$

For $\mu_1 \geq \mu_2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \frac{\sqrt{2}|x - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|x - \mu_2|}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}|x - \mu_1|}{\sigma_1}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\mu_2} \frac{-(x - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} dx + \int_{-\mu_2}^{\mu_1} \frac{(x - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mu_1}^{\infty} \frac{(x - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} dx \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_2) - \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\mu_2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_2) - \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \Big|_{\mu_2}^{\mu_1} \\ &\quad - \frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_2) + \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \Big|_{\mu_1}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1}} + \frac{\sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) + \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_2} = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma_1}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $\mu_1 < \mu_2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \frac{\sqrt{2}|x - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\mu_1} \frac{-(x - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} dx + \int_{-\mu_1}^{\mu_2} \frac{-(x - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mu_2}^{\infty} \frac{(x - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} dx \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_2) - \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\mu_1} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_2) + \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \Big|_{\mu_1}^{\mu_2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_2) + \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \Big|_{\mu_2}^{\infty} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) + \sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} + \frac{\sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} + \frac{\sigma_1}{2\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_2} + \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}(\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} + \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma_1}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$D(f\|g) = \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} - \log e + \log e \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma_2} + \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma_1}} \right)$$

b) For $\mu_1 = \mu_2$

$$D(f\|g) = \begin{cases} \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2}{2\sigma_2^2} \log e & \text{Gaussian} \\ \log \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} + \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \log e - \log e & \text{Laplace} \end{cases}$$

Simple calculations based on σ_2/σ_1 and the property of quadratic forms shows that pair of Gaussian always admit a larger divergence if $\mu_1 = \mu_2$.

c) For $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma$,

$$D(f\|g) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{2\sigma^2} \log e & \text{Gaussian} \\ -\log e + \log e \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma} + e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma}} \right) & \text{Laplace} \end{cases}$$

Let $y = |\mu_1 - \mu_2|/\sigma$, then we can compare

$$D(f\|g) = \begin{cases} \frac{y^2}{2} \log e & \text{Gaussian} \\ -\log e + \log e \left(\sqrt{2}y + e^{-\sqrt{2}y} \right) & \text{Laplace} \end{cases}$$

The equation $\frac{y^2}{2} - (-1 + \sqrt{2}y + e^{-\sqrt{2}y}) = 0$ has two real solutions, one of them being zero. We denote another one as $y_0 > 0$. For $|\mu_1 - \mu_2|/\sigma \leq y_0$, a pair of Laplace distribution admit a divergence greater than or equal to that of Gaussian distribution. For $|\mu_1 - \mu_2|/\sigma > y_0$, a pair of Gaussian has a larger divergence.

2. (Differential entropy) [10]

- Consider a Laplace random variable $X \sim \text{Lap}(\mu, b)$, that is, the probability density function of X is $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2b} e^{-\frac{|x-\mu|}{b}}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Compute its differential entropy $h(X)$. [4]
- Consider a problem of maximizing differential entropy $h(X)$ subject to the constraint that $E[|X|] \leq B$. Find the maximum differential entropy and show that a zero-mean Laplace distributed X attains the maximum value. [6]

Solution:

a)

$$\begin{aligned} h(X) &= E_X \left[\log \frac{1}{f_X(x)} \right] \\ &= \log 2b + \log e \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\mu} \frac{\mu - x}{2b^2} e^{-\frac{(\mu-x)}{b}} dx + \int_{\mu}^{\infty} \frac{x - \mu}{2b^2} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)}{b}} dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \log 2b + \log e \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{t}{2} e^{-t} dt + \int_0^\infty \frac{t}{2} e^{-t} dt \right) \\
&= \log 2b + \log e \left(\int_0^\infty t e^{-t} dt \right) \\
&= \log 2b + \log e \left(-te^{-t} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt \right) \\
&= \log 2be
\end{aligned}$$

We can also observe that translation doesn't change differential entropy.

- b) Let $X \sim \text{Lap}(0, b)$. Its differential entropy $h(X) = \log(2be)$ and $\mathbf{E}[|X|] = b$.

Let Y be a random variable with $\mathbf{E}[|Y|] = b$.

Then we have $h(X) = \mathbf{E}_X [-\log f_X(X)] = \mathbf{E}_X \left[-\frac{1}{2b} + \left| \frac{X}{2b} \right| \right] = \mathbf{E}_Y [-\log f_X(Y)]$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
h(Y) - h(X) &= \mathbf{E}_Y \left[\log \frac{f_X(Y)}{f_Y(Y)} \right] \\
&\leq \log \mathbf{E}_Y \left[\frac{f_X(Y)}{f_Y(Y)} \right] \quad \text{Jensen's inequality} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$\text{Lap}(0, b)$ maximizes $h(Y)$ for given $\mathbf{E}[|Y|] = b$, and the maximum value is $\log(2be)$.

Since $\log(2be)$ is increasing in $0 \leq b \leq B$, the Laplace distribution $\text{Lap}(0, B)$ also maximizes $h(S)$ for given $\mathbf{E}[|S|] \leq B$, and the maximum differential entropy is $\log(2Be)$.

3. (Channel Coding with Input-Output Cost Constraint) [10]

In this problem we explore channel coding with input and output cost constraint.

- a) Consider a DMC $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbf{P}_{Y|X}, \mathcal{Y})$. Let $b : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be an input-output cost function. Suppose the channel coding has to satisfy the following average cost constraint: for each codeword x^n ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{Y_i} [b(x_i, Y_i)] \leq B.$$

Note that Y_i follows distribution $\mathbf{P}_{Y|X}(\cdot | x_i)$.

Argue that the problem is equivalent to another channel coding problem with a properly defined input-only cost function. Show that the capacity-cost function is

$$C(B) = \max_{\mathbf{P}_X : \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{P}_{Y|X}} [b(X, Y)] \leq B} I(X; Y). \quad [6]$$

Hint: Consider the input-only cost function $\tilde{b}(x) := \mathbf{E}[b(x, Y)]$, and check that the steps in the proof of DMC with input cost in the lecture are still valid.

- b) Using discretization techniques, the above DMC result can be extended to continuous memoryless channels. With the extension (no need to prove it here), let us consider an

AWGN channel with *average output power constraint*

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[Y_i^2] \leq B.$$

where $Y = X + Z$, $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp X$, and $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

Evaluate the channel capacity $C(B)$.

[4]

Solution:

a) Follow the hint, let $\tilde{b}(x) := \mathbb{E}[b(x, Y)]$, we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{b}(x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{Y_i}[b(x_i, Y_i)] \leq B.$$

Therefore, it can be viewed as an input-only cost constraint.

Furthermore, the capacity is

$$\begin{aligned} C(B) &= \max_{P_X: \mathbb{E}_{P_X}[\tilde{b}(x)] \leq B} I(X; Y) = \max_{P_X: \mathbb{E}_{P_X}[\mathbb{E}_{Y \sim P_{Y|X}}[b(X, Y)]] \leq B} I(X; Y) \\ &= \max_{P_X: \mathbb{E}_{P_X P_{Y|X}}[b(X, Y)] \leq B} I(X; Y). \end{aligned}$$

b) The capacity can be directly calculated via a), note that for random variable Y satisfying $\mathbb{E}_{P_{X,Y}}[Y^2] \leq B$:

$$h(Y) - h(Y|X) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e B) - h(Z) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{B}{\sigma^2}\right).$$

The equality can be achieved by choosing $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, B - \sigma^2)$.

Hence,

$$C(B) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{B}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

4. (Compression with guarantee on the cross-entropy loss) [20]

Consider a discrete memoryless source $S \sim \pi$ with a finite alphabet $\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, $|\mathcal{S}| = k < \infty$. The encoder aims to compress the source so that the decoder can give good estimates of the source sequence. In many applications, however, the decoder may not want to give a deterministic estimate. Instead, for each symbol s_i in a length- n sequence s^n , its goal is to produce a *probability vector* \mathbf{q}_i in the k -dimensional probability simplex \mathcal{P}_k , where the l -th coordinate, $q_i(l)$, stands for the probability of $s_i = l$ that the decoder believes in based on what it receives from the encoder. A standard way to quantify the loss is the empirical cross entropy loss

$$\ell_{\text{CE}}(s^n, \mathbf{q}^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \log \frac{1}{q_i(s)}.$$

Note that it can be viewed as the average distortion per symbol when the distortion function is set to be

$$d : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{P}_d \rightarrow [0, \infty), (s, \mathbf{q}) \mapsto d(s, \mathbf{q}) = \log \frac{1}{q(s)}.$$

Hence, one can study a lossy source coding problem to understand how to represent a memoryless source with the smallest rate so that the decoder can declare an estimation probability vector with the empirical cross entropy loss not greater than a prescribed level D . By the lossy source coding theorem, the rate is given by the following rate distortion function:

$$R(D) = \inf_{(S, \mathbf{Q})} \left\{ I(S; \mathbf{Q}) \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\}$$

- a) Show that for the lossy source coding problem, $D_{\min} = 0$ and $D_{\max} = H(\pi)$.
 b) Show that for any jointly distributed $(S, \mathbf{Q}) \sim P$,

$$H(S|\mathbf{Q}) \leq \mathbb{E}_{(S, \mathbf{Q}) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right].$$

Then, argue that $R(D) \geq H(\pi) - D$, for $0 \leq D \leq H(\pi)$.

- c) Show that for $0 \leq D \leq H(\pi)$,

$$R(D) \leq \min_{(S, \hat{S}), \hat{S} \in \mathcal{S}} \left\{ I(S; \hat{S}) \mid H(S|\hat{S}) \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\}.$$

- d) Show that for $0 \leq D \leq H(\pi)$,

$$R(D) = \min_{(S, \hat{S})} \left\{ I(S; \hat{S}) \mid H(S|\hat{S}) \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\} = H(\pi) - D.$$

Hence, $R(D) = \max\{0, H(\pi) - D\}$.

Solution:

- a) For D_{\min} , one could choose $q_l(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & l = s \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\mathbb{E}_S[d(S, q(S))] = \mathbb{E}_S[\log 1] = 0, \text{ so } D_{\min} = 0.$$

For D_{\max} , since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_S \left[\log \frac{1}{\pi(S)} \right] - \mathbb{E}_S \left[\log \frac{1}{q(S)} \right] &= \mathbb{E}_S \left[\log \frac{q(S)}{\pi(S)} \right] \\ &\leq \log \mathbb{E}_S \left[\frac{q(S)}{\pi(S)} \right] = 0 \quad \forall q. \end{aligned}$$

$$D_{\max} = \min_q \mathbb{E}_S[d(S, q)] = \mathbb{E}_S \left[\log \frac{1}{\pi(S)} \right] = H(\pi).$$

b) Denote the law of P as $P_{S,Q}$ and its marginal as Q as P_Q

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(S|Q) - E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] &= h(S, Q) - h(Q) - E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \\
 &= E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{Q(S)P_Q(Q)}{P_{S,Q}(S, Q)} \right] \\
 &\leq \log E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\frac{Q(S)P_Q(Q)}{P_{S,Q}(S, Q)} \right] \\
 &= \log \left(\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \int_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_k} q(s) P_Q(\mathbf{q}) \right) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(D) &= \inf_{(S,Q)} \left\{ I(S; Q) \middle| E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\} \\
 &= H(\pi) - \sup_{(S,Q)} \left\{ H(S|Q) \middle| E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\} \\
 &\geq H(\pi) - D, \quad \forall D_{\min} = 0 \leq D \leq D_{\max} = H(\pi)
 \end{aligned}$$

c) The key to this problem is to make the observation that, for all pair of random variable (S, \hat{S}) over $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$, we can associate a random vector $Q_{S,\hat{S}}$ over \mathcal{P}_k such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{S,\hat{S}} &= \mathbf{q}_i = P_{S|\hat{S}}(\cdot|i) \text{ if } \hat{S} = i \\
 \text{equivalently } Q_{S,\hat{S}} &= \sum_{i=1}^k P_{S|\hat{S}}(\cdot|i) \mathbf{1} \{ \hat{S} = i \}
 \end{aligned}$$

a mixture of k vectors \mathbf{q}_i determined by the outcome of \hat{S} . Note that this specifies a Markov chain $S - \hat{S} - Q_{S,\hat{S}}$. For this Markov chain, by the data processing inequality, $I(S; Q_{S,\hat{S}}) \leq I(S; \hat{S})$. And

$$E_{(S, Q_{S,\hat{S}})} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q_{S,\hat{S}}(S)} \right] = E_{(S, \hat{S})} \left[\log \frac{1}{P_{S|\hat{S}}(S|\hat{S})} \right]$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(D) &= \inf_{(S,Q)} \left\{ I(S; Q) \middle| E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\} \\
 &= \inf_{(S,\hat{S},Q)} \left\{ I(S; Q) \middle| E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right\} \\
 &\leq \min_{(S,\hat{S})} \left\{ I(S; Q) \middle| E_{(S,Q) \sim P} \left[\log \frac{1}{Q(S)} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \text{ and } Q = Q_{S,\hat{S}} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \min_{(S, \hat{S})} \left\{ I(S; \hat{S}) \left| \mathbb{E}_{(S, \hat{S})} \left[\log \frac{1}{P_{S|\hat{S}}(S|\hat{S})} \right] \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right. \right\} \\
&= \min_{(S, \hat{S})} \left\{ I(S; \hat{S}) \left| H(S|\hat{S}) \leq D \text{ and } S \sim \pi \right. \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

d) $R(D) = H(\pi) - D$ since

$$\begin{aligned}
I(S; \hat{S}) &= H(S) - H(S|\hat{S}) \\
&= H(\pi) - H(S|\hat{S}) \\
&\geq H(\pi) - D.
\end{aligned}$$

The equality holds since $0 \leq D \leq H(\pi)$, $\exists P_{S, \hat{S}}$ s.t. $H(S|\hat{S}) = D$.