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4. Answer:

(a) Proof. Let $Y = p_i$. Then $P(Y = p_i) = p_i$, which implies that

$$H_f(X) = E\left[f\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right)\right] \tag{1}$$

Since f is concave, then by Jensen's inequality, we have

$$H_f(X) \le f\left(E\left[\frac{1}{Y}\right]\right)$$
 by (1)

Computing $E\left[\frac{1}{Y}\right]$ yields

$$E\left[\frac{1}{Y}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i \cdot \frac{1}{p_i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} 1$$

$$= N$$
(3)

Therefore, by (2) and (3), we have $H_f(X) \leq f(N)$.

(b) Proof. By the definition of Divergence, we have

$$D(q_1||q_2) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{Y}} q_1(b) \log_2 \frac{q_1(b)}{q_2(b)}$$

$$= \sum_{b \in \mathcal{Y}} \left[\left(\sum_{a \in \mathcal{X}} p(b|a) p_1(a) \right) \log_2 \frac{\sum_{a \in \mathcal{X}} p(b|a) p_1(a)}{\sum_{a \in \mathcal{X}} p(b|a) p_2(a)} \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{b \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{X}} p(b|a) p_1(a) \log_2 \frac{p(b|a) p_1(a)}{p(b|a) p_2(a)} \quad \text{by the Log-Sum Inequality}$$

$$= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{X}} p_1(a) \log_2 \left(\frac{p_1(a)}{p_2(a)} \right) \sum_{b \in \mathcal{Y}} p(b|a) \frac{1}{p(b|a)}$$

$$= D(p_1||p_2)$$