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Definition. For a finite-valued random variable X , $H(X) = -\sum_i p(x_i) \log p(x_i)$.

Properties.

1. Entropy is non-negative $H(X) \geq 0$ (for finite-ranged rvs).
2. Entropy is bounded by the log of the size of the range $H(X) \leq \log |\mathcal{X}|$.
3. It is concave: $H(\lambda p_1(x) + (1-\lambda)p_2(x)) \geq \lambda H(p_1(x)) + (1-\lambda)H(p_2(x))$.

Definition. For two random variable X and Y , the conditional entropy is

$$H[X|Y] = \sum_y p(y) H[X|Y=y]$$

where

$$H[X|Y=y] = \sum_x p(x|y) \log p(x|y)$$

Properties. •

Definition. For two finite random variables X and Y , with joint density $p(x, y)$ and marginal densities $p(x), q(y)$ respectively, the mutual information is

$$I(X, Y) = KL(p(x, y) || p(x)q(y)) = \sum_{x, y} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)q(y)}$$

Properties. •

Define the Kullback-Leibler divergence and list some properties

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State the data processing inequality and give a use case

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State Fano's inequality and give a use case

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Definition. For two finite random variables X and Y , with densities $p(x), q(x)$ respectively, the Kullback-Leibler divergence is

$$KL(p(x)||q(x)) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

Properties. •

Definition. The data processing inequality says that for three random variables X, Y, Z satisfying the Markov chain condition $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ have $I(X, Y) \geq I(X, Z)$.

Example.

Definition. Fano's inequality states that for any two finite random variables X, \hat{X} , taking values in \mathcal{X} , we have

$$h(p) + p \log \mathcal{X} \leq H(X|\hat{X})$$

where $p = \Pr(X \neq \hat{X})$.

Example.

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