

1. Show that  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in T_{[X,Y]\delta}^n$  and  $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \in T_{[Y,Z]\delta}^n$  do not imply  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \in T_{[X,Z]\delta}^n$

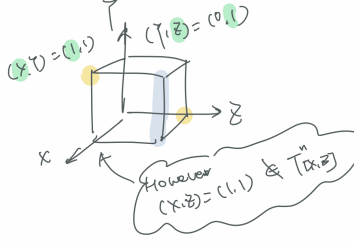


Figure 15: The illustrated random variables  $(X, Y, Z)$  gives a counter example.

2. Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ , where  $X_k$  are i.i.d. with generic random variable  $X$ . Prove that

$$\Pr \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in T_{[X]\delta}^n \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{|\mathcal{X}|^3}{n\delta^2}$$

for any  $n$  and  $\delta > 0$ . This shows that  $\Pr \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in T_{[X]\delta}^n \right\} \rightarrow 1$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\sqrt{n}\delta \rightarrow \infty$

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in T_{[X]\delta}^n \right\} &= \Pr \left\{ \sum_x \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{X}) - p(x) \right| \leq \delta \right\} \\ &= 1 - \Pr \left\{ \sum_x \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{X}) - p(x) \right| > \delta \right\} \\ &\geq 1 - \Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{X}) - p(x) \right| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}|} \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X} \right\} \\ \Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{X}) - p(x) \right| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}|} \text{ for some } x \right\} &= \Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n B_k(x) - p(x) \right| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}|} \text{ for some } x \right\} \\ &= \Pr \left\{ \bigcup_x \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n B_k(x) - p(x) \right| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}|} \right\} \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_x \Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n B_k(x) - p(x) \right| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}|} \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_x \Pr \left\{ |B_k(x) - p(x)| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}|} \right\} \quad (\text{Since i.i.d.}) \\ &< \sum_x \frac{\sigma^2 |\mathcal{X}|^2}{n\delta^2} \quad (\text{Chebyshev's inequality}) \\ &< \frac{|\mathcal{X}|^3}{n\delta^2} \end{aligned}$$

Using Chebyshev's inequality

$$\Pr \left( |\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \varepsilon \right) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

Therefore we proved

$$\Pr \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in T_{[X]\delta}^n \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{|\mathcal{X}|^3}{n\delta^2}$$

4. Prove Proposition 6.13. Hint: Use the fact that if  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \in T_{[XY]\delta}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{X} \in S_{[X]\delta}^n$

**Proposition 6.13.** With respect to a joint distribution  $p(x, y)$  on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ , for any  $\delta > 0$

$$\Pr \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in S_{[X]\delta}^n \right\} > 1 - \delta$$

for  $n$  sufficiently large.

By Theorem 6.7. If  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in T_{[XY]\delta}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{x} \in T_{[X]\delta}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_x \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{x}) - p(x) \right| &= \sum_x \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_y N(x, y; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \sum_y p(x, y) \right| \\ &= \sum_x \left| \sum_y \left( \frac{1}{n} N(x, y; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - p(x, y) \right) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_x \sum_y \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x, y; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - p(x, y) \right| \end{aligned}$$

By Weak Law of Large Number, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x, y; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - p(x, y) \right| > \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}||\mathcal{Y}|} \right\} < \frac{\delta}{|\mathcal{X}||\mathcal{Y}|}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_x \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{x}) - p(x) \right| &< \delta \\ \Pr \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in S_{[X]\delta}^n \right\} &> 1 - \delta \end{aligned}$$

6. Let  $p$  be any probability distribution over a finite set  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\eta$  be a real number in  $(0, 1)$ . Prove that for any subset  $A$  of  $\mathcal{X}^n$  with  $p^n(A) \geq \eta$ ,

$$\left| A \cap T_{[X]\delta}^n \right| \geq 2^{n(H(p) - \delta')}$$

where  $\delta' \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Answer:** Recall for  $x \in T_{[X]\delta}$ ,

$$2^{-n(H(X) + \delta)} \leq p(\mathbf{x}) \leq 2^{-n(H(X) - \delta)}$$

Then for  $\mathbf{y} \in A \cap T_{[X]\delta}$ , we have  $p(\mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{x})p(A) = \eta p(\mathbf{x})$

(Note that given in question,  $p(A) \geq \eta$ , for simplicity, we fix  $p(A) = \eta$ ,  $\eta \in (0, 1)$ )

By using the upper bound inequality  $p(\mathbf{x}) \leq 2^{-n(H(X) - \delta)}$

$$p(\mathbf{y}) \leq \eta 2^{-n(H(X) - \delta)} = 2^{-n\left(\frac{\log(\eta)}{n} + H(X) - \delta\right)}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{\log(\eta)}{n} + H(X) - \delta \rightarrow H(X) - \delta$ , because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\eta)}{n} = 0$  Therefore

$$\left| A \cap T_{[X]\delta}^n \right| 2^{-n(H(X) - \delta')} \geq 1$$

and

$$\left| A \cap T_{[X]\delta}^n \right| \geq 2^{n(H(X) - \delta')}$$

where  $\delta' \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$

In the following problems, for a sequence  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}^n$ , let  $q_{\mathbf{x}}$  be the empirical distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$ , i.e.,  $q_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = n^{-1}N(x; \mathbf{x})$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Similarly, for a pair of sequences  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{X}^n \times \mathcal{Y}^n$ , let  $q_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}}$  be the joint empirical distribution of  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , i.e.,  $q_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}}(x, y) = n^{-1}N(x, y; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$

7. Alternative definition of strong typicality. Show that (6.1) is equivalent to

$$V(q_{\mathbf{x}}, p) \leq \delta$$

where  $V(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the variational distance. Thus strong typicality can be regarded as requiring the empirical distribution of a sequence to be close to the probability distribution of the generic random variable in variational distance. Also compare the result here with the alternative definition of weak typicality (Problem 5 in Chapter 5).

**Answer:**

$$V(q_{\mathbf{x}}, p) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |q_{\mathbf{x}} - p(x)| = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \left| \frac{1}{n} N(x; \mathbf{x}) - p(x) \right| \leq \delta$$

We can see that strong typicality is stronger than weak in the sense that weak typicality only requires the closeness in entropy. Note that  $d(q_x, p) = |D(q_{\mathbf{x}} \| p) + H(q_{\mathbf{x}}) - H(p)| = 0$  when  $q_x = p$

8. The empirical distribution  $q_{\mathbf{x}}$  of the sequence  $\mathbf{x}$  is also called the type of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Assuming that  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite, show that there are a total of  $\binom{n + |\mathcal{X}| - 1}{n}$  distinct types  $q_{\mathbf{x}}$ . Hint: There are  $\binom{a + b - 1}{a}$  ways to distribute  $a$  identical balls in  $b$  boxes.

**Answer:** The original problem may be reformulated as arranging  $k - 1$  bars and the  $n$  balls, by selecting  $n$  positions for balls out of  $n + k - 1$  locations.

$$\underbrace{***}_{n \text{ balls}} \quad \underbrace{[[[[]]]]}_{k-1 \text{ bars}}$$

Directly apply this idea to get empirical distribution  $q_x$ , treat as for assigning each sample  $x$  into  $|\mathcal{X}|$  boxes. Which gives the result

$$\binom{n + |\mathcal{X}| - 1}{n}$$