

**Homework 2**

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2.1. First, we have Chain Rule for mutual information

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n; Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i; Y \mid X_{i-1}, X_{i-2}, \dots, X_1) \\ I(X; Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X; Y_i \mid Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-2}, \dots, Y_1) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Using this Chain Rule twice,

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y_1, \dots, Y_m) &= \sum_{j=1}^m I(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n; Y_j \mid Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-2}, \dots, Y_1) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m I(X_i; Y_j \mid X_{i-1}, X_{i-2}, \dots, X_1, Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-2}, \dots, Y_1) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

2.2. Examples:

(a)  $I(X; Y \mid Z) < I(X; Y)$

Let  $Z = X$  then  $I(X; Y \mid Z) = H(X \mid Z) - H(X, Y \mid Z) = 0$ . But for  $X, Y$  that are not independent,  $I(X; Y) > 0 = I(X; Y \mid Z)$

- (b)  $I(X; Y | Z) > I(X; Y)$

Use the example illustrated in class. let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent Bernoulli random variables with  $p = 0.5$ , and let  $Z = X + Y$ . Then  $I(X; Y) = 0$ , but  $I(X; Y | Z) = H(X | Z) - H(X | Y, Z) = H(X | Z) = 0.5$  bit.

### 2.3. Information Measures.

- (a) Denote  $n = |A|$ , because  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  are i.i.d Bern( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) random variables, so  $X_A = (Z_i)_{i \in A}$  is a  $n$ -dimension random vector having  $2^n$  possible points with equal probability,

$$H(X_A) = 2^n * (-\frac{1}{2^n} \log \frac{1}{2^n}) = n = |A| \text{ (bits)} \quad (3)$$

- (b) Denote  $A = A_1 \cup A_2, A^* = A_1 \cap A_2, A_1^* = A_1 \setminus A_2, A_2^* = A_2 \setminus A_1$ , so  $X_{A_1} = (X_{A^*}, X_{A_1^*}), X_{A_2} = (X_{A^*}, X_{A_2^*})$ . Because  $X_{A^*}, X_{A_1^*}, X_{A_2^*}$  are mutually independent,

$$\begin{aligned} H(X_{A_1} | X_{A_2}) &= H((X_{A^*}, X_{A_1^*}) | (X_{A^*}, X_{A_2^*})) \\ &= H(X_{A_1^*}) = |A_1^*| = |A_1 \setminus A_2| \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} H(X_{A_1}, X_{A_2}) &= H(X_{A_2}) + H(X_{A_1} | X_{A_2}) \\ &= |A_2| + |A_1^*| = |A_1 \cup A_2| \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_{A_1}; X_{A_2}) &= H(X_{A_2}) - H(X_{A_2} | X_{A_1}) \\ &= |A_2| - |A_2^*| = |A_1 \cap A_2| \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

- 2.4. (a) No.  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0.5, |x| + |y| \leq 1$ , and  $f_X(x) = 1 - |x|, x \in [-1, 1], f_Y(y) = 1 - |y|, y \in [-1, 1], f_{X,Y}(x, y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y)$  so  $X, Y$  are not independent.
- (b) Because  $X$  and  $Y$  are symmetric,  $H(X) = H(Y)$  and  $I(X; Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) = 2H(X) - H(X, Y)$ . Denote the area of  $B_p$  as  $S_p = 4 \int_0^1 (1 - |x|^p)^{1/p} dx$ , joint distribution of  $(X, Y)$  is  $f_p(x, y) = \frac{1}{S_p}, |x|^p + |y|^p \leq 1$  the *pdf* of  $X$  is  $f_p(x) = \frac{2}{S_p}(1 - |x|^p)^{1/p}, x \in [-1, 1]$
- So

$$I(X; Y) = 2H(X) - H(X, Y) = -2 \int_{-1}^1 f_p(x) \log(f_p(x)) dx - \log S_p \quad (7)$$

- $p = \frac{1}{2}, S_p = \frac{2}{3}, I(X; Y) = \frac{7}{3} - \ln 3 - \ln 2 = 0.542$
- $p = 1, S_p = 2, I(X; Y) = 1 - \ln 2 = 0.307$
- $p = \infty, X, Y$  are independent,  $I(X; Y) = 0$

(c)

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} I(X; Y) = \infty \quad (8)$$

Denote  $n = 1/p$ ,

$$S_p = 4 \int_0^1 (1 - x^{\frac{1}{n}})^n dx = 4n \int_0^1 t^n (1 - t)^{n-1} dt = 4 \frac{(\Gamma(n+1))^2}{\Gamma(2n+1)} \quad (9)$$

And

$$I_n(X; Y) = 2n \left( \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \frac{1}{i} \right) - \log \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \quad (10)$$

Because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \frac{1}{i} = \ln 2 \quad (11)$$

$$\log \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} = \log \left( \frac{2^{2n} \Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(n+1)} \right) - \frac{\log(\pi)}{2} \quad (12)$$

And  $\frac{\Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(n+1)} \sim \log(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n(X; Y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \log(n) = \infty \quad (13)$$

2.5. The density function of Gaussian distribution is

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}) \right) \quad (14)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \Sigma_1) \parallel \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \Sigma_0)) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \Sigma_1)} \left[ \log \left( \frac{p_1(\mathbf{x})}{p_0(\mathbf{x})} \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \Sigma_1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|\Sigma_0|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|\Sigma_0|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \Sigma_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \Sigma_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

For  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \Sigma_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) \right]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) \right] &= \text{tr} \left( \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) \right] \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ \text{tr} \left( (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) \right) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ \text{tr} \left( (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1} \right) \right] \\
&= \text{tr} \left( \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \right] \mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1} \right) \\
&= \text{tr} (\mathbf{\Sigma}_1 \mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_n) = n
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

In the same way,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right] &= \text{tr} \left( \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \right] \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} \right) \\
&= \text{tr} \left( \left( (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0) (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0)^T + \mathbf{\Sigma}_1 \right) \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} \right) \\
&= \text{tr} (\mathbf{\Sigma}_1 \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1}) + (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0)
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

So

$$D(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1) \parallel \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log \frac{|\mathbf{\Sigma}_0|}{|\mathbf{\Sigma}_1|} - n + \text{tr} (\mathbf{\Sigma}_1 \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1}) + (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0) \right] \tag{18}$$

(a)  $D(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1) \parallel \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0)) < \infty$  when  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0$  is non-singular.

(b) With  $\mathbf{m}_0 = 0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0 = \mathbf{I}_n$  in the equation [18],

$$D(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1) \parallel \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_n)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\log |\mathbf{\Sigma}_1| - n + \text{tr} (\mathbf{\Sigma}_1) + \mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_1 \right] \tag{19}$$

(c) As the equation [18] shows,

$$D(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1) \parallel \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log \frac{|\mathbf{\Sigma}_0|}{|\mathbf{\Sigma}_1|} - n + \text{tr} (\mathbf{\Sigma}_1 \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1}) + (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0) \right] \tag{20}$$

2.6. (a) Actually, it is called Karamata's Inequality, and the proof is given as below.

Define

$$c_i = \begin{cases} \frac{f(P_i) - f(Q_i)}{P_i - Q_i}, & \text{if } P_i \neq Q_i \\ f'(P_i), & \text{if } P_i = Q_i \end{cases} \tag{21}$$

Because  $f$  is a convex function,  $\frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y}$  is monotonically non-decreasing for both  $x$  and  $y$ , we have  $c_i \geq c_{i+1}$

Define  $A_0 = B_0 = 0$ ,  $A_n = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i, B_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i$ , so  $A_n \leq B_n, 1 \leq n \leq k$ , and  $A_k = B_k$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^k (f(P_i) - f(Q_i)) &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (P_i - Q_i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (\underbrace{A_i - A_{i-1}}_{=P_i} - \underbrace{(B_i - B_{i-1})}_{=Q_i}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (A_i - B_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (A_{i-1} - B_{i-1}) \\
&= c_n (\underbrace{A_n - B_n}_{=0}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\underbrace{c_i - c_{i+1}}_{\geq 0}) (\underbrace{A_i - B_i}_{\leq 0}) - c_1 (\underbrace{A_0 - B_0}_{=0}) \\
&\leq 0
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k f(P_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k f(Q_i) \tag{23}$$

(b) Let  $f(x) = x \log x$  is convex, using 23 and  $H(P) = -\sum_{i=1}^k f(P_i)$ , so

$$H(P) \geq H(Q) \tag{24}$$

## 2.7. Total Correlation.

(a) Part 1

$$\begin{aligned}
C(X_1, \dots, X_n) &\triangleq D\left(P_{X^n} \parallel \prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}\right) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{X^n} \left[ \log \left( \frac{P_{X^n}}{\prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}} \right) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{X^n} [\log P_{X^n}] - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{X^n} [\log P_{X_i}] \tag{25} \\
&= -H(X^n) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{X_i} [\log P_{X_i}] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i) - H(X^n)
\end{aligned}$$

Part 2

Because  $I(X^i; X_{i+1}) = H(X^i) + H(X_{i+1}) - H(X^i, X_{i+1}) =$

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X^i) + H(X_{i+1}) - H(X^{i+1}) \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} I(X^i; X_{i+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} H(X^i) + H(X_{i+1}) - H(X^{i+1}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i) - H(X^n) = C(X_1, \dots, X_n)
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

- (b)  $C(X_1, \dots, X_n) \triangleq D(P_{X^n} \| \prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}) = 0$  when  $P_{X^n} = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}$ , that is,  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent.

## 2.8. Divergence of order statistics.

- (a) The joint distribution of order statistics is,

$$f_{X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = n! \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i), \quad y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_n \tag{27}$$

Denote  $\mathbf{X}$  as the random vector  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  as the order statistics  $(X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)})$ . Consider The conditional distribution

$$P(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!}, & \text{if } (X_1, \dots, X_n) \text{ is a permutation of } (X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}) \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \tag{28}$$

It shows that the conditional distribution of the original  $\mathbf{X}$  given the order statistics is irrelevant to the original distribution  $P$  or  $Q$ . Thus,

$$D[P(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) \| Q(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y})] = 0 \tag{29}$$

Also, given the original random variable, the order statistics are fixed.

$$D[P(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}) \| Q(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X})] = 0 \tag{30}$$

Using the chain rule for K-L divergence twice

$$D(p(x, y) \| q(x, y)) = D(p(x) \| q(x)) + D(p(y | x) \| q(y | x)) \tag{31}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&D[P(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}) \| Q(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X})] + D[P(\mathbf{X}) \| Q(\mathbf{X})] \\
&= D[P(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) \| Q(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y})] + D[P(\mathbf{Y}) \| Q(\mathbf{Y})]
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
D[P(\mathbf{Y}) \| Q(\mathbf{Y})] &= D[P(\mathbf{X}) \| Q(\mathbf{X})] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{P_{X_1 \dots X_n}} \left[ \log \left( \frac{P(x_i)}{Q(x_i)} \right) \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{P_{X_i}} \left[ \log \left( \frac{P(x_i)}{Q(x_i)} \right) \right] \\
&= nD(P \| Q)
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

(b) For  $X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$ , the p.m.f. is

$$P(X = i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} \quad (34)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} D(\text{Binom}(n, p) \| \text{Binom}(n, q)) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} \log \left( \left( \frac{p(1-q)}{q(1-p)} \right)^i \left( \frac{1-p}{1-q} \right)^n \right) \\ &= n \log \left( \frac{1-p}{1-q} \right) + \sum_{i=0}^n i \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} \log \left( \frac{p(1-q)}{q(1-p)} \right) \\ &= n \log \left( \frac{1-p}{1-q} \right) + np \log \left( \frac{p(1-q)}{q(1-p)} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Let  $n = 1$ ,

$$D(\text{Bern}(p) \| \text{Bern}(q)) = \log \left( \frac{1-p}{1-q} \right) + p \log \left( \frac{p(1-q)}{q(1-p)} \right) \quad (36)$$

So

$$D(\text{Binom}(n, p) \| \text{Binom}(n, q)) = n D(\text{Bern}(p) \| \text{Bern}(q)) \quad (37)$$