

Assignment 2: CS 215

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1. (a) Solution Images

Question 1:

④ Given:

- Number of Subjects = n
- Size of a pool = s
- Probability of person testing positive = p
- $p = 10, 13$

Total Number of groups would be $\frac{n}{s}$.

i) $T(s) =$ Total number of tests for this method.

- Round 1
- In Round 1, each group of s people will be tested.
- Number of tests = $\frac{n}{s}$
- Round 2
- Expected number of tests would be
- $= (\text{Expected number of groups testing positive}) \times (\text{Number of people in one group})$

For each Group in the Test.

Each person testing for COVID is an Bernoulli trial and each outcome is Bernoulli Random Variable $\{X\}$

$P\{X=1\} = p$ [Person is tested positive]
 $P\{X=0\} = (1-p)$ [Person is tested negative].

We are pooling the sample over s people. It results in binomial distribution over s independent trial.

where, $P\{X=n\}$
 n is number of people tested positive.

$P\{X>0\} = 1 - P\{X=0\}$
 $= 1 - P[\text{Every individual is tested negative}]$
 $= 1 - {}^sC_0(p)^0(1-p)^s$
 $= 1 - (1-p)^s$

P.m.f of Binomial Distribution $P_n\{X=n\} = {}^nC_n(p)^n(1-p)^{n-n}$

$= 1 - (1-p)^s$

$\therefore P[\text{Sample is tested positive}] = 1 - (1-p)^s$

Now,

$E[X] = E[\sum X_i] = \frac{n}{s} (1 - (1-p)^s)$

where, $E[X]$ is expected number of groups testing positive which again forms Binomial Distribution.

Total Expected Number of Tests

$= \text{Test in Round 1} + (\text{Expected Number of tests in Round 2})$

$= \frac{n}{s} + \frac{n}{s} (1 - (1-p)^s) \times s$

$= \frac{n}{s} + n(1 - (1-p)^s)$ s is for number of people in one group.

ii) Assumption $p \rightarrow 0$, p is very small.

$T(s) = \frac{n}{s} + n(1 - (1-p)^s)$

p is small

$= \frac{n}{s} + n(1 - (1-sp))$ Binomial Approximation

$T(s) = \frac{n}{s} + np^s$

For $T(s)$ to be least, derivative must be equal to 0.

$T'(s) = -\frac{n}{s^2} + np$

$0 = -\frac{n}{s^2} + np$

$s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}$

Least Expected number of test in this case.

$T(s) = \frac{n}{s} + np^s$

$s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}$, then

$T(s) = n\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{p}n$
 $= 2n\sqrt{p}$

Expected number of tests in this case will be $2n\sqrt{p}$.

iii) Maximum p , for $T(s) < n$.

$T(s) = \frac{n}{s} + n(1 - (1-p)^s)$

$\frac{n}{s} + n(1 - (1-p)^s) < n$

$\frac{1}{s} + 1 - (1-p)^s < 1$

$\frac{1}{s} < (1-p)^s$

The code for the 3rd part is in the provided folder named as Q1a.m .

(b)

b-i) Probability a healthy subject participates in a negative pool

Consider a healthy subject and a pool they join. The pool tests negative if no diseased subject joins it.

Each other subject joins the pool with probability π and is diseased with probability p , so the probability a diseased subject joins is $p\pi$. Across $n - 1$ other subjects, the probability that no diseased subject joins is approximately:

$$P_{\text{negative}} \approx (1 - p\pi)^{n-1} \approx e^{-np\pi} \quad (\text{for large } n \text{ and small } p\pi)$$

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b-ii) Optimal π

Let $K \sim \text{Binomial}(T_1, \pi)$ be the number of pools a healthy subject joins. Let $q = P_{\text{negative}} \approx e^{-np\pi}$.

The probability that the healthy subject participates in at least one negative pool is:

$$P_{\text{at least one negative}} \approx 1 - \exp(-\lambda q) = 1 - \exp(-T_1 \pi e^{-np\pi})$$

To maximize this probability with respect to π , define

$$f(\pi) = \pi e^{-np\pi}.$$

Derivative set to zero gives the optimal participation probability:

$$\pi^* = \frac{1}{np}$$

b-iii) Probability all pools a healthy subject participates in are positive

The complement of having at least one negative pool:

$$P_{\text{all positive}} \approx \exp(-T_1 \pi e^{-np\pi})$$

At $\pi = \pi^*$:

$$P_{\text{all positive}}(\pi^*) \approx \exp\left(-\frac{T_1}{enp}\right)$$

b-iv) Expected total number of tests

- **Round 1:** T_1 tests
- **Round 2:**
 - Positive subjects: np tests (all positives are tested)
 - “Unlucky” healthy subjects: $n(1 - p) \cdot \exp(-T_1/(enp))$

Hence, the expected total number of tests:

$$E[T_{\text{total}}] = T_1 + np + n(1 - p) \exp\left(-\frac{T_1}{enp}\right)$$

b-v) Optimal T_1 and minimal expected tests

Goal: minimize

$$g(T_1) = T_1 + np + n(1-p) \exp\left(-\frac{T_1}{enp}\right)$$

Derivative:

$$g'(T_1) = 1 - \frac{n(1-p)}{enp} \exp\left(-\frac{T_1}{enp}\right) = 0$$

Solve for T_1^* :

$$T_1^* = enp \cdot \ln \frac{n(1-p)}{ep}$$

Expected total tests at optimum:

$$E[T_{\text{total,opt}}] = T_1^* + np + n(1-p) \cdot \frac{ep}{n(1-p)} = T_1^* + np + ep$$

(c) We now compare the expected number of tests for:

- **Method (a):** Simple pooling (non-overlapping pools)

$$T_a(p) = \min_s \left[\frac{n}{s} + n(1 - (1-p)^s) \right]$$

Approximation for small p : $T_a \approx 2n\sqrt{p}$, $s^* \approx 1/\sqrt{p}$.

- **Method (b):** Overlapping pools

$$T_b(p) \approx enp \ln \frac{n(1-p)}{ep} + np + ep$$

with $\pi^* = 1/(np)$ and $T_1^* = enp \ln \frac{n(1-p)}{ep}$.

The code for the plot is provided in the folder named as Q1c.

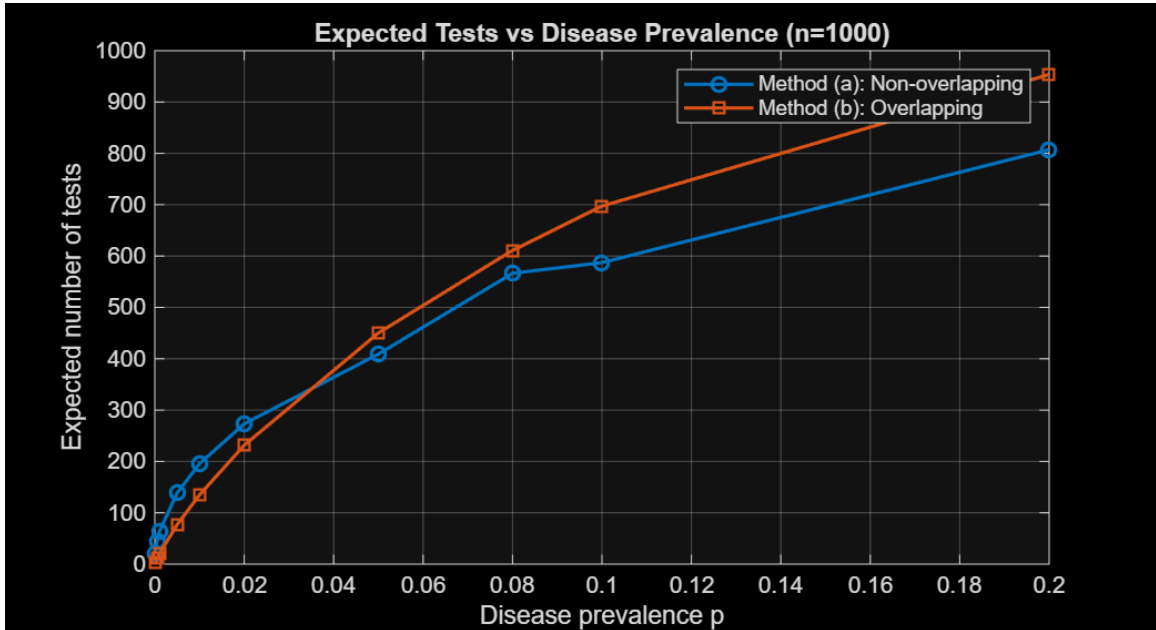


Figure 1: Expected number of tests vs disease prevalence p for methods (a) and (b). Method (b) generally reduces tests at moderate p compared to naive pooling.

MATLAB

We generate expected tests for $n = 1000$ and $p \in \{1\text{e-}4, 5\text{e-}4, 0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.1, 0.2\}$. Include the generated plot as an image:

Interpretation

- For very small p , both methods significantly reduce tests relative to n .
 - Method (b) may be slightly better for moderate p due to overlapping pool optimization.
 - For large p (e.g., $p > 0.1$), pooling becomes less beneficial as almost all pools are positive.
2. Given two independent random variables X and Y with PDFs $f_X(\cdot)$ and $f_Y(\cdot)$ respectively, and define $Z = XY$. We derive the PDF of Z using its CDF.

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P(XY \leq z).$$

Depending on the sign of X , we have two cases.

Case1: $X > 0$.

If $X = x > 0$, then the event $XY \leq z$ is equivalent to $Y \leq z/x$. Hence

$$F_Z(z) = \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^{z/x} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx.$$

Since X and Y are independent, $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$, so

$$F_Z(z) = \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^{z/x} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx.$$

Differentiating with respect to z (By Leibniz's rule), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_Z(z) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\frac{z}{x}} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) dy \right] dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_X(x) \cdot f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_X(x) \cdot f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{|x|} dx \end{aligned}$$

Case2: $X < 0$.

If $X = x < 0$, then the event $XY \leq z$ is equivalent to $Y \geq z/x$. Hence

$$F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{z/x}^\infty f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{z/x}^\infty f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx.$$

Differentiating with respect to z gives

$$\begin{aligned}
f_Z(z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_Z(z) \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\int_{\frac{z}{x}}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy \right] dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x) \cdot \left[0 - f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) \right] \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x) \cdot f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{-1}{x} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x) \cdot f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{|x|} dx
\end{aligned}$$

Combining both cases, we get

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{|x|} dx$$

which is the desired PDF of $Z = XY$.

3. The correct estimate for $E(x)$ is $\hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n}$.

REASON: We know that each x_i is a random variable in itself, since x_i is a sample from the PDF $f_X(\cdot)$. Hence, each x_i will have same PDF as X . Also it is given to us that the x_i 's are independent, which means that they are independent and identically distributed random variables each having mean μ .

$$\therefore E(\hat{x}) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n}\right)$$

Since, the expectation of each x_i is same that of X , we have

$$E(X) = E(x_i) = \mu$$

Taking n to be a large number and applying Weak Law of Large Numbers, we get

$$E(\hat{x}) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n}\right) = \mu$$

($\because P\{|\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n} - \mu| > \epsilon\} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty \forall \epsilon > 0$)

$$\therefore E(\hat{x}) = \mu = E(X)$$

Reason Other Option is incorrect:

Let $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be the other set of random variable, where $y_i = x_i f_X(x_i)$.

The y_i s are iids with expectation

$$E(y_i) = E(x_i f_X(x_i))$$

As we know that x_i and X are identically distributed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E(y_i) &= E(X f_X(x)) \\
&= \int (x f_X(x)) f_X(x) \\
&= \int x f_X(x)^2 dx
\end{aligned}$$

By WLLN, we know

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i f_X(x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = E(y_i)$$

$$\therefore E(y_i) = \int x f_X(x)^2 dx$$

This is estimating some other random variable with PDF $f_X(\cdot)^2$. Hence, it is incorrect estimate for $E(X)$ as X has PDF $f_X(\cdot)$.

4. Dependence Measures

(a) **Correlation Coefficient (ρ)**

$$\rho = \frac{\text{cov}(I_1, I_2)}{\sigma_{I_1} \sigma_{I_2}}, \quad -1 \leq \rho \leq 1$$

(b) **Quadratic Mutual Information (QMI)**

$$\text{QMI} = \sum_{i_1} \sum_{i_2} \left(p_{I_1 I_2}(i_1, i_2) - p_{I_1}(i_1) p_{I_2}(i_2) \right)^2$$

(c) **Mutual Information (MI)**

$$\text{MI} = \sum_{i_1} \sum_{i_2} p_{I_1 I_2}(i_1, i_2) \log \left(\frac{p_{I_1 I_2}(i_1, i_2)}{p_{I_1}(i_1) p_{I_2}(i_2)} \right)$$

The joint histogram $p_{I_1 I_2}$ is computed with a bin-width of 10. Marginals p_{I_1}, p_{I_2} are derived by summing over rows/columns of the joint histogram.

Experimental Scenarios

- (a) **Original images:** $I_1 = \text{T1}, I_2 = \text{T2}$.
- (b) **Negative image:** $I_2 = 255 - I_1$.
- (c) **Squared image:** $I_2 = 255 \times \frac{(I_1)^2}{\max((I_1)^2)} + 1$.

The codes of the following three plots are provided in the folder named as Q4a , Q4b, Q4c for first ,second and third plot respectively.

Case 1: Original MR Images

Observations:

- **QMI and MI:** Both peak sharply at $t_x = 0$, confirming maximum dependence at perfect alignment.
- **Correlation (ρ):** Shows a minimum at $t_x = 0$, reflecting the fact that T1 and T2 intensities are not linearly related. Still, the extremum indicates correct alignment.

Case 2: Negative Image

Observations:

- **Correlation (ρ):** At $t_x = 0$, $\rho \approx -1$, as expected from a perfect negative linear relation.
- **QMI and MI:** Still peak at $t_x = 0$, highlighting robustness to the sign of dependence.

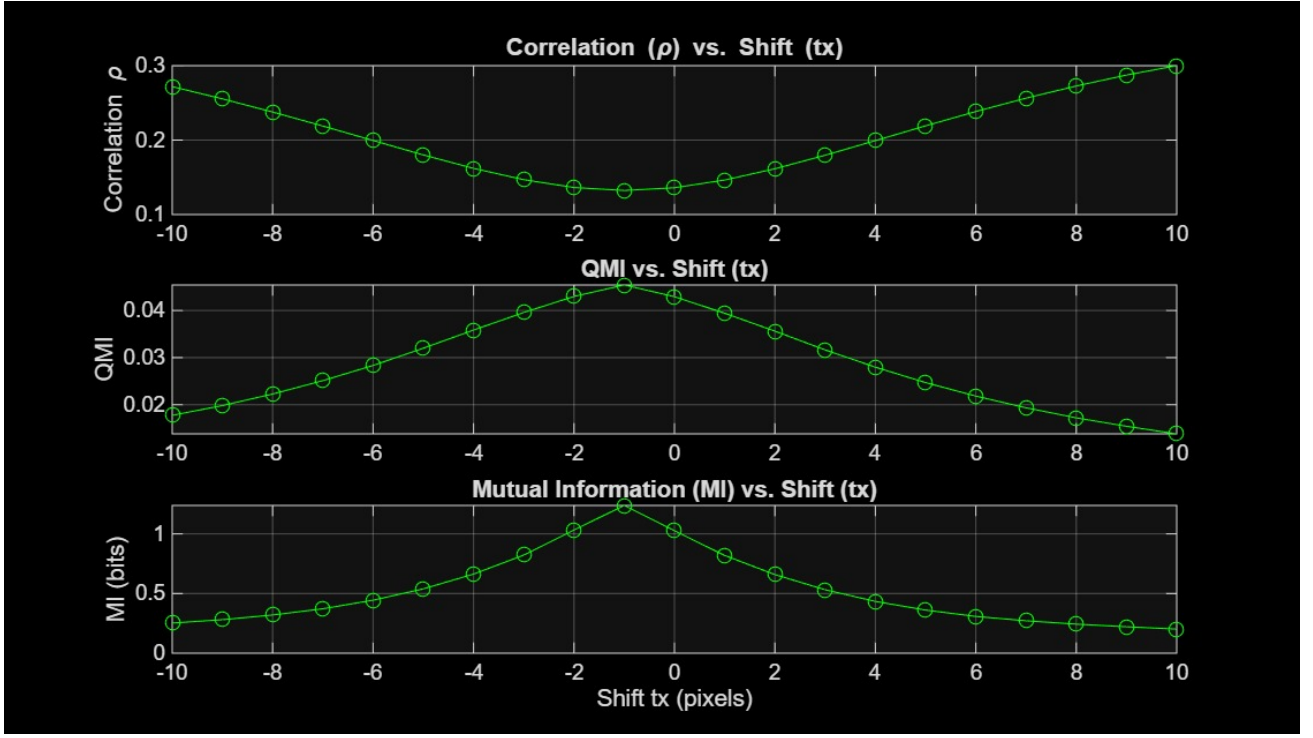


Figure 2: Dependence measures vs. shift (t_x) for original MR images.

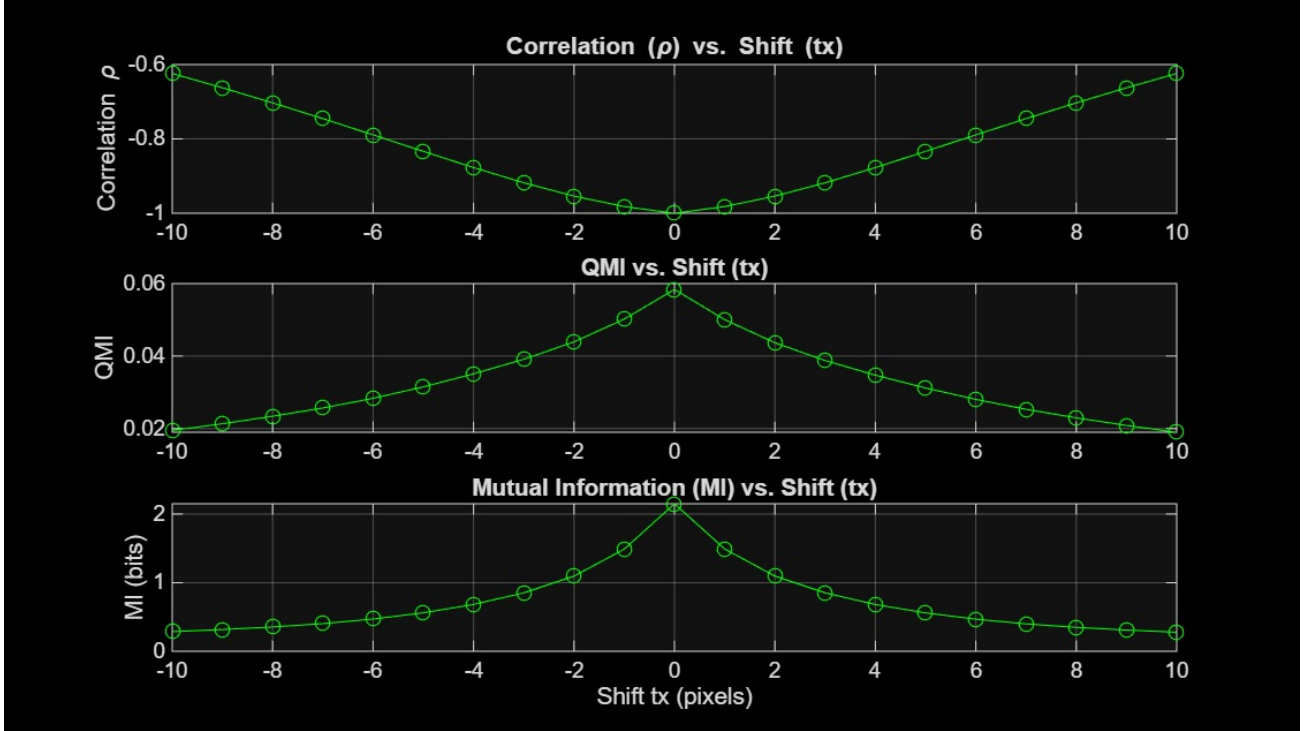


Figure 3: Dependence measures vs. shift (t_x) for I_1 and its negative $I_2 = 255 - I_1$.

Case 3: Squared Image

Observations:

- **Correlation (ρ):** Does not show a clear peak at $t_x = 0$, confirming unreliability under nonlinear intensity transformations.

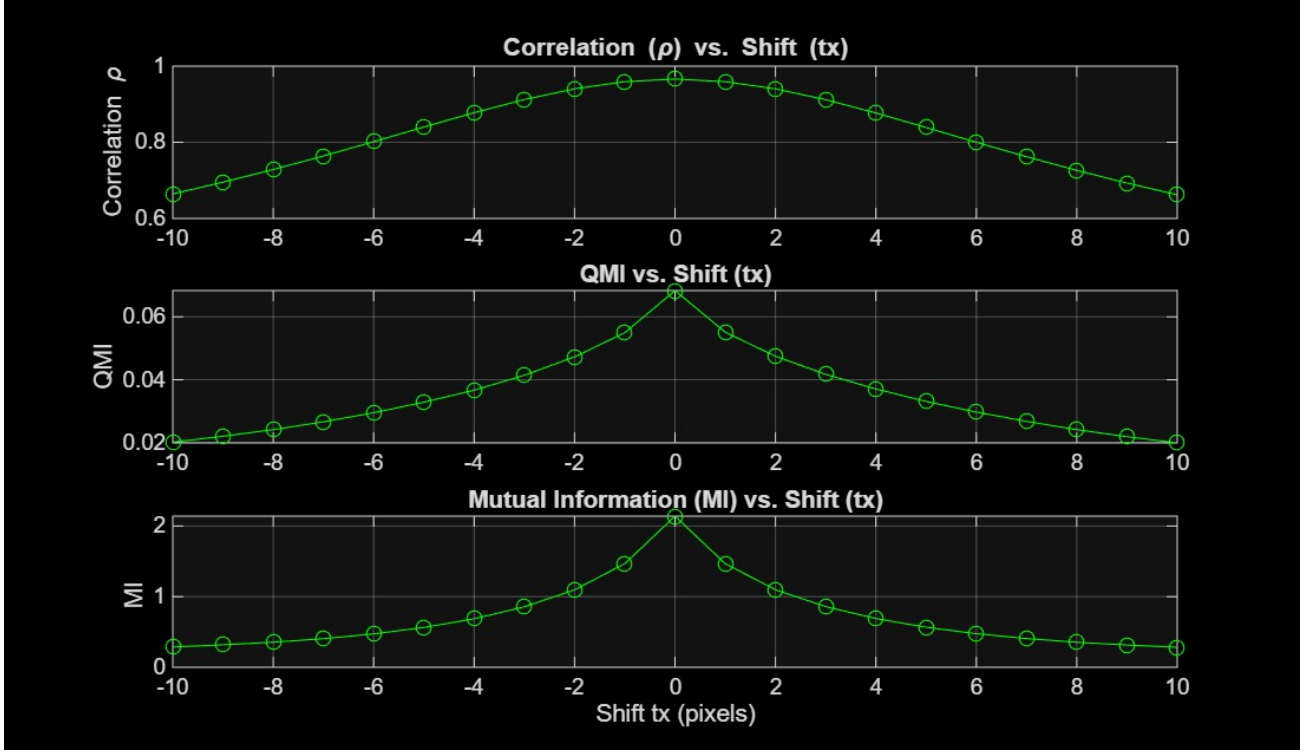


Figure 4: Dependence measures vs. shift (t_x) for squared image $I_2 = 255 \times \frac{(I_1)^2}{\max((I_1)^2)} + 1$.

- **QMI and MI:** Both exhibit distinct maxima at $t_x = 0$, successfully capturing nonlinear dependence and providing correct alignment.

5. When $t > 0$:

$$P(X \geq x) \leq P(e^{tX} \geq e^{tx}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]}{e^{tx}} \quad (\text{By Markov's inequality})$$

$$P(X \geq x) \leq e^{-tx} \varphi_X(t), \quad \text{when } t > 0$$

where $\varphi_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]$ is the moment generating function (MGF).

When $t < 0$:

$$P(X \leq x) \leq P(e^{tX} \geq e^{tx}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]}{e^{tx}} \quad (\text{By Markov's inequality})$$

$$P(X \leq x) \leq e^{-tx} \varphi_X(t), \quad \text{when } t < 0$$

Let

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad \mathbb{E}[X_i] = p_i, \quad \mathbb{E}[X] = \mu.$$

We know that

$$P(X \geq x) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]}{e^{tx}} \quad \text{for } t > 0.$$

Now, let $x = (1 + \delta)\mu$, then

$$P(X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}}.$$

Since the X_i are independent:

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{t\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}\right] = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{tX_i}].$$

For a Bernoulli random variable X_i :

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{tX_i}] = (1 - p_i)e^{t \cdot 0} + p_i e^{t \cdot 1} = 1 - p_i + p_i e^t = 1 + p_i(e^t - 1).$$

Using the inequality $1 + x \leq e^x$:

$$1 + p_i(e^t - 1) \leq e^{p_i(e^t - 1)}.$$

Therefore:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{tX_i}] \leq \prod_{i=1}^n e^{p_i(e^t - 1)} = e^{(e^t - 1)\sum_{i=1}^n p_i} = e^{(e^t - 1)\mu}.$$

Hence, the tail bound becomes:

$$P(X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu) \leq \frac{e^{(e^t - 1)\mu}}{e^{(1 + \delta)\mu t}}.$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{tX_i}] \leq e^{(e^t - 1)\mu}$$

Thus,

$$P(X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu) \leq \frac{e^{(e^t - 1)\mu}}{e^{(1 + \delta)\mu t}}$$

6. Let $P(X = i)$ be the probability of occurrence of first head at i^{th} trial.

Probability of occurrence of heads is p .

Hence probability of occurrence of tails is $(1 - p)$.

$$\therefore P(X = i) = (1 - p)^{i-1}p$$

$$E(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n i(1 - p)^{i-1}p$$

Since p is constant:

$$E(T) = p \sum_{i=1}^n i(1 - p)^{i-1}$$

Expanding:

$$= p \left[1(1 - p)^0 + 2(1 - p)^1 + 3(1 - p)^2 + \cdots + n(1 - p)^{n-1} \right]$$

Now, let us simplify the series terms.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - p)^{i-1} = \frac{1 - (1 - p)^n}{p}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n (1 - p)^{i-1} = \frac{(1 - p) - (1 - p)^n}{p} = \frac{(1 - p) - (1 - p)^n}{p}$$

$$\sum_{i=3}^n (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{(1-p)^2 - (1-p)^n}{p}$$

$$\sum_{i=n}^n (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{(1-p)^{n-1} - (1-p)^n}{p}$$

Let $P(X = i)$ be the probability of occurrence of the first head at the i^{th} trial.

The probability of occurrence of a head is p ,
hence the probability of occurrence of a tail is $(1-p)$.

$$P(X = i) = (1-p)^{i-1}p$$

The expectation is:

$$E(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n i(1-p)^{i-1}p$$

Since p is constant:

$$E(T) = p \sum_{i=1}^n i(1-p)^{i-1}$$

Expanding:

$$= p \left[1(1-p)^0 + 2(1-p)^1 + 3(1-p)^2 + \cdots + n(1-p)^{n-1} \right]$$

Now, recall that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{1 - (1-p)^n}{p}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{(1-p) - (1-p)^n}{p}$$

$$\sum_{i=3}^n (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{(1-p)^2 - (1-p)^n}{p}$$

$$\sum_{i=n}^n (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{(1-p)^{n-1} - (1-p)^n}{p}$$

Hence,

$$E(T) = p \left(\frac{(1-p) - (1-p)^n}{p} + \frac{(1-p)^2 - (1-p)^n}{p} + \cdots + \frac{(1-p)^{n-1} - (1-p)^n}{p} \right)$$

$$E(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n (1-p)^i - (n-1)(1-p)^n$$

$$E(T) = \frac{(1-p)(1 - (1-p)^{n-1})}{p} - (n-1)(1-p)^n$$