

Joint-conditional entropy and mutual information

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1 Entropy, joint entropy, conditional entropy, and mutual information

Consider the discrete source (the transmitter) X with $n = 3$ symbols with $p(x_i) = [0.125, 0.25, 0.625]$. Compute the entropy of the source H_X

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2(p(x_i))$$

and the maximal entropy in the case of a uniform distribution.

Entropy of the source $H_X = 1.29879$ bit

Max. entropy = 1.58496 bit

Consider a receiver Y with $m = 4$ symbols with the following conditional probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_1|x_1) &= 0.75 \\ p(y_2|x_1) &= 0.25 \\ p(y_2|x_2) &= 0.5 \\ p(y_3|x_2) &= 0.5 \\ p(y_3|x_3) &= 0.25 \\ p(y_4|x_3) &= 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

The other probabilities are equal to zero. Note that for each transmitted symbol x_i , it has been assured that

$$\sum_{j=1}^m p(y_j|x_i) = 1 \quad \forall x_i \text{ with } i \in [1, n]$$

as the sum over all possible probabilities must be equal to one.

P_Y_cond_X:

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[[0.75 0.25 0.    0.   ]
 [0.    0.5  0.5  0.   ]
 [0.    0.   0.25 0.75]]
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Check that row of the matrix represents a probability.

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[1.  1.  1.]
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Compute the joint probabilities using Bayes' rule

$$p(x_i, y_j) = p(y_j|x_i)p(x_i),$$

the probability of y_j as marginal of $p(x_i, y_j)$

$$p(y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i, y_j)$$

and the conditional probabilities $p(x_i|y_j)$ using Bayes' rule

$$p(x_i|y_j) = \frac{p(x_i, y_j)}{p(y_j)} = \frac{p(y_j|x_i)p(x_i)}{p(y_j)}.$$

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P_joint:
[[0.09375 0.03125 0.         0.         ]
 [0.         0.125    0.125    0.         ]
 [0.         0.         0.15625 0.46875]]
P_y:
[0.09375 0.15625 0.28125 0.46875]
P_X_cond_Y:
[[1.         0.2         0.         0.         ]
 [0.         0.8         0.44444444 0.         ]
 [0.         0.         0.55555556 1.         ]]
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Compute the entropy $H(X)$

$$H(Y) = - \sum_{j=1}^m p(y_j) \log_2(p(y_j))$$

and the joint entropy

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p(x_i, y_j) \log p(x_i, y_j)$$

and the the conditional entropies

$$H(Y|X) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p(x_i, y_j) \log p(y_j|x_i)$$

and

$$H(X|Y) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p(x_i, y_j) \log p(x_i|y_j).$$

Entropy H_Y = 1.76571 bit

Joint entropy: H(X,Y) = 2.15725 bit

Conditional entropy: H(Y|X) = 0.85846 bit

Conditional entropy: H(X|Y) = 0.39154 bit

Compute the mutual information between X and Y

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y).$$

Mutual information: I(X;Y) = 0.90725 bit

Verify the following theoretical results using the numerical results and the venn-diagrams

$$H(Y|X) = H(X, Y) - H(X)$$

$$H(Y|X) \leq H(Y)$$

$$H(X|Y) = H(X, Y) - H(Y)$$

$$H(X|Y) \leq H(X)$$

$$0 \leq \max[H(X), H(Y)] \leq H(X, Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y)$$

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y)$$

$$I(X; Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$I(X; Y) = H(X, Y) - H(X|Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$0 \leq I(X; Y) \leq H(X)$$

$$H_X = 1.29879$$

$$H_Y = 1.76571$$

$$H(X, Y) = 2.15725$$

$$H(Y|X) = 0.85846$$

$$H(X|Y) = 0.39154$$

$$I(X; Y) = 0.90725$$

$$[H_{Y|X}, H_{\text{joint}} - H_X]:$$

$$[0.8584585930558105, 0.8584585924787329]$$

$$[H_{X|Y}, H_{\text{joint}} - H_Y]:$$

$$[0.3915414064482629, 0.3915414057900335]$$

$$[I_{X,Y}, H_X - H_{X|Y}, H_X + H_Y - H_{\text{joint}}, H_Y - H_{Y|X}, H_{\text{joint}} - H_X - H_{Y|X} - H_{X|Y}]:$$

$$[0.9072535342471355, 0.9072535342471355, 0.9072535349053652, 0.9072535343282874, 0.9072535336700579]$$