

1 Intensity-level entropy

Given a discrete random variable X with support \mathcal{X} , the *Shannon entropy* is

$$H = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} -P(x) \ln P(x).$$

The *intensity-level entropy* is the Shannon entropy of the empirical distribution of intensity values.

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1 import numpy as np

2 def shannon_entropy(h):
3     """The Shannon entropy in bits"""
4     return -sum(p*np.log2(p) if p > 0 else 0 for p in h)

5 def intensity_distribution(data):
6     """The intensity distribution of 8-bit `data`."""
7     hist, _ = np.histogram(data, bins=range(256+1), density=True)
8     return hist

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10 def intensity_entropy(data):
11     """The intensity-level entropy of 8-bit image data"""
12     return shannon_entropy(intensity_distribution(data))
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14 def intensity_expected(f, data):
15     """The intensity-distribution expected value of `f`."""
16     return sum(p*f(p) for p in intensity_distribution(data))
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