

1 Intensity-level entropy

Given a discrete random variable X on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) with image $\chi = \text{im}(X)$, the *Shannon entropy* is

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

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)
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6 def intensity_distribution(data):
7     """The intensity distribution of 8-bit `data`."""
8     hist, _ = np.histogram(data, bins=range(256+1), density=True)
9     return hist
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11 def intensity_entropy(data):
12     """The intensity-level entropy of 8-bit image data"""
13     return shannon_entropy(intensity_distribution(data))
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15 def intensity_expected(f, data):
16     """The intensity-distribution expected value of `f`."""
17     return sum(p*f(p) for p in intensity_distribution(data))
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