Problem 1: Suppose P is a probability measure defined on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ with mass function

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} s & p(s) \\ \hline 1 & 0.1 \\ 2 & 0.3 \\ 3 & 0.2 \\ 4 & 0.3 \\ 5 & 0.1 \\ \end{array}$$

Compute the information content I(s) of each sample point and the entropy H(P).

We compute

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} s & p(s) & I(s) \\ \hline 1 & 0.1 & 3.322 \\ 2 & 0.3 & 1.737 \\ 3 & 0.2 & 2.322 \\ 4 & 0.3 & 1.737 \\ 5 & 0.1 & 3.322 \\ \end{array}$$

where the surprisals are rounded to three places after the decimal point. The entropy is $H(P) \approx 2.171$.

Problem 2: Let $X \sim \mathcal{B}er(\theta)$ for $\theta \in [0,1]$. Compute a formula for H(X) in terms of θ .

We compute:

$$H(X) = -\sum_{x=0}^{1} p(x) \log_2(p(x)) = -(1-\theta) \log_2(1-\theta) - \theta \log_2(\theta).$$

Problem 3: Suppose P and Q are probability measures defined on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ with mass functions

Compute the cross entropies $H(P \parallel Q)$ and $H(Q \parallel P)$.

$$H(P \parallel Q) = -\sum_{s=1}^{5} p(s) \log_2(q(s)) \approx 3.258, \quad H(Q \parallel P) = -\sum_{s=1}^{5} q(s) \log_2(p(s)) \approx 2.337.$$

Problem 4: Suppose P and Q are probability measures defined on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ with mass functions

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} s & p(s) & q(s) \\ \hline 1 & 0.1 & 0.05 \\ 2 & 0.3 & 0.15 \\ 3 & 0.2 & 0.7 \\ 4 & 0.3 & 0.03 \\ 5 & 0.1 & 0.07 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Compute $D(P \parallel Q)$ and $D(Q \parallel P)$.

$$D(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{s=1}^{5} p(s) \log_2 \left(\frac{p(s)}{q(s)} \right) \approx 1.087 \quad \text{and} \quad D(Q \parallel P) = \sum_{s=1}^{5} q(s) \log_2 \left(\frac{q(s)}{p(s)} \right) \approx 0.929.$$