

## Homework 6

Due 3/7

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1. (a) The joint entropy is (where  $\log = \log_2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} H(V, T) &= \sum_{V, T} P(V, T) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(V, T)} \right) \\ &= \left[ \frac{6}{16} \log(16) + \frac{4}{32} \log(32) + \frac{2}{8} \log(8) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) \right] = \frac{54}{16} \\ H(V, T) &= \boxed{3.38 \text{ bits}} \end{aligned}$$

Given the marginal probability

$$\begin{aligned} P(V = \text{Sunny}) &= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4} \\ P(V = \text{Cloudy \& dry}) &= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{32} = \frac{8}{32} = \frac{1}{4} \\ P(V = \text{Cloudy \& rain}) &= \frac{1}{4} \\ P(V = \text{Cloudy \& snow}) &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

marginal entropy of  $V$  is

$$\begin{aligned} H(V) &= \sum_V P(V) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(V)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) \\ H(V) &= \boxed{2 \text{ bits}} \end{aligned}$$

And given the marginal probability

$$\begin{aligned} P(T = \text{Miserably Cold}) &= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \\ P(T = \text{Very Cold}) &= \frac{1}{4} \\ P(T = \text{Cold}) &= \frac{1}{8} \\ P(T = \text{Chilly}) &= \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

marginal entropy of  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned} H(T) &= \sum_T P(T) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(T)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log(2) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{8} \log(8) + \frac{1}{8} \log(8) \\ H(T) &= \boxed{1.75 \text{ bits}} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The conditional entropy of  $T$  given  $V = v$  is

$$H(T|V = v) = \sum_T P(T|V = v) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(T|V = v)} \right)$$

and from Bayes' theorem

$$P(T|V = v) = \frac{P(V = v, T)}{P(V = v)}$$

So for  $v = \text{Sunny}$ :

$$H(T|V = \text{Sunny}) = \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) = \boxed{2 \text{ bits}}$$

For  $v = \text{Cloudy \& dry}$ :

$$H(T|V = \text{Cloudy \& dry}) = \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{2} \log(2) + \frac{1}{8} \log(8) + \frac{1}{8} \log(8) = \boxed{1.75 \text{ bits}}$$

For  $v = \text{Cloudy \& rain}$ :

$$H(T|V = \text{Cloudy \& rain}) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2) + \frac{1}{4} \log(4) + \frac{1}{8} \log(8) + \frac{1}{8} \log(8) = \boxed{1.75 \text{ bits}}$$

For  $v = \text{Cloudy \& snow}$ :

$$H(T|V = \text{Cloudy \& snow}) = \log(1) = \boxed{0 \text{ bits}}$$

this makes sense since its *always* miserably cold given it is Cloudy & snowing.

(c) The conditional entropy as an average

$$\begin{aligned} H(T|V) &= \sum_V P(V) [H(T|V = v)] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} H(T|V = v) \\ H(T|V) &= \frac{1}{4} (2 + 1.75 + 1.75 + 0) = \boxed{1.38 \text{ bits}} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Using product rule on the joint entropy:

$$\begin{aligned} H(V, T) &= \sum_{V, T} P(V, T) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(T|V)P(T)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{V, T} P(V, T) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(T|V)} \right) + \sum_{V, T} P(V, T) \log \left( \frac{1}{P(T)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and from sum the sum rule:

$$\begin{aligned} P(T) &= \sum_V P(V, T) \\ &= \sum_V P(T|V)P(V) \end{aligned}$$

so

$$H(V, T) = H(T|V) + H(T) \implies H(T|V) = H(V, T) - H(T) = 3.38 - 2 = 1.38 \text{ bits}$$

which confirms the result from part (c), and we can also see that

$$\begin{aligned} H(V, T) &= H(T) + H(V|T) \\ \implies H(V|T) &= H(V, T) - H(T) = 3.38 - 1.75 = \boxed{1.63 \text{ bits}} \end{aligned}$$

(e) The mutual information is

$$\begin{aligned} I(V; T) &= H(V) - H(V|T) \quad \text{or} \quad H(T) - H(T|V) \\ &= 2 - 1.63 = \boxed{0.37 \text{ bits}} \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) For a Gaussian defined by the PDF (Probability Density Function)

$$P(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

the entropy is (here log is the natural logarithm  $\log_e = \ln$  i.e. unit of nats)

$$\begin{aligned} H(P) &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x) \log(P(x)) dx \\ &= - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \left( \frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2} - \log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}) \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi\sigma^6}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx + \frac{\log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \end{aligned}$$

and using some useful Gaussian integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^3}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} H(P) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi\sigma^6}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{8\pi\sigma^6} \right] + \frac{\log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [1 + \log(2\pi\sigma^2)] \end{aligned}$$

and  $H(P)$  can be negative when

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \log(2\pi\sigma^2) &< 0 \\ \implies \sigma^2 &< \frac{1}{2\pi e} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Since  $\xi$  and  $X$  are independent, the variance of  $Y = \xi + X$  is the sum of the variances

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(\xi) + \text{Var}(X) = \sigma_\xi^2 + \sigma_X^2$$

- (c) From the Sum rule

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{Z=z} P_\xi(\xi = z) P_X(X)$$

we can change the discrete case to a continuous one by integrating over all possible values of  $\xi = z$  to find the probability density function  $P_Y(y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_\xi(\xi = z) P_X(X|\xi = z) dz \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{X,\xi}(X, \xi = z) dz \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\xi$  and  $X$  are independent,  $P_{X,\xi}(X, \xi) = P_X(X) P_\xi(\xi)$ , and  $X = Y - \xi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_X(X = y - z) P_\xi(\xi = z) dz \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_X(y - z) P_\xi(z) dz \end{aligned}$$



in the second integral we can use  $y = x + \xi$  so

$$P_Y(y|X = x) = P_\xi(\xi = y - x|X = x)$$

and since  $\xi$  and  $X$  are independent

$$P_\xi(\xi = y - x|X = x) = P_\xi(\xi)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} -H(Y|X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_X(x) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_\xi(\xi) \log(P_\xi(\xi)) d\xi \right] dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_X(x) H(\xi) dx = -H(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

and from part (a) we know that  $H(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \log(2\pi\sigma_\xi^2) \right]$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= H(Y) - H(Y|X) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2\pi(\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_\xi^2)}{2\pi\sigma_\xi^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_\xi^2}{\sigma_\xi^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_\xi^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- If  $\sigma_X$  is large and  $\sigma_\xi$  is small, then  $I(X, Y)$  is large.
- If  $\sigma_X$  is small and  $\sigma_\xi$  is large, then  $I(X, Y)$  is small or zero

4 (a) Given

$$m(n) = \frac{m(n+1)}{Nb_i} \implies m(n-1) = \frac{m(n)}{Nb_i}$$

the expected value of  $x = \log(m(n))$  is

$$E[x] = \sum_i x_i p_i$$

where the probability of horse  $i$  wins is  $p_i$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} E[x] &= \sum_i (\log(m(n-1)) + \log(Nb_i)) p_i \\ &= \sum_i \log(m(n-1)) p_i + \sum_i \log N p_i + \sum_i \log(b_i) p_i \\ &= \sum_i \log(m(n-2)Nb_i) p_i + \sum_i \log N p_i + \sum_i \log(b_i) p_i \end{aligned}$$

which is a recursive structure so we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= \log(m(0)) + n(E[\log N] + E[\log b_i]) \\ &= \log(m(0)) + n \log N + n E[\log b_i] \end{aligned}$$

(b) Finding where the derivative is zero and since we only care about the case of maximizing

$$E[\log b_i] = \sum_i p_i \log(b_i)$$



