

Information Theory

def ϕ -divergence $D_\phi(p||q) = \int \phi\left(\frac{dp}{dq}\right) dq$ $\phi(1)=0$

note Common measures of distance btw two densities are D_ϕ , but are not always distance

ex $\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} |t-1|$ then $\int \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f_1}{f_0} - 1 \right| f_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int |f_1 - f_0|$
= total variation divergence = $D_{TV}(f_1||f_0)$

recall in [Class] $R^* = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} D_{TV}(f_+||f_-)$ f_+ = density of

$\Rightarrow D_{TV}(f_+||f_-) \rightarrow 0$ then $R^* \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ $X|Y=+1$

$f_- = "$ $X|Y=-1$

def for discrete RV, X , w/ pmf p

Entropy $H(X) = \sum_x p(x) \log_2 \frac{1}{p(x)} = -\mathbb{E}_p[\log p(x)]$

Joint Entropy of X, Z

$$H(Z|X) = \sum_x p(x) H(Z|X=x)$$

then discrete RV $= - \sum_x p(x) \sum_z p(z|x) \log_2 p(z|x)$

can be encoded into $= - \sum_x \sum_z p(x,z) \log_2 p(z|x)$

$O(H(X))$ bits w/ diminishing loss $= - \mathbb{E} \log \frac{1}{p(z|x)}$

(see \star)