

# Summary of tight lower bounds

$P, Q$ : Probability distributions on real line with given means and variances.

$$R_P := \frac{|E[X]_P - E[Y]_Q|}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[X]_P}}, \quad R_Q := \frac{|E[X]_P - E[Y]_Q|}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[Y]_Q}}, \quad \text{where } X \sim P \text{ and } Y \sim Q$$

Divergence	Lower bound	Equality condition
<b>KL-divergence</b> <sup>[1]</sup> $\sum p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{q_i}$	$\int_0^1 \frac{\lambda}{(1-\lambda)R_P^2 + \lambda R_Q^2 + \lambda(1-\lambda)} d\lambda$	2-point distributions
<b><math>\chi^2</math>-divergence</b> $\frac{\sum (p_i - q_i)^2}{q_i}$	$R_Q^2$ (Hammersley–Chapman–Robbins bound)	2-point distributions
<b>Squared Hellinger distance</b> <sup>[2]</sup> $\frac{1}{2} \sum (\sqrt{p_i} - \sqrt{q_i})^2$	$1 - (R_P + R_Q) \sqrt{\frac{1}{(R_P + R_Q)^2 + 1}}$	2-point distributions
<b>Total variation distance</b> <sup>[3]</sup> $\frac{1}{2} \sum  p_i - q_i $	$\frac{1}{(R_P + R_Q)^2 + 1}$	3-point distributions

[1] <https://www.mdpi.com/1099-4300/22/5/563>

[2] <https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.12972>

[3] <https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.05820>