

# ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION THEORY

## A Graphical Summary

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### 1 Basic Information Theory concepts

Concept	Symbol	Definition
Entropy	$H(X)$	$-\sum p_x(x) \log p_x(x)$
Joint Entropy	$H(X, Y)$	$-\sum p_{xy}(x, y) \log p_{xy}(x, y)$
Cond Entropy	$H(Y X)$	$E_x[H(Y x)] = -\sum_x p_x(x) \sum_y p_{y x}(y) \log p_{y x}(y)$
Cross Entropy	$C(Y; X)$	$-\sum p_x(x) \log p_y(x)$
KL-Divergence	$D(X  Y) = D(p_x  p_y)$	$-\sum p_x(x) \log (p_x(x)/p_y(x))$
Mutual Info	$MI(X; Y) = MI(Y; X)$	$KL(p_{xy}  p_x p_y)$

These quantities follow three types of relations

1. Basic Inequalities. Based on concavity of  $\log x$ . They are summarized in the diagram below.
2. Chain rule.
3. Concavity and Convexity. Based on convexity of  $x \log x$ .
4. Data processing inequality.
5. Fano's inequality, and a simpler result that for two IID random variables with entropy  $H$ .  $\Pr(X = X') \geq \exp(-H(X))$ , assuming  $H$  is measured in nats.

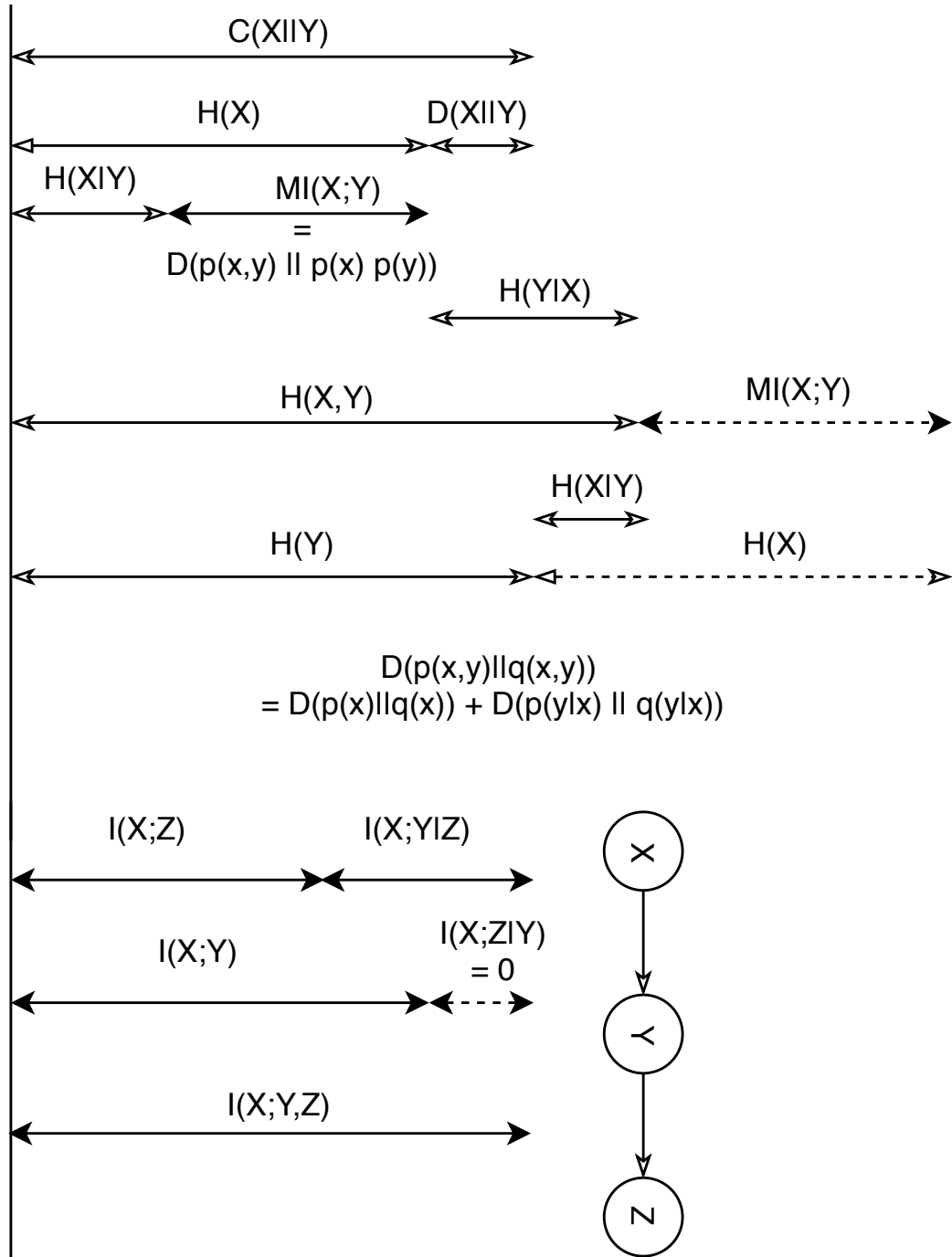


Figure 1: These concepts obey a lot of inequalities as shown in this diagram.