

Quiz-1 solutions

1) Definition of K-L Divergence:

→ Suppose there is a random variable 'x' for which we have 2 probability distributions P_x & Q_x . Then the K-L Divergence is $D(P_x \parallel Q_x) \triangleq - \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_x)} P(x) \log \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)}$

→ A random variable can have only one true distribution, so K-L divergence or relative entropy talks about the deviations b/w the 2 distributions.

→ It is similar to the distance metric but fails to satisfy

a) $D(P \parallel Q) = D(Q \parallel P)$ (condition)

b) $D(P \parallel Q) \leq D(P \parallel R) + D(R \parallel Q)$ (triangle inequality condition)

$$H(X) + H(Y) \geq H(X, Y):$$

$$\begin{aligned} & H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) \\ &= - \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_X)} P(x) \log P(x) + - \sum_{y \in \text{supp}(P_Y)} P(y) \log P(y) - \left[- \sum_{x, y \in \text{supp}(P_{X,Y})} P(x, y) \log P(x, y) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= - \sum_{\substack{x \in \text{supp}(P_X) \\ x, y \in \text{supp}(P_{X,Y})}} P(x, y) \log P(x) - \sum_{x, y \in \text{supp}(P_{X,Y})} P(x, y) \log P(y)$$

$$+ \sum_{x, y \in \text{supp}(P_{X,Y})} P(x, y) \log P(x, y)$$

$$= \sum_{x, y \in \text{supp}(P_{X,Y})} P(x, y) \log \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x) \cdot P(y)} = D(P_{X,Y} \parallel P_X \cdot P_Y)$$

We know $D(P \parallel Q) \geq 0$ for all prob distributions P, Q .

$$\therefore H(x) + H(y) \geq H(x, y)$$

If case:

If x & y are independent, then

$$P(x, y) = P(x) \cdot P(y)$$

$$\text{So } D(P(x, y) \parallel P(x) \cdot P(y)) = \sum_{x, y \in \text{supp}(P(x, y))} P(x, y) \log \frac{P(x) \cdot P(y)}{P(x) \cdot P(y)} = 0 \quad (\log(1) = 0)$$

$$\therefore H(x) + H(y) = H(x, y)$$

Only if case:

$$\text{Let } D(P(x, y) \parallel P(x) \cdot P(y)) = 0.$$

$$\text{When is } D(P \parallel Q) = 0?$$

Applying Jensen's equality condition where

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \text{const 'c'} \quad \forall x \in \text{supp}(P_x)$$

$$1 = \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_x)} P(x) = \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_x)} c \cdot Q(x) \quad \forall x \in \text{supp}(P_x)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{together will mean that } c=1 \rightarrow P(x) = Q(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = 1$$

$$\text{So } \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x) \cdot P(y)} = 1 \Rightarrow P(x, y) = P(x) \cdot P(y)$$

x & y are independent
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2) X is a r.v taking values from \mathcal{X}

$$|\mathcal{X}| = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

Given A , we need to show there exists 2 probability distributions P_1 & P_2 for X , such that

$$D(P_1 \| P_2) = A.$$

$P_1(x)$ is a probability distribution.

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall x_i \in \mathcal{X}, P(X=x_i) \geq 0 \\ \sum_{x_i} P(X=x_i) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{valid probability distribution conditions}$$

$$D(P_1 \| P_2) = A \Rightarrow A = - \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_1)} P_1(x) \log \frac{P_2(x)}{P_1(x)}$$

Let $P_1(x)$ be a prob distribution such that

$$P_1(X=x_j) = 1 \quad \text{for any } j$$

$$\& P_1(X=x_i) = 0 \quad \forall i \in [n] - \{j\}$$

Then,

$$A = - P_1(X=x_j) \log \frac{P_2(X=x_j)}{P_1(X=x_j)}$$

$$= - \log P_2(X=x_j)$$

$$\therefore P_2(X=x_j) = 2^{-A}$$

$$\text{We can have } \sum_{\substack{i \\ i \in [n] - \{j\}}} P_2(X=x_i) \leq 1 - 2^{-A}$$

one of the probability distribution

condition is satisfied.

$$A = - \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_1)} P_1(x) \log \frac{P_2(x)}{P_1(x)}$$

$$= -H(x) - \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_1)} P_1(x) \log P_2(x)$$

$$-[A + H(x)] = \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(P_1)} P_1(x) \log P_2(x)$$

We know $A \geq 0$, $H(x) \geq 0$, $P_1(x) \geq 0$

$\therefore \log P_2(x) \forall x \in \text{supp}(P_1)$ must be -ve

$$\Rightarrow P_2(x) \in [0, 1]$$

→ Another probability distribution condition is satisfied

$$\therefore P_2(x) \geq 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall x_i \in \mathcal{X} \\ \& \sum_{x_i} P(x=x_i) = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$\therefore P_2$ is a valid probability distribution.