

We want to demonstrate equation (5) of [Ferenc Huszr, 2015](<https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.05101v1>)

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{alternative}} [P \parallel Q] &= KL [P_{x_1} \parallel Q_{x_1}] + \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_{x_1}} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{x_1}} KL [P_{x_2|x_1=y} \parallel Q_{x_2|x_1=z}] \quad (4) \\ &= KL [P_{x_1} \parallel Q_{x_1}] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{x_1}} KL [P_{x_2} \parallel Q_{x_2|x_1=z}] \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

We study the second right hand side term of the first line (4)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_{X_1}} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} KL [P_{X_2|X_1=y} \parallel Q_{X_2|X_1=z}] &= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} \sum_{y \sim P_{X_1}} P_{X_1}(X_1 = y) \sum_{x_2 \sim P_{X_2|X_1=y}(\cdot|X_1=y)} P_{X_2|X_1=y}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = y) \log \left[\frac{P_{X_2|X_1=y}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = y)}{Q_{X_2=x_2|X_1=z}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = z)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} \sum_{(y, x_2) \sim P_{X_1, X_2}} P_{X_1, X_2}(X_1 = y, X_2 = x_2) \log \left[\frac{P_{X_2|X_1=y}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = y)}{Q_{X_2|X_1=z}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = z)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} \sum_{x_2 \sim P_{X_2}} P_{X_2}(X_2 = x_2) \sum_{y \sim P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(\cdot|X_2=x_2)} P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(X_1 = y \mid X_2 = x_2) \log \left[\frac{P_{X_2|X_1=y}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = y)}{Q_{X_2=x_2|X_1=z}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = z)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now by Bayes' Rule we know that:

$$P_{X_2|X_1=y}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = y) = \frac{P_{X_2}(X_2 = x_2)}{P_{X_1}(X_1 = y)} P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(X_1 = y \mid X_2 = x_2)$$

So we can separate the terms that are only function of x_2 and z as

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} \sum_{x_2 \sim P_{X_2}} P_{X_2}(X_2 = x_2) \sum_{y \sim P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(\cdot|X_2=x_2)} P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(X_1 = y \mid X_2 = x_2) \left[\log \left(\frac{P_{X_2}(X_2 = x_2)}{Q_{X_2|X_1=z}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = z)} \right) + \log \left(\frac{P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(y \mid X_2 = x_2)}{P_{X_1}(X_1 = y)} \right) \right] \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} \sum_{x_2 \sim P_{X_2}} P_{X_2}(X_2 = x_2) \log \left(\frac{P_{X_2}(X_2 = x_2)}{Q_{X_2|X_1=z}(X_2 = x_2 \mid X_1 = z)} \right)}_{KL[P_{X_2} \parallel Q_{X_2|X_1=z}]} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{y \sim P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(\cdot|X_2=x_2)} P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(X_1 = y \mid X_2 = x_2) \right)}_{=1, \text{ we are summing over } P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} \sum_{(y, x_2) \sim P_{X_1, X_2}} P_{X_1, X_2}(X_1 = y, X_2 = x_2) \log \left(\frac{P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(y \mid X_2 = x_2)}{P_{X_1}(X_1 = y)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The sum in the last expectation can be rewritten as:

$$\sum_{(y,x_2) \sim P_{X_1,X_2}} P_{X_1,X_2}(X_1 = y, X_2 = x_2) \log \left(\frac{P_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(y \mid X_2 = x_2)}{P_{X_1}(X_1 = y)} \right) = \sum_{(y,x_2) \sim P_{X_1,X_2}} P_{X_1,X_2}(y, x_2) \log \left(\frac{P_{X_1,X_2}(y, x_2)}{P_{X_1}(y)P_{X_2}(x_2)} \right) = I(X_1; X_2) = 0$$

X_1 and X_2 are independent random variables and their mutual information $I(X_1; X_2)$ is thus equal to zero.

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_{X_1}} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{X_1}} KL [P_{X_2|X_1=y} \parallel Q_{X_2|X_1=z}] = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Q_{x_1}} KL [P_{x_2} \parallel Q_{x_2|x_1=z}]$$

We have shown equation (5).