

# MTHE 474 Notes

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# 1 Chapter 2 Topics

## 1.1 Information Measures for Discrete Systems

### 1.1.1 Definitions

- **Definition 2.2:** Entropy of discrete random variable  $X$  with pmf  $P_X(\cdot)$  is defined as

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- **Definition 2.8 (Joint entropy):**

$$H(X, Y) := - \sum_{(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}} P_{X, Y}(x, y) \log_2 P_{X, Y}(x, y)$$

- **Definition 2.9 (Conditional entropy):**

$$H(Y|X) := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P_X(x) \left( - \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{Y|X}(y|x) \log_2 P_{Y|X}(y|x) \right)$$

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### 1.1.2 Lemmas/Theorems

- **Lemma 2.4 (Fundamental Inequality):**  $\forall x > 0$  and  $D > 1$  we have

$$\log_D(x) \leq \log_D e * (x - 1)$$

- **Lemma 2.5 (Non-negativity):**  $H(X) \geq 0$

- **Lemma 2.6 (Entropy Upper-Bound):**  $H(X) \leq \log_2 |\mathcal{X}|$  where random variable  $X$  takes values from finite set  $\mathcal{X}$

- **Lemma 2.7 (Log-Sum inequality):** For nonnegative numbers,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \log_D \frac{a_i}{b_i}) \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \log_D \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i}$$

with equality iff for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\frac{a_i}{b_i} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j}{\sum_{j=1}^n b_j}$$

is constant and does not depend on  $i$

- **Theorem 2.10 (Chain rule for entropy):**  $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X)$

## 1.2 Mutual Information

### 1.2.1 Definitions

- **Definition 2.2.1 (Mutual Information):**

$$I(X; Y) := H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

- **Definition 2.2.2 (Conditional Mutual Information):**

$$I(X; Y|Z) := H(X|Z) - H(X|Y, Z)$$

### 1.2.2 Lemmas

- **Lemma 2.15 (Properties of Mutual Information):**

$$1. I(X; Y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{X,Y}(x, y) \log_2 \frac{P_{X,Y}(x, y)}{P_X(x)P_Y(y)} \quad (1)$$

$$2. I(X; Y) = I(Y; X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X) \quad (2)$$

$$3. I(X; Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) \quad (3)$$

$$4. I(X; Y) \leq H(X) \text{ equality iff } X \text{ is a function of } Y \quad (4)$$

$$5. I(X; Y) \leq 0 \text{ with equality iff } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent} \quad (5)$$

$$6. I(X; Y) \leq \min\{\log_2 |\mathcal{X}|, \log_2 |\mathcal{Y}|\} \quad (6)$$

- **Lemma 2.16 (Chain Rule for Mutual Information):**

$$I(X; Y, Z) = I(X; Y) + I(X; Z|Y) = I(X; Z) + I(X; Y|Z)$$

- **Theorem 2.17 (Chain Rule for entropy):**  $X^n := (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $x^n := (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$H(X^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i | X^{i-1})$$

- **Theorem 2.18 (Chain Rule for conditional entropy):**

$$H(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n | Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i | X_{i-1}, \dots, X_1, Y)$$

- **Theorem 2.19 (Chain Rule for Mutual information):**

$$I(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n; Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i; Y | X_{i-1}, \dots, X_1)$$

Where  $I(X_i; Y | X_{i-1}, \dots, X_1) := I(X_i, Y)$  for  $i = 1$

## 1.3 Conditional Divergence

### 1.3.1 Definitions

### 1.3.2 Theorems

## 1.4 Data Processing Inequality

### 1.4.1 Definitions

- **Lecture 7 Definition (Markov Chain):** Three jointly distributed random variables  $X, Y, Z$  are said to form a Markov Chain (in that order), denoted by  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  if:

$$P_{XZ|Y}(x, y, z) = P_{X|Y}(x|y)P_{Z|Y}(z, y) \iff P_{Z|XY}(z|x, y) = P_{Z|Y}(z|y)$$

$$\forall x \in X, y \in Y, z \in Z$$

### 1.4.2 Theorems

- **Lecture 7 Theorem (Data Processing Inequality):** If  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ , then

$$I(X; Y) \leq I(X; Z)$$

## 1.5 Convex/Concavity of Information Measures

### 1.5.1 Definitions

- **Lecture 6 Definition (Convex Set):**

A subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is called convex if the line segment joining any two points in  $K$  also lies in  $K$

- **Lecture 6 Definition (Convex Function):** The function  $f : k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $k$  is a convex subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , is called convex on  $k$  if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in k$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2)$$

Strict equality holds whenever  $x_1 \neq x_2$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  then  $f$  is called strictly convex

- **Lecture 6 Definition (Concave Function):**  $f : k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave on  $k$  (where  $k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a concave subset) if  $-f$  is convex. In other words: if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in k$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \geq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2)$$

### 1.5.2 Theorems

- **Lecture 6 Theorem (Jensen's Inequality):** Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  (where  $K$  is a convex set?) and let  $f : k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function. Also let  $x$  be a RV with alphabet  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq k$  and finite mean, then

$$E[f(x)] \leq f(E[x])$$

Also if  $f$  is strictly convex, then the inequality is strict unless  $x$  is deterministic

- **Lecture 7 Theorem (Convexity/Concavity of Information Measures):**

i.  $D(p||q)$  is convex in the pair  $(p, q)$  (ie: if  $p_1, q_1$  and  $p_2, q_2$  are two pairs of PMFs defined on  $\mathcal{X}$ ) then:

$$D(\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2) \leq \lambda D(p_1 || q_1) + (1 - \lambda)D(p_2 || q_2)$$

$\forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$

ii. if  $x \sim P_x$ , then

$$H(x) = H(p_x) \text{ is concave in } P_x$$

iii. If  $(x, y) \sim P_X P_{Y|X}$ , then  $I(X; Y) = I(P_X, P_{Y|X})$  is concave in  $P_X$  for fixed  $P_{Y|X}$  and convex in  $P_{Y|X}$  for fixed  $P_X$