

## tf.contrib.bayesflow.entropy.entropy\_shannon

```
entropy_shannon(
    p,
    z=None,
    n=None,
    seed=None,
    form=None,
    name='entropy_shannon'
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/contrib/bayesflow/python/ops/entropy\\_impl.py](#).

See the guide: [BayesFlow Entropy \(contrib\) > Ops](#)

Monte Carlo or deterministic computation of Shannon's entropy.

Depending on the kwarg **form**, this **Op** returns either the analytic entropy of the distribution **p**, or the sampled entropy:

```
-n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p.\log\_prob(z_i), \text{ where } z_i \sim p,
\approx -E_p[\log(p(Z))]
= \text{Entropy}[p]
```

User supplies either **Tensor** of samples **z**, or number of samples to draw **n**

## Args:

- p**: **tf.contrib.distributions.Distribution**
- z**: **Tensor** of samples from **p**, produced by **p.sample(n)** for some **n**.
- n**: Integer **Tensor**. Number of samples to generate if **z** is not provided.
- seed**: Python integer to seed the random number generator.
- form**: Either **ELBOForms.analytic\_entropy** (use formula for entropy of **q**) or **ELBOForms.sample** (sample estimate of entropy), or **ELBOForms.default** (attempt analytic entropy, fallback on sample). Default value is **ELBOForms.default**.
- name**: A name to give this **Op**.

## Returns:

A **Tensor** with same **dtype** as **p**, and shape equal to **p.batch\_shape**.

## Raises:

- ValueError**: If **form** not handled by this function.
- ValueError**: If **form** is **ELBOForms.analytic\_entropy** and **n** was provided.

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