

Lesson 13 (Cross Entropy) The cross-entropy between \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} is given by the function $H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ where

$$\begin{aligned} H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) &= p_1 \ln(q_1) + \cdots + p_N \ln(q_N) \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(q_k). \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Define a Python function for computing the cross-entropy $H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ between two discrete probability distribution. Use the `numpy` command `A*np.random.rand(N)` to generate random vectors of length N with entries between 0 and A . Then use a softmax function to convert these random vectors to probability distributions. Recall that as $A \rightarrow 0$, the softmax function will output nearly uniform probability distributions and as $A \rightarrow \infty$, the softmax function will output distributions approaching one-hot-encodings. Note also that the softmax function never outputs zeros.
- (b) A loss function $\ell(u, v)$ is symmetric if $\ell(u, v) = \ell(v, u)$. Is $\text{MSE}(u, v)$ a symmetric loss function? Is cross-entropy a symmetric loss function?
- (c) When is cross-entropy defined for one-hot-encodings and when is it undefined?
- (d) Compute RMSE and cross-entropy (CE) for 1000 pairs of probability distributions \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} and construct a scatter plot of CE vs MSE. (See plotting commands below.)

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plt.scatter(x=mse,y=ce,s=50,alpha=0.1)
plt.xlabel('MSE')
plt.ylabel('CE')
plt.xlim(xmin=mse.min(),xmax=mse.max())
plt.ylim(ymin=ce.min(),ymax=ce.max())
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Comment on what you observe.
