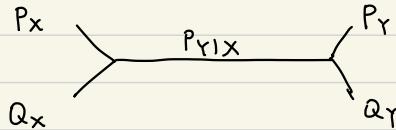


Lec 12: Strong Data Processing Inequalities

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Recall:



$$\text{DPI: } D_{KL}(Q_Y \parallel P_Y) \leq D_{KL}(Q_X \parallel P_X)$$

$$\text{SDPI: } D_{KL}(Q_Y \parallel P_Y) \leq \eta(P_{Y|X}) D_{KL}(Q_X \parallel P_X)$$

for some $\eta(P_{Y|X}) < 1$.

Input-independent SDPI.

Defn. Given a channel $P_{Y|X}$, define

$$\eta(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{P_X \neq Q_X} \frac{D_{KL}(Q_Y \parallel P_Y)}{D_{KL}(Q_X \parallel P_X)}$$

Properties: ① $\eta(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{U-X-Y} \frac{I(U;Y)}{I(U;X)}$

Pf. (\geq) $I(U;Y) = \mathbb{E}_U [D_{KL}(P_{Y|U} \parallel P_Y)]$
 $\leq \mathbb{E}_U [\eta(P_{Y|X}) \cdot D_{KL}(P_{X|U} \parallel P_X)]$ (why?)
 $= \eta(P_{Y|X}) \cdot I(U;X)$

(\leq) Choose $U \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ and $P_{X|U=1} = \tilde{P}_X$. $P_{X|U=0} = \tilde{Q}_X$.

Then $I(U;X) = \mathbb{E}_U [D_{KL}(P_{X|U} \parallel P_X)]$

$$= p \cdot D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \parallel p \cdot \tilde{P}_X + (1-p) \tilde{Q}_X)$$

$$+ (1-p) D_{KL}(\tilde{Q}_X \parallel p \cdot \tilde{P}_X + (1-p) \tilde{Q}_X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} I(U;X) \Big|_{p=0} = D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \parallel \tilde{Q}_X) + \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{Q}_X} \left[\frac{\tilde{P}_X - \tilde{Q}_X}{\tilde{Q}_X} \right]$$
$$= D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \parallel \tilde{Q}_X)$$

$$\Rightarrow I(U;X) = p \cdot D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \parallel \tilde{Q}_X) + o(p)$$

$$I(U;Y) = p \cdot D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_Y \parallel \tilde{Q}_Y) + o(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{I(U;Y)}{I(U;X)} \rightarrow \frac{D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_Y \parallel \tilde{Q}_Y)}{D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \parallel \tilde{Q}_X)} \text{ as } p \rightarrow 0^+$$

□

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \eta(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{P_x, Q_x \text{ binary}} \frac{D_{KL}(Q_x \parallel P_Y)}{D_{KL}(Q_x \parallel P_X)}.$$

Pf. It suffices to show that, for any $\eta > 0$ and (P_X, Q_X) , and

$$f(P_X, Q_X) = D_{KL}(Q_X \parallel P_Y) - \eta \cdot D_{KL}(Q_X \parallel P_X)$$

we can always find binary distributions $(\tilde{P}_X, \tilde{Q}_X)$ s.t. $f(P_X, Q_X) \leq f(\tilde{P}_X, \tilde{Q}_X)$.

To prove it, note that

$$\tilde{P} \mapsto f(\tilde{P}, \frac{Q_X}{P_X} \tilde{P}) = D_{KL}(P_{Y|X} \circ \frac{Q_X}{P_X} \tilde{P} \parallel P_{Y|X} \circ \tilde{P}) - \eta D_{KL}(\frac{Q_X}{P_X} \tilde{P} \parallel \tilde{P})$$

is convex on $\{\tilde{P} : \int \frac{Q_X}{P_X} \tilde{P} = 1, \int \tilde{P} = 1\}$. When $\tilde{P} = P_X$, the value is $f(P_X, Q_X)$.

The maximizer \tilde{P}^* of this map must belong to the extremal points of this set, i.e. \tilde{P}^* must be a binary distribution. \square

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$$\begin{aligned} \eta(P_{Y|X}) &= \sup_{x, x' \in X} L_{\max}(P_{Y|X=x}, P_{Y|X=x'}) \\ &= \sup_{x, x' \in X} \sup_{0 < \beta < 1} \beta(1-\beta) \int \frac{(P_{Y|X=x} - P_{Y|X=x'})^2}{(1-\beta)P_{Y|X=x} + \beta P_{Y|X=x'}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In particular, } \frac{1}{2} \text{diam}_{H^2} \leq \eta(P_{Y|X}) \leq \text{diam}_{H^2} - \frac{\text{diam}_{H^2}^2}{4}$$

where

$$\text{diam}_{H^2}(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{x, x' \in X} H^2(P_{Y|X=x}, P_{Y|X=x'}).$$

Pf. The first claim follows from \textcircled{2} and computations for binary distributions; see textbook for details. For the second claim:

$$\textcircled{=} \quad L_{\max}(P \parallel Q) \stackrel{\beta=1/2}{\geq} \int \frac{(P-Q)^2}{2(P+Q)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \int (\sqrt{P} - \sqrt{Q})^2 = \frac{H^2(P, Q)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{\leq} \quad 1 - \beta(1-\beta) \int \frac{(P-Q)^2}{(1-\beta)P + \beta Q} &\stackrel{\text{check}}{=} \int \frac{PQ}{(1-\beta)P + \beta Q} \stackrel{C-S}{\geq} (\int \sqrt{PQ})^2 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{H^2(P, Q)}{2}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

\square

Example (EC_δ). For EC_δ, $P_{Y|X} = \begin{cases} X & \text{v.p. } 1-\delta \\ ? & \text{w.p. } \delta \end{cases}$, so
 $I(U; Y) = (1-\delta)I(U; X)$ for all $U \perp X \perp Y$ (HW 1)

Therefore, $\eta(EC_{\delta}) = 1-\delta$.

Example (BSC_δ). For BSC_δ, $X \in \{0, 1\}$ and $Y = X \oplus \text{Bern}(\delta)$.

In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\max}(P_{Y|X=0}, P_{Y|X=1}) &= \sup_{\beta \in (0,1)} \beta(1-\beta) \left(\frac{(1-2\delta)^2}{(1-\beta)(1-\delta)+\beta\delta} + \frac{(1-2\delta)^2}{(1-\beta)\delta+\beta(1-\delta)} \right) \\ &= (1-2\delta)^2 \sup_{\beta \in (0,1)} \frac{\beta(1-\beta)}{[(1-\beta)(1-\delta)+\beta\delta][(1-\beta)\delta+\beta(1-\delta)]} \\ &= (1-2\delta)^2 \end{aligned}$$

↙ between β and $1-\beta$
sum into 1

Therefore, $\eta(BSC_{\delta}) = (1-2\delta)^2$.

Example (Tensorization) $\eta(P_{Y|X}^{\otimes n}) \leq 1 - (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X}))^n$.

Pf. For $U \perp X^n \perp Y^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} I(U; Y^n) &= I(U; Y_1^n) + I(U; Y_2 | Y_1^n) \\ &\leq I(U; Y_1^n) + \eta(P_{Y|X}) I(U; X_1 | Y_1^n) \\ &= (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X})) I(U; Y_1^n) + \eta(P_{Y|X}) \underbrace{I(U; X_1 | Y_1^n)}_{\leq I(U; X^n)} \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process gives

$$\frac{I(U; Y^n)}{I(U; X^n)} \leq \eta(P_{Y|X}) \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X}))^t = 1 - (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X}))^n.$$

□

(A general result: in a Bayesian network, each vertex v is open v.p. $\eta(P_v | \text{Parent}(v))$.

Then $\eta(P_{X_S | X_0}) \leq P(\exists \text{ an open path from } 0 \text{ to some vertex in } S)$
 $= \text{"percolation" probability from } 0 \text{ to } S.$

Input-dependent SDPI.

Defn. Given a channel $P_{Y|X}$ and input P_X ,

$$\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{Q_X} \frac{D_{KL}(Q_Y \parallel P_Y)}{D_{KL}(Q_X \parallel P_X)}$$

Properties: ① $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{U-X-Y} \frac{I(U; Y)}{I(U; X)}$

② $\eta(P_X^n, P_{Y|X}^n) = \eta(P_X, P_{Y|X})$.

Pf. By induction, suffice to prove the case $n=2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & I(U; Y_1, Y_2) \\
 &= I(U; Y_1) + I(U; Y_2 | Y_1) \\
 &\stackrel{U-X_2-Y_2 \mid Y_1}{\leq} \eta(I(U; X_1) + I(U; X_2 | X_1, Y_1)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{and } P_{X_2|Y_1} = P_{X_2}}{=} \eta(I(U; X_1) + \underbrace{I(U; X_2 | X_1, Y_1)}_{=0} + \underbrace{I(X_1; X_2 | Y_1)}_{=0} - \underbrace{I(X_1; X_2 | Y_1, U)}_{\geq 0}) \\
 &\leq \eta I(U; X_1, X_2) \quad \text{□}
 \end{aligned}$$

Unlike $\eta(P_{Y|X})$, the input-dependent SDPI constant $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X})$ can be much more challenging to characterize. An example is when $P_{Y|X}$ is the transition matrix of a Markov chain, and $P_X = \pi$ is its stationary distribution. Then SDPI says that

$$D_{KL}(\pi_0 P^n \parallel \pi) = D_{KL}(\pi_0 P^n \parallel \pi P^n) \leq \eta(\pi, P) \cdot D_{KL}(\pi_0 \parallel \pi), \quad \forall \pi_0.$$

This is called the modified log-Sobolev inequality, and leads to upper bounds on the mixing time. Both tasks could be challenging for Markov chains.

Example. $(X, Y) \sim N(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix})$ is jointly Gaussian with correlation ρ .

Claim : $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \eta(P_Y, P_{X|Y}) = \rho^2$.

Pf. We'll only prove the upper bound $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) \leq p^2$; see below for lower bound.

By scaling, WLOG we assume that $Y = X + Z$ with $Z \sim N(0, \frac{1}{p^2} - 1)$.

For any \tilde{X} and $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} + Z$,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{Y}} \parallel P_Y) &= -h(\tilde{Y}) + \log \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{p} + \frac{p^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{Y}^2] \\ &\stackrel{\text{EPI}}{\leq} -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e(\frac{1}{p^2} - 1) + e^{2h(\tilde{X})}) + \log \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{p} + \frac{p^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{Y}^2]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \parallel P_X) = -h(\tilde{X}) + \log \sqrt{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rearranging: } D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{Y}} \parallel P_Y) &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - p^2 + p^2 e^{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 2D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \parallel P_X)}) + \frac{p^2}{2} (\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 1) \\ \text{concavity of } \log: \quad &\leq -\frac{p^2}{2} \log(e^{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 2D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \parallel P_X)}) + \frac{p^2}{2} (\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 1) \\ \log(1 - p^2 + p^2 x) &\geq p^2 \log x \\ &= p^2 D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \parallel P_X) \end{aligned} \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$(\text{Another quantity: } \eta_{X^2}(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{Q_X} \frac{X^2(Q_Y \parallel P_Y)}{X^2(Q_X \parallel P_X)}.$$

Properties:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \eta_{X^2} \leq \eta_{KL}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \eta_{X^2} = \sigma_2(M)^2, \text{ where } \sigma_1(M) \geq \sigma_2(M) \geq \dots \geq 0 \text{ are singular values of } M_{X,Y} = \frac{P_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\sqrt{P_X(x)P_Y(y)}}, \quad x \in X, y \in Y.$$

$\textcircled{3} \quad \sqrt{\eta_{X^2}}$ = maximal correlation between X and Y , defined as

$$\sup_{g_1, g_2} \text{corr}(g_1(X), g_2(Y)) = \sup_{g_1, g_2} \frac{\text{Cov}(g_1(X), g_2(Y))}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(g_1(X))\text{Var}(g_2(Y))}}.$$

$\textcircled{4}$ In Markov chains.

$$X^2(\pi, P^* \parallel \pi) \leq \eta_{X^2}(\pi, P)^2 \cdot X^2(\pi_0 \parallel \pi).$$

This is the Poincaré's inequality.

By $\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3}$, for jointly Gaussian (X, Y) , $\eta_{KL} \geq \eta_{X^2} = (\text{maximal correlation})^2 = p^2$.)

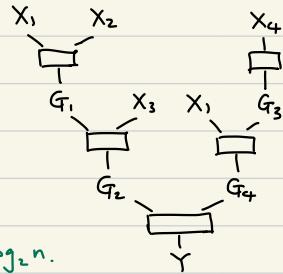
Applications of SDPI.

Example 1 (noisy gates). Suppose a noisy gate is an {AND, OR, NOT} gate with output corrupted by a $\text{Bern}(\delta)$ noise.

Q: For every $\delta < \frac{1}{2}$, can we still reliably compute all Boolean functions $\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$?

Claim: $I(X_i; Y) \leq (2(1-2\delta)^2)^{d_i}$.

where d_i is the minimum distance from X_i to Y .



Answer to question: No. Suppose we'd like to compute

$$\text{XOR}(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \bmod 2, \text{ then } \exists i \in [n] \text{ with } d_i \geq \log_2 n.$$

For this i , if $\delta > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.15$,

$$I(X_i; Y) \leq (2(1-2\delta)^2)^{\log_2 n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since $\text{XOR}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is sensitive to every X_i , its computation is impossible.

Pf of claim: $I(X_i; Y) \leq \eta(P_{Y|X_i}) \cdot H(X_i)$

$$\leq \eta(P_{Y|X_i})$$

percolation probability from X_i to Y

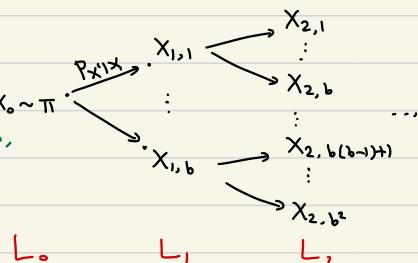
$$= \sum_{\substack{\text{paths from} \\ X_i \text{ to } Y}} (1-2\delta)^{2 \cdot \text{length(path)}}.$$

When $\text{length(path)} \geq d_i$ and $2(1-2\delta)^2 \leq 1$, the sum is $\leq [2(1-2\delta)^2]^{d_i}$ □

Example 2 (Broadcast on trees) Let $(\pi, P_{X'|X})$ be a reversible Markov chain.

Consider the broadcasting problem on an infinite b -ary tree.

Q. Given all $(X_{D,i})_{i \in [d^D]}$ on layer $D \rightarrow \infty$, can you recover X_0 reliably?



Claim: No if $b \cdot \eta(\pi, P_{X'|X}) < 1$.

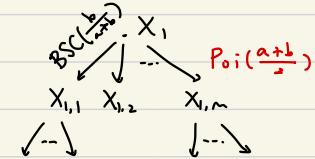
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Pf. } I(X_0; X_{L_D}) &\leq \sum_{v \in L_1} I(X_0; X_{L_D, v}) \quad (L_{D, v} = \{u \in L_D : v \in \text{ancestor}(u)\}) \\
 &\leq \eta(\pi, P_{X'|X}) \sum_{v \in L_1} I(X_v; X_{L_D, v}) \quad (X_{L_D, v} \rightarrow X_v \rightarrow X_0) \\
 &= b\eta(\pi, P_{X'|X}) \cdot I(X_0; X_{L_D}) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{transition is } P_{X'|X} \\ \text{by reversibility} \end{matrix} \\
 \Rightarrow I(X_0; X_{L_D}) &\leq (b\eta(\pi, P_{X'|X}))^D \cdot H(X_0) \xrightarrow{D \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{if } b\eta < 1. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Application: stochastic block model. In $2\text{-SBM}(\frac{a}{n}, \frac{b}{n})$, a vector $X \sim \text{Unif}(\{\pm 1\}^n)$ is drawn, and $P((i, j) \text{ connected} | X) = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{n} & \text{if } X_i X_j = 1 \text{ (same community)} \\ \frac{b}{n} & \text{if } X_i X_j = -1 \text{ (different community)} \end{cases}$

Q: When can we recover $X_1, X_2 \in \{\pm 1\}^n$ with $\Omega(1)$ probability, as $n \rightarrow \infty$?

Claim: We cannot if $\frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} < 1$ (Kesten-Stigum threshold)

Pf. Since all edge probabilities are of order $\Theta(\frac{1}{n})$, w.h.p. all vertices with distance $\leq d$ from X_1 forms a tree (i.e. no cycles), for some $d = d_n \rightarrow \infty$.



In addition, # of children $\sim \text{Poi}(\frac{a+b}{n})$.

$$\text{label flipping prob} = \frac{b}{a+b}.$$

W.h.p. X_2 does not belong to this local neighborhood of X_1 , so

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(X_1; X_2 | G) &\leq I(X_1; (X_i)_{i \in L_1} | G) \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \cdot (1 - 2 \cdot \frac{b}{a+b})^2 \right)^d \quad (\text{see HW3 for details}) \\
 &= \left[\frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} \right]^d \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{if } \frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} < 1. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 (Spiked Wigner model) $X \sim \text{Unif}(\{\pm 1\}^n)$ unknown

$$\text{observation: } Y = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}} X X^T + W \quad (W_{ij} = W_{ji} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, 1))$$

Claim: If $\lambda < 1$, then $I(X_1; X_2 | Y) = o(1)$

(i.e. weak recovery of X is impossible; the threshold $\lambda \leq 1$ is the famous BBP transition)

Pf. The idea is that Y_{ij} is determined by $X_i X_j$ through $Y_{ij} | X_i X_j \sim N(\underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{n} X_i X_j}_\text{call it } \theta_{ij}, 1)$.

For this Gaussian channel $\mathcal{P} = \{N(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1), N(-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1)\}$, can show that

$$\eta := \eta(\mathcal{P}) = LC_{\lambda}(N(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1), N(-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1)) = \frac{\lambda}{n}(1 + o(1)).$$

Next we replace Y_{ij} by Z_{ij} with $Z_{ij} | \theta_{ij} = \begin{cases} \theta_{ij} & \text{w.p. } \eta \\ ? & \text{v.p. } 1-\eta \end{cases}$ (i.e. $EC(1-\eta)$), then for any $U \rightarrow \theta_{ij} \xrightarrow{Y_{ij}} Z_{ij}$, we have

$$I(U; Y_{ij}) \leq \eta I(U; \theta_{ij}) = I(U; Z_{ij}).$$

We claim that

$$I(X_1; Y | X_2) \leq I(X_1; Z | X_2) \quad (*).$$

Indeed, assuming (*),

$$I(X_1; X_2 | Y) = I(X_1; X_2, Y) \quad (I(X_1; Y) = 0)$$

$$= I(X_1; Y | X_2) \quad (I(X_1; X_2) = 0)$$

$$\leq I(X_1; Z | X_2) \quad (\text{by } *)$$

$$= I(X_1; X_2 | Z)$$

$\leq P(1 \text{ and } 2 \text{ are connected in the graph induced by } Z)$

(no edge between $(i, j) \Leftrightarrow Z_{ij} = ?$)

Since this graph is Erdős-Rényi $(\frac{\lambda}{n}(1 + o(1)))$, it's known that when $\lambda < 1$, the largest connected component has size $O(\log n)$. So $P(1 \text{ and } 2 \text{ connected}) \rightarrow 0$. \square

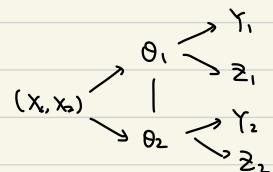
Pf of (*). WLOG assume that $Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$, then

$$I(X_1; Y | X_2) = I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) + I(X_1; Y_2 | X_2, Y_1)$$

$$\leq I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) + \eta I(X_1; \theta_2 | X_2, Y_1)$$

$$= I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) + I(X_1; Z_2 | X_2, Y_1)$$

$$= I(X_1; Y_1, Z_2 | X_2)$$



Proceeding with same arguments gives $I(X_1; Y | X_2) \leq I(X_1; Z | X_2)$. \square

Example 4 (proximal sampling) Suppose we'd like to sample from $\pi(x) \propto e^{-f(x)}$, $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

A proximal sampler works as follows: it aims to sample from

$$\pi(x, y) \propto \exp(-f(x) - \frac{1}{2\eta} \|x - y\|^2)$$

via an iterative procedure. Given initialization $x_0 \sim P_{x_0}$, for each $t = 0, 1, \dots$:

- Given x_t , sample $y_t | x_t \sim N(x_t, \eta I)$;
- Given y_t , sample $x_{t+1} | y_t \sim \pi^{X|Y}(\cdot | y_t)$. (η -strongly log-concave for convex f)

Claim: if π satisfies α -LSI, i.e. $D_{KL}(\rho \parallel \pi) \leq \frac{1}{2\alpha} \text{FI}(\rho \parallel \pi) := \frac{1}{2\alpha} \mathbb{E}_\rho [\|\nabla \log \frac{\rho}{\pi}\|^2]$, $\forall \rho$,

then

$$D_{KL}(P_{x_t} \parallel \pi) \leq \frac{D_{KL}(P_{x_0} \parallel \pi)}{(1 + \alpha\eta)^{2t}}.$$

Pf. We'll show that

$$D_{KL}(P_{x_t} \parallel \pi_\gamma) \leq \frac{D_{KL}(P_{x_0} \parallel \pi)}{1 + \alpha\eta} \quad \textcircled{1} \quad (\pi_\gamma = \pi * N(0, \eta I))$$

$$D_{KL}(P_{x_{t+1}} \parallel \pi) \leq \frac{D_{KL}(P_{y_t} \parallel \pi)}{1 + \alpha\eta} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

via SDPIs. This is equivalent to saying that $\eta(\pi, N(\cdot, \eta I)) \leq \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\eta}$,
 $\eta(\pi_\gamma, \pi^{X|Y}(\cdot | y)) \leq \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\eta}$.

Forward step. Let $\rho_t = P_{x_t}$, $\pi_0 = \pi$, and $\partial_t \rho_t = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \rho_t$ (heat flow)
 $\partial_t \pi_t = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \pi_t$

then $\rho_\eta = P_{y_t}$, $\pi_\eta = \pi_\gamma$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t D_{KL}(\rho_t \parallel \pi_\gamma) &= \partial_t \int \rho_t \log \frac{\rho_t}{\pi_\gamma} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \Delta \rho_t \left(\log \frac{\rho_t}{\pi_\gamma} + 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \int \Delta \pi_t \cdot \frac{\rho_t}{\pi_\gamma} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \nabla \rho_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{\rho_t}{\pi_\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} \int \nabla \pi_t \cdot \nabla \frac{\rho_t}{\pi_\gamma} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\rho_t} [\nabla \log \rho_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{\rho_t}{\pi_\gamma}] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\rho_t} [\nabla \log \pi_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{1}{\pi_\gamma}] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{FI}(\rho_t \parallel \pi_\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Since π_0 is α -LSI, can show that $\pi_t = \pi_0 * N(0, tI)$ is $(\frac{1}{\alpha} + t)^{-1}$ -LSI.

Therefore,

$$\partial_t D_{KL}(p_t \parallel \pi_t) \leq -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + t} D_{KL}(p_t \parallel \pi_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D_{KL}(p_t \parallel \pi_t)}{D_{KL}(p_0 \parallel \pi_0)} \leq \exp\left(-\int_0^t \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + t} dt\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha t}.$$

Backward step. Let $\bar{p}_t = p_{X_t}$, $\bar{\pi}_t = \pi_{Y_t}$, and

$$\partial_t \bar{p}_t = -\operatorname{div}(\bar{p}_t \nabla \log \bar{\pi}_t) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \bar{p}_t = \operatorname{div}(\bar{p}_t \nabla \log \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t}) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \bar{p}_t$$

$$\partial_t \bar{\pi}_t = -\operatorname{div}(\bar{\pi}_t \nabla \log \bar{p}_t) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \bar{\pi}_t = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \bar{\pi}_t,$$

then $\bar{p}_t = p_{X_{t+1}}$, $\bar{\pi}_t = \pi$ (by the reverse process of diffusion model)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \partial_t D_{KL}(p_t \parallel \pi_t) &= \partial_t \int \bar{p}_t \log \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t} \\ &= \int \left(\operatorname{div}(\bar{p}_t \nabla \log \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t}) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \bar{p}_t \right) \left(\log \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t} + 1 \right) \\ &\quad - \int \left(-\frac{1}{2} \Delta \bar{\pi}_t \right) \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t} \\ &= - \int \bar{p}_t \nabla \log \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t} \cdot \nabla \log \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{\pi}_t} + \frac{1}{2} FI(p_t \parallel \pi_t) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} FI(p_t \parallel \pi_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + (\eta - t)} D_{KL}(p_t \parallel \pi_t) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{\pi}_t = \pi_{t+1} \\ \text{is } (\frac{1}{\alpha} + \eta - t)^{-1}\text{-LSI} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D_{KL}(p_\eta \parallel \pi_\eta)}{D_{KL}(p_0 \parallel \pi_0)} \leq \exp\left(-\int_0^\eta \frac{dt}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + \eta - t}\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha \eta}. \quad \boxed{2}$$

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