

Question 1

Part 1: Solution

First compute the marginal distribution of X :

$$P(X = 0) = \frac{1}{8}, \quad P(X = 1) = \frac{7}{8}.$$

Then

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x=0}^1 P(X = x) \log_2 P(X = x) = - \left(\frac{1}{8} \log_2 \frac{1}{8} + \frac{7}{8} \log_2 \frac{7}{8} \right) \approx 0.544 \text{ bits}.$$

Next compute the conditional entropy:

$$H(X | Y) = \sum_{y=0}^1 P(Y = y) H(X | Y = y).$$

For $Y = 0$, $P(Y = 0) = \frac{1}{8}$ and X is degenerate ($H = 0$).

For $Y = 1$, $P(Y = 1) = \frac{7}{8}$ and

$$P(X = 0 | 1) = \frac{1/8}{7/8} = \frac{1}{7}, \quad P(X = 1 | 1) = \frac{6}{7},$$

so

$$H(X | Y = 1) = - \left(\frac{1}{7} \log_2 \frac{1}{7} + \frac{6}{7} \log_2 \frac{6}{7} \right) \approx 0.592 \text{ bits}.$$

Hence

$$H(X | Y) = \frac{1}{8} \cdot 0 + \frac{7}{8} \cdot 0.592 \approx 0.519 \text{ bits}.$$

Finally, compare:

$$H(X) \approx 0.544 \geq 0.519 \approx H(X | Y).$$

Answer

$H(X) \approx 0.544 \text{ bits}, \quad H(X Y) \approx 0.519 \text{ bits}, \quad H(X) \geq H(X Y).$

Part 2: Solution

We compare $H(X | Y = 1) \approx 0.592$ bits (from above) with the a-priori $H(X) \approx 0.544$ bits.

Answer

$$H(X | Y = 1) \approx 0.592 \text{ bits} > H(X) \approx 0.544 \text{ bits.}$$

Part 3: Solution

The mutual information is

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X | Y) \approx 0.544 - 0.519 = 0.025 \text{ bits.}$$

Answer

$$I(X; Y) \approx 0.025 \text{ bits.}$$