

4.6 Different Flavors of Entropy

Prior knowledge I : $q(x) := \mathcal{P}(x|I)$

Updating information J : $d = \langle f(x) \rangle_{(x|J,I)} = \int dx f(x) P(x|J, I)$

Posterior knowledge: $p(x) := \mathcal{P}(x|J, I)$

- ▶ normalization: $\lambda (\int dx p(x) - 1)$
- ▶ new information: $\mu (\int dx p(x) f(x) - d)$

$$\mathcal{S}[p|q, J] = \underbrace{- \left\{ \int dx p(x) \left[\ln \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) - \lambda - \mu f(x) \right] \right\}}_{\mathcal{S}[p|q]} - \lambda - \mu d$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\mathcal{S}^*[p|q, J]}$$

constrained entropy: $\mathcal{S}[p|q, J]$ maximized w.r.t p, λ, μ

amount of relative information: $\mathcal{S}[p|q]$ of p w.r.t q in nits

auxiliary entropy: $\mathcal{S}^*[p|q, J]$ maximized w.r.t p

sloped by $\partial \mathcal{S}^* / \partial \lambda \stackrel{!}{=} 1, \partial \mathcal{S}^* / \partial \mu \stackrel{!}{=} d$

4.7 Information Gain by Maximizing the Entropy

Relative negative information gain: $\mathcal{S}[p|q] = - \int dx p(x) \ln \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}[p|q] &= - \underbrace{\int dx \frac{q(x)e^{\mu f(x)}}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)}}_{=1} \ln \left(\frac{e^{\mu f(x)}}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)} \right) \\ &= - \int dx q(x) e^{\mu f(x)} = \mathcal{Z}(\mu) \\ &= - \left[\int dx \frac{q(x)e^{\mu f(x)}}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)} \left(\mu f(x) - \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) \right) \right] \\ &= \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) - \underbrace{\mu \langle f(x) \rangle_{(x|J)}}_{=d} \\ &= \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) - \mu d \end{aligned}$$

4.7 Information Gain by Maximizing the Entropy

Auxiliary entropy:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}^*[p|q, J] &= \mathcal{S}[p|q] + \lambda + \underbrace{\mu \langle f(x) \rangle_{(x|J)}}_{=d} \\ &= \mathcal{S}[p|q] + \lambda + \mu d \\ &= \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) - \mu d + \lambda + \mu d \\ &= \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) + \lambda \\ Z(\mu) &= e^{1-\lambda} \\ \lambda &= 1 - \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}^*[p|q, J] &= 1\end{aligned}$$

4.7 Information Gain by Maximizing the Entropy

Constrained entropy:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}[p|q, J] &= \mathcal{S}^*[p|q, J] - \lambda - \mu d \\ &= 1 - \lambda - \mu d \\ &= \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) - \mu d\end{aligned}$$

⇒ Information change at maximum of $\mathcal{S}[p|q, J]$:

$$\mathcal{S}[p|q, J] = \mathcal{S}[p|q] = \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) - \mu d$$

Maximizing the Constrained Entropy

Normalization: *Maximize w.r.t* λ

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}[p|q, J]}{\partial \lambda} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

New information: *Maximize w.r.t* μ

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}[p|q, J]}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)}{\partial \mu} - d \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)}{\partial \mu} = d, \text{ Helmholtz free energy } \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)$$

Several constraints:

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix}, f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x) \end{pmatrix}, \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow d^\dagger \mu := \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{d}_i \mu_i$$

Maximum Entropy Recipe

Maximum Entropy Recipe:

$$q(x) = P(x|I), J = \langle f(x) \rangle_{(x|J, I)} = d, p(x) = P(x|J, I) = ?$$

1. calculate the partition sum: $\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \int dx q(x) e^{\mu f(x)}$

2. determine μ : $\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)}{\partial \mu} \stackrel{!}{=} d$

3. assign p : $p(x) = \frac{q(x) e^{\mu f(x)}}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)}$

4. calculate the information gain: $\Delta \mathcal{I}[p|q] = -\mathcal{S}[p|q] = \mu d - \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)$

4.7.1 Coin Tossing Example

Prior information $I: x \in \{0, 1\}$

Prior knowledge: $q(x) := \mathcal{P}(x|I) = \frac{1}{2}$

Updating information $J: f = \langle x \rangle_{(x|J,I)}$

Posterior knowledge: $p(x) := \mathcal{P}(x|J, I) = ?$

1. calculate $\mathcal{Z}(\mu)$:

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \sum_{x \in \{0, 1\}} q(x) e^{\mu x} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{\mu})$$

2. determine μ :

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{e^{\mu}}{1 + e^{\mu}} \stackrel{!}{=} f \Rightarrow e^{\mu} = \frac{f}{1-f} \Rightarrow \mu = \ln \left(\frac{f}{1-f} \right)$$

Insert in $\mathcal{Z}(\mu)$:

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{f}{1-f} \right) = \frac{1}{2(1-f)}$$

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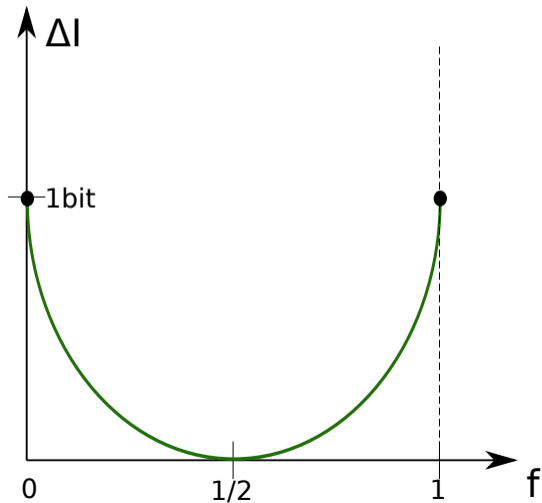
3. calculate $p(x) = P(x|J, I)$: $q(x) = 1/2$, $\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \frac{1}{2(1-f)}$, $\mu = \ln\left(\frac{f}{1-f}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \frac{q(x) e^{\mu x}}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)} = \frac{1/2 e^{x \ln(f/(1-f))}}{\frac{1}{2(1-f)}} \\ &= (1-f) \left(\frac{f}{1-f}\right)^x = f^x (1-f)^{1-x} = P(x|f) \end{aligned}$$

4. calculate the information gain $\Delta\mathcal{I}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{I}[p|q] &= -\mathcal{S}[p|q] = \mu f - \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu) \\ &= f \ln\left(\frac{f}{1-f}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{1}{2(1-f)}\right) \\ &= [\ln 2 + f \ln f + (1-f) \ln(1-f)] \text{ nits} \\ &= [1 + f \log_2 f + (1-f) \log_2(1-f)] \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$

4.7.1 Coin Tossing Example



4.7.2 Positive Counts Example

Prior information I : $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Prior knowledge: $q(n) := \mathcal{P}(n|I) = \text{const.} = q$

Updating information J : $\langle n \rangle = \lambda$

Posterior knowledge: $p(n) := \mathcal{P}(n|J, I) = ?$

1. calculate $\mathcal{Z}(\mu)$:

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q e^{\mu n} = q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [e^{\mu}]^n = \frac{q}{1 - e^{\mu}}$$

2. determine μ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}(\mu)}{\partial \mu} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} [\ln q - \ln(1 - e^{\mu})] = -\frac{1}{1 - e^{\mu}} (-e^{\mu}) = \frac{e^{\mu}}{1 - e^{\mu}} \stackrel{!}{=} \lambda \\ \Rightarrow e^{\mu} &= \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} \end{aligned}$$

4.7.2 Positive Counts Example

Insert in $\mathcal{Z}(\mu)$: $q(n) = q$, $\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \frac{q}{1-e^\mu}$, $e^\mu = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}$

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \frac{q}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}} = (1 + \lambda) q$$

3. calculate $p(n) = \mathcal{P}(n|J, I)$:

$$\begin{aligned} p(n) &= \frac{q(n)e^{\mu n}}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)} = \frac{q \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)^n}{q \cdot (1 + \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda)} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda}\right)^n}_{=:(e^{-\mu'})^n} = \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda)} e^{-\mu' n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu' = \ln(1 + \lambda) - \ln \lambda = -\mu > 0$$

4.7.2 Positive Counts Example

Check of compliance with constraints:

- Normalization:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} \right)^n = \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}} = \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \cdot (1+\lambda) = 1$$

- Average counts:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n p(n) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} \right)^n}_{=: y^n} = \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y \partial_y y^n \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\lambda} y \partial_y \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y^n = \frac{y}{1+\lambda} \partial_y \frac{1}{1-y} \\ &= \frac{y}{(1+\lambda)(1-y)^2} = \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^2(1+\lambda)^{-2}} = \lambda \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

4.7.3 Many Small Count Processes

Prior information I : $N = \#$ of processes, $n = \sum_{i=1}^N n_i = \text{total \# of counts}$, $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$
Updating information J : $\langle n_i \rangle_{(n_i, J)} = \delta$ for all i , $\langle n \rangle_{(n, J)} = \lambda = \delta N$

Recap positive count examples:

$$\mathcal{P}(n_i | \delta = \langle n_i \rangle) = \frac{1}{1 + \delta} \left(\frac{\delta}{1 + \delta} \right)^{n_i}$$

Posterior calculation via marginalization over independent processes:

$$\mathcal{P}(n | \underbrace{\lambda, N}_{I'=J, I}) = \underbrace{\sum_{n_1=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{n_N=0}^{\infty}}_{=:\sum_{\vec{n}=0}^{\infty}} \mathcal{P}(n, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N | \lambda, N)$$

4.7.3 Many Small Count Processes

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}(n|I') &= \sum_{\vec{n}=\vec{0}}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}(n|n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N, I') \mathcal{P}(n_1|I') \mathcal{P}(n_2|I') \dots \mathcal{P}(n_N|I') \\ &= \sum_{\vec{n}=\vec{0}}^{\infty} \delta_{n, \sum_{i=0}^N n_i} \frac{1}{1+\delta} \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta+1}\right)^{n_1} \dots \frac{1}{1+\delta} \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta+1}\right)^{n_N} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1+\delta}\right)^N \sum_{\vec{n}=\vec{0}}^{\infty} \delta_{n, \sum_{i=0}^N n_i} \left(\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}\right)^{\sum_{i=0}^N n_i}\end{aligned}$$

- $\binom{n+N-1}{n} = \frac{(n+N-1)!}{n!(N-1)!}$ possibilities to distribute n counts on N processes, as there are $N-1$ process separators to be but between the n counts

$$\mathcal{P}(n|I') = \left(\frac{1}{1+\delta}\right)^N \frac{(n+N-1)!}{n!(N-1)!} \left(\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}\right)^n$$

4.7.3 Many Small Count Processes

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}(n|I') &= \left(\frac{1}{1+\delta}\right)^N \frac{(n+N-1)!}{n!(N-1)!} \left(\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{\delta^n}{(1+\delta)^{N+n}} \cdot \frac{(n+N-1)!}{n!(N-1)!} = \frac{(\lambda/N)^n}{(1+\lambda/N)^{N+n}} \cdot \frac{(n+N-1)!}{n!(N-1)!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{N}\right)^{-N} \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{N}\right)^{-n} \frac{(n+N-1)!}{(N-1)!N^n}\end{aligned}$$

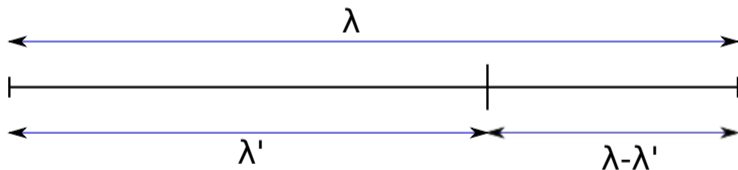
Infinite number of processes: $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\lambda = \text{fixed}$, $\delta = \lambda/N \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(n|\lambda, N \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{N}\right)^{-N}}_{\rightarrow e^{-\lambda}} \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{N}\right)^{-n}}_{\rightarrow 1} \underbrace{\frac{(n+N-1)!}{(N-1)!N^n}}_{\rightarrow 1} = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

The Poisson Distribution

$$\mathcal{P}(n|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

► Poisson distribution is divisible:



$$\mathcal{P}(n|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n \mathcal{P}(m|\lambda') \mathcal{P}(n-m|\lambda-\lambda')$$

The Poisson Distribution

- ▶ If $\mathcal{P}(m|\lambda')$ and $\mathcal{P}(n - m|\lambda - \lambda')$ are Poisson distributions
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(n|\lambda)$ is Poisson distribution

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=0}^n \mathcal{P}(m|\lambda') \mathcal{P}(n - m|\lambda - \lambda') &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\lambda'^m e^{-\lambda'}}{m!} \frac{(\lambda - \lambda')^{n-m} e^{-\lambda + \lambda'}}{(n - m)!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{n!}{m!(n - m)!} \lambda'^m (\lambda - \lambda')^{n-m} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{n!} (\lambda' + (\lambda - \lambda'))^n \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \lambda^n = \mathcal{P}(n|\lambda) \square \end{aligned}$$

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