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Mathematics and Information, Exercise sheet 3

Problem 1: (5 points)

Let X, Y be random variables with values in $A = \{0, 1\}$ and joint probability distribution $p(0, 0) = \frac{1}{2}$, $p(0, 1) = p(1, 1) = \frac{1}{4}$ and $p(1, 0) = 0$.

- Find the probability distributions p_X, p_Y of X and Y !
- Determine $H(X)$, $H(Y)$, $H(X, Y)$, $H(X|Y)$, $H(Y|X)$ and $I(X; Y)$!
- Compute the KULLBACK-LEIBLER distances $d(p_X||p_Y)$ and $d(p_Y||p_X)$!

Problem 2: (4 points)

- A fair dice is thrown; the random variable X, Y, Z with values in $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ give the numbers on top, at the bottom and on the front side. Compute the mutual informations $I(X; Y)$, $I(X; Z)$ and $I(Z; Y)$!

Hint: The numbers on opposite sides of a dice always add up to seven.

- Determine the conditional mutual informations $I(X; Y|Z)$ and $I(X; Z|Y)$!

Problem 3: (5 points)

- Let X be a random variable with values in a finite Alphabet A , and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be any mapping. Show that the entropy of the random variable $Y = f(X)$ cannot be greater than $H(X)$!

Hint: Compute $H(X, f(X))$ in two ways using the chain rule!

- Find an example where $H(f(X)) < H(X)$!
- Now let Y be any random variable with values in an alphabet B such that $H(Y|X) = 0$, and assume that both X and Y take each letter from their alphabet with a positive probability. Show that there is a mapping $f: A \rightarrow B$ such that $Y = f(X)$!

Problem 4: (6 points)

Let $\mathcal{X} = X_1, X_2, \dots$ be a stationary time invariant MARKOV chain with transition matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} p & 1-p \\ 1-q & q \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Determine the probability distribution and the entropy of each of the random variables X_i !
- Compute the entropy rate of \mathcal{X} !
- For which values of p and q is this entropy rate minimal respectively maximal?