

Exercise 1 (1.5 points). Show that $H(X, Y, Z) - H(X, Y) \leq H(X, Z) - H(X)$, and find conditions for equality. Show that $I(X; Y|Z) \geq I(Y; Z|X) - I(Y; Z) + I(X; Y)$, and find conditions for equality.

Exercise 2 (2 points). Let X_0, X_1, \dots be random variables with values in \mathbb{Z} , that describe a random walk with inertia: $X_0 = 0$ with probability 1, $X_1 = 1$ or -1 with equal probability $1/2$, and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(X_{n+2} - X_{n+1} = X_{n+1} - X_n) = 9/10 \\ \mathbb{P}(X_{n+2} - X_{n+1} = -(X_{n+1} - X_n)) = 1/10 \end{cases}$$

Compute $H(X_0, \dots, X_n)$.

Exercise 3 (1 point). Compute binary Huffman code and Shannon-Fano code of the sum $S = D_1 + D_2$ of two independent dices with 6 faces. Compare their efficiencies with the entropy of S . Suppose now that there are N dices D_1, \dots, D_N , with 6 faces each. When N tends to ∞ , what can you tell about the efficiencies of binary Huffman codes and Shannon-Fano codes for the sum of those N dices, and the entropy of the sum $D_1 + \dots + D_N$?

Problem (2 points): Suppose now there are only two dices, but with an even number M of faces each, the same question as above.

Exercise 4 (Axiomatization of entropy, 3 points). For each m , let us denote

$$D_m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in [0, 1]^m \mid \sum_{i=1}^m x_i = 1\}$$

the set of probability distributions over m events, and for each m , let $H_m : D_m \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a positive function over the set of probability distributions. Suppose that, for any m and n ,

1. **Robustness.** H_m is symmetric and continuous,

2. **Product of independent random events.**

$$H_{mn}\left(\frac{1}{mn}, \dots, \frac{1}{mn}\right) = H_m\left(\frac{1}{m}, \dots, \frac{1}{m}\right) + H_n\left(\frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

3. **Grouping two events.**

$$H_m(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) = H_{m-1}(p_1 + p_2, p_3, \dots, p_m) + (p_1 + p_2)H_2\left(\frac{p_1}{p_1 + p_2}, \frac{p_2}{p_1 + p_2}\right).$$

4. **Normalization.**

$$H_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1.$$

Let $G : \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} D_m \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ defined by $G(p_1, \dots, p_m) = H_m(p_1, \dots, p_m)$. The goal of this problem is proving that G is equal to H , the measure of (binary) entropy.

Hints: First prove that you can add as many zeros as you want to a probability distribution without changing its value. Secondly, extrapolate the grouping property to handle an arbitrary number of events. Then prove by induction on m that G and H coincide on binary distributions, i.e. distributions (p_1, \dots, p_{2^m}) such that for each $1 \leq i \leq m$, there exists n_i such that $p_i = n_i/2^m$. Conclude with a density argument.