

1. **Total variation distance.** Consider a measurable space $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F})$ and the set $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$ of probability distributions on \mathcal{X} . The total variation distance for $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$, is defined as

$$\text{TV}(P, Q) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_Q \left| \frac{dP}{dQ} - 1 \right|.$$

- (a) Show that $\text{TV}(P, Q) = 1 - \int_{\mathcal{X}} d(P \wedge Q)$.
 (b) Show that $\text{TV} : \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \times \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a metric on the space of probability distributions $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$.
2. **f -divergence.** Consider a measurable space $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F})$, the set $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$ of probability distributions on \mathcal{X} , and a map $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$. The f -divergence for any $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$ such that $P \ll Q$ is defined as

$$D_f(P \| Q) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_Q f \left(\frac{dP}{dQ} \right).$$

Consider $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $h(x) \triangleq f(x) + a(x - 1)$ for some $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Show that $D_h = D_f$, i.e. functions differing in a linear term lead to the same f -divergence.

3. **χ^2 divergence.** Let $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$. Consider χ^2 divergence defined as $\chi^2(P \| Q) \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{X}} dQ \left(\frac{dP}{dQ} - 1 \right)^2$. Show that $D(P \| Q) \leq \ln(1 + \chi^2(P \| Q))$.

4. **Hellinger distance.** Consider the Hellinger distance $H(P, Q) \triangleq \sqrt{H^2(P, Q)}$

- (a) Show that Hellinger distance $H : \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \times \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defines a metric on the space of probability distributions $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$.
 (b) Show that $P \mapsto H(P, Q)$ is not a convex map.

5. **Le Cam distance.** Consider Le Cam distance defined as $\text{LC}(P, Q) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{(dQ - dP)^2}{dQ + dP}$ for all $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$. Show that $\sqrt{\text{LC}} : \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \times \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defines a metric on the space of probability distributions $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$.

6. **Jensen Shannon divergence.** Consider Jensen Shannon divergence defined as $\text{JS}(P, Q) \triangleq D(P \| \frac{1}{2}(P + Q)) + D(Q \| \frac{1}{2}(P + Q))$ for all $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$. Show that $\sqrt{\text{JS}} : \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \times \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defines a metric on the space of probability distributions $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$.

7. **KL Divergence for GLM.** Consider the Gaussian location model, where the parametrized distribution for observations is given by $P^\theta \triangleq \mathcal{N}(\theta, \Sigma)$.

- (a) Show that $J_F(\theta) = \Sigma^{-1}$.
 (b) Consider unconstrained parameter space $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, and Gaussians $P^{\theta_i} \triangleq \mathcal{N}(\theta_i, \Sigma_i)$ for $i \in \{0, 1\}$. Assuming $\det \Sigma_0 \neq 0$, show that

$$D(P^{\theta_0} \| P^{\theta_1}) = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 - \theta_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\theta_0 - \theta_1) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \det \Sigma_1 - \ln \det \Sigma_0 + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0 - I_d) \right).$$

8. **Local behavior of divergence of mixtures.** Let $\lambda \in [0, 1], i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $P_i, Q_i \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$, to define mixture distribution $P_i^\lambda \triangleq \lambda P_i + (1 - \lambda) Q_i$. Show that under suitable technical conditions, the following equations hold

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} D(P_0^\lambda \| P_1) &= \mathbb{E}_{Q_0} \ln \frac{dP_0}{dP_1} - D(P_0 \| P_1), \\ \left. \frac{d}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} D(P_1^\lambda \| P_0^\lambda) &= \mathbb{E}_{Q_1} \ln \frac{dP_1}{dP_0} - D(P_1 \| P_0) + \mathbb{E}_{P_1} \left[1 - \frac{dQ_0}{dP_0} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

9. **Fisher information for mixture of distributions.** Let $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$ and $\Theta \triangleq [0, 1]$ and define $P^\theta \triangleq \theta P + (1 - \theta) Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$. Show that $\lim_{\theta \downarrow 0} J_F(\theta) = \chi^2(P \| Q)$.