

# Lecture 4: Consequence of Jensen's Inequality

Thm: (J.I) If  $f(\cdot)$  is a convex function and  $X$  is a RV,  
 $f(\mathbb{E}(X)) \leq \mathbb{E}[f(X)]$

Moreover, if  $f(\cdot)$  is strictly convex, equality implies that  
 $X = \mathbb{E}(X)$  i.e.,  $X$  is a constant.

Thm:  $D(p||q) \geq 0$

Pf:  $D(p||q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$

adopt convention as part of definition that  
 $0 \log 0 = 0$      $0 \log \frac{0}{q(x)} = 0$      $p \log \frac{p}{0} = \infty$

Let  $A = \{x \in \mathcal{X}_0 \mid p(x) > 0\}$

$\Rightarrow D(p||q) = \sum_{x \in A} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$

Case ①: Suppose  $\exists x \in A$  s.t.  $q(x) = 0$   
 $D(p||q) = \infty$  (nothing to prove)

Case ②: Assume  $q(x) > 0$  for  $x \in A$ .

Consider the variable  $Y$  takes on values

$Y = \frac{q(x)}{p(x)}$  with prob  $\frac{p(x)}{p(x)}$  with prob  $p(x)$   
 $x \in A$

Then  $D(p||q) = \mathbb{E}[-\log Y]$

$\geq -\log \mathbb{E}[Y] \rightarrow ①$

$= -\log \sum_{x \in A} p(x) \frac{q(x)}{p(x)}$

$= -\log \sum_{x \in A} q(x) = \log \frac{1}{\sum_{x \in A} q(x)}$

$\geq 0$  [as  $\sum_{x \in A} q(x) \leq 1$ ]

Since  $-\log(\cdot)$  is strictly convex equality holds iff

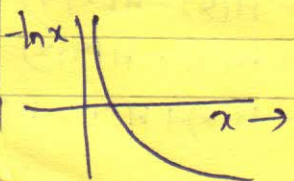
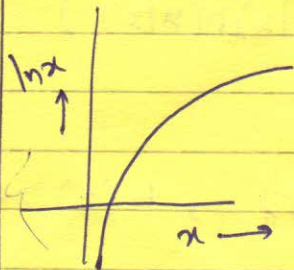
$Y = \text{constant}$  i.e.,  $Y = c$ .

$\Rightarrow \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = c, \quad x \in A$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{x \in A} p(x) = c \sum_{x \in A} q(x) \stackrel{\text{by ②}}{=} 1$   
 $\Rightarrow c = 1$  and

$p(x) = q(x)$  whenever  $p(x) > 0$

$\therefore$  if  $D(p||q) = 0$  then  $p(x) = q(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_0$





Thm:  $I(X; Y) \geq 0$ .  
with equality iff  
 $X$  and  $Y$  are independent

Pf: 
$$I(X; Y) = \sum_{x, y} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$= D(P(x, y) \parallel P(x)P(y))$$

$$\geq 0$$

Equality holds iff

$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y)$  i.e.,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent

Cor:  $D(P(y|x) \parallel q(y|x)) \geq 0$

Pf: 
$$\Delta \stackrel{P(x), q(x,y)}{=} \sum_x p(x) \sum_y D(P(y|x) \parallel q(y|x)) = \sum_x p(x) \sum_y p(y|x) \log \frac{p(y|x)}{q(y|x)}$$

$$\geq 0$$

Note: Equality holds when?

$$D(P(y|x) \parallel q(y|x)) = 0 \quad \forall x \in A$$

$$P(y|x) = q(y|x), \quad \forall y, \forall x \in A$$

$$p(x) > 0$$

Cor:  $I(X; Y | Z) \geq 0$ , Equality holds iff  $X, Y$  are independent given  $Z$ .

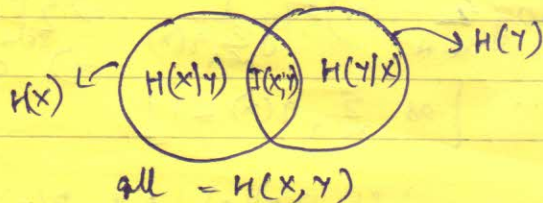
Can write

$$I(X; Y | Z) = \sum_z p(z) I(X; Y | Z=z)$$

$$= \sum_z p(z) D(P(x, y|z) \parallel P(x|z)P(y|z))$$

$$\geq 0$$

with equality iff  $P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z)$ ,  $p(z) > 0$   
(i.e., given  $z$ ,  $X, Y$  are independent)



$$I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

$$= H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$= H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y)$$

TODAY

- $D(P \parallel Q) > 0$
- $I(X; Y) \geq 0$
- $D(P(y|x) \parallel q(y|x)) \geq 0$
- $I(X; Y | Z) \geq 0$
- $H(X) \leq \log |X|$
- $H(X) \geq H(X|Y)$
- $H(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i)$

→ log sum inequality  
→ consequences  
 $D(P \parallel Q)$  is convex  
 $H(p)$  is concave

$I(X; Y)$   
concave in  $P(x)$   
convex in  $P(y|x)$   
→ Exercise: Read!!



Thm:  $H(X) \leq \log |\mathcal{X}_0|$  where  $X$  takes values from alphabet  $\mathcal{X}_0$   
 Equality holds iff the distribution  $P(x)$  is uniform over  $\mathcal{X}_0$ .

Pf: Let  $u(x)$  be the uniform distribution:

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}_0|} \quad x \in \mathcal{X}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } D(P \parallel u) &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{u(x)} = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} p(x) \log p(x) \\ &\quad - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} p(x) \log \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}_0|} \\ &= -H(X) + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} p(x) \log |\mathcal{X}_0| = -H(X) + \log |\mathcal{X}_0| \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(X) \leq \log |\mathcal{X}_0|$$

Equality holds iff  $p(x) = u(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{X}_0$

Corollary:  $H(X|Y) \leq H(X)$

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) \geq 0$$

Eg:

$$H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{4} \log \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \log 8$$

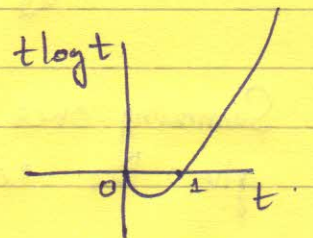
		X	
Y	1	0	3/4
	2	7/8	1/8

$$H(X) = \frac{1}{8} \log 8 + \frac{7}{8} \log \frac{8}{7} = 0.544$$

$$H(X|Y=1) = 0 \Rightarrow H(X|Y) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$H(X|Y=2) = 1$$

$$H(X|Y) < H(X)$$



Thm: (Log Sum Inequality)

for non-negative numbers  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $b_1, \dots, b_n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \log \left( \frac{a_i}{b_i} \right) \geq \sigma_a \log \frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_b}$$

$$\text{where } \sigma_a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i, \sigma_b = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$$

Equality holds iff  $\frac{a_i}{b_i} = c$  a constant for all  $i$

by Jensen's inequality

Pf: Will use the fact that  $t \log t$  is convex

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \log \left( \frac{a_i}{b_i} \right) = \sigma_b \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{b_i}{\sigma_b} \right) \left( \frac{a_i}{b_i} \right) \log \left( \frac{a_i}{b_i} \right) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sigma_b E[f(Y)] \geq \sigma_b f(E[Y])$$

where  $f(t) = t \log t$   
 and  $Y = \frac{a_i}{b_i}$  with prob  $\frac{b_i}{\sigma_b}$   $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$



$$= \sigma_b E[Y] \log E[Y]$$

$$= \sigma_b \frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_b} \log \frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_b} = \sigma_a \log \frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_b}$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{\sigma_b} \left( \frac{a_i}{b_i} \right) = \frac{\sum a_i}{\sigma_b} = \frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_b}$$

Equality holds iff  $Y$  is a constant (as  $f(\cdot) = x \log x$  is strictly convex).  
 i.e.,  $\frac{a_i}{b_i} = c \quad \forall i \in [n]$   
 ( $c$  a constant)

Theorem: (Convexity of relative entropy)

$D(P \parallel Q)$  is convex in the pair  $(P, Q)$  i.e.,  $(P_1, Q_1), (P_2, Q_2)$  are two pairs of probability mass functions, then:

$$D(\lambda P_1 + (1-\lambda) P_2 \parallel \lambda Q_1 + (1-\lambda) Q_2) \leq \lambda D(P_1 \parallel Q_1) + (1-\lambda) D(P_2 \parallel Q_2)$$

Pf:

$$(\lambda P_1(x) + (1-\lambda) P_2(x)) \log \frac{\lambda P_1(x) + (1-\lambda) P_2(x)}{\lambda Q_1(x) + (1-\lambda) Q_2(x)}$$

$$\leq \lambda P_1(x) \log \frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)} + (1-\lambda) P_2(x) \log \frac{P_2(x)}{Q_2(x)}$$

↓  
 this follows from log-sum inequality.

$$\text{where } \begin{array}{l} a_i = \lambda P_1(x) \\ a_2 = (1-\lambda) P_2(x) \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} b_1 = \lambda Q_1(x) \\ b_2 = (1-\lambda) Q_2(x) \end{array} \right.$$

Summing over  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  on both sides gives the result.

Let  $X$  be a r.v that takes values  $\frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)}, \frac{P_2(x)}{Q_2(x)}$  w.p

$$\frac{P_1(x)\lambda}{\lambda Q_1(x) + (1-\lambda) Q_2(x)} \text{ and } \frac{P_2(x)(1-\lambda)}{(1-\lambda) Q_2(x) + \lambda Q_1(x)} \text{ respectively}$$

$$E[f(X)] \geq f[E[X]]$$

where  $f = x \log x$ .

(Alternately)