

1. We are given a deck of  $n$  cards in order  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then a randomly chosen card is removed and placed at a random position in the deck. What is the entropy of the resulting deck of cards?
2. **(Pooling inequalities)** Let  $a, b \geq 0$  with  $a + b > 0$ . Show that

$$-(a + b)\log(a + b) \leq -a \log a - b \log b \leq -(a + b)\log \frac{a + b}{2}$$

and that the first inequality becomes an equality iff  $ab = 0$ , the second inequality becomes an equality iff  $a = b$ .

3. **(Log sum inequality)** Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n \geq 0$ . Show that

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

with equality iff  $\frac{a_i}{b_i}$  is constant.

4. Let  $X, Y, Z$  be discrete random variables. Prove or provide a counterexample to the following statements:
  - (a)  $H(X) = H(-42X)$ ,
  - (b)  $H(X|Y) \geq H(X|Y, Z)$ ,
  - (c)  $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y)$ .
5. Does there exist a discrete random variable  $X$  with a distribution such that  $H(X) = \infty$ ? If so, describe it as explicitly as possible.
6. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a finite set,  $f$  a real-valued function  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and fix  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . We want to maximise the entropy  $H(X)$  of a random variable  $X$  taking values in  $\mathcal{X}$  subject to the constraint

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] \leq \alpha. \tag{1}$$

Therefore show that if  $U$  denotes a uniformly distributed random variable on  $\mathcal{X}$ , it holds that

- (a) if  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) \geq \alpha \geq \mathbb{E}[f(U)]$ , then the entropy is maximised subject to (1) by the uniformly distributed random variable  $U$ .
- (b) if  $f$  is non-constant and  $\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) \leq \alpha < \mathbb{E}[f(U)]$ , then the entropy is maximised subject to (1) by the random variable  $Z$  given by

$$\mathbb{P}(Z = x) = \frac{\exp(\lambda f(x))}{\sum_{x' \in \mathcal{X}} \exp(\lambda f(x'))} \text{ for } x \in \mathcal{X}$$

where  $\lambda < 0$  is chosen such that  $\mathbb{E}[f(Z)] = \alpha$ .

- (c) \* **(Optional)** Prove that under the assumptions of (b) the choice for  $\lambda$  is unique and we have  $\lambda < 0$ .
7. \* **(Optional)** Partition the interval  $[0, 1]$  into  $n$  disjoint sub-intervals of length  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ . Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be iid random variables, uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ , and  $Z_m(i)$  be the number of the  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  that lie in the  $i$ th interval of the partition. Show that the random variables

$$R_m = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{Z_m(i)} \text{ satisfy } \frac{1}{m} \log R_m \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log p_i \text{ with probability 1.}$$

8. \* **(Optional, revision: probability theory)** Let  $X$  be a real-valued random variable.

(a) Assume additionally that  $X$  is non-negative. Show that for every  $x > 0$  we have

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq x) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{x}.$$

(b) Let  $X$  be a random variable of mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Show that  $\mathbb{P}(|X - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2}$ .

(c) Let  $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of identically distributed, independent random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m X_n - \mu\right| > \epsilon\right) = 0$$

(d) Let  $X$  be uniformly distributed on  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . Find the density of  $Y = \sin X$ .