

Subject: questions

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I thought we had a very good class today. Here were some questions that came up:

(1) Demonstrate that a Gaussian over finite limits has a lower entropy than a uniform distribution (use MATLAB).

(2) Prove that a continuous GRV has maximum entropy.

(3) Consider two RVs that are uncorrelated:

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

Does the $H(X,Y)$ increase or decrease if the variables become more correlated?

$$(4) E[g(y|x)] = \sum \log(g(y|x)) p(y|x)$$

-or- $\sum \log(g(y|x)) p(x,y)$

Which one makes sense?

(5) How do we prove $I(X;Y) \geq 0$?

(6) What are the limits on $I(X;Y)$?

(7) Everyone says "Let's do MMIE." But what does MMIE mean - is it maximize or minimize mutual information?

We have 6 people in the class and 7 questions, so pick one of these to work on. Send your solution via email to the class listserv.

-Joe