

Exercise: Fun with entropies

(Source: Mackay.)

Consider the joint distribution $p(X, Y)$

		x			
		1	2	3	4
y	1	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/32
	2	1/16	1/8	1/32	1/32
	3	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/16
	4	1/4	0	0	0

1. What is the joint entropy $H(X, Y)$?
2. What are the marginal entropies $H(X)$ and $H(Y)$?
3. The entropy of X conditioned on a specific value of y is defined as

$$H(X|Y = y) = - \sum_x p(x|y) \log p(x|y) \quad (1)$$

Compute $H(X|y)$ for each value of y . Does the posterior entropy on X ever increase given an observation of Y ?

4. The conditional entropy is defined as

$$H(X|Y) = \sum_y p(y) H(X|Y = y) \quad (2)$$

Compute this. Does the posterior entropy on X increase or decrease when averaged over the possible values of Y ?

5. What is the mutual information between X and Y ?