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Exercise 4

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Problem 1. (*properties of entropy*)

Let X, Y be random variables with support $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ and $\mathcal{Y} = \{y_1, \dots, y_d\}$. Assume that X, Y are distributed by $P(X = x_i) = p_i$ and $P(Y = y_j) = q_j$. Let (X, Y) be the corresponding two-dimensional random variable with distribution $P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = p_{ij}$. Prove the following statements from Theorem 4.3:

- (a) $0 \leq H(X)$ with equality if and only if $P(X = x_i) = 1$ for some i .
- (b) $H(X) \leq \log m$ with equality if and only if $P(X = x_i) = \frac{1}{m}$ for all i .
- (c) $H(X | Y) \leq H(X)$ with equality if and only if X and Y are stochastically independent (conditioning reduces entropy).
- (d) $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y | X)$ (chainrule of entropies).
- (e) $H(X, Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y)$ with equality iff X and Y are stochastically independent.

Hint (a): $\ln z \leq z - 1$ for all $z > 0$ with equality if and only if $z = 1$.

Hint (b), (c): If f is a convex function, the Jensen inequality $f(E(X)) \leq E(f(X))$ holds.

Problem 2. (*entropy of function*) Let X, Y be discrete random variables on a set Ω . Show that for any function $f : X(\Omega) \times Y(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, it holds:

$$H(X, Y, f(X, Y)) = H(X, Y)$$

Problem 3. (*Demo perfect secrecy*) Let $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{C}, e, d)$ be a cryptosystem. Suppose that $P(\hat{M} = M) > 0$ for all $M \in \mathcal{M}$, $P(\hat{K} = K) > 0$ for all $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and $|\mathcal{M}| = |\mathcal{K}| = |\mathcal{C}|$. Show that if $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{C}, e, d)$ has perfect secrecy, then

$$P(\hat{K} = K) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{K}|} \text{ for all } K \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and}$$

for all $M \in \mathcal{M}, C \in \mathcal{C}$, there is a unique $K \in \mathcal{K}$ such that $e(M, K) = C$.