

# Entropy of continuous random variables

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# Lecture overview

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- ▶ Entropy of continuous random variables
  - ▶ Definition of entropy
  - ▶ AEP for continuous random variables
  - ▶ Connection with the entropy of discrete random variables
  - ▶ Entropy of joint and conditional contin. random variables
  - ▶ Properties for entropy of contin. random variables

# Probability mass distribution

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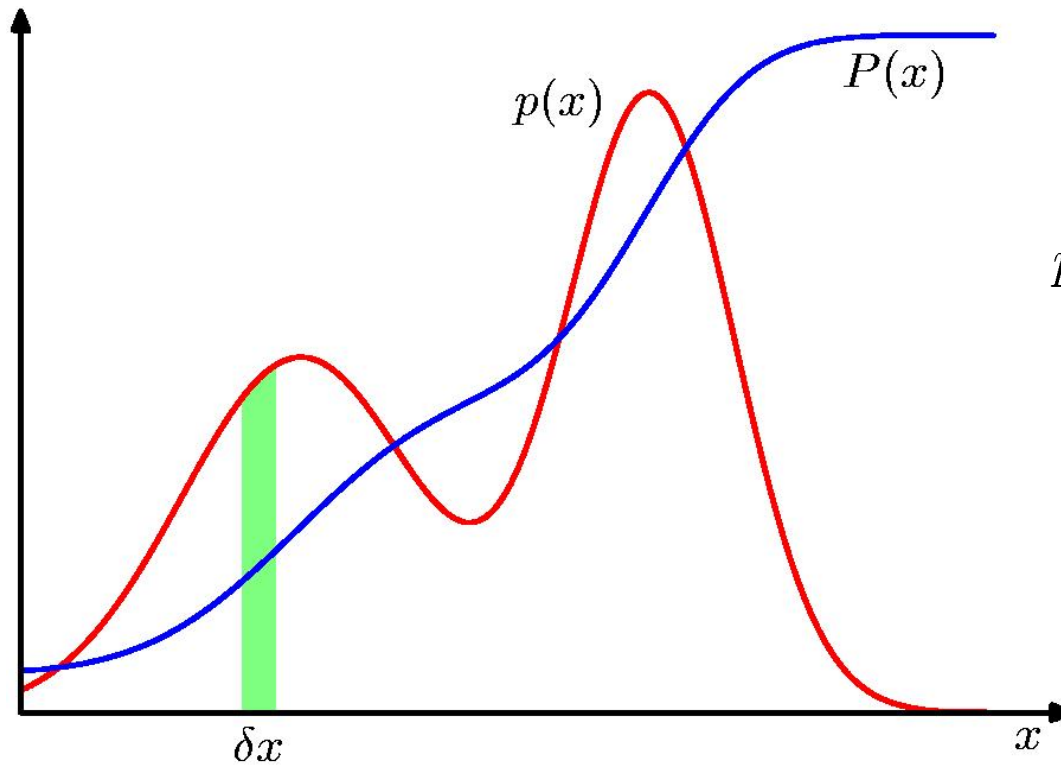
## Probability mass distribution

Let  $X$  be a random variable with the **cumulative probability function**  $F(x) = Pr(X < x)$ . If  $F(x)$  is continuous then  $X$  is called continuous RV. With  $f(x)$  we denote derivative of  $F$ , i.e.  $f(x) = F'(x)$ .

If we have  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)dx = 1$ , then  $f(x)$  is called probability mass distribution of  $X$ .

# Probability mass distribution - example

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$$p(x \in (a, b)) = \int_a^b p(x) dx$$

$$P(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z p(x) dx$$

$$p(x) \geq 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) dx = 1$$

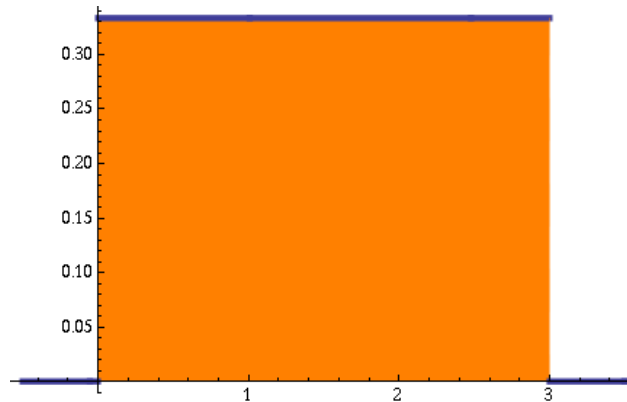
# Probability mass distribution – example II

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- ▶ Uniform distribution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b, \\ 0 & \text{drugje} \end{cases}$$

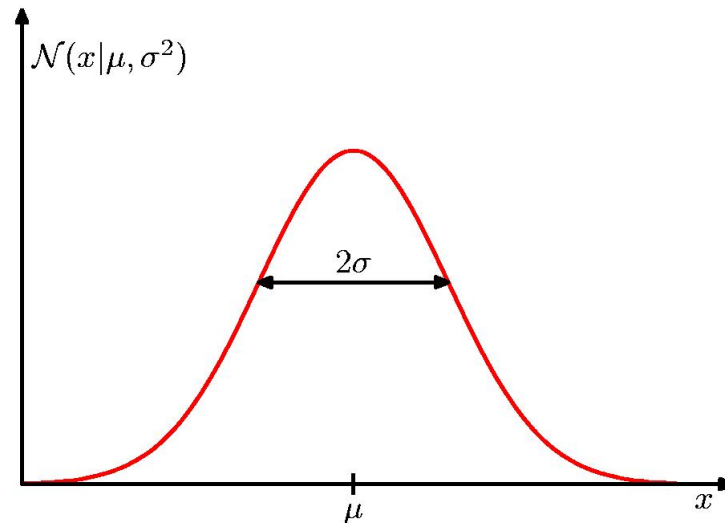
$f(x)$  for  $a=0, b=3$



# Normal (Gauss) distribution

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$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$



# Differential entropy

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## Entropija zvezne naključne spremenljivke

Entropija zvezne naključne spremenljivke  $X$  s porazdelitvijo gostote verjetnosti  $f(x)$  je definirana kot:

$$h(X) = - \int_S f(x) \log f(x) dx,$$

kjer je  $S$  nosilec naključne spremenljivke  $X$ .

- ▶ Entropy for continuous RVs has **similar properties** as the entropy of discrete random variables, though **there are differences**.

# Differential entropy of uniform distribution

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- ▶ Probability mass distribution

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a} & 0 \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{drugje} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Entropy:

$$h(X) = - \int_0^a \frac{1}{a} \log \frac{1}{a} dx = \log a$$

# Differential entropy of normal distribution

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- ▶ Probability mass distribution  $X \sim N(0, \sigma)$ :

$$X \sim \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- ▶ Entropy:

$$h(\phi) = - \int \phi \ln \phi$$

$$= - \int \phi(x) \left[ -\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} - \ln \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{EX^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2\pi\sigma^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2\pi\sigma^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln e + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2\pi\sigma^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln 2\pi e\sigma^2 \quad \text{nats.}$$

$$h(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi e\sigma^2 \quad \text{bits.}$$

# Joint probability mass distribution (optional)

## Porazdelitev gostote vezane verjetnosti

Denimo, da imamo zaporedje zveznih naključnih spremenljivk  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , potem lahko definiramo porazdelitev gostote vezane verjetnosti  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , tako da velja

$$Pr(X_1, \dots, X_n \in D) = \int_D f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n.$$

Oziroma, če je  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$  kumulativna funkcija vezane verjetnosti, potem je porazdelitev gostote vezane verjetnosti definirana s parcialnim odvodom kumulativne funkcije

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial^n F}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

## Joint probability mass distribution : independence

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English version: If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are mutually independent and have the same distribution  $f(x)$  then

Če so  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  med seboj neodvisne in enako porazdeljene s porazdelitvijo  $f(x)$ , potem je

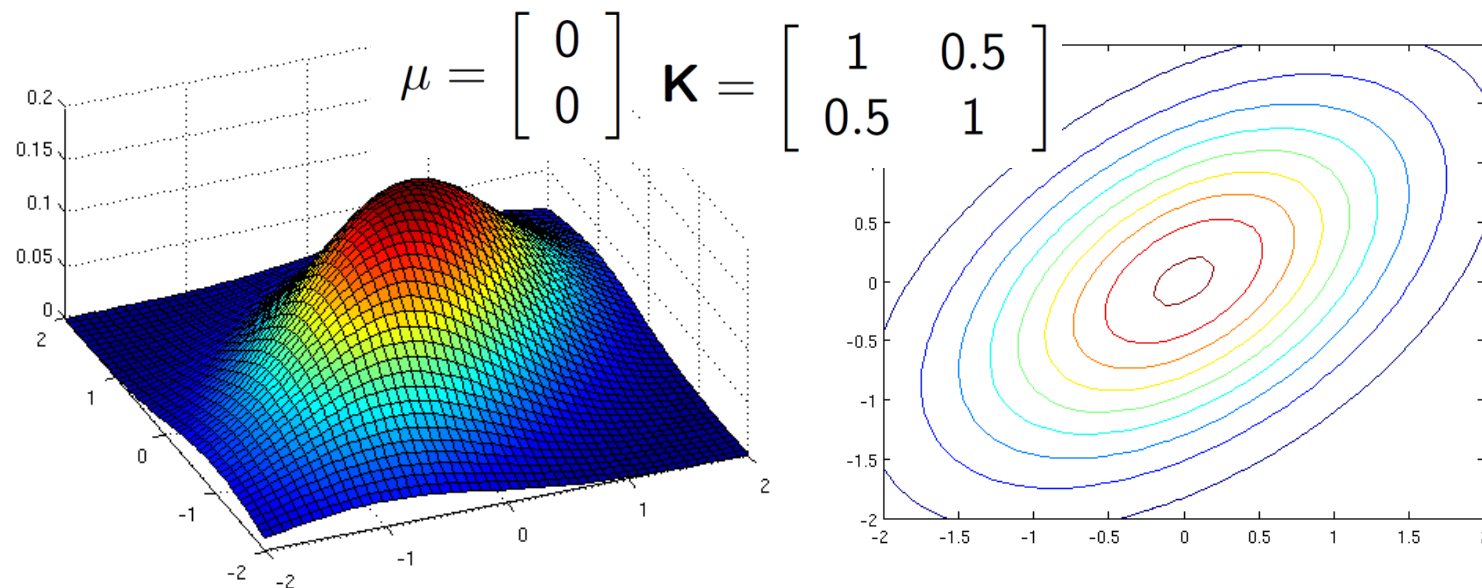
$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i).$$

# Multidimensional Gauss distribution (optional)

Gaussova porazdelitev naključnih spremenljivk  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  je

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n |\mathbf{K}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{K}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})},$$

kjer je  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  povprečni vektor in  $\mathbf{K}$  kovariančna matrika,  
 $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T]$ .



# Joint entropy for continuous random variables

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## Joint entropy

Joint entropy of continuous RVs  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  with probability mass distribution  $f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is defined as:

$$h(X_1, \dots, X_n) = - \int f(x) \log f(x) dx.$$

# Conditional entropy

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## Conditional entropy

For continuous RVs  $X, Y$  with  $f(X, Y)$  one can define conditional entropy  $h(X|Y)$  as:

$$h(X|Y) = - \int f(x, y) \log f(x|y) dx.$$

**Remark:** Since  $f(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(y)}$  we get

$$h(X|Y) = h(X, Y) - H(Y).$$

# Entropy of multidimensional Gauss distribution (opt.)

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## Entropija večdimenzionalne Gaussove porazdelitve

Entropija večdimenzionalne Gaussove porazdelitve naključnih spremenljivk  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  s povprečjem  $\mu$  in kovariančno matriko  $\mathbf{K}$  je

$$h(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = h(N(\mathbf{x}; \mu, \mathbf{K})) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)^n |\mathbf{K}| \text{ bitov,}$$

kjer je  $|\mathbf{K}|$  determinanta kovariančne matrike  $\mathbf{K}$ .

# Proof

## ▶ Proof:

▶ pmf

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right)^n |K|^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^T K^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)}$$

▶ entropy  $h(f) = - \int f(\mathbf{x}) \left[ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^T K^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu) - \ln \left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right)^n |K|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] d\mathbf{x}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} E \left[ \sum_{i,j} (X_i - \mu_i) (K^{-1})_{ij} (X_j - \mu_j) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi)^n |K|$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} E[(X_j - \mu_j)(X_i - \mu_i)] (K^{-1})_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi)^n |K|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \sum_i K_{ji} (K^{-1})_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi)^n |K|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j (K K^{-1})_{jj} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi)^n |K|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j I_{jj} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi)^n |K|$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi)^n |K|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi e)^n |K| \quad \text{nats}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)^n |K| \quad \text{bits.} \quad \square$$

# AEP version for continuous random variables

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For discrete IID RVs, typical sequences stand for the most of probability (there are few of these), we had  $p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = 2^{-nH(X)}$ .

For continuous RVs we have:

## AEP statement

For IID RVs  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  with probability mass function  $f(x)$  we have:

$$-\frac{1}{n} \log f(X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow E(-\log f(x)) = h(X).$$

# Definition of typical „volumes“

## Definicija tipične množice

Za poljuben  $\epsilon > 0$  in poljuben  $n$ , definiramo *tipično množico*  $A_\epsilon^{(n)}$  glede na funkcijo gostote  $f(X)$  na naslednji način

$$A_\epsilon^{(n)} = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in S^n : \left| -\frac{1}{n} \log f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - h(X) \right| \leq \epsilon \right\},$$

kjer velja  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$ .

## Volumen množice

Volumen množice  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  je definiran kot

$$\text{Vol}(A) = \int_A dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n.$$

# AEP statement

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Tipična množica  $A_\epsilon^{(n)}$  ima naslednje lastnosti za dovolj velike  $n$ :

1  $Pr(A_\epsilon^{(n)}) > 1 - \epsilon.$

2  $(1 - \epsilon)2^{n(h(X)-\epsilon)} \leq \text{Vol}(A_\epsilon^{(n)}) \leq 2^{n(h(X)+\epsilon)}.$

## Izrek AEP

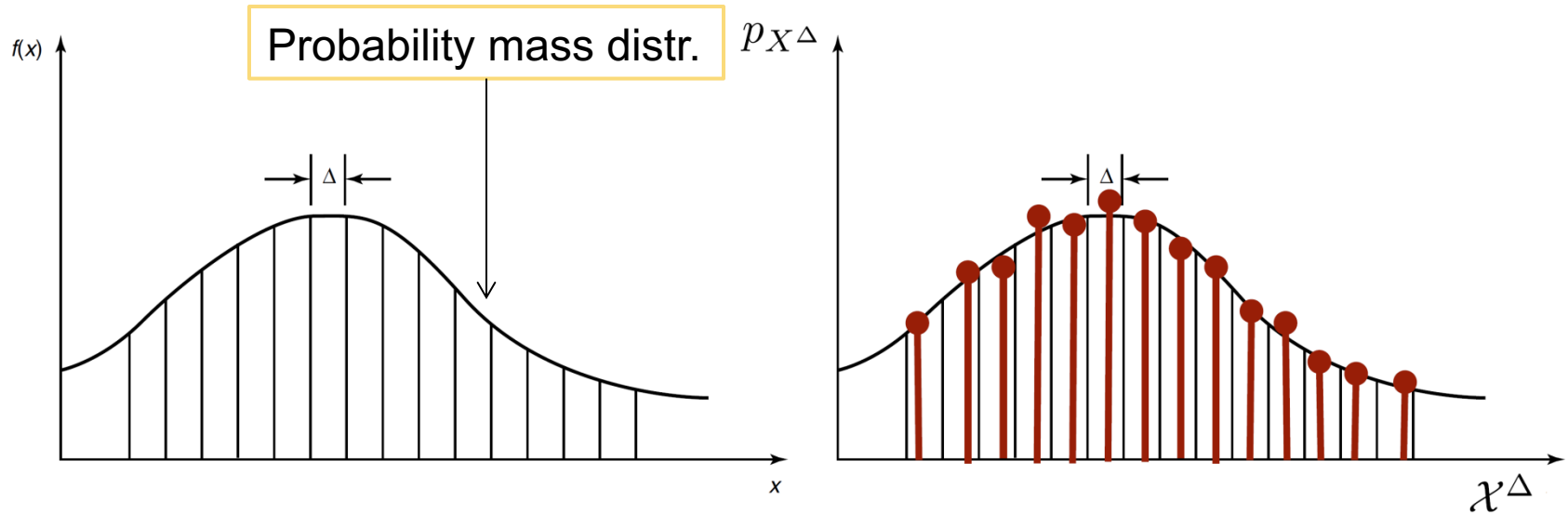
Tipična množica  $A_\epsilon^{(n)}$  ima najmanjši volumen med množicami z verjetnostjo  $\geq 1 - \epsilon.$

# AEP statement

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- ▶ AEP statement claims, that the minimal volume of typical subsets, that stands for whole probability, is approximately  $2^{nh}$ .  
Since this is n-dimensional space, this means, that one side of this „volume“ is of length  $(2^{nh})^{(1/n)} = 2^h$ .
- ▶ Differential entropy can be interpreted as:  
**It is logarithm of volume side of the least (hyper)subspace, which has almost all probability.**
- ▶ Consequences:
  - ▶ Small entropy means, that the values of RV concentrated on a small subspace.
  - ▶ Large entropy means, that the values of RV are dispersed widely in the space.

# Quantization of continuous random variables



- ▶ There exists  $x_i$  in any interval  $\Delta$ , such that:

$$f(x_i)\Delta = \int_{i\Delta}^{(i+1)\Delta} f(x) dx$$

# Connection between entropy of contin. and discrete RV

▶ Quantized RV:  $X^\Delta = x_i$  if  $i\Delta \leq X < (i+1)\Delta$

▶ Probability that  $X^\Delta = x_i$

$$p_i = \int_{i\Delta}^{(i+1)\Delta} f(x) dx = f(x_i)\Delta$$

▶ Entropy of quantized RV

$$\begin{aligned} H(X^\Delta) &= - \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_i \log p_i \\ &= - \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_i)\Delta \log(f(x_i)\Delta) \\ &= - \sum \Delta f(x_i) \log f(x_i) - \sum f(x_i)\Delta \log \Delta \\ &= - \sum \Delta f(x_i) \log f(x_i) - \log \Delta, \end{aligned}$$

# Connection between entropy of contin. and discrete RV

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## Connection

If  $f(x)$  probability mass distribution of  $X$  which can be integrated then

$$H(X^\Delta) + \log \Delta \rightarrow h(f) = h(X), \text{ when } \Delta \rightarrow 0.$$

This means that the entropy of quantized RV  $H(X^\Delta)$  using  $n$  bits is  $h(X) + n$ , notice  $\Delta = 2^{-n}$ .

# Quantization examples

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## Examples

- 1 If  $X$  is uniformly distributed on the interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $\Delta = 2^{-n}$ , then  $h = 0$  and  $H(x^\Delta) = n$ . Thus, we need  $n$  bits to describe  $X$  with  $n$  bit precision.
- 2 Let  $X \approx \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  with  $\sigma^2 = 100$ . Then, we need  $n + \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi e\sigma$  bits to describe  $X$  with  $n$  bit precision.
- 3 In general, to describe  $X$  with  $n$ -bit precision we need  $h(X) + n$  bits.

## Relative entropy (optional)

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### Relativna entropija

Relativna entropija (ali Kullback-Leiblerjeva razdalja)  $D(f \parallel g)$  med funkcijama gostot  $f$  in  $g$  je definirana kot

$$D(f \parallel g) = \int f \log \frac{f}{g}.$$

$D(f \parallel g)$  je končna, če je nosilec  $f$  podmnožica nosilca  $g$ . (Velja  $0 \log \frac{0}{0} = 0$ .)

# Mutual information

## Medsebojna informacija

Medsebojna informacija  $I(X; Y)$  med dvema naključnima spremenljivkama s funkcijo gostote vezne verjetnosti  $f(x, y)$  je definirana z

$$I(X; Y) = \int f(x, y) \log \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)f(y)} dx dy.$$

Iz definicije sledi:

$$I(X; Y) = h(X) - h(X|Y) = h(Y) - h(Y|X) = h(X) + h(Y) - h(X, Y)$$

ali

$$I(X; Y) = D(f(x, y) \parallel f(x)f(y)).$$

## Connection with discrete RVs

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$$\begin{aligned} I(X^\Delta; Y^\Delta) &= H(X^\Delta) - H(X^\Delta|Y^\Delta) \\ &\approx h(X) - \log \Delta - (h(X|Y) - \log \Delta) \\ &= I(X; Y). \end{aligned}$$

## Example (optional)

### Medsebojna informacija med koreliranimi Gaussovimi naklj. spr.

Denimo, da imamo zv. naklj. spr.  $X$  in  $Y$ , ki sta normalno porazdeljeni s korelacijo  $\rho$ . Torej  $(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K)$ , kjer je

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 \\ \rho\sigma^2 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Potem je  $h(X) = h(Y) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)\sigma^2$  in  $h(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)^2 |K| = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)^2 \sigma^4 (1 - \rho^2)$ . Sledi:

$$I(X; Y) = h(X) + h(Y) - h(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho^2).$$

Če je  $\rho = 0$ , potem sta  $X$  in  $Y$  neodvisni in je medsebojna informacija enaka 0.

Če je  $\rho = \pm 1$ , potem sta  $X$  in  $Y$  popolnoma korelirani in je medsebojna informacija  $\infty$ .

# Properties

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## Izrek

$$D(f \parallel g) \geq 0.$$

Enakost velja natanko tedaj, ko je  $f = g$  skoraj povsod.

## Posledici

- 1**  $I(X; Y) \geq 0$ . Enakost velja natanko tedaj, ko sta  $X$  in  $Y$  neodvisni.
- 2**  $h(X|Y) \leq h(X)$ . Enakost velja natanko tedaj, ko sta  $X$  in  $Y$  neodvisni.

## Properties II

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### Verižno pravilo pri entropiji

$$h(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n h(X_i | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1})$$

### Posledica

$$h(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n h(X_i).$$

Enakost velja natanko tedaj, ko so  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  neodvisne.

# Linear transformations

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## Linearne transformacije zveznih naključnih spr. in entropija

- 1**  $h(X + c) = h(X)$ . Premik naključne spremenljivke ne spremeni njeno entropijo.
- 2**  $h(aX) = h(X) + \log |a|$ .
- 3**  $h(A\mathbf{X}) = h(\mathbf{X}) + \log |\det(A)|$ .

# Maksimal entropy

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- ▶ **Entropy of multidimensional Gauss distribution is largest among ALL entropies of joint RVs having equal covariance matrix.**

## Entropija naključnih spremenljivk z enako kovarianco

Naj bo  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  vektor naključnih spremenljivk s povprečjem  $\mathbf{0}$  in kovarianco  $K = E\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$  ( $K_{ij} = EX_iX_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ). Potem velja  $h(\mathbf{X}) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)^n |K|$ , enakost velja natanko tedaj, ko je  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, K)$ .