

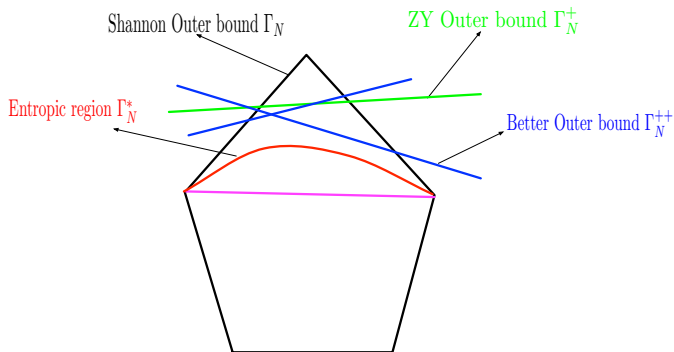
# Non-Shannon Information Inequalities in Four Random Variables

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# Questions



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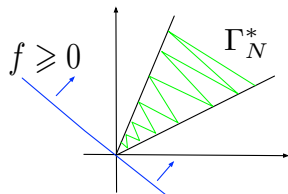
# Information Inequalities

## Information Inequalities: Definition

If we consider the function of all  $(2^n - 1)$  joint entropies associated with  $\mathbf{X}$ :

$$f = \sum_i \lambda_{\mathcal{A}_i} h_{\mathcal{A}_i} \geq 0$$

where  $\lambda_{\mathcal{A}_i}$  are real coefficients. If a inequality of this form is true for any random variables  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ , we call it an **Information inequality**.



# Information Inequalities

## Shannon-Type Information inequality

A Shannon-Type Information inequality is any information inequality of the form

$$\sum_i \alpha_i I(A_i; B_i | C_i) \geq 0$$

where each  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ .

Shannon-Type Information inequalities form a region  $\Gamma_N$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{P}(N)}$

$$\Gamma_N = \left\{ \mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{P}(N)} \mid \begin{array}{l} h_{\mathcal{A}} + h_{\mathcal{B}} \geq h_{\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}} + h_{\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}} \quad \forall \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{N} \\ h_{\mathcal{P}} \geq h_{\mathcal{Q}} \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{N} \end{array} \right\}$$

# Information Inequalities

## Phrase $(i, j|K)$

Let  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  be the family of all couples  $(i, j|K)$ , where  $K \subset N$  and  $ij$  is the union of two singletons  $i$  and  $j$  of  $N - K$ .

## Conditional Independence Relations

$$I(X_i; X_j | \mathbf{X}_K) = 0$$

$$I(X_i; X_j | \mathbf{X}_K) = I(X_i; X_j) \quad \text{If } K = \emptyset$$

$$I(X_i; X_j | \mathbf{X}_K) = H(X_i | \mathbf{X}_K) \quad \text{If } i = j$$



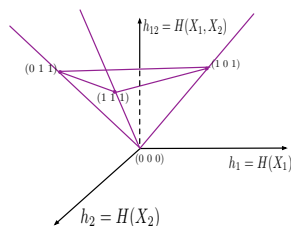
# Information Inequalities

## Relationship between $\Gamma_n^*$ and $\Gamma_n$

$$\Gamma_2^* = \Gamma_2 \text{ and } \bar{\Gamma}_3^* = \Gamma_3:$$

All the Information inequalities on  $N \leq 3$  variables are Shannon-Type.

For  $N = 2$ , Use  $h_1 + h_2 \geq h_{12}$ ,  
 $h_{12} \geq h_1$  and  $h_{12} \geq h_2$ , we get



# Non-Shannon-Type Information inequalities for $N \geq 4$

## Zhang-Yeung Inequality: The first Non-Shannon-Type Information inequality

$$2I(X_1; X_2) \leq I(X_3; X_4) + I(X_3; X_1, X_2) + 3I(X_1; X_2|X_3) + I(X_1; X_2|X_4)$$

## Ingleton Inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Ingleton}_{12} \\ &= I(X_1; X_2|X_3) + I(X_1; X_2|X_4) + I(X_3; X_4|\emptyset) - I(X_1; X_2|\emptyset) \end{aligned}$$

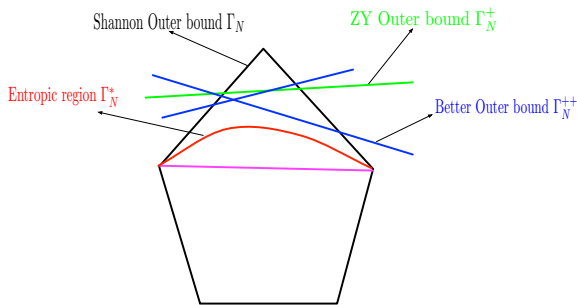
## Rewrite Zhang-Yeung Inequality

$$\text{Ingleton}_{12} + I(X_1; X_2|X_3) + I(X_1; X_3|X_2) + I(X_2; X_3|X_1) \geq 0$$

# Information Inequalities

For  $N \geq 4$  we  
have  $\Gamma_N \neq \bar{\Gamma}_N^*$

Non-Shannon-  
Type Information  
inequalities exist  
for  $N \geq 4$



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# D-copy and Projection Methods

## D-copy

Let  $A, B, C, D$  be jointly distributed random variables. Then there is another random variable  $E$ , jointly distributed with  $A, B, C, D$  with the following properties:

- ▶ The marginal distributions of  $(A, B, C)$  and  $(A, B, E)$  are the same with  $E$  replacing  $C$ .
- ▶  $I(CD; E|AB) = 0$

In this case we say that  $E$  is a D-copy of  $C$  over  $(A, B)$

# D-copy and Projection Methods

## Generalized Copy Lemma

Given an  $m$ -dimension random vector  $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ , there exists a random vector  $\mathbf{x}_{\hat{K}}$  such that

- ▶ The marginal distributions of  $(\mathbf{x}_{\hat{K}}, \mathbf{x}_I)$  and  $(\mathbf{x}_K, \mathbf{x}_I)$  are the same with  $\mathbf{x}_{\hat{K}}$  replacing  $\mathbf{x}_K$ .
- ▶ Markov chain  $\mathbf{x}_{\{K\} \cup J} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_I \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_{\hat{K}}$

where  $K, I, J$  are disjoint subsets of  $M$ . In this case we say that  $\mathbf{x}_{\hat{K}}$  is a  $\mathbf{x}_J$ -copy of  $\mathbf{x}_K$  over  $\mathbf{x}_I$ .

# D-copy and Projection Methods

## Example of different ways to generate copy variables

For  $x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ , we want to generate

$y = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7\}$ .

- ▶ One step: generate  $x_5, x_6$  and  $x_7$  together
- ▶ Two steps: generate  $x_5, x_6$  together then generate  $x_7$  (include permutations)
- ▶ Three steps: generate  $x_5, x_6$  and  $x_7$  separately

# D-copy and Projection Methods

Constructing an n-dimension random vector

$y = \{x_1, \dots, x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n\}$  from m-dimension random vector  $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$

Start with  $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ , choose a partition of the new variables  $x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$ , add auxiliary random variables for each partition according to copy lemma for some parameters K, I and J, then we will get a random vector

$y = \{x_1, \dots, x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n\}$ .



# D-copy and Projection Methods

## Projection down to initial $m$ variables from higher dimension $N$

Let  $\Gamma_N$  be the Shannon outer bound for  $N$  random variables, denote  $\mathcal{C}_N$  the set of all additional linear inequalities required by the copy lemma, denote  $\pi_{\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{P}(M)}}(H_N)$  be the projection of a polyhedral cone  $H_N$  onto  $H_M$  which is related to the initial  $m$  variables, then we have:

$$\Gamma_M^* \subseteq \pi_{\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{P}(M)}}(\Gamma_N \cap \mathcal{C}_N) \subseteq \Gamma_M$$

If  $\pi_{\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{P}(M)}}(\Gamma_N \cap \mathcal{C}_N) \subsetneq \Gamma_M$ , we get a better outer bound than  $\Gamma_M$ .

## Iterative way to generate better outer bound

If  $\pi_{\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{P}(M)}}(\Gamma_N \cap \mathcal{C}_N) \subsetneq \Gamma_M$ , let  $\Gamma_M^+ = \pi_{\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{P}(M)}}(\Gamma_N \cap \mathcal{C}_N)$ , then we get:

$$\Gamma_M^* \subseteq \pi_{\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{P}(M)}}(\Gamma_M^+ \cap \mathcal{C}_N) \subseteq \Gamma_M^+$$

# D-copy and Projection Methods

## Projection Methods for 4-variables Non-Shannon Information Inequalities

Zhang-Yeung Inequality(One copy variable with one copy step):

$$I_{\text{ingleton}}_{12} + I(X_1; X_2|X_3) + I(X_1; X_3|X_2) + I(X_2; X_3|X_1) \geq 0$$

DFZ Inequality(Two copy variables with at most two copy steps):

$$2I_{\text{ingleton}}_{12} + 3I(X_1; X_2|X_3) + 3I(X_1; X_3|X_2) + I(X_2; X_3|X_1) \geq 0$$

# D-copy and Projection Methods

Non-Shannon Information Inequalities use at most 4 copy variables with at most 3 copy steps

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Ingleton}_{12} + a * I(X_1; X_2|X_3) + b * I(X_1; X_3|X_2) \\ & + c * I(X_2; X_3|X_1) + d * I(X_1; X_2|X_4) + e * I(X_1; X_4|X_2) \\ & + f * I(X_2; X_4|X_1) + g * I(X_3; X_4|X_1) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Computational wall

Calculation for 4 copy variables with at most 3 copy steps took an estimated 50-100 CPU-years to complete.

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# The Region of Entropic Vectors $\Gamma_4^*$

Shannon outer bound  $\Gamma_4$ : 28 faces(H-representation) and 41 vertices(V-representation)

$$\Gamma_N = \left\{ \mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{P}(N)} \mid \begin{array}{l} h_A + h_B \geq h_{A \cap B} + h_{A \cup B} \quad \forall A, B \subseteq N \\ h_P \geq h_Q \geq 0 \quad \forall Q \subseteq P \subseteq N \end{array} \right\}$$

H-representation of  $\Gamma_4$

$I(A; B) = 0$  include 6 permutations

$I(A; B|C) = 0$  include 12 permutations

$I(A; B|CD) = 0$  include 6 permutations

$H(A|BCD) = 0$  include 4 permutations

# The Region of Entropic Vectors $\Gamma_4^*$

$\Gamma_4 \setminus R_4$ : the gap between  $\Gamma_4$  and  $R_4$

Six permutations of Ingleton Inequalities corresponding to six pyramid-like gap between  $\Gamma_4$  and  $R_4$

H-representation of  $\Gamma_4 \setminus R_4$

$$\begin{aligned} I(A; B|C) \geq 0 & \quad I(A; C|B) \geq 0 & \quad I(B; C|A) \geq 0 & \quad I(C; D|A) \geq 0 \\ I(A; B|D) \geq 0 & \quad I(A; D|B) \geq 0 & \quad I(B; D|A) \geq 0 & \quad I(C; D|B) \geq 0 \\ H(A|BCD) \geq 0 & \quad H(B|ACD) \geq 0 & \quad H(C|ABD) \geq 0 & \\ H(D|ABC) \geq 0 & \quad I(C; D) \geq 0 & \quad I(A; B|CD) \geq 0 & \quad \text{Ingleton}_{12} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$14 = 1 + 8 + 1 + 4$$

# The Region of Entropic Vectors $\Gamma_4^*$

## V-representation of $\Gamma_4 \setminus R_4$

For  $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , with  $I \subseteq N$  and  $0 \leq t \leq |N \setminus I|$ , define

$$r_t^I(J) = \min\{t, |J \setminus I|\} \text{ with } J \subseteq N$$

$$g_i^{(2)}(J) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } J = i \\ \min\{2, |J|\} & \text{if } J \neq i \end{cases}$$

$$g_i^{(3)}(J) = \begin{cases} |J| & \text{if } i \notin J \\ \min\{3, |J| + 1\} & \text{if } i \in J \end{cases}$$

$$f_{ij}(K) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } K \in \{ik, jk, il, jl, kl\} \\ \min\{4, 2|K|\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# The Region of Entropic Vectors $\Gamma_4^*$

## V-representation of $\Gamma_4 \setminus R_4$

The V-representation of  $\Gamma_4 \setminus R_4$  are generated by the 15 linearly independent functions  $f_{ij}$ ,  $r_1^{ijk}$ ,  $r_1^{ijl}$ ,  $r_1^{ikl}$ ,  $r_1^{jkl}$ ,  $r_1^\emptyset$ ,  $r_3^\emptyset$ ,  $r_1^i$ ,  $r_1^j$ ,  $r_1^{ik}$ ,  $r_1^{jk}$ ,  $r_1^{il}$ ,  $r_1^{jl}$ ,  $r_2^k$ ,  $r_2^l$ .

## Notes:

No point in  $\Gamma_4$  can simultaneously fail two Ingleton inequalities, thus the six "pyramid" have disjoint interiors.



# The Region of Entropic Vectors $\Gamma_4^*$

## Projection results using D-copy

- ▶ No copy: 28 faces and 41 vertices
- ▶ One copy variable: 40 faces and 89 vertices
- ▶ Two copy variables: 160 faces and 299 vertices
- ▶ Three copy variables: 796 faces and 10361 vertices
- ▶ Four copy variables with at most three copy steps: 4924 faces and 224801 vertices

# The Region of Entropic Vectors $\Gamma_4^*$

## The percent of pyramid left(in volume)

- ▶ No copy: 100%
- ▶ One copy variable: 98.4568%
- ▶ Two copy variables: 97.7040%
- ▶ Three copy variables: 96.7214%
- ▶ Four copy variables with at most three copy steps:  
96.4682%
- ▶  $\Gamma_4^* \setminus R_4$  is at least 53.4815%

# Four-atom conjecture

## Ingleton score

Given a probability distribution, we define the Ingleton score of the distribution to be

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ingleton score} &= \frac{\text{Ingleton}_{12}}{H(ABCD)} \\ &= \frac{I(A; B|C) + I(A; B|D) + I(C; D) - I(A; B)}{H(ABCD)} \end{aligned}$$

Ingleton score determine how much a distribution violate one of the six Ingleton Inequality.

# Four-atom conjecture

## Lowest possible Ingleton score

The lowest possible Ingleton score is approximately -0.0894. It is attained by a four-variable binary distribution, given by

$$P(0, 0, 0, 0) = P(1, 1, 1, 1) \approx 0.35$$

$$P(0, 1, 0, 1) = P(0, 1, 1, 0) \approx 0.15$$

# Four-atom conjecture

## Ingleton score of other 4-atom distributions

C and D independent,  $A = CD$  and  $B = (1-C)(1-D)$

$$P(0, 0, 0, 1) = P(0, 0, 1, 0) = P(0, 1, 0, 0) = P(1, 0, 1, 1) = 1/4$$

$$\text{Ingleton score} = -0.0613$$

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$$\text{Ingleton score} = -0.0613$$

# Four-atom conjecture

## Minimum Ingleton score of Outer bound

- ▶ No copy:  $-0.2500$
- ▶ One copy variable:  $-0.1667$
- ▶ Two copy variables:  $-0.1667$
- ▶ Three copy variables:  $-0.1590$
- ▶ Four copy variables with at most three copy steps:  $-0.1579$
- ▶ compare to  $-0.0894$

Thanks!

Questions!