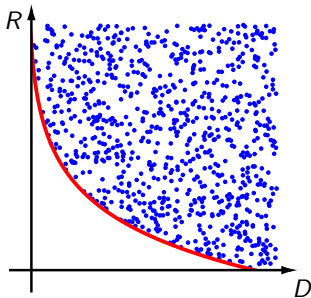
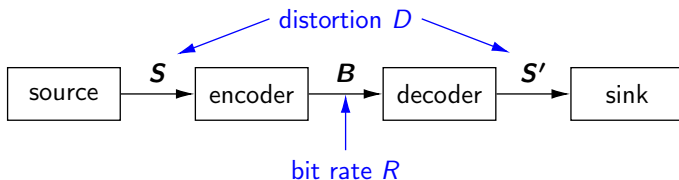


Rate-Distortion Theory II



Source Coding System

- Source: Statistical properties characterized by random process \mathbf{S}
- Encoder: Deterministic process for generating bitstream $\mathbf{B} = f_{\text{enc}}(\mathbf{S})$
- Decoder: Deterministic process for generating reconstruction $\mathbf{S}' = f_{\text{dec}}(\mathbf{B})$
- Sink: Receiver of reconstruction \mathbf{S}'



Characterization of Coding Efficiency

- Bit rate R : Average number of bits per sample (or per time unit)
- Distortion D : Measure characterizing difference between \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{S}'

Distortion Measures

Definition: Distortion

Measure of deviation between a block of N input samples $\mathbf{s} = \{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}\}$ and the corresponding block of N reconstructed samples $\mathbf{s}' = \{s'_0, \dots, s'_{N-1}\}$

$$d_N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') \geq 0 \quad (\text{equality iff } \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}')$$

- In media coding: Quality is eventually judged by human beings
- Ideally: Should use distortion measures that reflect human perception
- Very difficult to specify such distortion measures
- ➔ Will use simple (mathematically tractable) distortion measures

Additive Distortion Measures

- Average of single symbol distortions $d_1(s, s')$

$$d_N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} d_1(s_k, s'_k) \quad (1)$$

Common Additive Distortion Measures

Difference Distortion Measures

- Single symbol distortion $d_1(s, s')$

$$d_1(s_k, s'_k) = |s_k - s'_k|^p \quad \text{with} \quad p > 0 \quad (2)$$

- Average distortion for vectors of N samples

$$d_N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') = \|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}'\|_p^p = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |s_k - s'_k|^p \quad (3)$$

Mean Squared Error

- In this course: Mainly **mean squared error** (MSE)

$$d_1(s_k, s'_k) = (s_k - s'_k)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$d_N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') = \|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}'\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (s_k - s'_k)^2 \quad (5)$$

Operational Rate-Distortion Function

Consider given source / random process \mathbf{S}

- Each code Q is associated with a rate-distortion point

$$(R, D) = (r(Q), \delta(Q))$$

Note: For a given source \mathbf{S} and known encoder and decoder, $r(Q)$ and $\delta(Q)$ represent probabilistic averages for the rate and distortion

- Achievable rate distortion point** (R, D)

$$\exists Q : r(Q) \leq R \quad \wedge \quad \delta(Q) \leq D \quad (6)$$

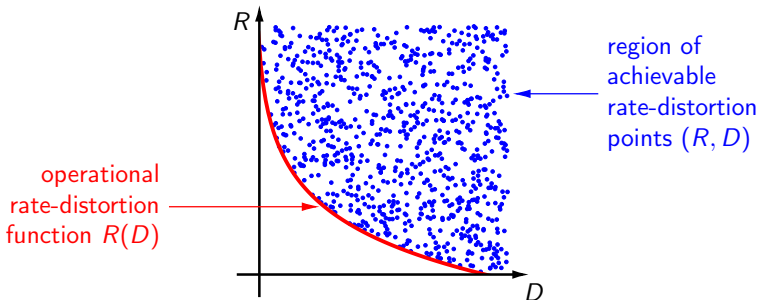
- Operational rate-distortion function** $R(D)$

$$R(D) = \inf_{Q: \delta(Q) \leq D} r(Q) \quad (7)$$

- Inverse: **Operational distortion-rate function** $D(R)$

$$D(R) = \inf_{Q: r(Q) \leq R} \delta(Q) \quad (8)$$

Operational Rate-Distortion Function



Operational rate-distortion function $R(D)$ / distortion-rate function $D(R)$

- Divides R - D space into region of achievable and region of non-achievable rate-distortion points
- Specifies the greatest lower bound for lossy coding
- ➔ **Impossible to evaluate** (minimization over all possible codes)
- ➔ **Information rate-distortion function** (SHANNON, 1948)

Mutual Information for Discrete Random Variables

Definition

- Mutual information between two discrete random variables A and B

$$I(A; B) = H(A) - H(A|B) \quad (9)$$

Interpretation

- $H(A)$: Uncertainty about random variable A
- $H(A|B)$: Uncertainty about random variable A after observing B
- $I(A; B)$: Reduction of uncertainty about A due to the observation of B

Mutual information $I(A; B)$:

Average amount of information that a random variable B carries about another random variable A

Mutual Information for Discrete Random Variables

- Mutual information between two discrete random variables A and B

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(A; B) &= H(A) - H(A|B) \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 p_A(A)\} - \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 p_{A|B}(A|B)\} \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\left\{\log_2 \frac{p_{A|B}(A|B)}{p_A(A)}\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\log_2 \frac{p_{AB}(A, B)}{p_A(A) p_B(B)}\right\} \quad (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_a \sum_b p_{AB}(a, b) \log_2 \frac{p_{AB}(a, b)}{p_A(a) p_B(b)} \quad (11)$$

- Due to symmetry

$$I(A; B) = H(A) - H(A|B) = H(B) - H(B|A) \quad (12)$$

→ Mutual information $I(A; B)$ specifies

- Average amount of information that A carries about B
- Average amount of information that B carries about A

Mutual Information for Discrete Random Vectors

- Mutual information between two discrete random variables A and B

$$I(A; B) = H(A) - H(A|B) \quad (13)$$

$$= H(B) - H(B|A) \quad (14)$$

$$= \sum_a \sum_b p_{AB}(a, b) \log_2 \frac{p_{AB}(a, b)}{p_A(a) p_B(b)} \quad (15)$$

- ➔ Straightforward extension to random vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B}

$$I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) = H(\mathbf{A}) - H(\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{B}) \quad (16)$$

$$= H(\mathbf{B}) - H(\mathbf{B}|\mathbf{A}) \quad (17)$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{a}} \sum_{\mathbf{b}} p_{AB}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \log_2 \frac{p_{AB}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}{p_A(\mathbf{a}) p_B(\mathbf{b})} \quad (18)$$

Note: $H(\cdot)$ and $H(\cdot|\cdot)$ specifies the corresponding block entropy and conditional block entropy

Properties of Mutual Information

- General formulation: Discrete random vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B}

$$I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) = H(\mathbf{A}) - H(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{B}) = H(\mathbf{B}) - H(\mathbf{B} | \mathbf{A}) \quad (19)$$

- Relationship to Kullback-Leibler Divergence

$$I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) = D\left(p_{AB}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \parallel p_A(\mathbf{a}) p_B(\mathbf{b})\right) \quad (20)$$

- Relationship to marginal (block) entropy

$$I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) \leq H(\mathbf{A}) \quad \text{and} \quad I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) \leq H(\mathbf{B}) \quad (21)$$

- Independent random variables / random vectors

$$I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (22)$$

- Deterministic functional relationship $\mathbf{B} = f(\mathbf{A})$

$$\mathbf{B} = f(\mathbf{A}) \implies I(\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B}) = H(\mathbf{B}) \quad (23)$$

Mutual Information for Continuous Random Variables

Mutual information $I(A; B)$

- Discrete random variables A and B

$$\begin{aligned} I(A; B) &= H(A) - H(A|B) \\ &= H(B) - H(B|A) \end{aligned}$$

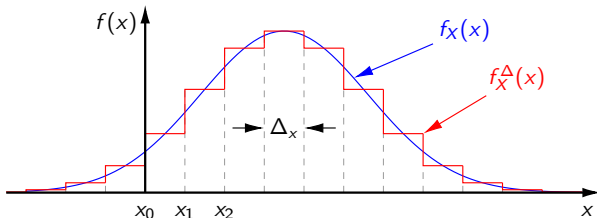
→ Continuous random variables

- Discrete entropy and discrete conditional entropy are not defined
- $H(A)$ and $H(A|\cdot)$ both approach infinity if A is continuous

Define mutual information for continuous random variables

- Via approximation by discrete random variables
- Quantize pdfs with a quantization step size Δ
- Calculate mutual information for resulting discrete random variables
- Consider limit for $\Delta \rightarrow 0$

Discretization of Continuous Random Variables



- Discrete approximation $f_X^\Delta(x)$ of probability density function $f_X(x)$

$$\forall x : x_k \leq x < x_{k+1}, \quad f_X^\Delta(x) = \frac{1}{\Delta_x} \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} f_X(t) dt \quad (24)$$

- Pmf $p_{X_\Delta}(x_k)$ for discrete random variable X_Δ with alphabet $\{x_k\}$

$$p_{X_\Delta}(x_k) = \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} f_X(t) dt = f_X^\Delta(x_k) \cdot \Delta_x \quad (25)$$

- Joint pmf $p_{X_\Delta Y_\Delta}(x_k, y_i)$ for two discrete approximations X_Δ and Y_Δ

$$p_{X_\Delta Y_\Delta}(x_k, y_i) = f_{XY}^\Delta(x_k, y_i) \cdot \Delta_x \cdot \Delta_y \quad (26)$$

Mutual Information for Continuous Random Variables

- Mutual information $I(X_\Delta; Y_\Delta)$ for discrete approximations X_Δ and Y_Δ

$$I(X_\Delta; Y_\Delta) = \sum_{\forall x_k} \sum_{\forall y_i} p_{X_\Delta Y_\Delta}(x_k, y_i) \cdot \log_2 \frac{p_{X_\Delta Y_\Delta}(x_k, y_i)}{p_{X_\Delta}(x_k) p_{Y_\Delta}(y_i)} \quad (27)$$

$$= \sum_{\forall x_k} \sum_{\forall y_i} f_{XY}^\Delta(x_k, y_i) \cdot \log_2 \frac{f_{XY}^\Delta(x_k, y_i)}{f_X^\Delta(x_k) f_Y^\Delta(y_i)} \cdot \Delta_x \cdot \Delta_y \quad (28)$$

- Mutual information $I(X; Y)$ for continuous random variables X and Y

$$I(X; Y) = \lim_{\substack{\Delta_x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta_y \rightarrow 0}} I(X_\Delta; Y_\Delta) \quad (29)$$

→ Mutual information for continuous random variables

$$I(X; Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) \log_2 \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x) f_Y(y)} dx dy \quad (30)$$

Mutual Information for Continuous Case

- Mutual information for continuous random variables X and Y

$$I(X; Y) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \log_2 \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x) f_Y(y)} \right\} \quad (31)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) \log_2 \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x) f_Y(y)} dx dy \quad (32)$$

- Extension to random vectors \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} (with dimensions N and M)

$$I(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \log_2 \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y})} \right\} \quad (33)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^M} f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \log_2 \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y})} d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} \quad (34)$$

Mutual Information for Source Coding

- N original samples: Continuous or discrete random vector \mathbf{S}
- N reconstructed samples: Discrete random vector \mathbf{S}'
- Mutual information

$$I_N(\mathbf{S}; \mathbf{S}') = H_N(\mathbf{S}') - H_N(\mathbf{S}' | \mathbf{S}) \leq H_N(\mathbf{S}')$$

Note: Equality is achieved iff \mathbf{S}' is a deterministic function of \mathbf{S}

- Recall: Fundamental lossless coding theorem

$$r(Q) \geq \bar{H}(\mathbf{S}') = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mathbf{S}')}{N}$$

- **Lower bound for lossless coding using mutual information**

$$\boxed{r(Q) \geq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mathbf{S}')}{N} \geq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_N(\mathbf{S}; \mathbf{S}')}{N}} \quad (35)$$

Distortion and Mutual Information as Expected Values

- Consider given source \mathbf{S} and source code Q
- N -th order distortion and N -th order mutual information

$$\delta_N(Q) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{SS'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') d_N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' \quad (36)$$

$$I_N(Q) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{SS'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') \log_2 \frac{f_{SS'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}')}{f_S(\mathbf{s}) f_{S'}(\mathbf{s}')} d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' \quad (37)$$

$$\text{with } f_{S'}(\mathbf{s}') = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{SS'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}$$

- Joint pdf $f_{SS'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}')$ can be written as

$$f_{SS'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') = f_S(\mathbf{s}) \cdot g_N(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) \quad (38)$$

where

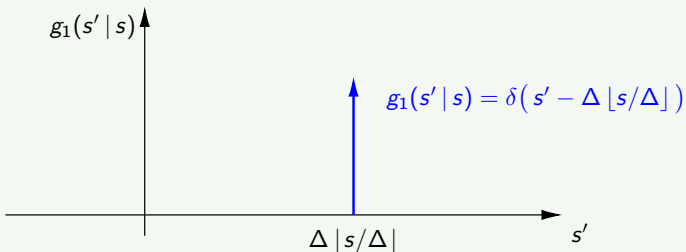
- N -th order pdf $f_S(\mathbf{s})$ specifies the statistical properties of the source \mathbf{S}
- N -th order **conditional pdf** $g_N(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s})$ **specifies the statistical properties of the source code Q for given source \mathbf{S}**

Source Code as Conditional Pdf: Example

Example 1: Simple Scalar Quantization

■ Mapping $s \rightarrow s'$: $s' = \Delta \lfloor s/\Delta \rfloor$ (quantization step size Δ)

→ Conditional pdf $g_1(s' | s)$



■ $N > 1$: Multivariate conditional pdf $g_N(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s})$

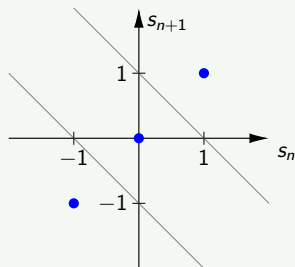
$$g_N(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) = \delta(s'_0 - \Delta \lfloor s_0/\Delta \rfloor) \cdot \delta(s'_1 - \Delta \lfloor s_1/\Delta \rfloor) \cdot \dots$$

Source Code as Conditional Pdf: Example

Example 2: Mapping of two Consecutive Samples

- Mapping $(s_n, s_{n+1}) \rightarrow (s'_n, s'_{n+1})$

$$(s'_n, s'_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} (-1, -1) & : s_n + s_{n+1} < -1 \\ (1, 1) & : s_n + s_{n+1} > 1 \\ (0, 0) & : |s_n + s_{n+1}| \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



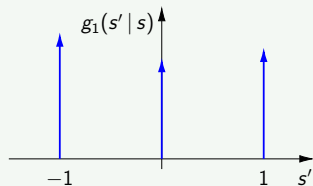
- Conditional pdf $g_2(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s})$

$$g_2(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) = \begin{cases} \delta(\mathbf{s}' + (1, 1)) & : s_0 + s_1 < -1 \\ \delta(\mathbf{s}' - (1, 1)) & : s_0 + s_1 > 1 \\ \delta(\mathbf{s}') & : |s_0 + s_1| \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

- Conditional pdf $g_1(s' | s)$

$$g_1(s' | s) = a \cdot \delta(s' + 1) + b \cdot \delta(s') + c \cdot \delta(s' - 1)$$

$$\text{with } a + b + c = 1$$



Distortion and Mutual Information using Conditional Pdf

- Statistical properties of a source code Q for a given source \mathbf{S} can be described using an N -th order conditional pdf $g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s})$

$$\text{source code } Q: \quad f_{\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}'}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') = f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) \cdot g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) \quad (39)$$

- N -th order distortion for given source \mathbf{S}

$$\delta_N(Q) = \delta_N(g_N^Q) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) d_N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' \quad (40)$$

- N -th order mutual information for given source \mathbf{S}

$$I_N(Q) = I_N(g_N^Q) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) \log_2 \frac{g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s})}{f_{\mathbf{S}'}(\mathbf{s}')} d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' \quad (41)$$

with

$$f_{\mathbf{S}'}(\mathbf{s}') = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s} \quad (42)$$

Information Rate-Distortion Function

- Recall: Operational rate-distortion function

$$R(D) = \inf_{Q: \delta(Q) \leq D} r(Q) \quad (43)$$

- Lower bound for lossless coding using mutual information

$$r(Q) \geq \bar{H}(\mathbf{S}') = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mathbf{S}')}{N} \geq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_N(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S}')}{N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_N(g_N^Q)}{N} \quad (44)$$

- ➔ Lower bound: Infimum over all source codes Q with $g_N^Q(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s})$

$$R(D) \geq \inf_{Q: \delta(Q) \leq D} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_N(g_N^Q)}{N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N^Q: \delta(g_N^Q) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N^Q)}{N} \quad (45)$$

- Conditional pdfs g_N^Q for source codes Q : Subset of all conditional pdfs g_N

- ➔ Lower bound of $R(D)$: **Information rate-distortion function** $R'(D)$

$$R(D) \geq R'(D)$$

with

$$R'(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N} \quad (46)$$

Rate-Distortion Function

Information vs Operational Rate-Distortion Function

1 We showed: $R^I(D)$ is a lower bound for $R(D)$

$$R(D) \geq R^I(D) \quad \text{with} \quad R^I(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N} \quad (47)$$

2 Can be shown: $R^I(D)$ is asymptotically achievable

- For any $D > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a source code Q with

$$\delta(Q) \leq D \quad \text{and} \quad r(Q) \leq R^I(D) + \varepsilon \quad (48)$$

- Proof: COVER, THOMAS, “Elements of Information Theory”

→ **Information rate-distortion function $R^I(D)$ coincides with operational rate-distortion function $R(D)$**

→ Use term **rate-distortion function $R(D)$** for both

Fundamental Source Coding Theorem

Rate-Distortion Function

- **Greatest lower bound for lossy source coding** (source codes Q)

$$\forall Q : \delta(Q) \leq D, \quad r(Q) \geq R(D) \quad (49)$$

with (information) **rate-distortion function** $R(D)$ given by

$$R(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta_N(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N} \quad (50)$$

Distortion-Rate Function

- Distortion-rate function $D(R)$: Inverse of rate-distortion function $R(D)$

$$\forall Q : r(Q) \leq R, \quad \delta(Q) \geq D(R) \quad (51)$$

with (information) **distortion-rate function** $D(R)$ given by

$$D(R) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: I_N(g_N)/N \leq R} \delta_N(g_N) \quad (52)$$

Special Case: Lossless Source Coding Theorem

Lossless Coding of Discrete Source

- Rate-distortion function $R(D)$

$$R(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta_N(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N} \quad (53)$$

- Lossless coding: $\mathbf{S}' = \mathbf{S}$

$$I_N(g_N) = I_N(\mathbf{S}; \mathbf{S}) = H_N(\mathbf{S}) - H_N(\mathbf{S} | \mathbf{S}) = H_N(\mathbf{S}) \quad (54)$$

- ➔ Rate-distortion function for lossless coding ($D = 0$)

$$R(0) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mathbf{S})}{N} = \bar{H}(\mathbf{S}) \quad (55)$$

- ➔ Lossless coding theorem: Special case of fundamental source coding theorem

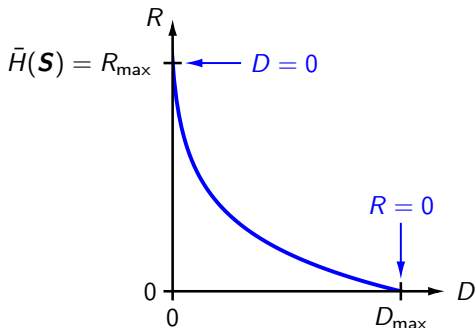
$$\forall Q: \delta(Q) = 0, \quad r(Q) \geq R(0) = \bar{H}(\mathbf{S}) \quad (56)$$

Rate-Distortion Function for Discrete Sources

Properties of $R(D)$

- Domain: $[0, +\infty)$
- Non-increasing function
- Convex function
- Maximum rate (lossless coding)

$$R(0) = R_{\max} = \bar{H}(\mathbf{S})$$



- There exists a maximum value D_{\max} for the distortion D

$$\exists D_{\max} : \quad R(D) = \begin{cases} > 0 & : D < D_{\max} \\ 0 & : D \geq D_{\max} \end{cases} \quad (57)$$

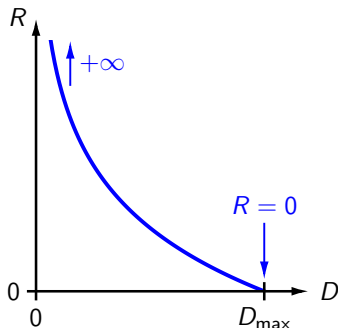
→ MSE distortion measure: $D_{\max} = \sigma^2$

Rate-Distortion Function for Continuous Sources

Properties of $R(D)$

- Domain: $(0, +\infty)$
- Non-increasing function
- Convex function
- Unlimited rate

$$\lim_{D \rightarrow 0} R(D) = +\infty$$



- There exists a maximum value D_{\max} for the distortion D

$$\exists D_{\max} : \quad R(D) = \begin{cases} > 0 & : D < D_{\max} \\ 0 & : D \geq D_{\max} \end{cases} \quad (58)$$

➔ MSE distortion measure: $D_{\max} = \sigma^2$

Additive Distortion Measures & IID Sources

Additive Distortion Measures

- N -th order distortion $\delta_N(g_N)$ for additive distortion measures

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_N(g_N) &= \mathbb{E}\{d_N(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S}')\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} d_1(S_k, S'_k)\right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{d_1(S, S')\} = \delta_1(g_1) \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

IID Sources

- Note: If the source \mathbf{S} is iid, the reconstruction \mathbf{S}' is also iid
- N -th order mutual information

$$\begin{aligned} I_N(g_N) &= \mathbb{E}\left\{\log_2 \frac{f_{SS'}(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S}')}{f_S(\mathbf{S}) f_{S'}(\mathbf{S}')}\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\log_2 \left(\frac{f_{SS'}(S, S')}{f_S(S) f_{S'}(S')}\right)^N\right\} \\ &= N \cdot \mathbb{E}\left\{\log_2 \frac{f_{SS'}(S, S')}{f_S(S) f_{S'}(S')}\right\} = N \cdot I_1(g_1) \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

N-th order Rate-Distortion Functions

IID sources S and additive distortion measure

- Rate-distortion function

$$R(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta_N(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N} = \inf_{g_1: \delta_1(g_1) \leq D} I_1(g_1) \quad (61)$$

N-th order rate-distortion / distortion-rate function

$$R_N(D) = \inf_{g_N: \delta_N(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N} \quad \text{and} \quad D_N(R) = \inf_{g_N: I_N(g_N)/N \leq R} \delta_N(g_N) \quad (62)$$

- Rate-distortion / distortion-rate function

$$R(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N(D) \quad \text{and} \quad D(R) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} D_N(R) \quad (63)$$

- IID sources and additive distortion measure

$$R(D) = R_1(D) \quad \text{and} \quad D(R) = D_1(R) \quad (64)$$

Discussion of Rate-Distortion Functions

Greatest Lower Bound for Lossless Coding

- Operational / information rate-distortion function

$$R(D) = \inf_{Q: \delta(Q) \leq D} r(Q) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta_N(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I_N(g_N)}{N}$$

- Operational RDF: → Obvious definition, but impossible to evaluate
- Information RDF: → Property of source (no need to consider codes)
 - Still impossible to evaluate directly
 - Numerical minimization: Blahut-Arimoto algorithm

How can we proceed?

- Derive lower bound for rate-distortion function
- For some sources and distortion measures:
 - Show that lower bound is achievable

Differential Entropy

Mutual Information

- Mutual information: Continuous random vector \mathbf{X} and random vector \mathbf{Y}

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{Y}) &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \log_2 \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X}) f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{Y})} \right\} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \log_2 \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y})}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X})} \right\} \\
 &= \mathbb{E} \{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X}) \} - \mathbb{E} \{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) \} \\
 &= h(\mathbf{X}) - h(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y})
 \end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

Definition of Differential Entropy

- **Differential entropy** of continuous random vector \mathbf{X}

$$h(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E} \{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X}) \} \tag{66}$$

- **Conditional differential entropy** of continuous random vector \mathbf{X} given \mathbf{Y}

$$h(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbb{E} \{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) \} \tag{67}$$

Differential Entropy

- Differential entropy of a continuous random vector \mathbf{X} (dimension N)

$$\begin{aligned} h(\mathbf{X}) &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X})\} \\ &= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

- Differential entropy of a continuous random vector \mathbf{X} (dimension N) given a random vector \mathbf{Y} (dimension M)

$$\begin{aligned} h(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y})\} \\ &= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^M} f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \log_2 f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{y} \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

Example: Differential Entropy

Uniform IID Source

- Continuous uniform iid source (with zero mean)

$$f(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{A} & : |s| \leq \frac{A}{2} \\ 0 & : |s| > \frac{A}{2} \end{cases} \quad (70)$$

→ Differential entropy:

$$\begin{aligned} h(S) &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) \log_2 f(s) \, ds \\ &= - \int_{-A/2}^{A/2} \frac{1}{A} \log_2 \frac{1}{A} \, ds \\ &= \frac{1}{A} \log_2 A \cdot \int_{-A/2}^{A/2} ds \\ &= \log_2 A \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

→ Note: Differential entropy $h(S)$ can become negative

Mutual Information and Entropy

Summary of Relationships

- Mutual information

$$\text{discrete } X: \quad I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X | Y)$$

$$\text{continuous } X: \quad I(X; Y) = h(X) - h(X | Y)$$

- Discrete and differential entropies

$$H(X) = \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 p_X(X)\} \quad H(X | Y) = \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 p_{X|Y}(X | Y)\}$$

$$h(X) = \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_X(X)\} \quad h(X | Y) = \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{X|Y}(X | Y)\}$$

- Relationship between discrete and differential entropy:

Quantization X_Δ of continuous random variable X (with step size Δ)

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \left(H(X_\Delta) + \log_2 \Delta \right) = h(X)$$

Differential Entropy Rate

N -th Order Differential Entropy

- Differential entropy for N consecutive random variables S_k, \dots, S_{k+N-1}

$$\begin{aligned} h_N(\mathbf{S}) &= h(S_k, S_{k+1}, \dots, S_{k+N-1}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{\mathbf{S}}(S_k, S_{k+1}, \dots, S_{k+N-1})\} \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

Differential Entropy Rate

- Definition (analog to discrete entropy rate)

$$\bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_N(\mathbf{S})}{N} \quad (73)$$

- Special sources (proof: same as for discrete entropy)

$$\text{IID: } \bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) = h(S) \quad (74)$$

$$\text{Markov: } \bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) = h(S_n | S_{n-1}) \quad (75)$$

Differential Entropy Rate for Gaussian IID

- Marginal pdf of Gaussian random processes

$$f_G(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(s-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (76)$$

- ➔ Differential entropy rate for Gaussian IID source

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}^{Giid}(\mathbf{S}) &= h^G(S) = \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_G(S)\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{(S-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \log_2 e \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \mathbb{E}\{(S-\mu)^2\} \log_2 e \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sigma^2 \log_2 e \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (2\pi e\sigma^2) \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

N-th Order Differential Entropy for Stationary Gaussian

- N-th order pdf for stationary Gaussian with covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_N

$$f_G(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N |\mathbf{C}_N|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{s}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{s}-\boldsymbol{\mu})} \quad (78)$$

- ➔ N-th order differential entropy for Gaussian with covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_N

$$\begin{aligned} h_N^G(\mathbf{S}) &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_G(\mathbf{S})\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) + \\ &\quad \frac{\log_2 e}{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}\{ (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \} \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

N-th Order Differential Entropy for Stationary Gaussian

- General stationary process with covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_N

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}\{(\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\} \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (S_i - \mu) (\mathbf{C}_N^{-1})_{i,k} (S_k - \mu) \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \mathbb{E}\{(S_i - \mu)(S_k - \mu)\} (\mathbf{C}_N^{-1})_{i,k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\mathbf{C}_N)_{k,i} (\mathbf{C}_N^{-1})_{i,k} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (\mathbf{C}_N \mathbf{C}_N^{-1})_{k,k} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} 1 \\
 &= N
 \end{aligned} \tag{80}$$

N -th Order Differential Entropy for Stationary Gaussian

- Showed: General stationary process with covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_N

$$\mathbb{E}\{(\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\} = N \quad (81)$$

- Continue: N -th order differential entropy for stationary Gaussian

$$\begin{aligned} h_N^G(\mathbf{S}) &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_G(\mathbf{S})\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) + \\ &\quad \frac{\log_2 e}{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}\{(\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) + \frac{N}{2} \log_2 e \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi e)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

N-th Order Differential Entropy for Stationary Gaussian

- N-th order differential entropy for stationary Gaussian with \mathbf{C}_N

$$\begin{aligned} h_N^G(\mathbf{S}) &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi e)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \log_2 \left(2\pi e \sqrt[N]{|\mathbf{C}_N|} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

- N-th order differential entropy for Gaussian iid with σ^2

$$\begin{aligned} h_N^{Giid}(\mathbf{S}) &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ -\log_2 f_{Giid}(S_0, S_1, \dots, S_{N-1}) \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ -\log_2 (f_G(S_0) \cdot f_G(S_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_G(S_{N-1})) \right\} \\ &= N \cdot \mathbb{E} \left\{ -\log_2 f_G(S) \right\} \\ &= N \cdot h^G(S) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \log_2 \left(2\pi e \sigma^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

→ **Question:** What is the relationship between h_N^G and h_N^{Giid} ?

Determinant and Trace of Autocovariance Matrix

- Determinant of covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_N : Product of eigenvalues

$$|\mathbf{C}_N| = \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \xi_k \quad \implies \quad \sqrt[N]{|\mathbf{C}_N|} = \sqrt[N]{\prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \xi_k} \quad (85)$$

- Trace of covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_N : Sum of eigenvalues

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}_N) = N \cdot \sigma^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \xi_k \quad \implies \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \xi_k \quad (86)$$

- Inequality of arithmetic and geometric means

$$\sqrt[N]{\prod_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k} \leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \quad (87)$$

- ➔ Equality iff $x_0 = x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_{N-1}$
- ➔ Proofs can be found in literature (or Wikipedia)

N-th Order Differential Entropy for Stationary Gaussian

- Consider: Stationary Gaussian processes with given variance σ^2
- Inequality of arithmetic and geometric means for eigenvalues $\{\xi_k\}$ of \mathbf{C}_N

$$\sqrt[N]{\prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \xi_k} \leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \xi_k$$

$$\sqrt[N]{|\mathbf{C}_N|} \leq \sigma^2$$

$$\frac{N}{2} \log_2 \left(2\pi e \sqrt[N]{|\mathbf{C}_N|} \right) \leq \frac{N}{2} \log_2 (2\pi e \sigma^2)$$

$$h_N^G(\mathbf{S}) \leq h_N^{\text{Giid}}(\mathbf{S}) \quad (88)$$

For given variance σ^2

- ➔ Gaussian iid is the Gaussian process with max. N -th order differential entropy
- ➔ Gaussian iid is the Gaussian process with max. differential entropy rate

Kullback-Leibler Divergence

Recall: Discrete Random Variables

- Divergence inequality for pmfs p and q

$$D(p \parallel q) = \sum_{\forall k} p_k \log_2 \left(\frac{p_k}{q_k} \right) \geq 0 \quad (89)$$

with equality if and only if $p = q$ (both pmfs are the same)

Continuous Random Variables

- Divergence inequality for pdfs f and g

$$D(f \parallel g) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) \log_2 \frac{f(s)}{g(s)} ds \geq 0 \quad (90)$$

with equality if and only if $f = g$ (both pdfs are the same)

- Proof is analog to discrete case
- Straightforward extension to random vectors (multi-variate pdfs)

Inequality for Given Covariance Function

- Consider a stationary random processes \mathbf{S} with N -th order pdf $f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s})$ and auto-covariance function

$$\phi(k) = \phi_k = \mathbb{E}\{ (S_n - \mu)(S_{n+k} - \mu) \} \quad (91)$$

→ $\phi(k)$ is the value on the k -th diagonal of auto-covariance matrices \mathbf{C}_N

- Let \mathbf{G} represent a stationary Gaussian process with the N -th order pdf $f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{s})$ and the same auto-covariance function $\phi(k)$ (i.e., same matrices \mathbf{C}_N)
- Consider expected value $\mathbb{E}\{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S}) \}$ taken over $f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S}) \} &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) \log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{s}) \, d\mathbf{s} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) + \frac{\log_2 e}{2} \mathbb{E}\{ (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{S} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi e)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) \end{aligned} \quad (92)$$

→ Same expression as for $h_N^{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathbb{E}\{ -\log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{G}) \}$

Inequality for Given Covariance Function

- N -th order differential entropy for stationary random process \mathbf{S}

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_N(\mathbf{S}) &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{S})\} \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{S}) + \log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S}) - \log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S})\} \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\{-\log_2 f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S})\} - \mathbb{E}\left\{\log_2 \frac{f_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{S})}{f_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S})}\right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi e)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) - D\left(f_{\mathbf{S}} \parallel f_{\mathbf{G}}\right) \tag{93}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Applying the divergence inequality $D(f \parallel g) \geq 0$ (equality iff $f = g$) yields

$$h_N(\mathbf{S}) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left((2\pi e)^N |\mathbf{C}_N| \right) = h_N^{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{S}) \tag{94}$$

- ➔ **Gaussian process has the largest N -th order differential entropy among all stationary random processes with the same covariance function**

Inequalities for Differential Entropy Rate

1 Differential entropy rate for given auto-covariance function $\phi(k)$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_N(\mathbf{S})}{N} \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_N^G(\mathbf{S})}{N} \\ \bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) &\leq \bar{h}^G(\mathbf{S}) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(2\pi e) + \frac{1}{2} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \log_2 \sqrt[N]{|\mathbf{C}_N|}\end{aligned}\quad (95)$$

→ Maximized for Gaussian process

2 Differential entropy rate for given variance $\sigma^2 = \phi(0)$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_N(\mathbf{S})}{N} \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_N^G(\mathbf{S})}{N} \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_N^{Giid}(\mathbf{S})}{N} \\ \bar{h}(\mathbf{S}) &\leq \bar{h}^{Giid}(\mathbf{S}) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(2\pi e \sigma^2)\end{aligned}\quad (96)$$

→ Maximized for Gaussian iid process

Summary

Mutual Information

- Information that a random variable carries about another random variable
- Discrete random variables A : $I(A; B) = H(A) - H(A|B)$
- Continuous random variables A : $I(A; B) = h(A) - h(A|B)$

Fundamental Source Coding Theorem

- Greatest lower bound for lossy coding: Rate-Distortion Function $R(D)$

$$R(D) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{g_N: \delta(g_N) \leq D} \frac{I(g_N)}{N}$$

- $R(D)$ is convex function
- Special case (discrete sources with $D = 0$): Lossless coding theorem

Differential Entropy

- N -th order differential entropy $h_N(\mathbf{S})$ / differential entropy rate $\bar{h}(\mathbf{S})$
- Given $\phi(k)$: $h_N(\mathbf{S})$ and $\bar{h}(\mathbf{S})$ are maximized for Gaussian process
- Given σ^2 : $h_N(\mathbf{S})$ and $\bar{h}(\mathbf{S})$ are maximized for Gaussian iid process