

**Ex 1.1** (Coin flips) A fair coin is flipped until the first head occurs. Let  $X$  denote the number of flips required.

- Find the entropy  $H(X)$  in bits.

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**Ex 1.6** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random variables that take on values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s$ , respectively. Let  $Z = X + Y$ .

- a) Show that  $H(Z|X) = H(Y|X)$ . Argue that if  $X, Y$  are independent, then  $H(Y) \leq H(Z)$  and  $H(X) \leq H(Z)$ . Thus the addition of independent random variables adds uncertainty.
- b) Give an example of (necessarily dependent) random variables in which  $H(Y) \geq H(Z)$  and  $H(X) \geq H(Z)$ .

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$X = \text{number of flips until first head}$

$$P(\text{head}) = p \in (0, 1)$$

$$P(X=1) = p$$

$$P(X=2) = (1-p) \cdot p$$

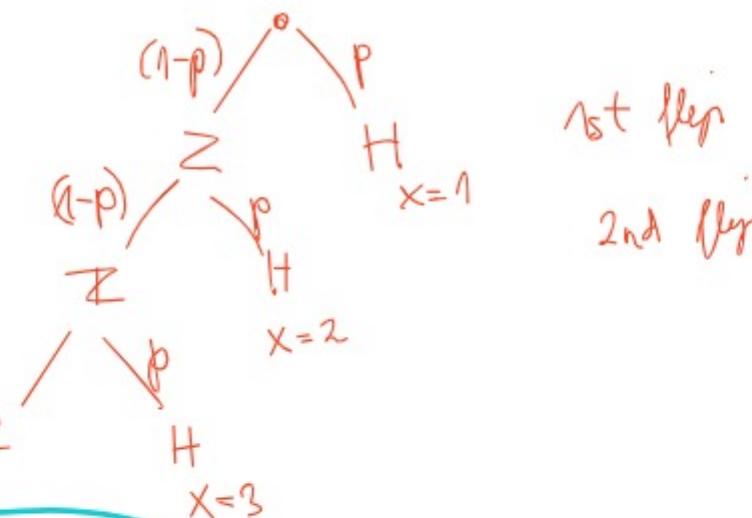
$$P(X=3) = (1-p)^2 \cdot p$$

$$P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$$

$$\in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$$

Geometric distribution



1st flip  
2nd flip

- c) Under what conditions does  $H(Z) = H(X) + H(Y)$ ?

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (a \circ b)^l = b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(X) &= - \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} p_x(k) \cdot \log(p_x(k)) \\
 &= - \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}} (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p \cdot \log((1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p) \\
 &= - p \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}} (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot (\log(p) + (k-1) \cdot \log(1-p)) \\
 &= - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} \cdot \left(\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (k-1) \cdot \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \\
 &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} \cdot (-1 + (k-1) \cdot (-1)) \\
 &= - \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \cdot (-k) \\
 &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} k \cdot (p)^k = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^k\right)}_{k \cdot p^{k-1}} \cdot p \\
 &= p \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}} p^k \right) \\
 &= p \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} p^k - 1 \right) \\
 &= p \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{1}{1-p} - 1 \right) \\
 &= \frac{p}{(1-p)^2} = \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(1-\frac{1}{2})^2} = \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log(a \cdot b) &= \log(a) + \log(b) \\
 \log(a^b) &= b \cdot \log a
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i \in J} c_i a_i = c \cdot \sum_{i \in J} a_i$$

$$\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1 \quad 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k = \frac{1}{1-q}$$

Geometric series

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^{10})' &= 10 \cdot x^9 \\
 (x^{100})' &= 100 \cdot x^{99} \\
 (x^n)' &= n \cdot x^{n-1} \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (p^k) &= k \cdot p^{k-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f' \cdot g - f \cdot g'}{g^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' = \frac{0 \cdot (1-x) - 1 \cdot (-1)}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a \cdot b)' &= a \cdot b' \\
 (-x)' &= -(x)' = - (x^2)' = \\
 &= -1 \cdot x^2 = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nr^n = \frac{r}{(1-r)^2}$$

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$$\text{A.3. } X \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \quad P(X=x_i) = p_i$$

We are looking for  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  such that  $H(X)$  is minimal.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ (p_1, \dots, p_n) \mid \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1 \right\} \\ & = \{(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

example:  
 $P(X=x_i) = p_i = 1 \quad P(X=x_i) = p_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$H(X) = -p_1 \cdot \log(p_1) = -1 \cdot \underbrace{\log(1)}_0 = 0$$

$$H(X) = -p_1 \cdot \log(p_1) - \sum_{i=2}^n p_i \cdot \underbrace{\log(p_i)}_{\substack{>0 \\ \rightarrow \infty}} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \downarrow 0} x \cdot \log(x) = 0$$

$$10^{-10} \cdot \log(10^{-10}) \approx$$

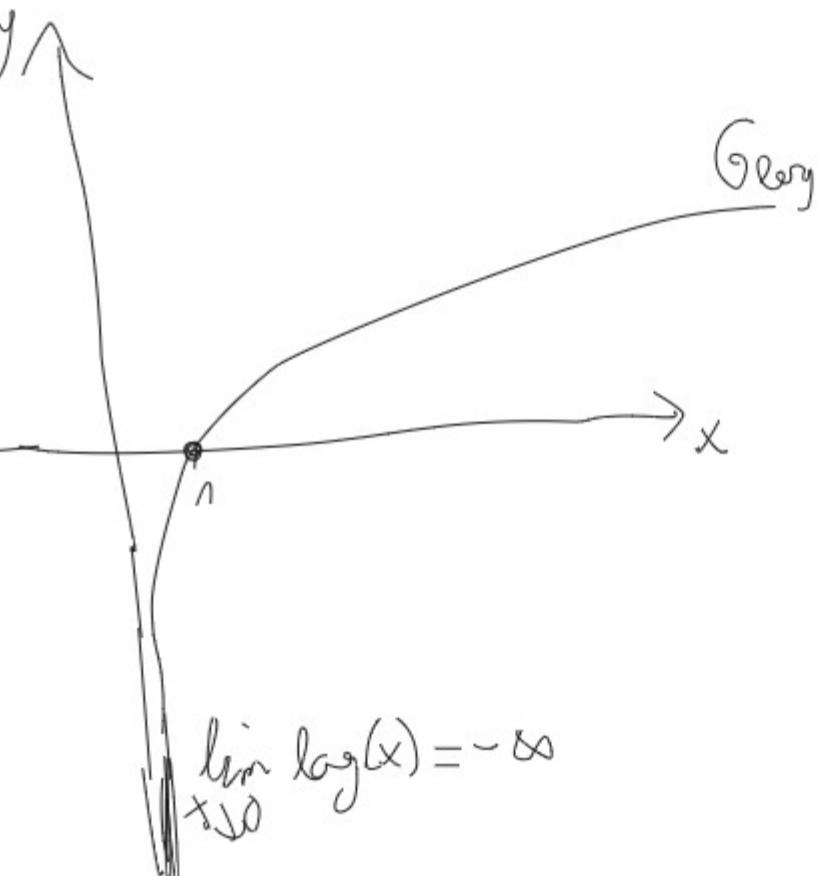
L'Hopital

$$(\log x)' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \downarrow 0} x \cdot \log(x) =$$

$$= \lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{\log(x)}{\frac{1}{x}} =$$

$$\lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{(\log x)'}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)'} =$$



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L'Hôpital's rule states that for functions  $f$  and  $g$  which are differentiable on an open interval  $I$  except possibly at a point  $c$  contained in  $I$ , if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$  or  $\pm \infty$ , and

$g'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$  with  $x \neq c$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  exists, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

The differentiation of the numerator and denominator often simplifies the quotient or converts it to a limit that can be evaluated directly.

$$\lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{x \cdot \log(x)}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \log(x)}{\cancel{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{(-1) \cdot x}{(-1) \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \downarrow 0} (-1) \cdot x = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)' = \left(x^{-1}\right)' = (-1) \cdot x^{-2} = (-1) \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 2^{-1}$$

$$\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1$$

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a)

$$H(Y) = H(2 \cdot X) \stackrel{?}{=} H(X)$$

$\frac{2 \cdot H(X)}{H(X)}$

Proof

to prove

$$Y = \{y \mid P(Y=y) > 0\} = \{x \mid P(X=x) > 0\} = 2 \cdot X$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y) &= \sum_{y \in Y} P(Y=y) \cdot \log(P(Y=y)) \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{x \in X} P(x \cdot X=x) \cdot \log(P(2 \cdot X=x)) \\ &= H(X) \end{aligned}$$

$$S_x = 10 \quad | :5 \\ x = 2$$

Example:  $P(X=1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(X=-1) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $H(X) > 0$

$$H(X^2) = H(1) = 0$$

$$H(X^2) \neq H(X)$$

$$H(2 \cdot X) = H(X)$$

Which property must  $f$  have such that

$$H(f(X)) = H(X)^2$$

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