

**Definition 2.28** The informational divergence between two probability distributions  $p$  and  $q$  on a common alphabet  $\mathcal{X}$  is defined as

$$D(p \parallel q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = E_p \log \frac{p(X)}{q(X)},$$

where  $E_p$  denotes expectation with respect to  $p$ .