

1. Consider X with distribution p such that

$$p(0) = 0.5, \quad p(1) = 0.25, \quad p(2) = 0.25.$$

2. Consider a sequence \mathbf{x} of length n and let

$q(x) = n^{-1}N(x; \mathbf{x})$ be the relative frequency of occurrence of symbol x in \mathbf{x} , $x = 0, 1, 2$.

3. In order for the sequence \mathbf{x} to be weakly typical, we need the empirical entropy to be close to $H(X)$:

$$-\frac{1}{n} \log p(\mathbf{x}) \quad (\text{empirical entropy})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \log \prod_{k=1}^n p(x_k)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \log p(x_k)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} [N(0; \mathbf{x}) \log p(0) + N(1; \mathbf{x}) \log p(1) + N(2; \mathbf{x}) \log p(2)]$$

$$= -\frac{N(0; \mathbf{x})}{n} \log p(0) - \frac{N(1; \mathbf{x})}{n} \log p(1) - \frac{N(2; \mathbf{x})}{n} \log p(2)$$

$$= -q(0) \log 0.5 - q(1) \log 0.25 - q(2) \log 0.25 \quad (1)$$

$$\approx H(X)$$

$$= -p(0) \log 0.5 - p(1) \log 0.25 - p(2) \log 0.25$$

$$= -(0.5) \log 0.5 - (0.25) \log 0.25 - (0.25) \log 0.25. \quad (2)$$

This can be satisfied by choosing $q(i) = p(i)$ for all i .

4. Alternatively, we can choose

$$q(0) = 0.5, \quad q(1) = 0.5, \quad q(2) = 0.$$

5. With such a choice of $\{q(i)\}$, the sequence \mathbf{x} is weakly typical with respect to p because (1) and (2) are evaluated to the same value which implies

$$\text{empirical entropy} \approx H(X),$$

but obviously not strongly typical with respect to p , because

$$p \not\approx q.$$