

Conditional Entropy

- The conditional entropy of a random variable Y given another X , expresses how much extra information one still needs to supply on average to communicate Y given that the other party knows X

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y | X) &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} p(x) H(Y | X = x) \\ &= - \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} p(x) \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} p(y | x) \log p(y | x) \\ &= - \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} p(x, y) \log p(y | x) = - E(\log p(Y | X)) \end{aligned}$$

- $H(\text{Topic} | \text{“computer”})$ vs. $H(\text{Topic} | \text{“the”})$?