

Deep Learning

07 Cross-Entropy Loss

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- ④ Loss function should compare \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q}

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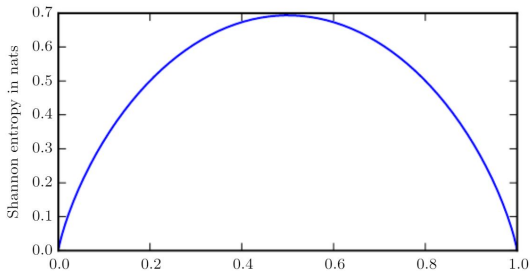
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- ④ Skewed distribution has less entropy, uniform/balanced distribution has more entropy

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Entropy for a binary random variable

Figure credits [Goodfellow et al. 2016](#)

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