# Capacity of Continuous Channels with Memory via Directed Information Neural Estimator

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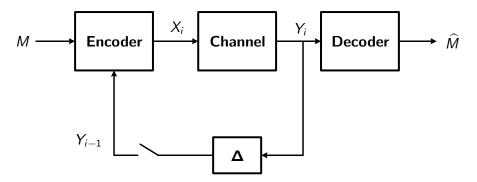
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Capacity via DINE

### Communication Channel



- Continuous alphabet
- Time invariant channel with memory
- channel is unknown



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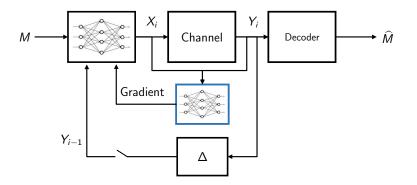
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• DI is a unifying measure for feed-forward (FF) and feedback (FB) capacity

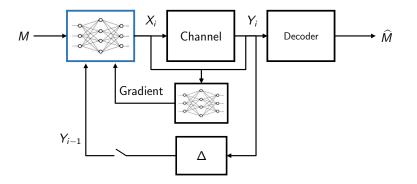
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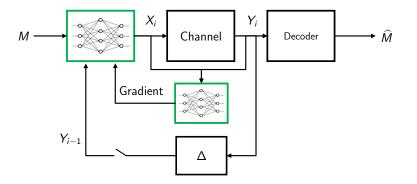
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Theorem (Donsker-Varadhan Representation)

The KL-divergence between the probability measures P and Q, can be represented by

$$D_{\mathsf{KL}}(P \| Q) = \sup_{\mathsf{T}: \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}_{P} \left[\mathsf{T}\right] - \log \mathbb{E}_{Q} \left[e^{\mathsf{T}}\right]$$

where, T is measurable and expectations are finite.

• For mutual information:

$$I\left(X;Y\right) = \sup_{\mathsf{T}:\Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}_{P_{XY}}\left[\mathsf{T}\right] - \log \mathbb{E}_{P_{X}P_{Y}}\left[e^{\mathsf{T}}\right]$$

# MINE (Y. Bengio Keynoe ISIT '19)

# Mutual Information Neural Estimator:

Given  $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ 

Approximation

$$\hat{I}(X;Y) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E}_{P_{XY}} \left[ \mathsf{T}_{\theta} \right] - \log \mathbb{E}_{P_{X}P_{Y}} \left[ e^{\mathsf{T}_{\theta}} \right]$$

Estimation

$$\hat{I}_n(X,Y) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_{\theta}(x_i, y_i) - \log \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{T_{\theta}(x_i, \widetilde{y}_i)}$$

#### Estimator Derivation

• DI as entropies difference

$$I(X^n \to Y^n) = h(Y^n) - h(Y^n || X^n)$$

where  $h(Y^{n}||X^{n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(Y_{i}|X^{i}, Y^{i-1})$ 

• Using an reference measure:

$$I(X^{n} \to Y^{n}) = I(X^{n-1} \to Y^{n-1}) + \underbrace{\underbrace{D_{\mathsf{KL}}(P_{Y^{n}||X^{n}} \| P_{Y^{n-1}||X^{n-1}} \otimes P_{\widetilde{Y}} | P_{X^{n}})}_{D_{Y||X}^{(n)}} - \underbrace{\underbrace{D_{\mathsf{KL}}(P_{Y^{n}} \| P_{Y^{n-1}} \otimes P_{\widetilde{Y}})}_{D_{Y}^{(n)}}$$

 $P_{\tilde{Y}}$  is some uniform i.i.d reference measure of the dataset.

#### • DI Rate as a difference of KL-divergences:

$$I(X^n \to Y^n) = I(X^{n-1} \to Y^{n-1}) + \underbrace{D_{Y||X}^{(n)} - D_Y^{(n)}}_{Y||X}$$

increment in info. in step n

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• The goal: Estimate  $D_{Y\parallel X}^{(n)}, D_Y^{(n)}$ 

• Apply DV formula on  $D_{Y||X}^{(n)}, D_{Y}^{(n)}$ :

$$\widehat{D}_{Y}^{(n)} = \sup_{T:\Omega \to \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}_{P_{Y^{n}}} \left[ \mathsf{T}(Y^{n}) \right] - \mathbb{E}_{P_{Y^{n-1}} \otimes P_{\tilde{Y}}} \left[ \exp \left\{ \mathsf{T}(Y^{n-1}, \tilde{Y}) \right\} \right]$$

where the optimal solution is  $\mathsf{T}^* = \log \frac{P_{Y_n|Y^{n-1}}}{P_{\hat{Y}}}$ 

Approximate T with a recurrent neural network (RNN)

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Finally,  $\widehat{l}^{(n)}(\mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}) = \widehat{D}_{XY}^{(n)} - \widehat{D}_{Y}^{(n)}$ 

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#### Sketch of proof:

- Represent the solution T\* by a dynamic system.
- Universal approximation of dynamical system with RNNs.
- Estimation of expectations with empirical means.

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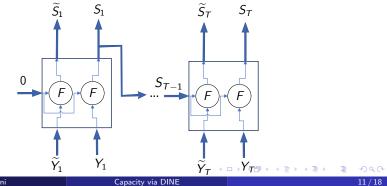
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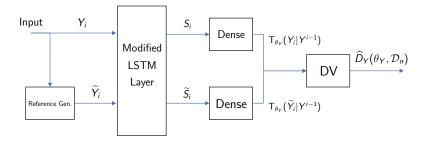
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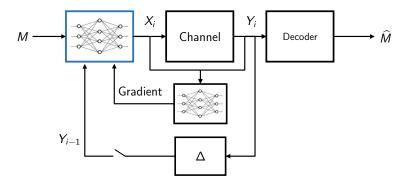
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• Complete system layout for the calculation of  $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{Y}^{(n)}$ 





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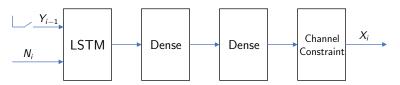
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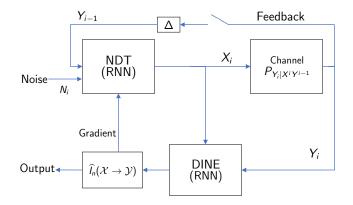
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### Capacity Estimation

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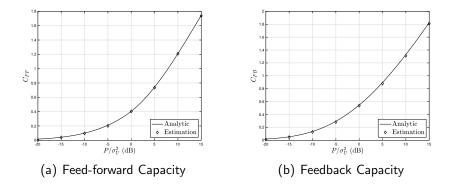
• Channel - MA(1) additive Gaussian noise (AGN):

$$Z_i = \alpha U_{i-1} + U_i$$
$$Y_i = X_i + Z_i$$

where,  $U_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $X_i$  is the channel input sequence bound to the power constraint  $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] \leq P$ , and  $Y_i$  is the channel output.

# MA(1) AGN Results

#### Estimation performance



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