

A Proof

As well we know, the the mutual information (MI) of X and Y is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} I(X; Y) &= H(X) - H(X | Y) \\ &= H(Y) - H(Y | X) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $H(\cdot)$ denotes the entropy.

Obviously, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} H(l | c, \{r_k\}_{k=1}^N) &= H(l | c, r_i, \{r_k\}_{k=1}^N \setminus r_i) \\ &\leq H(l | c, r_i). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Then, we can compare the MI of using the feasible latent reference information and not as follows

$$\begin{aligned} I(l; c, \{r_k\}_{k=1}^N) &= H(l) - H(l | c, \{r_k\}_{k=1}^N) \\ &\geq H(l) - H(l | c, r_i) \\ &= I(l; c, r_i). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where we can observe the MI is enhanced.