

# Matrix Entropy-Power Inequality via Normal Transport

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## The Entropy-Power Inequality (EPI)

The following result is derived in Appendix 6.

Theorem 15: Let the average power of two ensembles be  $N_1$ 

and  $N_2$  and let their entropy powers be  $\overline{N}_1$  and  $\overline{N}_2$ . Then the entropy power of the sum,  $\overline{N}_3$ , is bounded by

 $\overline{N}_1 + \overline{N}_2 \le \overline{N}_3 \le N_1 + N_2.$ 

White Gaussian noise has the peculiar property that it can absorb any other noise or signal ensemble which may be added to it with a resultant entropy power approximately equal to the sum of the white noise power and the signal power (measured from the average signal value, which is normally zero), provided the signal power is small, in a certain sense, compared to the noise.



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Corollary (Monotonic Increasing Transport  $T = F^{-1} \circ G$ )

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$$U = G(X^*) \sim \text{uniform}; \quad T(X^*) = F^{-1}(G(X^*)) = F^{-1}(U) \sim F.$$

## A Simple Change of Variables: Entropy

Lemma (Change of variable [Shannon'48])

For any continuous  $X, X^*$ , monotonic increasing transport  $T(X^*) \sim X$ ,

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