

4. For each  $J \subseteq \cup_i Q_i$ , let  $J_i = J \cap Q_i$ . Then

$$J = \bigcup_{i=1}^m J_i.$$

5. Since  $X_{Q_1}, X_{Q_2}, \dots, X_{Q_m}$  are mutually independent conditioning on  $X_T$ , so are  $X_{J_1}, X_{J_2}, \dots, X_{J_m}$ .

6. Following (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A) &= \sum_{J \subseteq \cup_i Q_i} (-1)^{|J|+1} \sum_{i=1}^m H(X_{J_i} | X_T) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{J_i \subseteq Q_i} \alpha(J_i) H(X_{J_i} | X_T), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha(J_i)$  is the coefficient of  $H(X_{J_i} | X_T)$  in the summation.

7. By simple counting, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(J_i) &= \sum_{L \subseteq \cup_{j \neq i} Q_j} (-1)^{|J_i|+|L|+1} \\ &= (-1)^{|J_i|+1} \sum_{L \subseteq \cup_{j \neq i} Q_j} (-1)^{|L|} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

because

$$\sum_{L \subseteq \cup_{j \neq i} Q_j} (-1)^{|L|} = 0$$

by the binomial formula. Hence  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ .

8. Now consider a general atom in  $Im(K)$ :

$$A = \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^k \bigcap_{j \in W_i} \tilde{X}_j \right) - \tilde{X}_{T \cup (\cup_{i=1}^k (Q_i - W_i))}$$

where  $W_i \subseteq Q_i$  and there exist at least two  $i$  such that  $W_i \neq \emptyset$ .

9. By Theorem 12.5,  $X_{W_1}, X_{W_2}, \dots, X_{W_m}$  are mutually independent conditioning on  $X_T$ ,  $X_{Q_1 - W_1}, X_{Q_2 - W_2}, \dots, X_{Q_m - W_m}$ , i.e., the FCMI

$$(T \cup (\cup_{i=1}^k (Q_i - W_i)), W_1, W_2, \dots, W_m)$$

holds. Then repeat the above argument to see that  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ .