

ENTROPY OF
DISCRETE FUZZY MEASURES

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Suppose we have n states of nature.

How can we define the uncertainty related to these states ?

Classical view :

probability distribution :

$$p(i) \geq 0, i \in \{1, \dots, n\} = N$$

$$\sum_i p(i) = 1$$

Fuzzy measure (set function)

$$v(S), S \subset N$$

$$v(\emptyset) = 0, v(N) = 1$$

$$S \subset T \Rightarrow v(S) \leq v(T)$$

Particular fuzzy measures

- additive (probabilistic)

$$v(S \cup T) = v(S) + v(T) \text{ when } S \cap T = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists p(i) \text{ such that } v(S) = \sum_{i \in S} p(i)$$

- cardinality-based

$$|S| = |T| \Rightarrow v(S) = v(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists : 0 = c_0 \leq c_1 \leq \dots \leq c_n = 1 \text{ with } v(S) = c_{|S|}.$$

- binary

$$v(S) \in \{0, 1\}$$

- Dirac

$$v(S) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } S \in i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To summarize $v(S)$ in terms of a probabilistic measure, one can define the power indices called

Shapley values $Sh(i)$

$$Sh(i) = \sum_{T \subset n \setminus i} \gamma_t \delta_i v(T \cup i), \quad t = |T|$$

$\delta_i v(T \cup i) = v(T \cup i) - v(T)$: contribution of i when joining the coalition T

$$\gamma_t = \frac{(n-t-1)!t!}{n!}, \text{ Shapley coefficients}$$

The real power of i , $Sh(i)$ is such that

$$\sum_{i \in N} Sh(i) = 1$$

$v(S)$	$Sh(i)$
additive	$p(i)$
cardinality-based	$\frac{1}{n}$
Dirac	$\exists i : Sh(i) = 1$
	$\forall j \neq i : Sh(j) = 0$

Classical measure of uncertainty : Shannon entropy

probabilistic measure : $\{p(i)\}_{i \in N}$

Shannon entropy : $H(p)$

$$H(p) = - \sum_i p(i) \ln p(i) = \sum_i h(p(i))$$

with $h(x) = -x \ln x$

$$H(p) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ iff } p \text{ is deterministic} & \frac{1}{k} \\ \ln n \text{ iff } p \text{ is uniform} & \frac{1}{n} \quad \frac{1}{n} \quad \frac{1}{n} \\ & 1 \quad k \quad n \end{cases}$$

$$0 \leq H(p) \leq \ln n$$

Extension to v : $H(v)$

Such that if v is probabilistic

$H(v)$ corresponds to the Shannon entropy

First proposal :

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_u(v) &= H(Sh), \quad \text{Yager (1999)} \\
 &= - \sum_i Sh(i) \ln Sh(i) \\
 &= \sum_i h[Sh(i)] \quad (h(x) = -x \ln x) \\
 &= \sum_i h \left[\sum_{T \subset N \setminus i} \gamma_t \delta_i v(T \cup i) \right] \\
 &0 \leq H_u(v) \leq \ln n
 \end{aligned}$$

We have the Jensen inequality

$$h \left(\sum_k \lambda_k t_k \right) \geq \sum_k \lambda_k h(t_k)$$

if h is strictly concave and $\sum_k \lambda_k = 1$.

\Rightarrow

$$\sum_i h \left[\sum_{T \subset N \setminus i} \gamma_t \delta_i v(T \cup i) \right] \geq \sum_i \sum_{T \subset N \setminus i} \gamma_t h[\delta_i v(T \cup i)]$$

$$\uparrow \\ H_u(v)$$

$$\uparrow \\ H_\ell(v)$$

second
proposal

$$H_\ell(v) = - \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{T \subset N \setminus i} \gamma_t \delta_i v(T \cup i) \ln \delta_i v(T \cup i)$$

$$0 \leq H_\ell(v) \leq \ln n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_\ell(v) & \leq & H_u(v) \\ \text{lower entropy} & & \text{upper entropy (Yager 99)} \end{array}$$

$H_\ell(v) = H_u(v)$ iff v is additive (probabilistic)

non-additivity $\Rightarrow H_\ell(v) < H_u(v)$

What to choose between H_ℓ and H_u ?

Depends on limit characterizations.

We remember that

$$H(p) = 0 \quad \text{iff } p \text{ is deterministic}$$

$$H(p) = \ln n \quad \text{iff } p \text{ is uniform.}$$

Let us extend these definitions

$$H(v) = 0 \quad \text{iff} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v \text{ is a binary fuzzy measure} \\ \uparrow \\ v \text{ is a Dirac fuzzy measure} \end{array} \right.$$

$$H(v) = \ln n \quad \text{iff} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v(S) = \frac{|S|}{n} \\ \Downarrow \\ v \text{ is cardinality-based} \\ \Downarrow \\ Sh(i) = \frac{1}{n} (*) \end{array} \right.$$

(*) does not characterize the v 's !

v 's such that

$$Sh(i) = \frac{1}{n}$$

have been characterized by Marichal (1998)

$$v(S) = \frac{|S|}{n} + \sum_{\substack{T \subset N \\ |T| \geq 2}} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{|T \cap S|} \binom{|T \cap S|}{j} B_{|T|-j} \right] c(T)$$

where $c(T)$ are reals satisfying constraints

$$\frac{1}{n} + \sum_{\substack{T \ni i \\ |T| \geq 2}} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{|T \cap S|} \binom{|T \cap S|}{j} B_{|T|-j-1} \right] c(T) \geq 0$$

$\{B_n\}_{n \in N_0}$ are the Bernoulli numbers :

$$B_0 = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k} B_k = 0, \quad n \in N_0$$

Cardinality-based fuzzy measure

$$\begin{aligned} H_\ell(v) = \ln n & \Leftrightarrow v(S) = \frac{|S|}{n} \\ (\Rightarrow H_u(v) = \ln n) & \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} H_\ell(v) : \text{Shannon} & \Leftarrow v : \text{card. based fuzzy} \\ \text{with} & \text{measure} \\ w_{n-i} = c_{i+1} - c_i & (v(S) = c_{|S|}) \\ \text{and } (H_u(v) = \ln n) & \downarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$H_u(v) = \ln n \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad Sh(i) = \frac{1}{n}$$

About Choquet integrals

$$\begin{aligned} & C(x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad x_{(1)} \leq x_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq x_{(n)} \\ &= \sum_i x_{(i)} [v((i), \dots, (n)) - v((i+1), \dots, (n))] \\ &= \sum_i x_{(i)} \delta_i v((i), \dots, (n)) \end{aligned}$$

OWA operator is a particular Choquet integral where

$v(S) = c_{|S|}$, cardinality-based fuzzy measure

Let $w_{n-i} = c_{i+1} - c_i$

$$OWA(x_1, \dots, x_n) = w_1 x_{(1)} + \dots + w_n x_{(n)}$$

$$\begin{cases} H_\ell(w) = H(w) = - \sum_i w_i \ln w_i \text{ (Shannon)} \\ H_u(w) = \ln n \end{cases}$$

H_ℓ : degree to which the aggregator uses the arguments.

$$C(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v \text{ is binary} \Leftrightarrow H_\ell(v) = 0$$

Operators	H_ℓ	H_u (Yager 99)	
x_k	0	0	
$\frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i$	$\ln n$	$\ln n$	} add. measure
$\sum_i w_i x_i$	$-\sum_i w_i \ln w_i$	$-\sum_i w_i \ln w_i$	
$x_{(k)}$	0	$\ln n$	
$\min_i x_i$	0	$\ln n$	} card. based
$\max_i x_i$	0	$\ln n$	
$\sum_i w_i x_{(i)}$	$-\underbrace{\sum_i w_i \ln w_i}_{\text{as proposed by Yager in 1988}}$	$\ln n$	

Properties common to H_ℓ and H_u

Symmetry

$$H_\ell(\pi v) = H_\ell(v) \quad , \quad H_u(\pi v) = H_u(v)$$

π is a permutation of $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Expansibility

For Shannon,

$$H(p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}, 0) = H(p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}).$$

Let us consider a null element for $v : \{i\}$

$$v(T \cup i) = v(T) \text{ for all } T \subset N \setminus \{i\}$$

v_{-i} : restriction of v to $N \setminus \{i\}$.

We have

$$H_\ell(v) = H_\ell(v_{-i}) \quad , \quad H_u(v) = H_u(v_{-i})$$

Ordinal fuzzy measures and entropy

Suppose v is defined on an ordinal scale L

$$L : \{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_m\}$$

$$H_L(v) = \ell_{|R|-1}, \quad R : \{v(S) \mid S \subset N\}$$

H_L is a measure of diversity of the coefficients of the fuzzy measure (extension of the ordinal entropy defined by Yager, 1999).

Properties

Symmetry : $H_L(v) = H_L(\pi v)$

Expansibility : $H_L(v) = H_L(v_{-i})$ if $\{i\}$ is a null element of v

$$\ell_1 \leq H_L(v) \leq \ell_K \quad k = \min(2^n, m) - 1$$

$H_L(v) = \ell_1$ (min. index on the L scale)

iff $v(S) \in \{\ell_1, \ell_m\}$

$H_L(v) = \ell_m$ (max. index on the L scale)

iff $R = \{v(S), | S \subset N\} = L$

(If $m \geq 2^n$, all v 's are distinct).

If one consider the Sugeno integral :

$$S(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n [x_{(i)} \wedge v(A_{(i)})]$$

$$A_i := \{(i), \dots, (n)\}$$

$v(S) \in \{\ell_1, \ell_m\} \Leftrightarrow S(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

$H(v)$ is useful in MCDM

Consider the following MC problem :

	M	φ	L
a	18	16	10
b	10	12	18
c	14	15	15

- Students good in M and L should be favoured or φ and L
- M and φ give the same information about the profile of a student
- M and φ are more important than L
 $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} p(M) = p(\varphi) > p(L) \\ c > a > b \end{cases}$

If weighted mean is used :

$$W(x) = x(M)p(M) + x(\varphi)p(\varphi) + x(L)p(L)$$

We end with a contradiction

$$c > a \text{ and } (p(M) = p(\varphi))$$

$$\Rightarrow (14 + 15)p(M) + 15p(L) > (18 + 16)p(M) + 10p(L)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(L) > p(M) !!!$$

Use of Choquet integral can help

If

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} v(M, \varphi) = .5 < v(M) + v(\varphi) = .9 & : \text{redundancy} \\ v(M, L) = v(\varphi, L) = .9 > v(M) + v(L) = .75 & : \text{synergy} \\ v(M) = v(\varphi) = .45 \\ v(L) = .3 \end{array} \right.$$

	M	φ	L	Choquet	Weighted mean
a	18	16	10	13.9	15.25
b	10	12	18	13.6	12.75
c	14	15	15	14.6	14.625

$$\underline{c > a > b}$$

$$\underline{a > c > b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(with } p(M) = p(\varphi) = 3/8, \\ & \quad p(L) = 2/8) \end{aligned}$$

However :

$$\frac{v(M)}{v(L)} = \frac{p(M)}{p(L)} = \frac{3}{2} \quad !$$

$H_\ell(v) = .82$ v rather well distributed over the total capacity.

H_ℓ can be used as a (non-linear) objective to determine the v 's.

v 's ?

$$\max H_\ell(v)$$

under given constraints

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v(M, \varphi) > v(M) + v(\varphi) \\ v(M, L) < v(M) + v(L) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

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