

ON 'USEFUL' R-NORM RELATIVE INFORMATION
AND J-DIVERGENCE MEASURES

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Abstract: In this paper some new generalized R-Norm measures of useful relative information have been defined and their particular cases have been studied. From these measures new useful R-Norm information measures have also been derived. We have obtained J-divergence corresponding to each measure of useful relative R-norm information. in the end, an equality satisfied by useful J-divergence of type β has been proved.

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1. Introduction

Let $P = \{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n), 0 \leq p_i \leq 1\}$, $Q = \{(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n), 0 \leq q_i \leq 1\}$ be two posterior and priori distributions of a random variable having utility distribution

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$U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$, where $u_i > 0$ is the importance or usefulness of an event E_i . A measure of directed divergence $D(P : Q; U)$ of $(P; U)$ to $(Q; U)$ has to satisfy the following conditions:

(i) $D(P : Q; U) \geq 0$;

(ii) $D(P : Q; U) = 0$ iff $p_i = q_i$ for each i .

(iii) $D(P : Q; U)$ is a convex or pseudo-convex function of p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n as well as q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n .

Bhaker and Hooda[1] defined and characterized 'useful' directed divergence measure given as below.

$$D(P : Q; U) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log(p_i/q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \quad (1)$$

This measure satisfies all three conditions (i) - (iii) provided $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$ we do come across some practical problem where we are to minimize $D(P : Q; U)$ with constraints $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$ e.g. A manufacturer makes n different types of articles in proportions q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n having profit of u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n respectively.

On the basis of availability of labour and raw material he plans to change the proportions of articles to p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n ; however, close to q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n such that the average profit may not decrease i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$

To obtain p_i 's we minimize

$$D(P : Q; U) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log(p_i/q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$$

subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$$

It may be noted that $D(P : Q; U)$ is not a metric as it does not satisfy symmetric and triangle inequality. However $D(P : Q; U)$ satisfy convexity property (iii) which we need to minimize $D(P : Q; U)$ as a function of P or Q subject to $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 1$.

2. Some Requisite Results

(a) For all probability distribution P and Q having attached with Utility distribution U,

$$\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \geq 1$$

according to $R \geq 1$ provided $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$

Proof. By Holder’s inequality, for $R > 1$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R} \geq \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (u_i^R p_i^R)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right]^R \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (u_i^{1-R} q_i^{1-R})^{\frac{1}{1-R}} \right]^{1-R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R} \geq \left[\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \right]^R \left[\sum_{i=1}^n u_i q_i \right]^{1-R} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i,$$

since $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \geq 1$$

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For $R = 1$, $\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} = 1$ for all probability distributions.

Also if $R \neq 1$ and $p_i = q_i$ for each i , i.e. $P = Q$, we have

$$\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} = 1$$

and in other cases $\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \neq 1$.

(b) $\frac{R}{1-R} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}}$ is a convex function of P and Q.

Proof. We prove this in the following steps:

Step 1. Let $S = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$ if we differentiate S partially w.r.t. p_i taking all q_i and u_i fixed, then $\sum_{i=1}^n u_i q_i$ is fixed and thus $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$ is constant. Hence we can write

$$S = C \sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}, \text{ where } \frac{1}{C} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial S}{\partial p_i} = CR u_i p_i^{R-1} q_i^{1-R} \tag{2}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial p_i^2} = R(R-1)C u_i p_i^{R-2} q_i^{1-R}. \tag{3}$$

For $R > 1$, (3) is positive therefore $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$ is a convex function of P .

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For $0 < R < 1$, (3) is negative therefore $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$ is a concave function of P and hence $\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{R}}$ is convex function of P .

Similarly, we can prove that $\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{R}}$ is concave function of Q for $R > 1$ and is convex function of Q for $0 < R < 1$.

Step 2. Since $\frac{R}{1-R} < 0$ for $R > 1$ and > 0 for $R < 1$, therefore,

$$\frac{R}{1-R} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{R}}$$

is a convex function of P and Q for all $R > 0$ provided $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i u_i$.

3. A Generalized Measure of ‘Useful’ R-Norm Relative Information

We consider the function

$$D_R(P : Q; U) = \frac{R}{1-R} \left[\phi(1) - \phi \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right]$$

where $\phi(x)$ is a monotonic increasing convex function of x , then

$$R > 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \phi \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \geq \phi(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow D_R(P : Q; U) \geq 0 \\ 0 < R < 1 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \phi \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \leq \phi(1) \\ &\Rightarrow D_R(P : Q; U) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

As $R \rightarrow 1$, $D_R(P : Q; U) \rightarrow \phi'(1) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log(\frac{p_i}{q_i})}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$.

Also for $p_i = q_i$ for each i , $D_R(P : Q; U) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{R}{1-R} \left[\phi(1) - \phi \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right] = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \phi \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right) = \phi(1) \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow either $R = 1$ or $p_i = q_i$ for each i .

Since an increasing convex function of a convex function is a convex function and $\phi(x)$ is a monotonic increasing convex function and $R > 1$ therefore, $D_R(P : Q; U)$ is a convex function of P and Q .

Similarly, if $\phi(x)$ is a concave function and $0 < R < 1$, then by the facts that an increasing concave function of a concave function is a concave and the negative of a concave function is a convex function, $D_R(P : Q; U)$ is a convex function of P and Q . Thus we can use $D_R(P : Q; U)$ as a measure of useful relative information if $R > 1$ and $\phi(x)$ is any monotonic increasing twice differentiable convex function of x and if $0 < R < 1$ and $\phi(x)$ is any monotonic decreasing twice differentiable concave function of x .

4. Special Cases

$$(i) \quad D_{R,j}(P : Q; U) = \frac{R}{1-R} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} \right], \tag{4}$$

where $R > 1$ and $j \geq 1$ or $0 < R < 1$ and $0 < j \leq 1$.

(ii) When $j=1$, (4) gives

$$D_R(P : Q; U) = \frac{R}{1-R} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R q_i^{1-R}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right] \tag{5}$$

which is generalized R-Norm useful relative information measure. If $u_i=1$ for each i , then

$$D_{R,j}(P : Q) = \frac{R}{1 - R} \left[1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^R q_i^{1-R} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right], \tag{6}$$

which is R-Norm relative information measure for Boekee and Lubbe[2]

$$(iii) \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow 1} D_{R,j}(P : Q; U) = j \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log \frac{p_i}{q_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}, \tag{7}$$

which is j multiple useful relative information measure characterized and studied by Bhaker and Hooda[1].

(iv) If $u_i = 1$ for each i , then(7), gives $j \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log \left(\frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)$, which is j-multiple of Kullback and Leibler[5] measure of directed divergence.

5. Measure of ‘Useful’ Information

Let $C = \left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ be uniform distribution. Then:

(a) $D(P : C; U) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log np_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \geq 0$, since $np_i \geq 1$;

(b) $D(P : C; U) = 0$, if $P = C$;

(c) $D(P : C; U)$ is a convex function of P .

We see that $D(P : C; U) = \log n + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$
 $= D(C; U) - D(P; U)$,

where $D(P; U) = -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i}$ is useful information measure characterized by Bhaker and Hooda[1].

So to minimize $D(P : C; U)$ we maximize $D(P; U)$.

(d) $D(C; U) \geq D(P; U)$

(e) $D(C; U) = D(P; U)$ if $P = C$

(f) $D(P; U)$ is a concave function of P . Thus $D(P; U)$ is useful information measure of P and U corresponding to ‘useful’ directed divergence measure $D(P : Q; U)$.

Next we define

$$H_{R,\phi}(P; U) = \frac{R}{1 - R} \left[\phi \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R n^{R-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} - \phi \left(n^{\frac{R-1}{R}} \right) \right] \tag{8}$$

so that

$$H_{R,\phi}(C;U) = \frac{R}{1-R} \left[\phi(1) - \phi\left(n^{\frac{R-1}{R}}\right) \right] \tag{9}$$

and

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 1} H_{1,\phi}(C;U) = \phi'(1) \log n \tag{10}$$

If $\phi(x) = x^j, (j \geq 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{R,j}(P;U) &= \frac{R}{1-R} \left[\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R n^{R-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} - \left(n^{R-1} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} \right] \\ &= \left(n^{R-1} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} \frac{R}{1-R} \left[\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} - 1 \right] \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

For $j = 1$, we get

$$H_{R,1}(P;U) = n^{\frac{R-1}{R}} \left(\frac{R}{1-R} \right) \left[\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} - 1 \right] \tag{12}$$

When $R \rightarrow 1$, the measure (8), (11) and (12) respectively reduces to

$$H_{1,\phi}(P;U) = -\phi'(1) \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right) \tag{13}$$

$$H_{1,j}(P;U) = -j \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \tag{14}$$

$$H_{1,1}(P;U) = -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \log p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \tag{15}$$

If we take $\phi(x) = \log x$ in (8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} H_{R,\phi}(P;U) &= \frac{R}{1-R} \left[\log \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R n^{R-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} - \log \left(n^{\frac{R-1}{R}} \right) \right] \\ H_{R,\phi} &= \frac{1}{1-R} \log \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

which is Bhaker and Hooda's[1] measure of useful information of order R .

If $u_i = 1$ for each i , then from (16), we have

$$H_{R,\phi}(P; U) = \frac{1}{1 - R} \log \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^R, \tag{17}$$

which is Renyi's entropy[7] of order R .

For the independent distributions P and Q having U and V respectively as utility distributions from (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\alpha,j}(P * Q : U * V) &= \frac{R}{1 - R} n^{\frac{(R-1)j}{R}} \left[\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R \sum_{j=1}^m v_j q_j^R}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i \sum_{j=1}^m v_j q_j} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{R}{1 - R} n^{\frac{(R-1)j}{R}} \left[\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^R}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} \left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m v_j q_j^R}{\sum_{j=1}^m v_j q_j} \right)^{\frac{j}{R}} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{R}{1 - R} n^{\frac{(R-1)j}{R}} \left[\left\{ \frac{1 - R}{R n^{\frac{(R-1)j}{R}}} H_{R,j}(P; U) + 1 \right\} \left\{ \frac{1 - R}{R n^{\frac{(R-1)j}{R}}} H_{R,j}(Q; V) + 1 \right\} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1 - R}{R n^{\frac{(R-1)j}{R}}} H_{R,j}(P; U) H_{R,j}(Q; V) + H_{R,j}(P; U) + H_{R,j}(Q; V) \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

which is a well known functional equation and proves that measure (11) is non additive.

6. Measure of Useful J-Divergence of type β

Now we define a measure of symmetric divergence called J-divergence of type β .

$$\begin{aligned} J_\beta(P : Q; U) &= D_\beta(P : Q; U) + D_\beta(Q : P; U) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i (p_i^\beta - q_i^\beta) \log(\frac{p_i}{q_i})}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^\beta}, \quad \beta > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

In case utilities are ignored i.e. $u_i = 1$ for each i , (18) reduce to

$$J_\beta(P; Q) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\beta - q_i^\beta) \log(\frac{p_i}{q_i})}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\beta}.$$

Theorem. 1. $J_\beta(P : Q; U)$ is not a homogeneous function in U . However, if $U^\alpha = (U_1^\alpha, U_2^\alpha, \dots, U_n^\alpha)$, $\alpha > 0$ be the α -power utility distribution, then the following inequality holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} J_\beta(P : Q; U^\alpha) = \frac{\alpha J_\beta(P : Q; U^\alpha)}{E(P)},$$

where $E(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^\alpha p_i^\beta = \text{constant}$.

Proof. Let $J_\beta(P : Q; U)$ be a homogeneous function of degree α in utility distribution. Then by Euler’s theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_\beta(P : Q; \lambda U) &= \lambda^\alpha J_\beta(P : Q; U) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n u_i (p_i^\beta - q_i^\beta) \log(p_i/q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i p_i^\beta} \\ &= \lambda^{\alpha-1} J_\beta(P : Q; \lambda U) \end{aligned}$$

It implies $\lambda^{\alpha-1} = 1$ or $\alpha = 1$

Hence $J_\beta(P : Q; U)$ is not a homogeneous function in U .

From (19), we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_\beta(P : Q; U^\alpha) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^\alpha (p_i^\beta - q_i^\beta) \log(p_i/q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^\alpha p_i^\beta} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^\alpha (p_i^\beta - q_i^\beta) \log(p_i/q_i)}{E(P)} \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Differentiating (20) with respect to u_i and multiplying by u_i on both sides and taking summation over i , we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} J_\beta(P : Q; U^\alpha) = \frac{\alpha J_\beta(P : Q; U^\alpha)}{E(P)},$$

Hence theorem is proved.

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