

Bisymmetry and commuting functions

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PART II

- Entropicity
- The role of unary operations
- Commuting lattice polynomial functions
- Rectangular generalized bisymmetry
- Generalized entropic property

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Let $(\mathcal{A}^{(n)} : \mathbb{I}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of functions. For some $k, p \in \mathbb{N}$, two functions $\mathcal{A}^{(k)}$ and $\mathcal{A}^{(p)}$ are said to be entropic (strongly bisymmetric, commuting) if, for all $x_{11}, \dots, x_{pk} \in \mathbb{I}$,

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The entropicity property means that these two ways to aggregate must lead to the same overall score.

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$$\mathcal{A}_f(\mathbf{x}) = f^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\right)$$

generated by f .

Theorem [J.-L.Marichal, 2009]

A function $\mathcal{A} : [a, b]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is symmetric, continuous, nondecreasing, idempotent, and entropic if and only if there exist $\alpha \leq \beta \in [a, b]$ and two symmetric, continuous, nondecreasing, idempotent, and entropic functions $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2 : [a, b]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ fulfilling $\mathcal{A}_1(a, \alpha) = \alpha$, and $\mathcal{A}_2(b, \beta) = \beta$ and a continuous and strictly monotonic function $f : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x, y \in [a, b]$

$$\mathcal{A}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}_1(x, y), & \text{if } x, y \in [a, \alpha] \\ \mathcal{A}_2(x, y), & \text{if } x, y \in [\beta, b] \\ f^{-1}\left(\frac{f(\text{Med}(\alpha, x, \beta)) + f(\text{Med}(\alpha, y, \beta))}{2}\right), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Proposition [J.-L.Marichal, 1998]

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Theorem [J.-L.Marichal and P.Mathonet and E.Tousset, 1997]

An aggregation function $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{I}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$ is entropic and satisfies

$$\mathcal{A}(rx_1 + t, \dots, rx_n + t) = r\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + t$$

for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{I}^n$ and all $r > 0$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $rx_1 + t, \dots, rx_n + t \in \mathbb{I}$
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A function which fulfills Cauchy equation we will call *additive*

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Under continuous (or nondecreasing monotonicity), the function \mathcal{A} is of the form

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i,$$

where c_1, \dots, c_n are arbitrary (respectively, nonnegative) real constants.

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Proposition [D.Dubois and H.Prade, 1990]

A function $\mathcal{A} : [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ commutes with *Min* function if and only if there exist nondecreasing unary functions $f_i : [a, b], \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, such that for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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For any k -ary aggregation function $\mathcal{A} : [0, 1]^k \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and p -ary aggregation function $\mathcal{B} : [0, 1]^p \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with an idempotent element $a \in [0, 1]$, $k, p \in \mathbb{N}$, if \mathcal{A} commutes with \mathcal{B} , then functions $f_{a,i,\mathcal{A}}$ and \mathcal{B} also commute.

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$$\mathcal{F}_{id} = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid f \text{ is nondecreasing}\}$$

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Example

Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. The function

$$\text{Med}_\alpha(x, y) := \text{Med}(x, y, \alpha)$$

is an associative and symmetric (therefore entropic) aggregation function.

A nondecreasing unary function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ commutes with Med_α if and only if either

$$f(\alpha) = \alpha \text{ or}$$

$$f(\alpha) = f(1) < \alpha \text{ or}$$

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$$\mathcal{A}^{(n)}(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n))$$

commutes with each function $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Let $f_i(x) = 1$, for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Then

$$\mathcal{B}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathcal{A}^{(n)}(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n)) = \mathcal{A}^{(n)}(1, \dots, 1) = 1,$$

for arbitrary $x_i \in [0, 1]$. And the boundary condition $\mathcal{B}(0, \dots, 0) = 0$ does not hold.

Example

The set

$$\{ \text{Min}(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n)) \mid f_i \in \mathcal{F}_{id}, f_i(1) = 1 \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ \text{and } f_i(0) = 0 \text{ for at least one } i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \}$$

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$$\mathcal{P}_1^{(n)}(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n)) = f_1(x_1),$$

hence only functions depending just on the first coordinate can be obtained.

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The only binary functions commuting with t-norms, t-conorms, or uninorms are (besides the operation itself) aggregation functions with no neutral elements.

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Example

For t-conorm $\mathcal{N} : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\mathcal{N}(x, y) := x + y - xy$, we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{N}} = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}_{[0,1)}, \mathbf{0}_{\{0\}}, \mathbf{1}\} \cup \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid$$

$$f(x) = 1 - (1 - x)^\lambda, \lambda \in (0, \infty)\},$$

where $\mathbf{0} : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $x \mapsto 0$, $\mathbf{1} : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $x \mapsto 1$, and $\mathbf{0}_S : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{0}_S(x) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in S \subset [0, 1] \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

OPEN PROBLEM

A full characterization of all entropic aggregation operators with neutral element, (in particular if the neutral element is from the open interval $(0, 1)$), is still unknown.

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Every polynomial operation of a distributive lattice has a unique maximal DNF.

Commuting lattice polynomial functions

Theorem [M.Behrisch, M.Couceiro, K.A.Kearnes, E.Lehtonen, A.Szendrei, 2010]

(L, \vee, \wedge) - a distributive lattice, f, g - p.o. with maximal DNFs

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \bigvee_{S \subseteq M} (a_S \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in S} x_i), \quad g(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \bigvee_{T \subseteq N} (b_T \wedge \bigwedge_{j \in T} x_j)$$

Then functions f and g commute if and only if the 2-rectangle condition

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holds for all $U_1, U_2 \subseteq M$ and $V_1, V_2 \subseteq N$.

Corollary

A p.o. f of a distributive lattice (L, \vee, \wedge) , with a DNF $f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \bigvee_{S \subseteq M} (\tilde{a}_S \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in S} x_i)$ such that the set $\{\tilde{a}_S \mid S \subseteq M\}$ of coefficients is a chain in $(L, \vee, \wedge, 1, 0)$, is self-commuting if and only if f has a DNF

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- $S_1 \subset S_2 \subset \dots \subset S_r \subseteq M$, $r \geq 0$,
- $\{a_\emptyset\} \cup \{a_i \mid i \in M\}$ is a chain, and

$$a_\emptyset \vee \bigvee_{i \in S_1} a_i = a_\emptyset \vee \bigvee_{i \in M} a_i < a_{S_1} < \dots < a_{S_r}.$$

Corollary

A polynomial operation f of a distributive lattice is symmetric and self-commuting if and only if it has a DNF of the form

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for some $a_\emptyset, a_1, a_M \in L \cup \{0, 1\}$ with $a_\emptyset \leq a_1 \leq a_M$.

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Let (L, \vee, \wedge) be a distributive lattice. Two term operations f and g of the lattice commute if and only if they satisfy one of the following conditions:

- a) one of f and g is a projection, and the other one is arbitrary,
- b) $f = g = \vee$,
- c) $f = g = \wedge$.

Definition

Let $2 \leq m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $Y_1, \dots, Y_m, Z_1, \dots, Z_n, S$ be nonempty sets. We say that "production functions" $F : Z_1 \times \dots \times Z_n \rightarrow S$ and $F_1, \dots, F_m : S^n \rightarrow S$ are consistent with "aggregation functions" $G : Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_m \rightarrow S$ and $G_1, \dots, G_n : S^m \rightarrow S$ if the following rectangular generalized bisymmetry equation holds

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PROBLEM: Do there exist aggregator function G such that the aggregated output $G(F_1(x_{11}, \dots, x_{n1}), \dots, F_n(x_{1m}, \dots, x_{nm}))$ will depend only upon the n aggregated values (outputs)

$G_i(x_{i1}, \dots, x_{im})$ through a macroeconomic production function F ?

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$$b_1, \dots, b_n, a > 0, c \neq 0$$

Theorem [J.Aczel and G.Maksa, 1996]

Functions F, F_1, \dots, F_m are consistent with functions G, G_1, \dots, G_n if and only if there exist an abelian group (T, \star) , $T \subseteq S$, surjections $f_{ji} : S \rightarrow T$, and bijections $g_j : Y_j \rightarrow T$, and $h_i : Z_i \rightarrow T$ such that

$$F(z_1, \dots, z_n) = h_1(z_1) \star \dots \star h_n(z_n),$$

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for $z_1 \in Z_1, \dots, z_n \in Z_n$, $y_1 \in Y_1, \dots, y_m \in Y_m$ and $x_{ji} \in S$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, $j = 1, \dots, m$.

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Continuous functions F, F_1, \dots, F_m are consistent with continuous functions G, G_1, \dots, G_n if and only if sets $Y_1, \dots, Y_m, Z_1, \dots, Z_n, S$ and $T := F(Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = G(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$ are open intervals, and there exist continuous surjections $\beta_{ji} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and continuous bijections $\alpha_i : Z_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\gamma_j : Y_j \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

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Suppose that

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holds for all $x_{ji} \in S$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j = 1, \dots, m$. Then there exist a real interval \mathbb{I} , continuous and strictly monotonic functions $\varphi : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha_i : G_i(S^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

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if $a = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m$ and $c_{j1} = \cdots = c_{jn} = c_j$.

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$$F(z_1, \dots, z_n) = a \left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i z_i^b \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \quad \text{and} \quad F_j(x_{j1}, \dots, x_{jn}) = a_j \left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_{ji} x_{ji}^b \right)^{\frac{1}{b}},$$

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Let $e \in S$ and $F : S^n \rightarrow S$, and $G, G_1, \dots, G_n : S^m \rightarrow S$ be functions such that e is a neutral element for F and an idempotent element for all functions G_1, \dots, G_n . If functions F, G, G_1, \dots, G_n satisfy generalized entropic property then

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Theorem [E.Lehtonen, A.Pilitowska, 2011]

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Theorem [K.Adaricheva, A.Pilitowska, D.Stanovský, 2008]

Each algebra in a variety \mathcal{V} has the subalgebras property if and only if \mathcal{V} satisfies the generalized entropy property. (The result for a variety of groupoids was earlier proved by Evans, 1962.)