Ill-posed relations between two types of information and relations between the ϕ -divergences and statistical information.

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An ill-posed relation between two types of information, in a mathematical context, means that small changes in the input data can lead to large, unpredictable changes in the output, making the problem difficult or impossible to solve without additional constraints or assumptions. During this talk, we will concentrate on two Fredholm type I expressed relations. Namely, in the context of Fisher informations for estimation and predictions in parametetric models [8], and, secondly, in relation between f-divergences $D_f(P,Q)$ and statistical informations $\mathcal{I}_{\pi}(P,Q) \equiv \mathcal{I}_{\pi}(P,Q)$ (differences $B_{\pi} - B_{\pi}(P,Q)$ between the prior and posterior Bayes risks). This relationship has been established by [5]).

The first relationship that can be well motivated from the perspective of designing optimal models for correlated errors is challenging due to the complexity involved. Observations of stochastic processes with parameterized mean and covariance are analyzed over a compact set using information functionals. Efficient designs for correlated process parameters, particularly equidistant designs, are explored, and this is far from an easy analytical part, which brings into play metaheuristic searches, see e.g. [7]. Equidistant designs have been shown to be optimal for trend parameters of certain processes, as shown in [4]. The talk will introduce compound criteria for optimal design and explore their potential for correlated process parameter optimization. These compound criteria form the kernels of Fredholm type I integrals.

In the second relationship between statistical divergence and statistical information, we will formulate some open problems [6]. We will discuss generalization of such relationship to the *alternative* ϕ -*divergences* $\mathcal{D}_{\phi}(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n)$ and general *statistical informations* $\mathcal{I}_{\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_{n-1}}(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n)$ of [1, 2].

Here the alternative ϕ -divergence $\mathcal{D}_{\phi}(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n)$ means the integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} \phi(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n) d\mu \quad for \ p_i = \frac{dP_i}{d\mu}, \ \mu \gg \{P_1, P_2, ..., P_n\}$$
(1)

where $\phi: [0,\infty)^n \longrightarrow (-\infty,\infty]$ is convex, continuous and homogeneous in the sense

$$\phi(\alpha t_1, \alpha t_2, ..., \alpha t_n) = \alpha \phi(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n) \forall \alpha \ge 0.$$

Integral (1) is well defined (but possibly infinite) which follows from the inequality between $\phi(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n)$ and its support plane at the point $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n) = (1, 1, ..., 1)$.

These ϕ -divergences were introduced by [3]. Igor Vajda extend the definition of ϕ -divergences by:

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(i) admitting in (1) convex functions $\phi : [0, \infty)^n \longrightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ which are finite on $(0, \infty)^n$ and possibly infinite at the boundary,

(ii) replacing the continuity by the lower semicontinuity, and

(iii) assuming strict convexity at $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n) = (1, 1, ..., 1)$ with $\phi(1, ..., 1) = 0$.

The last assumption guaratnees that $\mathcal{D}_{\phi}(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n)$ is nonnegative, equal zero if and only if all probability measures $P_1, P_2, ..., P_n$ coincide.

The statistical information $\mathcal{I}_{\pi_1,\pi_2,...,\pi_{n-1}}(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n)$ is the difference between the classical prior Bayes risk $B_{\pi_1,\pi_2,...,\pi_{n-1}}$ and the posterior Bayes risk $B_{\pi_1,\pi_2,...,\pi_{n-1}}(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n)$ in the statistical decision model with conditional probability measures $P_1, P_2, ..., P_n$ on an observation space \mathcal{X} which is equipped with a σ -algebra and a dominating σ -finite measure μ leading to the densities considered in (1). These probability measures are assumed to govern observations with prior probabilities $\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_n$ where $\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_{n-1}$ are from the open simplex

$$S_{n-1} = \left\{ \pi_i > 0, \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \pi_i < 1 \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \text{ and } \pi_n = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \pi_i$$

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