

# Maximum Entropy Discrete Univariate Probability Distribution using Six Kapur's Measure of Entropy

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**Abstract:** In the present paper we consider a discrete random variate which takes a finite number of values 1, 2, 3 ... .. n and find the maximum entropy probability distribution under certain conditions.

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## 1. Introduction

We shall apply Lagrange's method of undermined multipliers to maximize Kapur's entropy ( $K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, K_5, K_6$ ) subject to one or more conditions of the type.

$$\sum_{l=1}^n P_l = 1 \text{ and } \sum_{l=1}^m i P_l l = M$$

Shannon [2] has defined measure of entropy as

$$H(p_1, p_2, p_3 \dots \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \ln P_i \quad (1)$$

This measure of entropy has been generalized by Kapur [1] in following manner.

$$\alpha > 0, \gamma > 0, M > 0, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta - 1 > 0$$

$$K_1 = \frac{1 - \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^\alpha}{f(\alpha)}, \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$f(1) = 0 \text{ and } f'(1) = 1$$

$$K_2 = \frac{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^{1/\gamma})^\gamma}{1 - \gamma} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$K_3 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^\alpha / \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^\beta - 1}{f(\alpha)}, \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

$$f(1) = 0, f'(1) = 1 \quad \alpha \neq 1$$

$$K_4 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^{\alpha+\beta-1} / \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^\beta}{f(\alpha)}, \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$f(1) = 0, f'(1) = 1$$

$$K \exp[\log P_1^{-P_1} + \log P_2^{-P_2} + \dots \dots \dots \log P_n^{-P_n}]$$

$$K [P_1^{-P_1} P_2^{-P_2} \dots \dots \dots P_n^{-P_n} - 1]$$

$$n^{1/n} n^{1/n} \dots \dots n^{1/n}$$

$$K [(n^1) - 1]$$

$$L = K [p_i \ln p_i + p_l \ln p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_n \ln p_n - 1] + (* p_1, p_2, p_3 \dots \dots \dots p_n - 1)$$

$$K_4 = \left( \sum p_i \ln p_i \right)^M \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

2. Kapur [1, Chapter 2] in his famous treatise discussed various Probability Distribution for Shannon's measure of entropy, being a natural entropy under (a) No constraint and (b) when arithmetic mean alone is prescribed. The natural question arises what happens if Shannon's measure of entropy is replaced by  $K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4$  or  $K_5$ ? In this paper we have obtained analogous result. Kapur's results in chapter 2 becomes the particular case of own results.

3. We will discuss the case in which the discrete variate takes only a finite set of values. Let these values are 1, 2, 3 ... .. n

### 3.1 Kapur [1] obtained the following result

If Shannon's measure  $-\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \ln p_i$  is maximized Subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - 1 \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

Then

$$p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = \dots \dots \dots p_n = \frac{1}{n} \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

i.e. the variate follows the uniform distribution. We will obtain following result.

If Kapur's measure  $K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, K_5$  are maximized subject to (7) then (8) holds, i.e. the variate follows the uniform distribution.

Proof for  $K_1$  Our problem is to maximize

$$\frac{1 - \sum p_i^\alpha}{f(\alpha)}, \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

where  $f(1) = 0$  and  $f'(1) = 1$

The Lagrangian is

$$L \equiv \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^\alpha}{f(\alpha)} + \lambda \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i - 1 \right] \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

Maximizing this,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial p_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p_2} = \dots = 0$  we get

$$\frac{\alpha p_i^{\alpha-1}}{f(\alpha)} + \lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\gamma} - 1$$

$$\therefore p_i = \frac{[\gamma f(\alpha)]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1}}{\alpha} \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

or

$$p_1=p_2 = p_3 = \dots \dots \dots = \frac{1}{n} \dots \dots \quad (12)$$

Therefore the variate follows the uniform distribution

Proof for  $K_2$  Our problem is to maximize  $\frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{1-r})^r}{1-\gamma}$

subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$

The Lagrangian is

$$L \equiv \frac{1 - (\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{1-r})^r}{1 - \gamma} + \gamma \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1 \right] \quad \dots (13)$$

Maximizing this,

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial p_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p_3} \dots \frac{\partial L}{\partial p_n} = 0$$

we get,

$$\frac{\frac{1}{r} (\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{1-r})^{\frac{1}{r}-1} \frac{1}{r} p_i^{\frac{1}{r}-1}}{1-r} + r = 0$$

$$p_i^{1/r-1} = \left[ \frac{(1-r)\gamma - r^2}{(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{1-r})^{\frac{1}{r}-1}} \right] \dots \dots \dots \quad (14)$$

or

$$p_1=p_2 = p_3 = \dots \dots \dots p_n = \frac{1}{n} \dots \quad (15)$$

Therefore the variate follows the uniform distribution similar technique adopted for  $K_3, K_4$  &  $K_5$ .

**4**Kapur [4] obtained following result

Let the prescribed arithmetic mean  $bem(1 < m < n)$  them if  $-\sum_{i=1}^n p_i l_n p_i$  is maximized subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m l p_i = m$  gives

$$p_i = a b^i i = 1, 2 \dots \dots \dots n \quad (16)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are determined by using the constraints

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b^i = 1 \dots \dots \dots \quad (17)$$

$$\text{and } a \sum_{i=1}^n i b^i = m \dots \dots \dots \quad (18)$$

In this note we replace Shannon's measure of entropy by  $K_5$ . We obtain following result

If  $(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i l_n p_i)^M$  is maximized subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m i p_i = m$

$$\text{then } p_i = A B^i \dots \dots \quad (19)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are obtained by

$$A \sum_{i=1}^n B^i = 1 \dots \dots \dots \quad (20)$$

$$\text{and } A \sum_{i=1}^m i B^i = m \dots \dots \dots \quad (21)$$

$A$  and  $B$  coincides with  $a$  and  $b$  defined by (17) and (18) when  $M = 1$ . Thus our result generalizes result of Kapur [1] by using Kapur's measure  $K_4$ .

Proof of our result

Subject to constraint  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$  &  $\sum_{i=1}^m i p_i = m$

Lagrangian is

$$L \equiv \left( - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i l_n p_i \right)^M - \gamma \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i - 1 \right] - \mu \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m i p_i - m \right]$$

Maximizing this (on differentiating this practically with respect. to  $p_1, p_2 \dots$ )

we get

$$M \left( - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i l_n p_i \right)^{M-1} \{-1 l_n p_i\} - \gamma - \mu i = 0$$

$$\text{or } (l + l_n p_i) = \frac{\lambda}{F(m)} - \frac{\mu i}{F(m)}$$

$$\text{where } F(M) = M \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i l_n p_i \right)^{M-1} \quad F(1) = 1$$

$$\therefore p_i = \text{Exp} \left[ \frac{-1 - \lambda}{F(m)} - \frac{\mu i}{F(m)} \right] = A B^i$$

$$\text{where } A = \text{Exp} \left( \frac{-1 - \lambda}{F(m)} \right)$$

$$B = \text{Exp} \left( \frac{\mu i}{F(m)} \right)$$

Now under given condition  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m i p_i = m$

$$A \sum_{i=1}^n B^i = 1$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{i=1}^m i B^i = m$$

This establishes the result

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