

## A SUMMARY ON ENTROPY STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

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With the purpose to study as a whole the major part of entropy measures cited in the literature, a mathematical expression is proposed in this paper. In favour of this mathematical tool is the fact that most entropy measures can be obtained as a particular or a limit case of the  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}$ -entropy functional, and therefore, all those properties which are proved for the functional are also true for its particularizations. Entropy estimates are obtained by replacing probabilities by relative frequencies and their asymptotic distributions are obtained. To finish the asymptotic variance of many entropy statistics are tabulated.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \beta_{\mathcal{X}}, P)_{P \in \Delta_M}$  be an statistical space, where  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_M\}$ ,  $\Delta_M = \left\{ P = (p_1, \dots, p_M)^t / p_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^M p_i = 1 \right\}$  and  $\beta_{\mathcal{X}}$  is the  $\sigma$ -field of all the subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ . For any  $P \in \Delta_M$ , the  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}$ -entropy is defined by the following expression:

$$H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P) = h \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_1(p_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_2(p_i)} \right),$$

where  $v_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$ , is the weight associated to the element  $x_i$  of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Furthermore we suppose that  $\varphi_1: [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\varphi_2: [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are any of the 3-uples of functions appearing in Table 1.

In Table 1,  $v_i$  and functions  $h(x)$ ,  $\varphi_1(x)$  and  $\varphi_2(x)$  are given for the following entropy measures: 1. Shannon [14], 2. Rényi [12], 3. Aczel–Daróczy [1], 4. Aczel–Daróczy [1], 5. Aczel–Daróczy [1], 6. Varma [19], 7. Varma [19], 8. Kapur [8], 9. Havrda–Charvát [7], 10. Arimoto [2], 11. Sharma–Mittal [15], 12. Sharma–Mittal [15], 13. Taneja [18], 14. Sharma–Taneja [16], 15. Sharma–Taneja [17], 16. Ferreri [5], 17. Sant’anna–Taneja [13], 18. Sant’anna–Taneja [13], 19. Belis–Guiasu [3] and Gil [6], 20. Picard [10], 21. Picard [10], 22. Picard [10] and 23. Picard [10].

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**Table 1.**

Measure	$h(x)$	$\varphi_1(x)$	$\varphi_2(x)v_i$
1	$x$	$-x \log x$	$x \quad v$
2	$(1-r)^{-1} \log x$	$x^r$	$x \quad v$
3	$x$	$-x^r \log x$	$x^r \quad v$
4	$(s-r)^{-1} \log x$	$x^r$	$x^s \quad v$
5	$(1/s) \arctan x$	$x^r \sin(s \log x)$	$x^r \cos(s \log x) \quad v$
6	$(m-r)^{-1} \log x$	$x^{r-m+1}$	$x \quad v$
7	$(m(m-r))^{-1} \log x$	$x^{r/m}$	$x \quad v$
8	$(1-t)^{-1} \log x$	$x^{t+s-1}$	$x^s \quad v$
9	$(1-s)^{-1}(x-1)$	$x^s$	$x \quad v$
10	$(t-1)^{-1}(x^t-1)$	$x^{1/t}$	$x \quad v$
11	$(1-s)^{-1}(e^x-1)$	$(s-1)x \log x$	$x \quad v$
12	$(1-s)^{-1} \left( x^{\frac{s-1}{r-1}} - 1 \right)$	$x^r$	$x \quad v$
13	$x$	$-x^r \log x$	$x \quad v$
14	$(s-r)^{-1}x$	$x^r - x^s$	$x \quad v$
15	$(\sin s)^{-1}x$	$-x^r \sin(s \log x)$	$x \quad v$
16	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \log(1 + \lambda) - \frac{x}{\lambda}$	$(1 + \lambda x) \log(1 + \lambda x)$	$x \quad v$
17	$x$	$-x \log \left( \frac{\sin(sx)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \right)$	$x \quad v$
18	$x$	$-\frac{\sin(xs)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \log \left( \frac{\sin(sx)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \right)$	$x \quad v$
19	$x$	$-x \log x$	$x \quad w_i$
20	$x$	$-\log x$	$1 \quad v_i$
21	$(1-r)^{-1} \log x$	$x^{r-1}$	$1 \quad v_i$
22	$(1-s)^{-1}(e^x-1)$	$(s-1) \log x$	$1 \quad v_i$
23	$(1-s)^{-1} \left( x^{\frac{r-1}{s-1}} - 1 \right)$	$x^{r-1}$	$1 \quad v_i$

Estimation of population  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}$ -entropies can be done by estimating the probability vector  $P$  with the relative frequency vector  $\hat{P} = (\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_M)^t$  associated to a simple random sample of size  $n$ . In this paper we show that the asymptotic distribution of  $\sqrt{n} [H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)]$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  where  $\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^M t_i^2 p_i - \left( \sum_{i=1}^M t_i p_i \right)^2$ , and we tabulate the values of  $t_i$  appearing in the expression of its asymptotic variance. On the basis of this result, a confidence interval for  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)$  can be given and hypotheses about  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)$  can be tested.

**2. ASYMPTOTIC DISTRIBUTION OF  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}$ -STATISTICS**

If  $f \in C^i(A)$  denotes that the real valued function  $f$  has a continuous derivative of  $i$ th order in the set  $A$ , then we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that  $h \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi_1 \in C^1((0, 1))$ ,  $\varphi_2 \in C^1((0, 1))$  and  $p_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$ . If the relative frequency estimator of  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_M)$ ,  $\hat{P}$ , is

based on a simple random sample of size  $n$ , then

$$n^{\frac{1}{2}} [H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)] \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{L} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= T^t \Sigma T = \sum_{i=1}^M t_i^2 p_i - \left( \sum_{i=1}^M t_i p_i \right)^2 \\ \Sigma &= (p_i(\delta_{ij} - p_j))_{i,j=1,\dots,M} = \text{diag}(P) - PP^t \\ T &= (t_1, \dots, t_M)^t \quad \text{and} \\ t_i &= h' \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_1(p_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_2(p_i)} \right) \cdot \frac{v_i \varphi_1'(p_i) \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_2(p_i) - v_i \varphi_2'(p_i) \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_1(p_i)}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \varphi_2(p_i) \right)^2}, \\ & \quad i = 1, \dots, M. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By the mean value theorem

$$H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) = H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P) + \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\partial H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P^*)}{\partial p_i} (\hat{p}_i - p_i),$$

where  $\|P^* - P\|_2 < \|\hat{P} - P\|_2$ .

We conclude that

$$\sqrt{n} [H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)] \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{n} T^t (\hat{P} - P)$$

have asymptotically the same distribution (cf. Rao [11], p. 385). Finally applying the Central Limit Theorem, the results follows.  $\square$

In Table 2, the expressions of the values  $t_i$  obtained in Theorem 2.1 are given.

**Table 2.**

Measure	$t_i$
Shannon [14]	$-(1 + \log p_i)$
Rényi [12]	$\frac{r}{1-r} p_i^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \right]^{-1}$
Aczel–Daróczy [1]	$- \left[ p_i^{r-1} (1 + r \log p_i) \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \right)^{-1} - r p_i^{r-1} \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \log p_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \right)^{-2} \right]$
Aczel–Daróczy [1]	$(s-r)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^s \right) \left[ r p_i^{r-1} \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^s - s p_i^{s-1} \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \right]$

**Table 2.** (cont.)

Measure	$t_i$
Aczel–Daróczy [1]	$\frac{1}{s} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \sin(s \log p_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \cos(s \log p_i)} \right)^2 \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \cos(s \log p_i) \right]^{-2}$ $\cdot \left[ p_i^{r-1} (r \sin(s \log p_i) + s \cos(s \log p_i)) \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \cos(s \log p_i) - \right.$ $\left. - p_i^{r-1} (r \cos(s \log p_i) - s \sin(s \log p_i)) \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \sin(s \log p_i) \right]$
Varma [19]	$\frac{r-m+1}{m-r} p_i^{r-m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^{r-m+1} \right)^{-1}$
Varma [19]	$\frac{r}{m^2(m-r)} p_i^{(r/m)-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^{r/m} \right)^{-1}$
Kapur [8]	$(1-t)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^{t+s-1} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^s \right)^{-1}$ $\cdot \left[ (t+s-1) p_i^{t+s-2} \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^s - s p_i^{s-1} \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^{t+s-1} \right]$
Havrda–Charvát [7]	$(1-s)^{-1} s p_i^{s-1}$
Arimoto [2]	$(t-1) p_i^{(1/t)-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^{1/t} \right)^{t-1}$
Sharma–Mittal [15]	$-(1 + \log p_i) \exp \left\{ (s-1) \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \log p_i \right\}$
Sharma–Mittal [15]	$\frac{r}{1-r} p_i^{r-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^r \right)^{\frac{s-r}{r-1}}$
Taneja [18]	$-p_i^{r-1} (1 + r \log p_i)$
Sharma–Taneja [16]	$\frac{1}{s-r} [r p_i^{r-1} - s p_i^{s-1}]$
Sharma–Taneja [17]	$-\frac{1}{\sin s} p_i^{r-1} [r \sin(s \log p_i) + s \cos(s \log p_i)]$
Ferreri [5]	$-(1 + \log(1 + \lambda p_i))$
Sant’anna–Taneja [13]	$-\left[ \log \left( \frac{\sin(p_i s)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \right) + p_i \frac{s \cos(p_i s)}{\sin(p_i s)} \right]$

**Table 2.** (cont.)

Measure	$t_i$
Sant'anna-Taneja [13]	$-\frac{s \cos(p_i s)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \left( \sin(p_i s) + \log \frac{\sin(p_i s)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \right)$
Belis-Guiasu; Gil [3], [6]	$-w_i(\log p_i + 1) \left( \sum_{i=1}^M w_i p_i \right)^{-1} + w_i \sum_{i=1}^M w_i p_i \log p_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^M w_i p_i \right)^{-2}$
Picard [10]	$-v_i p_i^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \right]^{-1}$
Picard [10]	$-v_i p_i^{r-2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M v_i p_i^{r-1} \right]^{-1}$
Picard [10]	$-v_i p_i^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \right]^{-1} \exp \left\{ (s-1) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M v_i p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^M v_i} \right\}$
Picard [10]	$-v_i p_i^{r-2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \right]^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M v_i p_i \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \right]^{-1} \right)^{\frac{r-s}{s-1}}$

The following result gives a necessary and sufficient condition for  $\sigma^2 = 0$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $S_n = n^{1/2} T^t(\widehat{P} - P)$  be the first order term in the Taylor's expansion of  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P})$  around  $P$ . Then,

$$S_n = 0 \text{ for all } n \text{ with probability one if and only if } \sigma^2 = 0.$$

*Proof.* If  $S_n = 0$  a. s., then  $V[S_n] = 0$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and therefore

$$\sigma^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V[S_n] = 0.$$

On the other hand it is easy to check that  $V[S_n] = \sigma^2$ , and therefore  $\sigma^2 = 0$  implies  $S_n = 0$  a. s. □

With regard to Theorem 2.1, it is necessary to determine the asymptotic distribution of the  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}$ -statistics when the asymptotic variance become zero. If

$A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,M}$  with  $a_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)}{\partial p_i \partial p_j}$ , then we obtain the following result

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that  $h \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi_1 \in C^2((0,1))$ ,  $\varphi_2 \in C^2((0,1))$  and  $p_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ . If  $\sigma^2 = 0$  and the relative frequency estimator of  $P, \widehat{P}$ , is based on a random sample of size  $n$ , then

$$2n[H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)] \xrightarrow[n \uparrow \infty]{L} \sum_{i=1}^M \beta_i \chi_1^2,$$

where the  $\chi_1^2$ 's are independent and the  $\beta_i$ 's are the eigenvalues of  $A\Sigma$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1 and the mean value theorem

$$H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}) = H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P) + \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{P} - P)^t \left( \frac{\partial^2 H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P^*)}{\partial p_i \partial p_j} \right)_{i,j=1,\dots,M} (\widehat{P} - P),$$

where  $\|P^* - P\|_2 < \|\widehat{P} - P\|_2$ .

We conclude that

$$2n[H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)] \quad \text{and} \quad n(\widehat{P} - P)^t A(\widehat{P} - P)$$

have asymptotically the same distribution (cf. Rao [11], p.385).

Finally, applying the Central Limit Theorem and well known facts about quadratic forms of normal variates, the result follows.

A particular but important case of Theorem 2.2 appears when  $P = U = (1/M, \dots, \dots, 1/M)$ . Under this assumption, a chi-square asymptotic distribution is obtained.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** Assume that  $h \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi_1 \in C^2((0, 1))$  and  $\varphi_2 \in C^2((0, 1))$ . If  $P = U$ ,  $v_i = v \forall i$  and  $\widehat{P}$  is based on a random sample of size  $n$ , then

$$\frac{2n[H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(U)]}{b} \xrightarrow[n \uparrow \infty]{L} \chi_{M-1}^2,$$

where

$$b = h' \left( \frac{\varphi_1(1/M)}{\varphi_2(1/M)} \right) [\varphi_2(1/M) \varphi_1''(1/M) - \varphi_1(1/M) \varphi_2''(1/M)] [M^2 \varphi_2(1/M)^2]^{-1}.$$

*Proof.* Following the steps of the proof of Theorem 2.2, we get that

$$2n[H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(U)] \quad \text{and} \quad n(\widehat{P} - U)^t A(\widehat{P} - U)$$

have asymptotically the same distribution, and therefore the results follows.  $\square$

In Table 3, the expressions of the values  $b$  obtained in Theorem 2.3 are given.

### 3. STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS

The previous result giving the asymptotic distribution of  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}$ -entropy statistics, in a simple random sampling, can be used in various settings to construct confidence intervals and to test statistical hypotheses based on one or more samples.

**Table 3.**

Measure	$b$
Shannon [14]	$-1$
Rényi [12]	$-r$
Aczel-Daróczy [1]	$2r - 1$
Aczel-Daróczy [1]	$[r(r - 1) - s(s - 1)](s - r)^{-1}$
Aczel-Daróczy [1]	$2r - 1$
Varma [19]	$m - r - 1$
Varma [19]	$-rm^{-3}$
Kapur [8]	$(1 - t)^{-1}[(t + s - 1)(t + s - 2) - s(s - 1)]$
Havrda-Charvát [7]	$-sM^{1-s}$
Arimoto [2]	$-t^{-1}M^{t-1}$
Sharma-Mittal [15]	$-M^{1-s}$
Sharma-Mittal [15]	$-rM^{1-s}$
Taneja [18]	$-M^{1-r}[2r - 1 - r(r - 1) \log M]$
Sharma-Taneja [16]	$M(s - r)^{-1}[r(r - 1)M^{-r} - s(s - 1)M^{-s}]$
Sharma-Taneja [17]	$-M^{1-r}(\sin s)^{-1}[(2rs - s) \cos(s \log M) - (r(r - 1) - s^2) \sin(s \log M)]$
Ferreri [5]	$-\lambda(M + \lambda)^{-1}$
Sant'anna-Taneja [13]	$-sM^{-1}[2 \cot(sM^{-1}) - sM^{-1}(\csc(sM^{-1}))^2]$
Sant'anna-Taneja [13]	$\frac{1}{M} \left[ \frac{s^2 \sin(s/M)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{\sin(s/M)}{2 \sin(s/2)} \right) \right) - \frac{s^2 (\cos(s/M))^2}{2 \sin(s/2) \sin(s/M)} \right]$

**a) Test for a predicted value of the population entropy**

To test  $H_0 : H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P) = D_0$  against  $H_1 : H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P) \neq D_0$ , we reject the null hypothesis if

$$|T_a| = \left| \frac{n^{1/2} \left( H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) - D_0 \right)}{\hat{\sigma}} \right| > z_{\alpha/2},$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}$  is obtained from  $\sigma^2$  in Theorem 2.1 when  $p_i$  is replaced by  $\hat{p}_i$  and  $z_\alpha$  is the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the standard normal distribution. In this context an approximate  $1 - \alpha$  level confidence interval for  $H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P)$  is given by

$$\left( H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) - \frac{\hat{\sigma} z_{\alpha/2}}{n^{1/2}}, H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) + \frac{\hat{\sigma} z_{\alpha/2}}{n^{1/2}} \right).$$

Furthermore the minimum sample size giving a maximum error  $\varepsilon$  at a confidence level  $1 - \alpha$ , is

$$n = \left\lceil \frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2 z_{\alpha/2}^2}{\varepsilon^2} \right\rceil + 1.$$

**b) Test for a common predicted value of  $r$  population entropies**

To test  $H_0 : H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P_1) = \dots = H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P_r) = D_0$ , we reject the null hypotheses if

$$T_b = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{n_j \left( H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}_j) - D_0 \right)^2}{\widehat{\sigma}_j^2} > \chi_{r, \alpha}^2,$$

where  $n_j$  is the size of the independent sample in the  $j$ th population,  $\widehat{\sigma}_j$ 's are obtained from  $\sigma$  when  $p_i$  is replaced in theorem 2.1 by  $\widehat{p}_i^{(j)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , and  $\chi_{r, \alpha}^2$  is the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the chi-square distribution with  $r$  degrees of freedom.

In this context an approximate  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval for the difference of entropies corresponding to independent populations is given by

$$H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}_1) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}_2) \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\widehat{\sigma}_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\widehat{\sigma}_2^2}{n_2}}.$$

Furthermore, for  $n = n_1 = n_2$ , the minimum sample size giving a maximum error  $\varepsilon$  at a confidence level  $1 - \alpha$ , is

$$n = \left\lceil \frac{(\widehat{\sigma}_1^2 + \widehat{\sigma}_2^2) z_{\alpha/2}^2}{\varepsilon^2} \right\rceil + 1.$$

**c) Test for the equality of  $r$  population entropies**

To test  $H_0 : H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P_1) = \dots = H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P_r)$ , we reject the null hypotheses if

$$T_c = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{n_j \left( H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}_j) - \overline{H} \right)^2}{\widehat{\sigma}_j^2} > \chi_{r-1, \alpha}^2,$$

where

$$\overline{H} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{n_j H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\widehat{P}_j)}{\widehat{\sigma}_j^2}}{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{n_j}{\widehat{\sigma}_j^2}},$$

and  $n_j$  and  $\widehat{\sigma}_j$  are defined above.



**d) Test for discrete uniformity**

To test  $H_0: P = U$ , we reject the null hypothesis if

$$T_d = \frac{2n \left[ H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(\hat{P}) - H_{h,v}^{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(P) \right]}{b} > \chi_{M-1, \alpha}^2.$$

Entropic test of uniformity including that considered in Example 3.1 have been studied in Feistauerová and Vajda [4]. This test is specially interesting because it can be used to test for goodness-of-fit to a completely specified distribution. In this sense, we are using the idea that Mann and Wald [9] suggested, i. e. to take intervals with equal probabilities. To finish, we give an example to illustrate this procedure.

**Example 3.1.** The following sample was simulated from a Normal distribution with mean 2 and standard deviation 1.1:

1.4917575	2.4957872	3.4450585	1.1089838	3.9169254
1.1129468	3.4227659	2.2783900	1.7450712	3.1313416
0.8892388	2.0998305	2.6937549	2.4090498	1.0307736
1.4372195	0.4340365	1.6559174	2.1303488	1.9678865
1.1263431	3.1135033	2.7112041	0.8490701	1.9045762
1.5705222	3.3131407	2.5999673	2.2633095	2.2082426
1.6716791	3.1731862	1.2352134	2.0345601	4.0074727
2.6539161	2.2695147	1.7740887	4.0774582	0.7336872
0.0610451	1.9614988	1.9162852	2.6076725	2.0605398
1.4447520	−.3579844	0.2110429	2.5557666	1.1575424

To test for  $H_0$ : Data from  $\mathcal{N}(2, 1.1)$ , we take six intervals:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= (-\infty, 2 - 0.97 \times 1.1) = (-\infty, 0.933) \\ I_2 &= (2 - 0.97 \times 1.1, 2 - 0.43 \times 1.1) = (0.933, 1.527) \\ I_3 &= (2 - 0.43 \times 1.1, 2) = (1.527, 2) \\ I_4 &= (2, 2 + 0.43 \times 1.1) = (2, 2.473) \\ I_5 &= (2 + 0.43 \times 1.1, 2 + 0.97 \times 1.1) = (2.473, 3.067) \\ I_6 &= (2 + 0.97 \times 1.1, \infty) = (3.067, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

with the property

$$P(\mathcal{N}(2, 1.1) \in I_i) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 6.$$

We use the Shannon entropy statistic, so we reject the null hypothesis if

$$T = 2n \left[ \log M - H(\hat{P}) \right] > \chi_{M-1, 0.05}^2.$$

Now,  $\hat{p}_1 = 0.14$ ,  $\hat{p}_2 = 0.18$ ,  $\hat{p}_3 = 0.18$ ,  $\hat{p}_4 = 0.18$ ,  $\hat{p}_5 = 0.14$ ,  $\hat{p}_6 = 0.18$ ,  $n = 50$ ,  $H(\hat{P}) = -\sum_{i=1}^6 \hat{p}_i \log \hat{p}_i = 1.785$ ,  $T = 0.676$  and  $\chi_{5,0.05}^2 = 11.070$ . Furthermore, the classical chi-square statistic is  $S = nM \sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{p}_i - \frac{1}{M})^2 = 0.64$ . Thus both procedures behaves similarly and the conclusion is that we cannot reject the null hypothesis.

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