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## Lower and upper bound for parametric ‘Useful’ R-norm information measure

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**Abstract**

A parametric mean length is defined as the quantity

$${}_{R\beta}L_u = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right],$$

Where  $R > 0 (\neq 1), \beta > 0, u_i > 0, D > 1$  is an integer,  $\sum p_i = 1$ . This being the useful mean length of code words weighted by utilities,  $u_i$ . Lower and Upper bounds for  ${}_{R\beta}L_u$  are derived in terms of ‘useful’ R-norm information measure.

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**1. Introduction**

Consider the following model for a random experiment S,  
 $S_N = [E; P; U]$

Where  $E = (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_N)$  is a finite system of events happening with respective probabilities  $P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N), p_i \geq 0, \sum p_i = 1$  and credited with utilities  $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N), u_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Denote the model by  $S_N$ , where,

$$S_N = \begin{bmatrix} E_1, E_2, \dots, E_N \\ p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N \\ u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.1}$$

We call (1.1) a Utility Information Scheme (UIS). Belis and Guiasu [3] proposed a measure of information called ‘useful information’ for this scheme, given by

$$H(U; P) = -\sum u_i p_i \log p_i, \tag{1.2}$$

Where  $H(U; P)$  reduces to Shannon’s [16] entropy when the utility aspect of the scheme is ignored i.e., when  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$ . throughout the paper,  $\sum$  will stand for  $\sum_{i=1}^N$  unless otherwise stated and logarithms are taken to base  $D (D > 1)$ .

Guiasu and Picard [5] considered the problem of encoding the outcomes in (1.1) by means of a prefix code with codewords  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$  having lengths  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N$  and satisfying Kraft’s inequality [4].

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$$\sum_{i=1}^N D^{-n_i} \leq 1 \tag{1.3}$$

Where  $D$  is the size of the code alphabet. The useful mean length  $L_u$  of code was defined as:

$$L_u = \frac{\sum u_i n_i p_i}{\sum u_i p_i} \tag{1.4}$$

and the authors obtained bounds for it in terms of  $H(U; P)$ . Generalized coding theorems by considering different generalized measures under condition (1.3) of unique decipherability were investigated by several authors, see for instance the papers [7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 17].

In this paper, we study some coding theorems by considering a new function depending on the parameters  $R, \beta$  and a utility function. Our motivation for studying this new function is that it generalizes ‘useful’ R-norm information measure already existing in the literature such as Boekee and Lubbe [2] and Satish [11,13].

**2. Coding Theorems**

In this section, Satish [11] studied ‘useful’ R-norm information measure as:

$${}_{R\beta}H(U; P) = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right] \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\beta > 0, R > 0 (\neq 1), u_i > 0, p_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  and  $\sum p_i = 1$ .

(i) If  $\beta = 1$ , then (2.1) becomes ‘useful’ R-norm information measure studied by Singh and Rajeev [18].

(ii) When  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$ , i.e., when the utility aspect is ignored,  $\sum p_i = 1$ , and  $\beta = 1$ , then (2.1) reduces to R-norm entropy as considered by Boekee and Lubbe [2].

$$\text{i.e., } {}_R H(P) = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \sum p_i^R \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right] \tag{2.2}$$

(iii) When  $R \rightarrow 1$ , and  $\beta = 1$ , then (2.1) reduces to a measure of ‘useful’ information due to Hooda and Bhaker [1].

$$\text{i.e., } H(U; P) = - \frac{\sum u_i p_i \log p_i}{\sum u_i p_i} \tag{2.3}$$

(iv) When  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$ , i.e., when the utility aspect is ignored,  $\sum p_i = 1, \beta = 1$ , and  $R \rightarrow 1$ , the measure (2.1) reduces to Shannon’s entropy [16].

$$\text{i.e., } H(P) = - \sum p_i \log p_i \tag{2.4}$$

(v) If  $u_i = 1$ , then (2.1) reduces to R-norm entropy for power of probability distribution  $p_i^\beta$

$$\text{i.e., } {}_{R\beta}H(P) = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sum p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right] \tag{2.5}$$

**Further consider**

**Definition:** The ‘useful’ mean length  ${}_{R\beta}L_u$  with respect to ‘useful’ R-norm information measure is defined as:

$${}_{R\beta}L_u = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \right] \tag{2.6}$$

$$\text{Under the condition, } \sum u_i D^{-n_i R} \leq \sum u_i p_i^{R\beta} \tag{2.7}$$

Clearly the inequality (2.7) is the generalization of Kraft’s inequality (1.3). A code satisfying (2.7) would be termed as a useful personal probability code D ( $D > 2$ ) is the size of the code alphabet. When,  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$  and  $\beta = 1, R = 1$ , (2.7) reduces to (1.3).

(i) For  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$  and  $\beta = 1$ , and  $R \rightarrow 1$ ,  ${}_{R}L_u$  becomes the optimal code length defined by Shannon [16].

(ii) For  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$  and  $\beta = 1$ , then (2.6) reduced to  ${}_R L$  considered by Boekke and Lubbe [2] and Satish and Arun [13].

$$\text{i.e., } {}_R L = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \sum p_i D^{-n_i(R-1)} \right)^{1/R} \right] \tag{2.8}$$

(iii) For  $u_i = 1$  for each  $i$ , then (2.6) reduces to mean code word length corresponding to the entropy (2.5)

$$\text{i.e., } {}_{R\beta} L = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sum p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum p_i^\beta} \right)^{1/R} \right] \tag{2.9}$$

(iv) For  $\beta = 1$ , then (2.6) becomes

$${}_R L_u = \frac{R}{R-1} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i} \right)^{1/R} \right], \tag{2.10}$$

which is a useful R-norm mean codeword length.

We establish a result, that in a sense, provides a characterization of  ${}_{R\beta} H(U; P)$  under the condition of unique decipherability.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $u_i, p_i, n_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , satisfy the inequality (2.7). Then

$${}_{R\beta} L_u \geq {}_{R\beta} H(U; P), \quad 1 \neq R > 0, \beta > 0 \tag{2.11}$$

**Proof:** By Holder's inequality, we have

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N y_i^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i, \tag{2.12}$$

where  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1; p(\neq 0) < 1, q < 0$  or  $q(\neq 0) < 1, p < 0; x_i, y_i > 0$  for each  $i$ .

Setting,  $p = \frac{(R-1)}{R}, q = 1 - R$  and

$$x_i = \left( \frac{u_i p_i^\beta}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{R}{R-1}} D^{-n_i R}, \quad y_i = \left( \frac{u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R-1}} \tag{2.13}$$

Putting these values in (2.12) and using the inequality (2.7), we get

$$\left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{R}{R-1}} \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R-1}} \leq \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \tag{2.14}$$

It implies

$$\left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{R}{1-R}} \leq \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{R}{R-1}} \tag{2.15}$$

Now consider two cases:

**Case 1:** Let  $0 < R < 1$ . Raising both sides of (2.15) to the power  $(1 - R)/R^2$ , we get

$$\left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \leq \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} \tag{2.16}$$

Since  $R/(1 - R) > 0$  for  $0 < R < 1$ , we get from (2.16) the inequality (2.11).

**Case 2:** Let  $R > 1$ . The proof follows on the same lines.

It is clear that the equality in (2.11) is true if and only if

$$D^{-n_i} = p_i^\beta$$

which implies that

$$n_i = \log_D \frac{1}{p_i^\beta} \tag{2.17}$$

Thus, it is always possible to have a codeword satisfying the requirement

$$\log_D \frac{1}{p_i^\beta} \leq n_i < \log_D \frac{1}{p_i^\beta} + 1$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{p_i^\beta} \leq D^{n_i} < \frac{D}{p_i^\beta} \tag{2.18}$$

In the following theorem, we give an upper bound for  ${}_{R\beta}L_u$  in terms of  ${}_{R\beta}H(U; P)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** By properly choosing the lengths  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N$  in the code of Theorem 2.1,  ${}_{R\beta}L_u$  can be made to satisfy the following inequality:

$${}_{R\beta}L_u < D^{(1-R)/R} {}_{R\beta}H(U; P) + \frac{R}{R-1} (1 - D^{(1-R)/R}) \tag{2.19}$$

**Proof:** From (2.18), it is clear that

$$D^{-n_i} > D^{-1} p_i^\beta \tag{2.20}$$

We have again the following two possibilities.

- (i) Let  $R > 1$ . Raising both sides of (2.20) to the power  $(R-1)$ , we have
 
$$D^{-n_i(R-1)} > D^{1-R} p_i^{\beta(R-1)}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $u_i p_i^\beta$  and then summing over 1 to  $N$ , we get

$$\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)} > D^{1-R} \sum u_i p_i^{\beta R} \tag{2.21}$$

Obviously (2.21) can be written as

$$\left[ \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right]^{\frac{1}{R}} > D^{\frac{(1-R)}{R}} \left[ \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{\beta R}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right]^{\frac{1}{R}} \tag{2.22}$$

Since  $R-1 > 0$  for  $R > 1$ , we get the inequality (2.19) from (2.22).

- (ii) If  $0 < R < 1$ , the proof follows similarly. But the inequality (2.22) is reversed.

**Theorem 2.3.** For arbitrary  $N \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \neq R > 0, \beta > 0$ , and for every codeword lengths  $n_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  of Theorem 2.1,

${}_{R\beta}L_u$  can be made to satisfy the following inequality:

$${}_{R\beta}L_u \geq {}_{R\beta}H(U; P) > D^{1/R} {}_{R\beta}H(U; P) + \frac{R}{R-1} (1 - D^{1/R}) \tag{2.23}$$

**Proof:** Suppose,

$$\bar{n}_i = \log_D \frac{1}{p_i^\beta}, \beta > 0 \tag{2.24}$$

Clearly  $\bar{n}_i$  and  $\bar{n}_i + 1$  satisfy the equality in Holder's inequality (2.12). Moreover,  $\bar{n}_i$  satisfies (2.7). Suppose  $\bar{n}_i$  is the unique integer between  $\bar{n}_i$  and  $\bar{n}_i + 1$ , then obviously,  $\bar{n}_i$  satisfies (2.7).

Since  $1 \neq R > 0, \beta > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} &\leq \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-\bar{n}_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \\ &< D \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-\bar{n}_i(R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

$$\frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-\bar{n}_i (R-1)}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} = \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta}$$

Since,

Hence (2.25) becomes

$$\frac{\sum u_i p_i^\beta D^{-n_i (R-1)/R}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \leq \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}} < D^{1/R} \left( \frac{\sum u_i p_i^{R\beta}}{\sum u_i p_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{R}}$$

Which gives (2.23).

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