

Theorem 3.11 If there is no constraint on X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , then μ^* can take any set of non-negative values on the nonempty atoms of \mathcal{F}_n .

Proof

1. Let $Y_A, A \in \mathcal{A}$ be mutually independent random variables. Note that these r.v.'s are labeled by the nonempty atoms of \mathcal{F}_n .

2. Define the random variables $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ by

$$X_i = (Y_A : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } A \subset \tilde{X}_i).$$

We will determine the I -Measure μ^* for X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n so defined.

3. Since Y_A are mutually independent, for any nonempty subsets G of \mathcal{N}_n , we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(X_G) &= H(X_i, i \in G) \\ &= H((Y_A : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } A \subset \tilde{X}_i), i \in G) \\ &= H(Y_A : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } A \subset \tilde{X}_G) \\ &= \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} H(Y_A). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

4. On the other hand, by set-additivity, we have

$$H(X_G) = \mu^*(\tilde{X}_G) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} \mu^*(A). \quad (2)$$

Equating the right hand sides of (1) and (2), we have

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} H(Y_A) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} \mu^*(A).$$

5. Here $\mu^*(A)$ are the unknowns. Evidently, we can make the above equality hold for all nonempty subsets G of \mathcal{N}_n by taking

$$\mu^*(A) = H(Y_A)$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$. By the uniqueness of μ^* (Theorem 3.9), this is also the only possibility for μ^* .

6. Since $H(Y_A)$ can take any nonnegative value by Corollary 2.44, μ^* can take any set of nonnegative values on the nonempty atoms of \mathcal{F}_n . The theorem is proved.