

# Non-extensive entropies

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# 1. Statistical basis of entropy: Boltzmann, Gibbs, etc

- What is the microscopic origin of entropy ?
- Boltzmann:  $S$  is related to the number of microscopic configurations of a system compatible with its macroscopic conditions/constraints.
- To do the counting use  $\log$  (motivation: ideal gases)

$$S = k_B \log W$$

$W$ : number of micro-states corresponding to the same macro-state.  
(normalised phase space volume of hyper-surface of energy  $E$ .)

- Contribution: Introduction of probabilistic reasoning in Physics.
- Gibbs: The entropy of an “ensemble” (set of copies of the system (same microscopic dynamics) but different initial conditions) is

$$S = -k_B \sum_{i \in I} p_i \log p_i$$

- For our purposes: Why use  $\log$  in the definition of entropy ?  
OK for ideal gases or weakly interacting systems, but why in general?

## 2. Dynamical basis of entropy: B/E vs L/K.

- Boltzmann/Einstein: the origin of all macroscopic properties can be found in the underlying dynamics.
- How do we actually calculate anything? Molecular Chaos hypothesis, Ergodicity etc.
- Landau/Khintchin: The underlying dynamics is only good to get a probability distribution. Then we can ignore all dynamics. Statistics is what matters: Law of Large numbers, Central Limit Theorem etc.
- Quantification (Khintchin's theorem).

### 3. Axioms for $S_{BGS}$ : C. Shannon and A. I. Khintchin

- C. Shannon (1948) Uniqueness, A.I. Khintchin (1953) Uniqueness

#### Postulates (A.I. Khintchin Uniqueness; 1953)

Assume that an entropic form  $S(\{p_i\})$ ,  $i \in I$  for a system satisfies

- 1  $S(\{p_i\})$  is a continuous function of  $p_i$ ,  $i \in I$
- 2  $S(\{p_i = \frac{1}{W}\}) > S(\{p_i = \frac{1}{W'}\})$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ ,  $W > W'$
- 3  $S(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, 0) = S(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$
- 4 If  $A, B$  are subsystems, their combination has joint probability distribution  $\{p_{ij}, i \in I_A, j \in I_B\}$  and marginal distributions  $p_i(A) = \sum_{j \in I_B} p_{ij}$ ,  $p_j(B) = \sum_{i \in I_A} p_{ij}$ , then

$$S(\{p_{ij}\}) = S(\{p_i\}) + S(\{p_j|p_i\})$$

with  $S(\{p_j|p_i\}) = \sum_{i \in I_A} p_i S(\{p_{ij}/p_i\})$ : conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$

Then  $S = -k \sum_{i \in I} p_i \log p_i$  (with  $k > 0$ )

## 4. Some formal properties of $S_{BGS}$

- $S_{BGS} \geq 0$
- Maximum at equal probabilities.
- Concavity: If  $p = tp_1 + (1 - t)p_2$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  then
$$S_{BGS}[p] \geq t S_{BGS}[p_1] + (1 - t) S_{BGS}[p_2]$$
- Additivity: for independent systems, i.e. for  $p_{ij} = p_i p_j$ ,  $i \in I_A, j \in I_B$

$$S_{BGS}[p_{ij}] = S_{BGS}[p_i] + S_{BGS}[p_j]$$

## 5. Critique of the BGS entropy

- It has not really been *derived* from first principles.
- Not obvious why it is applicable for long-range interactions, strong spatial or temporal correlations etc.
- Non-equilibrium systems ? Applicable or not ? To which ones? Why?
- For a solution: Keep as much of the thermodynamic formalism as possible, but change the entropic functional. See what happens...
- This is grand “heresy” in many quarters. But ... is it “crazy enough”?
- Questionable practice: Why should even “max-ent” be applicable?
- Entirely possible that one entropic form will not cover “everything”. Find its range of applicability, alternatives etc

## 6. An “alternative”: a non-additive entropy

- How does someone come up with such a functional ?
- “Divine inspiration” / “Ingenuity” / Experience / Past work awareness...
- Use simplicity / “Occam’s razor” as a guide. It may still be wrong ! (e.g. Standard Model of Particle Physics: neither simple nor elegant)
- **Motivation of form via simple ODEs** (from C. Tsallis’ papers):
  - $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \implies y = \text{const.}$  (assume  $y(0) = 1$  here and below).
  - $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \implies y = 1 + x$
  - $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \implies y = e^x$ . Its inverse is  $\log x$ , used in defining  $S_{BGS}$
  - $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^q, q \in \mathbb{R}$  gives

$$y = \{1 + (1 - q)x\}^{\frac{1}{1-q}}$$

Its inverse is

$$y = \frac{x^{1-q} - 1}{1 - q} \equiv \log_q x, \quad \log_1 x = \log x, \quad x > 0$$

By analogy with  $S_{BGS}$ , use  $\log_q$  to define an entropy functional.

- **Motivation from Group Theory and Geometry.** Growth rate of balls: exponential vs polynomial (but also remember: Grigor’chuk groups)



## 6. An “alternative”: a non-additive entropy

- For discrete set of outcomes, define the functionals

$$S_q[\{p_i\}] = k_B \log_q p_i = k_B \frac{1}{q-1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{i \in I} p_i^q \right\}$$

- $q \in \mathbb{R}$ : non-extensive (or entropic) parameter. It introduces a “bias”.
- It was initially studied by Havrda and Charvat (1967), Daróczy (1970), Cressie and Read (1984) and others ... It was “re-discovered” by C. Tsallis (1988). Extensively studied in Thermodynamics, Statistical Mechanics etc since that time. **Not without controversy.**
- For continuous set of outcomes  $\rho$ , use the “straightforward” extension

$$S_q[\rho] = k_B \frac{1}{q-1} \left\{ 1 - \int_{\Omega} [\rho(x)]^q d\text{vol}_{\Omega} \right\}$$

- Some **recent controversy** about this continuous extension.

## 7. Some other entropic functionals (indicative) ...

- Renyi entropy:

$$S_q^R[\{p_i\}] = \frac{1}{1-q} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^q \right)$$

- Kaniadakis ( $\kappa$ -) entropy:

$$S_\kappa = - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^{1+\kappa} - p_i^{1-\kappa}}{2\kappa}$$

- Curado entropy:

$$S_q^C[\{p_i\}] = \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - e^{-q p_i}) + e^{-q} - 1$$

- Landsberg-Vedral entropy:

$$S_q^{LV} = \frac{1}{1-q} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N p_i^q} \right)$$

## 8. Some formal properties of $S_q$

- $S_q \geq 0$
- $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} S_q = S_{BGS}$
- $q$  introduces a bias.
  - If  $q < 1$ , then  $p_i^q > p_i$ , so the rare events ( $p_i \sim 0$ ) are “enhanced”.
  - If  $q > 1$ , then the frequent events ( $p_i \sim 1$ ) are “enhanced”.
- Domain: If  $q < 0$  only states with  $p_i \neq 0$  contribute to  $S_q$ .
- Extremal at equal probabilities (max. for  $q > 0$ , min. for  $q < 0$ ).
- Additivity: If two sets of outcomes are independent ( $p_{ij} = p_i p_j$ ) then

$$\frac{1}{k_B} S_q[\{p_{ij}\}] = \frac{1}{k_B} S_q[\{p_i\}] + \frac{1}{k_B} S_q[\{p_j\}] + \frac{1}{k_B^2} (1 - q) S_q[\{p_i\}] S_q[\{p_j\}]$$

If  $q < 1$  then  $S_q[\{p_{ij}\}] \geq S_q[\{p_i\}] + S_q[\{p_j\}]$ . The opposite for  $q > 1$

- $S_q$  is concave for  $q > 0$ , convex for  $q < 0$ .
- Observe that  $S_{BGS} = -\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{i \in I} p_i^x |_{x=1}$

Observe that  $S_q = -\frac{D}{dx} \sum_{i \in I} p_i^x |_{x=1}$  where  $\frac{D}{dx} f(x) = \frac{f(qx) - f(x)}{qx - x}$   
is the “Jackson Derivative”.

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with  $S(\{p_j|p_i\}) = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_A} p_i^q S(\{p_{ij}/p_i\})}{\sum_{i \in I_A} p_i^q}$  conditional escort prob. of  $B$  given  $A$

Then 
$$S = -k \frac{1}{q-1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{i \in I} p_i^q \right\} \quad (\text{with } k > 0)$$

## 10. Dynamical and Physical Foundations of $S_q$

- Not much is known.
- Analytical, model-independent arguments are very few, far apart and circumstantial, at best.
- Conjecturally  $S_q$  describes non-ergodic systems, systems with strong spatial and temporal correlations, long-range interactions etc.
- Systems whose phase space volume increases polynomially (Hanel-Thurner 2011).
- Systems with largest Lyapunov exponent zero: weak chaos. Re-define meaningful “Lyapunov-like” exponents for such cases.
- Systems with long-range interactions exhibit “anomalous” behaviour such as quasi-stationary states. How can we describe such systems?

## 11. Some Weaknesses (limitations?) of $S_q$

- A thermodynamic formalism mirroring that based on  $S_{BGS}$  has been, largely, developed for  $S_q$ . **However ...**
- Several points need to still be elucidated:
  - What is the meaning and physical interpretation of  $q$  ?
  - If one combines two systems with different  $q$ 's, what will be the result?
  - How does one define temperature, heat exchange etc for different  $q$ 's?
  - Does the first law of thermodynamics even apply to interacting systems with different  $q$ 's?
  - Why use the “maximum entropy” principle for deriving the thermodynamic behaviour of such systems?
  - What is the origin and role of escort distributions in this framework?
  - Be **very careful** with data fittings and the emergence of  $q$ -exponentials.
  - **Does  $S_q$  have any physical significance ?**  
Calculate  $S_q$  for particular models and compare to experiments.

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