

## Distributional solutions in information theory, I

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**Abstract.** The measures directed divergence and inaccuracy are characterized with the help of a functional equation, which is solved by means of distributions.

1. Let  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  with  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$  be a finite discrete probability distribution. Let us consider another finite discrete probability distribution  $Q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$  with  $q_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 1$  such that there is a 1-1 correspondence between the elements of  $P$  and  $Q$  given by their indices. Then the measure of information directed divergence [10] or information gain [13] is given by

$$(1) \quad D_n \left( \begin{matrix} p_1, \dots, p_n \\ q_1, \dots, q_n \end{matrix} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log \frac{p_i}{q_i}$$

and inaccuracy [9] is given by

$$(2) \quad I_n \left( \begin{matrix} p_1, \dots, p_n \\ q_1, \dots, q_n \end{matrix} \right) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log q_i.$$

**Remark 1.** In (1) and (2) it is used that  $q_i = 0$  (or 1) implies  $p_i = 0$  (or 1) and  $0 \cdot \log 0 = 0$  and the base of the logarithm is 2.

The quantities (1) and (2) have been characterized by using various systems of postulates ([3], [4], [6]–[8], [12]). In this paper we are characterizing (1) and (2) through a single functional equation, which is solved by the method of differentiation, consequently by the theory of distributions, along similar methods used in [2] to characterize Shannon's entropy.

Let  $K^n(P||Q)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be a system of functions defined on the sets  $D_n$ , where

$$D_n = \left\{ (P, Q): p_i, q_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 1 \right\}$$

and satisfying the following axioms:

(a<sub>1</sub>)  $K^n(P||Q)$  is symmetric in  $\left(\frac{p_i}{q_i}\right)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),

(a<sub>2</sub>)  $K^n$  is continuous,

(a<sub>3</sub>)  $K^n\left(\frac{p_1, \dots, p_n}{q_1, \dots, q_n}\right) = K^{n-1}\left(\frac{p_1+p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n}{q_1+q_2, q_3, \dots, q_n}\right) +$   
 $(p_1+p_2) K^2\left(\frac{\frac{p_1}{p_1+p_2}, \frac{p_2}{p_1+p_2}}{\frac{q_1}{q_1+q_2}, \frac{q_2}{q_1+q_2}}\right),$

whenever  $p_1+p_2, q_1+q_2 > 0$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *If the functions  $K^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) satisfy (a<sub>1</sub>), (a<sub>2</sub>), and (a<sub>3</sub>), then*

$$(3) \quad K^n(P||Q) = A \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log p_i + B \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log q_i,$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

**Remark 2.** It is easy to see (from the references cited) that (a<sub>3</sub>) for  $n = 3$  and  $K^3$  symmetric lead to the functional equation

$$(4) \quad F(x, y) + (1-x)F\left(\frac{u}{1-x}, \frac{v}{1-y}\right) \\ = F(u, v) + (1-u)F\left(\frac{x}{1-u}, \frac{y}{1-v}\right),$$

where

$$F(x, y) = K^2\left(\frac{x, 1-x}{y, 1-y}\right),$$

and the solution of (4) by [5] with the use of (a<sub>3</sub>) results in (3). Here we are using theory of distributions to achieve this result <sup>(1)</sup>.

Analogously as in [2], Theorem 2 follows from a theorem on a single function  $K$ , which we shall formulate below.

By using (a<sub>3</sub>) for  $n = 3$ , we get

$$K^3\left(\frac{p, 1-p, 0}{q, 1-q, 0}\right) = K^2\left(\frac{1, 0}{1, 0}\right) + K^2\left(\frac{p, 1-p}{q, 1-q}\right), \\ K^3\left(\frac{p, 0, 1-p}{q, 0, 1-q}\right) = K^2\left(\frac{p, 1-p}{q, 1-q}\right) + pK^2\left(\frac{1, 0}{1, 0}\right) \quad \text{for } 0 < p, q < 1,$$

<sup>(1)</sup> See also A. Kamiński, Pl. Kannappan, *A note on some theorem in information theory*, Bull. Acad. Polon. Sci. 25 (1977), p. 925-928.

which by the use of (a<sub>1</sub>) for  $n = 3$  results in  $K^2\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1, 0 \\ 1, 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = 0$ . Thus

$$(5) \quad K^3\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1, p_2, 0 \\ q_1, q_2, 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = K^2\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1, p_2 \\ q_1, q_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right).$$

Again using (a<sub>3</sub>) for  $n = 3$  and (5), we obtain

$$K^3\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1, p_2, p_3 \\ q_1, q_2, q_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = K^3\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1 + p_2, 0, p_3 \\ q_1 + q_2, 0, q_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + \\ + (p_1 + p_2)K^3\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{p_1}{p_1 + p_2}, \frac{p_2}{p_1 + p_2}, 0 \\ \frac{q_1}{q_1 + q_2}, \frac{q_2}{q_1 + q_2}, 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right),$$

which by defining

$$(6) \quad K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x, y, z \\ u, v, w \end{smallmatrix}\right) = (x + y + z)K^3\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{x}{x + y + z}, \frac{y}{x + y + z}, \frac{z}{x + y + z} \\ \frac{u}{u + v + w}, \frac{v}{u + v + w}, \frac{w}{u + v + w} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$$

gives

$$(7) \quad K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1, p_2, p_3 \\ q_1, q_2, q_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1 + p_2, 0, p_3 \\ q_1 + q_2, 0, q_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p_1, p_2, 0 \\ q_1, q_2, 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right).$$

Further, for arbitrary  $\lambda > 0$ , we have from (6),

$$(8) \quad K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z \\ u, v, w \end{smallmatrix}\right) = \lambda K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x, y, z \\ u, v, w \end{smallmatrix}\right),$$

and

$$(9) \quad K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x, y, z \\ \lambda u, \lambda v, \lambda w \end{smallmatrix}\right) = K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x, y, z \\ u, v, w \end{smallmatrix}\right),$$

that is,  $K$  is positively homogeneous of order 1 with respect to the variables  $x, y, z$  and of order 0 with respect to the variables  $u, v, w$ .

Thus, in order to prove Theorem 1, it is enough to solve the functional equation (7) under the additional conditions (8) and (9).

**2.** Let  $D$  be the following domain in  $D^6$ :  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$ ,  $x_1y_1 \cdot x_2y_2 + x_2y_2 \cdot x_3y_3 + x_3y_3 \cdot x_1y_1 > 0$  (that is, at least two of the pair of variables have positive elements).

It is clear that the interior  $D^0$  of  $D$  coincides with the interior of  $D_3$ .

Let  $K$  be a function defined on  $D$  and be positively homogeneous in the sense that (8) and (9) hold. Then we prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.** *If a function  $K \begin{pmatrix} x, y, z \\ u, v, w \end{pmatrix}$  is continuous, pairwise symmetric and positively homogeneous in  $\mathbf{D}$  and satisfies, in  $\mathbf{D}^0$ , the functional equation (7), then*

$$(10) \quad K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \right) \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \log x_i \right] + \\ + \beta \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i \right) \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i \log y_i \right],$$

holds in  $\mathbf{D}$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are arbitrary constants.

In order to use the method of distributional differentiation we prove the more general theorem.

**THEOREM 3.** *If a distribution  $K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix}$  defined in an open set  $\mathbf{S}$  containing  $\mathbf{D}$ , is pairwise symmetric and positively homogeneous in  $\mathbf{D}^0$  and satisfies equation (7) in  $\mathbf{D}^0$ , then it is of the form (10) in  $\mathbf{D}^0$ .*

It is now evident how Theorem 2 follows from Theorem 3, namely, each function which is continuous in  $\mathbf{D}$  can be continuously extended to the domain  $\mathbf{S}$  and then it can be considered as a distribution. On the other hand each function which is continuous in  $\mathbf{D}$  and has the form (10) in  $\mathbf{K}^0$  has this form (10) also in  $\mathbf{D}$ .

The proof of Theorem 3 is given in section 5.

### 3. The symbols

$$K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, 0 \\ y_1, y_2, 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad K \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2, 0, y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

in (7) are meant as in [2], i.e., in the sense of generalized operations on distributions (see also [1] and [11]). In solving (7), we shall use differentiation. We shall denote the partial derivatives of  $K$  with respect to  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  by  $K^{(i)}$  and  $K_{(j)}$ , respectively.

The symbols

$$K \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2, 0, y_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K^{(i)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, 0 \\ y_1, y_2, 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K_{(j)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, 0 \\ y_1, y_2, 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are defined uniquely, because they do not depend on a succession of performing operations (see [5]).

In [2], the following lemma is proved.

**LEMMA 1.** *If  $f(x, y, z) = g(x + y, z) = h(x, y + z)$ , where  $f$  is a distribution of three variables and  $g$  and  $h$  are distributions of two variables, then there is a distribution  $I$  of one variable such that  $f(x, y, z) = I(x + y + z)$ .*

The proof of Lemma 1 is based on a simple substitution. In [2], Lemma 1 is formulated for  $x, y, z > 0$ , but it is true also in the case where  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^q$ ,  $x, y > 0$ . If in particular  $q = 3$ , we obtain the following lemma.

**LEMMA 2.** *If  $f\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = g\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1, x_2+x_3 \\ y_1, y_2+y_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = h\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1+x_2, x_3 \\ y_1+y_2, y_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  ( $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3 > 0$ ), where  $f$  is a distribution of six variables and  $g, h$  are distributions of four variables, then there is a distribution  $I$  of two variables such that  $f\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = I\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1+x_2+x_3 \\ y_1+y_2+y_3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ .*

4. Before proving Theorem 3, we briefly sketch and consequently correct a slip made in [2] (in section 4, proof of Theorem 3).

If  $H$  is a distribution satisfying

$$(11) \quad H(x, y, z) = H(x+y, 0, z) + H(x, y, 0) \\ \text{and} \quad H(\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z) = \lambda H(x, y, z)$$

on appropriate domain, as in [2], we obtain

$$H_1(x, y, z) = G(x+y+z) - \alpha(x), \quad H_2(x, y, z) = G(x+y+z) - \beta(y), \\ H_3(x, y, z) = G(x+y+z) - \gamma(z),$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are different distributions ( $H_1(x, y, z)$  is the partial derivative of  $H$  with respect to  $x$  etc.) and

$$(12) \quad H(x, y, z) = (x+y+z)G(x+y+z) - x\alpha(x) - y\beta(y) - z\gamma(z),$$

$$(13) \quad f_1(x) + f_2(y) + f_3(z) = g(x+y+z),$$

where  $f_1(x) = x^2\alpha'(x)$ ,  $f_2(x) = x^2\beta'(x)$ ,  $f_3(x) = x^2\gamma'(x)$  and

$$(14) \quad f_i(x) = ax + b_i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

(cf. (12)–(14) above with (13)–(15) in [2] for corrections). Consequently,

$$\alpha(x) = a \log x - \frac{b_1}{x} + c_1, \quad \beta(x) = a \log x - \frac{b_2}{x} + c_2, \\ \gamma(x) = a \log x - \frac{b_3}{x} + c_3 \quad \text{and} \quad G(x) = a \log x - \frac{b_1 + b_2 + b_3}{x} + d,$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $d$  are constants, so that (11) becomes

$$H(x, y, z) = a[(x+y+z)\log(x+y+z) - x\log x - y\log y - z\log z] + \\ + d(x+y+z) - c_1x - c_2y - c_3z.$$

Because of the symmetry of  $H$ , we get  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ . Thus,

$$H(x, y, z) = a[(x+y+z)\log(x+y+z) - x\log x - y\log y - z\log z] + \\ + (d-c)(x+y+z),$$

same as in [2]. This  $H$  satisfies (11) if  $d-c = 0$ , that is,

$$(15) \quad H(x, y, z) = a[(x+y+z)\log(x+y+z) - x\log x - y\log y - z\log z].$$

5. Proof of Theorem 3. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} \in |D^0$ . First of all we note that (9) leads to the Euler formula

$$(16) \quad 0 = y_1 K_{(1)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} + y_2 K_{(2)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} + y_3 K_{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Differentiating (7) with respect to  $y_3$ , we get

$$(17) \quad K_{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} + K_{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2, 0, y_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next on differentiating (17) with regard to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , we find

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} K_{31} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= K_{31} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2, 0, y_3 \end{pmatrix}, \\ K_{32} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= K_{32} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2, 0, y_3 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $K_{31} = K_{32}$  and because of the symmetry of  $K^3$  and so of  $K$ , we obtain

$$(19) \quad K_{31} = K_{32} = K_{23} = K_{21} = K_{12} = K_{31} = K'',$$

which implies that  $K''$  is also symmetric.

Similarly we can prove that

$$(20) \quad K_{(3)}^{(1)} = K_{(3)}^{(2)} = K_{(2)}^{(3)} = K_{(2)}^{(1)} = K_{(1)}^{(2)} = K_{(1)}^{(3)}.$$

From (18), it follows that

$$K'' \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} + K'' \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2, 0, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = K'' \begin{pmatrix} x_2 + x_3, 0, x_1 \\ y_2 + y_3, 0, y_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In view of Lemma 2, there is a distribution  $I$  of two variables such that

$$(21) \quad K'' \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = I \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using (19) and (21), since  $K'' = K_{31} = K_{32}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= G \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} + P \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix}, \\ K_{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= G \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} + Q \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_3 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $G \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  is a primitive distribution of  $K \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to  $y$  and  $P, Q$  are distributions of five variables. Hence, there is a distribution of four

variables  $F_3$  such that

$$(22) \quad K_{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = G \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} - F_3 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarly, there exist distributions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  of four variables such that

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} K_{(1)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= G \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} - F_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ K_{(2)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= G \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} - F_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Now (16), (22) and (23) yield

$$(24) \quad f_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + f_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} + f_3 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = g \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$(25) \quad f_i \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} = y_i F_i \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad g \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = y G \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Differentiating (24) successively with respect to  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  and denoting the derivatives by  $f'_i, g'$ , we have

$$f'_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = f'_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = f'_3 \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = g' \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives rise to a distribution  $A$  of one variable such that

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} f_i \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} &= y_i A(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + B_i(x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \\ g \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} &= (y_1 + y_2 + y_3) A(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + B(x_1, x_2, x_3), \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B$  are distributions of three variables and  $B = B_1 + B_2 + B_3$ . Consequently (22), (23), (25) and (26) lead to

$$K_{(j)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{B(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{y_1 + y_2 + y_3} - \frac{B_j(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{y_j},$$

which on integration with respect to  $y_j$ , results to

$$(27) \quad K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = B(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \log(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) - B_j(x_1, x_2, x_3) y_j + C_j,$$

where  $C_j$  is a distribution of the variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $y_k$  for  $k \neq j$ .

Now (27) can be rewritten as

$$K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = B \log(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) - B_1 \log y_1 - B_2 \log y_2 - B_3 \log y_3 + D_j,$$

where  $D_j = c_j + D \sum_{k \neq j} B_k \log y_k$ , i.e.,  $D_j$  does not depend on  $y_j$ , so that it is easy to see that  $D_1 = D_2 = D_3$ , all depending upon  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  only, say equal to  $B_0$ , Thus

$$(28) \quad K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = B(x_1, x_2, x_3) \log(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) - \sum_{i=1}^3 B_i(x_1, x_2, x_3) \log y_i + B_0(x_1, x_2, x_3).$$

From (28) results

$$(29) \quad K_{(j)}^{(i)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{B^{(i)}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{y_1 + y_2 + y_3} - \frac{B_j^{(i)}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{y_j}$$

for  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  which with (20) give

$$\frac{B_j^{(i)}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{y_j} = \frac{B_k^{(i)}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{y_k} \quad (k, j \neq i)$$

for arbitrary indices  $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$ . Since  $y_j, y_k$  are linearly independent, we have  $B_j^{(i)} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Thus

$$(30) \quad B_j(x_1, x_2, x_3) = b_j(x_j) \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, 3,$$

where  $b_j$  is a distribution of one variable.

Since  $B = B_1 + B_2 + B_3$ , (29) and (30) give

$$(31) \quad K_{(j)}^{(i)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{b'_i(x_i)}{y_1 + y_2 + y_3} \quad \text{for } j \neq i.$$

In the same way, from (20) and (31), we obtain

$$b'_1(x_1) = b'_2(x_2) = b'_3(x_3) = \beta,$$

where  $\beta$  is a constant.

Hence,  $B_i(x_1, x_2, x_3) = b_i(x_i) = \beta x_i + d_i$ , where  $d_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are constants, and  $B(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \beta(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  so that (28) becomes

$$(32) \quad K \begin{pmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \end{pmatrix} = B_0(x_1, x_2, x_3) + \beta(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \log(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) + \\ + (d_1 + d_2 + d_3) \log(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) - \beta \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \log y_i - \sum_{i=1}^3 d_i \log y_i.$$

Symmetry of  $K$  yields  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = d$  (say). Then the substitution

of (32) in (7) gives  $d = 0$  and

$$(33) \quad B_0(x_1, x_2, x_3) = B_0(x_1 + x_2, 0, x_3) + B_0(x_1, x_2, 0)$$

with  $B_0$  symmetric.

Now, it is easy to see from (32), since  $d = 0$ , that  $B_0$  is positively homogeneous. Thus, by [2] or by using section 4 and (15) we have

$$B_0(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \alpha \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \right) \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \log x_i \right].$$

Hence  $K$  has the required form (10) and this completes the proof of Theorem 3.

**6. Proof of Theorem 1.** By Theorem 3,  $K$  satisfying (7), (8) and (9) has the form (10). Hence from (6) and (10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} K^3 \begin{pmatrix} p_1, p_2, p_3 \\ q_1, q_2, q_3 \end{pmatrix} &= (p_1 + p_2 + p_3) K^3 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_1}{p_1 + p_2 + p_3}, \frac{p_2}{p_1 + p_2 + p_3}, \frac{p_3}{p_1 + p_2 + p_3} \\ \frac{q_1}{q_1 + q_2 + q_3}, \frac{q_2}{q_1 + q_2 + q_3}, \frac{q_3}{q_1 + q_2 + q_3} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= K \begin{pmatrix} p_1, p_2, p_3 \\ q_1, q_2, q_3 \end{pmatrix} = A \left( - \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i \log p_i \right) + B \left( - \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i \log q_i \right), \end{aligned}$$

which with (5) gives

$$(34) \quad K^2 \begin{pmatrix} p_1, p_2 \\ q_1, q_2 \end{pmatrix} = A (-p_1 \cdot \log p_1 - p_2 \cdot \log p_2) + B (-p_1 \cdot \log q_1 - p_2 \cdot \log q_2).$$

Now (a<sub>3</sub>) and (34) yield the sought for result (3). This proves Theorem 1.

**7. Directed divergence and inaccuracy.** In order to obtain directed divergence, use the initial conditions

$$K^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1, 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad K^2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

(refer [6], [4], [7]).

In order to obtain inaccuracy, use the initial conditions,

$$K^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1, 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad K^2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

(refer [4]).

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