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proof of PTAH inequality

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In order to prove the PTAH inequality two lemmas are needed. The first lemma is quite general and does not depend on the specific P and Q that are defined for the PTAH inequality.

The setup for the first lemma is as follows:

We still have a measure space X with measure m . We have a subset $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. And we have a function $p : X \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is positive and is integrable in x for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Also, $p(x, \lambda) \log p(x, \lambda')$ is integrable in x for each pair $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda$.

Define $P : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$P(\lambda) = \int p(x, \lambda) dm(x)$$

and $Q : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
by

$$Q(\lambda, \lambda') = \int p(x, \lambda) \log p(x, \lambda') dm(x).$$

Lemma 1 (1) $P(\lambda) \log \frac{P(\lambda')}{P(\lambda)} \geq Q(\lambda, \lambda') - Q(\lambda, \lambda)$
(2) if $Q(\lambda, \lambda') \geq Q(\lambda, \lambda)$ then $P(\lambda') \geq P(\lambda)$. If equality holds then $p(x, \lambda) = p(x, \lambda')$ a.e [m].

Proof It is clear that (2) follows from (1), so we only need to prove (1). Define a measure $d\nu(x) = \frac{p(x, \lambda) dm(x)}{P(\lambda)}$. Then

$$\int d\nu(x) = 1$$

so we can use Jensen's inequality for the logarithm.

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(\lambda, \lambda') - Q(\lambda, \lambda) &= \int p(x, \lambda) [\log p(x, \lambda') - \log p(x, \lambda)] dm(x) \\
&= \int p(x, \lambda) \log \frac{p(x, \lambda')}{p(x, \lambda)} dm(x) \\
&= P(\lambda) \int \log \frac{p(x, \lambda')}{p(x, \lambda)} d\nu(x) \\
&\leq P(\lambda) \log \int \frac{p(x, \lambda')}{p(x, \lambda)} d\nu(x) \\
&= P(\lambda) \log \int \frac{p(x, \lambda')}{P(\lambda)} dm(x) \\
&= P(\lambda) \log \frac{P(\lambda')}{P(\lambda)}.
\end{aligned}$$

The next lemma uses the notation of the parent entry.

Lemma 2 Suppose $r_i \geq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) \in \sigma$. If $\sum_j r_j > 0$ then

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \theta_i^{r_i} \leq \prod_i \left(\frac{r_i}{\sum_j r_j} \right)^{r_i}.$$

Proof. Let $\lambda = (\lambda_i) \in \sigma$. By the concavity of the log function we have

$$\sum_i \lambda_i \log x_i \leq \log \sum_i \lambda_i x_i$$

where $x_i > 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

so that

$$\prod_i x_i^{\lambda_i} \leq \sum_i \lambda_i x_i = \prod_i \left(\sum_j \lambda_j x_j \right)^{\lambda_i}. \quad (1)$$

It is enough to prove the lemma for the case where $r_i > 0$ for all i . We can also assume $\theta_i > 0$ for all i , otherwise the result is trivial.

Let $\rho = \sum_j r_j > 0$ and $\lambda_i = \frac{r_i}{\rho}$ so that $\rho \lambda_i = r_i$.

Raise each side of (1) to the ρ power:

$$\prod_i x_i^{r_i} \leq \prod_i \left(\sum_j \lambda_j x_j \right)^{r_i} \quad (2)$$

so that

$$\prod_i \left(\frac{x_i}{\sum_j \lambda_j x_j} \right)^{r_i} \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

Multiply (3) by $\prod_i (\frac{r_i}{\rho})^{r_i}$ to get:

$$\prod_i \left(\frac{r_i x_i}{\sum_j r_j x_j} \right)^{r_i} \leq \prod_i (r_i / \rho)^{r_i}. \quad (4)$$

Claim: There exist $x_i > 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ such that

$$\theta_i = \frac{r_i x_i}{\sum_j r_j x_j}. \quad (5)$$

If so, then substituting into (4)

$$\prod_i \theta_i^{r_i} \leq \prod_i \left(\frac{r_i}{\rho} \right)^{r_i} = \prod_i \left(\frac{r_i}{\sum_j r_j} \right)^{r_i}$$

So it remains to prove the claim. We have to solve the system of equations $\theta_i \sum_j r_j x_j = r_i x_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ for x_i . Rewriting this in matrix form, let $A = (a_{ij})$, $R = \text{diag}(r_1, \dots, r_n)$, and $x = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, where $a_{ii} = \theta_i - 1$ and $a_{ij} = \theta_i$ if $i \neq j$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. The columns sums of A are 0, since $\theta \in \sigma$. Hence A is singular and the homogenous system $ARx = 0$ has a nonzero solution, say x . Since R is nonsingular, it follows that $Rx \neq 0$. It follows that $r_i x_i \neq 0$ for some i and therefore $\sum_j r_j x_j \neq 0$. If necessary, we can replace x by $-x$ so that $\sum_j r_j x_j > 0$. From (5) it follows that $x_j > 0$ for all j .

Now we can prove the PTAH inequality. Let $r_i(\lambda) = \int a_i(x) \prod_j \lambda_j^{a_j(x)} dm(x)$.

We calculate $\frac{\partial P}{\partial \lambda_i}$ by differentiating under the integral sign. If $\lambda_i > 0$ then

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \lambda_i} = r_i(\lambda) / \lambda_i.$$

Thus

$$\lambda_i \frac{\partial P}{\partial \lambda_i} = r_i(\lambda). \quad (6)$$

If $\lambda_i = 0$ then by writing

$$r_i(\lambda) = \int_E a_i(x) \dots dm(x) + \int_{E^c} \lambda_i^{a_i(x)} \dots dm(x)$$

where $E = \{x \in X | a_i(x) = 0\}$ it is clear that each integral is 0, so that $r_i(\lambda) = 0$. So again, (6) holds. Therefore,

$$\frac{r_i(\lambda)}{\sum_j r_j(\lambda)} = \frac{\lambda_i \partial P / \partial \lambda_i}{\sum_j \lambda_j \partial P / \partial \lambda_j} = \bar{\lambda}_i.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\lambda, \lambda') &= \int \prod_j \lambda_j^{a_j(x)} \log \prod_i (\lambda_i')^{a_i(x)} dm(x) \\ &= \sum_i \log \lambda_i' \int a_i(x) \prod_j \lambda_j^{a_j(x)} dm(x) \\ &= \sum_i r_i(\lambda) \log \lambda_i' \\ &= \log \prod_i (\lambda_i')^{r_i(\lambda)} \\ &\leq \log \prod_i \left(\frac{r_i(\lambda)}{\sum_j r_j(\lambda)} \right)^{r_i(\lambda)} \\ &= \log \prod_i (\bar{\lambda}_i)^{r_i(\lambda)} \\ &= Q(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}). \end{aligned}$$

Now by Lemma 1, with $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda'$ we get $P(\bar{\lambda}) \geq P(\lambda)$.