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ON AXIOMATIC CHARACTERIZATION OF ENTROPY  
OF TYPE  $(\alpha, \beta)^*$

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1. INTRODUCTION

Sharma and Taneja [6, 7] introduced and characterized entropy of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$  given by

$$(1.1) \quad H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = (2^{1-\alpha} - 2^{1-\beta})^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha - p_i^\beta), \quad \alpha \neq \beta, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0,$$

for a complete probability distribution  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$  by generalizing a functional equation considered by Chaundy and McLeod [1].

The measure (1.1) satisfies a recursive relation as follows:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) - H_{n-1}(p_1 + p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = \\ &= \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} (p_1 + p_2)^\alpha H_2\left(\frac{p_1}{p_1 + p_2}, \frac{p_2}{p_1 + p_2}; \alpha, 1\right) + \\ &+ \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} (p_1 + p_2)^\beta H_2\left(\frac{p_1}{p_1 + p_2}, \frac{p_2}{p_1 + p_2}; 1, \beta\right), \\ &\alpha \neq \beta, \quad \alpha \neq 1, \quad \beta \neq 1, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_1 + p_2 > 0$ ,  $A_\alpha = (2^{1-\alpha} - 1)$  and  $A_\beta = (2^{1-\beta} - 1)$ .

Measure (1.1) reduces to entropy of type  $\beta$  (or  $\alpha$ ) when  $\alpha = 1$  (or  $\beta = 1$ ) given by

$$(1.3) \quad H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; 1, \beta) = H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \beta) = (2^{1-\beta} - 1)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\beta - 1 \right],$$

$$\beta \neq 1, \quad \beta > 0.$$

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When  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ , measure (1.3) reduces to Shannon's entropy [4], viz.

$$(1.4) \quad H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log_2 p_i.$$

The measure (1.3) was characterized by many authors by different approaches. Havrda and Charvát [3] characterized (1.3) by an axiomatic approach. Vajda [11] characterized it by mean value considerations. Daróczy [2] studied (1.3) by a functional equation. A joint characterization of the measures (1.3) and (1.4) has been done by the author in two different ways. Firstly by a generalized functional equation having four different functions (cf. [8]) and secondly by an axiomatic approach (cf. [9]). Functional measures of type  $\beta$  have also been obtained by Sharma and the author [5].

In this communication, we characterize the measure (1.1) by taking certain axioms parallel to those considered earlier by Havrda and Charvát [3] along with the recursive relation (1.2). Some properties of this measure are also studied.

## 2. SET OF AXIOMS

For characterizing a measure of information of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$  associated with a probability distribution  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ , we introduce the following axioms:

- (I)  $H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta)$  is continuous in the region  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ ,  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ;
- (II)  $H_2(1, 0; \alpha, \beta) = 0$ ;  $H_2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \alpha, \beta) = 1$ ,  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ;
- (III)  $H_n(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, 0, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = H_{n-1}(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta)$   
for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;
- (IV)  $H_{n+1}(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) -$   
 $- H_n(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) =$   
 $= \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} p_i^\alpha H_2(v_{i_1}/p_i, v_{i_2}/p_i; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} p_i^\beta H_2(v_{i_1}/p_i, v_{i_2}/p_i; 1, \beta),$   
 $\alpha \neq \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ,  $\alpha \neq 1$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ ,  
for every  $v_{i_1} + v_{i_2} = p_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where  $A_\alpha = (2^{1-\alpha} - 1)^*$  and  $A_\beta = (2^{1-\beta} - 1)^*$ .

When  $\alpha = 1$  (or  $\beta = 1$ ), the axiom (IV) reduces to the axiom (iv) used by Havrda and Charvát [3] for characterizing the measure (1.3).

\* Throughout this paper we shall adopt the notation  $A_\alpha$  for  $(2^{1-\alpha} - 1)$  and  $A_\beta$  for  $(2^{1-\beta} - 1)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $\alpha \neq \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , then the axioms (I)–(IV) determine a measure given by*

$$(2.1) \quad H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha - p_i^\beta),$$

where  $A_\alpha$  and  $A_\beta$  are the functions of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively as defined above.

Before proving the theorem, we prove some intermediate results based on the above axioms:

**Lemma 1.** *If  $v_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ;  $\sum_{k=1}^m v_k = p_i > 0$ , then*

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &H_{n+m-1}(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, v_1, \dots, v_m, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = \\ &= H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} p_i^\alpha H_m(v_1/p_i, \dots, v_m/p_i; \alpha, 1) + \\ &\quad + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} p_i^\beta H_m(v_1/p_i, \dots, v_m/p_i; 1, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* To prove the lemma, we proceed by induction. For  $m = 2$ , the desired statement holds (cf. axiom (IV)). Let us suppose the result is true for numbers less than or equal to  $m$ . We shall prove it for  $m + 1$ . We have

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &H_{n+m}(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, v_1, \dots, v_{m+1}, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = \\ &= H_{n+1}(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, v_1, L, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) + \\ &+ \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} L^\alpha H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} L^\beta H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; 1, \beta) \\ &\quad \text{(where } L = v_2 + \dots + v_{m+1}\text{)} \\ &= H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} p_i^\alpha H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; \alpha, 1) + \\ &+ \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} p_i^\beta H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; 1, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} L^\alpha H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; \alpha, 1) + \\ &\quad + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} L^\beta H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; 1, \beta) = \\ &= H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} \{p_i^\alpha H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; \alpha, 1) + \\ &\quad + L^\alpha H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; \alpha, 1)\} + \\ &+ \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} \{p_i^\beta H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; 1, \beta) + L^\beta H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; 1, \beta)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_i = v_1 + L > 0$ .

One more application of the induction premise yields

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} H_{m+1}(v_1/p_i, \dots, v_{m+1}/p_i; \alpha, \beta) &= H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; \alpha, \beta) + \\ &+ \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} (L/p_i)^\alpha H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; \alpha, 1) + \\ &+ \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} (L/p_i)^\beta H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; 1, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\beta = 1$ , (2.4) reduces to

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} H_{m+1}(v_1/p_i, \dots, v_{m+1}/p_i; \alpha, 1) &= \\ &= H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; \alpha, 1) + (L/p_i)^\alpha H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; \alpha, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $\alpha = 1$ , (2.4) reduces to

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} H_{m+1}(v_1/p_i, \dots, v_{m+1}/p_i; 1, \beta) &= \\ &= H_2(v_1/p_i, L/p_i; 1, \beta) + (L/p_i)^\beta H_m(v_2/L, \dots, v_{m+1}/L; 1, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Expression (2.3) together with (2.5) and (2.6) gives the desired result.

**Lemma 2.** If  $v_{ij} \geq 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} v_{ij} = p_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i =$   
then

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} H_{m_1+\dots+m_n}(v_{11}, v_{12}, \dots, v_{1m_1} : \dots : v_{n1}, v_{n2}, \dots, v_{nm_n}; \alpha, \beta) &= \\ &= H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\alpha H_{m_i}(v_{i1}/p_i, \dots, v_{im_i}/p_i; \alpha, 1) + \\ &+ \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\beta H_{m_i}(v_{i1}/p_i, \dots, v_{im_i}/p_i; 1, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Proof of this lemma directly follows from Lemma 1.

**Lemma 3.** If  $F(n; \alpha, \beta) = H_n(1/n, \dots, 1/n; \alpha, \beta)$ , then

$$(2.8) \quad F(n; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} F(n; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} F(n; 1, \beta),$$

where

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} F(n; \alpha, 1) &= A_\alpha^{-1}(n^{1-\alpha} - 1), \quad \alpha \neq 1, \\ \text{and } F(n; 1, \beta) &= A_\beta^{-1}(n^{1-\beta} - 1), \quad \beta \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Replacing in Lemma 2  $m_i$  by  $m$  and putting  $v_{ij} = 1/mn$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers, we have

$$(2.10) \quad F(mn; \alpha, \beta) = F(m; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} (1/m)^{\alpha-1} F(n; \alpha, 1) + \\ + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} (1/m)^{\beta-1} F(n; 1, \beta),$$

$$(2.11) \quad F(mn; \alpha, \beta) = F(n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} (1/n)^{\alpha-1} F(m; \alpha, 1) + \\ + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} (1/n)^{\beta-1} F(m; 1, \beta).$$

Putting  $m = 1$  in (2.10) and using  $F(1; \alpha, \beta) = 0$  (by axiom (II)), we get

$$F(n; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} F(n; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} F(n; 1, \beta),$$

which is (2.8).

Comparing the right hand sides of (2.10) and (2.11), we get

$$(2.12) \quad F(m; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} (1/m)^{\alpha-1} F(n; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} (1/m)^{\beta-1} F(n; 1, \beta) = \\ = F(n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} (1/n)^{\alpha-1} F(m; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} (1/n)^{\beta-1} F(m; 1, \beta).$$

Equation (2.12) together with (2.8) gives

$$(2.13) \quad A_\alpha \{ [1 - (1/n)^{\alpha-1}] F(m; \alpha, 1) + [(1/m)^{\alpha-1} - 1] F(n; \alpha, 1) \} = \\ = A_\beta \{ [1 - (1/n)^{\beta-1}] F(m; 1, \beta) + [(1/m)^{\beta-1} - 1] F(n; 1, \beta) \}.$$

Put  $n = 2$  in (2.13) and use  $F(2; \alpha, \beta) = H_2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \alpha, \beta) = 1$  for all  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then

$$A_\alpha \{ (1 - 2^{1-\alpha}) F(m; \alpha, 1) - (1 - (1/m)^{\alpha-1}) \} = \\ = A_\beta \{ (1 - 2^{1-\beta}) F(m; 1, \beta) - (1 - (1/m)^{\beta-1}) \} = C \quad (\text{say}),$$

i.e.,

$$A_\alpha \{ (1 - 2^{1-\alpha}) F(m; \alpha, 1) - (1 - (1/m)^{\alpha-1}) \} = C,$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

For  $m = 1$ , we get  $C = 0$ .

Thus, we have

$$F(m; \alpha, 1) = \frac{1 - m^{1-\alpha}}{1 - 2^{1-\alpha}} = A_\alpha^{-1}(m^{1-\alpha} - 1), \quad \alpha \neq 1.$$

Similarly,

$$F(m; 1, \beta) = \frac{1 - m^{1-\beta}}{1 - 2^{1-\beta}} = A_\beta^{-1}(m^{1-\beta} - 1), \quad \beta \neq 1,$$

which is (2.9).

Now (2.8) together with (2.9) gives

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} F(n; \alpha, \beta) &= \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} F(n; \alpha, 1) + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} F(n; 1, \beta) = \\ &= (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} (n^{1-\alpha} - n^{1-\beta}). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of the theorem.** We prove the theorem for rationals and then the continuity axiom (I) extends the result for reals. For this, let  $m$  and  $r_i$ 's be positive integers such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = m$  and if we put  $p_i = r_i/m$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then an application of Lemma 2 gives

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} &H_n(\underbrace{1/m, \dots, 1/m}_{r_1}, \dots, \underbrace{1/m, \dots, 1/m}_{r_n}; \alpha, \beta) = \\ &= H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) + \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\alpha H_{r_i}(1/r_i, \dots, 1/r_i; \alpha, 1) + \\ &\quad + \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\beta H_{r_i}(1/r_i, \dots, 1/r_i; 1, \beta), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) &= F(m; \alpha, \beta) - \frac{A_\alpha}{A_\alpha - A_\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\alpha F(r_i; \alpha, 1) - \\ &\quad - \frac{A_\beta}{A_\beta - A_\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\beta F(r_i; 1, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Equation (2.15) together with (2.9) and (2.14) gives

$$H_n(p_1, \dots, p_n; \alpha, \beta) = (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha - p_i^\beta), \quad \alpha \neq \beta, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0,$$

which is (2.1).

This completes the proof of the theorem.

### 3. PROPERTIES OF ENTROPY OF TYPE $(\alpha, \beta)$

The measure  $H_n(P; \alpha, \beta)$ , where  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$  is a probability distribution, as characterized in the preceding section, satisfies certain properties, which are given in the following theorems:

**Theorem 3.1.** *The measure  $H_n(P; \alpha, \beta)$  is non-negative for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .*

**Definition.** *We shall use the following definition of a convex function.*

A function  $f(\cdot)$  over the points in a convex set  $R$  is convex  $\cap$  if for all  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  and  $\mu \in (0, 1)$

$$(3.1) \quad \mu f(r_1) + (1 - \mu)f(r_2) \leq f(\mu r_1 + (1 - \mu)r_2).$$

The function  $f$  is convex  $\cup$  if (3.1) holds with  $\geq$  in place of  $\leq$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *The measure  $H_n(P; \alpha, \beta)$  is convex  $\cap$  function of the probability distribution  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ , when one of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta (>0)$  is greater than unity and the other is less than or equal to unity, i.e., either  $\alpha > 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1$  or  $\beta > 1, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .*

**Proof.** Let there be  $r$  distributions

$$(3.2) \quad P_k(X) = \{p_k(x_1), \dots, p_k(x_n)\}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_k(x_i) = 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, r,$$

associated with the random variable  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Consider  $r$  numbers  $(a_1, \dots, a_r)$  such that  $a_k \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^r a_k = 1$  and define

$$P_0(X) = \{p_0(x_1), \dots, p_0(x_n)\},$$

where

$$(3.3) \quad p_0(x_i) = \sum_{k=1}^r a_k p_k(x_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Obviously  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_0(x_i) = 1$  and thus  $P_0(X)$  is a bonafide distribution of  $X$ .

Let  $\alpha > 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1$ , then we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^r a_k H_n(P_k; \alpha, \beta) - H_n(P_0; \alpha, \beta) = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r a_k H_n(P_k; \alpha, \beta) - (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \{ [\sum_{j=1}^r a_j p_j]^\alpha - [\sum_{j=1}^r a_j p_j]^\beta \} \leq \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^r a_k H_n(P_k; \alpha, \beta) - (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \{ \sum_{j=1}^r a_j p_j^\alpha - \sum_{j=1}^r a_j p_j^\beta \} = 0 \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{for } \alpha > 1, \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$



i.e.,

$$\sum_{k=1}^r a_k H_n(P_k; \alpha, \beta) \leq H_n(P_0; \alpha, \beta) \quad \text{for } \alpha > 1, \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1.$$

By symmetry in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the above result is also true for  $\beta > 1, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *The measure  $H_n(P; \alpha, \beta)$  satisfies the following relations:*

(i) (Generalized-Additive):

$$(3.5) \quad H_{nm}(P * Q; \alpha, \beta) = G_n(P; \alpha, \beta) H_m(Q; \alpha, \beta) + G_m(Q; \alpha, \beta) H_n(P; \alpha, \beta),$$

$$\alpha, \beta > 0,$$

where

$$(3.6) \quad G_n(P; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha + p_i^\beta), \quad \alpha, \beta > 0.$$

(ii) (Sub-Additive): For  $\alpha, \beta > 1$ , the measure  $H_n(P; \alpha, \beta)$  is sub-additive, i.e.,

$$(3.7) \quad H_{nm}(P * Q; \alpha, \beta) \leq H_n(P; \alpha, \beta) + H_m(Q; \alpha, \beta),$$

where  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ ,  $Q = (q_1, \dots, q_m)$  and  $P * Q = (p_1 q_1, \dots, p_1 q_m; \dots; p_n q_1, \dots, p_n q_m)$ , are complete probability distributions.

Proof. (i) We have

$$(3.8) \quad H_{nm}(P * Q; \alpha, \beta) = (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m [(p_i q_j)^\alpha - (p_i q_j)^\beta] =$$

$$= (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m [(p_i q_j)^\alpha - (p_i q_j)^\beta + p_i^\beta q_j^\alpha - p_i^\alpha q_j^\beta] =$$

$$= (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\alpha \sum_{j=1}^m (q_j^\alpha + q_j^\beta) - \sum_{j=1}^m q_j^\beta \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha + p_i^\beta) \right].$$

Similarly, we can write

$$(3.9) \quad H_{nm}(P * Q; \alpha, \beta) = (A_\alpha - A_\beta)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j^\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha + p_i^\beta) - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\beta \sum_{j=1}^m (q_j^\alpha + q_j^\beta) \right]$$

(ii) As  $G_n(P; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i^\alpha + p_i^\beta) \leq 1$  for  $\alpha, \beta \geq 1$ , the relation (3.5) gives the sub-additivity (3.7).

The results of this section show that the measure is suitable for applications, meeting at least partially the demand of the information theory for sub-additive measures.

Some other properties of this measure which make it a good measure of information have been mentioned in [7, 10].

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#### Souhrn

### AXIOMATICKÁ CHARAKTERIZACE ENTROPIE TYPU $(\alpha, \beta)$

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V článku je charakterizována entropie typu  $(\alpha, \beta)$  s použitím axiomatického přístupu. Jako speciální případ je zahrnuta míra typu  $\beta$ , kterou již dříve studovali mnozí autoři. Sharma a Taneja ji vyšetřovali pomocí zobecnění jisté funkcionální rovnice, kterou se předtím zabývali Chaundy a McLeod. V článku se vyšetřují některé vlastnosti této míry.

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