

# TITLE

- FORMULATING and FITTING COPULA BASED LATENT VARIABLE MODELS for PAIRED COMPARISONS and RANKING STUDIES  
An application of
- OPTIMAL DESIGN THEORY

# MOI

- BEN TORSNEY
- UNIVERSITY of GLASGOW
- ([bent@stats.gla.ac.uk](mailto:bent@stats.gla.ac.uk))

# MAIN CONTENTS

- I: Classes of Models
- II: Use of Multiplicative Algorithm
- for Model Fitting

# CONTENTS

- 1 PAIRED COMPARISONS and RANKING  
EXPERIMENTS: EXAMPLES
- 2 MODELS for: PAIRED COMPARISONS  
: TRIPLETS
- 3 MODEL FITTING:  
A CONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION  
PROBLEM (P)
- 4 MULTIPLICATIVE ALGORITHMS  
for MODEL FITTING
- 5 OTHER PROBLEMS / EXTENSIONS

# 1 PAIRED COMPARISONS and RANKING STUDIES

- BINARY or DICHOTOMOUS OUTCOMES
- TREATMENTS or PRODUCTS
- $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_J$ .
- 
- $n_{ij}$  comparisons :  $T_i$  to  $T_j$ ,
- 
- $T_i$  is preferred to  $T_j$ .  $O_{ij}$  times
- 
- $O_{ij} + O_{ji} = n_{ij}$

# Triplets

An extension of pairwise comparisons is to invite subjects to place three treatments  $T_i$ ,  $T_j$ ,  $T_k$ , in order of preference .

# Triplets

- EXAMPLE
- 
- DATA SET on 4 Treatments
- 40 Responses on each of 4 Triplets
- Pendergrass & Bradley

# Triplet-1,2,3

	Row	i	j	k	$O_{ijk}$
•	1	1	2	3	10
•	2	1	3	2	8
•	3	2	1	3	8
•	4	2	3	1	6
•	5	3	1	2	4
•	6	3	2	1	4



# Triplet-1,2,4

• Row	$i$	$j$	$k$	$O_{ijk}$
• 7	1	2	4	12
• 8	1	4	2	8
• 9	2	1	4	8
• 10	2	4	1	6
• 11	4	1	2	4
• 12	4	2	1	2

# Triplet-1,3,4

- Row             $i$              $j$              $k$              $O_{ijk}$
- 13            1            3            4            10
- 14            1            4            3            8
- 15            3            1            4            8
- 16            3            4            1            8
- 17            4            1            3            4
- 18            4            3            1            2

# Triplet-2,3,4

• Row	$i$	$j$	$k$	$O_{ijk}$
• 19	2	3	4	8
• 20	2	4	3	6
• 21	3	2	4	8
• 22	3	4	2	6
• 23	4	2	3	6
• 24	4	3	2	6

## 2.1 MODELS for PAIRED COMPS.

### GENERAL MODEL

$$O_{ij} \sim \text{Bi}(n_{ij}, \theta_{ij})$$

$$\theta_{ij} = P(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j)$$

$$\theta_{ij} + \theta_{ji} = 1$$

### BRADLEY TERRY MODEL

$$\theta_{ij} = p_i / (p_i + p_j),$$

$$p_i > 0.$$

# BRADLEY TERRY MODEL LATENT VAR. INTERP.

Let  $\lambda_i = \ln(p_i)$

- $\theta_{ij} = \exp(\delta_{ij}) / (1 + \exp(\delta_{ij})) = F(\delta_{ij})$
- $\theta_{ij} = \text{Logistic cdf}$
- $\delta_{ij} = \lambda_i - \lambda_j$   
 $\theta_{ij} = F(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) = F\{ \log_e(p_i/p_j) \}$

# Other LATENT VAR. Models

- Bradley-Terry:  $F(\delta) = \exp(\delta)/(1 + \exp(\delta))$
- = logistic distribution function.
- THURSTONE MODEL :  $F(\delta) = \Phi(\delta)$
- = normal distribution function
- IN GENERAL NEED SYMMETRIC  $F(\cdot)$
- $F(\delta) + F(-\delta) = 1$
- $\theta_{ij} + \theta_{ji} = F(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) + F(\lambda_j - \lambda_i) = 1$

# Latent or Utility Scale

- So  $\theta_{ij}$  uniquely determined by

- 

- DIFFERENCE

- in quality characteristics  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$ ,

- 

- -----+-----+-----

- 

$\lambda_j$

$\lambda_i$

# GENERATING MODEL

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_J$  (Utilities)

- $E(X_i) = \lambda_i$  ,  $\text{Var}(X_i) = 1 = \text{constant}$
- 
- $Z_i = X_i - \lambda_i$  i.i.d
- 
- $P(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j) = P(X_i > X_j)$
- $= P(Z_j - Z_i < \lambda_i - \lambda_j)$
- $= F(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$



# ON SYMMETRIZATION

- If  $G_1(u)$  = arbitrary univariate cdf
- Symmetric cdfs are:
- $F_1(u) = \{G_1(u) + [1 - G_1(-u)]\}/2$
- **$F_1(u) = G_1(u)/[G_1(u) + G_1(-u)]$**
- If  $X$  has cdf  $G_1(x)$ ,  $Y = -X$  has cdf  $[1 - G_1(-y)]$

# General Model : Paired Data

- $\theta_{ij} = \mathbf{P}(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j)$
- $= \mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u}) / [\mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{G}_1(-\mathbf{u})]$  (A)
- $= 1 / [1 + \{\mathbf{G}_1(-\mathbf{u}) / \mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u})\}]$  (B)
- $\mathbf{u} = (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) = \text{loge}(p_i/p_j)$
- $\mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u}) = \text{cdf}$
- **For Triplets we develop**
- **extensions of (A),(B)**

## 2.2 Models for Triplets

Let

$$\theta_{ijk} = P(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j \\ \& T_j \text{ is preferred to } T_k)$$

$$= P(T_i > T_j > T_k)$$

## 2.2.0 Specific Models TRIPLETS

- Various possible extensions of
- Bradley Terry Model include:
- i) Pendergrass and Bradley

$$\theta_{ijk} = (p_i)^2 p_j / D ,$$

$$D =$$

$$(p_i)^2 p_j + (p_j)^2 p_i + (p_i)^2 p_k +$$

$$(p_k)^2 p_i + (p_j)^2 p_k + (p_k)^2 p_j$$

## 2.2.0 Specific Models TRIPLETS

- Has symmetry between ranking and inverse ranking i.e. between by “preference” and by “dislike” .
- ‘Treatments’ swap roles under  $q_i = 1/p_i$  .
- But
- $\theta_{ij} = P(T_i > T_j) \neq p_i/(p_i + p_j)$

## 2.2.0 Specific Models TRIPLETS

- ii) Plackett Luce:
- 
- $\theta_{ijk} = p_i p_j / \{ (p_i + p_j + p_k)(p_j + p_k) \}$
- Ensures:
- $\theta_{ij} = P(T_i > T_j) = p_i / (p_i + p_j)$
- $P(T_i = 1^{st}) = p_i / (p_i + p_j + p_k)$
- No symmetry

## 2.2.0 Specific Models TRIPLETS

- iii) Extension : Benter Model
- 
- $\theta_{ijk} =$
- $(p_i)^\alpha (p_j)^\beta / \{ [(p_i)^\alpha + (p_j)^\alpha + (p_k)^\alpha][(p_j)^\beta + (p_k)^\beta] \}$
- 
- $\alpha, \beta$  are positive dampening parameters.
- 
- Should possibly satisfy  $\alpha + \beta = 1$

# General Models for Triplets

- We formulate models of the form:

$$\theta_{ijk} = P(T_i > T_j > T_k) = G_2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) / D$$

- $D = G_2\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\} + G_2\{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, -\mathbf{v}\} + G_2\{-\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\} +$
- $G_2\{\mathbf{v}, -(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})\} + G_2\{-(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}), \mathbf{u}\} + G_2\{-\mathbf{v}, -\mathbf{u}\}$
- $\mathbf{u} = (\lambda_i - \lambda_j), \mathbf{v} = (\lambda_j - \lambda_k), \lambda_i = \ln(p_i)$



# Extensions of Paired Formula (A)

- $\theta_{ij} = \mathbf{P}(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j)$
- $\theta_{ij} = \mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u}) / [\mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{G}_1(-\mathbf{u})]$  (A)

## 2.2.1 Model-1: Bivariate for Triplets

- $\theta_{ijk} = P(X_i > X_j > X_k)$
- $= P(X_i - X_j > 0, X_j - X_k > 0)$
- 
- $= P(Z_j - Z_i < \lambda_i - \lambda_j, Z_k - Z_j < \lambda_j - \lambda_k)$
- $= F_2\{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j), (\lambda_j - \lambda_k)\}$
- $F_2(x, y) = \text{Joint cdf.}$
-

## 2.2.1 Model-1: Bivariate for Triplets

- Requirements:
  - 1)  $\sum \theta_{ijk} = 1$
  - 2) Negative correlation (? of  $-1/2$ )
  -
- Desirable:
  - 3)  $\theta_{ij} = P(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j) = F_1(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$
  - 4) Symmetry between ranking and inverse ranking

## 2.2.1 Model-1: Bivariate for Triplets

- Implied Properties of  $F_2(x,y)$ :
  - 
  - 4) is ensured given symmetry in  $x,y$
  - 3) points to common symmetric marginals
    - of  $F_1(z)$
  - 2) negative correlation
  -

## 2.2.1 Model-1: Bivariate for Triplets

- 1) requires:
- 
- $D^* = F_2\{u,v\} + F_2\{u+v,-v\} + F_2\{-u,u+v\} +$
- $F_2\{v,-(u+v)\} + F_2\{-(u+v),u\} + F_2\{-v,-u\}$
- $= 1$
- $u = (\lambda_i - \lambda_j), v = (\lambda_j - \lambda_k)$

## 2.2.1 Model-1: Bivariate for Triplets

- True for  $F_2(x,y) = \text{Bivariate Normal}$
- i.e.  $X_i \sim N(\lambda_i, 1)$  iid
- Any two paired differences are
- Bivariate Normal,
- Variances = 2, Correlation =  $\pm 1/2$
- Gold Standard

# ON SYMMETRIZATION

- BIVARIATE:
- 
- $G_2(z_1, z_2)$  = arbitrary joint cdf
- Common Marginal cdf =  $G_1(z)$
- 
- SYMMETRIC cdf in  $z_1, z_2$  :
- $F_2(z_1, z_2) = [G_2(z_1, z_2) + G_2(z_2, z_1)]/2$

# ON SYMMETRIZATION

- SYMMETRIC cdf in Origin:
- 
- $F_2(z_1, z_2) =$
- $\{G_2(z_1, z_2) + [1 - G_1(-z_1) - G_1(z_2) + G_2(-z_1, -z_2)]\} / 2$
- 
- $[1 - G_1(-z_1) - G_1(z_2) + G_2(-z_1, -z_2)] =$
- joint cdf of  $(-Z_1, -Z_2)$



# COPULA Choice of $G_2(u,v)$

$$G_2(u,v) = H\{F_1(u), F_1(v)\}$$

- Marginal cdf's are  $F_1(u), F_1(v)$
- $H(r,s) =$  Copula
- $H(r,s) =$  joint cdf on unit square  $0 < r,s < 1$
- $H(r,1) = r$  ,  $H(1,s) = s$
- {Assume symmetry:  $H(r,s) = H(s,r)$ }

# COPULA Choice of $G_2(u,v)$

- e.g. Plackett Copula
- $H(r,s) = \{(1+(\psi-1)(r+s)) -$
- $\sqrt{[\{(1+(\psi-1)(r+s))^2 - 4\psi(\psi-1)rs\}]/2(\psi -1)}$
- 
- $\psi < 1$  implies negative association
- $\psi > 1$  implies positive association

# Model-1 Bivariate for Triplets

- Possible Choice for
- $\theta_{ijk} = F_2\{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j), (\lambda_j - \lambda_k)\}$
- Let  $G_2(u, v) = H\{F_1(u), F_1(v)\}$
- $F_2(u, v) = G_2(u, v)/D$
- $D = G_2\{u, v\} + G_2\{u+v, -v\} + G_2\{-u, u+v\} +$
- $G_2\{v, -(u+v)\} + G_2\{-(u+v), u\} + G_2\{-v, -u\}$

# Model-1 Bivariate for Triplets

- ‘Marginals’ are:
- 
- $H_1(u) = F_1(u)/[F_1(u) + F_1(-u)]$  ,
- $H_1(v) = F_1(v)/[F_1(v) + F_1(-v)]$
-

## 2.2.2 Model-2: Best-Worst

- Plackett Luce Model is
- $\theta_{ijk} = p_i p_j / \{(p_i + p_j + p_k)(p_j + p_k)\}$
- $= [p_i / (p_i + p_j + p_k)] [p_j / (p_j + p_k)]$
- $= P(C)P(E|C)$
- $C = 'T_i = 1^{st} \text{ Preference}'$
- $E = 'T_j \text{ preferred to } T_k'$
- (In fact E,C (conditionally) independent)

## 2.2.2 Model-2: Best-Worst

- $\theta_{ijk} = P(X_i > \{X_j, X_k\})P(X_j > X_k)$
- $= P(X_i - X_j > 0, X_i - X_k > 0)P(X_j - X_k > 0)$

## 2.2.2 Model-2: Best-Worst

- In fact
- $\theta_{ijk} = F_2\{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j), (\lambda_i - \lambda_k)\} F_1\{(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)\}$
- $= F_2(u, u+v) F_1(v)$
- $= M_2(u, v)$  ,
- with  $F_1, F_2$  being univariate & bivariate Logistic cdf's
- $F_2(x, y)$  symmetric in  $x, y$

## 2.2.2 Model-2: Best-Worst

- Possible Choice for  $M_2(u,v)$
- Let  $G_2(u,v) = H\{F_1(u), F_1(u+v)\}F_1(v)$
- $M_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$



## 2.2.3 Model-3: Worst-Best

- $\theta_{ijk} = P(X_k < \{X_j, X_i\})P(X_j < X_i)$
- $= P(X_i - X_k > 0, X_j - X_k > 0)P(X_i - X_j > 0)$
- $= F_2(u+v, v) F_1(u)$
- $= R_2(u, v)$

## 2.2.3 Model-3: Worst-Best

- Possible Choice for  $R_2(u,v)$
- Let  $G_2(u,v) = H\{F_1(u+v), F_1(v)\}F_1(u)$
- $R_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$

## 2.2.4 Models-4: Possible Benter Extensions

- 4a Best-Worst
- $G_2(u,v) = H\{[F_1(u)]^\alpha, [F_1(u+v)]^\alpha\} [F_1(v)]^\beta$
- 4b Worst-Best
- $G_2(u,v) = H\{[F_1(u+v)]^\beta, [F_1(v)]^\beta\} [F_1(u)]^\alpha$

# Extensions of Paired Formula (B)

- $\theta_{ij} = \mathbf{P}(T_i \text{ is preferred to } T_j)$
- $\theta_{ij} = \mathbf{1}/[\mathbf{1} + \{\mathbf{G}_1(-\mathbf{u})/\mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u})\}] \quad \mathbf{(B)}$

- **Note: Bradley Terry Model:**

- $\theta_{ij} = \mathbf{1}/(\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{y}),$
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{p}_j / \mathbf{p}_i = \{\mathbf{G}_1(-\mathbf{u})/\mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u})\}$
- $\mathbf{G}_1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{Logistic}$

## 2.2.5 Model-5: Pendergrass Bradley Generalised

- $\theta_{ijk} = F_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$
- $G_2(u,v) = 1/[1+y+z+y^2z+yz^2+y^2z^2],$
- $y = F_1(-u)/ F_1(u) , z = F_1(-v)/ F_1(v)$
- $F_1(.) = \text{univariate cdf}$
- (logistic for Pend. Brad.)

## 2.2.6 Models-6: Plackett Luce Generalised

- $\theta_{ijk} = F_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$
- (a) Best-Worst
- $G_2(u,v) = 1/[(1+y+yz)(1+z)],$
- (b) Worst-Best
- $G_2(u,v) = 1/[(1+z+yz)(1+y)],$
  
- $y = F_1(-u)/ F_1(u) , z = F_1(-v)/ F_1(v)$
- $F_1(.) = \text{univariate cdf}$
- (logistic for Plack. Luce)

## 2.2.7 Models-7: Benter Generalised

- $\theta_{ijk} = F_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$
- (a) Best-Worst
- $G_2(u,v) = 1/[(1+y^\alpha+y^\alpha z^\alpha)(1+z^\beta)],$
- (b) Best-Worst
- $G_2(u,v) = 1/[(1+z^\beta+y^\beta z^\beta)(1+y^\alpha)],$
- $y = F_1(-u)/ F_1(u) , z = F_1(-v)/ F_1(v)$
- $F_1(.) = \text{univariate cdf}$
- (logistic for Benter)

## 2.2.8 Further points

### Models 1-7: 'Marginal' cdf's

- $F_2(u,v)$  has 'marginal cdf's' as follows:
- Models 1,2,3,5,6a,6b:
  - $F_1(w) / [F_1(w) + F_1(-w)]$ ,  $w = u, v$
- Models 4a,4b,7a,7b:
  - $\{F_1(u)\}^\alpha / [\{F_1(u)\}^\alpha + \{F_1(-u)\}^\alpha]$
  - $\{F_1(v)\}^\beta / [\{F_1(v)\}^\beta + \{F_1(-v)\}^\beta]$



# Models Summarised

- $\theta_{ijk} = F_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$
- $D = G_2\{u,v\} + G_2\{u+v,-v\} + G_2\{-u,u+v\} +$
- $G_2\{v,-(u+v)\} + G_2\{-(u+v),u\} + G_2\{-v,-u\}$

# Models Summarised

	<u><math>G_2(u,v)</math></u>	<u>Model</u>
•	$H\{F_1(u), F_1(v)\}$	1
•	$H\{F_1(u), F_1(u+v)\}F_1(v)$	2
•	$H\{F_1(u+v), F_1(v)\}F_1(u)$	3
•	$H\{[F_1(u)]^\alpha, [F_1(u+v)]^\alpha\}[F_1(v)]^\beta$	4a
•	$H\{[F_1(u+v)]^\beta, [F_1(v)]^\beta\}[F_1(u)]^\alpha$	4b

# Models Summarised

<u><math>G_2(u,v)</math></u>	<u>Model</u>
$1/[1+y+z+y^2z+yz^2+y^2z^2]$	5
$1/[(1+y+yz)(1+z)]$	6a
$1/[(1+z+yz)(1+y)]$	6b
$1/[(1+y^\alpha+y^\alpha z^\alpha)(1+z^\beta)]$	7a
$1/[(1+z^\beta+y^\beta z^\beta)(1+y^\alpha)]$	7b
$y = F_1(-u)/F_1(u)$ , $z = F_1(-v)/F_1(v)$	

# Symmetrising or Not!

- Symmetric models are:
- Averages of ' $G_2(u,v)/D$ '-Ratios of Models
- 2 & 3 or 6a & 6b or 7a & 7b
- OR
- Ratios of corresponding Averages
  
- Assymmetric Models are corresponding
- Convex Combinations

# Flexible Classes of Models

- Copulae  $H(\cdot, \cdot)$ ,
- parameters  $\psi, \alpha, \beta$ ,
- convex weights
- create a flexible class of models

# Induced Models

- Given a model for a Triplet Ranking we
- Can derive models for:
- First Preference (Best)
- Least Preference (Worst)
- (Middle Preference!)

# 3.1 Model Fitting

- All models could be transformed to generalised linear models via e.g.
- $$p_i = \exp(\underline{\beta}^T \underline{x}_i)$$
- (with scaling constraints needed on  $\underline{\beta}$ )
- So class of design problems created.
- We focus on direct estimation of the  $p_i$ 's.

# 3.1 Model Fitting

- In all models:
- $u = (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$ ,  $v = (\lambda_j - \lambda_k)$
- $u = \log_e(p_i/p_j)$  ,  $v = \log_e(p_j/p_k)$
- $u = \log_e(cp_i/cp_j)$  ,  $v = \log_e(cp_j/cp_k)$
- $u, v$  invariant to proportional changes in  $p_i$ 's



## 3.1 Model Fitting

- $u, v$  and hence  $\theta_{ijk}$  and (log-)likelihood are homogeneous functions of degree zero in the  $p_i$ 's.
- A constraint is needed
- One possibility:  $\sum_i p_i = 1$  (or  $\prod_i p_i = 1$ )
- Given  $p_i > 0$ , the  $p_i$ 's are like weights.

## 3.2 PROBLEM (P)

Maximise  $\phi(p)$  subject to

$$p_i \geq 0,$$

$$\sum p_i = 1.$$

$p$  is a probability distribution.

# 3.3 OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS

- Let  $d_j = \partial\phi/\partial p_j$
- ( $= F_j = d_j - \sum p_i d_i$ )
- = Directional Derivative, given  $\sum p_i d_i = 0$ )
  
- Above Likelihoods :  $p_j^* > 0$
  
- If  $\phi(\cdot)$  differentiable at  $p^*$ , necessary condition for  $\phi(p^*)$  to be local maximum :
- $d_j^* = 0$

# 4.1 MULTIPLICATIVE (FIXED POINT) ALGORITHMS

- Let  $f(d,\delta)$  be a function satisfying (for  $\delta \geq 0$ ):
- 
- $f(d,\delta) > 0$ ,
- $\partial f(d,\delta)/\partial d > 0$  (for  $\delta \geq 0$ ),
- $f(d,0) = \text{constant}$
- 
- (e.g.  $f(d,\delta) = \Phi(\delta d)$  or  $f(d,\delta) = d^\delta$  (if  $d > 0$ ))

# 4.1 MULTIPLICATIVE (FIXED POINT) ALGORITHMS

- Algorithm:
- 
- $p_j^{(r+1)} = p_j^{(r)}f(d_j^{(r)},\delta)/\sum p_i^{(r)}f(d_i^{(r)},\delta)$
- ((OR)  $p_j^{(r+1)} = p_j^{(r)}f(F_j^{(r)},\delta)/\sum p_i^{(r)}f(F_i^{(r)},\delta)$  )
- Ensures  $p_j^{(r)} > 0$  ,  $\sum p_i^{(r)} = 1$
- 
- ( OR  $p_j^{(r)}f(d_j^{(r)},\delta)/\{\prod p_i^{(r)}f(d_i^{(r)},\delta)\}^{(1/J)}$
- Ensures  $p_j^{(r)} > 0$  ,  $\prod p_i^{(r)} = 1$  )

# PROPERTIES:

- 
- (i)  $p^{(r)}$  is always feasible.
- 
- (ii)  $F_{\phi}\{p^{(r)}, p^{(r+1)}\} \geq 0$ , with equality when the  $d_j$ 's corresponding to nonzero  $p_j$ 's have a common value  $d$  ( $= \sum p_i d_i$ ), in which case  $p^{(r)} = p^{(r+1)}$ .
-

# PROPERTIES:

- (iii) If  $\delta = 0$  there is no change in  $p^{(r)}$ ,
- given  $f(d, \delta) = \text{constant}$
- (iv) So the algorithm should be monotonic for small positive  $\delta$ .
- 
- (v) An iterate  $p^{(r)}$  is a fixed point of the iteration if derivatives  $d_j^{(r)}$  corresponding to nonzero  $p_j^{(r)}$  are equal; i.e. if corresponding vertex directional derivatives  $F_j^{(r)}$  are zero.

# PROOF of (ii)

$$F_{\phi}\{p^{(r)}, p^{(r+1)}\} = \text{Cov}\{D, f(D)\} / E\{f(D)\}$$

- $D = \text{Random Variable} : P(D = d_j^{(r)}) = p_j^{(r)}$

- 

- $\text{Cov}\{D, f(D)\} > 0$

- if  $\partial f(D) / \partial D > 0$  ;

- and  $E\{f(D)\} > 0$

- if  $f(D) > 0$



## 4.2 CHOICE of $f(\cdot)$

- We choose
- $f(\cdot) = \Phi(\cdot) =$  Standard Normal cdf.
- So iterations are:
- $$p_j^{(r+1)} = p_j^{(r)} \Phi(\delta d_j^{(r)}) / \sum p_i^{(r)} \Phi(\delta d_i^{(r)})$$
- Suitable  $\delta$ :
- $\delta = \alpha(1/N)$  for  $\phi(p)$ ,
- $N = \sum \sum O_{ij}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$
- (i.e.  $\delta \sim \alpha$  for  $\{\phi(p)/N\}$ )

# Initial Iterate

- $p_j^{(0)} = 1/4, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$

## 4.3 Models Fitted and Results

- Fit to Full Triplet Ranking:
- Bivariate & Best-Worst
- Plackett Copula:
- Marginals: Logistic & Normal
- $\Psi = .1, .3, .5, .7, .9, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10$

## 4.3 Models Fitted and Results

- Fit to Full Triplet Ranking:
- Worst-Best
- Plackett Copula:
- Marginals: Logistic & Normal
- $\Psi = .5, 2$

## 4.3 Models Fitted and Results

- Fit to First Preference:
- Bivariate & Best-Worst & Worst-Best
- Plackett Copula:
- Marginals: Logistic & Normal
- $\Psi = .5, 2$

## 4.3 Models Fitted and Results

- Convergence in all but 1 case to

- $d$   
0.0000000  
0.0000000  
0.0000000  
0.0000000

- with  $\alpha = 1/2$

## 4.3 Models Fitted and Results

- Exception:
- Best-Worst Model
- Normal
- $\Psi=0.1$
- Oscillation realised.
- Convergence for  $\alpha=1/20=(1/2)/10$

# Further Results

- Models: Original
- Pendergrass Bradley & Plackett Luce
- Fit To Full Triplet Ranking;
- Fit First Preference (Best)
- Fit Least Preference (Worst)



# Further Results

- Convergence in all but 1 case to
  - $d$ 
    - 0.0000000
    - 0.0000000
    - 0.0000000
    - 0.0000000
  - with  $\alpha = 1$

# Further Results

- Exception:
- Pendergrass Bradley Model
- Full Triplet Ranking
- Divergence
- Convergence for  $\alpha=1/2$

# Performance of Algorithm

- Fast initial convergence
- Number of iterations required to converge
- ranged from  $< 100$  to  $< 500$

# 5 Other Problems

## 5.1 Complete Orderings

- Gormley and Murphy (2005/6) fit extensions of both the Plackett Luce and Benter models to Irish voting data with at least 9 candidates
- 
- 
- They also fit mixtures of these models.
- So several sets of parameter vectors  $(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_J)$
- plus mixing weights.
-

# Complete Orderings

- Further scope for work on latent variable models
- based on Multivariate Distributions
- 
- $\theta_{ijklmn} = F(\lambda_i - \lambda_j, \lambda_j - \lambda_k, \lambda_k - \lambda_l, \lambda_l - \lambda_m, \lambda_m - \lambda_n)$
- $F(.,.,.,.,.,.) = \text{Joint CDF}$
- $\lambda_i - \lambda_j = \log_e(p_i/p_j)$

## 5.2 TREATMENTS with a FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- COFFEE EXAMPLE

- 

- Three Factors in Coffee production :

- 

- $\alpha$  : Brew Strength ;  $K = 2$  Levels

- 

- $\beta$  : Roast Colour :  $L = 2$  Levels

- 

- $\gamma$  : Coffee Brand :  $M = 2$  Levels

-

# 5.2 FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- Bradley Terry Models:

- $p_i \rightarrow p_{klm} = \alpha_k \beta_l \gamma_m$

- 

- $\ln(p_{klm}) = \ln(\alpha_k) + \ln(\beta_l) + \ln(\gamma_m)$

- where  $\alpha_k, \beta_l, \gamma_m > 0$ .

- 

- Likelihood is again a homogeneous function of degree zero in each of the three sets of main effect parameters.

# 5.2 FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- Suitable constraints:

- 

- 

$$\sum \alpha_k = \sum \beta_l = \sum \gamma_m = 1$$

- 

- 

$f_\alpha(\cdot), f_\beta(\cdot), f_\gamma(\cdot)$  positive increasing

- 

- 

-



# 5.2 FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- Optimality Conditions are:

- $F_k^{(\alpha)} = d_k^{(\alpha)} = 0$

- $F_1^{(\beta)} = d_1^{(\beta)} = 0$

- $F_m^{(\gamma)} = d_m^{(\gamma)} = 0$

- $d_k^{(\alpha)} = \partial\phi/\partial\alpha_k$  at  $\alpha = \alpha^{(r)}$  etc.

- $F_k^{(\alpha)}$  = Corresponding Directional Derivative

## 5.2 FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- Suitable set of iterations are:

- 

- $$\alpha_k^{(r+1)} = \alpha_k^{(r)} f_\alpha(d_k^{(\alpha)}) / \sum_t \alpha_t^{(r)} f_\alpha(d_t^{(\alpha)})$$

- $$\beta_1^{(r+1)} = \beta_1^{(r)} f_\beta(d_1^{(\beta)}) / \sum_t \beta_t^{(r)} f_\beta(d_t^{(\beta)})$$

- $$\gamma_m^{(r+1)} = \gamma_m^{(r)} f_\gamma(d_m^{(\gamma)}) / \sum_t \gamma_t^{(r)} f_\gamma(d_t^{(\gamma)})$$

- 

- $f_\alpha(\cdot), f_\beta(\cdot), f_\gamma(\cdot)$  positive increasing

# 5.2 FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- Optimality Conditions are:

- 

- $F_k^{(\alpha)} = d_k^{(\alpha)} = 0$

- 

- $F_1^{(\beta)} = d_1^{(\beta)} = 0$

- 

- $F_m^{(\gamma)} = d_m^{(\gamma)} = 0$

- 

- $d_k^{(\alpha)} = \partial\phi/\partial\alpha_k$  at  $\alpha = \alpha^{(r)}$  etc.

## 5.2 FACTORIAL STRUCTURE

- Taking  $\delta = 1/N = 1/728 = q(1/N)$ ,  $q=1$
  - $f_{\theta}(d^{(\theta)}, \delta) = \Phi(\delta d^{(\theta)})$  and
  - $\theta_j^{(0)} = 1/2$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , for  $\theta = \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ,
  - numbers of iterations needed to achieve
  - $\max|d_j^{(\theta)}| = \max|F_j^{(\theta)}| \leq 10^{-n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots, 7$
  - are 7, 12, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 36.
- 
- Iterations were monotonic.
  - Extends to Interactions

## 5.3 Multivariate Data

- Comparisons in respect of several attributes.
- 
- Models depend on several sets of ‘weights’
- or Bradley Terry parameters, one for each attribute
- and other parameters.
- 
- Case of 2 attributes and no ties:
-

## 5.3+ Bivariate Data

- Need joint cdf  $F_2\{x,y\}$  satisfying

- 

- 

$$\sum \sum F_2\{\pm u, \pm v\} = 1$$

- 

- 

$$u = \lambda_i - \lambda_j = \log_e(p_i/p_j)$$

- 

$$v = \tau_i - \tau_j = \log_e(q_i/q_j)$$

-

## 5.3+ Bivariate Data

- e.g.

- $$F_2(u,v) = G_2(u,v)/D$$

- $$D = \sum\sum G_2\{\pm u, \pm v\}$$

- 

- OR

- 

- $$F_2(u,v) = \{ G_2(u,v) + G_1(u) - G_2(u,-v)$$

- $$+ G_1(v) - G_2(-u,v)$$

- $$+ [1 - G_1(-u) - G_1(-v) + G_2(-u,-v)]\}/4$$

-

## 5.4 Several Distribution Problems

- NOTE
- Other problems involving several distributions are:
  - determining optimal conditional designs
  - Transition matrices for Markov Chains
  - e.g. find monthly transitions rates between HIV states, given 6 monthly rates.



## 5.5 Other Problems (P)

$a \text{-----} x_1 \text{-----} x_2 \text{-----} \dots \text{-----} x_n \text{-----} b$

- Problem: choose  $x_i$ 's optimally in  $[a,b]$
- $x_i$ 's = design points, cutpoints,
- knots in spline regressions,
- roots of a function.

## 5.5 Other Problems (P)

- Let  $a=x_0$  ,  $b=x_{n+1}$  ,
- $w_i = (x_i - x_{(i-1)}) / (b - a)$  (Linear)
- $w_i \geq 0$ ,
- $\sum w_i = 1$
- Choose  $w_i$ 's optimally

## 5.6 GLM's

- Generalised Linear Models
- One class:
- $p_i = \exp\{ \underline{x}_i^T \log_e(\underline{\beta}) \} = p_i(\underline{\beta})$  ,  $\underline{\beta} > \underline{0}$
- Suppose  $\underline{1}^T \underline{x}_i = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, J$
- e.g.  $\underline{x}_i =$  mixture (product specific)

## 5.6 GLM's

- $p_i$  is homogeneous of degree 1 in  $\underline{\beta}$
- $p_r / p_s$  is homogeneous of degree 0 in  $\underline{\beta}$
- For MLEs need constraint: e.g.  $\underline{1}^T \underline{\beta} = 1$

# References Exploiting Multiplicative Algorithm

- Mandal, S. & Torsney, B. (2000)
- Algorithms for constructing optimizing distributions. *Communications in Statistics (Theory and Methods)* 29, 1219-1231
- Mandal, S., Torsney, B., & Carriere, K.C. (2005)  
Constructing optimal designs with constraints.  
*Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 128, 609-621
- Mandal, S., Torsney, B. (2006)
- Construction of optimal designs using a clustering approach.  
*Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 136, 1120-1134
- Martin-Martin, R., Torsney, B., Lopez-Fidalgo, J. (2007)
- Construction of marginally and conditionally restricted designs using multiplicative algorithms. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* 51 (12), 5547-5561

# References Exploiting Multiplicative Algorithm

- Nguyen, T., Torsney, B. (2007)
- Optimal cutpoint determination: The case of one point designs.
- In mODa 8 Advances in Model Oriented Design and Analysis, Proceedings of 8th international workshop on model oriented design and analysis, Almagro, Castilla-La Mancha, Spain, June 4-8, 2007
- (J. Lopez-Fidalgo, J.M. Rodriguez-Diaz, B. Torsney Eds), 133-140
  
- Silvey, S.D., Titterington, D.M. & Torsney, B. (1978)
- An algorithm for optimal designs on a finite design space.
- Communications in Statistics A, 7, 1379-1389
  
- Torsney, B. (1983)
- A moment inequality and monotonicity of an algorithm.
- Lecture Notes in Economics and Mathematical Systems 215 (A.V. Fiacco & K.O. Kortanek Eds). Springer Verlag, 249-260

# References Exploiting Multiplicative Algorithm

- Torsney, B. (1988)
  - Computing optimizing distributions with applications in design, estimation and image processing.
  - In ‘Optimal Design and Analysis of Experiments’ (Y. Dodge, V.V. Fedorov, H.P. Wynn Eds) North Holland, 316-370
- Torsney, B. (2004)
  - Fitting Bradley Terry models using a multiplicative algorithm.
  - Proceedings in Computational Statistics (COMPSTAT2004, August 2004, Prague, Czech Republic), Editor – Jaromir Antoch, Physica Verlag, 214-226
- Torsney, B. (2010)
  - Estimation and optimal design under latent variable models for paired comparisons studies via a multiplicative algorithm.
  - In mODa 9 Advances in Model Oriented Design and Analysis, Proceedings of 9th international workshop on model oriented design and analysis, Bertinoro, Italy, June 14-18, 2010
  - (A. Giovagnoli, A.C. Atkinson, B. Torsney Eds, C. May Co-ed), 213-220

# References Exploiting Multiplicative Algorithm

- Torsney, B. & Alahmadi, A.M (1992)
- Further developments of algorithms for constructing optimizing distributions
- In Model Oriented Data Analysis (V. Fedorov, W.G. Muller, I.N. Vuchkov Eds) proceedings of 2nd IIASA-Workshop, St. Kyrik, Bulgaria, 1990. Physica Verlag, 121-129
  
- Torsney, B. & Alahmadi, A.M. (1995)
- Designing for minimally dependent observations
- Statistica Sinica, 5, 499-514
  
- Torsney, B. & Mandal,S. (2000)
- Construction of constrained optimal designs.
- In Optimum Design (2000) (A. Atkinson , B. Bogacka, A. Zhiglavsky Eds.)
- Proceedings of Design 2000 held in honour of 60th birthday of Valeri Fedorov, Crdiff, 2000 Kluwer, 141-125



# References Exploiting Multiplicative Algorithm

- Torsney, B., & Mandal, S. (2004)
- Multiplicative algorithms for constructing optimizing distributions : further developments.  
In mODa 7 Advances in Model Oriented Design and Analysis, Proceedings of 7th international workshop on model oriented design and analysis, Heeze, Netherlands, June 14-18, 2004 (A.D. Bucchiano, H. Lauter, H.P. Wynn Eds.) 143-150
- Torsney, B., Mandal, S. (2007)
- Two classes of multiplicative algorithms for constructing optimizing distributions.
- Computational Statistics and Data Analysis 51 (3), 1592-1601
- Torsney, B., Martin-Martin, R., (2009)
- Multiplicative algorithms for computing optimal designs.
- Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference, 139, 3947-3961

# References on Ranking & Choice

- Marden, John J, (1995)
- Analysing and Modelling Rank Data
- Chapman & Hall
- Train, K.E. (2003)
- Discrete Choice Methods with Simulation
- CUP

# References on Ranking & Choice

- Fligner, Michael A. & Verducci Joseph S. (Eds.)
- Probability Models and
- Statistical Analysis for Ranking Data
- (13 papers arising from a conference in University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1990)
- New York, Berlin, Heidelberg
- Berlin, Heidelberg, New York
-